



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
02-05-2021 Meeting

February 5, 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. Space Planning Analysis

The fiscal year 21 capital budget allocates \$70,000 for a space planning analysis of selected Town or Education facilities subject to specific scope requirements to be determined. Given restrictions in access to buildings with the COVID pandemic, the analysis has not started. Please advise if you would like to begin this project and the desired scope and information you will find helpful.

3. Main Street/Route 17

During the public information hearing on the Main Street sidewalk project, traffic calming along Route 17/Main Street was suggested. This is a state road so any modifications will require approval by State DOT. Please advise if you would like me to contact DOT in this regard.

4. Town Staff Appreciation

Recent thank you notes to Town staff are attached for your information.

5. Budget Workshops

Review of the Town Operating, Debt and Transfer, and Revenues Budget is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd. Any regular Council business will be considered after the Budget review. The Board of Education Workshop is scheduled for 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, March 3rd.

6. Water Line Construction

Council Member Osgood asked a question on the cost to install public water service along Raymond Road, Kimberly Lane and Dayton Road. According to the Metropolitan District, the cost for Kimberly Lane/Dayton Road totaled \$729,207 construction and \$40,103 paving for a total of \$769,310. the cost for Raymond Road totaled \$298,163 construction and \$25,234 paving for a total of \$323,397. This compares to \$164,387.42 for 483 LF for the Cedar Ridge Drive project with Manchester Water.

7. Capital Program – Borrowing

A question was asked at the recent Special Meeting to review the capital budget concerning borrowing for projects initially approved through the Capital Reserve Fund. This requires a declaration of intent when approving funding for a project as follows.

“That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.”

This declaration does not commit the Town to a future action but provides the option to borrow should Council decide to so proceed.


8. State Grant

Unfortunately, the Bell Street sidewalk project was not among the ten projects selected for the current funding round per the Community Connectivity Program. With \$5M available, there were ten communities selected. Glastonbury previously received a \$300,000 grant through this program for the Main Street sidewalk project. The capital budget proposed for July 1st includes \$775,000 for new sidewalks along Bell Street with a \$600,000 grant offset. I will review options with you when the capital program is next discussed.

9. Communications Tower

Per the attached, a new communication tower (115' mono pole) is proposed for a site off Sequin Drive. The process allows for a public information hearing within 60 days from the initial consultation meeting described by Attorney Ball. I have not yet been contacted for the initial meeting, but wanted to make you aware of this pending proposal.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

