

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 6, 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.
Christopher	Bird	24 Twelve Acre Ln	My wife (Janice) and I have been residents of Glastonbury for over 50 years. Our children have attended Glastonbury schools from preschool through high school graduation and our grandchildren are now following the same path. As a preliminary matter, I would like to point out that we live in Glastonbury, not North Glastonbury or north Glastonbury. For as long as I can remember, this portion of town has been treated differently in terms of development. We urge you to extend the village district designation to this area of town along Main Street to the East Hartford line including the flood plain and the Griswold Street/Naubuc School area. Thank you for your consideration and your ongoing efforts to protect the many residents of this area from inappropriate development.
Edyta	Orzel	82 Shelley Lane	Please stop overdeveloping Glastonbury center but rather focus on improvement of infrastructure and road repairs. We have too much traffic, not big enough schools and quality of life in our town is degrading. I have moved to Glastonbury in 2018. I teuly loved the rural yet „close to everything” of what our town used to be. Now getting a cup of coffee from Starbucks on Saturday morning is one hour ordeal.
Ashley	Courtemanche	40 Madison Road	This is in regards to the discussion on the State of CT Village Districts Designation. I have lived in this town all my life and this area of town does need not more congestion. The town needs to focus more on keeping up with the roads like paving and potholes.The town should be making sure that unoccupied land is being taken care especially with cutting the grass on corners so cars can safely see up and down roads and making sure sidewalks are safe for pedestrians pedestrians. The town part of town on Main Street where the fast food restaurants are is atrocious and that was poor planning by the town and they allowed this to happen. The town should focus more on what can be fixed and listen to the residents rather than adding to the problems of our congestion. Focus more on what has always made this town a great place to live rather than building more shopping centers that mostly will just be an empty eyesore within a year.
Joshua	Orzel	945 HEBRON AVE	Keep Glastonbury feeling like a small town. No more apartments
Heather	Hassan	404 Addison Road	I would like the Town Council to Extend the CT Village to North Glastonbury. I grew up in the Northern Section of Glastonbury. Six years ago I moved back to Glastonbury and purchased a house on Addison Road down the street from the house I grew up in. I find myself grateful to be in this relatively quiet neighborhood. I was very dismayed to see the offices on Addison built on my residential street. I used to love to sit outside Daybreak coffee many years ago, I now find myself avoiding the town center as much as possible due to the traffic. In the past fifteen years, I have seen the small town that I loved being built up to the point of losing its charm and becoming a congested town. I recently saw the plan for the new project that is proposed on Main Street where Liquid Nirvana resides. I can't imagine what the traffic will look like when this monstrosity of a building is erected. I implore the town to do as much as possible to curb further commercial development. Please protect North Glastonbury and extend The Village District. From my discussions with neighbors this is a shared concern of many residents. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Tina	Beckwith	31 Knollwood Drive	I support protecting North Glastonbury with village district designation.
Sara	Beckwith	31 Knollwood Drive	I support protecting North Glastonbury with a village designation.
Jane	Beaufort	121 Oak Street	I do not support and strongly encourage town council members to not endorse the application for the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant to the affordable housing project on Nye Rd. This 1 million dollar grant should be applied for a shovel-ready project that is in need of more funding, like the Animal Shelter or improvements to the parks. This STEAP grant will not make a major impact on a multi-million dollar project like Nye Road that is still in the planning phase. However, it will have a more noticeable impact on completing a project like the animal shelter. According to past Town Managers reports, the animal shelter project is short 1 million dollars and this grant can help tremendously. I believe this STEAP grant could have a more positive impact for Glastonbury by using it on another project other than Nye Rd, which has already had many grants/APRA funds awarded to. Thank you.
Wayne	Gilbertie	128 Lexington rd	I support the extension of the CT state village district designation north to the East Hartford town line. Preserve the historic village character of Glastonbury.
Kenneth	Coyne	284 Addison Road	I strongly support the extension of the State of CT Village District Designation to the East Hartford Line. By not doing extending the designation we put at risk an area of town that holds historic relevance but also has a large population of residents. These residents live, work, go to school, use the resources in the area... this part of town should be considered more so... Please extend the Village designation ... our neighborhoods, schools, residents deserve this!
