



TOWN OF glastonbury



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DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Presentation to the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan and as a communication device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. Glastonbury believes the current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and will be submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



Vision Statement

Building on over 300 years of tradition and heritage, Glastonbury continues to balance the preservation of its natural resources with the evolving needs of our community.

Through positive community partnerships, careful planning, and professional management, we are committed to the highest levels of responsive and equitable service, integrity, and fiscal responsibility.

Ongoing innovation, regional cooperation, and effective leadership will ensure that Glastonbury will always be a great place to live, learn, work and do business.

The Glastonbury Story

Written by Marjorie G. McNulty-Town Historian

Glastonbury, covering some 53 square miles on the east bank of the Connecticut River 11 miles south of Hartford, is one of the largest towns in the state. Originally, it was part of Wethersfield.

By 1653, enough families lived here to be granted permission by Connecticut Colony's General Court to hold military training days. However, it was another 40 years before the east-side dwellers, wanting their own church, petitioned for separation from Wethersfield. Township status was granted in 1693.

From the start, Glastonbury was an agricultural community, growing corn like the Indians before them. Orchards were soon added, and subsistence farming became a way of life. Today, apple and peach orchards flourish on Matson Hill.

In colonial days, many saw mills and grist mills were built along Roaring Brook and Salmon Brook, which coursed through the Town from the eastern uplands. Because Glastonbury is a river Town, ship building and shipping thrived. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, factories, some known worldwide, provided local employment.

Housing development on a large scale reached out to all corners of the Town. New schools were built, and new roads, including Route 2 and 17, helped increase the modest 1940 population of 6,635 to a record 27,901 by 1990.

The Town in 1959 changed its long-established Selectman-Town meeting Government to adopting a Council-Manager and Board of Finance form. Today, as from the first, many townspeople volunteer their time for the betterment of the community.

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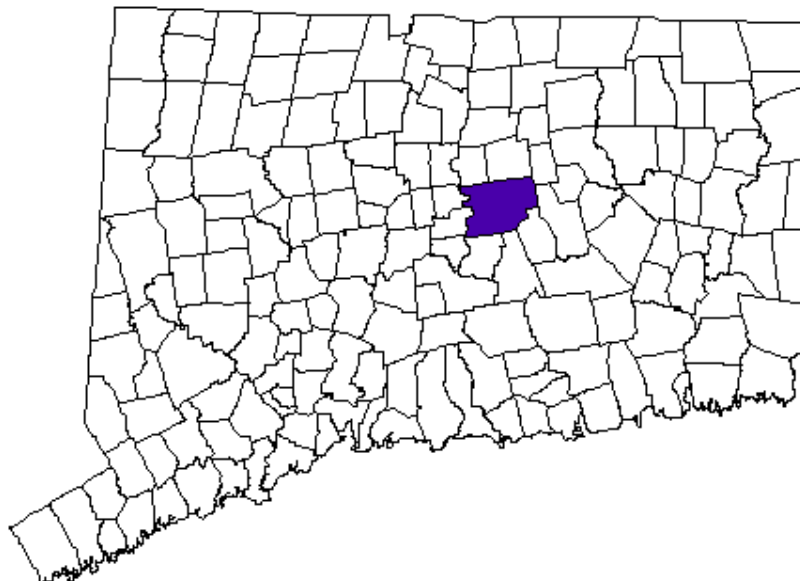


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Accomplishments and Successes

- Awarded Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze designation by the League of American Bicyclists.
- Main Street Traffic Signal Project recognized by the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers with the Achievement in Civil Engineering Award. Project funded through \$2.3 million, 100% grant through the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.
- Removed wood debris and wood chips deposited at the town-owned Arbor Acres site following Winter Storm Alfred at no cost to community thereby avoid \$100,000+ in disposal costs.
- Received State grant funding for installation of 2 public electric vehicle charging stations and secured additional grant monies for purchase of plug-in electric and compressed natural gas fueled vehicles for municipal fleet. Natural gas fueled fleet now totals over 25 sedans, vans and work trucks. Each purchased with State or Federal grant assistance. Natural gas fueling station funded through \$500,000 Federal grant.
- Glastonbury rated among Connecticut's 25 Safest Communities according to FBI crime statistics.
- Recreation Program Coordinator staff selected at the 2014 Young Professional Award winner by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association.
- Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's reaffirmed Glastonbury's Aaa and AAA bond ratings citing strong budget and financial management.
- Completed over 450,000 square feet of new and renovated commercial projects including medical office, financial services, manufacturing, retail and other similar projects. Combined assessments total \$25+ million for estimated annual taxes of \$900,000+. For October 2014 Grand List, added over 25 new business accounts.
- Completed roll-out of new Town web site to improve 24/7 business opportunities with Town operations and access to information by residents, visitors and business. Added Marketing/Communication staffing to take advantage of new and continuing opportunities for effective, intuitive, proactive web site management and overall operational communications.
- Received Power of Change recognition by State DEEP – Top Honors in the Municipal Difference Maker Award for ongoing municipal energy efficiency and alternate energy successes.
- Cumulative State and Federal grant awards to Glastonbury over the past 4 years exceed \$30 million.
- Achieved over \$4.1 million in prospective Debt Service costs through refinancing of long term debt.
- Achieved over \$13 million in cost savings and cost avoidance for Town operations over past 3+ years.
- Executed long-term lease between the Town and Glastonbury Hills Country Club for ongoing operation of the town-owned Minnechaug Golf Course to effectively continue the care, maintenance and operation of this valuable community resource.
- Continued installation of solar PV systems on Town and School properties to bring total electric energy production through solar PV to 1.4+ kWh annually. Estimated savings approaching \$4 million over next 20 years.
- Awarded Government Finance Officers' Association "Excellence in Financial Reporting" Certificate for 25th consecutive year and Government Finance Officers' Association "Distinguished Budget Presentation" Certificate for 20th consecutive year.
- Completed work on the Riverfront Park Phase 2 project on schedule for a fall 2014 grand opening to include Riverfront Boathouse, river access and a variety of park amenities.
- Successfully managed care and maintenance of Town infrastructure through Capital Improvement Program involving over 40 ongoing projects totaling approximately \$200 million. Projects completed on time and within budget.