News

Weekly Town Manager COVID-19 Update - February 5, 2021

Post Date: 02/05/2021 9:42 AM

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

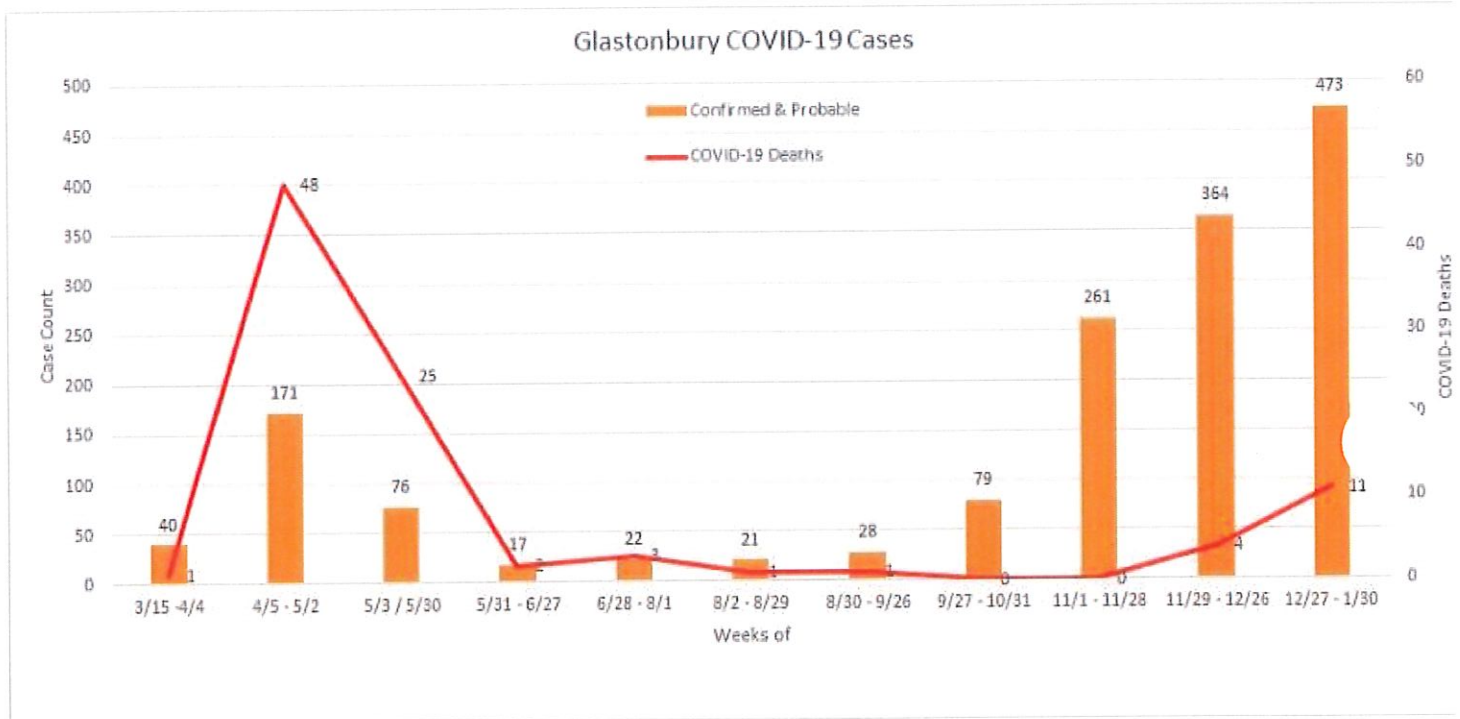
Glastonbury COVID-19 Figures

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

As per CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) lab testing data available 1/30/21:

- 17,983 COVID-19 tests have been performed on residents (+421)
- Of the 17,983 tests, 1,552 (+103) 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. No COVID-19 deaths were reported this week for Glastonbury residents, therefore the loss of residents remains at 96.
- By gender, a total of 823 female (+46) and 729 male (+57) positive cases have been reported

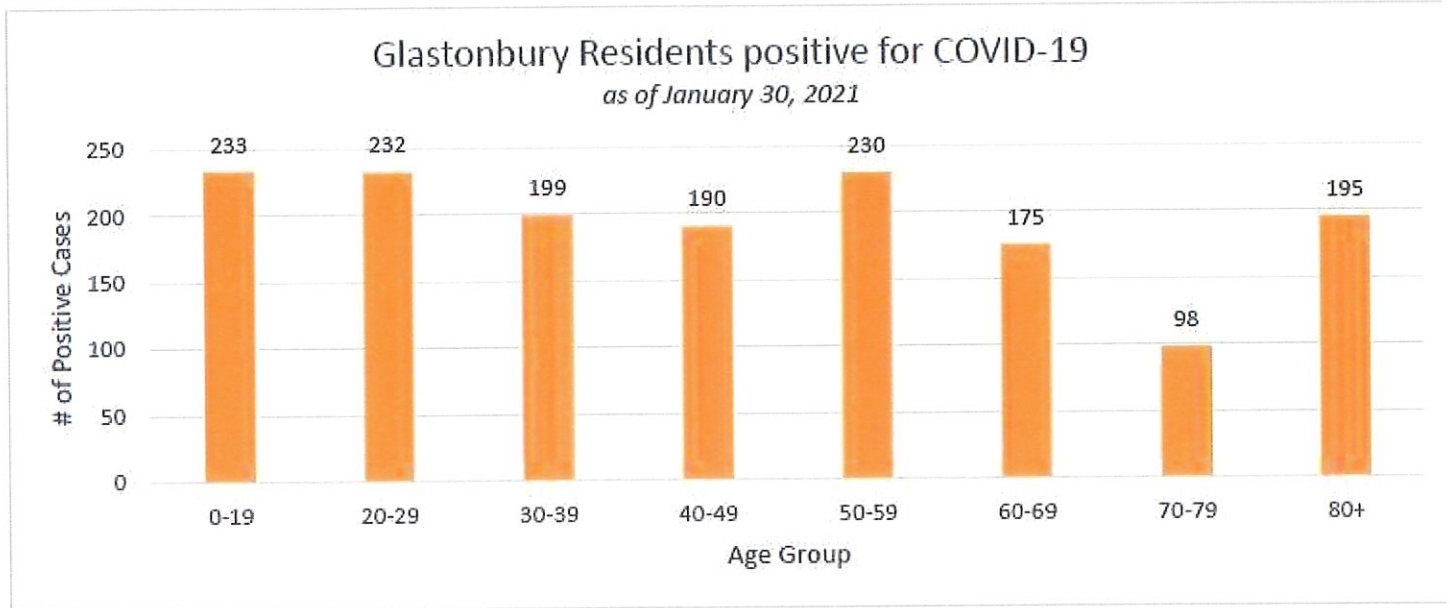
The graph below shows a count of residents with confirmed positive and probable cases and COVID-19 related deaths in approximate one-month time periods. The U.S. is now in what is arguably considered the third wave of this pandemic. *Note: COVID-19 deaths are depicted on a secondary Y axis with a separate (right hand) scale.*



