

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
 2023-2025 THIRTY-THIRD TOWN COUNCIL
 ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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

- 1. Call to Order – Town Clerk (Section 302)** *by Michelle Krampitz, Town Clerk*
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance** *by Michelle Krampitz, Town Clerk*

- 2. Introduction of Town Council Members Elect – Town Clerk**

Deborah A. Carroll	Thomas P. Gullotta	Lawrence Niland
Kurt P. Cavanaugh	Mary LaChance	Whit C. Osgood
John Cavanna	Jacob McChesney	Jennifer Wang

- 3. Administration of Oath of Office – Town Clerk (Section 302).**
- 4. Official Town Council Photo.**
- 5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Section 302).**

Nomination by: Ms. Carroll **Seconded by:** Mr. Cavanaugh

Mr. Tom Gullotta as Chairman
 Ms. Krampitz called for other nominations. Hearing none, she closed the nominations.

Result: Mr. Gullotta was elected as Chairman by a unanimous vote {8-0-0}.

Nomination by: Ms. Carroll **Seconded by:** Mr. Cavanna

Ms. Wang as Vice Chairman
 Mr. Gullotta called for other nominations. Hearing none, she closed the nominations.

Result: Ms. Wang was elected as Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote {8-0-0}.

a. Appointment of Majority Leader

Mr. Gullotta appointed Ms. Carroll as Majority Leader.

b. Appointment of Minority Leader

Mr. Gullotta appointed Mr. Cavanaugh as Minority Leader.

6. Public Comment.

Mr. Gullotta noted that, at the Council's December 5 meeting, the Police Chief will present a report on crime in town.

Jill Barry of 199 Cavan Lane, is the State Representative for Glastonbury. She noted that crime continues to be a big issue and commended the Glastonbury Police Department for installing license plate readers, which alert police departments on stolen vehicles. In 2021, the state provided funding to allow Glastonbury officers to participate in an auto theft law force. Her task is to work with other police makers and local police to ensure that punishments are appropriate, especially for repeat offenders.

Linda Obedzinski of 66 Uconn Avenue, welcomes the expansion and renovation of the Welles Turner Memorial Library, but believes that the facility is short staffed. She urged the Council to include additional library staff in the new budget.

Pam Lucas of 145 Moseley Terrace, congratulated council members on being reelected and thanked them for their service and tireless work.

John Porriello of 567 Main Street, spoke on behalf of Safe Streets CT. He believes that Rep. Barry is doing a good job but pressure needs to be placed on her fellow lawmakers to recognize the threat of crime. He calls for graduated penalties for juvenile offenders. He also believes that the police need to be given discretion for chases when appropriate. He also encouraged everyone to check out Chief Porter's dashboard on the Town website, which lists local crime statistics.

Doug Bussa of 101 Clark Hill Road, has lived in Glastonbury his entire life and agrees that crime has become a serious issue. He expressed that he does not feel safe in Glastonbury anymore and perhaps the answer is to hire more police.

Marie Paternoster of 38 Chestnut Hill Road, looks forward to hearing from the Chief of Police on December 5.

Donna Pirie of 114 Crystal Ridge Road, thanked the Council for having the Police Chief come in with a report to understand the numbers.

Brad Spencer of 520 Bell Street, brought to the Council's attention that the GHS will continue to encounter a student parking problem. He suggested moving the town vehicles out of the lot which can allow for spots for the students to park.

Lisa Arnold of 514 Griswold Street, has offered her rolling camera feed to local police to use in incidents of crime in her neighborhood. She noted that larger cities throughout the country utilize apps to avoid tying up their 911 systems. She also stated that roundabouts push out emergency vehicles onto side streets, which is not ideal.

Mr. Niland opened the floor for comments from Zoom attendees:

Kristin Bourbeau of 905 Tryon Street, is a member of Safe Streets CT. She stated that the solution to this crime problem lies at the seat of government in Hartford, whose leadership refuses to impose penalties for repeat offenders.

7. Resolution establishing the Regular Meetings of the Council (Section 304).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Schedule of Regular Council Meetings dated November 14, 2023 for calendar year 2024 and January 2025.

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

8. Resolution establishing Rules of Procedure (Section 304).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Council Rules of Procedure dated December 7, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Jake McChesney and John Cavanna to the Rules of Procedure Subcommittee.

Disc: Mr. Gullotta would like to consider the ability for the Chair to call a recess without a formal motion. He also requests consideration of developing a protocol whereby division chairs would be more directly involved, which used to be the process some 15 years ago.

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

9. Old Business. *None*

10. New Business. *None*

11. Consent Calendar.

- a. **Action on an Application of the Glastonbury Housing Authority to change the zoning of 55 Nye Road from Planned Employment Zone to Residence A Zone (set public hearing).**

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 5, 2023 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall with the option for Zoom Video Conferencing to consider the approval of the Glastonbury Housing Authority application for a change of zone at 55 Nye Road from Planned Employment Zone to Residence A Zone.

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

- b. **Action on an Application of the Glastonbury Housing Authority to change the zoning of 55 Nye Road to Planned Area Development and adopt a Final Development Plan to allow a 64-unit affordable housing community (set public hearing).**

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 5, 2023 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall with the option for Zoom Video Conferencing to consider the approval of the Glastonbury Housing Authority application for a change of zone at 55 Nye Road to Planned Area Development and to adopt a Final Development Plan to allow a 64-unit affordable housing community.

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

12. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Luiz presented his report. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that his neighborhood had a Halloween parade and two officers showed up, one of whom was the new Community Outreach Officer, Sergey Sharov. He finds Mr. Sharov to be an excellent choice and wished him the best in this role. Ms. LaChance noted that the 250th anniversary of the country's founding is fast approaching. She asked when they plan to form a subcommittee. Ms. Wang asked about the Safe Streets for All grant, which the Town did not receive. She inquired about the grant amount, as well as whether there are plans to move ahead with the work anyway, as necessary. Mr. Luiz has

spoken with Mr. Pennington, and agreed that they need to move along with an analysis of their needs, which will be presented to the Council. Mr. Luiz will email council members with the requested information.

Mr. McChesney asked to have a comprehensive understanding of the ARPA funding, including what has been spent so far and what is left. He also asked what the Town needs to have in place to ensure that the remaining ARPA funds are not lost. Mr. Luiz noted that the report has a section on ARPA funds, so he will touch base on all those questions. Mr. Cavanna suggested moving the Conex closer to the dog shelter, in case anyone needs it. Mr. Luiz will look into the Conex box issue.

13. Communications. None

14. Minutes.

a. Minutes of October 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes of the October 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

b. Minutes of November 2, 2023 Special Meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Special Meeting.

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

15. Appointments and Resignations:

a. Appointment of Council Clerk (Section 304).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints Lilly Torosyan to serve as Clerk of the Council for the 2023-2025 Town Council.

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

b. Appointment of Alternate Council Clerk.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints Susan Lauzier to serve as Alternate Clerk of the Council for the 2023-2025 Town Council.

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

16. Executive Session.

a. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of:

a. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate.

Attendees to include Council Members and Town Manager.

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

The Council came out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns the Town Council meeting of October 10, 2023 at 8:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Torosyan

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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman