



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
03-08-2022 Meeting

March 4, 2022

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 Report

Attached is a copy of the most recent weekly report.

2. Design Guidelines Steering Committee

I expect the process to develop Design Guidelines to begin in April or May and continue for 10-11 months. Council is asked to designate two members to serve on the Steering Committee. Other members will include TP&Z, EDC, ASDRC, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

3. Historic District

This involves the potential to extend the Historic District along Hubbard Street. In her March 2nd letter, Historic Commission Chair Barbara Theurkauf, on behalf of the Commission recommends not pursuing this proposal.

4. Town Buildings

In accordance with recent guidance by the CDC, the mask requirement for Town buildings will be rescinded effective Monday, March 14th.

5. Gold Star Parents and Spouses

General Statutes provide enabling legislation for local ordinances to establish property tax exemption for Gold Star Parents and Spouses. This is income based and the benefit can be determined on a community by community basis. I was contacted by a Gold Star parent asking if the Council would consider this matter.

6. Municipal Solid Waste

Per previous discussion, the Town has conducted a competitive RFP process for municipal solid waste and recycling. This is to evaluate the potential to transition such services from MIRA to a private hauler. As you know, the Trash to Energy Plant is expected to close this year and the long-term contract between communities and MIRA continues through June of 2027. This matter was originally planned for the March 8th meeting but I was asked to schedule for March 22nd. This will be an action item on the 22nd.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager



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Health Department

Memo

March 1, 2021

To: Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

Fr: Wendy S. Mis *WSM*
Director of Health

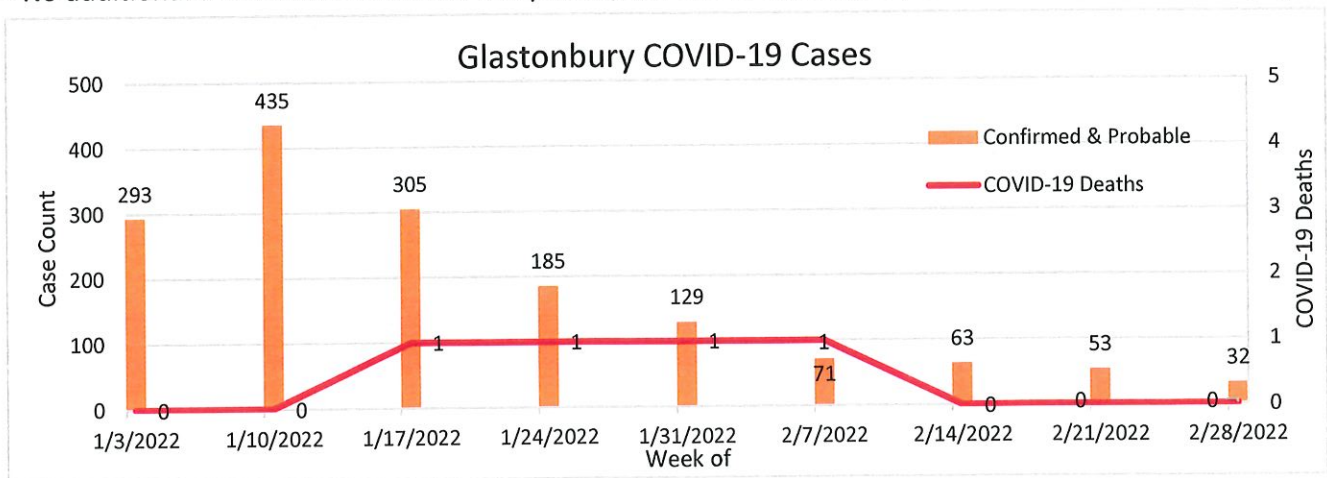
Re: COVID-19 update

This COVID-19 update uses the publicly available data available from CT Department of Public Health. Case data is collected each Monday, and vaccination and map data is reported from their posting date the week prior. This report includes data from January 3, 2022 to February 28, 2022, and is not directly comparable to reports dated January 20, 2022 or earlier. The graph below shows a weekly count of residents with confirmed and probable cases and COVID-19 associated deaths. COVID-19 deaths are depicted on a secondary Y axis with a separate (right hand) scale. Future reports will show data in approximate one-month timeframes.

