



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
03-13-2018 Meeting

March 9, 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. **School Air-Conditioning**

The competitive bidding process is complete for electrical work to support air-conditioning at elementary schools planned for coming months. Competitive bids for furnish and install of equipment will be received in early April. I will advise when combined costs are in place.

b. **Crosswalk Markings**

State DOT is sponsoring a project to repaint crosswalks along local roads and provide improved signage and pavement markings. This will involve 12± locations in Town including Welles Street, Main Street, Hubbard Street, Neipsic Road, New London Turnpike, Griswold Street, and Old Maids Lane. The project is supported by Town staff and enhances efforts to improve walkability throughout the community. There is an opportunity for a public information hearing, however, since this is a relatively straightforward project, we will decline the hearing option unless advised otherwise.

c. **Tobacco 21**

At the February 27th meeting, GERALYN LAUT distributed the attached information concerning the Tobacco 21 project and requested Council support. I have attached for your action as applicable.

d. **Residential Wells – Uranium**

This involves high levels of uranium detected in residential wells along Cedar Ridge Drive. The effected properties were generally in 2005-2015. Uranium levels exceeded the EPA standard of 30 micrograms per liter with results ranging from 74 to 2,215 ug/l. Health Director, Wendy Mis, and I have met and talked with the residents. Manchester Water service can be extended to Cedar Ridge Drive. I expect property owners to contact the Town to determine what assistance might be required in this regard. I have attached background information prepared by Wendy Mis and can discuss this matter in greater detail. In the meantime, I wanted to advise of this topic. The Health Director and I continue to review this topic and particularly a public education process.

e. **The Tannery**

A dog park is proposed for The Tannery as outlined on the attached page. This is requested by residents of this new housing opportunity. I expect to approve as a minor amendment but wanted to make Council aware.

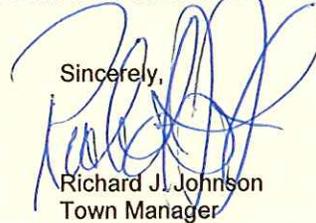
f. **Materials Innovations and Recycling Authority [formerly CRRA]**

MIRA has advised of a plan distribution of surplus funds remaining from the Mid Connecticut Project. Glastonbury share of this initial distribution totals \$83,600.

g. Follow Ups

Research is underway on options to "smooth" rough edges along granite curbing at the new roundabout. Staff is working with the Farmer's Market to review possible locations at the Riverfront Park. DEEP asked to provide confirmation concerning future permitting of the Riverfront Dock to be dismantled. Access to Boathouse roof under continued review.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments

2/22/18

Thomas Gullata, Chairperson
Jill Barry, Vice Chairperson
Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Dear Mr. Gullata, Ms. Barry and other Members of the Town Council:

I'm writing to request that the Glastonbury Town Council publicly support a statewide campaign known as Tobacco 21, an initiative to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21, within the State of Connecticut. Some of you may remember that I came before the Town Council in 1999 representing GLAD, the Glastonbury Alcohol and Drug Council, now known as the Glastonbury Community Action Council. Following the tragic death of two teens at an underage drinking party in Glastonbury, the Town Council heeded our proposal to pass a local ordinance to prohibit the possession of alcohol by minors on private property and to also hold the social host responsible if alcohol was consumed by minors regardless of its source. As a municipality we were the second to pass such an ordinance with numerous other towns and cities following in our footsteps, which resulted in passage of the same law at the state legislature in 2005. The moral of the story... state officials have been known to follow in the footsteps of local officials.

I'm sure everyone of you have been touched in some way by the many serious and often fatal consequences resulting from a lifetime of tobacco use. Whether it impacted a friend, neighbor or family member or perhaps you yourself regrettably picked up a first cigarette as an adolescent or young adult and wished that never happened. As a tobacco cessation counselor I have witnessed the power of this addiction and its devastating effects far too often. As a Prevention Professional I am advocating in behalf of Tobacco 21, in hope that youth do not succumb to the pressures and influence of the tobacco industry; reducing youth access is an important step in that direction.