Erin	Beckwith	31 Knollwood Dr	I support protecting North Glastonbury with a village designation
Hiroe	Vestergaard	177 Lancaster Road	I am writing to express my strong support for the initiative led by our Town Council Chair, Tom Gullotta, and Minority Leader, Kurt Cavanaugh, to extend the State of Connecticut village designation in Glastonbury's town center to the East Hartford line, including Main Street. The Village Districts Act, enacted by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1998, provides essential tools for towns to protect and preserve the distinctive character of their neighborhoods, village centers, and business districts. This legislation is crucial for maintaining the historic charm and community spirit of our town. The recent articles in the June 27, 2024 edition of the "Glastonbury Citizen" highlight the urgent need to extend this designation to include Welles Street, Pratt Street, Main Street, and Naubuc Avenue. The inclusion of part of Griswold Street near Main Street and the Naubuc School is especially important. This area, significant for its historic and community value, requires enhanced protection for the safety of its school community, pedestrians, and cyclists. Supporting the extension of the village designation is essential for preserving the unique identity and safety of both South and North Glastonbury. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated, as swift, irreversible changes could undermine the character and safety of our town.

Lars	Vestergaard	177 Lancaster Road	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the initiative led by our Town Council Chair, Tom Gullotta, and Minority Leader, Kurt Cavanaugh, to extend the State of Connecticut village designation in Glastonbury's town center to the East Hartford line, including Main Street. The Village Districts Act, enacted by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1998, provides essential tools for towns to protect and preserve the distinctive character of their neighborhoods, village centers, and business districts. This legislation is crucial for maintaining the historic charm and community spirit of our town. The recent articles in the June 27, 2024 edition of the "Glastonbury Citizen" highlight the urgent need to extend this designation to include Welles Street, Pratt Street, Main Street, and Naubuc Avenue. The inclusion of part of Griswold Street near Main Street and the Naubuc School is especially important. This area, significant for its historic and community value, requires enhanced protection for the safety of its school community, pedestrians, and cyclists. Supporting the extension of the village designation is essential for preserving the unique identity and safety of both South and North Glastonbury. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated, as swift, irreversible changes could undermine the character and safety of our town.</p>
Janelle	Maginnis	284 Addison Road	<p>I strongly support the extension of the State of CT Village district designation to the East Hartford Line including Main Street, and Griswold Street areas with Naubuc School. This area is very densely populated, with schools, shops, neighborhoods and if we do not put in place this designation, it will create an almost unlivable situation. We need to keep our streets, schools safe, there are sidewalks, kids, pedestrians living as they should in this area, making it possible to further develop without concern of safety and overall livability would be a mistake. Please listen to our opinions and be thoughtful in considering extending this designation up to North Glastonbury.</p>
Marjoi	Fabi	71 Abbey Rd	<p>As it has done for the town center and S. Glastonbury, I am asking the town council to extend the Village district designation to North Glastonbury. Since Griswold Street currently has an overwhelming amount of traffic, adding more development—especially so close to a school—endangers the health, safety, and general well-being of our area. Air pollution from traffic has a direct impact on the development of childhood asthma and exacerbates symptoms for those who already have it. I request that the municipality encourage safe and healthy school environments and lessen health stressors for kids who are only going to school because I am the mother of an asthmatic child who attends Naubuc. Naubuc Elementary School may be the only elementary school in Glastonbury surrounded by fast, crowded roadways with noticeable speeding & reducing health inequities in the community should be the goal of the town and board of education, not increasing them.</p>
Alexandrina	Sergio	64 Nuthatch Knob	<p>To members of the Glastonbury Town Council. We wish to urge the Town Council to approve the designation of the area of Glastonbury extending from the center to the East Hartford town line, including Main Street and Griswold Street areas, as a State of CT Village District. South Glastonbury and the town center have been so designated and it is reasonable allow the northern part of town to enjoy a similar protection. The health, safety and quality of life for residents, as well as preservation of the character of the town, are all affected.</p>
James	Todd	145 Cedar Ridge Dr	<p>I am recommending that the Addison Village District be extended westerly from Addison Rd to Main Street and to include Naubuc School. This village designation extension would protect residents living in this area from negative impacts of development.</p>