

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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

1. Roll Call.

(a) Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Ms. Carroll

2. Public Comment.

Ms. Laura Levine of 12 Tanglewood Road expressed support of the plastic ban ordinance. She spoke to the 10 to 1000 years it takes for a plastic bag to decompose and the benefits gained by cities and towns who have already taken action. She said that based on her experience in Stop and Shop, she does not believe many will change their ways on their own.

Ms. Patricia Taylor, Director of Environmental Human Health, Inc., expressed support of the plastic ban ordinance. She spoke to the health issues from plastic micro particles and of the towns and cities that have already taken action.

Ms. Denise Weeks of 233 Hollister Way West, expressed support of the plastic ban ordinance. She said she was the liaison for livable communities and invited all about the upcoming event at the Riverfront Community Center.

Ms. Candice Maningas of 202 Indian Hill Trail, expressed support of the plastic ban ordinance saying that there is no question about the health issues related to plastics and all levels of government need to take action. She urged the Council to send it to public hearing and encouraged the fee on paper bags.

Ms. Tricia Matson of 61 Colton Road, expressed support of the plastic bag ordinance.

Janet Bryant of 248 Hollister Way West, expressed support of the plastic bag ordinance.

Ms. Audrey Beatty of 2025 New London Turnpike, expressed support of the plastic bag ordinance and felt that this was the least the town could do.

Mr. Luther Weeks of 233 Hollister Way West, expressed support of the plastic bag ordinance saying some grocery stores are doing it on their own. He said they should take action for the whole region to keep plastic out of their water.

Ms. Lexie Thompson of 252 Bluff Point Road, said that she is a high school student and they need to take action now for her future.

Ms. Laura Smith of 1459 Neipsic Road, said that she took environmental science this year and banning plastic bags is one small step to help the environment and reduce health risks.

Mr. Johnson said that the town was recognized as a bike friendly community and every four years, they must reapply. He said they were recently reaffirmed. Vice Chairman Niland read the resolution noting May as Bicycle month and the many benefits of cycling.

3. Special Reports.

None

Without objection, the next item was moved up due to audience interest.

8. Committee Reports.

(d) Policy and Ordinance Review Subcommittee.

1) Proposed Ordinance – Retail Checkout Bags. Proposed action, set public hearing.

Ms. Carroll said that they would like to send it to public hearing and solidify the timing of the proposed rollout after. She reviewed the options for the ordinance. Mr. Norman said he thought they were going to decide which option at this meeting before the public hearing. He said that

this would exclude the “pick-your-own” bags and called the effort collaborative. He asked about the state status. Mr. Johnson said that there are proposals and they are monitoring it.

Motion By: Dr. Beckett

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council await the end of the legislative session to hold their public hearing in case there is progress on this issue at the state level, thus, June 11, 2019.

Disc: Chairman Gullotta said he wouldn't support it. Ms. LaChance expressed no concern with waiting a couple of weeks. Vice Chairman Niland said that they could hold the public hearing but not take action until later, if desired, but he favored having the public hearing earlier. Mr. McChesney said it made sense to wait. Mr. Norman didn't feel strongly but did favor waiting.

Result: Motion carries {6-3-0} with Chairman Gullotta, Vice Chairman Niland and Ms. Carroll opposing.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 2155 Main Street to consider proposed new Town Code Chapter 13, Article V entitled “Ordinance Regarding Retail Checkout Bags” to include several options for the effective date of the proposed Ordinance per Section 13-66 – Effective Date as proposed by the Council Policy & Ordinance Review Subcommittee.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

4. Old Business.

(a) Action on proposed Minor Amendment to Final Development Plan – enclosure for emergency standby generator – Glastonbury Glen PAD.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the council on the subject dated May 10, 2019, noting that the developer is looking for some relief. Dr. Beckett said that he felt the enclosure should be 4-sided and 6' high and Chairman Gullotta concurred.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a Minor Amendment to the Glastonbury Glen PAD Condition of Approval for the enclosure required for the emergency standby generator system and pump controls for a fenced in landscaped enclosure that is four-sided and 6' high, in lieu of the building structure now required by the original Conditions of Approval, with the landscape plan subject to review and approval by the Glastonbury Beautification Committee, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated May 10, 2019 and as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minor Amendment is subject to final review and approval by the Town Manager to include a maintenance and replacement plan for the vinyl fencing.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

5. New Business.

(a) Action on Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the council on the subject dated May 10, 2019, noting that this is a requirement of FEMA. Mr. Norman asked about the process and if it was for both the town and residential properties. Mr. Johnson said that it is a public hearing process and typically there aren't citizens present but that it deals with town or private loss. Mr. Norman asked about how the town is aware of people with special needs. Mr. Mike Bisi, Superintendent of Sanitation, said that residents register with the town.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the attached Certificate of Adoption, Town of Glastonbury Town Council, for the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update effective 2019 through 2024, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated May 10, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

(b) Action to Appointment of Auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the council on the subject dated May 10, 2019, noting that this action is done every five years. Mr. Norman asked about cost and Mr. Johnson said that there is allowance for escalation in the contract.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints the firm of RSM US LLP to audit the books and accounts of the Town of Glastonbury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with applicable Town policies and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

(c) Action to Appointment of Council Liaison(s) to Livable Communities.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Council Members Ms. Carroll and Dr. Beckett to serve as liaisons for the AARP Age-Friendly Livable Communities Program.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Motion By: Mr. Osgood

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adds an item to the consent calendar proposed amendment to Building Zone Regulations for Accessory Apartments.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

6. Consent Calendar.

(a) Proposed Amendment to Building Zone Regulations Text Amendment – Section 6.11 Accessory Apartments

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 2155 Main Street on proposed amendments to Section 6.11 of the Building Zone Regulations – Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment Within a Single Family Dwelling, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated May 10, 2019 and as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his report to the Council dated May 10, 2019. Regarding Main Street paving, Dr. Beckett indicated it could wait a year. Regarding the uranium, he expressed support of the application for clean drinking water funding. Mr. Cavanaugh also indicated Main Street paving could wait a year and asked about the center line being taken up in North Glastonbury. Mr. Johnson said that they may be putting in the reflectors and said he would look into it. Vice Chairman Niland praised the passport renewal day. Ms. LaChance praised the proactive work on the water issue in town and appreciated reading the letters praising town staff. Mr. Norman said he went to the Glastonbury Fire Department recognition of 45 years of service for Jay Cofield. He spoke about the hike to remember, reminding people that every day, 22 veterans take their

lives. He asked if any neighboring towns were dealing with the uranium as it certainly wouldn't stop at the border. Mr. Johnson said he would look into it.

Mr. Osgood noted that the Western Boulevard intersection with Hebron Avenue needs work and Mr. Johnson said that they were aware. Mr. Osgood said that the CEA opposed the transfer of the teacher pension and requested that the Board of Education send that information to their distribution list. He asked how the water extension plans might change the ability to develop land. Mr. McChesney praised the Spring Fair at the boathouse. Vice Chairman Niland asked about the map of uranium in wells, specifically about those reported under 30. Mr. Johnson said that they have a map layer that shows that and he would get it out. Mr. Norman asked if the CEA letter would go to the Board of Education and Mr. Johnson said that they typically do but he would confirm.

8. Committee Reports.

(a) Chairman's Report.

None

(b) MDC.

Mr. Osgood said that the million dollar project is underway and they have moved to put the land on the market in September if they can't complete the current sale to the town.

(c) CRCOG.

Dr. Beckett said they have an update for GIS to support the towns and they are working on better data on building density.

(d) Policy and Ordinance Review Subcommittee.

**2) Proposed Ordinance – Tobacco and Nicotine Related Products –
Age Twenty-One Status Report.**

Ms. Carroll said that they have continued to work on a proposal they hope to bring to public hearing in June.

Mr. Osgood suggested they include the definition of old growth products in the proposed plastic bag ordinance.

9. Communications.

- (a) **Letter from Connecticut Education Association regarding Teachers' Retirement System (TRS).**
- (b) **Letter from CT Siting Council regarding modifications to existing telecommunications facility located at 58A Montano Road.**

10. Minutes.

- (a) **Minutes of April 9, 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 April 9, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}

11. Appointments and Resignations.

None

12. Executive Session.

- (a) **Potential property acquisition.**
- (b) **Draft Terms and Conditions for sale of Town-owned land – Gateway area.**
- (c) **Personnel Matter – Town Manager.**

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session at 8:14 pm, for the purpose of discussing a potential land and a personnel matter. In attendance will be Council members and the Town Manager for items (a) and (b) and Council Member only for item (c).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Present for the Executive Session items (a) and (b) were council members, Mr. Tom Gullotta, Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman, Dr. Chip Beckett, Ms. Deborah A. Carroll, Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh, Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Jake McChesney, Mr. George Norman and Mr. Whit Osgood with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson. Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 8:45pm as the Council addressed item (c).

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 9:00 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of May 14, 2019, at 9:01 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller

**Kimberly Meanix Miller
Recording Clerk**

**Thomas Gullotta
Chairman**

PLACE ON TOWN LETTERHEAD

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITOL REGION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2019-2024

WHEREAS, the Town of Glastonbury has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, droughts, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Glastonbury Town Council approved the previous version of the Plan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glastonbury and Capitol Region Council of Governments developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2017 and 2018 regarding the development and review of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Glastonbury; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Glastonbury, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Glastonbury eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Town Council:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Glastonbury;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Town Council.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019 by the Town Council of Glastonbury, Connecticut

Town Manager

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Glastonbury this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Town Clerk