

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 27, 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.
Kelly	Hogan	Lindsay Lane	Recent car thefts and break ins have been on the rise not just in Glastonbury, but across the state. Residents of course have a responsibility to protect their belongings, but what else is being considered or done at a local level to further protect our community? People are absolutely terrified with the crime that is occurring. There should be an immediate call to action on this not just at the local level, but also the state level. Anything less is unacceptable.
John	Hammer	136 Hopewell Rd	Regarding Cotton Hollow Preserve at the Grange Pool Location. I've created a concept plan based on Glastonbury GIS at 1"=60' on an 11x17 with photo illustrations correlating to the plan. The concept is offered as an addition to, or alternate thought process for improving safety, accessibility, visibility of the users, and a broader user base to the preserve and Matson Hill Open Space instead of solely policing it. Improving accessibility is a specific target area in Community Development Block Grants. The plan connects Matson Hill Openspace via sidewalks with snow shelves to Grange-Pool and then the Preserve. The existing gravel parking lot is reconfigured to make trail heads accessible which requires eliminating an entire row of parking spaces. The remainder become restricted to Accessible Parking, emergency, and town vehicles. Connecting both spaces, offers increased safer parking, easier access for emergency and town vehicles, accessible access at new trail heads, immensely increases the visibility of higher mobility users by having them walk in public. Realistically, having all the swimmers walk in their swim gear in front of the entire public instead of arriving and ducking into the preserve might deter some of the activity when more people can see them doing that. currently that goes unseen into a rather private and secluded swimming hole. I'd like to see a policed area of the Town by Ranger Staff have improved inclusion, safer access, improved visibility of the users, and an overall plan to better utilize available land in the vicinity. I hope this encourages people to be creative in our approaches. The plan is currently available on Glastonbury Community Facebook Group, someone could contact me directly if there's further interest. Thank you.
Pamela	Lucas	145 Moseley Terrace	Our names are Pamela Lucas and John Nealon, and we live at 145 Moseley Terrace. We thank Richard Johnson and the Town Council for moving ahead with the preparation of an affordable housing plan per Connecticut General Statutes section 8-30j, which requires the plan to specify how the town will increase its number of affordable housing developments. Like so many others, we are deeply concerned about the entrenched segregation in our state, and we hope that Glastonbury can become a more welcoming town with more affordable housing opportunities. We look forward to the upcoming public engagement sessions mentioned in Mr. Johnson's report, and ask that multiple sessions be scheduled throughout the process to enable the public to learn about the Town Council's analysis and conclusions, and to provide input along the way regarding the underlying data assumptions, the plan's specific objectives, and the steps that the town intends to take to implement them. In our view, the plan should take into account the state and federal fair housing laws; the racial and income demographics of the town and region; zoning restrictions on duplexes and multi-family housing; and the fair share of the region's need for affordable housing that Glastonbury ought to provide. The town's plan, we hope, will examine how we might promote more affordable housing throughout our town, not just one or two areas of it, by making our zoning and development practices more inclusive.
David	O'Connor	1140 Main Street South Glastonbury, CT 06073	My name is David O'Connor. I live at 1140 Main Street in South Glastonbury and have been here for about 15 years. I appreciate the attention that Richard Johnson and the Town Council are giving to the issue of affordable housing and the development of a plan for the town. Towns like Glastonbury gain considerable benefit from the racial and economic diversity that affordable housing brings to a community. Research shows that living in a diverse community is particularly important for our youth – it improves students' cognitive skills through exposure to differing ideas and creates confident adults who are better able to effectively navigate an increasingly diverse society. Research also dispels the myths of higher crime rates, lower housing values and adverse impact on our schools. As a proponent of affordable housing in Glastonbury, I believe the town plan should include: •an assessment of where in town duplexes and multifamily housing of three units or more is permitted; •the racial demographics of both the town and the region; •an examination of Glastonbury's share of subsidized housing for the region (both what it is now and what it should be in the future); •a report on the racial demographics of the town and region; and, •a report on the income demographics of the town and region. I hope the town will look beyond specific statute requirements for Glastonbury's fair share of the affordable housing need and consider the benefits that residents in all neighborhoods will gain from a more diverse community. Glastonbury is a desirable, high opportunity location for individuals seeking affordable housing in the Greater Hartford region. We should welcome them to our town. I look forward to seeing the town plan as it evolves and hope there will be more opportunities to participate in its development. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Christine	Endicott	63 Pippin Drive West	I just read in the Glastonbury Citizen about the decision NOT to test the wastewater. I am writing as a scientist with a strong background in molecular biology and as a concerned parent to two young children in a daycare in town. It is dangerous to vote no to this motion without having a better option in place like Middletown, which this week is starting to offer free asymptomatic testing at schools. We are right next to two towns that are currently under Red Alert by the state (Hartford and East Hartford) and any early warning would be beneficial so the town could take action early to prevent the virus from spreading like wildfire. This strategy of wastewater testing has been extremely successful at my institution, the University of Connecticut. I am colleagues with the scientist, Dr. Kendra Maas, who has been at the forefront of setting this up for the university population. This strategy is why the University of Connecticut is still open with students attending in person classes safely. They have used it as a strategy to quarantine entire dorms to keep cases from spreading. If you would like to revisit, I would be happy to put the council in touch with Dr Maas. Currently, her lab has the capacity to run samples in addition to the University's samples for \$75 per sample from a non-profit. With the holidays coming and the pandemic fatigue setting in very hard, I am honestly terrified at what this winter will look like. Implementing some sort of surveillance testing via the wastewater or through readily available asymptomatic testing is another tool we can use to fight the pandemic. With testing obviously comes the additional messaging that it is not carte blanche to do whatever one wants, however I believe it is better than no testing at all and flying blind.