

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

First Name	Last Name	Street Address	Comments: Per Council rules and procedures, please limit comments to what can reasonably be read to the meeting record in three (3) minutes or less. Please be mindful that this form is for public comment only. Please direct questions/general inquiries to Council members directly.
Darcy	McDonald	384 Griswold St	As a newer resident, Rose's has become part of my routine stops for produce, sunflowers & jar gifts. I wish I lived here longer to enjoy the Rose's experience. New ownership & expansion will allow other new families the joy of this cornerstone. Support local... how this town was built.
Kirsten	Birish	415 Dayton Road	I am writing with regard to a recent post I saw on Glastonbury Community/The Scoop Glastonbury facebook page which indicates the Gondek Family is currently under contract to purchase the remaining portion of Roses Berry Farm. According to the post, the Gondek family would like to continue running the farm as is and has been in negotiations to give up development rights for all portions of the farm to the town so that it will never be developed. As long as the information in the post is, in fact, true then I fully support the Gondek family's purchase of the property. I think it is vitally important that we continue to support farming and open space in our town in order to preserve for future generations to come, as well as for wildlife in the area and for environmental considerations. There has been and continues to be much development in this town. There needs to be much more focus on preservation of our natural resources. I continually vote in favor of the Town's \$3M appropriation for purchase of development rights and acquisition of land and will vote in support in favor of any other efforts, including private purchase of land, that looks to achieve the same end result. Thanks to the Town Council for your consideration of my comments and I hope that you vote accordingly.
Geri	Andrew	89 Hampshire Drive	Permit the Gondek family to take over the management and development of Rose's Berry farm. This property has brought enormous pleasure to countless citizens of Glastonbury and others from across Connecticut and beyond. The varied experiences it offered have left lifetime memories for all who visited there. Let these special moments continue in the respected hands of the committed members of the well known Gondek family. Take this unique opportunity to blend the vision and the love of one of Glastonbury's treasures and grant the Gondek's their request.
Trish	Dawson	110 Neipsic Road	I would like to voice my vote for the Gondek's to purchase the Rose's parcel

Chelsea	Casali	38 Red Hill Drive	<p>We are in full support of the Gondek family purchasing and preserving Rose's Berry farm. Rose's is an incredibly important part of Glastonbury. This summer my family went to Rose's breakfast and as we ate pancakes and admired the spectacular view, we said, "this is what makes Glastonbury so special." As we sat there, we felt so grateful for our town. Rose's is part of what makes Glastonbury amazing. Between the natural beauty, family-based fun, friendly community, and farm-to-table food, Rose's is beaming with charm. We don't ever want to see that charm let go and we have full trust in the Gondek's. They have proven their responsible commitment to the town through their existing businesses. Please allow the Gondek's to preserve and add to Glastonbury's breathtaking beauty and character.</p>
NANCY	NETCOH	21 Adenas Walk	<p>I have lived in town for over forty years, and consider the farms in South Glastonbury to be amongst the greatest of our town treasures. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY support the town affording the Gondek family the opportunity to continue running the Rose's Berry Farm property as is, selling berries, offering pick your own, and breakfast with a view. I also fully support the addition of providing farm to table dinners, adding a cidery using the fruits from the farm, and bringing back their Christmas tree and pumpkin growing fields. With the restoration and enhancement of existing structures, the farm will continue to be the incredible intergenerational memory-making enhancement to our community that it is, while bringing it into a business model that more closely suits our current community....all while sustaining the jobs of current employees, preserving our land and deep-rooted farming culture and continuing the legacy of Roses Berry Farm. ✨ Add a cidery using the fruits from the farm ✨ Bring back Christmas trees and pumpkins ✨ Restore and update the property and buildings ✨ Add a new large wraparound deck to one of the existing structures to offer year round breakfast ✨ KEEP CURRENT FARM EMPLOYEES! Their goal is to preserve the farming culture, the beauty of the land, and continue the legacy of Roses Berry Farm.</p>
Ashley	Boillat	16 Sunrise Drive	<p>I am in favor of the Gondar family purchasing Roses farm. I am not in favor of developers or losing the farmland charm Glastonbury offers!</p>
Kelly	Mulryan	45 lindsay lane	<p>I am in support of the Gondek family and their purchase of Roses farmland. Keeping this land as it's currently used provides resources to the community and preserves the legacy of Glastonbury being a farm town. We do not need more development and should preserve what already exists. To do anything else would be going against the wishes of the community. Farmland and farming is become more rare, if we have an opportunity to save it- we should.</p>

Jesse	Boillat	16 sunrise dr	I am favor of roses farm being sold to another family with its intentions to keep it farm land. I am not in favor or it being sold to a developer and made into housing. The farms of Glastonbury give the town its charm.
Amy	LaPanne	118 Long Hill Dr	Strongly in favor of the Gondek's proposition to keep this land as it has been used for so many years now.
Caitlyn	Muro	151 riverview road	I support the local family in purchasing, updating, and maintaining Roses berry farm. I think it would be shame to lose one of our farms that is so well known to Glastonbury and love the idea of it continuing under new ownership.
Nicole	DiCicco	84 Ridgewood rd	I support the Gondek family continuing Rose's farm operations.
Ilene	Grueneberg	86 Hubbard St	I am hopeful that the land known as Roses Berry Farm will continue to be preserved as farmland and protected from other development. The Gondeks intention to continue the use in that fashion should be supported in every way to maintain this wonderful vista Generations to come will benefit and the beautiful agrarian history continued.
Aurora	Delbon's	Falcon lane	Please keep the beauty of the farmland within the town, do t let this gem in others hands. Keep it home.
Patricia	Bickford	34 Summersweet Drive	This is a fantastic offer by The Gondek family to preserve the farm with updated amenities and to keep this Glastonbury treasure!! My concern is turning over development rights to the town...the farm/property should have a built in covenant to protect and preserve the current use and prevent the town from selling off to developers in the future!
Audrey	Yellen Quinlan	90 candlelight dr	Let's preserve as much of our farmland as possible. The perseveration of Rose's Berry Farm by the Gondek family with Sandi Rose's input is such wonderful news. Quoting Andy Warhol... . "I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want to own."
Rusty	Brown	90 Uplands Way	Town Council. Please do your best to preserve this Rose's Berry Farm, a true Glastonbury treasure.
Jodi	Bond	43 Wren Hollow	The form would not allow me to choose 7pm. I believe the town should support the Gondek vision for the prior Rose farm.
Deborah	Torres	479 Manchester Rd	Would love to see Roses Farm to stay a farm the residence of Glastonbury have enjoyed it for many years and look forward to visiting it more. Why ruin the historical areas.
Kelsey	Bond	78 Cambridge drive	I am in full support of the gondek family purchasing the roses farmland.

Sean	Heald Sr	479 Manchester Road Glastonbury, CT 06033	I believe that the Rose's Farm should always stay a farm. What the Gondek family is looking to do with the farm is the best thing for the town residents of Glastonbury. We need to preserve our farms the best we know how. I vote we keep it a farm and enjoy everything it has to offer.
Alexis	Ramirez-Arnold	755 Manchester Rd	Unable to attend meeting in person but would very much like to support the Gondek family purchasing the land of Roses Berry Farm, continue running it and expanding it as a farm for our wonderful town while giving up development rights so it always stays a farm. Thank you.
Daniel	Cummins	30 Taylor Town Road	I support protecting the land from previously part of Rose's Berry Farm from further development. Please allow the Gondek family to take ownership and keep the South Glastonbury gem a gem for years to come
Meliss	Passarello	1786 chalker hill	I support the Gondek family to purchase roses berry farm to continue and preserve its tradition.
Elissa	Slavin	548 thompson street	Rose's Berry Farm is an amazing place in Glastonbury that should remain an active farm! Allowing that area to be developed would be sad and detrimental to the beauty that is Glastonbury. We need to maintain our town and not allow it to be developed like some of the surrounding towns that are crowded.
Sylena	Edlund	68 Douglas rd	Keep Rose's as it is. Why would we want 6 generations of farming and family in which Glastonbury was built upon turned into development planning. Glastonbury needs to keep what charm it still has.
Amanda	Lang	98 Quarry Rd	To the town council members who will be deciding whether or not the town of Glastonbury should be allowed to purchase land from the recent closure of Rose's Berry Farm: I encourage you to think long and hard about the best use of that land. Rose's Berry Farm has been around for generations, and is the epitome of the quaint local charm that brings residents to this beautiful town of Glastonbury. Do not purchase this land to fill it with more residential and commercial real estate in an attempt to generate more town revenue. Let's let the Gondek family move forward with their lovely plans- and keep the true spirit of that farm alive into the future. There are so many more memories to be made on that land.
Alicia	Haffner	1033 Manchester Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033	As residents of Glastonbury for the last 16 years, we've always loved all the farm land and the ambiance it brings to our town. My husband and I would not like to see the land sold to the town for future possible development. We would like Rose's land it to stay the way it is, and be sold to someone who will continue to maintain it as a farm with a variety of fun family activities, as well as goods and services to the town.

Charles	Jefferis	19 Fairfield Lane	I implore the Town to support the Gondek family's proposal to purchase the Rose's Berry Farm land, have it continue its farm operations AND to prevent future development of this land. Arrangements can be struck between the Gondek's and the Town to make this happen while also limiting the Town's liability. Preserving open land and farming protects Glastonbury's unique character. Without that, Glastonbury becomes just another town in Connecticut. Thank you and Happy Holidays.
Jenna	Vullo	541 Griswold Street	Keep the farmland. Keep Glastonbury Glastonbury.
Emily	Turker	37C Brewster, Glastonbury	Thank you to the Gondek Family for their support and dedication to preserve this Glastonbury treasure!
Jaclyn	Brancato	208 Clark Hill Rd	I support the Gondek family to continue the operations of Rose's Berry farm, and give up the development rights to the town. Please preserve our community and local farms and prevent any development of this land for residential use.
JAKE	SCOVILLE	35 DICKINSON	To whom it may concern, I am writing this as a concerned citizen and taxpayer. I am writing in regards to the potential town purchase of roses berry farm. It appears that the gondek family has a interest / contract to purchase the remaining piece of farm and essentially keep it going. As farming is a essential part of south Glastonbury's history I ask the town council and town citizens why wouldn't we want the farm to be purchased privately and ran the way it has been for years ? Also there is no fear of development if the family sells the development rights , which they've stated they would. In my opinion there seems to be a serious lack of communication with the town residents from town council in regards to what the town would do with the farm if purchased ? Also from a financial point of view does it really make sense for the town to pursue ? not only purchase but upkeep running etc for years to come.

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Brittney Gondek	35 Dickinson rd South Glastonbury	<p>Hi Council members and town people My name is Brittney Gondek and I am commenting today on the Rose's acquisition. As you know we have been working with Sandi for over a year now on this acquisition. We hope that the town will consider letting us move forward with the third parcel as we own one Rose parcel already and the second one is under contract. We would love to work with the town in giving the development rights away for all three parcels, but if that does not work at this time there is still a willingness to purchase without that if the town would step down from purchasing. We have an unwavering support from the towns people in favor of the Gondek family preserving the land and continuing on the Rose legacy. We plan to keep all the Rose traditions alive, pick your own, farm market, farm breakfast, farm to table dinners, cider mill, Christmas trees, pumpkins and all the other traditions many families including our own have since 1908. We also plan to add some enhancements such as the cidery, restoring the property &amp; buildings, making the breakfast year round and community events. Most importantly we plan to keep the farm employees, some have worked at Roses for over 30 years and are devastated to see the farm and their livelihood go. The Gondek family has been in Glastonbury for six generations and started farming on their arrival. We have a love for the farm land, preserving traditions and the tight nit community. As a lifelong member of this town I hope the town council will do what is in the public's interest to keep Rose's Berry Farm open. Having a private buyer of this farm will not only keep a small business going but help the towns revenue and the towns people with saving tax dollars. If the town purchases we have to keep in mind not only just the cost of the acquisition but also the maintenance, repairs, upkeep and also the families who will be losing their jobs. Thank you for your reconsideration on this matter.</p>
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Brooke Gondek	15 Dickinson Road	<p>My name is Brooke Gondek and I am commenting today on the Rose's acquisition. As you know my father, Paul Gondek, has been in business in the Town the entirety of his life. Now that he is getting closer to retirement he has been passionately talking about slowing down that lifestyle and taking over the Rose Farm. Most the calls I receive from him start off with a new idea about the farm that he is overly excited about adding, such as him getting a tractor to drive around for heigh rides or how he wants him and I to learn to prune apple trees and berry bushes from the employees who have worked at Roses for years. I can assure you that he is looking to better the community and keep the Rose's business going. This is why he is more than willing to give up development rights. I really hope the Town reconsiders their decision and will allow our family to continue on the Rose's Berry Farm legacy.</p>
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Bette Pisarski	270 Overlook Road	<p>Keep Glastonbury farms working. We appreciate them! We enjoy visiting them for fresh fruit and vegetables. We need farms to live! Glastonbury has beautiful farms and I hope they continue to produce.</p>
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Scott	Bassette	479 Main Street south glastonbury ct 06073	As a family member who is related to an active farm in south glastonbury, I have strong concern keeping other farms in place as they are becoming less and less in CT. Family run farms are a dying breed but have so much history in our town. I see land being sold to just put up million dollar houses as our natural lands get smaller and smaller. Roses Berry Farm should have zero development rights so it can prosper off the land for generations to come so my children and my children's children can grow up with the land I have enjoyed growing up with. My heart goes out to the Gondeks for doing this and should have every right.
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Peter	Tyczkowski	523 East Carriage Dr	Please keep the property known as Rose's Berry Farm under the stewardship of people who can maintain both its agricultural character and its value as a wonderful source of locally grown berries and such. My fear is that if it is not maintained by skillful farmers, it will begin a downward spiral that will ultimately end up as just another walking path or such. Please don't let this opportunity go by.
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Sysannah	Webb	173 Farmstead Lane	Please support the Gondek family in support of this proposal. Roses Berry Farm is a dear family farm which has been an integral part of Glastonbury history. Please preserve it!!!!
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Donna	Preli	625 Matson Hill Road	Having grown up in Glastonbury and having Rose's in my "backyard" preserving the beauty of this place as well as allowing it to remain a working farm I believe to be in th best interest of the town. There are not too many places like this left for families and friends to enjoy. I truly hope the Town of Glastonbury does the right thing and allows the Gondek family to continue this wonderful place and tradition. Donna Preli
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