

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Jonathan Luiz, 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
Ms. Jennifer Wang, Vice Chairman
Ms. Deborah A. Carroll
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh
Mr. John Cavanna
Mr. Larry Niland
Ms. Mary LaChance
Mr. Jacob McChesney
Mr. Whit Osgood

a. Pledge of Allegiance. *Led by Tom Gullotta*

2. Public Comment.

Wayne Paulekas of 215 Wickham Road, encouraged support of the MLK project, which will show awareness to the civil rights movement. He also supports the survey because it allows town residents to decide what will go up on the mural.

Susan Karp of 32 Rampart Drive, finds the mural project to be an incredible tribute to the community and its history. She thanked all involved in the process.

Quan Tran of 57 Gideon Lane, is a member of the community advocate group for the MLK project. The mural will represent diverse stories, which should be supported.

Virginia Roscoe of 112 Old Farms Road, represents the Welles Turner Second Century Library Fund. Because the library name is lengthy and impractical, she asked the Council to change it to Second Century Fund or 2CF Studio. Because no plaques were chosen, no costs would be incurred with this name change.

Allen Friedrich of 47 Prospect Street Apt. D, is President of Bike Walk Glastonbury but is speaking as a resident. The Putnam Bridge Trail will have its grand opening on May 9. He hopes that many will attend.

Shawnee Baldwin of 57 Nuthatch Knob, supports the new trails, as well as councilman Osgood's raising of the issue of the BOE's 1% Fund. She also supports the addition to the sidewalks along Route 17, and asked the Council to approve the MLK mural design.

The following comment was made via Zoom:

Lisa Eldridge of 108 South Mill Drive, is excited about the mural project. She also would like the Council to discuss the possibility of reducing the amount of funding that the BOE can set aside in its 1% fund at the end of each fiscal year. Taxpayers assume that the money will be used for educational purposes, which has turned out to not always be the case.

3. Special Reports.

a. Presentation of Resolution – Apraxia Awareness Day.

Ms. Carroll presented a resolution to Alyssa Ryan and her son Maverick, formally declaring May 14 as Childhood Apraxia Speech Awareness Day in Glastonbury. Ms. Ryan stated that Apraxia Kids hosts a walk every fall. This year, it will be at the New England Air Museum on May 14. She asked all to wear blue that day, in support.

4. Old Business.

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the MLK39 Racial Equity Mural Tour project.

Julie Thompson and Maura Paulekas, President and Vice President of the Glastonbury Historical Society, respectively, reviewed the historical elements in the mural design. Ms. Paulekas stated that the committee took their charge seriously, to look at possible figures. They decided that they did not want to select anyone presently living and wanted to use the survey guidelines for who should be included. They have also received permission from the families of the modern people chosen.

Ms. Thompson explained that their focus was to choose Glastonbury residents who had furthered the cause of civil rights. Selected were Sarah Onepenny, an early Native American resident; the powder horn of Prince Simbo, an enslaved African American man who fought in the Civil War for his emancipation; the 29th regiment of the Civil War, in which several people enlisted from Glastonbury; Abby and Julia Smith, who fought for emancipation for women; and Zandra Flemister and Kirby Edmonds, modern civil rights activists; along with the image of the Old Cider Mill. Micaela Levesque, the project artist, explained her proposed design.

Gina LaRosa noted that Sustainable CT's fundraising project raised \$17,500, with \$10,000 coming from community donations and a \$7,500 match from Sustainable CT. Their original budget was \$15,000, so the additional funds will be used for signage, lighting, and community event costs. Matt Conway from RiseUp explained the next steps, which involve logistical planning for the mural painting itself and a community event with the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative. June 8 is the tentative date for that event.

Ms. Wang stated that this has been a thorough process, with 85 results received from the community survey. She noted that some comments were made to feature Asian Americans, who are a newer part of the Glastonbury community. However, this was tricky because they did not wish to include living people on the mural. Ms. Wang also feels that Ms. Levesque's older design featuring Sarah Onepenny would be beautiful on a barn, but the current design suits the mural location much better.

Mr. Cavanna was also proud to be a part of this process. He would have liked to see the first African American firefighter in Glastonbury be featured, but he understands that there wasn't enough

community support for that. He also liked how the first design incorporated children, which looked towards the future, but he understands why the artist went in this direction. He loves Ms. Levesque's art and is happy to see this move forward.

Ms. Carroll thanked everybody involved in this process. She noted that both Ms. Flemister and Mr. Edmonds were mentioned by their GHS classmates, which is a testament to how much they made an impact. She hopes that this will be the first of many public art pieces in Glastonbury. Ms. LaChance found it interesting that Ms. Flemister and Mr. Edmonds were from the same class and graduated the year after MLK was assassinated. Mr. Osgood commended the group for their fundraising efforts, but was disappointed to not see Gideon Welles on the mural, who would have added diversity to the design. Mr. McChesney pointed out that Gideon Welles was represented in a mural during the Strawberry Moon festival a few years ago.

Mr. Gullotta proposed adding Siphax and Mary Moseley to the mural. He explained that Siphax was an enslaved person who fought in the Revolutionary War and returned to Glastonbury, where he and Mary lived until his death in 1808. He noted that their descendants have contacted the Glastonbury Historical Society in recent years. He does not believe that the powder horn is enough to represent the history of slavery in Glastonbury, and the Moseley family represents the story of two common people who achieved a lot in town, despite overwhelming obstacles.

Mr. Cavanna likes the idea because it honors a person rather than an instrument. Ms. Wang pointed out the logistical issues of including the Moseleys on this mural. While she finds it too late at this stage, she would love to see them on a different mural. She also pointed out that there are no images of the Moseleys that the artist could reference. She proposed featuring the Moseleys as Glastonbury's first candidates for the Witness Stone Project, which restores the history of enslaved peoples.

Mr. Cavanna stated that the Council never set a definitive timeline for final approval. Ms. Carroll agreed with Ms. Wang that the Moseleys would be fantastic candidates for another project. She wishes that Mr. Gullotta had brought up their names earlier in the process. She supports moving forward with this permutation of the mural, while also continuing to explore other ways of representing the people who did not make the short list.

Mr. McChesney pointed out that, earlier in the process, Mr. Gullotta had suggested the Smith sisters, who are featured prominently in this design. He explained that this project has gone through a lengthy process, and the design is excellent. He agreed with Ms. Wang and Ms. Carroll that the other figures can be celebrated in other ways.

Mr. Cavanna asked if there are ways to honor these folks while keeping the project on schedule. Ms. Levesque explained that it would be hard to do, especially since there are no reference images for the Moseleys. Additionally, the canvas is quite small, so they have to be mindful of how many people and icons they would like to feature. Mr. Conway believes that a memorial would be a more appropriate way to honor the Moseleys, rather than trying to cram them into a small spot on this mural.

Mr. Gullotta thought that this evening was a draft, which provides opportunity for revision, but he misunderstood. However, he still does not believe that a powder horn does justice to the history of slavery in Glastonbury. He also noted that common people did not have portraits done, so it is no surprise that none exist for the Moseleys. Without their inclusion, he thinks that this mural will fall short. Mr. Cavanaugh asked Mr. Cavanna to explain how he proposed the inclusion of Glastonbury's

first black firefighter and how it was declined. Mr. Cavanna stated that it was an open discussion which evolved over multiple sessions. He also noted that he has a photograph of the individual.

Discussion resumed upon the conclusion of the public hearings, which began at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NO. 1 ACTION ON APPLICATION OF DAMATO REALTY GROUP LLC FOR A MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE SOMERSET SQUARE PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) AND FLOOD ZONE – 330 NAUBUC AVENUE.

Shelley Caltagirone, Director of Community Development, introduced the project, which has been through several reviews and approvals by various town bodies. Attorney Meghan Hope of Alter and Pearson, LLC represented Damato Realty Group, LLC, who are both the property owners and applicants. She explained that, in 1989, the Council approved the original plan for this site, which was a 6100-square-foot childcare center with 24 parking spaces. In 2013, the Council approved a change of use to a church with 20 approved parking spots. The proposal today is for a new hydrospa to be located alongside the extant chiropractic office.

Proposed is a limited site demolition to clean up the site, along with added landscape islands. The proposed addition is 2996 square feet, located to the east of the site. Ms. Hope reviewed a floor plan and the proposed site plan improvements, which include connecting the parking lot sidewalk to Naubuc Avenue and the addition of a bike rack. She then noted that the proposal will not impact the flood storage at all. The existing shed will be relocated to the corner, and the dumpster enclosure will be screened with a six-foot vinyl fence.

Ms. Hope explained that the parking requirements are met, at 42 spaces. Per Town request, they reduced the compact spaces from 18 to 9. Civil engineer Jim Dutton conducted a flood certification, which the Town Engineer confirmed. Town Staff reviewed the drainage report and found that it complied with the guidelines. The Environmental Planner asked to focus on the European Copper beech tree, which was reviewed by a licensed arborist, who deemed it to be a specimen tree. Ms. Hope explained that the tree will be protected during and after construction.

Attorney Hope noted that the landscape plan was approved by both the ASDRC and the Conservation Commission. The two trees species will be changed to native varieties and mulch will be added under the drip line of the beech tree, per the ASDRC's recommendation. The proposed planting mix is 70% native by type and 80% native by volume. The lighting plan was approved by the Council in 2013 as being angled up. The ASDRC asked to angle them down to 90 degrees, which the applicant has done. Their consultant took actual light readings from those fixtures. The ASDRC is pleased with the reduction of the light levels. Ms. Hope then reviewed the two wall signs on the north elevation and showed the revised monument sign, per request from the PAD subcommittee.

Ms. Hope explained that the ASDRC had asked to break up the large roof mass by creating eaves in the roof line. They have added dormers to different elevations of the site. Regarding building materials, the applicant had asked whether vinyl would be acceptable, but the ASDRC deemed that it was not. Therefore, they plan on keeping the existing wood, but the addition would be hardiplank. Ms. Hope concluded that this project complies with the POCD and Section 4.12.5 of the Town regulations.

Mr. Gullotta opened the public hearing.

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

Scott Timko of 605 Chimney Sweep Hill Road, supports the proposed relocation and expansion of Damato Chiropractic. Dr. Nick has been a trusted caregiver to his family for years, and the addition of a hydrosipa will further their team's ability to provide holistic care to Glastonbury residents.

Leslie Golemba of 894 Neipsic Road, supports the expansion of Damato Chiropractic to include a new hydrosipa circuit. Given the lack of this type of wellness service in the area, it will fill a need for many who seek better treatment alternatives for general wellness and chronic care needs. The current building has been vacant and lacks the level of curb appeal desired in town. She supports the continued growth of a local business designed to help the needs of others.

Lorrie Ferlan of 151 Eastbury Hill Road, welcomes the proposed hydrosipa. The applicants have already proven themselves to be a benefit to this town. She called to support local businesses, especially one that will provide a critical option that does not currently exist in the area.

Robert Abate of 17 School Street, is excited about the proposed updates to the 330 Naubuc location. The building will become more aesthetically pleasing, greatly elevating the look of the area. He supports expanding a great small business and health care provider.

Steve LeTourneau of 24 Candlelight Drive, is a patient of the Damatos, who provide a critical service which is utilized by hundreds of people in the community. This new building will become a staple in the area. He wished them luck and asked the Council to support their application.

Nathan Bashaw of 271 Dayton Road, supports the proposed changes and expansion of Damato Chiropractic and their new hydrosipa.

Ryan Kelly of 1726 Manchester Road, stated that the Damatos have grown their business to be incredibly successful, while serving and supporting their community. He strongly supports the Damato Chiropractic Center and their future endeavors on Naubuc Avenue.

Matt Mund of 74 Founders Road, owns a fitness/wellness company in town, and favors the expansion of Damato Chiropractic, as well as the addition of the hydrosipa. He believes that the more awareness and resources they can provide the town and surrounding communities, the closer they come to changing the direction in which health is trending.

Lin Moctezuma of 730 Hebron Avenue, is a business owner in town who favors the proposed expansion and new hydrosipa coming to 330 Naubuc Avenue.

Bill Driggs of 2 Hopewell Road, is also a local business owner who supports the proposal. The plan will aesthetically improve the surrounding area, while also bringing health benefits to the community. He finds it encouraging that the Damatos are expanding what they offer the community. Local businesses need to be encouraged, in order to maintain the charm and feel of this special town. He would like the Town to ensure that unnecessary expenses are not incurred.

Mr. Niland spoke to the externally lit sign, noting that none of the other signs in that area are internally lit, and he thinks that it is a justified change. Ms. Carroll asked where the A/C units will be located once the renovation is over. Ms. Hope stated that they will stay on the west side. Mr. Cavanaugh agreed with Mr. Niland's recommendation for the lighting. Ms. Hope suggested making that a condition of approval.

