Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
01-12-21 Meeting

January 8, 2021

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. ### Cedar Ridge Drive – Water Service

    The project to extend Manchester Water Service to four residential properties located off Cedar Ridge Drive is complete. The project was fully funded by the four property owners. A $250,000 deposit was initially forwarded to Glastonbury and this deposit was reduced by $50,000 upon completion of final design and updated cost estimating. The deposit now totals $200,000. The net cost after grants is $123,215.56 due to Manchester. The balance of $76,784.44 ($200,000-$123,215.56 = $76,784.44) will be returned to the four property owners. This will conclude this matter.

3. ### Affordable Housing Plan

    State statute requires cities and towns to update or enact Affordable Housing Plans by June 2022. The State Department of Housing is expected to issue guidelines over coming weeks to assist with this requirement. Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics is selected to assist the Town with this process and as discussed previously, a Steering Committee is recommended to help coordinate. Members appointed to date include: Town Council – Deborah Carroll and Lillian Tanski, Town Plan and Zoning Commission – Sharon Purtill and Christopher Griffin, Housing Authority - Carl Stenman. Staff working with the group will include the Town Manager, Director of Planning and Director of the Housing Authority.

    At the December 1st meeting, Council decided to include a member of the community on the Steering Committee and encouraged those interested to contact my office. The following individuals have expressed interest: Beth Hillson, Michele Jacklin, Pamela Lockard, Patricia Parent, Nicholas Paindiris, Thomas (Ben) Bare, David Liscinsky, June Blacksten, Leslie Cayer Ohta, Tory McBrien and Pam Lucas.

4. ### Putnam Bridge Trail and Walkway – Liability and Maintenance Requirements

    The State DOT recently forwarded a draft Project Authorization Letter (PAL) to Glastonbury and Wethersfield for the multi-purpose trail and walkway extending between Glastonbury and Wethersfield to include the 6' fiberglass walkway extending along the bridge. The walkway is complete and the connecting paths are planned for 2021 construction. The approaches to the walkway include 670'± and 4,750' in Wethersfield and Glastonbury respectively. Additionally, there will be a parking area along Naubuc Avenue in Glastonbury.

Glastonbury and Wethersfield have discussed the PAL and talked with State DOT. At this point, the DOT is proposing the Towns assume responsibility for liability and ongoing care and maintenance of the trail (repairs to benches, fencing, signage, lighting, along with litter removal, landscaping, etc.). This is generally consistent with multi-use trails the Town has constructed. Of most concern to Glastonbury and Wethersfield is responsibility for removal of snow and ice along the 6' fiberglass walkway (state to assume liability to walkway). This presents a number of operational concerns for both communities and the suggestion is to close the walkway during winter months (e.g., January – March). The walkway is located immediately south of the east/north bound travel lane so snow and ice will be deposited to the walkway by state plowing operations. There is a 6' fence along the river side of the walkway requiring snow to be blown over this structure or removed from the structure.
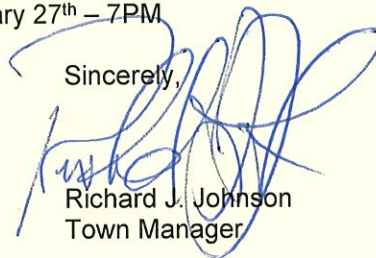
Lastly, responsibility for capital improvements needs to be clarified. Currently, the towns are expected to replace split rail fencing (3,085± feet) to be constructed as part of the approaches.

5. **Budget Schedule**

A brief reminder of the following schedule. Both meetings held by Zoom.

- Annual Capital Improvement Workshop – Wednesday, January 20th – 6PM
- Annual Town Meeting – Wednesday, January 27th – 7PM

