

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: February 3, 2021

Please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council and community.

1. Council Business:

- a) FY21-22 Budget: Meetings have been held with all budget preparing departments and their requests were discussed. Work remains on-going to assemble a proposed budget for the Council to review. A schedule for workshop meetings to review the budget needs to be established by the Council.
- b) Budget Survey: The Town received 158 survey responses to the Budget Preference Survey that was offered online. The majority of responses came in with a Google log-in to insure that there were not multiple submissions from one individual. The Morgan School students started compiling the survey responses for a report to be given.
- c) Grand List: The Grand List which will reflect the change in property values following revaluation was completed by the end of January and signed by the Assessor per state statute. I hope to have more to report on this verbally at our meeting.

2. CCM:

CCM will hold its next Legislative Committee meeting on February 9, 2021.

3. River COG:

The Council of Governments held a virtual meeting on January 27, 2021. Highlights of the meeting which are of interest to Clinton included:

- Transit Integration Study – The COG played a role in the anticipated consolidation of the Estuary Transit District (9 Town Transit) with the Middletown Area Transit (MAT) system. The study laid out the steps required for the merger and anticipated service enhancements that would come from such a consolidation. The study was the starting point for discussions reported further below on a Memorandum of Agreement to bring MAT towns into the Estuary District.
- COVID-19 – Discussions focused on the benchmarking study being done to assess each emergency management region on the region's needs to come back from the pandemic. The process to identify and address unmet needs within a state framework was also discussed.
- Dues – The dues for the COG was approved with essentially no change to Clinton.
- Legislative Update – COG staff discussed the process for submitted testimony on bills before the General Assembly. A list of bills being tracked was also distributed (see attached).

- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – The natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to the State on January 5. Following a review by DEEP staff, the document will be submitted to FEMA for approval. Ultimately, the Plan will come back to Clinton for the Town Council to approve of the Clinton annex to the regional plan. The plan is a tool to position the Town for possible funding to address the risks described in the plan.

4. Estuary Transit Board:

The Transit District Board met on January 28, 2021 with an agenda focused on approving a draft memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Estuary District, Middletown Area Transit and CTDOT to consolidate the Middletown District into the Estuary. The effort is an important voluntary regionalization that will become a model in the State. The MOA lays out the process between the two transit districts but more importantly delineates the areas where the DOT needs to provide operating and capital support to make the regional effort a success. The Board approved the MOA (which will also be approved by the Middletown Board). The next step in the process is to submit the draft to the DOT. It is expected that another round of negotiations will take place with the DOT to finalize the terms of the agreement and firm up the necessary DOT funding.

Bill Number/Link	Bill Title	Committee	Status	Public Hearing	Notes
<u>HB-5082</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF COMMUTER RAIL LINES TO THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD.	TRA			
<u>HB-5085</u>	AN ACT STUDYING THE USE OF HYBRID TRAINS ON THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD.	TRA			
<u>HB-5165</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE VISIBILITY OF METEOROLOGICAL EVALUATION TOWERS.	TRA			
<u>HB-5076</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF MOLD GROWTH IN SCHOOLS.	PH			
<u>HB-5060</u>	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TASK FORCE.	PD			
<u>HB-5129</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF HARTFORD COUNTY.	PD			
<u>HB-5131</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS TO INLAND WETLANDS AGENCIES AND ZONING COMMISSIONS.	PD			
<u>HB-5134</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAXATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.	PD			
<u>HB-5161</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES.	PD			
<u>HB-5159</u>	AN ACT INCREASING THE PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD FOR RENOVATIONS.	LAB			
<u>HB-5018</u>	AN ACT RESTRICTING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM THE VICINITY OF A SCHOOL BUS STOP.	JUD			
<u>HB-5021</u>	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A REAL ESTATE CLOSING BE CONDUCTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS LICENSED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN THIS STATE.	JUD			
<u>HB-5059</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR TREE LIMB.	JUD			
<u>HB-5016</u>	AN ACT EXCLUDING BEER MANUFACTURERS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THE DEPENDENTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.	INS			
<u>HB-5047</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES AND COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE.	INS			
<u>HB-5011</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.	GAE			
<u>HB-5002</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING A GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXPAYERS TO CORRECT PAYMENT PROCESSING PROBLEMS.	FRB			

<u>HB-5005</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF INTEREST LEVIED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES.	FRB
<u>HB-5153</u>	AN ACT RECLASSIFYING TRASH-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES AS A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE.	ET
<u>HB-5006</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE CONNECTICUT LAKES, RIVERS AND PONDS PRESERVATION ACCOUNT.	ENV
<u>HB-5027</u>	AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	BNK
<u>HB-5032</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF PERC TESTS.	ENV
<u>HB-5035</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY IN CERTAIN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES.	ENV
<u>HB-5099</u>	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR PERSONS OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND FOR VETERANS AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF SUCH FEE ON ONLY ONE CAR OWNED BY A PERSON.	ENV
<u>HB-5100</u>	AN ACT AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY CONVEYANCE FEE FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES.	ENV
<u>HB-5152</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIVERSION OF FOOD WASTE FROM THE SOLID WASTE STREAM.	ENV
<u>HB-5090</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE AND CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.	BNK
<u>HB-5172</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.	APP
<u>HB-5175</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF SOLAR FACILITIES ON CERTAIN FARM LANDS.	ENV
<u>HB-5178</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HERBICIDES ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS.	ENV
PROPOSED SENATE BILLS		
<u>HJ-2</u>	RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE APPROVAL OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN.	ENV
<u>SB-1</u>	AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC.	PH
<u>SB-2</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL EQUITY OF CHILDREN IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC.	KID

<u>SB-3</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION.	COM			
<u>SB-4</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY, NET NEUTRALITY, CYBER SECURITY AND FAIRNESS IN DATA USAGE IN THE NEW AGE OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE.	ET			
<u>SB-5</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND SAFE AND SECURE LOCATIONS TO VOTE.	GAE			
<u>SB-9</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE ON PRIVATE WELLS AND PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.	ENV			
<u>SB-14</u>	AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A FARM BUILDING.	FRB			
<u>SB-25</u>	AN ACT REQUIRING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE AND CERTAIN STRUCTURAL MITIGATION.	INS			
<u>SB-26</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS, WITH DEFECTIVE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS AND QUARRY GEOLOGICAL SOURCE REPORTING.	INS			
<u>SB-37</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.	PD			
<u>SB-38</u>	AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.	PD			
<u>SB-39</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ZONING ENABLING ACT AND THE PROMOTION OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE.	PD			
<u>SB-41</u>	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF REFILLABLE ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE STATE.	PH			
<u>SB-46</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE GREATER HARTFORD MOBILITY STUDY.	TRA			
<u>SB-49</u>	AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE.	HOU			
<u>SB-50</u>	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.	HOU			
<u>SB-55</u>	AN ACT DESIGNATING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE STATE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM ON PUBLIC HEALTH.	PH			
<u>SB-93</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN LAND USE PERMITS.	PD			
<u>SB-94</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO FIX ASSESSMENTS.	PD			

SB-128	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE.	TRA		
<u>SB-139</u>	AN ACT ALLOWING MEAD TO BE SOLD BY THE HOLDER OF A GIFT BASKET RETAILER PERMIT.	GEN		
<u>SB-144</u>	AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO FIRE DISTRICTS.	PD		
<u>SB-145</u>	AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING, INTERNET LOTTERY AND INTERNET KENO.	PS		
<u>SB-147</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN.	TRA		
<u>SB-150</u>	RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.	GAE		
<u>SB-151</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY BACKUP POWER FOR CELL TOWERS.	ET		
<u>SB-158</u>	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT.	JUD		
<u>SB-159</u>	AN ACT REDEFINING "ANTIQUE, RARE OR SPECIAL INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE" TO INCLUDE A REPLICA VEHICLE.	TRA		Voted to Draft on 1/19
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RAISED CONCEPT	AAC PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	TRA		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC RECOMMENDATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES	TRA		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRANSPORTATION	TRA		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC RECOMMENDATIONS OF PORT AUTHORITY	TRA		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION AND HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS	GEN		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS STATUTES	GEN		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS	GEN		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR	GEN		Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING ANTI-TRUST ISSUES AND THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA	GEN		Language coming soon

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RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR	GEN	Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC FORECLOSURES.	BNK	Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT	BNK	Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AAC COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS	BNK	Language coming soon
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RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS	AGE	Language coming soon
RAISED CONCEPT	AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES	AGE	Language coming soon

