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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
05-11-2021 Meeting

May 7, 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. **American Rescue Plan Act**

Total estimated funding to Glastonbury per the American Rescue Plan Act totals \$10M±. This includes the original estimate of \$3.4M and an additional \$6.7M for the estimated county allocation. Funds for Education total \$1.387M±. The Treasury Department is expected to issue specific guidelines by May 11th and I will advise when more specific information is available.

3. **Land Acquisition – Birch Mountain Road**

This is a proposal for Town purchase of the .2-acre site owned by the State of Connecticut located off Birch Mountain Road per the attached page (smaller rectangle). The .2-acre site is considered surplus State land with a cost of \$1,000. When discussing purchase of the 30± Wright parcel, a parking area off Birch Mountain Road was suggested to provide access to the 30± acres and the Shenipsit Trail. The .2 acres has the potential to meet this goal.

The parcel previously served as a communications tower location including a tower and small support structure now decommissioned. Subject to Town purchase, the structure will be removed and efforts made to repurpose the communication tower at minimal or no cost. This site can accommodate a 10±-space gravel parking area with a short section of sidewalk to a crossing on Birch Mountain Road.

By action at its meeting of Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the TP&Z unanimously approved a favorable report and recommendation per CGS Section 8-24. As noted at the April 27th Council meeting, the \$1,000 charge is for administrative costs and will be funded through operating accounts. I was asked to reference this topic through my written report so that purchase can be approved by consensus or by adding to New Business on Tuesday evening.

4. **Memorial Day Parade**

Per the attached correspondence, the Memorial Day Parade will step off from the corner of Main and Welles Street at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31st.

5. **Town Staff Appreciation**

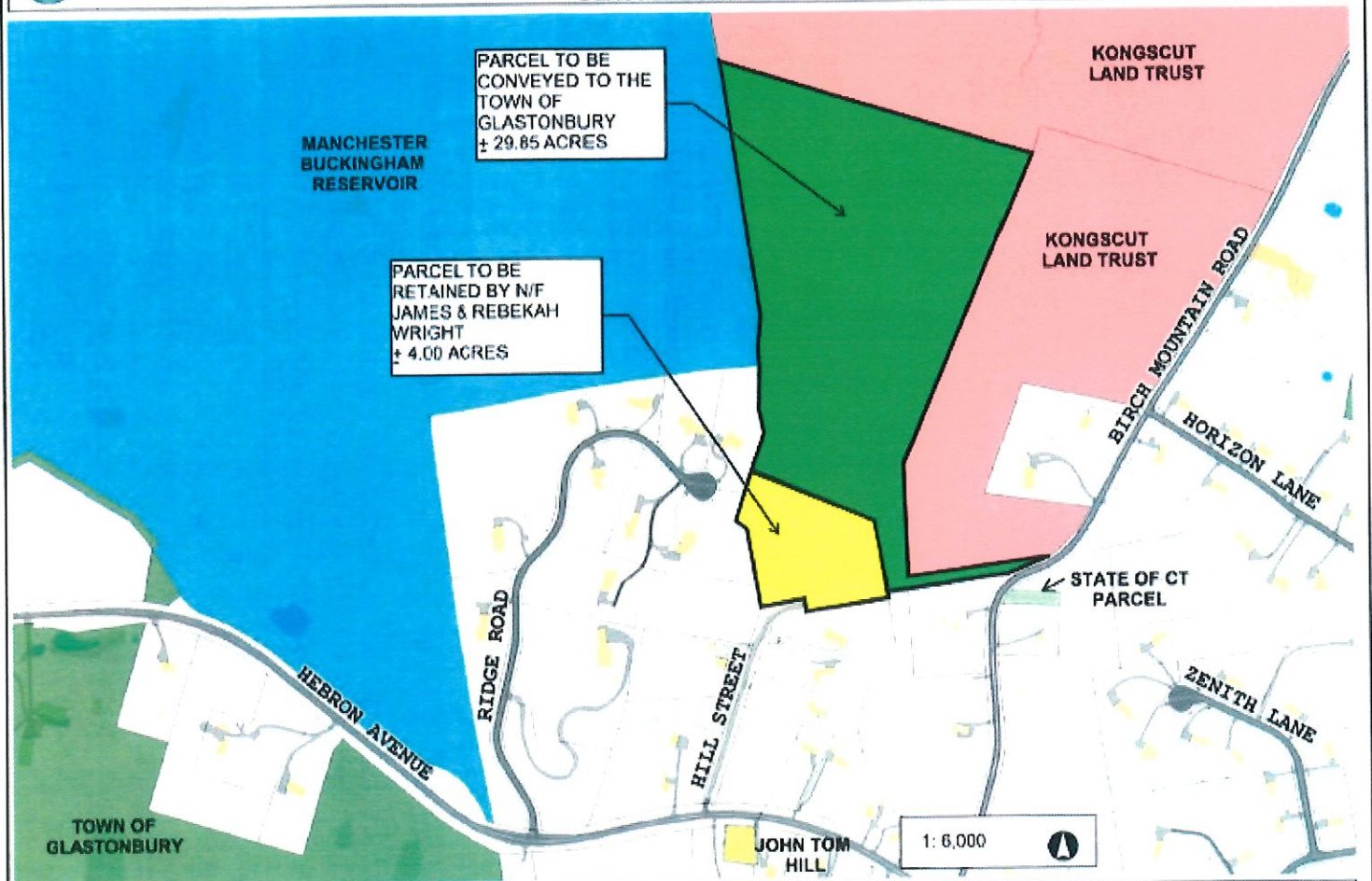
Recent thank you notes to Town staff are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager



**MAP DEPICTING PARCEL OF INTEREST
LOCATED ON BIRCH MOUNTAIN ROAD
GLASTONBURY CT**



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Veterans Service Commission



of Glastonbury

Service to All Who Served

April 29, 2021

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

The Veterans Service Commission of Glastonbury is currently formulating plans for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

The success of the Memorial Day Parade would not be possible without the support, participation and patriotism that has been very much appreciated in years past.

The Commission hereby requests your support and/or participation in this years Parade.

Parade date and time: Monday, May 31, 2021 0900

Assembly time and location: 0800 on Welles St behind St Paul Church

We thank you for your cooperation and participation, and look forward to seeing you on Memorial Day.

Inclement weather policy: In the event of inclement weather, we will have a small ceremony on the Hubbard St green. We will strive to hold the parade except for severe weather and the decision made before 0845 hours.

On Behalf of the Veterans Service Commission of Glastonbury.

Very Respectfully,

John A. Davis Jr.
VSC of Glastonbury, Chairman
202 Karen Lee Road Glastonbury, CT 06033
vscofglastonbury@gmail.com - 860-989-3092

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2021 MAY - 6 AM 10: 11
TOWN MANAGER

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 2:29 PM

To: Gregory Foran <gregory.foran@glastonbury-ct.gov>

ps. The Riverfront park area looks 200% better now! More barrels, and folks sent to pick up it's helping a lot!

Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:32 PM

To: Gregory Foran <gregory.foran@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: Re: Addison Litter and Other issues

Hello Gregory,

Just wanted to say hello and compliment you the Park Ranger and the Maintenance Staff for keeping Addison Park clean of litter.

As you know I bike ride through the park almost every day. These past few weeks I have noticed how free of litter the park is!

I'm sure all town residents and guests appreciate a clean park.

It is truly inspiring to be outdoors and enjoy a clean Addison Park.

Thank you..Thank You..

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:54 AM

To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: police patrol of Riverfront

Hi Chief Porter - I wanted to mention how happy I was to see a motorcycle police officer on two consecutive days this week do a drive-around at the Riverfront Park (around 2PM).

I know that last year was an extraordinary one in many respects, but - as someone who spends between one and three hours a day there writing when the weather/temperature permits - I frequently had to leave the park because groups of young adults were behaving in ways that were obnoxious and not permitted. I was not alone: many "regulars" at the park talked about what was happening, and it saddened me that elderly people and young moms with infants at the playground felt compelled to leave because of the noise and obscenities and the general concern about what a band of unruly, foul-mouthed young adults who were violating the park's regulations might end up doing.

And I did not see a police officer even once during the entire April-October period last year while I was at the Riverfront Park (except when I called the GPD because some extremely elderly man was driving erratically and putting himself and others in danger - your officer subsequently told me they were going to have to take his license away).

I - many of us - noticed that cameras were installed around the boathouse, and we hope these will be used to help keep the area somewhat civilized.

But just the sight of that officer on his motorcycle these last two days was, I thought, a very clear, new signal that egregious violations of regulations would be noted and, hopefully, dealt with.

Please don't feel like you have to reply.

Many thanks,

Dear Chief Porter,
What an evening!
Thank you so much for your
immeasurable contribution to our
domestic abuse event, & for
everything that you do to make
people's lives a little better.
Ketti, Chris, ^{Hallmark} Jill, Kiri

TALK

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:03 PM

To: Anna Park <anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: Cupcakes 🍰

Thank you so much for offering this fun activity. My kids are quarantining due to a positive case in my oldest son class, so this was a fun at-home activity that the kids really enjoyed. We added some "extra" toppings to add extra yummy fun.

Thanks again!

Photos of flowers from here and there
Three from England, some near my chair.
Regardless where they bloomed and grew
They're honored to be sent to you.

Jennifer,
Thank you
for your
kindness
on the phone.
You are so
nice!



Wishing
you
well -



Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:16 PM

To: lori lacapra

Subject: "letters of love campaign"

Hello Lori,

Glastonbury Youth and Family Services and Senior Services "Letters of Love: A Community Valentine" initiative encouraged Glastonbury residents of all ages 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.