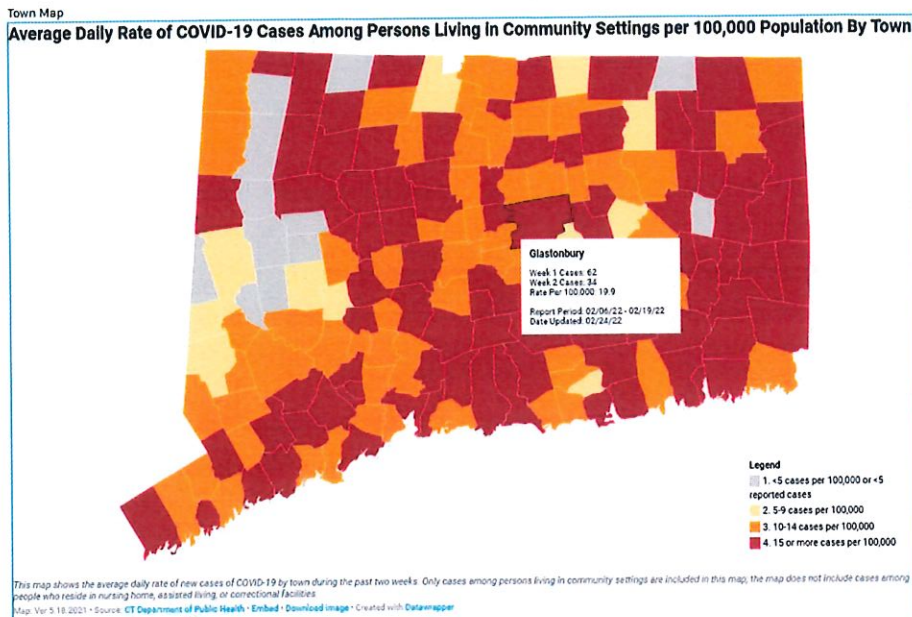
Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week.

As per CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) data collected 3/1/2022:

- A total of 114,014 tests for COVID-19 have been administered to Glastonbury residents. (+619)
- Of the 114,014 tests conducted, 4,897 are laboratory confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. (+32)
- No additional deaths were recorded this period; the loss of Glastonbury residents remains at 116. (+0)

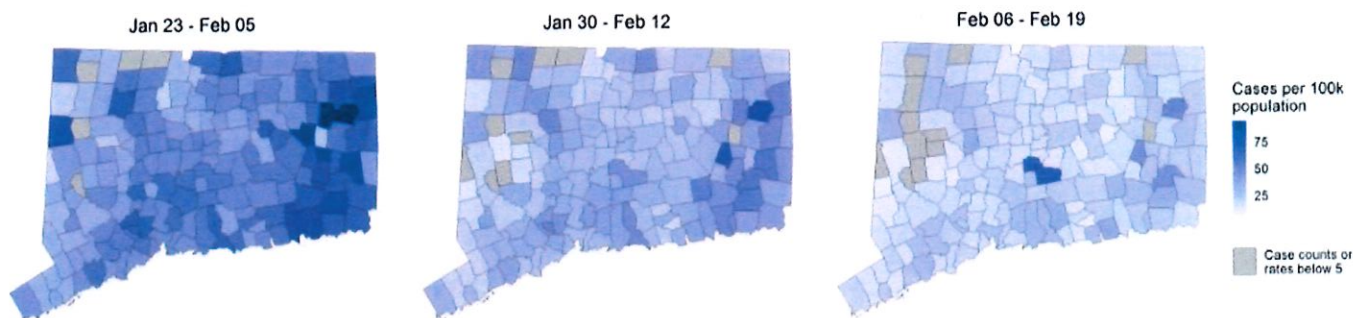


CT DPH's COVID-19 Town Alert System map, updated weekly, shows positive cases per 100,000 population using a 14 day average. Using a color coded system of grey (<5 cases), yellow (5 – 9 cases), orange (10 – 14 cases), and red (15 or more cases), viewers can understand at a glance the occurrence of cases 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 19.9 reported cases per 100,000 (-5.6).
- The most recently updated map, dated February 24, shows 87 (-66) cities and towns have 15 or more cases per 100,000 population.

The graphic below shows the average number of new cases per 100,000 population per day. Darker colors indicate towns with higher rates. Towns in grey have fewer than 5 cases per 100,000 population per day. New cases in nursing homes, assisted living or correctional facilities are not included.



