

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING July 14, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

First Name	Last Name	Street Address	Comments: Per Council rules and procedures, please limit comments to what can reasonably be read to the meeting record in three (3) minutes or less. Please be mindful that this form is for public comment only. Please direct questions/general inquiries to Council members directly.
Jonathan	Caron	129 Mosley Terrace	The situation at the boat launch has gotten out of control this summer. People are parking in the middle of the circle and on the sides of the launch. Additionally a lot of people are launching their kayaks from the launch instead of from the designated kayak launch. We used the boat launch this weekend and the cars in the middle and sides create a very narrow lane to bring the boat around for backing up. This is also turning into a safety hazard as their is so much activity with all the cars. At some point, someone is going to get run over by a trailer that is backing up down the launch. The town needs to post no parking signs and/or paint no parking signage on the ground and it needs to be enforced. Again, this is not only an inconvenience but it is turning into a real safety hazard. Thank you, Jon Caron
Miranda	Bliss	34 Hubbard Run Drive	The Puppy Palace that is opening in town is horrible. As a town, we should not be allowing third party pet stores to sell dogs, let alone be able to finance them. Many citizens including myself are disgusted that this place is able to open in our town. Please do research on puppy mills and pet stores and remove this store from this town.
HAYLEY	SHI	29 Crossroads Lane	GoNetspeed is a company saying they will build fiber optic internet in towns in CT with high levels of interest, based on residents expressing their interest through their website. It is fast internet at \$50/month, which will add much needed competition to the near monopoly that current exists in Glastonbury for home internet service. Please promote/advertise this to residents to express interest to the company so we can have another option particularly with Frontier's bankruptcy (long time coming with price gouging and shoddy product). https://www.gonetspeed.com/How-It-Works
Pamela	Lucas	145 Moseley Terrace	I write to ask the Glastonbury Town Council to join with other towns and cities in our state and country in declaring racism a public health crisis. The media and local protests bring out stories that are eye-opening for so many of us -- about the Black community's disparate exposure to police violence; disparate access to decent housing, employment, and health care; and disparate and unjust suffering due to mass incarceration -- all of which contribute to disproportionately high illness and death rates. Maybe our town has not played a direct role in some of these inequities. Racism, however, is systemic; its causes and for some of us, associated privileges, are deep-seated. We look to our local government leaders to help us address the role that we have played, individually and as a town, in perpetuating the social determinants of the health inequities faced by our Black and brown neighbors. These determinants include lack of access to our quality schools and to teachers and role models who reflect the diverse world that we live in; zoning restrictions that retain the feel of our community but keep away those who are less well-off and thus more likely to be persons of color; and freedom from the microaggressions that Black and minority residents of our town face on a daily basis. We look to our town leaders to help us identify and rectify the harms that racism and inequitable public policies have inflicted on our Black and brown brothers and sisters. Please pass this Council Resolution recognizing that racism is a public health crisis, and help move our town in taking corrective steps forward.
Paula	Bacolini	11 Garland Drive	A resolution concerning Racism as a Public Health Crisis. I write to support this resolution. It is time that we white Americans stand up for our fellow black and brown Americans, who have built this country and are now on the front lines keeping us safe in this COVID 19 crisis. Yet they are suffering at the hands of police brutality, and severe inequality when it comes to a living wage, healthcare, education, affordable housing and more. It is the responsibility of all of us to make reparations to our fellow brave Americans of color. I urge you to pass this resolution to protect our black and brown residents from police brutality and racism. I implore all of the Council members to vote for the resolution and to work with the Glastonbury Police Department and the state of CT to end systemic racism once and for all. This must be a bipartisan vote. I urge you to vote unanimously for a better future for all our residents, and that includes our brothers and sisters of color. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making and keeping Glastonbury a welcoming community. Respectfully, Paula Bacolini Glastonbury Resident for over 35 years
Jack	Morris	317 Farmcliff Drive	After a recent hike at Matson Hill Open Space, I noticed that the low level outlet of the Slocum Dam was open and there was no water from Roaring Brook being backed up behind the dam. As long as this low level gate remains open, the dam is prevented from holding any water. Waterflow above the dam and below the dam continues to flow unimpeded by the dam. Therefore, logic suggests there is no danger downstream whether or not the dam remains in place or is demolished. That being the case, the town should not spend money on removing the dam and save that money or divert it to some more pressing use. If it is deemed that the low level outlet gate is not large enough to handle some unusually large waterflow from a freak storm or unusual spring runoff, then the town could consider enlarging the outlet to handle such a situation. Also, I think many people appreciate our historical heritage and how preserving old structures contributes to our town's character. Think about the Cotton Hollow Mill ruins. Who thinks it's a good idea to demolish this? By the same token, we should rethink the Slocum Dam and consider it to be just as important to our town's heritage. Save money and save our town history. What a novel concept.