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments

Town of Glastonbury
Health Department

Memo

January 6, 2021

To: Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

Fr: Wendy S. Mis
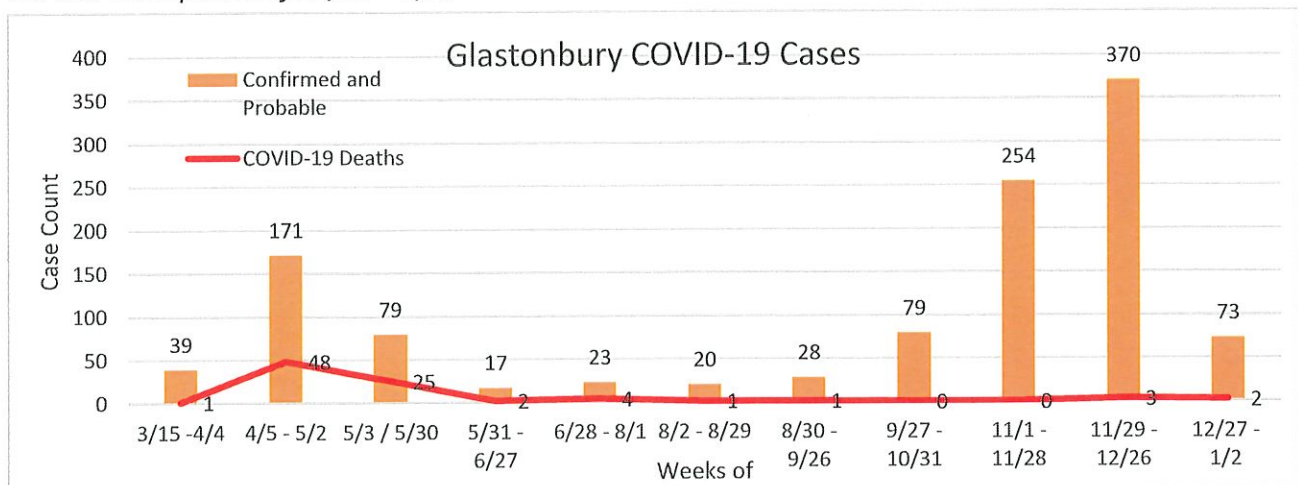Director of Health

Re: COVID 19 update

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

As per CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) lab testing data available 1/2/21:
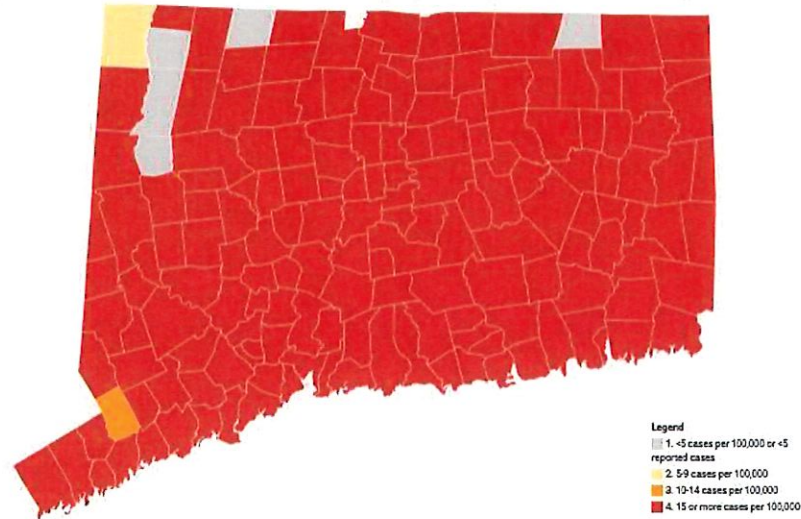
- 15,808 COVID-19 tests have been performed on residents (+569)
- Of the 15,808 tests, 1,153 (+118) are laboratory confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19
- Deaths occurring in the past few weeks have been updated using information from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. COVID-19 deaths were reported this week, resulting in a total loss of 87 (+2) Glastonbury residents.
- By gender, a total of 629 female (+61) and 524 male (+57) positive cases have been reported

The graph below shows a count of residents with confirmed positive and probable cases and COVID-19 related deaths in approximate one-month timeframes. Glastonbury, like other towns in Connecticut, and nationwide, is seeing a resurgence of COVID-19 cases. *Note: The data in the last column is only for the one week period of 12/27 – 1/2.*
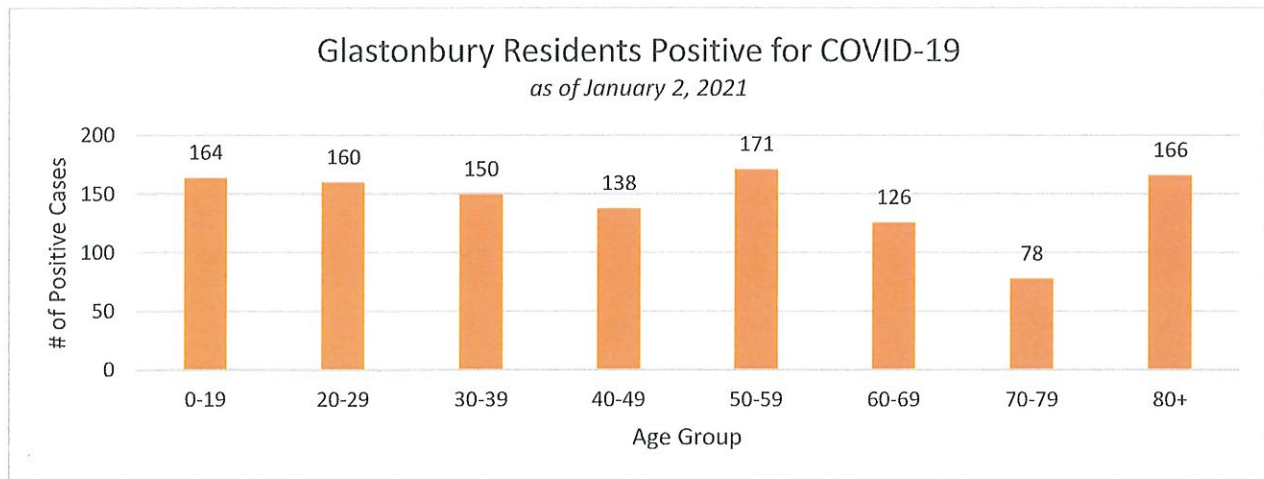

