

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 12/19/2022 Town Council Meeting

Date: December 15, 2022

Health Department Director: The State of Connecticut has made it very clear they want an agreement for services entered into between the Town of South Windsor and the Town of Windsor to offer support to our department until our acting director is eligible to be named the permanent director sometime in the summer. I have shared a few revisions back and forth with my counterpart in Windsor and am hopeful to report to you at the next meeting that we can sign the agreement.

Town Hall Hours: On August 12th 2020, the Town's Management Group changed their hours to allow the Town Hall to be open 50 hours a week to better meet the needs of residents working from home and challenged through the pandemic. With the pandemic having moved into a different stage, Town Management has received formal requests from two of our collective bargaining units that they would like to move their hours to the same hours as the management staff which is Monday 8am to 7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am to 4:30pm and Friday 8am to 1:00pm. All staff would still work the required 37.5 hours and; if approved by the Council, we could plan the change to provide plenty of notice for the public so everyone understands the new building hours.

Many of the surrounding Towns have gone to different schedules like this or even 4 day work weeks. I firmly believe this would be a significant morale builder for current staff and will most likely be helpful with recruitment in the future and as a result, will be favorably recommending this change. I will be asking to have a resolution for the Council to consider at its next meeting.

Happy Holidays: I wanted to take a moment and wish all of the Council and residents a happy holiday no matter what they may believe or celebrate. I also wanted to recognize the staff and volunteers who will be working over the Holiday season. They will be missing time with their families and friends so that we can all be safe and happy in South Windsor.