

b. Appointment of Minority Leader

Chairman Gullotta appointed Dr. Stewart “Chip” Beckett III as Minority Leader.

6. Public Comment

Mr. John Sakon of Sakon Development, LLC, located at 74 New London Turnpike, stated that he is appearing before the Town Council to explain the inner workings of the Town of Glastonbury. He noted that an email sent by Mr. Mark Branse to the Town Manager was an abuse of power, speculating on the Town Manager’s actions, saying that he probably called Mr. Mike McCarthy and told him that Mr. Sakon called their zoning regulations “racist.” Mr. Sakon explained that he never used the word “racist” at any of his meetings, but he did say in his comments that Mr. Branse said that the Town Zoning Regulations were devised to be discriminatory, and Mr. Johnson made the jump, which is an abuse of power. Mr. Sakon noted that this is the fifth time he is appearing in front of the Town Council because he has been run out of his home; he declared that the Town’s Police Department is corrupt, and he seeks protection from the Town Council. He pointed out that the policeman present at this meeting is intimidation from Mr. Johnson. He stated that Mr. Johnson torpedoed his refinancing; otherwise, he would have paid \$900,000 to the Town of Glastonbury this month. Mr. Sakon concluded by stating that he will return to the Council for a continuation of this story.

Mr. George P. Norman of 378 Weir Street stated that he appreciates the process of democracy and congratulated everybody who has been elected to the Council. He wished all Council Members the best of luck, and recognized Ms. LaChance, Mr. Niland, and Ms. Carroll, in particular, for reaching out to him after his election defeat.

7. Resolution establishing the Regular Meetings of the Council

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Schedule of Regular Council Meetings dated November 12, 2019 for calendar year 2020 and January 2021.”

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

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

8. Resolution establishing Rules of Procedure

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Council Rules of Procedure dated December 5, 2017.”

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

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

Chairman Gullotta appointed Mr. McChesney and Ms. Tanski to a subcommittee to review the Rules of Procedure and make a recommendation of changes to be considered at the next meeting.

9. Old Business **None**

10. New Business

- a. Action on transfer from Capital Reserve Fund – Multi Use Trail, Western Boulevard to House Street (refer to Board of Finance, set public hearing)

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers to the Board of Finance the request for a \$253,000 appropriation and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance for the multi-use trail project and schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 2155 Main Street to consider the \$253,000 appropriation and transfer, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated November 8, 2019.”

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

Disc: Mr. Johnson added that there is no net cost to the Town for this project. If the request is approved at the public hearing, they will get the new project authorization and the grant will go into the Capital Reserve Fund. If they complete the project for less, they will use the Capital account to reimburse the granting authority. Mr. Osgood asked when development will begin. Mr. Johnson stated that, weather permitting, the contractor could probably do some initial work this year, but the bulk of it would be completed next spring.

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

11. Consent Calendar

- a. Action on Public Preventive Health and Human Service Block Grant (\$8,336)

“BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated November 8, 2019.”

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

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

12. Town Manager’s Report

Mr. Johnson reviewed his report to the Council dated November 8, 2019. Mr. McChesney

commented that all Council Members are welcome to park at his home which is located behind 1171 New London Turnpike to attend the Homes for Heroes event. He also thanked Madame Clerk for putting together a last-minute recount for his election and stated that he sincerely appreciated serving with Mr. George Norman.

Mr. Cavanaugh began by addressing some of the remarks made during the public comment session. He clarified that the woman in uniform at this meeting is, in fact, a police officer, not a “policeman.” Mr. Cavanaugh also called the speculations directed at Mr. Johnson absurd. He questioned the veracity of the public comment speaker’s statement that he was willing to give the Town \$900,000 today. Litigation began in 2012, so he had ample time to make that payment.

In regard to Mr. Johnson’s Town Report, Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the 15,000 at the Minnechaug Golf Course is a record. Mr. Johnson stated that, in recent memory, that is a really good year. Mr. Cavanaugh asked for clarification on the issue with the Riverfront Skating Area. Mr. Johnson stated that there are a series of drains, and two of them are leaking, so Town staff are trying to figure out why those are leaking while others are not.

Mr. Osgood stated that, in previous Town Council meetings, they discussed looking at the budget in more global terms. Chairman Gullotta stated that he and Dr. Beckett had a sidebar, and he invites comments and observations this evening. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that a budget workshop is a good idea. Mr. Osgood suggested that they hold this meeting in December. Ms. Tanski stated that she is in favor of an overarching budget review because it would be incredibly helpful to the budget process for everyone to be working from the same beginning place.

Mr. Osgood stated that, given the recent discussions on water, the Council should ask the Town Plan and Zoning Commission to consider their subdivision regulations and what they should do about subdivisions that would not be served by water. He suggested that this be addressed by a joint TPZ/Town Council subcommittee.

Ms. LaChance asked the Town Manager to pass along thanks for the good work being done at the Minnechaug Golf Course. She also thanked Mr. George Norman for his service on the Council and expressed hope to get a good crowd at the Home for Heroes celebration next week. In regard to the budget, Ms. LaChance suggested they have a secondary item that holds expenses and resourcing even to prior years, in order to see what the budget will be.

13. Communications:

- a. Letter from Letter from CT Siting Council regarding request for extension of construction time for a telecommunications facility located at 63 Woodland Street

14. Minutes of October 22, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes as submitted for the meeting held October 22, 2019.

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

15. Appointments and Resignations:

a. Appointment of Council Clerk

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints Lilly Torosyan to serve as Clerk of the Council for the 2019-2021 Town Council.”

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

Note: Kimberly Miller has resigned. Appointment for Tuesday evening will continue until a replacement is appointed.

b. Appointment of Alternate Council Clerk

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints Susan Lauzier to serve as Alternate Clerk of the Council for the 2019-21021 Town Council.”

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

c. Representative to the Capitol Region Council of Governments

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints Dr. Chip Beckett to serve as the Town Council Representative to the Capitol Region Council of Governments.”

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

d. Resignation of Patti Darling from the Human Relations Commission (D-2021)

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

16. Executive Session

a. Potential land acquisition

b. Pending litigation – Glastonbury vs. Sakon

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session at 7:55 pm, for the purpose of discussing a potential property acquisition and the pending litigation of Glastonbury v. Sakon.

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

Present for the Executive Session item were council members, Mr. Tom Gullotta, Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman, Dr. Chip Beckett, Ms. Deb Carroll, Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh, Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Jake McChesney, Ms. Lillian Tanski, and Mr. Whit Osgood with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.

No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 8:20 pm.

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

17. Adjournment

Motion By: Ms. Carroll

Seconded By: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their organizational and regular meeting of November 12, 2019, at 8:21 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Torosyan

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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman