

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 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.

Amanda	Casey	2249 New London Tpke	Dear Council members, I write to follow up on the status for the new animal shelter in Glastonbury. For years now, this project has been desperately needed and has been delayed for no good reason other than being overbudget. I noticed the total end surplus in Glastonbury is \$6.3 million dollars according to documents in the packet tonight however, officials seem to not have any priority on finding the funds to construct a new modern, functional animal shelter. The current deteriorating building, kennels and cages are severely outdated and in need of substantial repair, drainage issues and failed state inspection as stated on the towns CIP project report. These poor conditions for the animals and staff in the shelter should be concerning and funding should be allocated for this project sooner rather than later. I urge members to drive to the shelter and take a look at the condition of the building and parking area. This needs to be the priority, for a change. Thank you.
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Kelly	Mulryan	45 lindsay lane	The Naubuc School Village District will not solve traffic problems on Griswold street. We know that. We also know that the north end of town is the most “affordable” part of Glastonbury- and that is a subjective statement. For years, many of us have felt the town has ignored quality of life issues affecting the north end such as overdevelopment and development that has not architecturally complimented our neighborhoods. Glastonbury and South Glastonbury should be treated the same. The integrity of the towns architecture should be maintained through the entire community. We know this area has continued pressure to develop from out of town developers who have no ties or care to the beauty and family friendly environment of this area. Putting guidelines similar to South Glastonbury will help maintain the beauty and safeness that tax paying, hard working citizens deserve. A community is an investment and I urge you to pass the Village designation for the North end so we know that you are investing in us the same way you do for the South Village
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Zbigniew and Lesley	Mroz	121 Heywood Drive, Glastonbury	Please approve and forward to TPZ for a favorable recommendation the establishment of the Naubuc School Village District to provide this area with a higher level of architectural and landscaping review than would otherwise exist. Since early summer, in person and online, you have heard from many residents- and voters. We know that it will not solve traffic and safety issues on Griswold Streetf. But, very significantly, it will ensure that multi-family dwellings and non-residential development meet the standards of quality in the design review guidelines. It will give our town’s highly respected ASDRC the ability to prevent the architectural and landscaping disasters that for years have occurred in North Glastonbury. It will ensure that Naubuc School, our 40 to 60 million dollar investment, remains a desirable school in an attractive and affordable neighborhood. For over thirty years we have seen the negative effects of the lack of architectural and landscaping oversight in North Glastonbury. We urge you to give us the same architectural and landscaping oversight that you so quickly gave South Glastonbury. Thank you
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Lisa	Mendum	45 Candlewood Road	<p>Thank you town council for listening to our concerns. Let me emphasize the urgency with which Village District Designation is requested for the north end of Glastonbury, including Naubuc School, at least to the intersection of House and Griswold St's and to the E. Hartford border. Many residents living in this area are already subjected to disproportionate health risks from the volume of traffic, air & noise pollution. More development would make this even more intolerable to existing residents. In 1998 The Connecticut General Assembly passed The Village Districts Act to help towns protect and preserve their neighborhoods, history and character. VD status means future developments would be subject to the same strict guidelines of the ASDRC as the center and south are. The intersection of House St and Salmon Brook just became a 3-way stop. My husband and I have been emailing & calling our police dept for about 12 years regarding speeding cars on our street and Griswold. We're not the only ones. A July Citizen article said that on Griswold St alone, GPD have made 385 traffic stops in a 3 yr period. 385!!! There have been 4 fatal accidents & numerous near misses in one short stretch yet not a single safety improvement has been made in the 13 years we have lived here. Let's look at disparity at Naubuc school. Naubuc kids could not do the bike-to-school week like our other schools. Our roads are too dangerous. Since the addition of the open classroom block decades ago until the new renovation, our school had not been able to practice a single secure lockdown. How could it without walls or doors? Our children and staff have had only 16 days of clean, filtered air now that we have walls and adequate HVAC. Naubuc children breathe in fumes & particulates from surrounding traffic. Our other schools are surrounded by green space. We should act on VDD & traffic calming with great urgency. More commercial & retail without these measures will make existing problems even worse.</p>
Brittany	Zulick	423 main street	<p>I support the steep grant going to the much needed animal shelter. This project is approved by all towns land use boards and construction plans are complete. This project is ready to go with the help of this steep grant. The longer the town waits, the more the cost will increase due to inflation. In addition, adding more towns to join our shelter will make this project start from scratch again and increase the cost with taxpayers dollars by the need to make the shelter bigger. The steep grant will make a difference for the animals that don't have a voice and will provide them with a safe, modern place that they call home.</p>
Jamie	Rodriguez	148 Barrington Way	<p>As a resident of the Naubuc school district, I would like to express my vehement opposition to developing the land near Naubuc school. We would like our part of town to stay as much of a town as it is now. We do not want more commercial development in our area of town. We want quiet streets and nice neighborhoods for our families and children. Please vote yes to creating a Village District Designation in the Naubuc school area to preserve our small town feel. This designation will ensure the kind of oversight needed to make sure that any development that is done conforms to architectural and landscaping aesthetics that are in line with our existing buildings. Help us protect the reason why we choose to live in this area, our property values and our sense of community! Give our area the same designation that South Glastonbury and Town Center already have!</p>