

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 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.
Erik	Emanuele	114 South Mill Drive	We need to stop assuming all trouble, trash and issues are caused by only outsiders. All people can cause issues. Although monitoring and availability for a quick response to trouble is needed, we need to continue to be an open and welcoming committee and stop the "build a wall" racist mentality in society today. I moved to this community for this reason and am ashamed of what I have read and heard lately. Most of us use facilities and trails in other towns as well and need to welcome others as they welcome us.
Janet	Burlingame	130 Stonepost Road	The proposed revision to the Recreational Use Regulations concerning access to the Great Pond and Cotton Hollow Preserves is a good idea. Opening access to these areas to the public would bring the regulations into compliance with state law and would extend to others the access many of us in Glastonbury have enjoyed when using the parks and recreation areas in other towns. Sharing these lovely spaces with neighbors beyond our borders is a proposal worthy of support. I urge the Town Council to swiftly and unanimously approve this bipartisan revision.
Rosy	Kapur	101 Foote Road	This is to support Lillian Tanski's and town council amendment to the resolution on the Recreations area use regulation. I agree with her that we need to make this a public access and not Glastonbury town resident only. I am a Glastonbury resident and have a business in Avon. I use a beautiful river park near our Avon store for walks with our puppy and would be sad if Avon said it was for their residents only. There are many other places in different towns that we utilize and hope to continue, e.g the Kent falls, Mount Carmel spring falls, Wadsworth Falls, the Airline trail in East Hampton, Talcott Mountain Trail, the reservoir in West Hartford as well as all the lakes and beaches. I am open to charging for cars and providing monitoring so that the neighboring residents are not disturbed. The issues we saw at Cotton Hollow were caused by town residents and visitors. I walk by there everyday and witness the use and misuse. And on another note there are no trash cans available on the Cotton Hollow side or on the open space side. We need to provide some sort of a receptacle for people to throw their trash in. In summary, the recent abuse it's not due to just outsiders, it's our own kids as well. I manage a juice bar where I have a lot of highschoolers and I hear that cotton hollow is their friends place to booze, dive, smoke weed, etc.. We can patrol it, charge for it in some manner but shutting it down to outsiders should not be an option. Thank you and I hope you guys all make the right decision. Respectfully submitted!
Tammy	Ferris	203 Lincoln Drive	For me, it is a no-brainer to revise the Town Code to reflect today's reality. First, it is against the law to prohibit anyone from entering a park because of city of residence in the state of Connecticut (CT Supreme Court, Leydon vs. Greenwich). If you were to ask me should we enforce a law that opens Glastonbury up to litigation, my answer would be no. Second, the code as it stands now puts police in an awkward position to confront people not based on behavior, but on looks. If you were to ask me should we create a law/code today that encourages police to racially profile people visiting parks, my answer would be absolutely not.