The CT DPH color-coded Town Alert System map is updated weekly and shows positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population using a 14 day average. (Please note, 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 38.3 (-4.4) cases per 100,000.

As of Thursday, 2/4, 161 Connecticut cities and towns have 15+ cases per 100,000 population.

The number of Glastonbury cases by age group is shown in the following chart:



- [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.

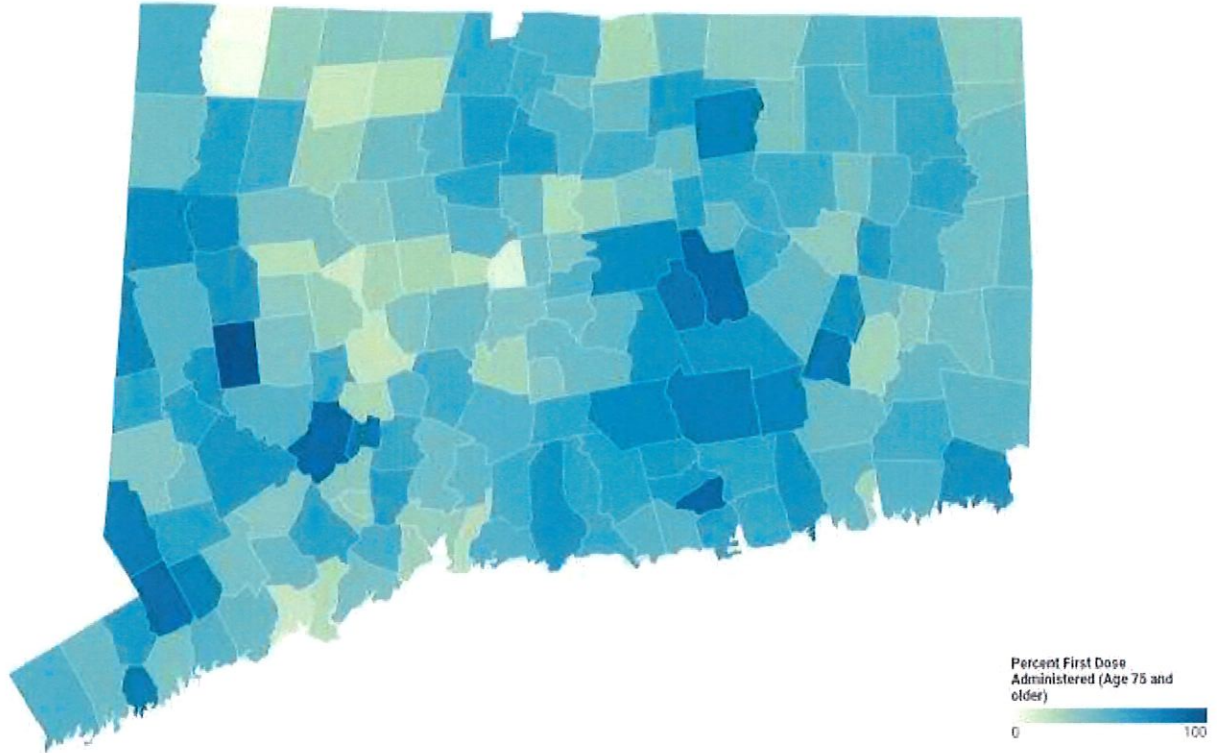
Vaccine Information and Resources

Connecticut is currently in Phase 1b of its vaccination rollout plan and individuals ages 75+ are now able to schedule appointments for the vaccine. This is expected to expand later this month to include individuals ages 65 to 74 as well. At this time, individuals must create an account in the 'Vaccine Administration Management System' (VAMS) in order to receive a vaccination at many local clinics. Details on how to create a VAMS account is available on the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/vaccine.

Distribution Map - Connecticut has added a new map on its Open Data portal indicating distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine by town. The map will be updated weekly (Thursdays) and is available on the state website here.

Percent of Population Age 75 and Older With the First COVID Vaccine Dose Administered

As reported to the CT Immunization Registry (CT WIZ)



Vaccination Clinics and Locations: Connecticut DPH recently announced that CVS Pharmacies in Glastonbury and other Connecticut communities will begin administering the COVID vaccine to eligible residents on February 11th. Booking of appointments will begin as early as February 9th. For more information, or to review available appointments/eligibility, please [visit the CVS webpage](#).

Town of Glastonbury clinics will be posted to the VAMS portal mentioned above per the state vaccine scheduling protocol. Eligible residents will only be able to view the VAMS portal for upcoming clinics **AFTER** creating an account in the VAMS system. To access the VAMS enrollment form, please visit <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>. Please note, it may take several days to get a response and establish your account.

Residents are advised to follow the local news and visit ct.gov/covidvaccine for the latest updates on vaccine availability, or contact the Hartford Healthcare Vaccine Hotline at **(860) 972-4993** to learn about potential vaccination resources.

Wastewater testing for COVID-19 in Glastonbury

UCONN is conducting ongoing wastewater testing in the Glastonbury community to help evaluate areas of potential COVID-19 infection. [Please click here to view the latest testing results](#).

Super Bowl Sunday

The CDC has advised that gathering **virtually or with the people you live** with is the safest way to celebrate the Super Bowl this year. If you DO have a small gathering with non-household members, outdoors is safer than indoors. Please also consider the following steps for the health and safety of all:

- Maintain a 6 foot distance from others
- Wear your masks when not eating/drinking
- Avoid shouting, loud cheering, and singing
- Encourage everyone who attends to bring their own food/drinks and use single-use utensils
- Wash hands often
- Clean/disinfect surfaces in your home frequently and before/after guests leave
- Stay home/away from others if you are not feeling well

For more tips for the Super Bowl weekend, [please click here to visit the CDC website](#).

Letters of Love: A Community Valentine

Glastonbury residents of all ages are invited to write anonymous letters expressing greetings of hope, love, and kindness for those in their community who are socially isolated and may benefit from receiving a heartfelt message. Share a favorite poem, hand decorate a card, or simply share something colorful to brighten someone's day. Between Friday, 2/5 and Friday, 2/19, un-sealed letters may be dropped off in the heart-themed collection boxes located outside the main entrance of the Riverfront Community Center and/or the main entrance of the Youth & Family Services office. They may also be mailed to: Youth and Family Services | PO Box 6523 | Glastonbury, CT 06033.

The Town will continue to provide any updates it receives through this weekly update and the Town website/Facebook page as applicable.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Mike Bisi <Mike.Bisi@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Cc: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Subject: Transfer Station Operations

Mike,

I wanted you to know that the entire staff at the transfer station have done an outstanding job during this entire pandemic. The facility is always well maintained and the staff have been outstanding in dealing some difficult people at times. You should be very proud on them and the service that they provide to the citizens of Glastonbury.

A job well done to you and your team!

From: Glastonbury, CT Webmaster <webmaster@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Subject: Email contact from Glastonbury, CT

Mr. Johnson,

Good morning! I am unsure of the person to direct this email to so I am hoping that you can pass it to the right staff director. The purpose of my email is to acknowledge the work of the snowplow driver that maintains Rolling Hills Dr. I live at the end of the cul de sac. He does a fantastic job! I have lived here for over 30 years and he is one of the best drivers we have had. I know that the snowplowing staff spend many hours completing the snow removal from our town streets and I just wanted to say that we are grateful for all that they do.

