



# Town of Glastonbury

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Town Manager

ITEM #7 (Supplemental)  
05-25-2021 Meeting

May 24, 2021

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

**Re: Supplemental Town Manager's Report**

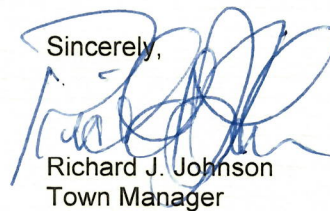
Dear Council Members:

The following supplements the written report originally forwarded with the Agenda for the Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**1. Timber Harvest**

Per the attached, the state is planning a timber harvest for 37± acres of forest within the Meshomasic State Forest in Glastonbury. The location map and invitation to the site walk scheduled for Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is attached. As shown, the planned access for the harvest is off Thompson Street at the intersection of Eastbury Hill.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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Attachments



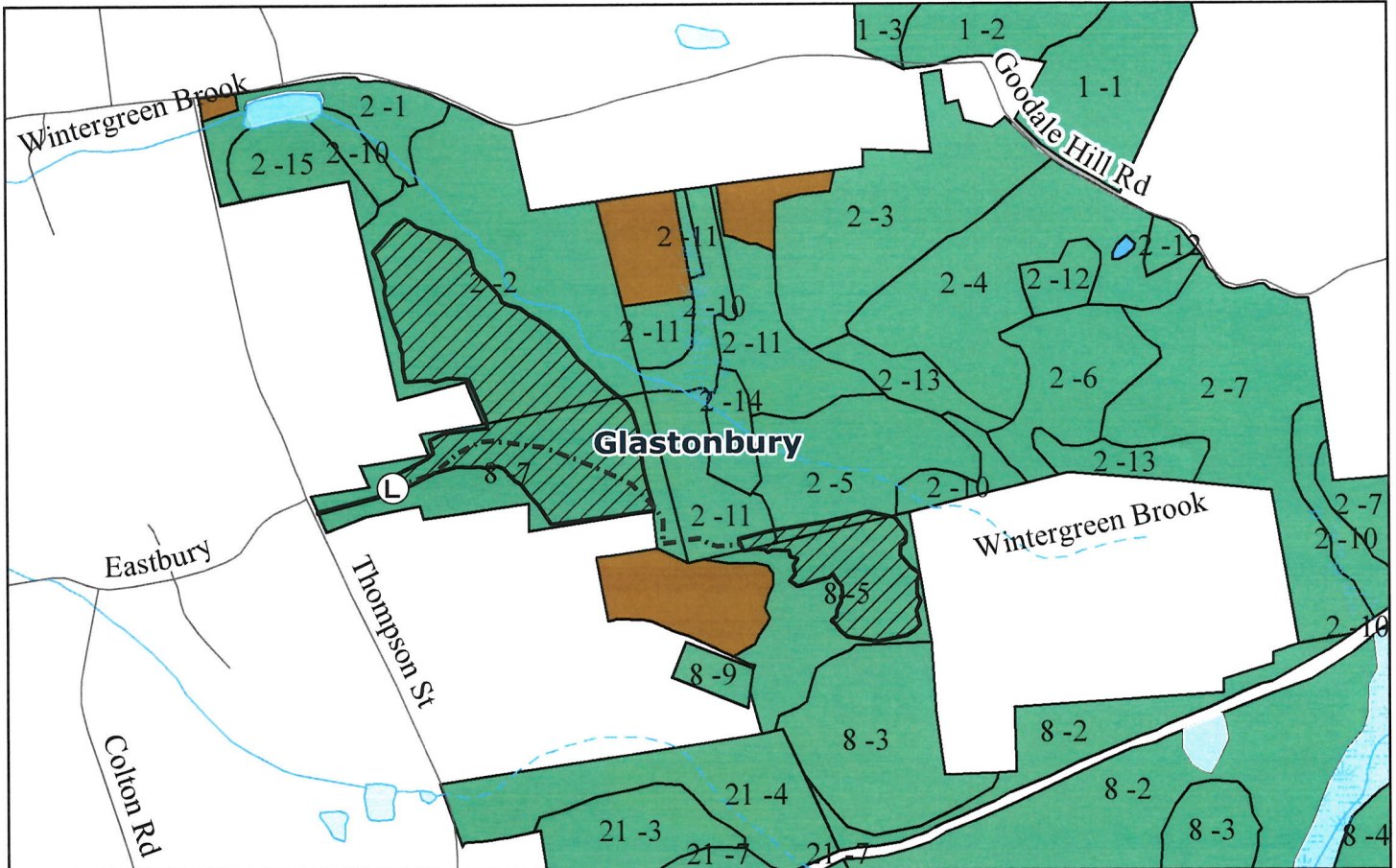
# Timber Sale E-1081: Pre-Harvest Site Walk Meshomasic State Forest: Diamond Lake Block

Thompson Street  
Glastonbury, CT  
37 Acres



Map Scale: 1 inch = 1000 feet

Drafted May 19, 2021  
Map Prepared by: Nathan Piché



### Purpose:

The goal of this project is to complete a shelterwood harvest in two forest stands and a thinning in a third stand located within the Diamond Lake Block of Meshomasic State Forest. All three of these stands are fully stocking with upland hardwoods. Dominant and co-dominant trees have reached or exceeded biological and economic maturity and the understory, dominated by red maple and black birch, is suppressed and of poor quality due to being overtopped by dominant and co-dominant trees in the overstory. Drought conditions and gypsy moth outbreaks have resulted in the mortality of many dominant oak trees. Therefore, a combination of thinning and shelterwood harvesting is prescribed for these stands in an effort to capture the value of biologically and economically mature trees, remove poor quality/suppressed trees from the midstory and understory, give residual trees more growing space so they can expand their crowns and increase their growth rates as well as to let sunlight to the forest floor to stimulate the establishment of the next cohort of growing stock within these stands.

### Forest Product Removals:

Sawtimber - 60,246 Board Feet  
Cordwood - 164 Cords

Information on the most recent plan for Meshomasic State Forest can be found at

<http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Management-on-State-Lands/Forest-Management-on-State-Lands>

## Legend

Harvest Area

Landing

Truck Road

Skid Trails

## You Are Invited!

Please join representatives from the CT DEEP Division of Forestry for a guided walk through an area scheduled for an upcoming forest product harvest at Meshomasic State Forest. Natural resource managers from DEEP will lead RSVP'd attendees on a tour of E-1081, an upcoming forest thinning operation being implemented by DEEP to improve the growth and quality of the residual forest. We will also discuss the specifics of the harvest planning process, forest growth and climate benefits, and steps which will be taken to protect the site while accomplishing the desired silvicultural objectives.



**When:** Friday, June 4th

**Time:** 4 PM – 5 PM

**Where:** Meshomasic State Forest

**Meet:** Attendees can meet at the intersection of Eastbury Hill Road & Thompson Street in Glastonbury

**RSVP (Required 48-hours prior):** Nathan Piché

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