Glastonbury COVID-19 Cases

CT DPH has developed a COVID-19 Town Alert System map, updated weekly, which shows positive cases per 100,000 population using a 14 day average. Using a color coded system of grey (<5 cases), yellow (5 – 9 cases), orange (10 – 14 cases), and red (15 or more cases), viewers can understand at a glance the impact of cases statewide. Only cases among persons living in community settings are included in this map; the map does not include cases among people who reside in nursing home, assisted living, or correctional facilities. Glastonbury is currently shown in red at 33.5 cases per 100,000. The most recently updated map, dated December 26, shows one hundred sixty two cities and towns have 15 or more cases per 100,000 population.

Town Map
Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town

Legend
1. <5 cases per 100,000 or <5 reported cases
2. 5-9 cases per 100,000
3. 10-14 cases per 100,000
4. 15 or more cases per 100,000

This map shows the average daily rate of new cases of COVID-19 by town during the past two weeks. Only cases among persons living in community settings are included in this map; the map does not include cases among people who reside in nursing home, assisted living, or correctional facilities.
Map: Ver 12.1.2020 - Source: CT Department of Public Health - Get the data - Created with Datawrapper

The number of Glastonbury cases by age group is shown in the chart below.

Data from DPH is considered preliminary. Test results may be reported several days after the result. Data are incomplete for the most recent days. Data from previous dates are routinely updated. 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 include persons with positive antigen results. Positive cases include molecular and antigen tests. Prior to June 1, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.[1]

News

Weekly Town Manager COVID-19 Update - January 1, 2021

Post Date: 01/08/2021 9:11 AM

Recent COVID-19 updates for the Town of Glastonbury are summarized in this weekly update.
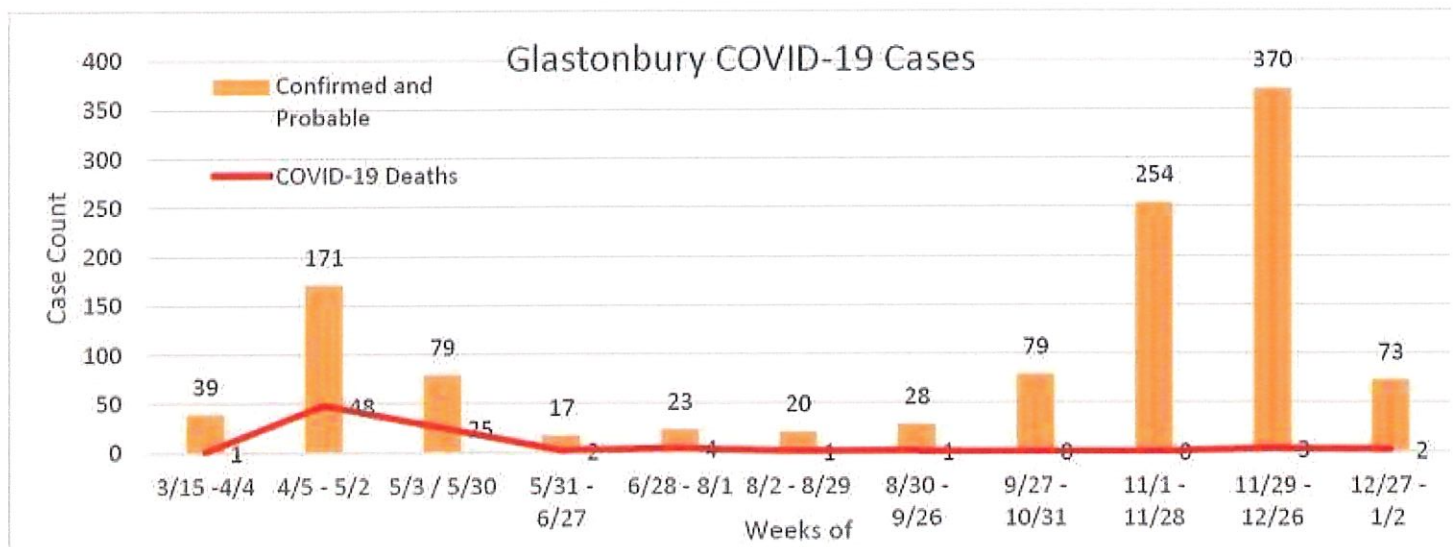
Glastonbury COVID-19 Figures

