



Town of Glastonbury

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Town Manager

ITEM #7
10-22-2019 Meeting

October 18, 2019

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.

1. Homes for Heroes

Per the attached, a dedication ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20th at 1171 New London Turnpike. Details will follow concerning parking and other arrangements. In the meantime, I wanted to make certain all are aware of the time and date.

2. Controller

Nina Cousins, who has worked as Controller with the Town for some 17 years will retire this month. Nina has done a nice job throughout her tenure. Narae McManus, who joined the Town in 2017 as a Financial Analyst, is appointed Controller to succeed Nina. Prior to joining the Town, Narae was a Senior Auditor with Deloitte and Touche. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in Mathematics and is a Certified Public Accountant.

3. Youth Sports

By action at the September 24, 2019 Council meeting, a \$75 fee was established for non-residents participating on Glastonbury youth sport teams. The following will clarify some questions asked as a follow up to this matter.

- The fee is for those participating on Glastonbury youth sport teams, but not residing in Glastonbury. The fee does not apply to out-of-town teams participating in travel programs. For example, if a team from Town A visits Glastonbury for a travel team match with Glastonbury, the out-of-town team is not assessed the referenced fee.
- The non-resident fee is applicable to youth sport programs coordinated by independent groups such as Little League, Hartwell Soccer, Lacrosse, Youth Football/Cheerleading, Softball, etc. Participation in the Town-sponsored youth sports such as GBA, Gymnastics, Swim Team is fully subscribed with no non-residents participating.
- Each youth sport team is advised of the non-resident fee, asked to collect and remit to the Town. This is the same process as the per-player field maintenance fee in place for a number of years. Town staff does not monitor rosters, but relies on the "honor system" with youth sport programs as applicable.
- Activities that are multi-town in scope are not subject to the non-resident fee. There are certain programs that a number of Towns have come together to sponsor, one example is the Challenger Baseball Program for young people with disabilities.
- There are no written agreements between the Town and youth sport groups. Town staff, most particularly, Parks and Recreation staff have worked cooperatively and successfully with youth sport groups for decades without the need for a written document.

4. **Town Manager Expense Report**

A copy of my expense report for the three months July through September 2019 was forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council recognizing receipt of this report on Tuesday evening.

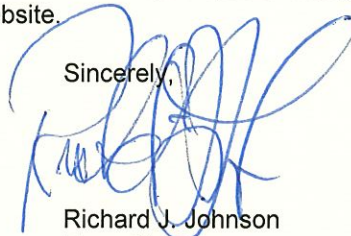
5. **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)**

I am pleased to advised the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended 2018 is recognized with the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. My thanks and congratulations to all those involved with the Town's budget and financial management and in particular Nina Cousins and Julie Twilley for their work on the CAFR.

6. **Open Space Signs**

Over recent years, access has been improved at a number of Town open space areas including the Town-owned former Slocomb Mill, Longo Farms, Arbor Acres, Grey Ledge Farms and Blackledge Falls. This has included parking, fencing, signage and other improvements to encourage public use. For other open space areas, a sign (mock up attached) will be placed to indicate a Town open space. The parcels will be numbered and background will be available through the Town website.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

WELCOME HOME!



Army Specialist Craig Hall

**JOIN US for an AMAZING
Welcome Home Celebration
Army Specialist Craig Hall
Wednesday Nov. 20th 2019**

ceremony start time

11:00 AM

plan to arrive earlier

ceremony location

**Glastonbury,
Connecticut**

address available upon request

To learn more about this great event call David at 1-516-684-9220

BuildingHomesforHeroes.org





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