

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

of

GLASTONBURY

CONNECTICUT

For The Year Ending August 31

1952

Foreword

IN devoting more than the usual amount of space to any one subject in this Report, namely to our Town Library, we are paying tribute to the donor of our new library building, the late Mrs. Harriet Welles Burnham.

We are also taking recognition of the fact that the gift of this beautiful edifice, the Welles Turner Memorial Library, together with a substantial maintenance fund, is by far the largest ever made to this town, and rarely equaled or exceeded in other communities.

The reports of the various town officials and commissions deserve more than the usual attention, leading as they do to a budget total of close to a million dollars for the new fiscal year.

The accelerated growth of our town has created additional problems in all departments, more especially in the fields of education, protection and zoning. Your Board has shared in efforts to solve these problems.

For the first time in a number of years, the typographical make-up of this Report has been changed and—we think—improved. Comments on these Reports, whether favorable or unfavorable, are always appreciated.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE
JOHN H. ROSER, *Chairman*

ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Lewis W. Stevenson <i>First</i>	William F. Connery <i>Second</i>	John A. Carini <i>Third</i>
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TOWN CLERK

John A. Miller

TOWN TREASURER

Robert O. Rider

TAX COLLECTOR

Harold H. Harrison

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

<i>1953</i> Norman A. Whittum	<i>1953</i> Louis W. Varni	<i>1955</i> Charles Saglio
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Herbert T. Clark	Elizabeth Wilcox
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BOARD OF FINANCE

<i>1953</i> Francis G. Way Joseph J. Katz	<i>1955</i> John Q. Goodrich William G. Affleck	<i>1957</i> Donald C. Burney John H. Roser
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

<i>1953</i> Walter F. Foley Charles A. Bader	<i>1955</i> Maude B. Clark Louis O. House, Jr.	<i>1957</i> Thomas B. Rhines B. Baylis Earle
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TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

<i>1953</i> Harold W. Jones V. C. Brewer, Jr.	<i>1955</i> William E. Champion Adelard A. Landry	<i>1957</i> Richard S. Buck Eugene G. Warner
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

<i>1953</i> Henry J. Carini	<i>1954</i> Robert E. Goodrich	<i>1955</i> Richard W. Allen
<i>1956</i> Fred S. Pickford		<i>1957</i> Donald H. Hunt

(Figures indicate expiration of term)

POLICE COMMISSION

<i>1953</i> Herbert Whittemore Joseph A. Goodhue	<i>1955</i> Harry K. Megson J. William Purtill	<i>1957</i> Anthony Manfredi William H. Mino
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FIRE COMMISSION

<i>1953</i> Dwight E. Weir Francis J. Muccio	<i>1955</i> Henry A. Earsy John J. Gutt	<i>1957</i> Robert G. Parks Lyman F. Matson
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WELFARE COMMISSION

<i>1953</i> John M. Finney Mary M. Downes	<i>1955</i> James McAvoy Harriet F. Kinne	<i>1957</i> Mario Accornero Allison Brody
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DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

<i>1953</i> B. Baylis Earle Laura H. Tiger	<i>1955</i> Martin L. Roser Alice Demar	<i>1957</i> B. Floyd Turner Anson J. Hopkins
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INCORPORATORS GLASTONBURY FREE ACADEMY

<i>1953</i> Marjorie Wooldridge Josie M. Lavalette	<i>1955</i> Marnee Hellier Gladys Chapman	<i>1957</i> Kosma J. Thurz Henry L. Fuller
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AGENTS OF TOWN DEPOSIT FUND

Stanley Malecky	Margaret C. Dutton	Carl W. Zirkenbach
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CONSTABLES

Eric H. Kusche	Stephen Skiba
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(Figures indicate expiration of term)

APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNSEL Edward C. Grimshaw	ASSESSOR Ray W. Walz	FIRE MARSHAL Albert W. Dickau
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS Francis S. Knox	TREE WARDEN Aaron W. Kinne	HEALTH OFFICER Dr. Joseph Raffa
Asst. SUPT. of SCHOOLS John Vincenti	DOG WARDEN George C. Hall	Asst. HEALTH OFFICER Dr. E. M. Griswold
DIRECTOR OF WELFARE Hazel H. Nevin	BUILDING INSPECTOR Ray W. Walz	CHIEF OF POLICE George C. Hall

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Charles E. Littel	Dr. L. J. Whittles
Chester Lysik	Francis S. Knox (<i>ex-officio</i>)
James Kinne	Lewis W. Stevenson (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Robert M. Taylor	

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GLASTONBURY TOWN COURT

J. Donald Regnier <i>Judge</i>	Philip H. Rose <i>Probation Officer</i>
Ralph A. Bowman <i>Prosecutor and Clerk</i>	Walter L. Foley <i>Deputy Judge</i>
Frank L. Buckley <i>Deputy Prosecutor</i>	Edmund MacNeil <i>Court Officer</i>

HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE GLASTONBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

by B. FLOYD TURNER,

President Board of Library Directors

On the evening of February 20, 1837, "a meeting of gentlemen" was held at the home of Joseph Wright. After "mature deliberation", to quote from the original record, "it was agreed to form a Library Association and to adopt the following Preamble:

"As the general diffusion of knowledge is considered indispensable to the promotion of virtue, freedom and moral improvement and as it is an advantageous mode of enlightening the population, to place within their reach, and especially of the rising generation, the various publications of useful knowledge, which are continually issuing from the press and which so remarkably constitute the present era, an age of improvement in the arts and sciences,—

"We the subscribers in order to extend to the community in which we dwell, the advantages above named, do form ourselves into an association to be called the Glastonbury Library Association."

Thus was born the first Library in the Town of Glastonbury 147 years after its incorporation. Twenty-two gentlemen subscribed to one share each in the new association and signed its constitution, men bearing the names of Wright, Hale, Plummer, Mosely, Hubbard, and Talcott among others. Any person might become a member by signing the Constitution and paying an initiation fee of three dollars. Thereafter every member paid "an annual tax not exceeding one dollar for the purchase of books."

The record of the doings of the first Glastonbury Library Association ends with the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Conference House on December 21, 1840. From that date to October 28, 1896 there is no known written record of the activities of a Library Association in the town. There was, however, a second association concerning which Miss Mary A. Kingsbury and her sister, Mrs. Lucie Kingsbury Rankin, are able to furnish some information.

When this association was founded is unknown. It was connected with the Naubuc Institute, whose object was intellectual improvement by means of a library, public lectures, and readings. The association was in fact one department of the Institute, its Librarian being one of twelve

officers. The books were kept in a hall in a building known as the Atheneum located in Naubuc on a small side road west of the plant once occupied by the Williams Bros. Manufacturing Co. This building was also used for band rehearsals and religious services.

The nucleus of the library consisted of books left from the earlier association and these in turn with those added by the Institute (193 in all) were taken over by the third Library Association. It seems probable that the Institute was founded in the early 1880's and that its life was short. There is no record of the activities of the third Library Association.

In the autumn of 1891 a program committee meeting of the Current Events and Social Study Club was held at the home of Dr. Daniel Kingsbury. Eight persons attended this meeting, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Hutchins, Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Rankin, and the Misses Mary and Lucie Kingsbury. During a discussion after work on the program had been completed, Mr. Williams remarked, "What this town needs more than anything else is a library." The youngest member of the committee replied, "Let's start one to-night." Then and there was organized a Library Association of which the present library is an outgrowth.

For four years this Library Association was kept alive by the persons mentioned. Mr. J. Herbert Hutchins, principal of the Glastonbury Free Academy, was the librarian. Interested individuals gave their services to the Library. Necessary expenses were defrayed from an annual charge of 50c for membership in the Association and from the proceeds of a series of entertainments put on by local talent. On October 21, 1895, the Town of Glastonbury voted to establish a Public Library which "under proper regulations to be adopted by the Directors shall be free to all inhabitants of the town." The sum of \$200. was appropriated out of funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer for this purpose. It was further voted "that \$100. be annually expended by the town for the maintenance and increase of the Public Library."

With the establishment of the Public Library the gallant efforts of small groups of public-spirited citizens to maintain a library carried on over a period of more than 50 years came to an end. But though a Library was assured, the town was not disposed to be generous in its appropriation of funds for its operation. Not until 1912, when the Library was moved to the Covell building on Hebron Avenue did it have according to the record

"a satisfactory home" and as late as 1915 it was receiving gifts from individuals and organizations. Beginning with 1920, however, the town appropriations increased with the result that the Library began to expand and to meet the needs of the community. In the spring of 1930 it was moved again, to the Glastonbury Academy Building where it remained



Adult Reading Room
Welles-Turner Memorial Library

until September 1, 1952, when the work of moving books, magazines, and pamphlets to the new Welles-Turner Memorial Library was begun. After 115 years it now seems certain that this beautiful building and a competent staff will indeed place within the reach of the people of Glastonbury the "various publications of useful knowledge".

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETINGS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

8.00 P.M.

September 13, 1951

Walter Downes was nominated moderator by acclamation.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

Item 1. *Voted:* To extend the hours of voting at the Municipal election to be held October 1, 1951, from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Item 2. *Voted:* To authorize the Board of Selectmen to Quit-Claim a parcel of land on Tryon Street to Clifford B. and Emily P. Packard, the purpose of said deed being to correct a former deed.

Item 3. *Voted:* On recommendation of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to accept the following streets as Town roads: Shipman Drive—Boulder Circle—Wood Pond Road—Bayberry Road—North View Drive.

Also voted to accept that portion of Littel Acres Road which had previously not been accepted as a Town Road.

Voted to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

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ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

8.00 P.M.

November 26, 1951

Robert O. Rider was elected Moderator.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

Voted: To accept the Board of Selectmen's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Recreation Committee's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Fire Commission's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Fire Marshal's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Park Association's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Police Commission's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Plan and Zoning report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Zoning Board of Appeals report as printed.

After questions by Herbert Whittemore and answers by Francis Knox

Voted: To accept the Board of Education's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Superintendent of Schools report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Welfare Director's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Health Officer's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Visiting Nurse Association report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Public Library Directors' report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Building Inspector's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Assessor's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Tax Collector's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Auditor's report as printed.

On a question of who is responsible for carrying out Auditor's Recommendations as printed in the Town report, Mr. Roser stated he believed the First Selectman, as Town agent was primarily the person to look after these items.

Voted: To accept the Board of Finance's report as printed.

Voted: To accept the Treasurer's report as printed.

Item 2. John Roser motioned and it was duly seconded that the Budget as prepared by the Board of Finance be adopted.

Discussion on the budget followed.

Herbert Whittemore asked why the Town Plan and Zoning Commission had not been granted a sum of \$600.00 it had requested for monumenting Oakwood Drive, formerly known as Pine Swamp Road. John Goodrich, speaking for the Board of Finance, stated that this street was not a town road and the expenditure was thus not warranted.

Donald Potter questioned why, in estimated receipts, a sum of \$6000.00 was omitted under Town Aid highways. There was no really satisfactory explanation other than it was an oversight on the part of the Board of Finance. Mr. Potter then motioned that the item of \$6000.00 be added to highway estimated receipts and a like sum be deducted from estimated General Property Tax receipts. This motion was carried.

With this one change, the budget was then adopted as printed in the Town report.

Item 3. *Voted:* To authorize the Treasurer of the Town to borrow on the faith and credit of the Town a sum of money not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) Dollars, for the current expenses of the Town during the ensuing year and to issue therefor the note or notes of the Town and in renewal thereof as needed.

Item 4. *Voted*: That the Town Tax due on the list of 1951 be payable in two equal installments, due April 1, 1952 and July 1, 1952, with the provision that tax bills under \$20.00 be paid in one installment due April 1, 1952.

Item 5. *Voted*: That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to appoint a Recreation Committee of six members who shall hold office until the annual town meeting in 1953 and that the First Selectman and a member of the Board of Education be ex-officio members of this committee. Said committee shall maintain, improve and supervise the use of such facilities for recreation as the Town of Glastonbury may provide and administer all funds appropriated for recreation by said Town.

Item 6. Harry F. Porter reported for the Town Water Committee and his report was accepted as presented. It was voted to continue the Town Water Committee for two years, and to appoint Harvey Katz as a member.

Voted to adjourn at 9.20 P.M.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

November 26, 1951

9.20 P.M.

This meeting was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Adjourned Town meeting.

Robert O. Rider was elected moderator.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting.

Francis Knox explained items 1 and 2 in the call and then offered the following resolution which covered both items.

RESOLVED: That the Selectmen be directed to apply to the Public School Building Commission of the State of Connecticut for the grant of State aid for the new Junior-Senior High School building project and that the Selectmen be authorized to accept such grant for the Town pursuant to the provisions of Public Act No. 6 of the 1949 Special Session of the General Assembly as amended by Public Act. No. 50 of the 1951 Special Session of the General Assembly." This resolution was adopted.

Item No. 3 *Voted*: To adopt the following resolution.

"BE it Resolved by the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut that the

construction of a Junior-Senior High School is necessary and in public interest should be provided at an early date; and

That for the construction of the aforesaid facility it is desired to obtain financial assistance from the United States of America under Title II of Public Law 815, 81st Congress, 2nd Session approved September 23, 1950; and

That Lewis W. Stevenson is hereby authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury an application in the form required by the Commissioner of Education under Public Law 815 requesting payment by the United States of America of funds to assist said School District in meeting the cost of constructing said school facilities; and

That the cost of such school facilities being estimated to amount to approximately \$1,335,000.00 and application to the United States for the amount of \$202,860.00 being authorized, \$1,132,140.00 shall be raised by the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut through sale of Bonds; and

That Lewis W. Stevenson is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut for the purpose of furnishing to the United States of America such information, data, and documents pertaining to the application for funds as may be necessary and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut with such application; and

That certified copies of this resolution be included as a part of application for funds to be submitted to the United States of America.

Item No. 4 *Voted*: To adopt the following resolution.

"BE It Resolved that the First Selectman of the Town of Glastonbury be and hereby is authorized to make application to the United States Department of Commerce, National Production Authority, and to such other cognizant Federal agencies, for authority to commence construction, for authorized construction schedules, for related allotments of controlled materials, for rating for other materials and equipment and for such other authorizations required to be obtained in connection with the construction and equipping of the new Junior-Senior High School for the Town of Glastonbury; and that, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this authorization includes the authorization to file with the National Production Authority CMP-4C application in accordance with NPA Order M-4A.

Sayre Rose offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That this meeting, by a vote of record, express to State Highway Commissioner G. Albert Hill and to the State Highway Department its sincere appreciation of the Department's decision to provide an overpass at the Hubbard Street intersection with the new connector highway, thus helping to eliminate a traffic hazard which would have been a serious threat to the safety of the town's school children.

Mr. Rose stated that he offered this resolution as the result of a vote of the Republican Town Committee, who had delegated members to discuss the matter with Commissioner Hill, prior to the decision to overpass Hubbard Street.

John Carini motioned that the meeting request Commissioner Hill to consider underpassing both Williams Street and Hubbard Street. As the first motion had not been acted on, this motion was withdrawn. More discussion followed and then Donald Potter motioned this item be tabled for further study. On a rising vote, 11 were for tabling and 22 against. On a weak voice vote, the original motion was declared carried.

William Purtill motioned that the chair appoint a committee of 3 to confer with Commissioner Hill to see whether or not both Williams Street and Hubbard Street could be underpassed. Walter Downes offered an amendment that this committee of three be picked by the Republican Town Committee. This amendment was lost.

(This item was now becoming quite confused.)

John Goodrich offered an amendment "that all phases of underpassing or overpassing both Hubbard Street and Williams Street be discussed by the appointed committee and Commissioner Hill."

Thus Mr. Purtill's motion, as amended by John Goodrich, was adopted.

Chairman Rider appointed Lewis Stevenson and John Carini as two members of the committee and asked the Board of Education to name the third.

Voted to adjourn at 10.15 P.M.

There were approximately 75 persons in attendance.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

8.00 P.M.

December 10, 1951

Robert O. Rider was elected moderator.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be and is hereby authorized and directed to purchase on behalf of the Town, for School purposes, land adjoining the south boundary of the present Naubuc School land and not exceeding seven (7) acres in area.

Voted: That, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, a sum not exceeding Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500) be and is hereby appropriated to be used for the purchase of the land authorized under Item 1 above.

Voted: That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to draw upon the General Fund to the amount of not exceeding Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500) to meet the appropriation authorized under Item 2 above.

Voted to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

There were approximately 25 persons in attendance.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

8.00 P.M.

June 3, 1952

Robert O. Rider was named moderator.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

Voted: To authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements in the name and on the behalf of the Town of Glastonbury with the Highway Commissioner for the expenditure of all funds to be available to said Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952 under the provisions of Section 2170 and Section 2177 of the General Statutes-Revision of 1949.

Voted to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GLASTONBURY
HELD FEBRUARY 1, 1952**

A special meeting of the electors and those entitled to vote in town meeting in the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut, was held in the High School Auditorium in said Town of Glastonbury, on Friday, the first day of February, 1952, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Robert O. Rider acted as moderator of the meeting and John A. Miller acted as clerk.

The clerk read the call for the meeting which is recorded in these records immediately preceding these minutes.

Miss Maude B. Clark presented a report of the School Building Committee for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School and alterations to school buildings on Main Street, and the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Report of the School Building Committee be accepted and a copy filed with the records of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Mr. John H. Roser presented a report of the Board of Finance recommending appropriations aggregating \$1,445,000. and the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board of Finance be accepted and a copy filed with the records of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Mr. John H. Roser presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That appropriations be made for the following purposes:

(a) \$1,364,100 for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School, landscape and site development work, professional fees and furniture and equipment therefor.

(b) \$80,900 for the alterations of existing school buildings on Main Street to elementary school purposes, professional fees and equipment therefor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Mr. Charles A. Bader presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the appointment of the School Building Committee consisting of the Board of Education: Charles A. Bader, Maude B. Clark, Dr. B. Bayliss Earle, Walter F. Foley, Louis O. House, Jr., and Thomas B. Rhines; also James Kinne, John Miller, H. A. Landry, Chester Lysik, John Dufford, and Mrs. Jean Thorntor, is ratified and confirmed and said committee, in addition to such general powers as may inhere in a building committee, is vested with the following specific powers and duties:

A. To authorize the expenditure of appropriations aggregating \$1,565,000 made at this meeting and at meetings held January 29, 1951 and July 2, 1951, for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School and alterations to school buildings on Main Street, professional fees and equipment therefor, to name its chairman and secretary, to fill such vacancies as may occur in its membership, and to contract with architects, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town.

B. No member of such Building Committee shall receive any compensation for his service as such, but the necessary expenses of said Committee shall be paid and included in the cost of said building. The records of the Building Committee shall be open to inspection by any person qualified to vote at town meeting, and upon completion of said school building projects, said Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Selectmen and the Town.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Mr. John H. Roser presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,565,000 to defray the aforesaid appropriations of \$1,364,100 and \$80,900, and appropriations of \$45,000 and \$75,000 made at meetings held January 29, 1951 and July 2, 1951 respectively, for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School, landscape and site development work, furniture and equipment therefor, for the alteration of existing school buildings on Main Street to elementary school purposes, and equipment therefor, and for professional fees, and to pay debt of the Town incurred to provide funds to meet said appropriations, and such issue will not cause the aggregate net indebtedness of the Town to exceed 10% of its grand list;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That the Town issue its serial bonds under the provisions of Section 350b of the 1951 Supplement to the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, in the principal sum of One Million Five Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,565,000); that the Treasurer shall keep a record of said bonds; that said bonds shall be in customary coupon form and of the denomination of \$1,000 each, shall be payable at such time or times, shall bear such date and rate of interest as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen; that said bonds may be registered as to principal and shall be known as "School Bonds of the Town of Glastonbury"; the coupons on said bonds shall be numbered to correspond with the numbers on said bonds and shall be authenticated by having engraved thereon the facsimile signature of the Treasurer of the Town of Glastonbury; said Bonds shall be signed by the Selectmen, or a majority of them, and authenticated by the Treasurer of the Town of Glastonbury under the seal of said Town; the principal and interest thereof shall be payable at The Glastonbury Bank and Trust Company, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, and said bank is designated to certify this issue and to act as disbursing agent in the payment of principal and interest upon such bonds, which certificate shall be endorsed upon each bond and shall identify such bonds as being one of the particular issue described in such bond, shall certify the genuineness of the signatures and seal affixed thereto, and shall state the name of Day, Berry & Howard, of Hartford, Connecticut, as the attorneys at law rendering an opinion approving the legality of such issue, and such certification shall be signed by an authorized officer of said bank; and the proceeds of said bonds shall be used to defray appropriations for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School, landscape and site development work, furniture and equip-

ment therefor, for the alteration of existing school buildings on Main Street to elementary school purposes, and equipment therefor, and for professional fees, and to pay debt of the Town incurred to provide funds to meet said appropriations, and to pay the expenses incident to this bond issue; the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sell said bonds at public or private sale, to deliver said bonds on behalf of the Town and to do all other acts necessary and appropriate to complete the issue of said bonds. The provisions of the resolution concerning expenditures, purchases, and commitments adopted at meeting held November 10, 1950, shall not apply to the sale of such bonds.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Mr. John Q. Goodrich presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Selectmen and Treasurer are authorized to borrow in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury upon such terms as they may deem advisable, such sums as may be necessary to meet the expenses incurred by the Glastonbury School Building Committee, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bond issue in the amount of \$1,565,000 authorized at this meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Unanimous

No

Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance it was voted to appropriate an additional sum of \$3500.00 to the Snow Removal Account.

Voted to adjourn at 10.30 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

High School Auditorium

8.00 P.M.

February 18, 1952

Walter Downes was elected Moderator by acclamation and William Affleck was elected Clerk.

The call of the meeting was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Herbert Whittemore and duly seconded it was

Voted: That Item 2 be considered before Item 1.

Report was made by William Corvo, Chairman of the Board of Police Commission, explaining the expansion program of the Glastonbury Police Department which would require a special appropriation of \$18,865. Broken down this sum represents the following:

\$10,000 to purchase required new equipment.

8,865 for personnel maintenance and operating expenses.

Further explanation of the Police Department's needs was made by Joseph Goodhue, Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Francis Muccio representing the Board of Fire Commissioners explained the need for a radio communication alarm system in conjunction with the plan outlined by the Police Department.

An expression of opinion by show of hands was asked by Herbert Whittemore. This showed unanimous approval of the Police Commission's plan.

On motion made by Reverend Blake and duly seconded it was

Voted: To accept and endorse the Police Commission's report.

On motion of William Corvo and duly seconded it was

Voted: That an additional sum of \$6000.00, as recommended by the Board of Finance, be appropriated for the Police Department to purchase an additional police cruiser and the services of two additional patrolmen for the balance of the current fiscal year.

On motion of Mrs. Leslie Coleman and duly seconded it was

Voted: That the Police and Fire Commissions be instructed to again go before the Board of Finance for additional sums of money to carry out their plans.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

REPORTS

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THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen has as usual, met weekly throughout the year to approve bills, sign checks, and to transact other necessary business.

The Town Highway Department during the year completed some unfinished sections of Dayton Road and Thompson Street, and constructed approximately one mile of new road on Birch Mountain Road. Dirt Road Funds were used for this purpose.

In continuing this program we are planning to construct a section of Strickland Street during the coming winter.

The practice of armor-coating our streets has been continued and approximately six miles were added to our system this year; this practice will be the means of saving a considerable amount of our Town Aid Funds. Such savings may be diverted to other types of road improvement.

During the year Boulder Circle, Shipman Drive, Wood Pond Road, North View Drive, and a section of Littel Acres Road were accepted as town streets and have been hard surfaced.

A storm-water sewer approximately 2200 feet in length was installed on Hubbard Street in connection with the building of the New High School. This sewer should prove to be a decided improvement to Hubbard Street, but it is only one of the many areas in town where storm-water sewers are sadly needed.

While we did not have a large accumulation of snow at any one time during the past winter, we did have an unprecedented number of ice storms which required the replenishing of our sand pile on two occasions, as well as using about 40 tons of rock salt.

Our equipment for spreading sand during the ice storms was found to be very unsatisfactory and in an endeavor to remedy that condition, five new sand spreaders have been purchased for use during the coming winter.

There is a pressing need to relocate and rebuild a portion of Hubbard Street at the intersection of New London Turnpike; this is a very dangerous section and we hope that this work may be completed before the opening of the New High School.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the widening of the House Street bridge, which in its present condition presents a real traffic hazard. We expect that this project will be completed within the next few months.

The retaining wall at the Addison Street bridge was found to be in an unsafe condition and repairs to that bridge are being made at the present time.

Extensive repairs and replacements are necessary in connection with the guide railings along our highways; some progress has been made during the year and plans have been made for further improvements during the coming year.

This year the Board of Selectmen is requesting the Board of Finance to allow an appropriation sufficient to enable the town to replace its present road grader which is eleven years old and in poor condition.

Plans were formulated whereby it would be possible for all full time employees of the Town, not otherwise covered by Retirement Insurance, to participate in the Old Age and Survivor's Insurance System under Title II, of the Social Security Act, and at a Town Meeting held October 6, 1952, it was voted to authorize the First Selectman to make application for the Town's inclusion in this system, effective as of October 1, 1952.

Our regulations pertaining to the acceptance by the Town of developers' streets are considered by the Board of Selectmen to be unsatisfactory. In many instances, due to improper grading it has become necessary for the town to go to considerable expense to correct improper grading and drainage conditions in order to prepare those streets for hard surfacing. Steps are now being taken to rewrite our regulations, in an endeavor to bring them more in line with those of our neighboring towns.

During the year a new acoustical ceiling was installed at the Old Town Hall; this improvement has added greatly to the usability of the Hall. Also new outside railings were installed at the hatchway leading to the

basement, and a time clock was installed in connection with the gas heating system which will tend to lower the cost of heating this building considerably.

Due to the ever increasing costs of materials and labor, and to the increasing number of developers' streets which the Town is asked to take over for maintenance, the Board of Selectmen finds it necessary to ask for an increase in the budget for the Highway Department, as well as for other departments under its jurisdiction.

Board of Selectmen { LEWIS W. STEVENSON
WILLIAM F. CONNERY
JOHN A. CARINI

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The desire for organized recreation by the adult population of the town has continued to diminish. This has, however, been offset by an increase in participation by our young people, extending even to the nine to twelve year old level. Consequently, the Recreation Committee has continued its policy of encouraging local organizations such as the service clubs, civic organizations and church groups to sponsor and supervise various activities for these young people. While the committee does not participate in these programs, it does provide facilities and equipment for them.

Many improvements and additions to the facilities, supervised by this committee, were made during the year. At Eastbury Pool, bituminous curbing was laid along the driveway, the area around the bathhouses was paved and additional sand put on the beach. The front of the dam near the diving board needs repairing and this work will be done before the next season. The tennis courts at the Williams Memorial were re-conditioned and it is hoped that this activity will become more popular. The committee would like to see some organization assume the sponsorship of organized play and develop a system of town tennis tournaments. The backstop at the High Street School Field was rewired, a new backstop was built on the small diamond at the high school field and work was started on grading the relocated diamond at Eastbury.

The Recreation Committee interested itself in the plans for the new High School Memorial Gymnasium. There being some question as to the

type of flooring to be used at this gymnasium, the committee made a survey of schools in the area, both new and old, and talked with physicians, coaches, players and maintenance superintendents. After considering all phases of the problem, a report was submitted to the School Building Committee recommending that a regulation wood flooring, rather than a tile surface, be used in the gymnasium. The School Building Committee voted to install wood flooring. It is expected that with the new gymnasium will come increased interest in basketball as well as other indoor sports.

ACTIVITIES

The Junior Basketball League continued to grow in popularity, with four teams of seventh and eighth graders and four midget teams of fifth and sixth graders competing for the trophies. This league was sponsored by the Exchange, Rotary and Lions Clubs, the Eastbury Civic League and the South Glastonbury Community Club and played its games on Saturday mornings at the Williams Memorial. The Lions Club also sponsored a basketball clinic for girls and it is hoped that this activity will be expanded.

Winter sports continued to decline, due mainly to poor weather conditions. Skating areas were prepared and lighted. The committee spent considerable time investigating areas for a ski slope, but no selection was made. It is hoped that eventually a satisfactory location can be found and if the interest warrants, such a slope will be prepared.

The Junior Baseball League composed of four teams of grade school boys operated on Saturdays during the spring. This league was sponsored by the Exchange, Rotary and Lions Clubs, the First Church Men's Club, the Eastbury Civic League and the South Glastonbury Community Club and the trophy was won by the Exchange Club Indians. This same group also sponsored a new activity, a girls' softball league, the first organized activity for grade school girls in some time, with the Eastbury Bobcats winning the trophy. The Recreation Committee prepared all diamonds, replaced bases and furnished balls for this activity. The committee also approved and encouraged the Lions Club in its operation of a Junior Twilight League during the summer. This league was divided into two divisions, one for boys eight to eleven and the other twelve to fifteen. These games developed considerable spectator interest, particularly due to the absence of the Senior Twilight League, which was discontinued

because of a lack of interest both on the part of players and spectators. The committee believes that this activity is a worthwhile one and recommends its continuation.

The Eastbury Pool was again a popular spot and many youngsters enrolled in the Learn-to-Swim program supervised by Veri Hartwell. The pool was so popular during the hot July weather that it became necessary to restrict its use to Glastonbury residents. The pool was closed for 10 days in August on orders of the Health Officer because of low water and a prevalence of throat infections in town.

One new activity was undertaken by the committee in an effort to provide additional recreation for teen agers. A dance at the Old Town Hall was sponsored jointly by the Y-Teens and Explorer Scouts, with a member of the committee as adult supervisor. It is expected that additional dances will be held here in the future.

At the Williams Memorial, Anthony Yuskevich continued as a paid employee of this committee, supervising bowling activities and maintaining the alleys. Bowling continued to be a popular sport with leagues operating nightly throughout the winter. This appears to be the only activity in which our adult population has any interest.

FUTURE PLANS

The committee is in the process of relocating the baseball diamond at Eastbury. The new diamond will be laid out entirely on the property made available for our use by the East Glastonbury Sportsmen's Group. Some improvements must also be made on the small size diamonds for the younger baseball players. The committee will continue to improve the Eastbury Pool insofar as funds will permit.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that Glastonbury must soon have a paid director to coordinate all recreational activities. The increase in our school-age population, the desire for more organized activities and the difficulty in obtaining sponsors to organize these activities warrants such a move. The Recreation Committee feels that a start could be made in this direction by engaging a part time director and will make every attempt to bring this about.

LEE JAY WHITTLES, *Chairman*



Children's Room
Welles-Turner Memorial Library

THE WELLES-TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Under the will of Mrs. Harriet Turner Burnham a sum of \$150,000.00 was left for the erection of a suitable library in Glastonbury to be placed on the site of Mrs. Burnham's home on Main Street. An additional sum of \$200,000.00 was left to maintain the library.

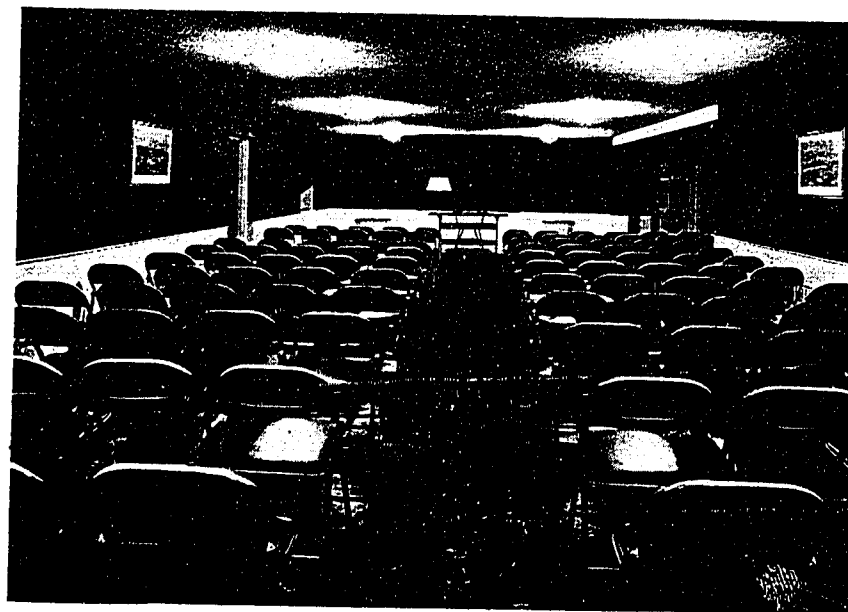
The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, Trustee under the will of Mrs. Burnham, began discussions with the Directors of the Glastonbury Public Library and employed an architect to make preliminary plans in 1941 following the death of Mr. Burnham who had been left the life use of the income from the fund.