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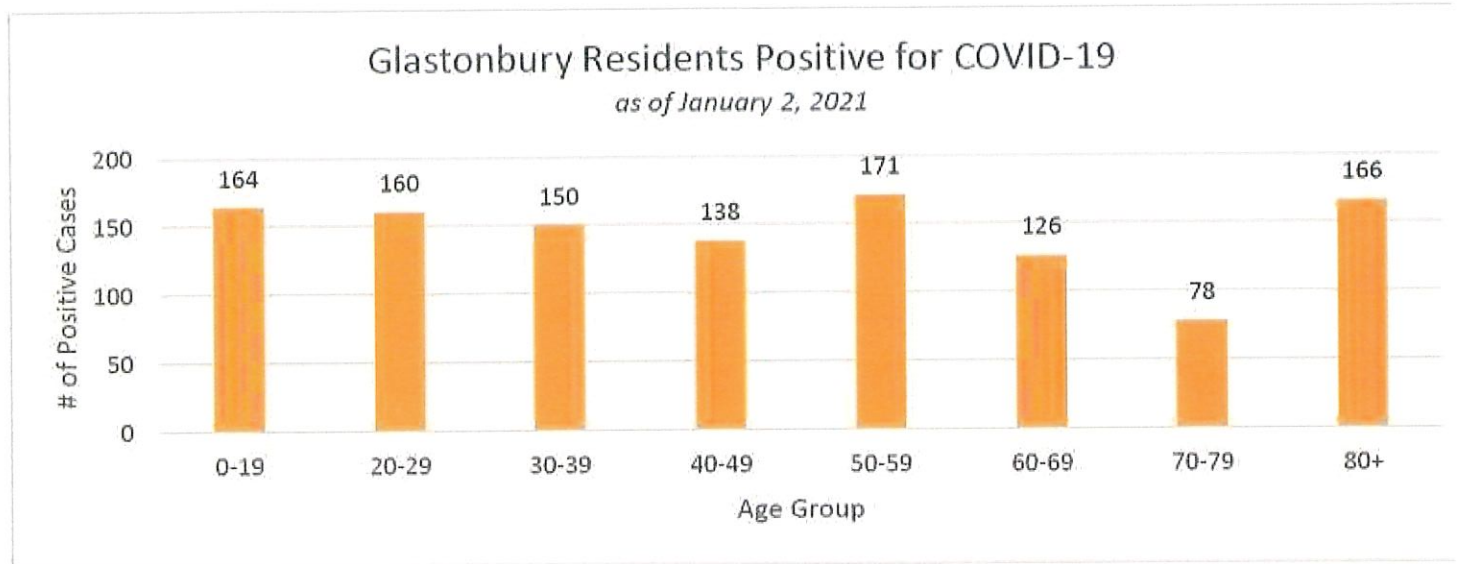
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The CT DPH color-coded <u>Town Alert System</u> map is updated weekly and shows positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population using a 14 day average. (Please note, the map does <u>not</u> include cases among people who reside in nursing home, assisted living, or correctional facilities.) Glastonbury is currently shown in Red with 33.5 cases per 100,000. As of January 7, 164 cities and towns have 15+ cases per 100,000 population.

The number of Glastonbury cases by age group is shown in the chart below.

Glastonbury Residents Positive for COVID-19
as of January 2, 2021

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

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

The Town will continue to modify its programs, services, and operations to align with state and CDC guidance, with all updates posted to the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/covid19.

Reminders

- Town Administrative offices remain closed to the public. Town staff continue to be available during standard operating hours to assist by phone or email. Visit www.glastonburyct.gov/covid19 to view all operational changes in response to the ongoing pandemic.
- Post-Holiday Tree Disposal – Available free of charge at the Bulky Waste Facility until January 30.
- Town Facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, 1/18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Taxes Due January 1 and become delinquent on February 2. Click here for more information, including the Tax Deferment program and deadlines for landlords.

Sincerely,

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