

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

1. Roll Call

Council Members

Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman
Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman
Dr. Stewart Beckett III
Ms. Deborah A. Carroll
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh
Ms. Mary LaChance
Mr. Jacob McChesney
Mr. George P. Norman
Mr. Whit C. Osgood {*excused*}

(a) **Pledge of Allegiance.** *Led by Chairman Gullotta*

2. **Public Comment.** *None*

3. **Special Reports.** *None*

4. **Old Business.**

Mr. McChesney recused himself from the following given that he was involved as a member of TPZ.

(a) **Action on proposed amendment to Building Zone Regulations – Excavation and Filling or Removal of Earth Products, Section 6.2.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019. Mr. Norman asked if it was a substantive change and Mr. Johnson said that it would be up to TPZ. Dr. Beckett said that he still felt 50' was excessive but because the regulation needs updating, he would support it.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves amendments to Section 6.2 of the Building Zone Regulations entitled "Excavation and Filling Or Removal Of Earth Products" as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and with further amendments to Sections 6.2.7.3 and 6.2.7.2 with such amendments effective February 18, 2019, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 18, 2019.

Disc: Mr. Niland questioned if they should mention 50' but Mr. Johnson said that it was included. Chairman Gullotta said that those that are engaged in a gravel operation will be able to continue but this regulation will provide assurance of a setback for neighbors.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

Mr. McChesney returned and was recognized for the remainder of the meeting.

5. New Business.

Dr. Beckett recused himself from the following given he owns 350' of property on this stretch of road and takes care of another 200-250' as well.

(a) Presentation and discussion concerning new sidewalk construction along Main Street – Mallard Drive to Stockade Road.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019. Mr. Dan Pennington, Town Engineer, explained the project and reviewed the plans. He said that some have asked why the path can't be right next to the road but it would present a danger to those on the path. He said that the other side of the road has better grades but many utility poles and there isn't a pedestrian phase to the Buttonball crossing. Mr. Cavanaugh said that the west side makes the most sense given the existing sidewalk connections. He asked if the grant includes the size of the pathway. Mr. Pennington said that the grant anticipates a 4' sidewalk, they would have to confirm a wider path is okay if it were approved. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if there would be any impact to the old Main Street. Mr. Pennington said that the retaining wall is in the right of way. Mr. Cavanaugh said they should stick with the 4' sidewalk with this area.

Ms. Carroll asked who would be responsible for clearing the snow to which Mr. Pennington replied saying the property owner. Ms. Carroll said she agreed with the 4' sidewalk. Mr. Norman asked if it would connect on each end with a 4' sidewalk to which Mr. Pennington

replied saying yes. Vice Chairman Niland said that it fits in with the Plan of Conservation and Development and Complete Streets but was also concerned about the increase in costs and the burden to property owners. Chairman Gullotta questioned the potential for a wider path in the more dangerous spots along the stretch saying he sees more cyclists. Mr. Pennington said that they could and would have ramps on and off. Ms. Carroll asked about the cost of maintenance for each. Mr. Pennington said that they each have their pros and cons. Mr. McChesney asked about the grant. Mr. Pennington said that the grant is based on connectivity so it may not be a problem but he wasn't sure. Mr. McChesney said that if they are considering an 8-10' path, he would prefer a public hearing. Mr. Johnson said that he would bring it back to the Council.

Dr. Beckett returned and was recognized for the remainder of the meeting.

(b) Action on 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Projects – preliminary priorities for July 2019 funding (refer to Board of Finance).

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program to the Board of Finance for a funding report and recommendation, including the following preliminary project recommendations for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Disc: Mr. Norman said that he was a proponent of a referendum for the school projects.

Amendment By: Mr. Norman

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby amends the motion on the floor changing the proposed allocation for the fieldhouse to \$1.5M for a new building and restroom to address the ADA and Title IX issues.

Disc: Mr. Norman said that this leaves the renovation project open. He suggested it be sent to Board of Education for review but it represents what they can afford without a referendum. Vice Chairman Niland shared the concerns but wanted the Board of Finance to look at the entire project. Mr. Cavanaugh said that he doesn't remember having a CIP project when they don't know what the project is. Mr. Johnson said that he was hopeful for some value engineering. Mr. Cavanaugh asked when they would get the numbers. Mr. Johnson said that the renovation option has not been reviewed by the cost estimator. Mr. Cavanaugh said that he would support but if it fails, to convey to the Board of Finance of their concerns.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby tables the CIP discussion until after the public hearing.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING – 8:00 P.M.

**NO 1 PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING – RESURFACING OF ROUTE 17 –
INSTALLATION OF CENTER LINE RUMBLE STRIPS**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019. Mr. Ken Lussier, of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, explained the project and reviewed the plans for center line rumble strips on Route 17. Chairman Gullotta called for public comment but no one spoke. Police Chief Porter said that it is hard to argue with the statistics demonstrating a reduced accident rate, the center line rumble strips aren't as noisy as the outer edge strips and it's still better than a crash. Mr. McChesney asked how much of the stretch was 100' or less from homes to which Mr. Lussier replied the majority. Vice Chairman Niland asked if there had been complaints about the noise. Mr. Lussier said that of all their installations, they have had one complaint about them since 2014, and many requests for new installations. Chairman Gullotta said that Route 17 is an old road and many houses are right on the road asking if the town would work with the DOT on those stretches considering not installing them. Mr. Cavanaugh disagreed saying he if he had to do Hebron Avenue again, he would do the whole stretch. Dr. Beckett said they now have the experience of Hebron Avenue with zero issues and the research is compelling. Ms. Carroll said that they make a huge difference in bad weather.