With no further comments, Mr. Gullotta closed the public hearing.

Motion by: Mr. Niland

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

The monument sign plan, revised 4-22-24, for the externally lit sign shall be included as a condition of approval.

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

Mr. Cavanna thanked the applicant for sticking through this lengthy process. He believes that 12 town meetings is excessive. Mr. Osgood finds the proposal to be a positive improvement to what is there now. Ms. LaChance agreed. Mr. Niland stated that his sister was the director of the daycare when it was there. He finds this to be a fine addition. Mr. Gullotta complimented the ASDRC because their recommendations turned this into an attractive building.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves, with an effective date of May 15, 2024, the application of Damato Realty Group LLC, for 330 Naubuc Avenue application for a Major Amendment to the approved Somerset Square Planned Area Development [Project], in accordance with the plan set entitled "Major Amendment to Somerset Square PAD prepared by Dutton Associates LLC, revision date 4/12/24," on file with the Community Development Office and as described in a report by the Director of Community Development dated April 19, 2024, and as follows:

1. *In compliance with:*
 - a. *The conditions set forth by the Conservation Commission in their recommendations for approval to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in memos dated April 12, 2024.*
 - b. *The conditions set forth by the Architectural and Site Design Review Committee in their recommendation for approval to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in ASDRC Committee Report dated April 16, 2024.*
2. *In adherence to:*
 - a. *The Health Department memorandum dated March 26, 2024.*
 - b. *The Engineering Department memorandum to the Conservation Commission, dated March 20, 2024.*
 - c. *The Engineering Department memorandum to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, dated April 3, 2024.*
 - d. *The Police Department memorandum dated March 25, 2024.*
 - e. *The Fire Marshal memorandum dated March 19, 2024.*
3. *With the following conditions:*
 - a. *Prior to issuance of a Building Permit applicant shall file motion of approval and mylars of the approved plans on the land records of the Town Clerk.*

- b. *Prior to issuance of a Building Permit applicant shall file (2) paper copies and digital copy of stamped and sealed finalized approved plans to be filed in the Office of Community Development.*
- c. *If unforeseen conditions are encountered during construction that would cause deviation from the approved plans, the applicant shall consult with the Office of Community Development to determine what further approvals, if any, are required.*
- d. *Applicant shall add and incorporate ASDRC recommendations for proposed modifications from the 4/16/24 ASDRC Meeting into the finalized plan set.*
- e. *Applicant shall add note to lighting plan that existing parking lot light poles, existing head fixture will remain fixed at 90-degree angle, to comply as full cut off fixture and minimize light glare.*
- f. *Applicant shall add note to lighting plan existing parking lot light poles to be repainted black.*

ALSO MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby finds that the Project meets the requirements of Section 4.12.5 (a-f) in that it fulfills the following criteria:

- a. *That the standards and conditions of Section 12 of these Regulations have been met.*
- b. *That the developer has provided, where appropriate, for the sustained maintenance of the development in general, and for the open space in accordance with Section 4.12.3j above.*
- c. *That utilities, drainage, and recreational facilities have been so laid out as not to duly burden the capacity of such facilities, such other facilities presently connected therewith, and such facilities proposed by the adopted Town Plan of Development and officially adopted master utility plans.*
- d. *That the streets and drives will be suitable and adequate to carry anticipated traffic and increased densities will not generate traffic in such amounts as to overload the street network in the area.*
- e. *That the existing or proposed utility services are adequate for the population densities and building intensities.*
- f. *That the development will be in keeping with the general interest and spirit of the Glastonbury Building-Zone Regulations and comprehensive plan.*

ALSO MOVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby finds that the Project aligns with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development policies for Planning Area 4 – Town Center, as follows:

1. *Support building upgrades which reflect key district characteristics such as streetscape preservation, parking to the rear of existing buildings, and the preservation of existing building architectural features, where appropriate, in the Town Center Mixed Use Zone (TCMU).*
2. *Protect, maintain and enhance the streetscape trees and plantings within the Town Center.*
3. *Continue to include pedestrian and bicycle-friendly access and amenities.*

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

**NO. 2 ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG MAIN STREET/ROUTE 17 BETWEEN RED HILL DRIVE AND THE CIDER MILL.
(CONTINUED FROM MARCH 26, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.) (PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED TO MAY 14, 2024.)**

Mr. Luiz explained that the Council had asked for a last attempt at getting the DOT to reconsider their decision. That discussion will be held on Monday. Therefore, the Council is not in a position to make a decision on this item tonight. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby continues the public hearing concerning proposed construction of new sidewalks along Main Street/Route 17 generally extending between the Cider Mill and Red Hill Drive to the Town Council meeting of Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury and/or through Zoom Video Conferencing.

Disc: Mr. Cavanaugh noted that the Council had requested to meet with the DOT commissioner. Mr. Gullotta stated that the commissioner is not available. He asked, how far up in the management structure is the person with whom the Council will be meeting. Mr. Luiz will check. Mr. McChesney asked about the timeline. Mr. Luiz stated that, because the motion has listed a firm date, they do not need to re-advertise this. The grant funding is priority, but Mr. Pennington has informed him that they have enough time to meet the deadline.

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

NO. 3 ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING ZONE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE TOWN CENTER VILLAGE DISTRICT OVERLAY EXPANSION. (POSTPONED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.) (PUBLIC HEARING NO. 3 WILL NOT PROCEED ON APRIL 23, 2024 AND WILL BE TABLED.)

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby tables the public hearing for action on proposed amendment to the Building Zone Regulations concerning the Town Center Village District Overlay Expansion.

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

NO. 4 ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR FLOOD ZONE. (POSTPONED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.)

Ms. Caltagirone explained the proposed changes to the Main Street Commercial Corridor Flood Zone: Flood Zone controls would replace Section 4.11 controls for the 15 properties lining Main Street; General Business district permitted uses and lot standards would be reestablished; and structures must comply with all the Flood Zone regulations except when TPZ grants waivers from flood-proofing requirements per existing criteria. Per the Council's recommendation, they will continue to require all the physical safety aspects of the building. This means that the zoning district would still require flood proofing buildings to one foot above the Flood Zone and they would continue to seek waivers.

Ms. Caltagirone then reviewed the properties that are proposed to be rezoned and showed a snapshot of the current and proposed flood zone uses. She noted that flood waters have crossed this portion of Main Street three times in the last 100 years, and only one of those events exceeded the 500-year flood elevation. This proposal aligns with the POCD. None of the commercially developed properties in this section of Main Street conform with the allowed uses in the Flood Zone.

Ms. Caltagirone explained that, since the adoption of the Flood Zone, the Town has issued four waivers to allow for non-permitted uses there. Current requirements discourage substantial improvements due to the cost of flood proofing to the 500-year flood elevation and the uncertainty of receiving a use waiver. The proposed regulations would not increase flood risk to adjacent properties. She noted that the State NFIP Coordinator supports the relaxation of regulations for commercial properties and maintains that this would not be suitable for residential properties, which will be prohibited in the new zone.

Mr. Gullotta asked what the 'except' means. Ms. Caltagirone explained that the existing flood zone has a list of criteria that the TPZ can review, and if the applicant requests a waiver and meets the criteria, then they can issue a waiver from any aspect of the flood zone regulations. She has found four instances of waivers issued related to use in the last 10-15 years. Mr. Gullotta asked, if the Council agreed to this change, would it mean that a developer could do less flood proofing than they are required to today. Ms. Caltagirone replied no, the requirement is the same. The same flexibility would be built into this proposed zoning district as exists now in the flood zone.

Mr. Gullotta asked why this is a good change. Ms. Caltagirone explained that it is generally not good practice for a commission to use a waiver to change permitted uses. Additionally, there has not been a lot of development in this area of Main Street. She believes that part of that is because the permitted uses are very restricted. Developers look for certainty when putting together a proposal, and seeking a waiver for use outside those 14 permitted uses could discourage them from putting together a proposal.

Mr. Osgood asked why they would not make this ordinance a regular process in the rest of the town. Ms. Caltagirone explained that they sought to match the waiver process for what they currently have in the flood zone, so the criteria are very specific. The flood zone is a very robust section of their code, compared to other zoning districts, so she does not recommend deviating too much from their practice throughout the rest of the flood zone.

With no comments from the public, Mr. Gullotta closed the public hearing.

Mr. Cavanaugh hopes that this change will precipitate improvements to structures on Main Street. Mr. Gullotta will have to trust the process and agree with Mr. Osgood that changes need to occur there. He hopes that the ASDRC will have input on those changes, to improve the appearance of their downtown.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adopts the Main Street Commercial Corridor Flood Zone proposed zoning map and Building Zone Regulations text amendments, as described in a report by the Community Development Director dated April 19, 2024, with said amendments effective May 15, 2024.

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

NO. 5 ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 5, 7 AND 15 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULES. (CONTINUED FROM MARCH 26, 2024 MEETING.)

Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the proposed public hearing fee under Land Use - ZBA. Ms. Caltagirone explained that this is for the legal notice published in the newspaper and the legal cost for developing the notice.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby amends the Town Code to adopt new Community Development fee schedules, as described in a report by the Director of Community Development dated April 19, 2024, with said amendment effective May 15, 2024.

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

The Council recessed for five minutes, returning at 9:20 p.m. Discussion returned to Item 4a.

Mr. Osgood asked if it would be possible to simply have the family name and dates on the mural for the Moseleys. Mr. Gullotta explained that he brought this up for consideration because he read about the Moseleys recently in the Glastonbury Citizen. His concern is that a powder horn does not do justice to the history of slavery in town. Ms. Wang finds it important to come to an agreement on if, and how, the Moseleys will be represented on the mural because this project has gone through the regulatory process with 12+ meetings.

Ms. Thompson remarked that she only spoke to the historical aspect of this proposal. She explained that Moseley was the surname of Syphax's enslaver, so after the Civil War, the family began using Syphax as their surname. Prince Simbo's powder horn is something tangible created by an enslaved person who was fighting in the Civil War, so it does represent the history of enslaved people in Glastonbury. She also noted that most enslaved people did not stay in Glastonbury past 1840.

Ms. Levesque does not have additional ideas for alternative ways to represent these other members. She agreed with Ms. Thompson that the powder horn is a strong symbol, which is presented in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC. While Mr. Osgood's suggestion of including the family name is a good one, she worries that it would not be seen.

Mr. Cavanaugh is somewhat troubled by this process because the Council was assured that they would be the final authority on what this mural would be, and yet, both Mr. Cavanna and Mr. Gullotta's ideas were shot down. Ms. Carroll countered that the Council does have the final say. Mr. Gullotta's request to include the Smith sisters was honored. Mr. Osgood's suggestion to represent the Syphax family name is a thoughtful way to honor them, though she is unsure why they could not consider the family for another project down the line.

Mr. McChesney finds this to be a great design, which has incorporated suggestions from the town, council members, and representatives of the historical society. He hopes that others understand the issue

with each council member wanting a particular person represented. He likes the bull horn imagery and would like to leave the artistic rendering up to the artist and the team that has worked on this for months.

Ms. Wang explained that there will be a commemorative plaque, explaining all the historical elements expressed in the design. She noted that this has been a respectful collaboration thus far, and she appreciates the additional designs. She then addressed Henry Tilly, the first black volunteer firefighter in Glastonbury, who was on the list for consideration. While the community wanted to acknowledge him, they decided to focus instead on the theme of civil rights. Discussion was had as to how to honor Mr. Tilly at the fire department or on a fire vehicle. She disagrees with Mr. Gullotta's statement that omitting the Syphaxes would make this design fall short; if anything, this is the start of a conversation.

Mr. Gullotta will vote for the proposal but expressed disappointment that his suggestion could not be considered. The story of the Moseleys/Syphaxes just became visible recently, and he thinks that this is a lost opportunity. Mr. McChesney suggested an amendment to allow for flexibility for the artist to find ways of incorporating what was discussed into the design.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the proposed draft mural design as recommended by the Glastonbury MLK39 Mural Project Community Advocate Group, and, if deemed feasible by the artist, the incorporation of the Moseley/Syphax family name into the mural, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

Result: Motion passed {8-1-0}, with Mr. Cavanaugh voting against.

5. New Business.

a. Action on proposed adjustments to Library fees and fines.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby amends the Library Fines and Fee Structure to adopt new Library fee schedules, as described in a report by the Library Director dated April 19, 2024, with said amendment to be effective immediately.

Disc: Mr. McChesney asked why there is no proposal to drop the fees for videos. Library Director Amy McCue explained that she did drop it for DVDs and books. Mr. Cavanaugh asked, if the fees were suspended, is there a way to, down the line, judge if people are withholding books. Ms. McCue stated that it is a hard metric to measure. Studies have shown those trends, but she has not found a way to do that here. One way to keep an eye on it is to track library cards. Mr. Cavanna asked, at what point does the library stop lending out materials to delinquents. Ms. McCue replied, once the fees hit \$25. Ms. Carroll is thrilled at the prospect of abolishing fines.

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

b. Discussion and possible action concerning the renaming of the Welles Turner Memorial Library "Second Century Fund Innovation Center" Makerspace (refer to Committee to Name a Public Facility).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council Chair hereby appoints Town Council Members Deb Carroll, Mary LaChance and White Osgood to the Committee to Name a Public Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Library Board Members Susan Pearlman and Jennifer Hudner to the Committee to Name a Public Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the request to rename the Welles-Turner Memorial Library “Second Century Fund Innovation Center” Makerspace to the “Second Century Fund (2CF) Studio” to the Committee to Name a Public Facility for consideration and a recommendation, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

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

c. Action concerning renaming of Riverfront Park Baseball Field No. 4 and proposed monument (refer to Committee to Name a Public Facility).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council Chair hereby appoints Town Council Members Deb Carroll, Mary LaChance and Whit Osgood to the Committee to Name a Public Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Recreation Commission Members John Langmaid and Mario DiLoreto to the Committee to Name a Public Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the request to rename “Field No. 4” to “Heroes Field” and to name and recommend placement of a monument at Riverfront Park to the Committee to Name a Public Facility for consideration and a recommendation, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

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

d. Discussion concerning future bonding for CIP projects.

Mr. Luiz explained that the BOF unanimously approved a bonding schedule, with a referendum to bond in November 2025. Before the Council is a five-year plan. Ms. Carroll was surprised to see some of the school projects flagged as not of immediate need. Mr. Luiz explained that when he and the Finance Director met with the Superintendent and Director of Maintenance, they asked them to consider the logistics of a plan, with the hiring of architects. They did not push anything, and were provided with the dates that realistically work.

Mr. Niland asked if the proposal is for two separate referendums or just one large one. Keri Rowley, Finance Director, stated that the Bond Counsel’s recommendation was to hold one referendum with two questions: one question for the fire apparatuses and a second question for the roofs. Mr. Gullotta pointed out that this is ultimately a council decision, and they could choose not to proceed with this model. Mr. McChesney asked if the referendum could wait until November 2026, to get a higher turnout at the

presidential election. Mr. Luiz explained that pushing the referendum off to 2026 is too late, if they seek to do this package as presented.

Mr. Cavanaugh asked if the BOF discussed doing a larger bonding for the school items and paying cash for the fire apparatuses. Mr. Luiz explained that paying cash for the fire apparatuses would be a significant expenditure year-over-year, which would have a significant impact on the tax increase. He noted that the BOF mentioned that the Council might want to add the boiler, so they will keep that in mind. It all depends on how things progress over the next year or two.

Mr. Cavanaugh toured the fire apparatuses with the Fire Chief and Mr. Cavanna, but they did not look at tower ladder 15. He asked how old that is. Fire Chief Mike Thurz stated that it is 23 years old. The replacement would not need to happen until FY30, which means that the order must be placed by FY27; thus, the funding could be split up over several years. Mr. Niland stated that, with the \$4 million for the GHS roofs not needed until 2028, they could do the school roof bonding in 2026 and the fire apparatus bonding in 2025. Ms. Rowley explained that their recommendation is still for a November 2025 referendum, in order to secure state funding and go out to bid for a July 2027 construction start date. A November 2026 referendum would be a tight turnaround.

e. Action regarding emergency purchase – Welles Turner Memorial Library emergency lighting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves an emergency purchase authorized by the Town manager for repair of emergency lighting at the Welles Turner Memorial Library, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

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

f. Action on General Wage Adjustment – non-affiliated, full-time staff – July 1, 2023.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a 2.50% General Wage Adjustment for non-affiliated, full-time staff effective July 1, 2024, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

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

g. Action concerning Lease Agreement with Cronin Group Holdings, LLC – 50 Nye Road (refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission; set public hearing).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers a proposed new Lease Agreement between the Town and Cronin Group Holdings LLC at 50 Nye Road to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report, and schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury and/or through Zoom Video Conferencing, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

Disc: Mr. Osgood noted that the building will be vacant soon, so the Council should determine what they would like to do with it.

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

h. Action on appointment of auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council appoints the firm of King & King Associates to audit the books and accounts of the Town of Glastonbury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with applicable Town policies, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

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

i. Action to establish Council Subcommittee to recommend appointment to the Architectural Site and Design Review Committee (ASDRC).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Council Members Kurt Cavanaugh, Tom Gullotta, and Deb Carroll to the Architectural Site and Design Review Committee (ASDRC) Council Subcommittee for the purpose of recommending to the Town Council an appointment to the ASDRC, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 19, 2024.

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

j. Discussion and possible action concerning application to the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program.

Mr. Luiz explained that the section of Hebron Avenue between Harvest Lane and Bell Street is the last gap of the Bicycle Pedestrian Friendly route. CRCOG has a unique grant, which he asked Mr. Pennington about. Mr. Pennington proposes filling in that gap as described. It would be the construction of 3200 feet of concrete sidewalk adjacent to Hebron Avenue, while also including repaving of 5125 linear feet. This grant covers 80% of design and construction costs. Because they design in-house, the Town would be reimbursed for that. The projected construction cost is \$3 million, not factoring in the 80% reimbursement.

Ms. LaChance stated that, in the past, there was discussion about having the bike trail go down the end of Harvest Lane and cut over. Mr. Luiz stated that he and Mr. Pennington discussed that, but there were right of way concerns. Mr. Osgood asked if the sidewalk is along the north or south side of the repaving of the MDC property. Mr. Luiz replied, north.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to submit a grant application under the Transportation Alternatives Program, as described in a report by the Town Engineer dated April 18, 2024.

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

6. Consent Calendar. None.

7. Town Manager’s Report.

Mr. Luiz presented his report. Mr. Niland reported audio issues while watching the last TPZ meeting. Mr. Luiz has asked IT to look into it. Mr. Cavanaugh is concerned about the EMS coverage. He asked how many emergency calls are actually recorded. Mr. Luiz will report back.

8. Committee Reports.

a. Chairman’s Report.

Mr. Gullotta stated that, beginning with the next council meeting, there will be a new committee report which deals with the School Facilities Committee. He has asked Ms. Wang to serve on that committee, which will provide updates to the Council.

b. MDC. None.

c. CRCOG.

Mr. Luiz stated that CRCOG has moved their offices.

9. Communications.

- a. Letter from CT Siting Council regarding its Final Decision concerning Glastonbury Solar One, LLC and VCP, LLV d/b/a Verogy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling – solar photovoltaic electric generating facility – 17 Wickham Road.**
- b. Email from Verogy, LLC regarding solar photovoltaic electric generating facility – 17 Wickham Road.**

10. Minutes.

a. Minutes of March 20, 2024 Final Budget Hearing.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes of the March 20, 2024, Final Budget Hearing.

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

b. Minutes of March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

11. Appointments and Resignations.

a. Appointment of Sharon Jagel to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (Regular, R-2027).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Sharon Jagel to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (Regular Member, R-2027).

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

b. Appointment of Andy Zlotnick to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (Alternate, R-2027).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Andy Zlotnick to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (Alternate Member, R-2027).

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

c. Resignation of James Dutton from the Board of Fire Commission (R-2025).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts with regret the resignation of James Dutton from the Board of Fire Commission (R-2025).

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

d. Resignation of John Cafazzo from the Board of Fire Commission (R-2029).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts with regret the resignation of John Cafazzo from the Board of Fire Commission (R-2029).

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

e. Appointment of Kevin Nursick to the Board of Fire Commission (R-2029).

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Kevin Nursick to the Board of Fire Commission (R-2029).

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

12. Executive Session.

a. Discussion of confidential attorney-client communication concerning compensation to firefighters

Motion by: Ms. Carroll

Seconded by: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into Executive Session at 10:22 p.m. for the purpose of:

a. Discussion of confidential attorney-client communication concerning compensation to firefighters.

Attendees to include Council Members, the Town Manager, and Fire Chief Michael Thurz.

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

The Council came out of Executive Session at 11:00 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 April 23, 2024 at 11:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Torosyan

**Lilly Torosyan
Recording Clerk**

**Thomas Gullotta
Chairman**