Five states have already passed laws to raise the age to purchase tobacco, and we as citizens here in CT have the opportunity to advocate for the same. Senate Bill 164 was recently introduced by the Public Health Committee and will hopefully be

scheduled for a public hearing in the coming months. By agreeing to be a partner organization with the completion of the attached form you will be helping to protect Glastonbury youth and others across our state from a lifelong addiction to nicotine, a long list of related health consequences and a likely premature death. Not to mention a potential savings of \$3,600 a year. Imagine the lifetime expense!

"Tobacco" by definition will include the multitude of electronic devices which are probably more prevalent at our high school than cigarettes at this time. Research has demonstrated that the use of E-cigs and Vaping devices are likely to lead to cigarette and or dual use. Young developing brains should not be exposed to nicotine regardless of the source and the long term health consequences of these products is yet to be determined. Vaping devices are being used for the ingestion of other illegal substances / drugs by youth; a powerful and potent reason to prohibit access by those under the age of 21.

For more info please visit Tobacco21ct.com. I encourage each of you as individuals to pledge your support on-line. In addition I hope that you can agree as a Town Council to make your concerns and recommendations known in the chambers of our State Legislature by signing the pledge. Your pledge form will be shared with the statewide MATCH Coalition (Mobilize Against Tobacco for Connecticut's Health) to support their advocacy efforts.

I plan to attend your meeting on February 27th and hope to be able to address any of your questions or concerns regarding this issue. Thank you in advance for your consideration, time and support.

Sincerely,



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860-416-5839



Please fill out this form if you would like to add your organization to the Tobacco 21 sign-on letter

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Individual Completing This Form: _____

Your Title: _____

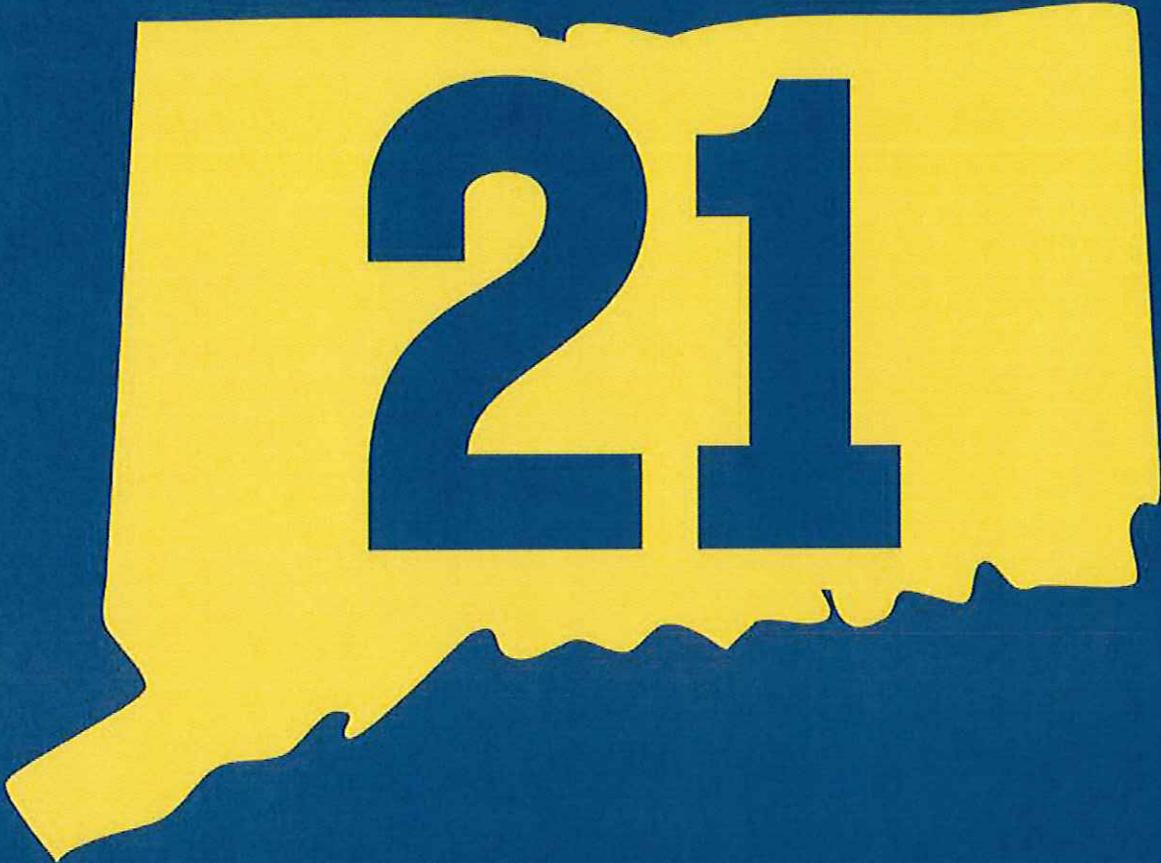
Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

By adding our organization to this sign-on letter, I understand and agree to the following:

- This sign-on letter may be shared with key community leaders
- This sign-on letter may be shared with the media to demonstrate local and statewide support for this issue
- This sign-on letter may be shared or posted on social media, the Tobacco 21 website, or other forms of Tobacco 21 media
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Tobacco21CT.com



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Health Department

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TOWN MANAGER

Memo

March 9, 2018

To: Richard J. Johnson
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Fr: Wendy Mis
Director of Health

Re: Water tests on properties of concern

When a property with a history of agricultural use is proposed for development with private water wells, the Health Department requires organochlorine and/or arsenical pesticide tests as part of the well water potability testing requirements for Certificate of Occupancy. This pesticide testing requirement is included in the Department's written plan approval that is provided for Town Plan and Zone, and Conservation Commission review. There may have been a period of time in the Department that a test well was required to be drilled and tested for pesticide contamination before start of construction, but that requirement is no longer in place. A well, properly sited as part of the overall development layout, can be tested and treated at any point, and treatment components can be installed while construction machinery is on site during lot buildout. No final Health Department approval is issued for consideration of a Certificate of Occupancy if the pesticide testing requirements are not completed.

Properties proposed for development with private wells have also been required to test for Volatile Organic Compounds if the property has a history of oil or gas on site, using the same process described above. VOC testing is included with the potability testing required prior to Certificate of Occupancy. An example of this is High Meadow Subdivision, the Toll Brothers subdivision in the old McLean gravel operation off Hebron Avenue, a property with a history of heavy machinery on site, and equipment fueling capability on the property.



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Re: Uranium in well water Cedar Ridge Drive

The Health Department was contacted by a property owner regarding uranium in several private wells on Cedar Ridge Drive in September 2017. Property owners subsequently submitted test results to this Department showing uranium in levels greater than the EPA standard of 30 micrograms per liter (ug/l), with test results ranging from 74 to 2,215 ug/l. Studies show that drinking water with elevated levels of uranium can affect kidneys over time. Bathing and showering with water with uranium levels over 900 ug/l may be a health concern.

Uranium (a radionuclide) is a naturally occurring element, and uranium in groundwater in Glastonbury and throughout New England has a strong association to the type of bedrock. Radon is a type of gas that forms from the breakdown of uranium.

Through conversations with Patrick Kearney, Administrator of Manchester Water and Sewer, multiple CT Department of Public Health staff, and several property owners on Cedar Ridge Drive, corrective options have been discussed.

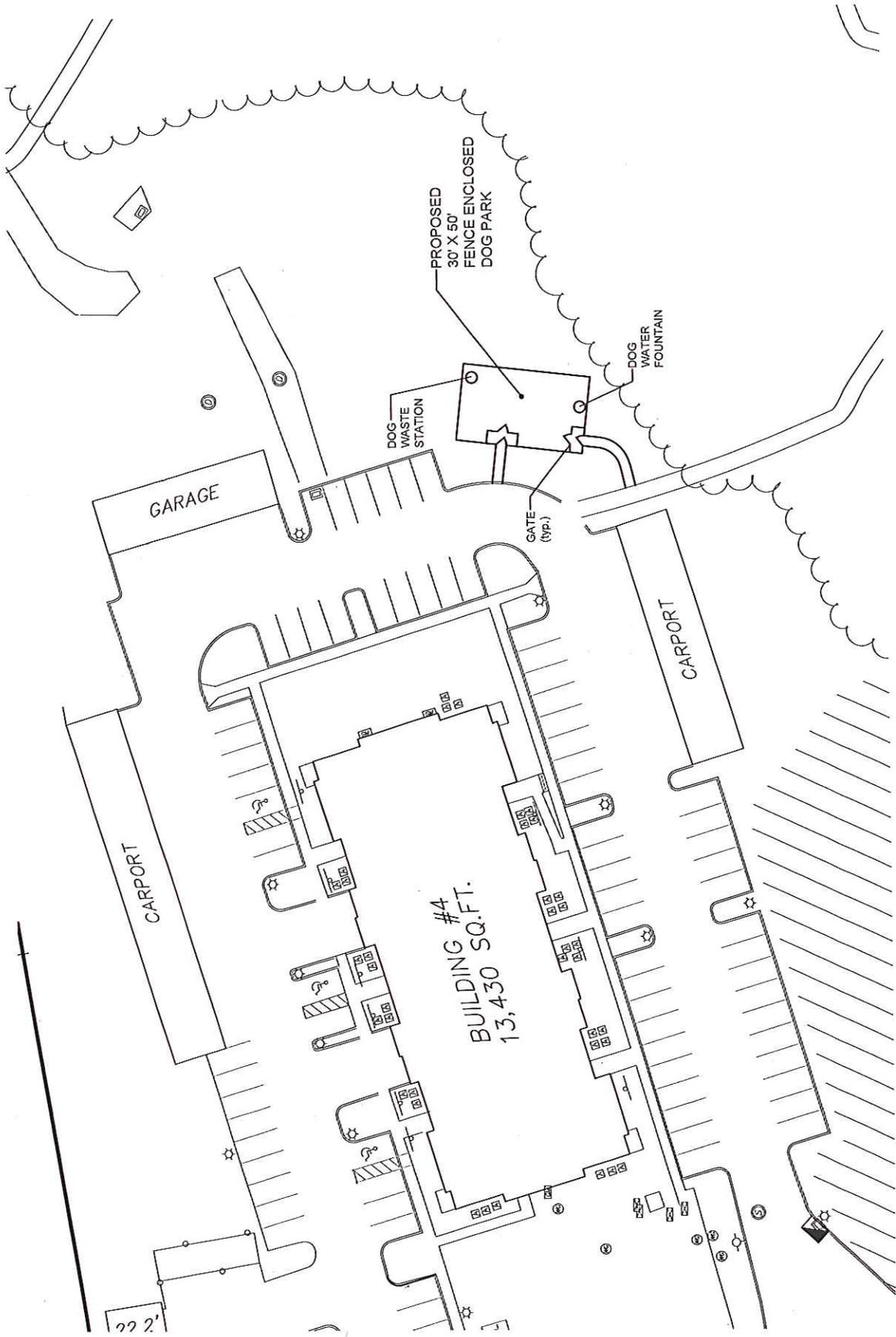
Options include treatment of the well water, with (1) treatment of water in tanks (typically located in the basement) with periodic exchange of the tanks through a treatment company, or (2) discharge of the treatment waste on site in a subsurface unit, or extension of the public water line to service the homes at the end of the cul-de-sac. Water treatment companies have expressed some reservation about the potential level of uranium waste in the discharge, and exposure to their employees. Homeowners have expressed concern about the concentrated discharge of the uranium waste in their yard.

Public water exists in the street, but was not continued to the end of the cul-de-sac at the time of development. At the time of subdivision development, Manchester Water did not have the

infrastructure in place to provide the pressure to get water to the houses, given the significant rise in elevation from the road to the house sites. Manchester Water has since upgraded their system so that they could provide service to the properties where homeowners have expressed interest in having the water line extended.

Grant funding for extension of the water line exists through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund at the state level, with Glastonbury being the required applicant, since the improvement is proposed for Glastonbury.

While radon is now a commonly understood naturally occurring contaminant in water, the science for uranium as a water contaminant is relatively new. Research to understand the location and levels of uranium in ground water, as well as potential health effects, is ongoing and will take years. Within the past year or two, the Health Department has received a small number of water test results from housing transactions in town showing that uranium was tested. There is no requirement at the state level to test for uranium as part of the required standard potability profile. While the houses on Cedar Ridge Drive have some very high levels, there are not enough tested properties town wide to be able to determine if there is a general uranium concern in Glastonbury.



PROPOSED
30' X 50'
FENCE ENCLOSED
DOG PARK

DOG
WATER
FOUNTAIN

DOG
WASTE
STATION

GATE
(typ.)

GARAGE

CARPORT

CARPORT

BUILDING #4
13,430 SQ.FT.

22' 2"