

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 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.
Frances and Virginia	Pudlo	33 Worthington Road	Having family roots in North Glastonbury that go back over 100 years, and being current residents for the past 24 years, we have witnessed firsthand the increased development and growth of this area. We are in favor of designating Curtisville and the area around it a Village District. We would also be in favor of having the Town Council consider a discussion on safety, traffic congestion, and other issues connected to future growth in North Glastonbury.
Lisa	Mendum	45 Candlewood Road	Thank you for your continued dedication to our community. I again ask for your support to protect the residents of North Glastonbury equitably, by extending village district designation. As the oldest school in Glastonbury, Naubuc is a significant piece of history in its own right with roots in our towns rich, culturally diverse foundation. Sadly, this neighborhood already has a disproportionate amount of traffic running through it on Griswold street at risk of being worsened further with more development and more traffic. We need your help. The children and staff at Naubuc school and residents along Griswold are already at an increased health and safety risk from traffic and congestion; arguably the only residents in town with such exposure. Naubuc's Kindergarten children are at a significantly higher health risk since their playscape is feet away from round the clock traffic. My family is proud to be part of Glastonbury's ONLY diverse community. Please remember, Naubuc is our only Title I school. It is even more important for residents in the immediate vicinity to have their property values protected. A grocery store and restaurants right across from Naubuc school will devalue these properties, perhaps even rendering them unsellable. For a town that prides itself on its highly-rated school system and desire to increase affordable housing, this directly contradicts these two ideals. The potential to destroy the fabric of Naubuc's community spirit and foundation will be irreversible. Not one other Glastonbury school community has to suffer health risks from traffic as Naubuc does. Allowing even more, largely unchecked development in 'The North' without protection of Village District Designation means we would increase the rate of separation in our community and hinder financial security for the many hard-working families of North Glastonbury. Our town continues to deal with ongoing racism. More development will deepen many divides even further. Thank you.
heather	hassan	404 Addison Rd	My name is Heather, and I live on Addison Road. I am writing again to implore our town to extend The Village District to North Glastonbury. I am dismayed that there are plans to build a grocery store and restaurants on Griswold. My children attend Naubuc school. There is already a lot of traffic, and I cannot imagine adding more stores, especially since we already have many grocery stores in the area. Not only are our school children impacted, but so are our neighbors who live on Griswold and the surrounding streets. I want the town to protect our neighborhood and school children from the added air pollution caused by the traffic. We have a beautiful town that started as a quaint and charming community. I worry that we are losing that by allowing more and more development. I am already concerned with the proposed development on Main Street next to Day Break. I speak with my neighbors, and many others share my sentiments. We have plenty of retail and don't need more. The developers make money; we cannot move on our streets with all the traffic. I applaud our town for buying land and preserving it. Now, I would like there to be a moratorium on commercial development. I understand that development brings added tax revenue, but it comes with a cost to our community that is not worth the trade-off. Thanks to our town council for their time, interest, and dedication to our residents and their concerns.

Jasmine Lodge 37 Wrights Lane

I am writing to formally request the opportunity to speak at the upcoming Town Council meeting regarding the proposed development off of Griswold street. As a resident of this area, I have significant concerns about the potential impacts this development could have on traffic, local businesses, and safety, particularly around Naubuc School. 1. **Increased Traffic and Congestion**: The roads and intersections near the proposed development, including those by Walgreens, Bertucci's, Wrights Lane, and Naubuc School, already face heavy congestion, especially during the morning and evening peak hours. It is often nearly impossible to enter or exit these areas safely, and I fear that the proposed development would significantly worsen the situation. I would like to discuss whether traffic impact studies have been conducted and what plans are in place to mitigate this issue. 2. **Struggling Local Businesses**: Many shopping plazas and businesses in the immediate vicinity, including restaurants and grocery stores, are already struggling with vacancies and frequent turnovers. I would like to raise concerns about whether the addition of a new development could further destabilize the local economy rather than provide the revitalization we need. 3. **Safety Concerns Around Naubuc School**: One of my most pressing concerns is the potential safety risk that increased traffic would pose to Naubuc School. The influx of vehicles could create dangerous conditions for school buses, parents, and staff trying to access the school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. Additionally, I would like to address the fact that it is near to impossible to make a left turn out of Wrights lane and out of Naubuc school.