Ms. Kathryn Cross of 17 Linden Street, said that as a mother, rumble strips save lives and they are even more important with the distracted driving. She said noise is minimal in comparison.

Vice Chairman Niland asked if there had been any complaints in town to which Chief Porter indicated no.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby supports installation of center line rumble strips as part of the Route 17 repaving project planned by State DOT for construction in summer 2019, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 18, 2019.

Disc: Mr. McChesney noted that distracted driving probably won't decrease. Vice Chairman Niland said that he may have opposed these in the past but now welcome them and spoke to a crash in front of his home. Chairman Gullotta was sorry the neighbors on Route 17 didn't come out and while he had some reservations, he said he would support it.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

(b) Action on 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Projects – preliminary priorities for July 2019 funding (refer to Board of Finance). *Continued*

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby removes from the table the action on 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Projects.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

Amendment Discussion: Ms. LaChance said she was concerned about the cost but was not comfortable changing the project allocation now without understanding that it would address the compliance issues. Ms. Carroll echoed Ms. LaChance's comments saying she would rather have the Board of Finance review the whole project right now. Dr. Beckett said he would support the amendment to send some guidance to the Board of Finance but also thought they should look at it all. Mr. McChesney also expressed concern about the cost but felt they should send the whole picture to the Board of Finance as they know it now. Chairman Gullotta said if it fails, he was sure Mr. Johnson would alert the Board of Finance to this discussion.

Result: Amendment fails by the following vote {3-5-0} with Dr. Beckett, Mr. Cavanaugh and Mr. Norman in favor

Original Motion Discussion: Mr. Cavanaugh asked Chief Porter to get back to the Council about the description about the fire and police boats and how they differ in function. He said he supports the boat but wants to address the concerns that were raised including the potential for regionalization. He also asked for a better understanding of why the tree management is not in the operating budget for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Johnson said that this is an extraordinary cost similar to the way they view property revaluation. Vice Chairman Niland said that he does have concerns about the increase in CIP of \$800K but wanted to get the feedback from the Board of Finance. Mr. McChesney said that he didn't disagree about the boat but wanted to understand the need for two boats as well as potential opportunities for regionalization. He also questioned if they couldn't defer a sidewalk project given the amount allocated. Mr. Norman expressed support sending the CIP to the Board of Finance. Regarding the sidewalks Dr. Beckett said they had saved up during previous years so they could accomplish the projects.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

(c) Action on Agreement between Glastonbury and Marlborough for use of Glastonbury Animal Control Shelter.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes the Agreement between Glastonbury and Marlborough for use of the Glastonbury Animal Control Shelter by the Town of Marlborough, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 18, 2019.

Disc: Mr. Cavanaugh asked what would happen if their animal shelter was full. Chief Porter said that it would be on Marlborough to solve that issue but felt the likelihood was very low.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

(d) Action on Capital Improvement Criteria FY2019-2020.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019. There was no comment from, or action taken by, the Town Council.

6. Consent Calendar.

(a) Action on residential lease renewal of Town-owned property at 1098 New London Turnpike (lease expired December 31, 2018).

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a one (1) year extension in the lease for Town-owned residential property at 1098 New London Turnpike, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 18, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated January 18, 2019. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if Mr. Johnson could find out if there are any privately owned aquatic facilities that run as a business. Chairman Gullotta asked if the public could attend the Policy and Ordinance Committee discussion of single use plastic bags to which Mr. Johnson said yes, it is Tuesday morning at 8am.

8. Committee Reports.

(a) Chairman's Report.

Chairman Gullotta said that he really enjoyed listening into the CIP meeting.

(b) MDC.

No Report

(c) CRCOG.

No Report

(d) Building Zone Regulations Subcommittee (Height Restrictions) – report and recommendation.

Vice Chairman Niland thanked the Town Planner, Khara Dodds, for her help and said that their recommendation reflects a consistent floor height.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers proposed changes to the Building Zone Regulations – Building Heights and Stories as recommended by the Building Zone Regulations (Building Heights/Stories) Subcommittee in a report dated January 18, 2019 to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

9. Communications.

None

10. Minutes.

(a) Minutes of January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves as submitted, the minutes of the meeting held January 8, 2019.

Result: Motion carries by the following vote {7-0-1} *Mr. Norman abstained as he was excused*

11. Appointments and Resignations.

(a) Resignation of James Honiss from the Welles-Turner Library Board (R-2019).

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of James Honiss from the Welles-Turner Library Board (R-2019).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

12. Executive Session.

None held

- (a) **Draft terms and conditions for potential sale of Town-owned land – Western Boulevard.**

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of January 22, 2019, at 8:55 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller
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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman