

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 11/21/2022 Town Council Meeting

Date: November 17, 2022

Daycare Legislation: The State of CT recently passed Public Act 22-81 which allows municipalities to provide assessment deferrals to daycares within their communities by passing an ordinance. The abatement can be for up to 5 years and up to 100% of the property's value. The Town does not have a definitive listing of daycares within the community. That said, through information we have been able to obtain through the Department of Public Health and the Assessor's office, we have been able to compile a listing of twenty-three (23) daycare providers. If each were eligible for a 100% abatement that would cost the Town \$204,525 a year or \$1,022,625 over the life span of the agreement. There are a few variables that need to be taken into account if the Council decides to move forward. There is not a very good definition of what entities are eligible in the Statute and as a result, we could potentially see small homebased daycares requesting deferrals. We do not know how many of those entities there are in Town.

To date, I am only aware of one other Town that has implemented this abatement. It is a significantly smaller Town and there has been very little time since the implementation so there is not much to learn from their experience yet.

Human Services Food Bank Needs: With Thanksgiving only a few days away and the winter holiday season upon us, it is good to remember the South Windsor Food Bank and its needs for this holiday season. Currently the food bank is in need of:

- Kid snacks (crackers, granola bars, cookies, etc.)
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Hearty soups and stews
- Tuna and canned chicken
- Jelly (we just got a bunch of peanut butter in)
- Rice packages
- Pancake mix and syrup

To use the Food Bank, contact Human Services at 860-648-6361 ext. 3335 and they will be directed to a caseworker to schedule an appointment. Proof of residency and their income is required.

Road Referendum Funds: The Town is very pleased with the passing of the "Paving for Progress" funding. An RFP for engineering and design services has gone out. Over the coming months, we will be developing the design and plan for how, when, and which roads will get paved. As that plan is fully fleshed out, we will develop a webpage through our ClearGov system so that the public and the Town Council can follow along with the progress.