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Town Council

Stewart Beckett III, Chairman
Whit Osgood, Vice Chairman
Kurt Cavanaugh
Cara Tonucci
Jill Barry

Lawrence Byar
William Finn
Thomas Gullotta
Karen Boisvert

Board of Finance

Jared Soper, Chairman
Constantine Constantine, Vice Chairman
James McIntosh

Diane Northrop
Michael Toppi
Walter Cusson

Administration

Town Manager
Chief of Police
Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Manager of Physical Services
Director of Human Resources

Richard J. Johnson
David Caron
Diane Waldron
Daniel Pennington
Sherri Tanguay

Board of Education

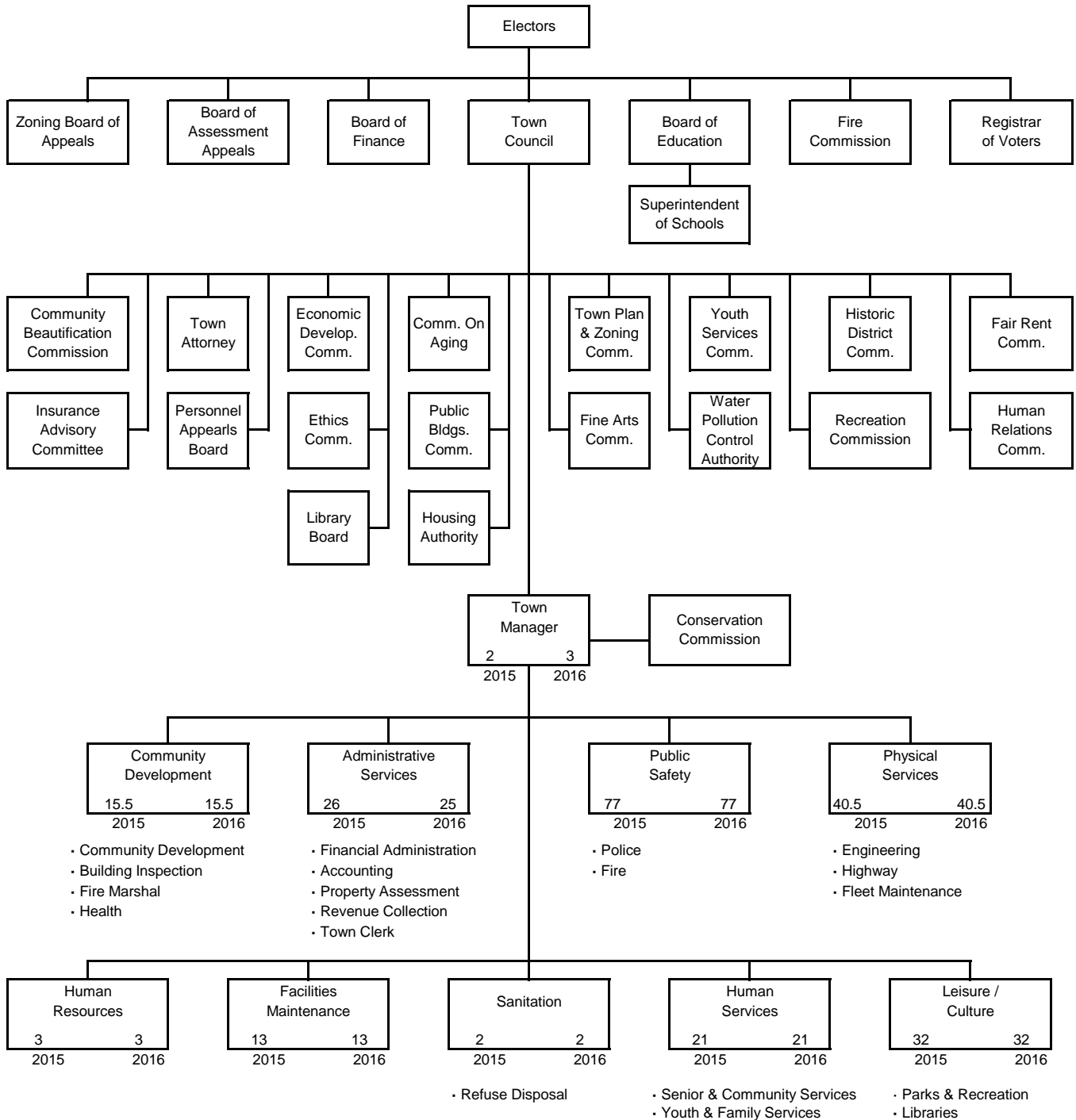
Susan Karp, Chairperson
Jeremy Grieveson Vice Chairperson
Lisa Furbush, Secretary
Rosemary Coggeshall

Douglas Foyle
Leslie Cayer Ohta
Eric George
James Zeller

Superintendent of Schools
Finance Manager

Alan Bookman
Karen Bonfiglio

ORGANIZATION CHART



NOTE: Number in box represents full-time staffing