

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall at 2155 Main Street with the option for Zoom video conferencing. The video was broadcast in real time and via a live video stream.

1. Roll Call.

Council Members

Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman

Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman {participated via Zoom video conferencing}

Ms. Deborah A. Carroll

Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh

Mr. John Cavanna

Ms. Mary LaChance

Mr. Jacob McChesney

Mr. Whit Osgood {participated via Zoom video conferencing}

Ms. Jennifer Wang {participated via Zoom video conferencing}

a. Pledge of Allegiance. *Led by Mr. Cavanaugh*

2. Public Comment.

Ms. Carroll read the written comment received, as listed on the Town website:

David Dacruz of Hampshire Drive, inquired about the location and process for the new animal control shelter. He fears that a bigger shelter would bring the noise of barking dogs to the neighborhood. To prevent this, he suggested that the new location be a few yards away from the houses and the local woods.

3. Special Reports. *None*

4. Old Business. *None*

5. New Business.

a. Discussion and possible action – amendment to Town Code and Building Zone Regulations concerning technical assistance for land use proposals (refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission).

Mr. Johnson explained that when an aspect of a land use application lies outside the expertise of Town Staff, this action would allow the Town to require the applicant to pay for special assistance. Mr. Niland asked if this would keep the Town from hiring an onsite expert. Mr. Johnson clarified that this language would require the applicant to pay for the cost of the outside

consultant. If the Town chooses a belt and suspenders approach - to verify the conclusions of professional staff - it would have to be funded by the Town. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if “technical assistance” is synonymous with expert testimony. Mr. Johnson replied yes, it is.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation, proposed amendments to Town Code Section 15-38(15) and Building Zone Regulation Section 3-28 concerning the cost of technical assistance required for review of land use applications, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated July 8, 2022.

Result: Motion was approved unanimously {9-0-0}.

6. Consent Calendar. None

7. Town Manager’s Report.

Mr. Johnson explained that the Town has received over \$400,000 in FEMA reimbursement for Storm Isaias, which has been deposited to the General Fund. The East Glastonbury Public Library has asked the town to consider increasing their grant to \$10,000, would apply to both East and South libraries. The increase does not require budget action but does require Council approval. Mr. Johnson noted that the arborist will soon send his draft report on the Copper Beech tree. The annual Senior Picnic will be at the RCC on August 11, and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new high school locker room/restroom facility is also tentatively scheduled for that day. The project completion date is projected for the end of July.

Mr. McChesney thanked Town Staff for putting into effect a 10:00 A.M. splash pad area start time. Mr. Cavanna stated that a resident has reached out to him about the parking of commercial vehicles on driveways. He would like to see officers patrolling the riverfront. Mr. Gullotta asked Mr. Johnson to place the former issue on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Johnson agreed to do so. Mr. Osgood asked if the buffer is being reducing between the new dog pound and home residences on Hampshire Drive. Mr. Johnson stated that it is generally in the same location. The appearance and the noise buffering will be much improved from what is currently there, and if there is an opportunity for improving the buffer, they will investigate it. Mr. Niland asked about the status of the committee for the aquatics facility. Mr. Johnson stated that they will convene over the next few weeks. Mr. Niland asked who will be on the committee. Mr. Johnson stated that the Council will volunteer two members, which will be selected at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Cavanaugh asked why the police boats have not been on the river. Mr. Johnson stated that there has been a buildup of sediment, so the boat is currently stored in the boathouse. Mr. Cavanaugh asked how many officers must be on the boat for it to be in the water, and do they have to be certified. Mr. Johnson stated that, for safety reasons, they would prefer at least two officers. Currently, there is only one certified officer, which is why they would like to partner with Wethersfield or Rocky Hill. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if any officers are interested in being on the marine patrol. Mr. Johnson stated that it is common knowledge among officers that they can

volunteer to become part of any of those units. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the latest graffiti at the boathouse, which was posted on Facebook. Mr. Johnson has not heard of that case, but he will check the video cameras at the boathouse. Mr. Cavanna remarked that DEEP has removed their police patrol boat from the Glastonbury marina. He asked if the Town could reach out to them to use that slip to keep the police boat in the water. Mr. Johnson replied yes.

8. Committee Reports.

a. Chairman's Report. *None*

b. MDC.

Ms. LaChance stated that the MDC property in Manchester has been sold to developers.

c. CRCOG. *None*

9. Communications.

a. Letter from CT Siting Council regarding modifications to existing telecommunications facility located at 175 Dickinson Road.

b. Letter from CT Siting Council regarding shared use of an existing telecommunications facility located at 63 Woodland Street.

10. Minutes.

a. Minutes of June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes of the June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Result: Minutes were approved unanimously {9-0-0}.

11. Appointments and Resignations. *None*

12. Executive Session.

a. Potential land acquisition.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into executive session to discuss a potential land acquisition at 7:25 P.M.

Result: Motion passed unanimously {9-0-0}.

Present for the Executive Session item were council members, Mr. Tom Gullotta, Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Vice Chairman, Ms. Deb Carroll, Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh, Mr. John Cavanna,

Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Jake McChesney, Mr. Whit Osgood, and Ms. Jennifer Wang, with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.

No votes were taken during the Executive Session, which ended at 8:25 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Torosyan

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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman