

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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

**From:** Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

**Subject:** Town Manager's Report for 5/16/2022 Town Council Meeting

**Date:** May 12, 2022

**Fair Rent Commission Requirement:** With the end of the legislative session, there is a new public act that has been approved that requires municipalities with a population over 25,000 to pass an ordinance establishing a Fair Rent Commission. At your next meeting, we will have further information on the legislation passed and an example of an ordinance that we will need to put in place.

**Regional Building Department:** Negotiations have been moving along in an effort to create a shared Building Department with Windsor and East Windsor. Both Towns have draft agreements that they are currently reviewing and the Town Attorney is currently reviewing them as well. My thought is to ask the Council at your next meeting to set a Public Hearing for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting so that we can start to look at the approval process.

**Chief Cooney's Retirement:** I wanted to take a moment to recognize Chief Kevin Cooney who recently retired from the Manchester Fire Department as a Lieutenant. I had the opportunity to attend a retirement function for him and was impressed by his many years of service and countless accomplishments over his tenure in Manchester. We are truly fortunate to have him as our Fire Chief.

**Aldi Trucking on Rye Street:** I have been made aware of some trucking issues on Rye Street with delivery trucks to Aldi. At the time of this report, I am scheduled to have a meeting with Aldi to see what we can do to ensure their delivery trucks do not park on the street or in local business parking lots causing an impact in the area. I am hopeful to have more to report at the meeting.

**Water Pollution Control Plant Odor Control:** We have received a few complaints from some of the residents in the area of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The WPCA commissioned a study to both evaluate the issue and make recommendations. The study recommended taking a multi-step approach with the first step being to remediate and fix the bio filter onsite now. The cost of that project is about \$200,000 and is included in the WPCA budget that will take effect in July. In the following years, additional work will be performed to help with odor control in other parts of the Plant with additional testing to be done in between. It must be noted that the odor from the plant will never be completely remediated and additionally the Plant is surrounded by farm fields which add to the odors at certain times of the year. Town Staff will continue to work with the residents in the area to help make this issue better.