

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. The video was broadcast in real time and via a live video stream.

**1. Roll Call.**

***Council Members***

Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman  
Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Stewart Beckett III  
Ms. Deborah A. Carroll  
Ms. Mary LaChance  
Mr. Jacob McChesney  
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh  
Mr. Whit C. Osgood  
Ms. Lillian Tanski

**a. Pledge of Allegiance.**

***Led by Mr. Osgood***

**2. Public Communication and Petitions pertaining to the Call.**

Ms. Carroll read the one written comment received:

***Mr. C.J. Mozzochi of 227 Hebron Avenue***, stated that the Council should reject the contract because of the egregious salary increases proposed. If Town officials do not stop the out of control spending by the BOE, he will form a group to petition to go to referendum every year until they do so.

Mr. Niland explained the public hearing process and opened the floor for attendees to comment:

***Ms. Marilyn Mathes of 172 Millstone Road***, stated that she has an opposite feeling from the previous public comment speaker. The amount of work that teachers have done has been extraordinary. She even got a phone call from a librarian, after hours, to walk her daughter through the process of accessing reading materials. She and her husband moved to Glastonbury specifically for the public-school system. She urged the Council to adopt the contract.

**3. Special Business as contained in the Call.**

- a. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed agreement between Board of Education and Glastonbury Education Association – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.**

Mr. Foyle, BOE Chairman, explained that the Glastonbury Education Association has agreed to meet with the BOE before the new contract comes into force in July 2021, if the Town's fiscal situation deteriorates. He stated that, given the ongoing process, he is not at liberty to say anything more on this. Dr. Alan Bookman, Superintendent, added that the teachers' union is concerned about the wellbeing of not only the school system, but the Town, and they are open to talk.

Mr. Osgood asked when the Council has to take action on this contract. Mr. Johnson stated June 21. The process is that the Council has to take action within 30 days from when the contract is filed; absent any action, the contract is accepted. Mr. Carroll suggested scheduling a meeting on Friday, in the hopes that they have more information by then. Mr. Niland agreed. Dr. Beckett added that they will need a little more direction before they vote. Ms. Tanski stated that she will make herself available on Friday. Mr. McChesney and Ms. LaChance agreed, remarking that there is no reason to rush this decision today. Mr. Osgood asked if it is possible for the BOE and teachers' union to grant the Council more time in taking action. Mr. Johnson stated no, it is a statutory requirement. Mr. Osgood stated that he also supports delaying the vote to Friday.

**Motion by:** Mr. Niland

**Seconded by:** Mr. Osgood

MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby tables the discussion, and the decision to vote on the teachers' contract, to a special meeting on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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

#### **4. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Following the Special Meeting adjournment, the Council will discuss, in private, collective bargaining negotiations and such discussions are not treated as a meeting under the applicable sections of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Attendees for the private session include the Town Council members and the Town Manager.

Following Meeting Adjournment, the Council entered a non-meeting format discussion. They came out of the non-meeting format discussion at 7:45 P.M. The Town Manager was in attendance for the non-meeting format discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lilly Torosyan**

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**Recording Clerk**

**Thomas Gullotta**  
**Chairman**