Glastonbury vaccination status:

The percent of vaccinated and boosted Glastonbury residents increases weekly. State data from 2/23/22 (below) shows the percent of all fully vaccinated Glastonbury residents who are eligible for vaccination (aged 5 and over) is 85.4%. The percent of residents who have received an additional dose of vaccine is now included in this table. *NOTE: A third primary series dose is recommended for children age 5 through 11 years who have certain medical conditions or take medicines that weaken the immune system. There is no approved “booster” for this age group.*

Age group (yrs)	Percent fully vaccinated*	Percent additional dose received
5 - 11	53.56	0.5
12 - 17	83.25	40.88
18 - 24	100	60.24
25 - 44	91.7	56.79
45 - 64	83.88	62.58
65+	100	87.15
Average of Glastonbury residents with full vaccination (5 years of age and over) and additional doses received (12 years and over).	85.40	61.53 ∇

*Fully vaccinated is 2 weeks after the last shot in the vaccination series

∇ The additional dose data for 5 – 11 year olds is not included in the average of Glastonbury residents who have received their additional or booster dose.

COVID-19 Testing locations

2-1-1 of Connecticut has an online site to search for COVID-19 testing. Users may refine their search by zip code, type of test and key demographics of individual to be tested.

http://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06033&taxonomy_code=11048&service_area=glastonbury

COVID-19 at-home test kits

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four (4) free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Tests can be ordered at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

COVID-19 vaccination and booster clinics

People seeking COVID-19 vaccination or booster shots can go to www.vaccines.gov and enter the zip code of the area they are searching. If a convenient appointment date is not available, increasing the geographic area of the search may identify earlier appointments.

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, 2020, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.¹

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

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March 2, 2022

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

Re: Potential Historic District – Hubbard Street

Dear Richard:

The Historic District Commission met on February 17, 2022 to discuss adding Hubbard Street to the Main Street local historic district. Our recommendation at this time is not to pursue expansion on Hubbard Street.

To recap actions to date:

- A mailing in March 2021 to all property owners, approximately 60 properties
- Door-to-door soliciting of feedback and distribution of flyer re: State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) presentation
- SHPO staff zoom presentation re: historic districts on October 7, 2021
- Multiple emails to the addresses that we had access to, 10 to 15 property owners, encouraging them to follow up and include other neighbors
- Zoom information session, January 26, 2022
- One-on-one conversations with property owners to answer questions, gauge interest

Including the door-to-door effort speaking with about 20 property owners. Throughout this process the interest in establishing a district has been mixed and recently several stronger supporters are currently less interested in having any additional town involvement.

The HDC did discuss the potential distribution of a survey to property owners, but given the limited feedback from other efforts we do not feel it would yield any additional useful information. As background the next step in the process would be to start the actual study. This is a detailed inventory of all the properties, age, architecture, etc. This would require expertise and time beyond that of commission members and staff. A consultant would need to be engaged and funding obtained either through town budgeting and/or available grants.

It was the unanimous decision of the Historic District Commission to recommend that we not continue pursuing a historic district on Hubbard Street. A copy of the minutes and relevant motion from the February 17, 2022 meeting are attached.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Barbara Theurkauf ^{BTm}

Barbara Theurkauf
Historic District Commission Chair

cc: Rebecca Augur, Director of Planning & Land Use Services
Historic District Commission members
Hubbard Street property owners

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
AMENDED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

The Historic District Commission held a Special Meeting at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Present: Barbara Theurkauf, Chairman; Henry von Wodtke, Vice Chair; Geoffrey Dellenbaugh, Secretary; Commissioners Brian Chiffer and Robyn Guimont (joined at 5:15); and Rebeca Augur, AICP, Director of Planning and Land Use Services

Excused: Jane Gordon Julien, John Langmaid

Chairman Theurkauf called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Discussion of potential Hubbard Street Historic District expansion

Chairman Theurkauf summarized results of a recently held public information session for residents of the Hubbard Street neighborhood. There were several in attendance who were not in favor of an expanded historic district and some who liked the idea of an historic district, but were leery of adding a layer of governmental oversight to properties. Mr. Dellenbaugh commented that there was no one at the public information session who wanted to lead an advocacy effort to expand the district and that several had concerns about specific changes they may want to make to their own properties in the future. Mr. von Wodtke commented that the current climate is not conducive to attempting to expand the district.

Chairman Theurkauf enumerated the steps she and the Commission have taken to gauge interest, including mailing and e-mailing information to all property owners, going door-to-door, holding an informational session with staff from the State Historic Preservation Office, and a second informational session with commission members. Based on the feedback received, and the lack of feedback from several property owners, there does not seem to be sufficient interest in expanding the district at this time.

MOTION:

The Historic District Commission communicates to the Town Council that it does not recommend expansion of the Historic District at this time.

MOVED by Theurkauf; SECONDED by Dellenbaugh. APPROVED unanimously.
(Commissioner Guimont not present).

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Augur, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use Services