On November 13, 1946, a Town Meeting of Glastonbury voted to accept the gift of the library building and at the same time voted that a Committee representing various interests of the Town be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

On November 22, 1946, this Committee was appointed and in the same month adopted the name of The Welles-Turner Memorial Library Committee. The Committee was composed of Robert O. Rider, Chairman, John Q. Goodrich, Secretary, Walter F. Foley, J. William Purtil, B. Floyd Turner and Dr. Lee J. Whittles.

During the following year the Committee met with the Directors of the Public Library and with the Board of Education to discuss the needs of Glastonbury and to study the preliminary plans prepared by the architect appointed by the Trustee. In March, 1947, the Committee recommended to a Town Meeting of Glastonbury that no action be taken because of the extremely high cost of building and during the remainder of that year and the following year further progress was made in studying the whole situation with Mr. Thomas J. Rogers, Trust Officer of The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company and with the architect. Later that year the architect died and after visiting several libraries the Committee recommended that Mr. Roy D. Bassette be selected as architect to carry out the final plans of the building. Also, in 1949 Mr. Rogers received an opinion from the Judge of Probate that only \$150,000.00 could be used for the erection of the building, although the fund itself had grown to a total of \$411,000.00.

In 1950 final plans were submitted by Mr. Bassette and after much study were approved by The Welles-Turner Memorial Library Committee and the Directors of the Glastonbury Public Library. Bids on the erection



Auditorium
Welles-Turner Memorial Library

of the building were obtained early in 1951 and it was apparent that the building itself would cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000.00 with an additional \$40,000.00 for grading, furniture, etc. The Trustee appealed to the Superior Court for relief and Judge Thomas E. Troland granted the Trustee permission to use as much of the fund as necessary to construct and finish the building.

In May, 1951 a contract for building was awarded to the R. F. Jones Company for removal of the former home of Mrs. Burnham and for construction of The Welles-Turner Memorial Library.

Your Committee believes that The Welles-Turner Memorial Library will fulfill the wishes of Mrs. Harriet Turner Burnham and may, to quote her will, be "not only proper and adequate for the housing of a library but an ornament to the Town and a handsome memorial structure" and "a memorial of the Frederick Welles family of which I am a member and of the Turner family, to which my former (first) husband belonged." It was also her suggestion "that the building be known as The Welles-Turner Memorial Library."

The formal opening of The Welles-Turner Memorial Library was held on October 5, 1952, at which time the keys to the building were given to the First Selectman, Mr. L. W. Stevenson, and the building was placed in charge of the Directors of the Glastonbury Public Library by Mr. Stevenson.

As a matter of interest, the Library was opened at 3 P.M., and in the exhibition halls on the second floor there were extremely attractive displays by the Glastonbury Women's Club Art Group and Handicraft Group, the Glastonbury Garden Club and the Historical Society of Glastonbury. In the auditorium there were two showings of slides of early Glastonbury scenes by Mr. Russell D. Reddig and by Mr. Earl H. Hodge.

Reports are that between two and three thousand people attended the opening.

Having completed the task for which it was appointed by the Town Meeting, your Committee asks that it be discharged.

ROBERT O. RIDER, *Chairman*

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The Board held nineteen meetings during the year. Dr. Dwight E. Weir served as Chairman, Henry A. Earsy as Vice Chairman and Francis J. Muccio as Secretary.

FIRE RECORD

There were 95 alarms during the year, a decrease of five from the previous year. Company 1 responded to 85 alarms and Companies 2 and 3 each responded to 27 alarms.

Total fire losses amounted to \$6,887.41, a decrease of \$71,760.44 from the previous year. The largest loss of \$54,456.00 was that of the Glastonbury Department Store. Other large losses were the property of Henry Tilley, shed, vehicles and tools, \$5,500; Gideon Nystrom, dwelling, \$2,956.41; and Weir Estate, barn, \$2,000.

The following is a summary of alarms:

Type	Number of Alarms	Loss
Building Fires	25	\$68,137.41
Vehicle Fires	12	750.00
Grass and Brush Fires	30	0
Forest Fires	1	not determined
Chimney Fires	1	0
Airplane Crashes	1	0
Electrical Service Wires	4	0
Town Dump Fires	12	0
Emergency Calls	7	0
False Alarms	2	0
	95	\$68,887.41

Many of these fires resulted from carelessness and could have been avoided had the proverbial "ounce of prevention" been exercised.

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

In March the Department received delivery of a new 750 GPM American LaFrance pump and hose car with 750 gallon booster tank. It is of the latest design with enclosed five-man cab and is capable of delivering

fog, foam and high pressure streams. This truck was placed in service at Company 3 where its 750 gallon water carrying capacity is particularly useful in the rural area served.

This is the second modern piece of apparatus added to the Department in recent years. A 750 GPM pumper was placed in service at Company 1 in 1950. Procurement of similar apparatus for Company 2 would make the Glastonbury Fire Department one of the better equipped departments of comparable size in the area, a condition much to be desired considering the close proximity of the Town to vital defense plants.

The purchase of 1100 feet of 2½ inch hose, 500 feet of 1½ inch hose and special items added to the Department equipment necessary for its efficient operation.

FIREHOUSES

The following improvements to firehouses were accomplished during the past year:

At Company 1 a fire escape from the second floor was installed, the boiler room fireproofed, the exterior of the building painted and a system for continuous hot water installed.

At Company 2 a fire escape from the second floor was installed and the heating system extended to the second floor.

At Company 3 the exterior of the building was painted and the concrete floor of the apparatus room reinforced to accommodate the new apparatus.

Minor repairs and maintenance were accomplished where required.

PROTECTION

Continued new developments resulted in the laying of several new water mains in the past year. Seven new hydrants were installed. It is the policy of the Board to install hydrants, where practicable, when new mains are laid, in that a saving of \$150 per hydrant is effected.

The Board is attempting to negotiate with the Manchester Water Co. for the installation of a hydrant in an area served by their water main.

STREET LIGHTING

Improved street lighting was installed on Main Street from the Center north to the East Hartford line and on Hebron Avenue, in the business district, from the Center east to the highway overpass. Lights were also installed on Sycamore Street.

The Board has requested new or improved street lighting in the following locations: Ridgewood and Stancliff Roads, Parker Terrace, Clinton and Griswold Streets.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company is completing a survey of street lighting in areas where it is non-existent or in need of improvement.

ALARM SYSTEM

The present out-moded, inefficient fire alarm system is regarded by the Board as a serious handicap to the overall protection of the Town. Its cumbersome operation is too involved to explain in detail here but it will serve to say that it is only through the tireless efforts of the devoted volunteer operators that the alarm system is kept from utter failure.

Cognizant of the urgent need for a more modern, efficient alarm system the Board, in its budget request of the past year, sought the funds necessary to establish and maintain such a system; one which would be operated continuously, twenty-four hours a day. This desire to obtain a suitable emergency alarm system was not new to the Board. The need for an improved system was first cited in the report of the Fire Commission in the Annual Town Report for 1944 and reiterated in the annual reports for 1945, 1947, 1949, 1950 and 1951.

Our request of the past year was denied and we continued with the existing system. Meanwhile the Fire and Police Commissions worked together to devise an emergency alarm system capable of serving both departments with the speed and efficiency a modern town demands.

The Board feels that it can no longer bear the burden of responsibility attendant the present alarm system. We have fulfilled our obligation in pointing out its inadequacy and in designing an emergency alarm system which will serve existing requirements and those of the foreseeable future. Our budget request for the coming year will include a request for funds to establish the proposed system. Here the responsibility for obtaining such a system becomes that of all the people of the Town; therefore, we respectfully recommend that they take the action necessary to the adoption of the proposed emergency alarm system and obtain the protection they require and deserve.

RECOGNITION

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the volunteer operators of the present alarm system for the loyal service they have rendered the Department and the people of Glastonbury.

We wish to thank the ninety-three officers and firemen of the Department who contributed a most essential part of the fire protection through the voluntary service they performed.

We wish also to express our appreciation to the various agencies and departments of the Town for their cooperation and assistance during the past year

FRANCIS J. MUCCIO, *Secretary*

FIRE MARSHAL

The Fire Marshall has made 345 Inspections during the year.

Fire drills were held by myself and Assistant in all Public Schools and and were found to be orderly and completed in very good time. Fire Inspections reveal that we had only one chimney fire in Glastonbury this last fiscal year compared to an average of about 12 in previous years. This proves a good chimney cleaning job done by home owners.

Fireworks have proved a high hazard.

Building safety inspections reveal that most public places of assembly have complied with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. The few that have not complied will be dealt with more severely this year.

It is remarkable to note the large amount of fire extinguishers installed throughout town this last year.

ALBERT W. DICKAU, *Fire Marshall*

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

During the past year, the Town Plan and Zoning Commission kept pace with the growing population and increase of residences built in Glastonbury.

There were four public hearings held to discuss zoning changes, one of the most important (and controversial) being a change from Business to Industrial Zone, in this case allowing gas stations in a former Industrial Zone.

Nineteen sub-divisions or revisions of sub-divisions were added, and building permits for 194 new homes were issued. Through the addition of new developments new roads have been added.

A Base Map of Glastonbury is being made and is expected to be completed within a very short time. This map will be most useful to all Town Departments, and the information will be permanent and accurate. The Commission will especially use the map to locate various Zones using a street list coded to the map, to locate street monuments and to record area growths. This should help to select proper zones.

The Commission feels strongly that the services of a Town Engineer are needed and that such a person should be engaged by the Town before long. In discussing this with the State Planning Commission, they confirmed the belief that an Engineer would be the solution to our Town and its "growing pains".

WILLIAM E. CAMPION, *Secretary*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals has experienced a very interesting and busy year. The Board held thirteen public hearings and considered fifty-six applications for exceptions to the zoning regulations. This last total represents the most cases the Appeals Board has heard for many years.

Twenty-three of the requests involved adjustments in setback or side line measurements due to various circumstances. Nineteen applicants asked for non-conforming usage such as gas stations, two-family dwellings, multi-family apartments, sub-standard homes, used car sales, a dog kennel and a junk yard. The remaining fourteen were for fireworks stands, real estate signs, billboards, trailers and other miscellaneous requests. Out of this total of fifty-six cases, thirteen were denied approval.

It might be noted here that 41% of our hearings were associated with requests for exceptions to setback and side line requirements. Many of these were due to other nearby dwellings being already placed closer to the road than the present day regulations permit. Some revision to the zoning regulations may possibly be in order to allow a setback line to agree with other nearby houses.

The outstanding applications during the past year, insofar as public interest was concerned, involved gas stations in the General Business Zone and multi-family apartments in Residence Zones. The original gas station request, after being denied by this Board, was responsible for an investigation by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission concerning the restrictions on this type of building. The resultant revision of this particular section made it possible for gas stations to be erected in Business Zones when allowed by this Board as a Special Exception, subject to certain restrictions. In the two cases concerning multi-family apartments, one was approved and one was denied. To those who may have disagreed with this Board on its decisions in these and other cases we can only say that the five members of the Board unanimously did what they honestly believed was best for all concerned, subject to its powers as prescribed in the Glastonbury Zoning Regulations.

ROBERT E. GOODRICH, *Chairman*

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

During the year, it has been the aim of your Board of Education to try to the best of its ability to expand and improve the Educational System in Glastonbury in all phases, although possibly the building program has been of most interest to the general public.

After the new Junior-Senior High School Building contract was awarded to the Wadhams May Company of Hartford, work was begun early in the year and the cornerstone was laid July 1, just fifty years after the first secondary school was started in Glastonbury. Since then, the construction schedule has been maintained so that the structure should be completed as of July, 1953, and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the Fall term.

Plans will be completed for converting the present High School, Academy School, and Williams Memorial Building into an elementary school plant. Bids will be taken, contracts let, and work started at the close of the 1952-53 school year so the building will be ready for use September, 1953.

The expenditure of \$1,565,000.00, the largest in the Town's history, should take care of its school needs for several years, as well as provide modern and adequate accommodations for its children.

During the summer months, the other older buildings were renovated and put in good condition. The largest enrollment ever was expected this Fall so that all classrooms would be more than filled. It was planned, therefore, to reopen the 2nd room in the old Buckingham School, convert the auditorium in the Hubbard School for classroom use, as well as space in the old Library Building for two more. This necessitated changing and expanding the bus schedules to take care of the extra transportation involved.

At a joint meeting with the Finance Board, it was agreed to increase the salaries paid to the Town's teachers so that the schedule here would compare favorably with those in this area. Thus it is hoped that Glastonbury will not only attract new teachers of high caliber, but keep those already here.

CHARLES A. BADER, *Chairman*

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To The Board of Education, and The Citizens of Glastonbury:
In 1951-1952 the schools started with a registration of 1702 pupils. In September of 1952-1953 the schools will open with eighty more pupils.

These extra pupils will fill all available school rooms in all school buildings, with three assembly rooms used as classrooms: Naubuc, Hubbard Street, and the High school. In the High school three classes will meet in the assembly room until the Public Library shall have moved to its new quarters.

This situation makes it clear how fortunate it is that the Junior-Senior High School will be ready for use by September, 1953.

The past year has been one of progress in school housing. The Building Committee, under authority of a Town Meeting, awarded a contract to the firm of Wadhams and May, Inc., of Hartford to construct the Junior-Senior High School on Hubbard Street. Progress of construction has been excellent and should insure completion of the building by July 1953.

The Faculty of the high school have been busy, in addition to their regular duties, in helping to compile lists of necessary equipment for the building and a program of studies, assignments for teachers, and class

schedules. This is no easy task and the teacher staff deserve recognition for their enthusiastic work, outside the usual line of duty.

We were fortunate in keeping nearly the entire staff from last year and in filling the few vacancies and extra positions which were made necessary by the increase in total school registration.

Mr. Plante, who had made an excellent beginning with a town wide program of Guidance and Counselling, has left us for a better paying position in the Regional High School, Deep River, Connecticut. We shall miss his devoted work, but such a loss is to be expected if other communities offer appreciably higher salaries than ours, as was true in this case.

School transportation has grown to the point where all busses are doing the equivalent of two or three trips morning and night. That is about as far as we can expect them to go and not start too early or get home too late to satisfy parents. Those parents who demand shorter trips and more stops, closer to home, and shorter walking distance for their children, must accept the inevitable result, that pupil transportation will cost more. This attitude seems to be prevalent today, but nevertheless we did have to spend \$33,000.00 of the school budget for transportation this past year, in spite of all efforts at economy.

In the field of instruction we have purchased and put to good use a large number of supplementary reading books and Audio Visual equipment. We have continued the prescribed course of studies and have intensified the system of teaching penmanship, which was changed three years ago.

Music, both vocal and instrumental, have been taught by the classroom teachers assisted by Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Dellert.

Physical Education has been carried on in the same manner, assisted by Mr. Hartwell, Miss Chalmers and Mr. Faber. Both of these programs have shown the advantages derived from having specialists to assist and guide the regular classroom teachers, who have their hands full with the so-called regular classroom activities.

Warm school lunches are now served in each school where facilities permit. These have been handled by the P.T.A. groups, organized for that special task. The work has been very well done and is financially sound. The only cost to the taxpayer has been to provide space and

general equipment for storage, kitchen and lunchrooms. This is an excellent example of people helping themselves. If the day ever comes when the Board of Education has to take on School Lunches, as a part of its activities, it will add a considerable amount to the school budget.

The two public libraries have continued their valuable help to the reading and reference work in the schools.

Under Mr. Vincenti's able direction, building maintenance has been organized and programmed so that in two more years all school buildings will be regularly painted and repaired without allowing them to run down to the point where major repairs are suddenly necessary.

The business management of the schools is in much better shape than it has ever been.

The space limitations of this report are recognized as a drawback to public information about the schools, therefore the Board of Education has asked the Staff to prepare and release three or four formal statements during the year 1952-1953, in an attempt to more adequately inform parents and taxpayers about what we are trying to do in the public schools.

We hope that this will result in better public relations. It is so easy, in this busy world, for people to interest themselves only in their own personal difficulties. But schools are an area of public service in which every one, parents or taxpayers, ought to keep themselves closely in touch with what goes on.

A good guide for the coming year might well be: *Know Your Schools*.

FRANCIS S. KNOX, *Superintendent of Schools*

STATEMENT OF NET SCHOOL EXPENSE

Total Operating Expenditures 1951-52		\$451,647.27
Income		
State of Connecticut	\$86,313.46	
U.S. Government	2,248.15	
Local Funds (other than taxes)	241.72	88,803.33
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Net Cost to Glastonbury		\$362,843.94
Average Cost per Elementary School Pupil		\$231.51
Average Cost per High School Pupil		\$339.07

GLASTONBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

General Control		
Administrative Salaries.....	\$ 10,520.99	\$ 11,500.00
Clerical Salaries.....	7,435.18	7,800.00
Supplies and Expenses.....	2,293.19	3,000.00
Instruction		
Supervisors.....	17,900.00	19,300.00
Principals.....	5,500.00	10,700.00
Teachers.....	239,265.03	272,700.00
Substitutes.....	3,846.58	3,900.00
Textbooks.....	13,890.14	12,500.00
Instructional Supplies.....	15,573.95	17,000.00
Audio Visual Aids.....	2,278.05	3,500.00
Operation		
Janitors Salaries.....	22,857.31	25,000.00
Fuel.....	11,084.57	12,054.00
Water, Light and Power.....	5,181.98	5,300.00
Supplies and Expenses.....	10,375.06	11,000.00
Telephone.....	1,416.23	1,700.00
Cartage.....	289.75	800.00
Maintenance		
Supplies and Expenses.....	15,002.19	10,000.00
Auxiliary		
School Library.....	1,569.94	2,100.00
Health Salaries.....	5,791.50	6,300.00
Health Supplies.....	277.07	300.00
Transportation Salaries*.....	33,093.94	26,098.00
Transportation Expenses*.....		8,505.00
Attendance Enforcement.....	592.47	600.00
Travel Expenses.....	2,250.00	2,950.00
Adult Education.....	1,238.81	2,000.00
Tuition.....	201.29	200.00
Contingent.....		5,000.00
Fixed Charges		
Insurance.....	6,859.87	7,000.00
Capital Outlays		
New Equipment.....	15,062.18	10,000.00
	\$451,647.27	\$498,807.00

*In 1951-52 Transportation Salaries and Expenses were included in one account.

DIRECTOR OF WELFARE

During the past year persons living in the Town of Glastonbury have received aid in the amount of \$112,461.87.

Each town must provide support for its needy whether the client has legal settlement there or not according to the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The Town is reimbursed by the State for all non-settled cases and for aliens. The Department has no way of knowing how many will break down mentally or physically or lose their support through illness, death, unemployment or desertion. Budget planning, job referrals and detailed investigation and case work often keep persons off relief. All financial aid is given on an emergency basis and planned to supplement what the individuals or family groups have or can do for themselves.

All expenditures must be authorized by the Welfare Worker and bills are paid direct to the creditor and at a discount. The worker is appointed conservator for the chronic alcoholic, the mentally ill and the incapable aged.

The local doctors, the visiting nurses, police, Town Court Officials, Town Counsel, Connecticut Cancer Society and the various State Agencies all cooperate with their special skills in a most inspiring manner and contribute much to help people out of trouble.

In general the cases are divided as follows:

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The law provides that any citizen over 65 may make application to have his eligibility considered. The amount received is set by the State after thorough investigation of resources. Applications are filed with the local worker. The problems of these old people are many and varied and your worker is frequently called upon for counsel and home placement. The amount of aid received by this group was \$67,408.14, all of which was paid by State and Federal Funds.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

All children under 16, or 18 if at school, who are deprived of support or care because of the death of a parent, continued absence of a parent from the home, or mental or physical incapacity of a parent, are eligible

for this type of aid. The State of Connecticut has established a modest, but adequate, standard of living for this group. All applications are filed with the local worker. Aid for this group was \$8,452.50.

AID TO THE BLIND

The requirements for persons applying for Aid to the Blind are the same as for Old Age Assistance, except that there are no age, residence or citizenship requirements and the applicant's degree of blindness must be determined by a practicing ophthalmologist. Aid for this group came to \$1,797.00 and was paid by State and Federal Funds.

INSANE AND OTHER POOR

Glastonbury residents numbered 73 in the various State Institutions during the fiscal year. Of these the majority were at Norwich due to the fact that more families are seeking specialized care for their mentally ill. It is expected that many of these patients will be rehabilitated after a series of treatments. The cost was \$2,912.77.

TOWN FARM

The Town Farm in South Glastonbury can comfortably house 15 men. The standard of living meets all necessary requirements at about one half the cost of private home boarding. All men are examined by the Health Officer twice a year and are removed from the farm when they are no longer able to be up and about. Major repairs to septic tank and new leaching fields were done costing \$516.00. Cost for the year amounted to \$6,678.68.

OUTDOOR AID

Glastonbury residents in other towns, aliens, neglected children in foster homes, hospital, doctor and drugs are the greatest expense in this grouping.

Immature and irresponsible parents are the cause of delinquent children. Twenty-seven children and their parents were brought before juvenile authorities during the year and many others are being studied; loitering, stealing, property damage and being ungovernable being the chief offenses.

The basic causes for delinquency in the children studied are as follows:

1. Spiraling living costs are driving as many women into factory work as did the last war and children are often the victims of poor planning and too little supervision.

2. Families are sinking too much of their wages in the attractive nuisance of installment-buying, leaving virtually nothing for their primary responsibility to their families.

3. Other families are using too much of their income at the "Taverns" and "Package Stores", resulting in a troublesome, unstable home.

Cost for this group came to \$17,872.44.

