

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 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.
Adam	Kopchyak	16 Twelve Acre Ln	Speed bumps on Griswold near from Addison to Milestone, or speed cameras may work. Why do less than 50% of drivers stop at Milestone/Griswold stop sign? Some do not even slow down.
Peggy	Schroeder	151 Barrington Way	I am writing in to request the town council seriously consider installing immediate traffic calming measures on Griswold Street, especially near Naubuc Elementary School. This street was never meant to be a major town roadway like Hebron Ave or New London Turnpike, yet I understand it carries similar volumes of traffic! Imagine all the pollution, noise, and danger right in front of an elementary school! It is impossible to navigate this road at busy times and I'd ask the town to consider immediate measures such as stop signs, speed humps and/or blinking lights. However, I believe a long term fix will absolutely be needed, especially in light of a developer purchasing the 14 acres immediately across from the school. Please consider common sense changes such as making Griswold one way, permanently closing the exit 6 off-ramp to route 2 and, at a least, banning all trucks from this neighborhood area. Your attention to this urgent matter is much appreciated and will make a big difference. Thank you.
Lisa	Mendum	45 Candlewood Road	Thank you for your hours of hard work. Griswold Street residents and the Naubuc community have been unsafe for a very long time. Our quality of life is negatively impacted from disproportionate traffic volume and speeding cars. From a FOIA request to Glastonbury Police Dept last week, I was alarmed to find out that there have been 927 traffic stops and 399 accidents on Griswold st in the last 15 years. Our Police could better use their time and resources instead of babysitting drivers that show no regard for the safety of themselves or others. A Saturday afternoon traffic study some years ago revealed that Griswold was the most trafficked street in the entire town. Traffic volume has increased significantly since then. A small group of us have gone door to door talking to neighbors. Many can't let their children play outside, ride bicycles, call on friends, or their cars have been hit trying to get in and out of their driveways. Cars have crashed into their mailboxes, utility poles and fences. This leads me to wonder why Glastonburys busiest street has no stop signs or traffic calming measures and only two pedestrian crosswalks; one at the furthest, east end of Griswold Street and the other in Naubuc's School Zone is not fit for purpose. Per the FOIA request to GPD, House street has had significantly less activity, yet the end of Salmon Brook has just become a 3-way stop. Thank you, this was long overdue, but we must look at the data supporting a clear need for investment on Griswold Street. Our town is growing at a very fast pace. There is talk of another large grocery store and more restaurants across from Naubuc School, plus many more sites in the north end zoned for development. Traffic will get so much worse. We must have a long-term plan for dealing with safety, traffic and air quality, ideally diverting traffic AWAY from our homes, not a short-term band-aid. Has our town has failed us? Above all else please prioritize safety for all residents.