

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 10/19/2020 Town Council Meeting

Date: October 14, 2020

COVID-19 Update

The Town Staff have been closely monitoring the number of positive COVID-19 cases in South Windsor. We are working up plans to ensure continuity of services for residents, and also evaluating Health Department work load in the event of a significant increase in contact tracing. Now more than ever, we encourage residents to wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance, and avoid large gatherings.

Economic Indicators

With the recent layoffs at Raytheon, I thought it would be important to start keeping track of and reporting economic indicators to the Council. The most current report from the Department of Labor is from August 2020. In August, there were 950 claims for unemployment equaling a 6.6% unemployment rate, which can be compared to a State-wide unemployment rate of 8.2%. We are 4 months into our fiscal year, and collection rates currently stand at 55.51%. At this time last year, we were at 55.4%. As we progress through the fiscal year, it will be important to see the grand list growth as well.

Diversity Training on Implicit Bias

This year, the ICMA Unite Conference offered training on implicit bias. I found this training very relevant to our work in South Windsor. As a result, we have reached out and received permission to provide this training to all of our staff virtually over the coming weeks. Additionally, we will share the training with the Council once we have an effective way to do so.