



# **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

**FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA**

June 24, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

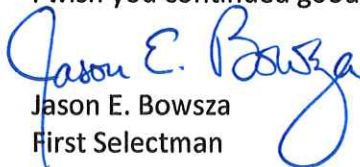
East Windsor's good news streak continues. It has been fourteen days since we've had a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in East Windsor, and we've had only a few in the month of June. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting a total of 142 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, a downward revision of one case from past reports. In Connecticut, there are now 45,899 confirmed cases.

Effective July 1, the Town of East Windsor will be converting over the health insurance offered to municipal employees to the Connecticut Prevention Partnership 2.0. I want to thank all our municipal employees for their support in this conversion. With their help, the Town will realize a savings of \$341,000 in the new fiscal year and will continue to realize that savings moving forward. Employees of the Board of Education also agreed to convert over to the new program and will realize an even larger savings in healthcare costs in the school budget.

I share this news with you not only to highlight the significant savings in municipal costs that we were able to achieve, but also to share that our town employees were partners in the accomplishment. We are a lucky community to be served by people who consider the needs of the whole community.

In light of the killing of George Floyd and other recent events around the country, the Board of Selectmen recently asked the East Windsor Police Department to review and report on policies currently in place in our department to prevent similar tragedies from happening in East Windsor. Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart presented to the board for nearly an hour on the proactive steps they've taken within the department during their leadership, and I'm very pleased to share that we've had necessary policies in place for years. While it is important to regularly question the policies and procedures of our police force, I'm very proud that our department has been ahead of the curve on these important public policy questions for years. As Bobby Kennedy said, "every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on." In East Windsor, we insist on the best.

I wish you continued good health,

  
Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman

