

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 11/20/2023 Town Council Meeting

Date: November 16, 2023

Splash Pad Update: The splash pad is scheduled to be poured on November 16th. Additional concrete pours will be needed to complete the sidewalk for splash pad access. This may occur this year if the weather cooperates. The remainder of the project will be completed swiftly in the spring with the play implements being installed. The system has been pressure tested and winterized.

Pleasant Valley Bridge: Pleasant Valley Bridge will be substantially complete in the coming weeks with a bridge opening ceremony scheduled for December 1st at 9 am. The bridge will be open to traffic immediately following the ceremony. There are still numerous punch list items to be completed, most notably telephone pole relocations that we have endeavored tirelessly to have relocated prior to the project commencing and daily during the duration of the project. Unfortunately, the Town does not have the authority or ability to move these poles and must rely on the utility companies to execute the work. Despite this and many other hurdles, the Towns Engineering Department and O & G Industries should be commended for their efforts on another difficult project, completing it on schedule in a very short period.

Pleasant Valley Road Phase 2: The second phase of Pleasant Valley Road reconstruction will be bid out this winter with construction slated for summer of 2024.

Leaf Program: The leaf program is running smoothly with the last pass starting November last week. We have also started the hauling of Vernon's leaves to our compost site in support of our wholesale compost program. Please remember to not place your leaves in the roadway, it can create future flooding issues and narrow the travel lane for vehicles creating the potential for accidents.

Town Hall HVAC Update: The Town is planning to replace the HVAC system in the Town Hall. The current system is original to the building and the Town is using ARPA funds to pay for the replacement. For this to occur, the Town Hall services will be moved to the Annex for 2 days. Currently the contractor is telling us the move will be December 14 and 15th. Residents will still be capable of conducting all their ordinary business from the Annex during that time.

Cross Town Trail Grants: The Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways has been awarded \$2 million in grant funding from the State of Connecticut for the initiation of Phase 1 of the Crosstown Trail. Specifically, the Connecticut Bond Commission contributed \$1.2 million, while an additional \$800,000 was granted through the State of Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program. Currently, staff are working on the design and permitting processes over the winter with the intention of putting the work out to bid for start of work to occur in the summer. The expectation is to have phase one complete by summer 2025.