

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 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 *{excused}*
Ms. Mary LaChance *{excused}*
Mr. Jacob McChesney
Mr. George P. Norman
Mr. Whit C. Osgood *{excused}*

(a) Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Mr. Norman

2. Public Comment.

Mr. Bruce Bowman of 62 Morgan Drive thanked the Council for the plastic bag ban but asked them to modify it to require a 10-cent fee for paper bags calling it a burden for businesses as currently written.

Mr. Joel Ellis of 42 Deerfield Drive noted that there is an outfit in Glastonbury that does surveys and noted the proposed aquatic center. He expressed concern that the center would not be self-sustaining.

Mr. Jared Soper of 39 Fawn Run and Board of Finance Chairman said the consultant and the Town Manager gave a good report regarding an indoor aquatic center and questioned the request for a single pool option that doesn't meet the needs or a 50-meter option which isn't affordable. He asked the Council to be very clear on its direction on this potential project and whether they intend to take action or leave it for a future Council.

Mr. David Brown of 61 Coach Road said that the aquatic center proposal is a result of pressure from a special interest group that is trying to force taxpayers to pay for their luxury. He indicated there are enough pools in the area and questioned any benefit for the aquatic center.

3. Special Reports.

None

4. Old Business.

(a) Continued discussion on feasibility analysis – Indoor Aquatic Facility.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the council on the subject dated June 21, 2019, recapping the process to date. Mr. George Deines of Councilman-Hunsaker reviewed the requested options for a single pool which wouldn't address the temperature differences for use and a 50-meter option with a cost over \$33M. Vice Chairman Niland questioned the additional \$3M for 3 lanes and asked if they could extrapolate about \$1M per lane. Mr. Deines said that the escalation of the scale changes costs for example, site work. Mr. McChesney asked about the 6-lane versus 8-lane. Mr. Deines said that for use in a competition, 6-lanes are required minimally, and 8-lanes are preferred.

Mr. Norman asked about the calculations. Mr. Deines reviewed base attendance of about 40,000 per year coming out to approximately \$8.40 per visit. Dr. Beckett said that the high school has the competition pool and they should consider this facility to address the recreation needs only which could still be two different pools kept at different temperatures. Vice Chairman Niland noted that they still haven't explored a location which would impact the plan. Mr. McChesney said he would like to explore a single pool and asked about size and seating which Mr. Deines reviewed noting that the best in the country hosts about 22-28 meets per year. Dr. Beckett expressed concern that public access would be eliminated during meets and questioned the unmet demand given all the competition pools in the area. Mr. Deines suggested they could continue public use of a second pool with separate access.

Ms. Carroll commented about the extraordinary effort to address all the varying requests. Mr. Norman asked about the involvement of Parks and Recreation and Mr. Johnson said they are participating. Mr. McChesney noted that they are trying to fully explore their options and asked about net operating costs. Mr. Johnson reviewed the computations noting the higher debt service. Chairman Gullotta recapped the history of the Grange Pool, the need to repair and replace it and the recent repairs that allowed them more time to explore options. He noted that it could be considered for CIP and would not likely be this Council taking action. Mr. McChesney said he was uncomfortable with the costs and encouraged advocates to seek funding options. Vice Chairman Niland was not quite prepared to push the issue off to the next Council. Dr. Beckett said there was demand and felt a plan could be developed and questioned if there could be a significant donor to help move it forward like Mrs. Turner with the town library.

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

NO 1 ACTION ON PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING-ZONE REGULATIONS, SEC 6.11 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY APARTMENT WITHIN A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Ms. Khara Dodds, Community Development Director, joined Mr. Johnson who reviewed his memo to the council on the subject dated June 21, 2019. Ms. Dodds walked through the changes noting the goal of maintaining the character of the single-family homes. Mr. Norman asked about the magic to 800 square feet and Ms. Dodds said the size was already part of the regulations and while it was discussed, they decided to leave it as is. Mr. Norman asked about the detached and semi-detached garage. Ms. Dodds indicated they would be excluded. Mr. McChesney asked about the language for a shared wall with the garage and a discussion ensued. Dr. Beckett expressed support of the language to give guidance to applicants and allow TPZ to use good judgment. Mr. Johnson said that a garage is an accessory building and thus not residence so the common wall must be shared with the residence. Hearing nothing further, Chairman Gullotta closed the public hearing.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves 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 June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

5. New Business.

(a) Action on Agreement between the Town of Glastonbury and Wastewater Treatment and Facilities Maintenance Collective Bargaining Unit (AFSCME) effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the subject dated June 21, 2019. Chairman Gullotta confirmed with Mr. Johnson that it is in line with the other actions.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the funds necessary to implement the written Agreement between the Town of Glastonbury and Wastewater Treatment and Facilities Maintenance Collective Bargaining Unit (AFSCME) effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

(b) Action on amendment to Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2019.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the Parks & Recreation Department Schedule of Fees and Charges – General Fund and Special Revenue Fund, as amended, for fiscal year 2019-2020, as detailed in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Recreation Commission.

