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THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Your gateway to updates on programs, events, town services, and other important information!

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Town Offices Closed January 15

Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Town Clerk's Office Closing Early January 3-5



Due to unexpected staff shortages, the Town Clerk's Office will have adjusted hours from **January 3-5**. They will be open from **8:00 AM to 3:00 PM** today and tomorrow (**January 3 and 4**) and from **8:00 AM to 1:00 PM** on Friday (**January 5**). If you have any urgent matters, feel free to reach out to them in advance at 860-285-1902 or [visit their website page](#) for online services.

Dr. Martin Luther King Event

The Archer Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church will be sponsoring its Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for the community on Monday, January 15, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Windsor Town Hall Council Chambers at 275 Broad Street in Windsor.

The keynote speaker will be our own Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke. She is a lifelong resident of Windsor and has served the community for several years on the Town Council and previously on the Board of Education.

All are welcome as the community comes together in commemoration of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream, life, and legacy. The event is free and is open to all. For questions, please contact the Archer Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church office at 860-688-5225 or at churchsec@archeramezchurch.com

River Street Solar Project Update

The Connecticut Siting Council held a virtual meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023. At this meeting, the Siting Council approved a request for a public hearing. The Siting Council has not yet set a hearing date.

The Siting Council also approved the Town of Windsor for party status. We will be communicating with legal counsel in regard to preparing for the next steps in the process. We will share more information as it becomes available.



I-291 Bridge Rehabilitation Project



Town staff recently participated in a meeting with representatives from the CT Department of Transportation and South Windsor to discuss a future rehabilitation project for the I-291 Bridge. The bridge connecting Windsor and South Windsor over the Connecticut River was originally built in 1958 and reconstructed in 1993. This will essentially be a full rehabilitation and surfacing project which will extend the service life of the structure. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2026 and be completed in the summer of 2027. This project would be funded through federal and state funds, no town funds would be required. CT DOT is planning to hold a public information meeting later this winter. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Broad Street Road Diet Update

Town staff recently hosted a public information meeting to hear updates on the recent and upcoming projects including the proposed Broad Street Road Diet.

This proposed project includes the reduction of Broad Street to one travel lane in each direction from Poquonock Avenue (Route 75) to the vicinity of Sycamore Street, the creation of dedicated turn lanes, on-street parking, and improved walkability in the town center area. Additional work will include the installation of updated traffic signals to support the proposed lane configuration and shortened pedestrian crossing lengths.

There was also an overview of the roundabout concept that is under consideration & and being evaluated at the Bloomfield Ave/Poquonock intersection and the Broad Street/Poquonock Avenue/Palisado Avenue intersection.

Current Schedule of Major Design Milestones

- Preliminary Design - Feb. 15
- Public Information Sessions – Feb and March
- Semi-Final Design- April 15
- Final plan for CT DOT review - May 15
- Final Plans for Bidding - June 15
- Bids due - July 30
- Decision on Referendum Date – August/September

Funding Sources

Initial Estimate - \$4.5M inclusive of Design and Construction

- \$85,000 Town Sources for Survey and Preliminary Plans
- \$200,000 State Urban Action Grant for Design
- \$1,000,000 State Urban Action Grant for Construction
- \$3,000,000 Congressional Discretionary Spending for Construction

Balance above the state and federal grants would come from Town funds or a reduction in the project scope

Anyone interested in obtaining further information may do so by contacting the Engineering Department at (860) 285-1861, or by email at engineering@townofwindsorct.com.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Winter Parking Rules

WINTER PARKING RULES ARE IN EFFECT

No street parking during a snow/ice storm or from 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

Just a reminder of the winter parking regulations. There is no parking on Windsor public streets between the hours of **1:00 AM and 6:00 AM**. Outside of the above hours, there is no parking allowed on public streets during a snow or ice storm that has been in progress for one hour or more.

Please remember town ordinance requires property owners to clear snow from the sidewalk (and fire hydrants if there is one on your property) within 12 hours after the storm.

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