

### Town of Glastonbury

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FAX (860) 652-7505 ITEM #7 02-27-2018 Meeting

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

February 23, 2018

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. Budget Schedule

Upcoming budget reviews as follows:

- Education Budget Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers [6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. start].
- Final Budget Hearing Wednesday, March 21st 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Action on Budget [as applicable] Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 27th.

#### b. Farmer's Market - Riverfront Park

Representatives of the Glastonbury Farmer's Market spoke at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Public Comment Session to propose relocating the Market from Hubbard Green/Main Street to the Riverfront Park. Town staff have discouraged such use southerly of the line shown on the attached page.

#### c. Capital Program

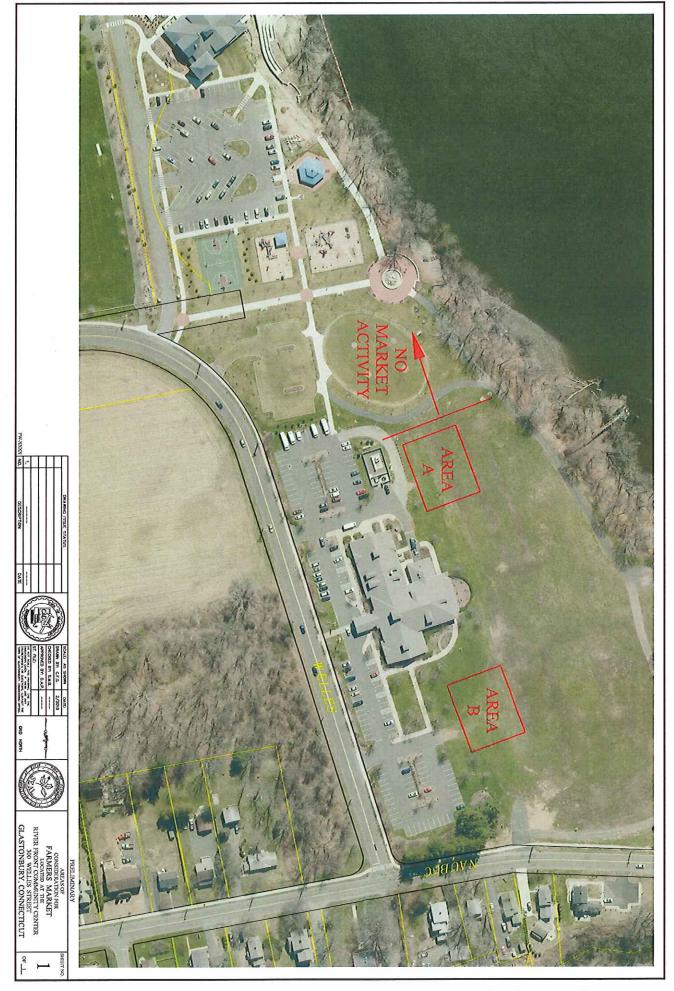
Over the past year, the Council held a workshop to review the Capital Program over a multi-year planning horizon. This was supplemented by a ten-year budget pro forma. Both sessions were well received and I would welcome the opportunity to update this information over coming weeks. A Special Meeting-Workshop format is suggested.

Sincerely

Richard J. Johnson

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Judy Harper, Chairman
Glastonbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
and Conservation Commission
1334 Neipsic Road
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033
860-633-4821

Tom Gullotta, Chairman Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Post Office Box 6523 Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

February 15, 2018

Dear Tom:

The Eight Mile River Watershed Council and the Connecticut Land Conservation Council have asked us to endorse a bill they are proposing to the State Legislature, which will allow towns to choose to charge a real estate conveyance fee that the town can then use for open space acquisition. The bill would not require towns to do so, but authorizes each town the option to add this means of support for open space acquisition.

I don't feel this is a Conservation Commission decision for the town, but I do support its intent.

Since I only learned of this yesterday, am going away for two weeks, and there is no additional Conservation meeting in February, I'm passing the request on to you. Enclosed are the draft bill, a Frequently Asked Questions sheet and articles and letters of support from others who use this method.

When I return, I will follow-up. Meanwhile, Tom Mocko is also aware of this and can answer any inquiries. As a favor to me, he will be the one forwarding this letter to you.

Thank you,

Judy Harper

**Enclosures** 

CC:

Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager



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Re:

Board of Finance Transmittal of 2019 Budget

Dear Council Members:

Attached to this letter is our recommendation budget for 2018-2019. The Board of Finance budget includes an increased allocation to Debt and Transfers for Capital Improvement. Given the infrastructure needs, we suggest the Town Council consider going to Referendum and Bonding to finance some of these projects. In addition, there is included a copy of a letter the Board of Finance sent to the Board of Education requesting certain information. In addition to the letter, both Members Cusson and Zeller requested information from the Board of Education at our meetings. The Board of Education did not provide us any of the information. Under Charter Section 604 provides "...the Board of Education shall submit to the Board of Finance its estimates of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. Such estimates shall be in a form prescribed by the State Board of Education, plus such amplification as may be required by the Board of Finance." In addition, we included in the budget the amount of money our Town Manager believes we will receive from the state based on the Gorvernor's recommendation. This amount is just shy of \$6 Million. Our approval includes this amount. However, it is also our recommendation that if said amount is not received at any time, even after the budget is approved by you, then said amount should be deducted from the Town's and Board's budget proportionately.

Sincerely,

Board of Finance

Attachment