Disc: Chairman Gullotta brought attention to the ability for sports clubs to have youth members from out of town. He said he disagrees and felt they should charge a fee to send the message and provide a disincentive. He noted that Glastonbury taxpayers paid for the land for use by Glastonbury youth. Vice Chairman Niland suggested entertaining a motion to amend the fee schedule to establish a \$10/nonresident youth participant. Dr. Beckett thought they were limited to what they could do noting precedent in the courts about charges for beaches. He suggested going with Mr. Johnson's suggestion.

Amendment By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby amends the motion on the floor removing the non-Glastonbury member fee from the Parks & Recreation Department Schedule of Fees and Charges to allow for Mr. Johnson to come back with proposed language.

Result: Amendment passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

Disc: Mr. Norman asked what drives non-town participants asking if the teams need members. Mr. Johnson said that some youth don't have a team in their own town. Mr. Norman asked about the fees. Mr. Johnson said that there is a little variety, but most teams collect fees from participants and the leagues pay the town. Vice Chairman Niland said his thoughts were to suggest a significant fee for an out of town player like \$500. Ms. Carroll noted Little League where all youth are placed on a team. Mr. McChesney indicated that he feels that a non-Glastonbury youth should not displace a Glastonbury youth on teams that are selective but felt differently if all youth make a team.

Result: Amended motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

(c) Action on establishing Council policy/guidelines concerning receipt of gifts to the Town (refer to Council Policy & Ordinance Review Subcommittee).

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers review of a proposed Council policy or guidelines for gifts to the Town to the Council Policy & Ordinance Review Subcommittee for a report and recommendation, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019.

Disc: Ms. Carroll said that they would look at town protocol for the acceptance of material things by donation.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

6. Consent Calendar.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

(a) Action on proposed amendment to Building Zone Regulations – Building Heights (set public hearing).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, on the proposed changes to the Building Zone Regulations concerning building heights, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission

(b) Action on between department transfer – Debt Service to the Capital Reserve Fund – \$110,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the transfer of \$110,000 from Debt Service to the Capital Reserve-Unassigned Fund Balance, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

- (c) **Action on transfer and appropriation from General Fund to Capital Projects – Public Safety – \$18,000 (set public hearing).**
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, to consider a \$18,000 transfer and appropriation from the Capital Reserve Fund-Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects-Public Safety Communications, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- (d) **Action on application for a Major Amendment to a Major Amendment to an Approved PAD Final Development Plan – Somerset Square – 75 Glastonbury Boulevard (set public hearing).**
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a Public Hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, on the Application by 75 Glastonbury Land, LLC for a Major Amendment to the September 23, 2008 Major Amendment to the Somerset Square Planned Area Development and a Section 4.11 Flood Zone Special Permit, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019,
- (e) **Action on transfer from General Fund-Unassigned Fund Balance to Education (Agriscience VoAg Program) (set public hearing).**
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, to consider a \$64,781 transfer from the General Fund-Unassigned Fund Balance to Education (Agriscience and Technology Program), as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.
- (f) **Action to approve Investment Pools for Town Funds.**
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the State of CT Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF) and Northern Capital Investments for the deposit and investment of Town funds, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated June 21, 2019 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

7. Town Manager’s Report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his report to the Council dated June 21, 2019, noting the Glastonbury Glen PAD could go to a joint hearing or to the Council/TP&Z PAD Review Subcommittee. A consensus was reached in favor of the latter.

8. Committee Reports.

(a) Chairman's Report.

Chairman Gullotta recognized Jim Bennett for his many years of dedicated service to the Glastonbury Historical Society.

(b) MDC. *No report*

(c) CRCOG. *No report*

9. Communications. *None*

10. Minutes.

(a) Minutes of June 11, 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 June 11, 2019.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}

11. Appointments and Resignations. *None*

12. Executive Session.

(a) Potential land acquisition.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session at 8:50 pm, for the purpose of discussing a potential property acquisition. In attendance will be Council members and the Town Manager.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

Present for the Executive Session item (a) were council members, Mr. Tom Gullotta, Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman, Dr. Chip Beckett, Ms. Deborah A. Carroll, Mr. Jake McChesney and Mr. George Norman with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 9:10 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of June 25, 2019, at 9:11 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {6-0-0}.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller
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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman