GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M. – ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Council Members: Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman; Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman; Deborah A. Carroll; Dr. Stewart Beckett III; Kurt P. Cavanaugh; Mary LaChance; Jacob McChesney; Whit Osgood; Lillian Tanski

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING - 8:00 P.M.

NO 1 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER \$150,000 – RENOVATION OF TOWN-OWNED RESIDENCE AT 2157 MAIN STREET.

- Roll Call.
 - (a) Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment.
- 3. Special Reports.
- Old Business.
 - (a) Action on sale of Town-owned land at 210 Griswold Street.
- New Business.
 - (a) Action on pollution legal liability insurance Riverfront Park and Fairgrounds.
 - (b) Discussion and possible action on potential new sidewalk project Spring Street.
 - (c) Action on Pension Plan Amendment No.19 Board of Education.
- 6. Consent Calendar.
- 7. Town Manager's Report.
- 8. Committee Reports.
 - (a) Chairman's Report.
 - Resignation of Mary LaChance from Council Education Foundation Subcommittee (2019-2021).
 - Appointment of Larry Niland to Council Education Foundation Subcommittee (through 2021).
 - (b) MDC.
 - (c) CRCOG.
- 9. Communications.
 - (a) Letter from CT Siting Council regarding modifications to existing telecommunications facility located at 175 Dickinson Road.
- Minutes.
 - (a) Minutes of October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- 11. Appointments and Resignations.
 - (a) Resignation of Della Winans from the Community Beautification Committee (D-2021).
- 12. Executive Session.
 - (a) Potential land acquisition.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 7B.1 "SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS", THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING.

• The public may join the Zoom Video Conference as an Attendee (view and listen function only) as follows:

Join by Zoom Meeting Link:

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- Public Comment may be submitted at the following link no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020:
 https://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/about-us/town-government/boards-commissions-committees/public-comment-town-council-meetings.

 There is also the opportunity to give Public Comment as part of the virtual meeting if joining through the Zoom Meeting Link.
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- The meeting will be broadcast in real time through Public Access Television Channel 16 and live video stream
 at the Town website or through the following link:
 https://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/about-us/pr-communications/tv-channel-public-broadcasting/public-broadcaststreaming-video



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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 10-27-2020 Meeting

October 23, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: 2157 Main Street - Renovations

Dear Council Members:

A public hearing with action is scheduled for Tuesday evening on a \$150,000 appropriation and transfer for repairs and updates to the Town-owned residential property at 2157 Main Street. Summary background information as follows:

- Residential property acquired by Town in 1988.
- Structure originally constructed in 1910 and maintained and updated since Town acquisition.
- Property leased for residential uses (several families) since purchase.
- Work now planned includes replacement of original windows (37±) including lead abatement to improve energy efficiency, remove deteriorating surfaces and ductless split air conditioning system.
- Budget estimate up to \$150,000 with actual cost subject to competitive bidding process.
- Grant opportunities including energy efficiency and possible donations will be fully reviewed.

By action at the September 22, 2020 meeting, Council referred this matter to the Board of Finance for a funding report and recommendation and scheduled a public hearing for the Tuesday, October 27th meeting. At its meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Board of Finance approved a favorable recommendation for a \$150,000 appropriation and transfer.

Subject to public hearing and action on Tuesday evening, the design, bidding and construction phases will proceed. When work is complete, the Town and Housing Authority will cooperate to make the residence available as an affordable rental opportunity.

"BE IT RESOVLED, the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a \$150,000 appropriation and transfer for improvements to the Town-owned property at 2157 Main Street from the General Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects – Facilities Maintenance, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated September 18, 2020 and as recommended by the Board of Finance."

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager ITEM NO. 4(A) 10-27-2020 Meeting

October 23, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re:

210 Griswold Street

Dear Council Members:

In 2007, the Town purchased the residential property at 210 Griswold Street for realignment of the Griswold/House/Harris Street intersection. The intersection project is complete and as shown on the attached pages, the project required much, but not all of the land at 210 Griswold Street.

Rabbi Wolvovsky of Chabad Jewish Center asked if the Town would convey the balance of the property at 210 Griswold Street. The Center is planning to build a residence at 200 Griswold Street and would like to add the Town-owned land to realign driveway access Specifically, to replace the curb cut along Griswold Street near the traffic signal. The House Street driveway is preferred.

By action at the Tuesday, October 13, 2020 meeting, this matter was referred to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and Council Land Appraisal Subcommittee. At its meeting of Tuesday, October 20th, the Town Plan and Zoning Commission approved a favorable recommendation per CGS Section 8-24. The Council Land Appraisal Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 22, 2020 and agreed the value of the subject parcel is less than \$20,000.

Next steps involve a formal agreement with Chabad Jewish Center for sale of the Town-owned land and is with restrictions limiting use of the land as access to 200 Griswold Street and a realigned driveway to House Street.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to develop a formal Agreement with the Chabad Jewish Center for sale of the Town-owned land at 210 Griswold Street, as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and Land Appraisal Subcommittee and as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 23, 2020."

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager ITEM NO. 5(A) 10-27-2020 Meeting

October 23, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re:

Pollution Legal Liability Insurance

Dear Council Members:

This involves the pollution legal liability insurance (PLL) purchased in 2003 when remediating the former Field Holstein property. This site is now the general location of the RCC and Riverfront Open Space and Fairgrounds. Background information is as follows:

- The 23± acre Field Holstein parcel was acquired by the Town in 1998 through a tax foreclosure. The site was abandoned at the time of Town acquisition (see attached page).
- A Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was approved by DEEP for environmental cleanup. This involved remediation of contaminated soils, demolition and site restoration.
- DEEP required a ground water collection system along the western border of the site. The goal was to collect ground
 water containing petroleum products before reaching the river. The system could be pumped periodically. Over the
 past 17 years, there has been minimal collection activity.
- Effective 2003, the Council approved PLL coverage for a ten-year term, \$5M aggregate policy and premium of \$121,500.
- The Riverfront Phase II project disturbed the southern boundary of the previous environmental remediation and the initial ten-year term was subsequently extended two years through 2015.
- By Council action in November 2015, the initial 12-year term (10+2) was extended five years with a \$3M occurrence/\$3M aggregate policy limit(s) and \$100,000 deductible. The annual cost totaled \$14,648.

The combined 17-year coverage will end next month and the question is whether to further extend this coverage. Options include:

- 1. Discontinue insurance policy effective November 15, 2020.
- 2. Extend coverage per current limits of \$3M/\$3M with \$100,000 deductible.
- 3. Extend policy with reduced coverage limits or increased deductible.

The Town's Insurance Agent of Record, H.D. Segur, advises the subject property can be added to the Town's current PLL coverage at an annual cost of \$5,000 at current coverage amounts. Since this is a "pre-existing condition", the Riverfront Park area discussed herein is not covered under the current general PLL plan.

This action is scheduled on Tuesday evening as follows (Option 1 or 2):

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the following action concerning pollution legal liability insurance coverage for the Riverfront Park and Fairgrounds (former Field Holstein property):

Discontinues coverage effective at the end of the current term - November 15, 2020; or

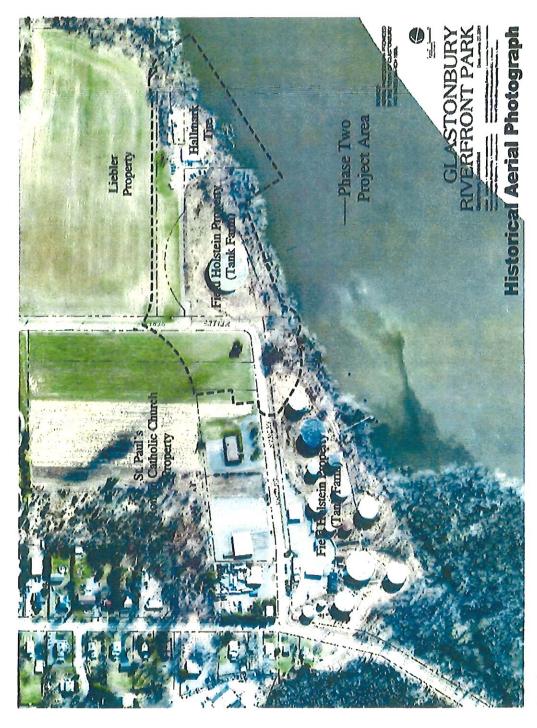
Extends policy for _____ years pursuant to \$____ million aggregate limit and \$____ deductible."

Additional information can be provided as may be requested.

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2. 1998 Historical Aerial Photograph Showing Tank Farm



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ITEM NO. 5(B) 10-27-2020 Meeting

October 23, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re:

Sidewalks - Spring Street

Dear Council Members:

The capital budget effective July 1, 2020 allocates an additional \$175,000 to support the Town's highly successful sidewalk program. New sidewalk construction is supported through the capital program and grant awards. For example, the Main Street project now under construction is funded in part by a \$300,000 grant through the Community Connectivity Program. Additional grant applications are now pending through the LOTCIP and Community Connectivity for Bell Street and the general Gateway area.

A review of the sidewalk matrix indicates new sidewalks along Spring Street as a high priority and generally next in the queue for construction. Current capital funding will support this project. Construction along Spring Street is often requested by property owners.

Subject to discussion on Tuesday evening, the goal is to begin design so that the Spring Street project can be scheduled for Council public hearing, and pending approval, construction in spring 2021. The sidewalk matrix is being updated and I will forward for your information. Other potential projects within the general Town center include Douglas Road, Pratt Street, Ripley Road, Clinton Street, Linden Street and others. There are also highly rated projects in other areas of Town.

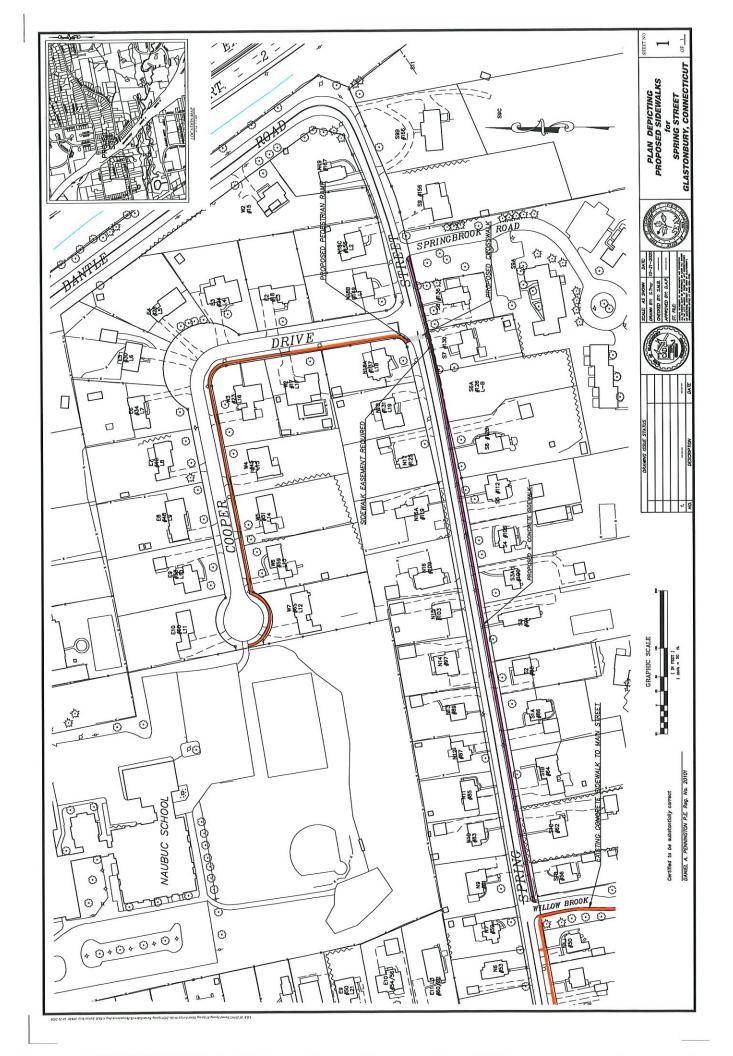
Based on Tuesday evening's discussion, this matter can be handled by consensus or a formal motion. Additional

information can be provided as may be requested.

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager ITEM #7 10-27-2020 Meeting

October 23, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

1. COVID-19

Attached is a copy of the most recent weekly report and summary of Town operations.

2. Weekly COVID-19 Alert System

The State Department of Public Health established a weekly COVID-19 alert system for cities and towns. The system shows the average daily case rate per 100,000 population for the prior two weeks. A link to the most up to date map is available at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/COVID-19. Any changes to the Glastonbury level will be noticed as applicable. Color coding is red - case rate higher than 15 per 100,000; orange - between 10-14 per 100,000; yellow - between 5-9 per 100,000; gray - lower than 5 per 100,000. As of late day October 22nd, Glastonbury is at level gray or less than 5 cases per 100,000. Going forward, information will be provided to Glastonbury residents to reflect current and any changing status in the alert level for Glastonbury.

3. Meeting Schedule

The Regular Council meeting schedule for November and December is as follows:

- Tuesday, November 10th
- Tuesday, November 24th (as needed)
- Tuesday, December 1st

The second regular Council meeting in November is typically the week of Thanksgiving and held on an as needed basis. For this year, the proposal is to hold a regular meeting on Tuesdays, November 10th and December 1st and cancel the November 24th meeting. All are shown as regular meeting dates on the meeting schedule approved in November 2019.

4. Conservation Commission – Inland, Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Long-term member and Chair of the Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission, Judy Harper, has advised that she will retire from the Commission when her current term ends this year. Judy has been a consistent champion of environmental matters throughout her tenure and her service will be greatly missed.

5. Library Project

The competitive bid process for the library addition and update project attracted 12 respondents and highly competitive pricing as compared to budget and estimates. I expect the contract to be awarded and work to proceed over the near term.

6. Town Historic District

The process to establish a new Historic District(s) is outlined below:

- Chair/Council asks Historic Commission to evaluate the potential for a new District(s) with the general areas suggested.
- Study report prepared to include:
 - Architectural and historical essay
 - Map of exact boundaries
 - List of properties and owners of record
 - Draft ordinance
 - o Photos of all property

The report is submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the local Planning and Zoning Commission for comment. Upon receipt of comments, there is a public hearing after which the Town Clerk sends a ballot to all property owners. Two-thirds of the property owners who vote must vote to approve or the process does not move forward. After the ballot vote of property owners, the Council votes by simple majority too, accept, reject, return with suggested changes. Again, this is a general outline and additional information can be provided as may be requested. The preceding is a follow-up to comment at the October 13, 2020 meeting.

7. Community Paper Shred Event

215 residents attended the shred event on October 17th. This compares to 103 attendees last October. Next event scheduled for May 8, 2021.

8. Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale and Pick Up Event

37 composters and 38 rain barrels were sold at the October 17th event. This compares to 67 composters and 22 rain barrels sold at same time last year. A spring 2021 program is being considered.

9. Election Schedule and Absentee Ballots

Registrars of Voters indicate absentee ballots received on Election Day will be tabulated on Wednesday, November 4th. Accordingly, final results will not be available until Wednesday when absentee ballots are fully counted. As of 12:00 p.m. Friday, 9,680 absentee ballots have been issued and 6,920 have been returned to the Town Clerk. A significant number of absentee ballots are expected on Election Day.

10. Affordable Housing

Data collection for the Affordable Housing Plan per current State Statute is about to begin. This will be followed by public engagement sessions now planned for January/February (after the holidays). The public engagement will be opened to all interested in participating. I would suggest a Steering Group of seven or so with representatives from the Council, TP&Z, Housing Authority and others as applicable. Staff support can be provided by the Town Manager, Director of Planning and Director of Housing Authority.

11. Spooky Stroll

The Library and Recreation Department sponsored a Spooky Story Stroll between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st. Young people went on a "stroll" at the RCC and Riverfront Park with stops along the route for stories and a bagged treat at the end of the stroll. There were 250 participants. Safety measures were in place for all. Council Members McChesney and Tanski attended as readers.

Richard J Johnson Town Manager

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News

Weekly Town Manager COVID-19 Update - October 22, 2020

Post Date: 10/23/2020 9:06 AM

Recent COVID-19 updates for the Town of Glastonbury are summarized herein.

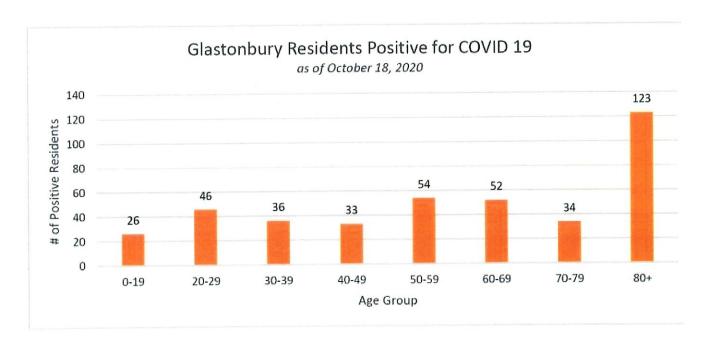
Glastonbury COVID-19 Figures as of 10/18/2020

Note: Numbers in (parentheses) indicate a change from the previous week.

PLEASE NOTE! The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) manages all COVID-19 test results statewide, and many individuals are now getting tested for COVID-19 multiple times as a result of employer mandates, travel safeguards, etc. Last week, the Glastonbury Health Department conducted a more in-depth analysis of the complex DPH dataset and identified a disparity that will affect all weekly reports going forward. The DPH database associates positive test results for each individual with the date their first test was performed, which is typically the date that individual was first recorded in their system. For individuals who have been tested multiple times, this can create a disparity between the date of their first test, and the date their positive test was conducted.* To address this disparity, GHD has modified its data analysis and reporting process and, for this report and all that follow, the dates associated with positive cases will now reflect the date the positive test was conducted. Please note, this means that weekly reports issued on or after October 23 will NOT be directly comparable to reports generated previously. We apologize for any confusion this may cause, but believe this process correction will provide more accurate reporting.

*Example: John Doe has his first COVID-19 test on March 20 and receives a negative result. He has several more negative tests over the following months, and then tests positive on September 1, 2020. Unfortunately, the DPH database would tie the positive test result to March 20, (the day he was setup in their system), rather than September 1, the date of the positive test.

As per CT Department of Public Health (DPH) lab testing data available 10/18/20, 9,173 (+559) COVID 19 tests have been conducted on residents. Of those 9,173 tests, 404 (+13) are laboratory-confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. No additional resident deaths were recorded this week. By gender, 232 (+8) female and 172 (+5) male, positive test results have been received.



View the Connecticut COVID-19 website, including resources & data points

Latest COVID-19 Data on Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

* Data from DPH is considered preliminary and data changes as new reports are received and data errors are corrected. In an ongoing process of data assessment, DPH continues to modify how certain disease-positive lab results are considered, changing some previous counts. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. Prior to June 1, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.

New Color-Coded Map

The state of Connecticut has developed a new Town Alert System and color-coded map to report COVID-19 rates by population. Grey communities have the lowest number of cases per 100,000, followed by yellow, orange, and red with the highest concentration. As of 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 22, Glastonbury is Grey with less than 5 cases per 100,000. To help prevent further spread and sustain existing opportunities for socialization, please continue to wear your mask, limit in-person gatherings, and observe all CDC guidelines. The map will be updated weekly and is available on the state website at https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-data-tracker. An update will be provided if Glastonbury's status (color) should change.

Upcoming COVID-friendly Halloween Programs/Events

- 10/24 (Saturday) TCI Food Drive @ the Fountain Green 9 11am to benefit the Glastonbury Food Bank. TCI will bring their Halloween inflatables for their smallest patrons' enjoyment. Click here for more information.
- 10/26 (Monday) Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru at RCC 1:00 2:30 pm. (Rain date: Thurs. Oct. 29). (Please note registration date has passed for this event)
- 10/30 (Friday) A Howling Sing-A-Long with Dr. Uke; 2 3 pm. Sing along to songs like "The Monster Mash" or snap your fingers to "The Addams Family" wear your favorite mask for a snap shot photo. To register, please email diana.paterson@glastonbury-ct.gov or nicole.mercer@glastonbury-ct.gov or call (860) 652-7638 (Email required for registration.)

Click here to review state of CT Halloween guidance during the pandemic.

Resources:

- State of Connecticut COVID-19 updates www.ct.gov/coronavirus
- Glastonbury COVID-19 updates www.glastonbury-ct.gov/covid19
- State Town Alert Map: https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-data-tracker
- Town Facebook Pages for Real-Time Updates Click here to view all Town Facebook pages

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager



Memo

October 20, 2020

To: Richard J. Johnson

Town Manager

Fr: Wendy S. Mis

Director of Health

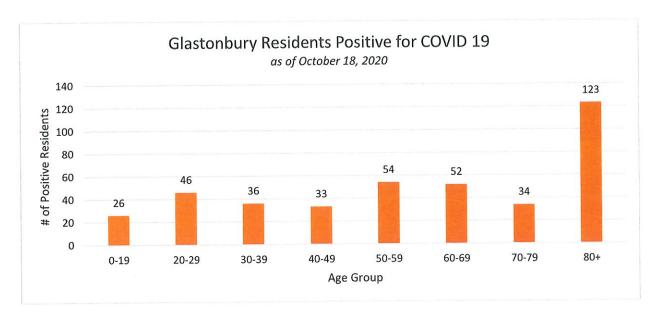
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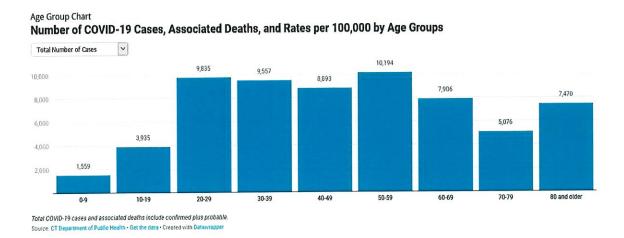
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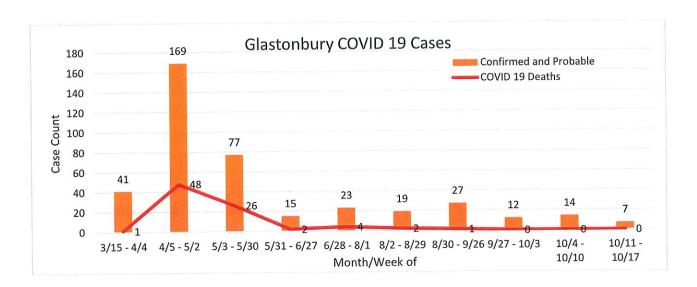


Testing is readily available in multiple locations in the greater Glastonbury area. Testing results are attributed to the town of residency as indicated on the individual's identification at the time of testing. Testing of Glastonbury residents continues to increase across all age groups. The greatest number of residents tested remains the 50 - 59 year age group, followed by the 20 - 29 year age group, then the 60 - 69 group. Glastonbury Health Department uses the state-required contact tracing system to follow up on positive cases and contacts in attempt to keep the potential spread of disease and number of new cases down. Residents who answer honestly and share information during contact tracing calls can help prevent the further spread of COVID 19.

The October 20, 2020 data snapshot below from CT DPH shows the number of confirmed and probable cases in Connecticut by age group.



The graph below shows a count of residents with confirmed positive and probable cases and COVID 19 related deaths. Data for the months of March through September have been condensed and shown as monthly columns, while data for October is shown by the week. The positive case counts for the last few months remain relatively consistent, with group exposures causing most new cases.



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¹ https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 16, 2020

The Honorable Thomas P. Gullotta Chairman Glastonbury Town Hall 2155 Main Street P. O. Box 6523 Glastonbury, CT 06033 thomas.gullotta@glastonbury-ct.gov 2020 DCT 19 PM 4: 58

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-054-201016** - T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 175 Dickinson Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut

Dear Chairman Gullotta:

Pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-72, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of a request to modify an existing telecommunications facility located in the Town of Glastonbury.

In accordance with Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, on October 15, 2020, written notice of the intent to modify the existing telecommunications facility was provided to the Council, the property owner of record and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the existing telecommunications facility is located.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above-referenced request, please feel free to call me at 860-827-2951 or submit written comments to the Council by October 30, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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c: Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, Town of Glastonbury (richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov) Khara Dodds, Director of Planning and Land Use Services, Town of Glastonbury (planning@glastonbury-ct.gov)

ITEM #10(A) 10-27-2020 Meeting



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GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular 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. Mary LaChance

Ms. Deborah A. Carroll

Mr. Jacob McChesney

Mr. Whit C. Osgood

Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh

Ms. Lillian Tanski

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mr. Osgood

2. Public Comment.

Ms. Carroll read the written comments received, as listed on the Town website:

Kelly Mulryan of 45 Lindsay Drive, wants to understand how restricting public access to Town owned parks violates laws. She noted that beaches in shoreline towns restrict access to their beaches and that is okay. She noted the example of Westbrook, which only allows residents to park in their lots; nonresidents can have access but cannot park there.

John Sakon of 82 Folly Brook Lane in Manchester, noted that his building in town was vandalized, and he has not been contacted by any Town official to address the 'hate crime.' He has defeated two larceny charges and 14 false arrests which, he felt, sent him the message that he should leave town. Mr. Sakon accused the Town Manager of corruption and stated that both he and Mr. Carey should be fired. He then asked the Council to immediately revoke control of the police department from Mr. Johnson, to invoke a civilian review board, and for them to ask the State Police to investigate the vandalism at 131 Griswold Street and make the appropriate arrests.

CJ Mozzochi of 227 Hebron Avenue, stated that the BOE office rent is outrageous, and a separate Town-owned building should be acquired for that space. The Council and BOF should demand that the BOE submit a more accurate budget and the Council should rescind the ruling that their surplus does not have to be returned to the general fund every year.

Mr. Niland opened the floor for attendees to comment.

Glastonbury Town Council Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 Recording Clerk – LT Minutes Page 1 of 10 Julie Thompson of 252 Bluff Point in South Glastonbury, made a comment on behalf of the Historical Society, with regard to the upcoming vote on the purchase of the Cotton Hollow mill walls. She stated that this purchase will ensure the preservation of an iconic piece of Glastonbury history. The Historical Society looks forward to ensuring that the mill remains an important part of Town history to come.

3. Special Reports.

a. Status Report on Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Johnson stated that there are about 60 projects in education that are moving forward. The multi-use trail is expecting completion soon. The library renovation project bids are due this Friday. For Glastonbury Boulevard, they await the final parts for the crossing signals and two bus shelters are being added to it. Mr. Osgood asked for an update on the junction north of Gilmore Manor. Mr. Johnson stated that they are going to pipe that and resolve the ongoing drainage and erosion problem. Mr. Osgood asked about the Salmon Brook extension of the bicycle path. Mr. Johnson stated that, likely in early November, they will have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Cavanaugh asked for a status on the grant approval for the Main Street sidewalks. Mr. Johnson stated that they are awaiting the final signoff on two grants, both the Main Street project and the sidewalk network within the Gateway area.

- 4. Old Business.
- 5. New Business.
 - a. Action on potential sale of Town-owned land at 210 Griswold Street (Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission and Land Appraisal Committee).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the potential sale of Town-owned land at 210 Griswold Street as follows:

- 1. Referral to the Land Appraisal Subcommittee for a determination of estimated value;
- 2. Referral to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation per CGS Section 8-24:

as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 9, 2020.

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

b. Discussion and possible action concerning Splash Pad at Addison Park.

Mr. Johnson explained that, prior to the pandemic, the Rotary Club committed to funding the project by 50%, at \$250,000. While they are still committed to that level of funding, they can only provide \$100,000 at this point in time. Mr. Johnson explained that if the project goes forward and the Rotary Club contributes \$100,000 this year, the Town would be able to buy the equipment to avoid the 5% uptick. He noted that the Town will not build the splash pad until the fall of 2021. Mr. Cavanaugh asked where the components would be stored in the meantime. Lisa Zerio, the Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that they would make room at the Parks Garage and Longo. They are confident that they can find space for storage.

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Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby confirms support for the splash pad project at the Addison Park pool, supported by the donation of 50% of project costs by the Glastonbury Rotary Club, as detailed by the October 9, 2020 letter by Rotary Club president, Deborah Eisenberg, and as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 9, 2020.

Disc: Mr. Niland is in favor of this application. He has complete faith in the Rotary Club and has no worries about this at all. Ms. Tanski echoed Mr. Niland and thanked the Rotary Club and the Parks and Recreation department for a great-looking project.

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

c. Discussion concerning testing of sanitary wastewater - COVID-19.

Mr. Johnson explained that the testing of wastewater has been used historically but not of late. There is a process for testing that can indicate an early warning for COVID-19 infections. Mr. Gullotta had asked to put this item on the agenda because he expects an uptick in infections in the fall and winter. He wants to have an action plan as foresight, as opposed to just testing in real time. Dr. Beckett has been very critical of the response of this pandemic. Information is better than no information, and this process can provide some of that. Mr. Osgood does not think that this idea makes any sense for Glastonbury, but it would on the state legislature level. He does not support spending \$5,000 a month for 6-8 months on this. Mr. Niland thinks that people are lulled into a false sense of security, and this testing process would give them a bit of precaution, which could help.

Ms. Carroll likes the idea of having more information, but she has concerns about the lack of specificity on this, such as the number of people/homes/businesses being on septic. Instead, she would rather spend money on acquiring more accessible tests for children under 18 because they are generally asymptomatic. Ms. Tanski agreed with Ms. Carroll. Mr. Osgood remarked that health officials have not recommended this action, so he does not support it. Mr. McChesney stated that he has struggled with this being a financially prudent decision, as it simply concludes things that they should be doing anyway, like wearing masks.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby supports the testing of sanitary wastewater for COVID-19, beginning in the month of November and extending through the month of May.

Disc: Mr. Osgood thinks that this is an unusually large expense and not a prudent use of resources. Ms. Tanski agreed, adding that this will encourage too much confidence in residents to break from vigilance in staying safe. Dr. Beckett stated that colleges use this technology, which is a screening test not an individual test.

Result: Motion failed {3-6-0}, with Mr. Osgood, Mr. Cavanaugh, Ms. Tanski, Ms. LaChance, Ms. Carroll, and Mr. McChesney voting against.

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d. Action in support of Council statement concerning 2020 election season.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby expresses support for the following statement concerning the 2020 election season:

In view of recent events the Glastonbury Town Council urges our community to continue its long history of behaving in a calm and considerate manner leading to the election date of November 3 and beyond, to assure our residents an environment in which they can freely and without any fear or concern exercise their duty and vote as we have always done in Glastonbury.

Citizens are as always free and are in fact encouraged to express their views in any forum without any reservation as long as they are done in a civil manner with mutual respect to other views and opinions.

as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 9, 2020.

Disc: Ms. Tanski believes that Town residents will conduct themselves during the election in the same respectful and peaceful way that they always have. She does not believe that the Council needs to issue this statement. Mr. Osgood asked which recent event(s) triggered this statement. Mr. Gullotta stated that the recent event in Michigan is one example. Mr. Osgood finds this statement unnecessary. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he is not an elected official to lecture voters. He also questioned the 'recent events,' stating that they have never had an issue with voters in Glastonbury, so he is not going to support this. Mr. Niland remarked that there is nothing objectionable in this letter. Ms. Carroll agreed with Mr. Niland that this is just a statement, not a lecture. This is a reminder that everyone needs to be their best selves during these very charged times. Mr. McChesney concurred, adding that they should try to set the tone from the top-down. Ms. LaChance is on the fence with this. While she finds nothing wrong with the statement, she would have preferred it to be more actionable.

Mr. Tanski stated that, even in light of the raised tensions right now, Glastonbury has been conducting itself in a much more respectful manner than other places that have made the news nationwide. She worries that having wording that some may perceive to be condescending could be viewed as some sort of repudiation of them.

A call to question by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Niland

Result: Call to question was passed {4-5-0}, with Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Osgood, Ms. Tanski, and Dr. Beckett voting against.

Result of the motion: Motion passed {4-5-0}, with Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Osgood, Ms. Tanski, and Dr. Beckett voting against.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING - 8:00 P.M.

NO 1: PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE III – RECREATIONAL AREAS USE REGULATIONS.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves proposed changes to Town Code Chapter 14, Article III - Recreational Areas Use Regulations, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 9, 2020 and as recommended by the Council Policy & Ordinance Review Subcommittee. Said amendments to be effective November 1, 2020.

Disc: Mr. Johnson explained that there are two preserves in town: The Cotton Hollow Preserve and the Great Pond Preserve. Due to the pandemic, Cotton Hollow saw an unusually high use. This overwhelmed the site, so they closed down the preserve. The Town Attorney's opinion concluded that restricting access to public parks to Town residents and their guests is unconstitutional and illegal. The proposal is to change the language to indicate that both preserves are open to the public.

Ms. Carroll read the written comments received, as listed on the Town website:

Carol Aylward of 947 Chestnut Hill Road, asked the Council to consider giving Town seniors free parking passes to the Grange pool, Cotton Hollow preserve, and Eastbury pond.

John Nealon of 145 Moseley Terrace, supports the action proposed tonight, as it promotes a message of openness to neighbors and a willingness to share their nature preserves with them. He also agreed with the Recreation Commission's position that the Town maintain the park ranger program.

Steve Dickison of 168 Forest Lane, stated that all should be welcome at Cotton Hollow and the Great Pond preserve. Cotton Hollow is one of the reasons why he moved to Glastonbury and closing it to non-residents or charging a fee would require police enforcement, which he is against. It would also hurt businesses in the area and the Town would be perceived as non-inviting.

Mr. Niland opened the floor for attendees to comment.

Jennifer Siskind of 101 Fairview Terrace in South Glastonbury, stated that she has lived near Cotton Hollow for 21 years. She hikes down there a lot and has made it her commitment to pick up any trash she sees. This summer, the amount of trash was astronomical. The changes in the ordinance do not address the amount of people using this space. She suggested adding language to restrict other types of material, such as cans, straws, etc. at the preserve. She would like the Council to instruct the Recreation Commission to address this trash issue and to possibly consider some kind of parking restriction.

Samantha Lombardo of 17 Lakewood Road, stated that the Town has not enforced any of the rules of the preserve for a long time now. Tonight's action is just a general formality. The real question should be, will the Town finally enforce the Cotton Hollow ordinances. She also expressed her full support for the park ranger program, and noted that the preserve has two trailheads, both of which are equally important.

Victoria McBrien of 4 MacIntosh Lane, expressed her support for the Council's decision to open up Cotton Hollow to non-residents. She stated that restricting access to only residents is not only unconstitutional, but also segregationist. She thanked the Council for considering this action and committing to civility and encouraging kindness, while protecting natural spaces and keeping people safe.

Glastonbwy Town Cowncil Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 Recording Clerk – LT Minutes Page 5 of 10 With no further comments, Mr. Niland closed the public hearing.

In regard to Ms. Siskind's suggestion about updating the ordinance to include language on trash, Mr. Johnson explained that section 14-35 of the ordinance already prohibits the dumping of bottles, glass, paper, garbage refuse, and other inappropriate items. He also noted that parking would be restricted to just 23 spaces during the height of the season, which should help to prevent overcrowding of the facility. There is a section of the code titled "Sanitation" that addresses some of the comments that were brought up.

Mr. McChesney stated that Ms. Siskind's comment seems to call for the prohibition of bringing in those items, as opposed to prohibiting just their dumping. Mr. Johnson stated that not everything is called out in the Code of Ordinances, but the Council may address that by adding a section under "Sanitation."

Mr. Niland asked what the purpose was behind deleting section 14-44 (g) of the Glastonbury Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Johnson explained that it would be onerous to list all of the standards and prohibitions on one sign to then put in every park. Mr. Niland suggested removing the portion that makes it an absolute requirement for the Town to post a sign all the time. Mr. Johnson stated that he had thought of that idea, too. Mr. McChesney agreed with that language.

Mr. Carroll liked the public comment about waiving the parking fees for seniors. She suggested the Council agree to have the conversation on fees after the budget season and just make a decision on this piece tonight. Ms. Tanski agreed. Dr. Beckett suggested making an amendment to incorporate the language that Mr. Niland just brought up.

Amendment by: Mr. Niland

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council reinstate section 14-44 (g) of the Glastonbury Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation, which would read as the following: The Town reserves the right to prohibit or restrict activities in a park or preserve.

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

Disc on motion: Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he had always presumed that the Cotton Hollow restriction was a part of the deed restriction and not the Town Code. Had he known that, he believes that the Council would have taken action on this sooner, but he is glad that it is being removed now. Mr. Niland also supports the recommendation of the Recreation Commission on the park rangers.

Result: Amended motion passed unanimously {9-0-0}.

NO 2: PROPOSED TOWN ACQUISITION OF THE COTTON HOLLOW MILL SITE AND A \$225,000 TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves Town acquisition of the Cotton Hollow Mill site in accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated September 22, 2020 and a \$225,000 appropriation and transfer from the Capital Reserve-Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects-Land Acquisition for the acquisition, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 9, 2020 and as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance. Be it further resolved that Council approval is subject to Town satisfaction with the due diligence process, including ground survey, environmental analysis, and title search.

Glastonbwy Town Council Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 Recording Clerk – LT Minutes Page 6 of 10 Disc: Mr. Johnson explained that the proposal is to purchase one acre off of Cotton Hollow Road that includes the historic mill walls. There is a two-year, and then month-to-month, access via the current driveway, and then access after that point through a farm road. The TPZ and BOF both approved the plans. Council action is required by November 11, 2020 and closing by December 4, 2020. The Historical Society is prepared to begin a fundraising project, and they are looking at the potential of some matching grants.

Mr. Niland opened the floor for attendees to comment.

Julie Thompson of 252 Bluff Point in South Glastonbury, reiterated her comment from the public comment session. The Historical Society looks forward to fundraising for this initiative and ensuring that this important part of Glastonbury's history is preserved.

Jennifer Siskind of 101 Fairview Terrace in South Glastonbury, expressed her gratitude to the Council, the Town Manager, and the property owner for moving this action forward. In light of Mr. Johnson's comment about a chain link fence, Ms. Siskind wonders whether it might instead be possible to put a rod iron fence or something more attractive on the creek side of the property.

Samantha Lombardo of 17 Lakewood Road, expressed her full appreciation and support for the purchase of the Cotton Hollow mill walls. She is pleased that the mill walls will be standing for future generations. She is happy to actively help with fundraising and anything that is needed to help preserve the walls properly.

With no further comments, Mr. Niland closed the public hearing.

Mr. Niland asked why they only have two years access via the driveway and what their options are, should something happen to the fence beyond those two years. Mr. Johnson explained that the site is challenging because access is limited. Mr. Johnson stated that that was the best they could do, knowing that the owners of the property plan on building a home that will encompass the driveway that is there now. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the Historical Society will participate in the fundraising and, if so, what is their goal. Mr. Johnson stated that he spoke with Julie Thompson about enacting a fundraising strategy. The 5,000 people who signed the petition to preserve the mill walls would be a good starting point. They have already received a couple thousand dollars in donations and one offer for a matching grant opportunity. The Historical Society has to do a lot of the heavy fighting, particularly when it comes to restoring the mill walls. Mr. Cavanaugh will support this action, as he is very concerned about the historic nature of Glastonbury's past being demolished.

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

6. Consent Calendar.

a. Action to approve 3 Domains of Livability - Glastonbury Age-Friendly Action Plan.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby expresses its continuing support of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities Initiative and the three Domains of Housing, Transportation and Outdoor Spaces Buildings as initial priorities, as described in a report by the Town

Glastonbwy Town Council Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 Recording Clerk – LT Minutes Page 7 of 10 Manager dated October 9, 2020 and as presented and recommended by the Core Leadership Team for the Age-Friendly Community Project.

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

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Johnson explained that item 2 was a recent sample of thank you letters to Town staff. Item 3 is an update on building permit activity, which he hopes to provide the Council every three or four months. Durlene Mikkelson will retire as the Director of Youth and Family Services on Friday and Lori LaCapra will succeed her on Monday. The Town's wastewater treatment plan continues to operate efficiently. Bike Walk Glastonbury has donated two benches and an anonymous donor is providing a repair station. The food bank has received \$77,000 from 478 donors thus far, since the COVID-19 pandemic started in March. In regard to the closure fund, the sale of fill annually varies significantly. He asked if sale of fill revenues will be automatically deposited to the fund or will Council action be required. Item 11 is in regard to the Cotton Hollow parking passes, for which the Town Manager noted it makes sense to not charge a fee during the cooler months.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby recognizes the Town Manager's Expense Report for the months of July 2020 to September 2020.

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

Mr. Johnson noted that, for Item 13, they had applied for a cemetery grant from the state and received \$3,332. Item 14, regarding noise control, could be forwarded to the Policy and Ordinance Review Committee, should the Council so choose. For item 15, they are just about complete to make sure that the uranium project remains eligible for the state revolving loan and grant program. Mr. Johnson expects to have the general report by calendar year end. For item 17, the pollution liability coverage was extended for five years at a \$3 million coverage, \$100,000 deductible. That policy runs until the middle of November. It has been 17 years since the policy has been put in place by AIG, which no longer runs the policy. He will return to the Council on October 27 for possible action on this.

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he wanted to reiterate for the record Police Chief Porter's comment made during the September 29 special meeting. Chief Porter stated that in his entire time as Chief, there has not been a single use of force complaint against the department. Mr. Cavanaugh encouraged the public to read a very compelling letter, written by a resident, praising Agent Keeney. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the Wang Palace building had been sold. Mr. Johnson stated that it is either under option or sold, but he has not yet seen any proposals. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the approval of office space on Addison Road. Mr. Johnson stated that there are four buildings on the northeast corner of Addison Road and Eastern Boulevard. He agreed to provide the schematics to the Council at a later date.

Mr. McChesney conveyed his appreciation to officers for their community engagement. He also encouraged them to ensure that as many community holiday events happen as safely possible. He also stressed that the Town should continue to work with business owners as much as possible, in order to help them celebrate Halloween. Mr. Johnson stated that a variety of departments are working together to put together a virtual holiday program guide. When he gets that, he will share it with the Council. Mr.

Glastonbury Town Council Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 Recording Clerk – LT Minutes Page 8 of 10 Johnson also stated that his silence in regard to the letter that was read by Mr. Sakon during the public comment session tonight does not mean that he agrees with anything that was said.

8. Committee Reports.

a. Chairman's Report.

Mr. Gullotta asked Mr. Johnson to ask the Historical Society if they would consider auctioning off their moon trees.

b. MDC.

Ms. LaChance stated that the budget is still looking like a significant increase, given the times.

c. CRCOG.

None

9. Communications.

None

10. Minutes.

a. Minutes of September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

Result: The minutes were accepted as presented {9-0-0}.

b. Minutes of September 29, 2020 Special Meeting (Police Operations Workshop Meeting).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

Result: The minutes were accepted as presented {9-0-0}.

11. Appointments and Resignations.

- a. Appointment of Jeff Bodeau (alternate member) to the Board of Assessment Appeals (R-2024).
- b. Resignation of Kristy Notarangelo from the Board of Education (R-2023).
- c. Appointment of Evan Seratan to the Board of Education (R-2023).
- d. Appointment of Jody Kretzmer to the Community Beautification Commission (R-2023).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoint Jeff Bodeau (alternate member) to the Board of Assessment Appeals (R-2024); regretfully accept the resignation of Kristy Notarangelo from the Board of Education (R-2023); appoint Evan Seratan to the Board of Education (R-2023); and appoint Jody Kretzmer to the Community Beautification Commission (R-2023).

Result: Appointments and resignations were accepted unanimously {9-0-0}.

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12. Executive Session.
a. Potential land acquisition.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Dr. Beckett

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into executive session to discuss a potential land acquisition at 9:35 P.M.

Result: Motion passed 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, Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Jake McChesney, Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh, Ms. Lillian Tanski, and Mr. Whit Osgood, with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.

No votes were taken during the Executive Session, which ended at 10:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Subject:

FW: Resignation from Beautification Committee

From: Roger & Della Winans < rmwinans@cox.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020 8:00 PM

To: Richard Johnson < richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov >

Subject: Resignation from Beautification Committee

Dear Richard-

Roger and I recently moved to New Hampshire to live with our son Dan, so I need to resign my position on the Beautification Committee.

I will miss my fellow committee members and the work we've done.

All my best, Della Winans

Sent from my iPhone