

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

**To:** Members of the South Windsor Town Council

**From:** Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

**Subject:** Town Manager's Report for 11/16/2020 Town Council Meeting

**Date:** November 13, 2020

### COVID-19 Update

As a Town we are currently considered at an orange alert with a 14 day positivity rate, per 100,000 tests, of 14.8%. If we hit 15% next week we will be categorized as a red Town. At this time, it is unclear if there will be any additional changes when we go to red beyond just knowing that the positivity rate is higher. When a community goes to orange it is highly recommended by the State that all residents get tested. I was very pleased to see that 400 people came to get testing done on November 9, 2020. The Town will be hosting another testing event on November 19, 2020 from 4pm to 7pm at Fire HQ. According to the experience from our contact tracing much of the transmission is occurring through small gatherings where people are letting their guard down, not wearing masks and not social distancing. It is more important now than it has been before to remain diligent with safety precautions to keep ourselves and neighbors healthy.

Internally, Town staff have been divided to different locations and offices. While not ideal, it will provide redundancy so that we can keep all our departments open in the event someone comes into work and is sick. PPE inventory is as follows:

Masks			
27409			
N95	KN95	Surgical	
4094	5675	17640	

Gloves			
32250			
S	M	L	XL
5800	15400	5750	5300

Hand Sanitizer			
215			
< 4 oz	5-16 oz	17-40 oz	> 40 oz
645	103	36	10

Eye Protection	
352	
Shields	Glasses
148	204

Cleaning		
352		
Wipes	Spray	Bleach
309	37	6

Gowns	
226	
Regular	XL
116	110

### **Economic Indicators**

The Department of Labor's most recent report is from September 2020. In September there were 868 claims for unemployment equaling a 6% unemployment rate which can be compared to a State-wide unemployment rate of 7.5%. Locally, these numbers are down from August with 950 unemployment claims or a rate of 6.6%.

Our tax collections to date are as follows: Overall collection rate is 56.07%, below is a table comparing today to November 30, 2019.

	2018 Grand List	2019 Grand List
Real Estate	51.90%	51.58%
Personal Property	64.48%	60.63%
Motor Vehicle	94.89%	95.09%

Please note that due to the personal property audit bills being added as the audits are finalized our numbers are a bit lower compared to last year. This should even itself out over the course of the year as we continue to use our collection tools.

### **Wapping House Flags**

The bases for the poles are in and we are awaiting the electrical contractor to come out and do the driveway cutting and trenching so that electrical can be brought to the location for lights.

### **Front Town Hall Access Ramp**

The temporary access ramp has been set up and is in full use in the front of the Town Hall. This was done in preparation of the elevator replacement that will be starting over coming weeks. We are still waiting on a quote for the cost of automatic doors on the front of the Town Hall. A contractor came out to review the job and is writing it up.