

PUBLIC COMMENT: VOTING PROCESS

First Name	Last Name	Street Address	Comments
Regen	O'Malley	74 Chapman Drive	I'm a proponent of absentee voting for whomever wants it during normal times, but now more than ever it needs to happen. We don't need another Wisconsin. No one should have to put themselves and others at risk to exercise a fundamental right. Experts are saying that social distancing will be required until a vaccine is readily available. Let's not present unnecessary and unfair barriers to voting. Please advocate to mitigate risks and not increase them for everyone, especially our seniors.
Patricia	Wildes	79 Northview Drive	Please make it easy and simple for everyone to vote by mail. I realize that this will require additional people and process to implement. I am willing to volunteer to help. I just want to ensure that people who have health or aging conditions can vote as usual.
Frank	Magistri	457 Neipsic Road	I am in favor of voting by mail. Until a vaccine is developed it is reckless to have citizens vote in person. Especially for our older citizens (please include me in that group). Thank You
George	Munday	46 Lenox Drive	Expanded voting by mail is a position that Glastonbury's Town Council must support expanded vote by mail. To do otherwise is to jeopardize citizens' health and safety and also to compromise our right to vote.
Jay	Smith	233 Mountain Road	Subject (Mail in Voting)..what a joke..voting is a serious matter which should be done in person with proper ID..if someone wants to change the format please beware as there must be something in it for them and we all know who wanted the change..Republicans - don't fall for the rhetoric that it's more efficient and a safety issue given the pandemic..our founders would be very leery of such a change..our voting experience has been minimal voters at any one time!..we all have to wear masks!
Meri	Miselis	413 Woodhaven Rd	I am writing to "voice" strong support for voting by mail in the upcoming elections, in order to ensure the safety of voters and poll workers. Citizens have been asked to "socially distance" during this pandemic, and lead scientists report that this practice helps curtail the spread of COVID-19. For many at-risk, and other individuals this illness is serious or fatal. Requisite distancing is highly unlikely and its implementation not pragmatic if traditional in-person voting is held at polls.
Chris	Gullotta	221 Keeney Street	I would like to support The Council's initiative to send a letter to The State of Connecticut supporting "Mail-In" ballots. It will be difficult to vote in the Fall if seniors and folks with compromised immune systems are still sheltering -in-place. I take voting very seriously and would hate to miss the opportunity due to health concerns. Thank you, Chris F. Gullotta
Jeanne	LaPorte	67 Benton Lane	I support mail in voting due to the current pandemic.
John	Cunningham	191 Griswold St	In the interest of supporting the highest participation possible in our electoral process, I urge the town to open up mail-in voting to all residents.
Bruce	Lacey	47 Brewster Road, Apt. C	I am strongly in favor of mail-in voting, at least under pandemic conditions, for obvious reasons. Democracies depend not so much on the theoretical right to vote (at whatever danger or cost to oneself) as on an effective voting procedure readily and equally available to everyone. Without such a procedure, election results lose their claim to democratic legitimacy. Mail-in voting is such a procedure. As far as I know, it is the only such procedure available during a pandemic. We need it.
Robert	Hale	832 Hopewell Road	Mail-in voting is not a good idea because: (1) it increases the risk of fraud; (2) it decreases the constitutional protection of a secret ballot; (3) it would involve increased expense, inefficiency and error; (4) current absentee ballot eligibility standards are already broad enough to accommodate people with serious health conditions or concerns; (5) there are adequate ways of protecting people who come to the polls in person; (6) If we need poll workers, I will volunteer.
Luther	Weeks	334 Hollister Way West	1) 500 characters is insufficient for meaningful comments. Three speaking minutes is closer to 500-600 words or 3000 characters. Hopefully, you will at least skim links to extended comments. 2) As a certified moderator since 2008, including 5 years of experience leading central counting of absentee ballots in CT and a nationally recognized voting integrity advocate, I have the following comments on the absentee voting resolution: < https://tinyurl.com/CTVC04 > (the actual link does not fit.)
Jodette	Bentley	284 Griswold st	The town of Glastonbury should look to increase the number of optional ways that people can vote. Voting booths, mail-in voting, and online options.
Reid	O'Connell	123 Natchaug Dr	We support voting by mail. Three (3) of us.
Peter	Torrey	122 Shipman Drive	Vote by mail is totally unnecessary. We can vote in person with extra space between booths, with masks and gloves. Million of votes were lost in recent primaries and elections. The left is very interested in this for a reason...ballots get lost, messed with, etc. Totally unnecessary!
Martha	Poole	29 wood pond rd	I support giving every voter the right to do by mail. No one should have to go through the fear that I person voting would cause in these horrific times. Thank you

Bette	Pisarski	270 Overlook Road	I support vote by mail
Diana	Neff	235 Stanley Drive	As we face a deadly pandemic, it is reckless to require people to vote in person when voting by mail is a viable option. Most poll workers and many voters are elderly and risk illness if required to be at the polls. Maintaining six feet of distance between those in lines and cleaning each cubicle between voters create extremely long lines and longer wait times. The right to vote should not require us to put our health and the health of our families on the line. Vote by mail keeps us all safer.
Russell	Brown	90 Uplands Way	We know the only reason republics don't want all votes counted is because then they will lose. That's not democracy.
Chris	Balfanz	199 Stockade Rd.	I support allowing mail in voting for the Presidential Primary and General Election for 2020 due to health issues from coronavirus. Please support mail in voting in any way possible.
Casey	Neff	235 Stanley Drive	I am strongly in favor of allowing town residents to vote by mail for all Town of Glastonbury elections, and encourage the Town Council to vote to allow this immediately. The right to vote is fundamental to all citizens of a democracy, and we absolutely should not limit the franchise to only those who can make it to their polling station on one particular day of the year. If we can allow it for those who are ill or out of town, we can allow it for all citizens, for all elections!
James	Funderburk	241 EASTBURY HILL RD	I am in favor of off site voting. I may leave town so I qualify for an absentee ballot.
Katherine	Loomis	665 Main St	I absolutely feel very strongly about this issue. It is highly likely that we will have a second wave of pandemic at that time and feel that under no circumstances should we have to risk our health or possibly our lives in order to vote.
Susan	Karp	32 Rampart Drive	I strongly encourage you to work with our state officials and election officials to provide extensive mail in voting options for the primary and general election. I believe this is the best way to give every eligible voter the opportunity to cast their ballot in a safe and secure manner. Thank you for your attention to this important issue now and for your leadership.
Jennifer	Sanford	157 Candlelight Drive	I support deploying the 6M \$ provided to CT Sec of State via CARES Act for voting and elections by investing in computer systems that will increase voters AB access and drive more confidence in elections/ results. Wisconsin shows the more you change a process the more problems you have-- Mail in voting does not have the confidence of voters as a household can receive more or less ballots than actual needed. The National Guard can be trained and deployed to work polling stations if needed.
George	Norman	378 Weir St	I said most of what I wanted to last week, so I will (mercifully) be short. It's important to emphasize that this is not a Glastonbury decision, but a State of CT decision that has to consider the readiness and ability of all 169 towns. I think the most important question is not "should" we have all mail-in balloting, but "can" we. Based on the report from the Registrar of Voter and Town Clerk included in the TC package, it's not clear that we can legally or logistically.

PUBLIC COMMENT: COTTON HOLLOW MILL

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Jason	Poriss	220 Three Mile Rd	On behalf of the Save the Cotton Hollow Mill team, I'm writing to commit our support in acquiring and preserving the mill ruins in a public/private partnership. We're positioned to launch our fundraising efforts despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. In partnership with the Historical Society of Glastonbury we're accepting tax-deductible donations on our website and will have products for sale shortly. We're ready to rally the the strong public support evidenced by ~6,000 signatories.
Emily	Weil	233 house	I may want to comment regarding the Mill acquisition.
Wes	Harris	61 Steep Hollow Dr	Thank you for being so supportive of the mill work! I appreciate your support beyond words, and it was so nice to have the backing of such an amazing council!
Marie Laurence	Fortin	193 Welles St. #333 Glastonbury CT	It's time to save the Cotton Hollow Mill site. Please report on any developments in this regard! I look forward to assisting in any fundraising efforts!
Robert	Purtill	591 Oakwood Drive Glastonbury	I'd like to comment briefly on the Cotton Hollow Mill and it's intrinsic value to Glastonbury and Connecticut
Amy m	Bouchard	1162 Neipsic Rd Glastonbury	I think what Miss Rio has is (absolutely a brilliant business decision on her part however) very poor decision in the humanities dept. Definitely a very poor decision in the "community Dept" . She's causing massive erosion to the cemetery about which is falling down onto the cart paths because she removed Stone. She should be charged, she should be given fines, she didn't have any permits therefor all the stone should be reclaimed by Miss Rio and brought HOME.