

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 2/21/2023 Town Council Meeting

Date: February 21, 2023

Fair Rent Commission: Town Staff have been working on creating a South Windsor Fair Rent Commission that can be combined with a Housing Commission. Both bodies have separate but compatible missions; and by having both together the thought is that the Town will be capable of seating a commission that will have enough work for it to do on a regular basis.

Increased Trucks on Rye Street: At the last Council meeting, a resident from the area made a public comment regarding trucks on Rye Street. My office has also received numerous complaints from residents regarding trucks in the area. After doing some research, Town Staff identified the trucks are coming from a gravel pit in East Windsor and that the owner of that pit has put up a sign specifically directing truck traffic down Rye St. to go to Rentschler Field. Town Staff reviewed the permit that was issued by East Windsor and found that the owner of the pit is only allowed 90 trucks a day from the pit. After evaluations of the traffic, we determined at least 2 days when there were over 200 trucks a day. Since then, I have had a conversation with the First Selectman of East Windsor who has assured me that his staff will look into ensuring the permit is followed and upheld and that the project will only continue for approximately another month. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Bond Refinancing: The Town refinanced \$14.5m of bonds last week. Unfortunately, the market did not cooperate the way we had hoped due to recent information on inflation being released. As a result, the savings were not as much as we had originally anticipated but we did secure a 3.18% interest rate which will save the Town approximately \$300,000. With \$100,000 savings in the first year which will be incorporated into the upcoming budget.

Town Office Renovations: I wanted to make the Council and public aware that the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Assessors offices will be undergoing renovations to make them more accessible to the public while ensuring the safety of staff from COVID-19. This project is funded through federal ARPA monies. Through the renovation process, some offices will need to be temporarily moved. We will make sure that appropriate signage is available to direct residents to the services they need.