

# Town of Glastonbury



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Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

July 7, 2017

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

a. **Small Cell Wireless Antenna.**

Per the attached, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless advises of plans to place small cell wireless communication equipment on utility poles located at 1194 and 1199 Manchester Road. The June 22<sup>nd</sup> letter by Robinson & Cole outlines the process under PURA. Please let me know if there is any specific action you would request on the Town's behalf.

b. **Safest Cities.**

The SafeWise Report released in June announced its 30 safest cities to raise a child for 2017. I am pleased to advise Glastonbury is included among the top 30 safest communities. Of the 30 communities, 8 are located in Connecticut including Greenwich, Fairfield, Ridgefield, Southington, Westport, Simsbury, Cheshire and Glastonbury.

c. **Cost Savings.**

As you know, Town operating areas consistently look for opportunities to achieve efficiencies and cost savings. Several recent examples include LED retrofit lighting planned for the Riverfront Park to achieve \$2,500 in estimated annual savings and 2.7 year payback; purchase of a new paver for the Highway Division through a national purchasing consortium for a 10% reduction in purchase costs; and work with CT Prime for a cooperative EAP provider saving \$1,000 annually. There are countless ongoing examples of successful cost savings and cost avoidance initiatives.

d. **Public Comment Session.**

The following responds to public comment at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Logging Operation – A concern was expressed for tree clearing at the Cavanna parcel off Woodland Street. This is confirmed as tree clearing by the owner and not a logging operation. The Environmental Planner has visited the site to confirm and I spoke with the owner. The clearing is in support of farming operations.

Woolly Adelgid – As I understand a concern was expressed for Woolly Adelgid. According to the Agricultural Experiment Station, numbers have dwindled. Mostly due to low winter temperatures over the past 3 years and the activity of natural predatory beetles. I have attached background information in this regard.

Metal Detectors – Concern expressed for use on town property. Under review.

Sincerely,

  
Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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Attachments

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June 22, 2017

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TOWN MANAGER

Re: **Cellco Partnership - Utility Pole Attachment Project (Glastonbury SC7 CT)**  
**Pole Location: Public Right-of-Way, Manchester Road adjacent to 1194 Manchester Road, Glastonbury, CT / Municipal Notification and Consultation**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This firm represents Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco"). Cellco is in the process of upgrading its wireless network in Glastonbury and intends to install a small cell wireless antenna and associated equipment on a utility pole in the public right of way. This network upgrade project will allow Cellco to provide your community with enhanced wireless voice and data services. State law permits Cellco to implement these system upgrades upon approval of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") following the procedure outlined below.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-234, and Authority decisions, Cellco has provided notification of its intent to install a small cell wireless antenna and associated equipment on an existing utility pole, or, if indicated on the enclosed plans, a replacement for an existing utility pole to the owners of real property immediately adjoining the project pole location.<sup>1</sup> For your reference, a list of property owners to whom notice was sent and a copy of the notice materials sent to the immediate adjoining property owners (the "Immediate Adjoining Property Owners") are enclosed.

Cellco may not place an antenna or equipment on a utility pole in the public right of way without either the consent of Immediate Adjoining Property Owners, or, if their consent cannot be

<sup>1</sup> The Authority has defined "immediate adjoining property owners" as "property owners whose property is actually physically contiguous to the affected section of the PROW" and also requires that notice be provided to "those property owners that are across the street from the contiguous properties to the utility pole to which the small cell antenna will be attached." See Docket No. 17-02-49, *PURA Formalization of Small Cell Antenna Applicant Processes and Procedures to Construct Facilities in Connecticut's Public Rights-of-Way*, Decision at 4 (Jun. 2, 2017) ("Small Cell Processes Decision"). A copy of the Small Cell Processes Decision is available at the following link: [http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/042d1fd385e5872a85258133005ce100/\\$FILE/170249-060217.docx](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/042d1fd385e5872a85258133005ce100/$FILE/170249-060217.docx).

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obtained, without the Authority's approval. If the Immediate Adjoining Property Owners do not contact Cellco within thirty (30) days from the date of the notification, their consent to the placement of the antenna and associated equipment on the identified pole is presumed. The Immediate Adjoining Property Owners may contact Cellco or the Authority during this time to indicate that they withhold consent.

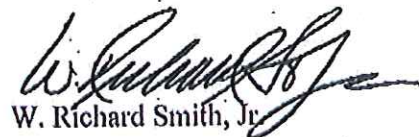
In its recent Small Cell Procedures Docket,<sup>2</sup> the Authority directed that applicants notify the chief elected official, or his or her designee, regarding these applications when notice is provided to the Immediate Adjoining Property Owners. The host municipality of the small cell project will be designated a participant in the application for Authority approval of the project.<sup>3</sup> If the application becomes a contested case based on an adjoining owner objection, then the host municipality will be designated an intervenor in the application proceeding. In those cases in which the municipality also owns property adjoining the project location, the municipality will be designated a party to the application proceeding upon expressing an objection to the installation.

The Authority also directed that wireless service providers request consultation with the host municipality of the project at least 30 days prior to filing the application for project approval.<sup>4</sup> This letter constitutes Cellco's request for consultation, and we would be pleased to meet, or otherwise confer with you or your designee to discuss the project and any questions. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you wish to meet or discuss this project.

Beginning thirty (30) days after the notice to the Immediate Adjoining Property Owners and the date of this letter, whichever occurs later, Cellco may file an Application for Approval of a Construction Plan for the above-referenced facility with the Authority. You will receive a copy of the application filing for this installation when it is submitted to the Authority.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this project.

Sincerely,



W. Richard Smith, Jr.

Enclosures

Copy to: Khara Dodds, Director of Planning and Land Use Services (w/ enclosures)

<sup>2</sup> See Small Cell Processes Decision at 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 5, 12.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 12.

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**Pole Location: Public Right-of-Way, Manchester Road adjacent to 1194 Manchester Road, Glastonbury, CT**  
**Municipal Notification and Consultation**  
**List of Immediate Adjoining Property Owners<sup>1</sup>**

Location of Property in Glastonbury, CT (Address)	Property Owner(s)*	Property Owner Mailing Address			
		Street	City	State	Zip
1194 Manchester Road	Franklin J. Davis and Sandra S. Davis	1194 Manchester Road	Glastonbury	CT	06033
1199 Manchester Road	Manchester/Hebron Ave LLC c/o Richard P. Hayes, Jr.	1471 Pleasant Valley Road	Manchester	CT	06042

\*If the property is owned by the municipality, the property owner notification is mailed to the municipality's chief elected official.

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Immediate Adjoining  
Property Owners

Proposed Small Cell Facility  
Glastonbury SC7 CT (Pole #3485)  
Manchester Road adjacent to 1194 Manchester Road  
Glastonbury, CT

- Pole of Interest
- ▭ Parcels Within Approx. 140' of Pole
- ▭ Approx. Parcel Boundary



Aerial Imagery Source: State of CT (2016) Map produced June 2017. Parcel boundaries collected or developed by New England Geosystems

## Save Your Hemlock Trees – NOW!

### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is an invasive pest native to Asia which poses a serious threat to the geographic range of Eastern and Carolina Hemlock trees. This habitat has no native predator to HWA and hemlocks are one of the most critical species in our ecosystem.

The most obvious sign of HWA infestation is the presence of white cottony egg sacs on the underside of hemlock needles. These sacs are formed in late fall and begin washing away by summer. In almost all cases of hemlock decline, HWA is the primary cause.

### Nature has the CURE for HWA

The cure for HWA is in the food chain. HWA leads to death of hemlocks when there is no native predator to keep it in check. North America's eastern forests simply have nothing that "eats" it. In the natural world pests and hosts are able to coexist through balance but when that balance is disrupted, chaos follows.

To rectify this problem, Tree Savers offers a unique product to its customers through the rearing and distribution of *Sasajiscymnus tsugae* (St) Beetles.

Since 2001, St Beetles have been the most common biological control agent used to combat HWA. Having undergone rigorous testing and documentation, they have proven to be the most environmentally friendly and economic way to control HWA long-term or in any forest setting.



Tree Savers: [www.tree-savers.com](http://www.tree-savers.com)  
P.O. Box 68 Greentown, PA 18426  
570-871-0088



*The value of your property and the diversity of our ecosystems are threatened by the alien insect: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA).*

#### Consider the following:

- You only have 3-5 years from initial infestation to functional *death* of a tree.
- Eastern and Carolina hemlocks have no natural resistance to HWA.
- Shenandoah National Park lost 75% of its hemlocks & the state of New Jersey lost over half its hemlock forest in just 11 years!
- In the Mid-Atlantic States, trout *require* cool water provided by hemlock forests to reproduce.
- Eastern hemlocks have a unique sprawling root system that ties streambeds together and reduces erosion and flooding.
- Over 60 species of mammals and 90 species of birds utilize hemlock forests in some critical part of their life cycle.

Tree Savers offers a variety of services to combat HWA. (Fertilizer to stimulate growth, beetles to naturally reduce populations and/or application of pesticides to destroy dangerous levels of HWA)

# About *Sasajiscymnus tsugae* (St) Beetles...

## Natural Predators

- St Beetles specialize on HWA and require this singular food source to grow and develop.
- The life cycle of the St Beetles is synchronized with HWA and produces 2-3 generations per year.
- Both adults and larvae are highly mobile and feed on all life stages of HWA.
- Each St adult and larvae can consume up to 500 HWA eggs per week and 100 HWA nymphs.

## Forest Establishment

- St Beetles have a high searching efficiency and dispersal ability. They have been found up to 5 miles from their original release site.
- St Beetles have successfully established, over-wintered, and reproduced on their own after release.
- In the wild they live over a year and produce up to 300 healthy offspring.
- St Beetles remain on trees all year long and continually consume HWA.
- St Beetles have been established from the coasts of Maine all the way to northern Georgia and at various elevations. This demonstrates excellent adaptation skills regarding climate.

## Relative Effectiveness

- In their native Japan, St Beetles consume 86-99% of HWA found in the wild.
- Studies have shown that releasing St Beetles reduced Adelgid densities by 47-87% in just 5 months.
- St Beetles significantly decreased the amount of nymphs per centimeters of new growth on hemlocks in release sites.
- Field monitoring indicates the beetles reduced the amount of visible wool on all branches despite small release numbers.

Tree Savers has developed a state of the art biological control laboratory where we produce St Beetles for both public and private use. For pricing and additional information please visit our website [www.tree-savers.com](http://www.tree-savers.com) or contact us at 570-871-0088.



St Beetles feeding

Photo credit: Great Smoky Mountains National Park Resource Management Archive, <http://www.forestryimages.org/>

**"RESTORATION IS MORE THAN TREATMENT; IT'S HEALING."**



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