

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 11, 2024

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.

Joe Muro 151 Riverview Road I'm writing in regard to three topics. First, as part of the approved Main St/Red Hill sidewalk, I noted the inclusion of a crosswalk at the Red Hill and Chestnut Hill intersection caused some confusion by members of the council on why. For those not aware, there is actually a sidewalk on the south side of Chestnut Hill that starts approximately 4 houses down and continues to the intersection with Northview Dr. I ask that the council look into extending the sidewalk from the new crosswalk being created at Red Hill to the start of the existing sidewalk on Chestnut Hill to complete the beginning of a continuous section of sidewalk on Chestnut Hill. This section is flat, clear of obstructions, and given the work being done right there later this year, I'd imagine it would be significantly cheaper than trying to complete it at another time as I assume this would be town funded since it isn't part of the original grant. Further, perhaps this would help with future grants by showing the town is willing to invest in completing the sidewalks across all of Chestnut Hill, which should be done at some point. Secondly, I write to support the addition of PADs to the Town Center Zone. The current potential development is too important to ignore and with unanimous support from the ASDRC and TPZ, this should move forward quickly. Finally, can the town manager provide an update on the grant the town received for the Old Cider Mill? I see the house was demolished last year but I understood a pavilion or something similar was to be put up in its place but I haven't seen anything being done there or any updates on it.

Jane Beaufort 121 Oak Street I am writing to shed light on the current condition at Glastonbury Animal Shelter. I recently went to the shelter and I'm in disbelief at the overall condition of the building, and the fact there is no air condition where the animals are kept. With global warming and hotter summers, if a dog's temperature exceeds 104 degrees, it can suffer from heatstroke, which can be deadly. There's no excuse for allowing these conditions to exist in a town building where animals are housed. The thought of having these poor animals spend most of their day in an extremely hot shelter is inhumane. For this reason, I hope town officials stops delaying the process for a new animal shelter due to cost before something horrible happens to an animal. Thank you.

MacKenzie McConville 94 Chestnut Hill Road Dear Members of the Town Council, I hope this letter finds you well. I am a resident of Chestnut Hill Road and have recently learned about the upcoming crosswalk work at the intersection of Route 17 and Chestnut Hill Road. I am writing to request that the town consider extending the sidewalk from this new crosswalk to connect with the existing sidewalk further up Chestnut Hill Road. Currently, there are only four houses at the beginning of our road that lack a sidewalk, after which a sidewalk is already in place. Adding this short extension would greatly improve safety for my growing children and other residents as we transition from our road to Red Hill across Route 17. We believe that creating this connectivity will generate positive energy and may encourage the state to consider installing a sidewalk along the entire length of Chestnut Hill Road in the future. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, MacKenzie McConville