State and Federal Aid

Old Age Assistance	\$67,408.14	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,452.50	
Aid to the Blind	1,797.00	\$ 77,657.64

Town Aid

Insane and other Poor	\$ 2,912.77	
Town Farm	6,678.68	
Outdoor Aid	17,872.44	
Administration	6,561.84	\$ 34,025.73

Connecticut Cancer Society 778.50

Total Expenditures \$112,461.87

Money Spent by Town \$ 34,025.73

Money Received (Refunds) \$ 13,756.61

Net Cost to Town \$ 20,269.12

HAZEL H. NEVIN, *Director*

THE HEALTH OFFICER

Routine examination of school children was carried out during the year with the local physicians participating. Total number of children examined was 1956. Defects requiring notes to parents totaled 487. Most common positive findings were infected tonsils and dental caries.

The clinics for vaccinations and toxoids were held as usual during the Spring. Fifty-nine children received diphtheria and tetanus toxoid. Each child received three doses given at one month intervals. Forty-two high

school students, members of the soccer team, received tetanus toxoid. Each student received three doses, given at monthly intervals.

At the Summer Round-Up 109 pre-school children were examined; other children, starting school, were examined by their private physician.

A total of 63 public health nuisances were investigated.

There are a few open sewers running into brooks in town, which are being investigated. Several complaints were received regarding pigs and chickens being raised in residential and business areas. These complaints are being investigated.

The following communicable diseases were reported:

Whooping Cough	7
Chicken Pox	97
Measles	195
Mumps	77
Pneumonia	14
Scarlet Fever	8
Poliomyelitis	4
Ringworm of Scalp	3

JOSEPH RAFFA, M.D.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Four hundred and twenty-one new borrowers of books from the library were added during the past year. Of these 234 were adults and 187 juveniles. It is interesting to note the books which are in the most demand. Those dealing with biography, useful and fine arts, and history seem to make a particular appeal to readers.

Circulation of books has again increased, rising to 54617 from 51365 the previous year. During the year 1268 new volumes were added by purchase and 268 by gift. 311 books were discarded. The net increase of 1225 books brings the number of volumes in the library to 22784.

The Directors note with deep sorrow the passing last June of Mrs. Mary I. Broggi, whose devoted and efficient service to the Library extended over a period of nine years.

B. FLOYD TURNER, *President*

GLASTONBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, September 1st, 1951	\$ 253.46	
Town Appropriation	9,250.00	
Fines	633.26	
Interest	70.88	
State Grant	100.00	\$10,307.59

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$5,959.07	
Books and Periodicals	2,561.80	
Supplies & Equipment	245.54	
Telephone and Insurance	205.60	
Miscellaneous	33.06	
Cash on Hand, August 31st, 1952	1,302.52	\$10,307.59

ANSON J. HOPKINS, Treasurer

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The past year was again an active one for building. The records show a rather rapid growth. There have been 194 new buildings erected or under construction. This includes the new High School on Hubbard Street.

The total indicated value of permits shows an increase over the preceding year of \$1,684,750. These permits are classified as follows:

	Estimated Cost
727 Building Permits	\$3,469,982
267 Electrical Permits	48,311
198 Plumbing Permits	129,040
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	\$3,647,333

The following licenses were issued:

27 New Master Electrician
69 Renewal Master Electrician
21 New Master Plumber
56 Renewal Master Plumber

I would like at this time to thank the members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and of the Zoning Board of Appeals for their support and cooperation during the past year.

RAY W. WALZ, *Building Inspector*

THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Due to the growth of the Town of Glastonbury in the last 15 years, the demands made upon the various branches of the town's government have increased tremendously.

In order to determine what would be necessary to bring our Police Department up to a standard comparable to the town's growth, the commission made a very extensive study. One phase of the study was to select ten Connecticut towns with populations and paid-in taxes comparable to Glastonbury. In this way an average town was determined. Several very obvious facts were brought out.

1. The Town of Glastonbury area is approximately twice that of the average town.
2. The miles of road to be policed are almost double that of the average town.
3. The police budget for the Town of Glastonbury is approximately 35% to 40% lower than the average town.

It was perfectly clear that the Department had to be expanded. With two full-time officers and one cruiser it was impossible even to approach adequate police coverage. Therefore, a special appropriation of \$6,000 was granted the Police Department with which the old cruiser was replaced and an additional unit purchased. Three additional full-time officers were added to the force. These changes have proven to be of great assistance.

The second cruiser permitted split zoning of the town which allows faster service when called and for more active and efficient patrol work.

Improvement in traffic control has been shown on both the state highways as well as the town roads. This includes the checking of school busses, etc. Many more arrests have been made for traffic violations and a considerably larger number of cases brought in for trial at the local town court.

In conjunction with the State Traffic Commission a number of changes have been made at the center. The angle of parking was reduced in order to allow more room on the state highway. Clearer identification was made of the rotary to assist motorists.

A system was established for checking and reporting of vacant homes, which includes a complete report to the owner.

The study indicated that a central communication system, manned

twenty-four hours a day, was absolutely essential. It was also found that a similar setup was equally essential to the Fire Department. Therefore, it was felt that the two departments could jointly support and utilize a proper system.

A joint proposal was presented for consideration but it was turned down. It is felt that this requirement is an absolute necessity and should be taken care of as soon as possible.

It is felt that the new express highway will be of great assistance in reducing the traffic congestion in the center of town. Yet, on the other hand, it is fully realized from the police standpoint it will present many policing problems.

We feel that a good start has been made on the expansion program and also feel that there is much more to do and accomplish. It is sincerely hoped by this commission that within the next fiscal year many of the problems we are now faced with will be solved in a satisfactory manner.

We sincerely wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Finance and the Board of Fire Commissioners for their interest and cooperation.

JOSEPH A. GOODHUE, *Chairman*

Activity Report of Police Department

Accidents Investigated	181
Fatal Accidents	4
Radio Calls and Transmissions	2,436
Miscellaneous Complaints	504
Prowler Complaints	48
Missing Persons Located	6
Dog Complaints	54
Theft Cases	36
Property Damage Complaints	18
Drunkenness Complaints	41
Parked Car Complaints	144
Notices for Outside Depts.	36
Picked Up for Outside Depts.	10
Traffic Control for Funerals	35
Traffic Control at Fires	41
Domestic Complaints	24
Firearm Complaints	23
Vacant Homes Checked	103
Open Doors Located	108
Street Lights Reported Out	276
Breach of Peace Complaints	12

THE ASSESSOR

The past year has been another very active one for the assessing department, with many more new lists, resulting in an increase over the previous Grand List of \$2,681,083.

Many new single dwellings have been either completed or are under construction as the fiscal year ends. The new highway is now nearing its completion. New developments, the cutting of land into building lots, have been submitted and accepted by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission. All developments and land used for building will have to be revalued and placed into building lots and rated at different values. Buildings completed and also those under construction must be taken into consideration. All land or portions of lots or land must be deducted from former owners and adjustments made. Many homes have been moved, remodeled or torn down. These items have to be taken care of as each case may warrant.

With real estate and personal property continually rising in value the Assessor has a problem as to the fair current market value.

I have been asked many times during the past years the following: "When we pay our taxes for what period is it for?" "Do I pay taxes for the past year or the coming year and when am I billed by the Tax Collector?" Taxes are based on the title in which the property stands on record with the Town Clerk, the condition of real estate, buildings, personal property, etc. as of October 1st, such taxes being due and payable on April 1st of the following year.

Again I would like to thank all property owners and Town Officials for their fine cooperation during the past year.

RAY W. WALZ, Assessor

GRAND LIST

October 1, 1951

2212 Dwelling Houses	\$11,240,752
3621 Barns, Sheds, Ice and Store Houses, Private Garages etc.	1,174,226
3689 House Lots and Building Lots	2,102,716
113 Business Buildings excluding factories	1,525,577
6 Buildings used for Mills and Manufacturing	403,642
28,607 Acres of Land	1,246,867
3967 Motor Vehicles	2,297,050
Aircraft	2,200
Machinery, Water Power and Dams	645,834
83 Horses	4,955
870 Neat Cattle, including Purebreds	30,290
Sheep, Goats, Swine and Poultry	28,085
Furniture (Commercial).	128,526
Farming Implements and Mechanics' Tools	139,426
Tobacco	1,758,520
Goods of Mfrs., Merchants and Traders	899,948
Cables, Conduits, Pipes, Underground Mains, etc.	237,570
All other Taxable Property	132,362
10% Additional on Lists not given	10,563
Gross 1951 Grand List	24,009,109
Total exemptions of servicemen, ex-servicemen and the blind	742,534
<i>Net Grand List of Municipality, on which tax is Levied</i>	23,266,575
Total List Zone I (extra tax 2 mills)	9,236,307
Total List Zone II (extra tax 1 mill)	9,054,805
Total List Zone III (extra tax 1/2 mill)	4,975,463
Basic tax rate laid by Board of Finance	28 mills

TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES

As at August 31, 1952

	ASSESSOR'S VALUES 10-1-51		
	Land	Buildings	Total
Town Hall and Park	\$17,455	8,350	\$ 25,805
Police Station	1,599	4,505	6,104
Town Office Building	4,606	27,609	32,215
Town Farm	800	7,983	8,873
Fire Houses—			
Pratt Street	1,380	13,500	14,880
East Glastonbury	1,350	4,500	5,850
South Glastonbury	2,604	18,500	21,104
Schools—			
Academy		105,840	105,840
Addison	800	5,625	6,425
Buckingham	900	11,765	12,665
High	7,599	147,798	155,397
High Street	2,713	87,323	90,036
Hubbard	1,680	12,500	14,180
Naubuc	4,886	170,217	175,103
Neipsic	1,000	11,250	12,250
Eastbury		227,000	227,000
Free Academy	2,110	13,178	15,288
Williams Memorial	2,130	36,084	38,214
Gravel Bank—			
New London Turnpike	858		858
Town Dump—			
New London Turnpike	55		55
Parks—			
New London Turnpike	350		350
East Glastonbury	300		300
Totals	\$55,175	\$913,527	\$968,702

Town Owned Properties (continued)

	Land	Buildings	Total
New High School Cost	24,000	462,203	486,203
Land—Naubuc School	4,720		4,720
Welles Turner Memorial			
Library—Estimated	10,000	175,000	185,000
Equipment—Estimated—			
Furniture and Equipment			80,000
Highway Trucks and Equip- ment—Inventory			35,000
School Busses (5)			10,000
Fire Pumpers (5)			20,000
Voting Machines—Inventory			5,000
Total			\$1,794,625

TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

DOCUMENTS RECORDED

Warranty Deeds	251
Quit-Claim Deeds	68
Releases	104
Mortgages	217
Assignments	19
Manuscripts	278
Tax Liens	52

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	200
Marriages	116
Deaths	116

JOHN A. MILLER, *Town Clerk*

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The Town year of 1951-1952 ended with total collections on the current List of 1951 on a 97% basis, and with substantial reductions in the amounts due on all prior Lists, with a total of 44 Liens paid and released. The current List of 1951 totalled \$681,577.33 in value, an increase of \$98,247.33 over the List of 1950. The List of 1952, now in preparation, will total approximately \$85,000 more, it now appears. When the Central Tax Office was started in 1944, the List of 1943 was the first to be collected at that point, and it totalled \$246,717.38, illustrating the expansion in seven years.

In August of this year our Town was honored by an invitation to your Collector, by Mr. Harold Murray, Director of the Municipal Tax Division of the State of Connecticut, to be one of the two speakers at the annual meeting of The Connecticut Tax Collectors Association at Saybrook. The subject covered practices in a growing Town, such as Glastonbury, in maintaining the high percentages of collections as shown in the last State Report. It was pleasing that our Town received such recognition.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to my fellow Town Officers, and to the personnel of the Town Office Building for their many kindnesses, also to my assistants, who so ably helped in preparing and verifying over six thousand bills in April and July, and assisted with collections.

HAROLD H. HARRISON, *Collector*

PROPERTY TAX TRANSACTIONS

List October 1	Uncollected Taxes 9-1-51 and 1951 List	Lawful Adjustments	COLLECTIONS			Collectible Uncollected Taxes 8-31-52
			Lien Fees and Interest	Taxes		
1936-48.....	\$ 4,642.14	\$ 518.07	\$ 255.55	\$ 810.67	\$ 3,313.40	
1949.....	3,044.08	366.91	239.09	1,517.42	1,159.75	
1950.....	18,612.77	211.60	739.58	16,026.22	2,374.95	
Prior Years.....	26,298.99	1,096.58	1,235.22	18,354.31	6,848.10	
1951.....	681,486.46	3,283.74	177.83	652,854.87	25,347.85	
TOTALS.....	\$707,785.45	\$4,380.32	\$1,413.05	\$671,209.18	\$32,195.95	

EXCERPTS FROM AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Finance,
Town of Glastonbury,
Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

We have made an audit of the books of account and financial records of the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1952.

Scope of Audit

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the requirements of independent auditors, as set forth by the State Tax Commissioner, under authority of Chapter 41 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1949.

Condition of Records and Conduct of Offices

The town does not maintain a complete double-entry system of book-keeping.

Forms, as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner, are used by all of the town officials.

The records in the various town departments were found to have been kept on a business-like basis and all transactions could be readily traced.

Resume of Financial Transactions and Condition

At a town meeting, held on November 26, 1951, a budget was voted, as recommended by the Board of Finance and printed in the annual town report, for the fiscal year 1951-1952 amounting to \$835,879.86.

At town meetings, as noted, additional current expense appropriations were voted as follows:

12-10-51	Naubuc School Land	\$7,500.00
2-1-52	Snow Removal	3,500.00
2-18-52	Police Cruiser and Patrolmen	6,000.00

At a meeting of the Board of Finance, held on February 5, 1952, tax rates on the taxable grand list of October 1, 1951 were voted as follows:

Town Proper—Basic	28 Mills
Fire Zone (1)	2 Mills
Fire Zone (2)	1 Mill
Fire Zone (3)	½ Mill

Bonds were retired during the year amounting to \$5,000. and notes for the construction of East Glastonbury School were paid amounting to \$77,612.90.

At a town meeting, held on February 1, 1952, it was voted to appropriate \$1,364,100. for a new junior-senior high school and \$80,900. for alterations to the existing school buildings. It was also voted to issue school bonds in the amount of \$1,565,000 to finance these appropriations and those voted on January 29, 1951 and July 2, 1951 amounting to \$120,000.

A statement of the high school building fund appears in detail under Schedule C-2.

The Town Treasurer is to be congratulated for his shrewd method in making the town's idle funds earn interest. He invested the high school bond issue money in U.S. Treasury bills and these investments had earned \$9,473.28 up to August 31, 1952 as is shown on Schedule C-2.

Cash

All cash balances were verified and reconciled with confirmations received direct from the depositories.

Receipts were properly and promptly deposited and could be traced definite groups of deposits.

Book balances were reconciled at least monthly.

There are no loose or improper methods in the handling of cash.

Cash Discounts

All discounts were found to have been taken.

Accounts Payable

There were no known unpaid bills or judgments against the town not provided for.

Uncollected Taxes

A statement of the property tax transactions during the year reflects uncollected taxes at August 31, 1952 of \$32,195.95, due from 733 taxpayers' accounts.

Confirmations were mailed on October 13, 1952 to seventy-five taxpayers owing taxes at August 31, 1952. Twenty-five replied that their accounts were correct; two were returned by the Post Office and forty-eight made no reply. Thirty-two taxpayers had paid their accounts in full prior to mailing confirmations.

Recommendations

Inventories of all personal property owned by the town were inspected by us for all departments except the Police, Fire and School Departments. The latter three departments were in the process of preparing such inventories when we completed our audit. We suggest that these inventories be published in the annual town report.

The tax commissioner has again requested that we mention the provisions of Sections 1846 and 1848 of the 1949 revision to the General Statutes. These sections relate to the inclusion in the printed town report of taxes transferred to suspense and assessor's corrections.

The commissioner also suggests that the withdrawal of savings accounts be made subject to the signature of one other town official in addition to that of the Treasurer.

Because of the increased volume of transactions, it is recommended that the town treasurer be provided with clerical assistance on a part time basis. He has not requested this but he certainly is entitled to it.

Auditor's Certificate

We have examined the financial transactions recorded in the books and accounting records of the Town of Glastonbury for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1952.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and in accordance with the requirements of the State Tax Commissioner concerning municipal audits, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Information and explanations were obtained from officials.

Very truly yours,

H. N. ALEXANDER & CO

Note: The complete Auditor's Report, including report of taxes transferred to suspense and assessor's corrections, is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk. Inventories of personal property owned by the Town, mentioned by the Auditor, are not yet prepared, and will be published in the next annual town report.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
(Schedule C-2)

Received From—

Bonds Dated 3-1-52 including Deposit on Bonds of \$20,000	\$1,565,000.00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	1,112.89	
Premium on Bonds	892.05	
Refund on Interest on School Notes	48.74	
Interest on U.S. Treasury Bills	9,473.28	\$1,576,526.96

Expenditures

Glastonbury Bank & Trust Co.—Notes Against Appropriation Above	68,738.00 417,465.38	
U.S. Treasury Bills	1,011,000.00	1,497,203.38

Balance in Glastonbury Bank & Trust Co., August 31, 1952	79,323.58	
U.S. Treasury Bills, Due 9-18-52	1,011,000.00	
Total Fund, August 31, 1952		\$1,090,323.58

DEBT LIMITATION STATEMENT

Taxable Property, October 1, 1951	\$23,266,575.00
Exempt Property, October 1, 1949	1,953,515.00
Total Subject to Debt Limit	25,220,090.00
Ten Per Cent Debt Limit for Schools	2,522,009.00
Indebtedness, August 31, 1952—Bonds	1,595,000.00
Excess of Debt Limit over Actual Debt	\$ 927,009.00

BOND INDEBTEDNESS

As at August 31, 1952

	Original Issue	Outstanding 8-31-52
School Bonds—		
Dated Jan. 1, 1923, \$5,000 due		
Annually on Jan. 1, 1953 to 1958, . . . \$	175,000.00	\$30,000.00
(Interest at 4½% due 7-1 and 1-1)		
High School Bonds—		
Dated Mar. 1, 1952, \$80,000 due		
Annually on Mar. 1, 1953 to 1971		
and \$45,000 on Mar. 1, 1972,	1,565,000.00	1,565,000.00
(Interest at 1.6% due 9-1 and 3-1)		
Total		\$1,595,000.00

THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The past fiscal year was high-lighted by the sale of a bond issue of \$1,565,000 to finance the construction of the new Junior-Senior High School and to convert the present high school building into a grade school. We were fortunate in floating this bond issue at a propitious time, when interest rates, especially for tax-free bonds, were at a low level. The exceptionally low rate of 1.6%, plus a small premium, is as favorable a one as obtained by any town in the state and must be attributed to the high credit standing of our town. Your Board is gratified that its pay-as-you-go policy of recent years has thereby been vindicated.

As the entire proceeds of the bond issue were not immediately required for construction payments, the Town Treasurer invested such excess proceeds in short-term U.S. Government securities, the interest from which was almost sufficient to balance bond interest for the six months period March–August 1952. There will be further income of this nature during the coming fiscal year, until construction is completed.

Redemption of the new bond issue, at the rate of \$80,000 annually, will in itself not appreciably increase our budget expenditures for debt retirement, as we paid off similar amounts against Eastbury School notes to the extent of \$73,093.55 in 1950–51 and \$77,612.90 in 1951–52. This school, completed in 1949, is now entirely paid for.

The full impact of our new school facilities will be felt in the fiscal year 1953-54, when these facilities will be in use and increased operating costs will have to be met. However, such impact will be cushioned by receipt of the first installment of the State grant for the new school, amounting to a trifle more than \$20,000 per annum for twenty years, applicable to retirement of the bonds.

We began the fiscal year 1952-53 with a sizable cash balance in the General Fund, so that we are in hopes of maintaining the present basic tax rate of 28 mills for at least this year, in spite of a heavy increase in budget appropriations to be recommended to the Town. Farther than that, we are making no predictions.

As stated in these columns a year ago, we seem to be dependent largely on residential growth for additions to our Grand List. Industry has gradually declined rather than increased over the past decades. It will surprise most people to know that early in the century employment in Glastonbury factories amounted to approximately one thousand persons, or about 20% of the total population at the time, while barely half that number, or 5% of the present population, are now locally employed. A reversal of this trend would be highly desirable tax-wise.

John H. Roser, *Chairman*
 Francis G. Way, Joseph J. Katz
 John Q. Goodrich, William G. Affleck
 Donald C. Burney

COMBINED REPORT OF TREASURER AND BOARD OF FINANCE

Treasurer's Report of General Fund Receipts and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1951-52 and Board of Finance Report for 1952-53.

RECEIPTS	Actual Receipts 1951-52	Estimated Receipts 1952-53
Property Taxes		
General Property Tax, current levy	\$ 622,835.83	\$661,521.09
General Property Tax, prior levies	18,354.31	15,000.00
Fire Zone Tax levies	30,019.04	30,000.00
Penalties, Interest and Fees	1,413.05	1,200.00
	\$ 672,622.23	\$707,721.09
In Lieu of Taxes		
Federal Housing Authority (Welles Village)	\$ 22,394.70	\$ 22,300.00
State of Connecticut (State Parks)	248.81	240.00
	\$ 22,643.51	\$ 22,540.00
Support of Schools		
Grant in Aid—State of Connecticut	\$ 70,103.70	\$ 73,443.60
Elementary Transportation—State	12,120.00	12,500.00
Vocational Training—State	3,815.44	3,200.00
Adult Education—State	274.32	300.00
Physically Handicapped Children (State) . . . . .	. . . . .	800.00
Federal Government—Educational Grant	2,248.15	3,000.00
Town Deposit Fund Interest	115.22	100.00
Rents and Refunds	126.50	. . . . .
	\$ 88,803.33	\$ 93,343.60
Highways		
Unimproved Roads—State	\$ 4,858.97	\$ 8,000.00
Town Aid Roads—State	10,657.38	4,000.00
Refunds	6,024.41	. . . . .
	\$ 21,540.76	\$ 12,000.00
Welfare		
Outside Aid—State	\$ 6,195.39	\$ 5,000.00
Child Welfare—State	384.40	. . . . .
Town Farm—State	917.94	900.00
Town Farm Income	1,589.92	1,500.00
Refunds—Towns and Individuals	4,668.96	4,000.00
	\$ 13,756.61	\$ 11,400.00

	Actual Receipts 1951-52	Estimated Receipts 1952-53
Sundry Taxes and Licenses		
Gas Tax Refunds—State.....	\$ 249.36	\$ 250.00
Liquor Licenses—State.....	8,353.33	8,000.00
Motor Bus Tax—State.....	1,242.45	1,250.00
Estate Penalty Tax—State.....	466.82	.....
	\$ 10,311.96	\$ 10,000.00
Town Court	\$ 3,404.51	\$ 3,000.00
Recreation		
Williams Memorial Building.....	\$ 1,836.56	\$ 1,500.00
Dog Licenses and Damages		
License Receipts—Town Clerk.....	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 1,850.00
License Distribution—State.....	561.82	500.00
	\$ 2,473.82	\$ 2,350.00
Police Department		
Supernumeraries—Private Duty.....	\$ 1,010.62	\$ 800.00
Permits and Fees		
Building Inspector's Fees (50%).....	\$ 4,527.25	\$ 2,500.00
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	265.00	200.00
Various Permits.....	405.25	200.00
	\$ 5,197.50	\$ 2,900.00
State Grants for School Construction		
High Street School.....	\$ 4,293.55	\$ 4,293.55
Eastbury School.....	13,800.00	13,800.00
	\$ 18,093.55	\$ 18,093.55
Unclassified		
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	\$ 126.50	.....
Total Receipts	\$ 861,821.46	\$893,148.24
Temporary Borrowings.....	328,900.00	.....
Insurance Damage (Police Car).....	873.75	.....
Cash on Hand, September 1st, 1951.....	55,341.22	.....
Encumbered Cash, September 1st, 1952		
For Aerial Maps.....		4,550.00
For House Street Bridge.....		9,000.00
Free Cash on Hand, September 1st, 1952.....		61,492.26
Totals	\$1,246,936.43	\$968,190.50

EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Estimated Expendi- tures 1952-53
Budget Expenditures (see detailed report).....	\$ 842,120.42	\$968,190.50
Repayment Temporary Borrowings.....	328,900.00	.....
Damage to Police Car.....	873.75	.....
Encumbered Cash, August 31st, 1952.....	13,550.00	.....
Free Cash on Hand, August 31st, 1952.....	61,492.26	.....
Totals	\$1,246,936.43	\$968,190.50

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
General Government		
Selectmen—First.....	\$ 3,836.54	\$ 4,500.00
Acting First Selectman 1950-51.....	232.50	.....
Acting First Selectman 1951-52.....	522.00	.....
Second Selectman.....	274.15	350.00
Third Selectman.....	339.76	350.00
Automobile Expense.....	345.87	500.00
Office Supplies.....	433.42	750.00
Legal Notices.....	102.91	175.00
Clerical Expense.....	2,386.80	2,400.00
Preparing Tax Rate Book.....	475.00	500.00
Treasurer		
Salary.....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Bond.....	80.00	200.00
Expense.....	108.91	75.00
Town Clerk		
Salary.....	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Clerical Expense.....	500.00	500.00
Supplies.....	576.62	600.00
Recording Veterans' Discharges.....	100.00	100.00
General Index Land Records.....	100.00	100.00
Typewriter.....		165.00
Cott Indexes.....		216.00
Recording Vital Statistics.....	850.65	900.00
Lien Fees.....	65.75	100.00
Town Counsel.....	\$ 889.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Auditors.....	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Town Fire Marshal.....	\$ 674.91	\$ 785.00
Town Buildings Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$ 4,083.77	\$ 4,700.00

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
Insurance		
Liability	\$ 2,535.48	\$ 3,000.00
Compensation	1,147.83	1,500.00
Fire	459.85	445.00
Board of Finance		
Expense	\$ 66.00	\$ 100.00
Printing Town Reports	837.40	800.00
	<u>\$ 25,475.12</u>	<u>\$ 28,761.00</u>
Planning & Zoning		
Town Plan and Zoning Commission	\$ 508.47	\$ 800.00
Completing Master Map		600.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	353.02	395.00
	<u>\$ 861.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.00</u>
Tax Assessment Expense		
Assessor's Salary	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Clerical Salary	2,600.00	2,600.00
Printing and Supplies	760.30	800.00
Car Expense	500.00	500.00
	<u>\$ 7,360.30</u>	<u>\$ 7,400.00</u>
Board of Tax Review	224.50	250.00
	<u>\$ 7,584.80</u>	<u>\$ 7,650.00</u>
Tax Collection Expense		
Collector's Salary	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Collector's Bond	200.00	300.00
Clerical Expense	500.00	500.00
Printing and Supplies	761.11	700.00
Legal Expense		200.00
Office Equipment		250.00
Collector's Lien Fees	127.00	200.00
	<u>\$ 4,088.11</u>	<u>\$ 4,650.00</u>
Town Court	\$ 3,950.68	\$ 4,000.00

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
Registrars' Expense		
Registrars	\$ 1,151.36	\$ 1,600.00
Election Attendants	623.50	1,000.00
Printing and Supplies	1,277.32	1,600.00
	<u>\$ 3,052.18</u>	<u>\$ 4,200.00</u>
Police Department		
Officers' Salaries	\$ 10,213.59	
Supernumeraries	7,235.27	
Supernumeraries—Private Duty	616.30	
School Guards	1,850.52	
Police Car Maintenance	2,617.78	
Station Maintenance and Department Supplies	3,076.16	
Insurance	777.76	
Radio	323.16	
New Cruiser	800.00	
Clerical Expense	550.00	
Expended from Special Appropriation	3,670.31	
	<u>\$ 31,730.85</u>	<u>\$ 46,000.00</u>
Fire Department		
New Equipment	\$ 4,289.46	
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment	4,383.75	
Improvements to Buildings	2,144.45	
Hydrant Rentals	717.08	
Office Phone and Expense	2,221.95	
Insurance	1,276.81	
Special Services	558.00	
Hydrant Installations	1,813.54	
Education	185.50	
Firemen's Services	2,496.95	
Salaries of Chief and Assistant Chief	325.00	
Water Holes		
	<u>\$ 20,412.49</u>	<u>\$ 32,376.00</u>
Street Lighting	10,029.51	12,624.00
	<u>\$ 30,442.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,000.00</u>
Health		
Health Officer	\$ 1,767.92	\$ 1,800.00
Visiting Nurse Association	7,000.00	7,700.00
	<u>\$ 8,767.92</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
Sanitation		
Meadow Drain.....		\$ 500.00
Care of Town Dump.....	2,555.36	2,700.00
Clean-up Weeks.....	1,253.99	1,300.00
Repairs to Sanitary Sewers.....	437.35	500.00
	<u>\$ 4,246.70</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Highway Department		
Maintenance.....	\$ 49,969.35	\$ 53,000.00
Highway Construction.....	7,425.15	5,000.00
Addison Bridge Improvement.....		1,500.00
Retirement Fund.....	3,509.91	3,800.00
Snow and Ice Removal.....	13,986.42	10,000.00
Unimproved Roads—State Funds.....	8,094.29	8,000.00
Town Aid Roads—State Funds.....		4,000.00
	<u>\$ 82,985.12</u>	<u>\$ 85,300.00</u>
Welfare Commission (details on Page 39)		
Outdoor Aid.....	\$ 17,872.44	\$ 15,100.00
Insane and Other Poor.....	2,912.77	3,500.00
Town Farm Operation and Improvements.....	6,678.68	9,850.00
Administration.....	6,561.84	6,550.00
	<u>\$ 34,025.73</u>	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
Public Service Enterprises		
Tree Warden—Salary.....	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Tree Warden—Expense.....	2,378.50	3,000.00
Cemeteries		
Green Cemetery.....	300.00	400.00
Old Church Cemetery.....	250.00	250.00
Old South Cemetery.....	200.00	200.00
Town Care—(Wassuc, Eastbury, John Tom Hill).....	398.75	550.00
Green Park Association.....	600.00	700.00
Memorial Day Observance.....	498.70	425.00
	<u>\$ 4,675.95</u>	<u>\$ 5,575.00</u>

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
Recreation Committee		
Williams Memorial Building.....	\$ 2,922.38	\$ 3,000.00
Eastbury Park and Other Recreational Facilities.....	3,635.00	4,560.00
Eastbury Park Police.....		350.00
	<u>\$ 6,557.38</u>	<u>\$ 7,910.00</u>
Board of Education		
Operating Expense (Details on Page 36).....	\$ 451,647.27	\$498,807.00
Libraries		
Town Library.....	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 14,000.00
South Glastonbury Library.....	750.00	750.00
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,750.00</u>
Debt Retirement		
School Bonds 1923.....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Eastbury School Notes.....	77,612.90	
High School Bonds 1952.....		80,000.00
	<u>\$ 82,612.90</u>	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
Interest on Indebtedness		
School Bonds 1923.....	\$ 1,462.50	\$ 1,237.50
Eastbury School Notes.....	917.68	
New High School Temporary Loans.....	346.10	
High School Bonds 1952.....		25,040.00
Temporary Borrowings.....	1,525.72	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 4,252.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,277.50</u>
Payments to Civil Bodies		
County Tax.....	\$ 10,124.94	\$ 11,000.00
Probate Court Tax.....	338.10	400.00
	<u>\$ 10,463.04</u>	<u>\$ 11,400.00</u>
Dog Licenses and Damages		
Damages, and Dog Warden Expense.....	\$ 1,010.09	\$ 1,000.00
License Receipts—to State.....	984.96	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,995.05</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Capital Expenditures		
Highway Equipment.....	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Old Town Hall Improvements.....	1,040.00	
Voting Machine.....	980.00	1,300.00
	<u>\$ 7,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,300.00</u>

	Actual Expendi- tures 1951-52	Budget Appro- priations 1952-53
Unclassified Expenditures		
Contingent Fund (1951-52 \$7,500).....		\$ 7,500.00
Tax Refunds.....	232.72	300.00
Defense Council.....	391.66	1,500.00
Jury Committee.....	35.00	65.00
Land Purchase—Naubuc School.....	4,720.00	.....
Small Claims Court.....		1,000.00
Legal Expense—Board of Education.....		900.00
Social Security—Town Employees.....		1,500.00
	\$ 5,379.38	\$ 12,765.00
Encumbered Appropriations		
Health Officer.....	\$ 858.75	\$.....
Aerial Maps.....	1,450.00	4,550.00
Fire Pumper.....	16,998.00	.....
Master Map—Town Plan Commission.....	500.00
House Street Bridge.....		9,000.00
	\$ 19,806.75	\$ 13,550.00
Totals.....	\$ 842,120.42	\$968,190.50

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