Y&FS received over 550 handmade submissions from the community and delivered to residents at Hebert T. Clark House, Center Village as well as to those isolated in their own homes. Accompanying the envelopes full of drawings, water colors, photocopied pictures of family pets, and hand written notes was the following greeting:

You've been chosen as one of the lucky recipients! The notes, drawings and letters inside this envelope were made by your neighbors in hopes of brightening your day. If you would like to publicly share a message of love and gratitude back to your community, please call Norma Carey at 860-652-7655.

Norma reported receiving the following messages from the "Letters of Love" recipients:

Wonderful cards, they lifted my spirits

Made my day

So appreciative

Brighten my day

So sweet and want to thank the young people

So grateful to have received these cards

I have low vision so my son read them to me...thank you~

Very Grateful for the letters of love!

Feeling blessed wanted to send good wishes to those who sent me the cards.

I had been feeling blue and these cards lifted my spirit, so now when I am feeling sad I can read one or two to lift me up once again!

Adorable, Thank you!

I can't believe I got these precious cards...Thank you so very much!

I will never throw these away!

It means a lot not to be forgotten – thank you one and all!

Attached you find photos of one of the collection boxes, the original campaign advertisement for FB, a FB user's post of some young volunteers showing off their creations, and some of the collected submissions.

Thank you,



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Using Dr. King's philosophy and principles to create a more inclusive community

March 22, 2021

Dear Chief Porter,

Currently Vacant
President
David O'Connor
Vice President
Ellen Carter
Secretary
Robyn Guimont
Treasurer

Thank you for being part of tonight's Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative (GMLKCI) conversation on "Discrimination: Rights and Reforms" tonight. We appreciate the opportunity to increase awareness of this important topic.

Directors
Xabian Alcaron
Rev. Richard Allen
Mary Crombie
Darwin Kovacs
David Peniston
Saachi Shah

It was very kind of you to donate your speaker's fees back to GMLKCI to help us to continue to fund future conversations.

Sincerely,

Robyn Guimont for the Glastonbury Martin Luther King Community Initiative
62 Chimneysweep Hill Road
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:53 PM

To: Kreg Obrien <kreg.obrien@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: 21-4090

Officer Ingham went above and beyond today. She took a complaint from an older man who had his mail box damaged many times. She contacted the post office to see if the mail box could be put on the house and went out and bought him a new mail box and presented it to him and his wife. Awesome job!!

3/11/21

I am so happy to express our profound gratitude for all your efforts to keep our community safe + healthy. It has been such a frightful year; waiting for our vaccine "slot" only added to the anxiety, as did trying to navigate the VAMS site.

I feel so fortunate to have seen the clinic sign while at the center picking up art supplies (thanks Norma!) I would otherwise not have expected vaccine distribution here. With that

awareness, I thought to call you when I didn't see the center on the VAMS site. You were so kind as to take our names to your wait list. You called us today, Yay! Now we don't have to wait till August!

Everyone we interacted with today was professional, helpful and kind; what a pleasure. We are one step closer to Covid peace and calm, and we thank you heartfully.

Be well,

From: Mark Catania

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:24 PM

To: Sergey Sharov <sergey.sharov@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Cc: Kevin Troy <kevin.troy@glastonbury-ct.gov>; Jeffrey Hodder <jeffrey.hodder@glastonbury-ct.gov>;

Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Officer Sharov,

Just a quick email pertaining to [REDACTED]. If you recall, [REDACTED] was involved in an evading motor vehicle accident yesterday on Putnam Boulevard, in front of Home Depot.

[REDACTED] is a retired Hartford Fire Fighter and called me today about your actions at the accident. The [REDACTED] were both very impressed with your kindness, demeanor and your calming influence. Both [REDACTED] wanted to make sure the Chief and I were in the "know" about how well you handled yourself and the case investigation. [REDACTED] was also very impressed with how quickly you were able to get the word out on the vehicle that struck hers.

As always, thanks for your hard work, professionalism and passing along the department's mission statement to the citizens you come in contact with daily.

Much appreciated. Keep up the great work.

Mark

Captain Mark Catania
Glastonbury Police Department

Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:36 PM

To: Liz Gambacorta <liz.gambacorta@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: Enjoy Exercising

Hi Liz!

I hope you, staff and family are doing well and keeping healthy. I just want you to know – as we approach a year of this pandemic – how much I enjoy keeping up with Maggie’s Pilates and Ashley’s core classes. The last day I was in the Academy building was March 13 and decided not to stay for the class with rumblings of other cancellations and coming “flu”. I figured we’d all be back in 2-3 weeks.

I look forward to Tuesday and Thursday mornings and it truly is nice to have this to look forward to especially in winter. Particularly enjoyable is being “on the road” with Maggie as she seamlessly brings us our classes. These remote classes are working very well, all of are safe, and we are keeping up with some normal enjoyments.

Thanks for you and the staff for all you are doing. Just signed into the new site and eager to continue these excellent programs!
Sincerely,