

Town of Glastonbury



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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

July 28, 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. **The Tannery.**

The conditions of approval for The Tannery (Flanagan's Landing) enacted in August 2013, include the following:

Condition #6 - A crosswalk shall be striped along New London Turnpike across the entrance of the shopping center.

This condition was intended to "extend" the sidewalk across the access drive. When enacted, it was not fully recognized that a sidewalk currently crosses the referenced driveway. Accordingly, the Town would typically not add striping to an existing sidewalk. The recommendation is to waive this requirement as a minor amendment by the Town Manager.

Condition #9 – The project amenities including the walking trails shall be completed prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy being delivered on the final apartment building.

Private amenities specifically related to the residential apartments include walking trails, fitness room, outdoor pool, clubhouse and pet wash. Other site improvements to be open to the public include the restaurant and professional office space. Condition #9 is interpreted to include private amenities for the residential component (trails, pool, fitness facility, clubhouse and pet wash) and not the public non-residential amenities. Accordingly, the restaurant and professional office space would not need to be in operation to satisfy Condition #9.

I wanted to advise Council of the preceding so that any questions/concerns could be reviewed.

b. **CIRMA – Member's Equity Distribution.**

Glastonbury received a \$95,215 share of a recent \$5 million member's equity distribution by CIRMA for 2017. These funds are deposited to the Town's Self-Insurance Fund and represent CIRMA's continuing commitment to its member cities and towns.

c. **Poet Laureate – Annual Report.**

Attached is the annual report by Sandy Sergio summarizing her activities as Poet Laureate for the past year. As noted, another busy year.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachment

Location of Condition #6 Crosswalk

New London Turnpike Crosswalk



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TOWN MANAGER

July 25, 2017

Richard Johnson, Manager
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Dear Richard,

June 30 marked completion of year two of my three-year term as Glastonbury's Poet Laureate and reinforced the previous year's delightful revelation that poetry does indeed possess the power to be a resource for community building. The 2016-17 year saw continuation of well-attended public programs featuring local musicians and poets; another round of monthly *Glastonbury Citizen* columns featuring the work of poets with Glastonbury connections; and Glastonbury's ongoing representation in statewide activities of the Connecticut Coalition of Poets Laureate. New alliances were formed with local organizations around collaboration on poetry events, and outreach was made to poetry writers (There are quite a few of them in town!) through "Office Hours" held at Panera's, individual consultations and a workshop on publishing. In the final year of my term, I hope to build on these initiatives, find additional ways to facilitate community connections through poetry, and leave a strong foundation for further development of the position's traditions by whoever is appointed Glastonbury's Second Poet Laureate on July 1 of 2018. On that subject, the Town Council will want to reconvene the Poet Laureate Selection Committee in early spring. In addition, I offer a suggestion to make the work of the Town Poet run a bit more smoothly: a small budget—something like \$100-\$150 annually would cover it—should be attached to the Poet Laureate position. Expenditures have been called for, mostly for refreshments and the accompanying paper goods, but also for postage and, this year, CT Poet Laureate Anthologies for presentation to the public and GHS libraries. The amount is relatively insignificant, but should not constitute an expense for the person holding the position.

Enclosed is a detailed report for the Town Council on Poet Laureate Activities for the 2106-17 year. I welcome any feedback, suggestions or comments you or Council members may have.

Sincerely,

Sandy Sergio