Thank you,

To: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Cc: lisa zerio <lisa.zerio@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Dogwood Lane common driveway hazards

Dear Richard,

I am writing to say "Thanks" for an exceptional job done today in the town's common driveway at 50 and 54 Dogwood Lane, by Park Superintendent Greg Foran and the crew from Distinctive Tree Care. The dangerous branches over our heads were nicely trimmed, the canopy is lifted, the access is wide open, and even the ground was neatly cleaned before the crew left!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

1/16/2021

Chief Porter,

I hope your new year is off to a great start! I just wanted to send you a quick note expressing my wife's and my gratitude to Officer Magroy for his help with a recent car seat check for us.

As expecting first-time parents, there's a lot to be worried about. Officer Magroy's help with the car seat check - and especially his professional, friendly demeanor - gave us peace of mind.

Thanks so much to you and GPD for offering this service and to Officer Magroy for a job well done.

All the best,

November 4 2020

Marshall Porter, Chief
GPD
2108 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Dear Chief Porter,

May the record note how appreciative I am vis-a-vis the very professional way that Police Officer Olivia Ingham resolved my sidewalk-blocking complaint today.

I was especially impressed to learn that she has only been an officer for one year.

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:15 AM
To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Subject:

Hi

My name is [REDACTED] as I am sure you know 😊

My issues with my ex [REDACTED] have led me down roads of life I never thought I would turn on. Regardless you have many officers that have been by my side these past 2 1/2 years...

This letter has been a long time coming to you. 🙏

Officer Brenden Lynch

Officer Bryant C

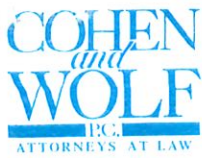
Officer Chris Prococini (bad spell job)

They deserve to be recognized in one way shape or form. Speak with anyone of them to confirm this long...drawn out.. unnecessary b/s that has pushed me to the point of nervous breakdowns, many nights cry to my sick father(who has been my rock)!

No words could ever describe the amount hell and back I have gone through!

I will say this! Without those top 3 officers my issues would of seemed much worse... they helped me through so much. Most importantly my boys!! They have been nothing but the best with my 15 and 7 year old!

Happy holidays hope this email finds you joy!



DAVID A. BALL

Please Reply To Bridgeport
E-Mail: dball@cohenandwolf.com

January 26, 2021

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager
Town of Glastonbury
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

RECEIVED
2021 JAN 28 PM 4:19
TOWN MANAGER

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This office represents Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC ("ARX"). ARX anticipates filing an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at Lot N-4, Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut (the "Facility"). ARX intends to file this application to provide the opportunity for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") to improve their service in this area. AT&T has committed to intervening in the Certificate proceeding to support the need for the Facility. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with notice and information regarding the proposed Facility and to commence the ninety (90) day consultation period prior to the filing of the Certificate.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50l(g), please find enclosed a copy of the Technical Report regarding the proposed Facility. The Technical Report includes information regarding the public need for the Facility, the site selection process, and the environmental effects of the Facility.

AT&T requires more reliable service in this area of Glastonbury. The information and exhibits provided in the Technical Report demonstrate that this Facility will allow AT&T to provide this necessary service with minimal environmental effect.

We would like to meet with you or your designee to review the proposed project and will contact you next week to set up an appointment at your convenience. If the Town has any proposed alternative sites, it must provide them to us within thirty (30) days of that initial consultation meeting.

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BRIDGEPORT, CT 06601-1821
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158 DEER HILL AVENUE
DANBURY, CT 06810
TEL: (203) 792-2771
FAX: (203) 791-8149

320 POST ROAD WEST
WESTPORT, CT 06880
TEL: (203) 222-1034
FAX: (203) 227-1373

Further, the Town may conduct a public information meeting as it deems necessary to provide recommendations or comments to ARX and AT&T concerning the proposed Facility. We would be pleased to provide an informational summary of the proposal. This public informational meeting must be held no later than sixty (60) days after our initial consultation meeting. If such a public information meeting is scheduled, we request you advise us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence and the enclosed Technical Report. We look forward to meeting with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,



David A. Ball

Enclosures

cc: Glastonbury Town Council - Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman
Glastonbury Planning and Zoning Commission
Glastonbury Conservation / Wetlands Commission
Jeff Dellicolli, AT&T (w/enclosures)
Keith Coppins, Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC