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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments Meeting (SCCOG), NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, and Emergency Preparation for the storm events on January, 9th and January 13th. I also met with Senators Blumenthal and Senator Murphy, Mayor Nystrom and state and town officials at the Fitchville Pond Dam to review the temporary barriers that were installed and toured the area effected by the recent leak at the dam.

An Evacuation Order was issued by the City at 10:29 am on January 10th for homes and businesses in the Yantic River Flood Zone due to the record high levels of the Yantic River and the potential of dam failure and was rescinded in the late afternoon. The Yantic River reached 14.2 ft. which was the third highest on record, eclipsing the flood in March 2010 which reached 13.2 ft.; major flooding begins at 11 ft. Numerous streets were flooded, including: West Town St., Wawecus St., Pleasant St., Sturtevant St., Sholes Ave., Boswell Ave. near the new Dollar General, and Mohegan Park Rd. near Curtis St. The Emergency Operations center was opened for the 2 rain events on January 10th and January 13th. Temporary repairs were made to the dam and there was much less rain on the 13th.

Public Works and the Fire Departments deployed many sandbags to homes and businesses along the Yantic River, but the water rose too high for many of them to be effective.

Norwich Human Services coordinated their emergency response to this week's evacuation order with the Red Cross who utilized Kelly Middle School as an emergency shelter. 20 residents came to the shelter, and were allowed to return home once the evacuation order was lifted that afternoon.

During the month of January, Taxpayers can present their current Real Estate, Personal Property, or Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax bills at the Norwich branches of M&T Bank where payment(s) can be processed via cash or check. Delinquent taxes will not be accepted at bank locations and must be paid at the City Hall Tax Office located at 100 Broadway. Taxpayers do not need to be an M & T Bank customer to make their payment at a branch location. This partnership provides greater access and convenience to taxpayers. Payments can be made online at <http://norwichct.org/taxes>, through the mail and in-person.

The Assessor's Office has been informed that Vision Appraisal Services has scheduled just over 500 informal assessment hearings. They are halfway through and will be completed by the end of the month.

I have attached the City Departments, NCDC and Otis Library reports for quarter ending December, 2023.