

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Glastonbury was originally incorporated in 1693 and over the past 328 years has developed a rich cultural heritage of people, places and buildings; and

WHEREAS, a continuing goal of the community is the successful blend of old and new recognizing the critical importance of preserving the diverse history of Glastonbury for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, for decades Glastonbury has been recognized as having the second greatest number of pre-revolutionary era homes among towns across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Historic District was established in 1984 to protect and preserve the many historic buildings located along Main Street and the Historic District Commission created to guide preservation activities within the District; and

WHEREAS, a project involving new commercial and residential development is proposed for the Town Center Area immediately adjoining the Main Street Historic District to include proposed removal of two historic buildings, including the Wright-Gaines House (1740), the former Gaines House Hotel (1864) and the building at 2389 Main Street originally constructed in the early 1900s, which structures are important to the history and streetscape of Main Street; and

WHEREAS, when the project was initially presented in early 2021, the proposed removal of these buildings brought widespread concern by the members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Historical Society, Town Council, and Glastonbury community; and

WHEREAS, the applicant for the Main Street project was asked to protect these buildings to preserve the Main Street streetscape and recognize the significant importance of these buildings to the heritage and history of Glastonbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby expresses its strong opposition to any action to remove or demolish these historic properties and asks the proponent of the Main Street project to preserve and meaningfully include these older structures as part of any revised proposal for residential and commercial development at this location to protect the important cultural heritage of the Glastonbury community.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused this seal to be affixed.

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