



Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #5(A) (AMENDED)
01-24-2023 Meeting

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

January 20, 2023

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Capital Improvement Program – Recommendations for July 1, 2023 Funding (Amended)

Dear Council Members:

As a follow up to the annual CIP Special Meeting, Council typically reviews the projects recommended for July 1st funding and forwards the Program to the Board of Finance for review and comment. This includes preliminary project recommendations as applicable for the respective July 1st funding.

Several comments to follow up the Thursday, January 19th Special Meeting discussion are as follows:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – The attached pages from the final budget document for fiscal year 2022-2023 summarizes ARPA monies awarded to Glastonbury and allocated/proposed to date.

Allocation to Glastonbury	\$10,200,000	
Capital Improvement FY22-23	\$ 5,630,000	
Capital Outlay – Town Operations	\$ 63,500	
Small Business Assistance Program	<u>\$ 155,000</u>	
	\$ 4,351,500	Net
50-55 Nye Road	<u>\$ 3,150,000</u>	
	\$ 1,201,500	Net
Capital Program FY24 – Williams Memorial	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	
	\$ 201,500±	Net Available

Capital projects approved for ARPA monies in the current year and also proposed for next year include Addison Park – \$175,000 and Grange Pool – \$200,000.

Sidewalks – Additional background on sidewalks as follows:

- Capital budget allocates \$2.8M (before approved/pending grants of \$2.5M±) for construction of new sidewalks along a section of Bell Street, within the Gateway area, and the pending Main Street Phase III project.
- Over the past year, new sidewalks were constructed along Spring Street, House Street and a section of Route 17 between Overlook Road and Buttonball Lane with a new crosswalk at the adjacent intersection. This was funded through prior year appropriations.
- The proposed capital budget for the coming year does not include a new allocation for sidewalk construction. Potential projects include Neipsic Road between Karen Lee and Wickham (\$550,000 estimate) and Manchester Road, between Sachem Drive and Hebron Avenue (\$580,000 estimate).

- One or both of the preceding projects could proceed to the design, permitting and approval phase, however, construction would not reasonably occur until spring or early summer of 2024. Funding could be authorized for the July 1, 2024 capital program without delaying construction.
- The project account for new sidewalk construction shows an available balance of \$72,000. A smaller scale project could proceed this year subject to supplemental funding.

A copy of the sidewalk matrix is attached as background.

Intersection Realignment – This involves the state project to decommission bridges and realign exit and entrance ramps to Route 17 along the New London Turnpike corridor.

- The intersection southerly of Douglas Road (near former Glastonbury Funeral Home) was designed for a realigned exit/entrance ramps and a traffic signal. Glastonbury asked that a roundabout be evaluated and DOT concluded a roundabout would be a preferred solution.
- Preliminary estimates by DOT indicate a cost of \$1.7M for the signalized intersection and \$3.34M for a roundabout. The project is approved for 80/20 grant funding and the state is asking the Town to fund 20% of the differential between the two preliminary estimates or \$330,000.
- The capital budget allocates \$200,000± for potential work in this area. There appear several opportunities to reduce the cost differential and I have contacted State DOT to discuss. In the meantime, the demand deposit exceeds available funding by \$130,000±.

Capital Funding – As noted on the attached page, the appropriation and transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund is losing buying power over recent years. Use of ARPA monies helped in the current year and can be allocated for FY24 as shown above. Additionally, a transfer from the General Fund-Unassigned Fund Balance could be considered and with the decrease in Debt Service over coming years, the annual Transfer could be further supported.

The following is provided for Council consideration:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program to the Board of Finance for a funding report and recommendation, including the following preliminary project recommendations for fiscal year 2023-2024.”


Note: The Council typically introduces the preceding resolution based on projects recommended by the Town Manager. The motion can then be amended as applicable based on Tuesday evening’s discussion or the entire capital program forwarded. Action on Tuesday evening does not commit the Council to a final action but begins the formal review process.

The Council will consider capital projects and funding at meetings in February and March leading up to action at the Final Budget Hearing scheduled for late March.

Additional information can be provided as helpful to Council over coming months.

Lastly, public correspondence received after Thursday evening’s meeting is attached.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager