

**ITEM #10(B)
02-13-2018**

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

1. Roll Call

Council Members

Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman
Mrs. Jill Barry, Vice Chairman
Dr. Stewart Beckett III *{excused}*
Ms. Deborah A. Carroll
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh
Ms. Mary LaChance
Mr. Lawrence Niland
Mr. George P. Norman
Mr. Whit C. Osgood

1. Roll Call.

(a) Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Ms. LaChance

2. Public Comment.

Jim Zeller of Woodland Street stated that he was not speaking on behalf of the Board of Finance. He spoke in response to comments in the media attribute to the Town Council Chairman about a high level of mistrust. He said that he was disappointed by the response to legitimate concerns raised by the Board of Finance. He claimed there was an ongoing campaign of some member of the Town Council to eliminate or reduce the power of the Board of Finance. He commented that he can't recall a single vote along party lines at the Board of Finance whereas the Town Council is far more political. He said that the Board of Finance has noted that land acquisition is a priority of the Council and urged them to be careful about claims about taxpayer savings.

3. Special Reports.

None

4. Old Business.

None

5. New Business.

(a) Action on 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Projects – preliminary priorities for July 2018 funding (refer to Board of Finance).

Mr. Johnson said he could go through the list again. Mr. Osgood was pleased to increase by \$250k and asked about the barn roofs on Old Maid's Lane. Mr. Johnson explained saying they could write the bid for one with the other as an add alternate if they come in favorable. Mr. Osgood asked about the rent and Mr. Johnson said \$2400/year. Mr. Osgood suggested raising it to \$3000/year. He suggested it be phased over two years with \$75K allocated this year and the same next year while the \$75K deferred for the barn roof be put into the sidewalk projects. He explained they have had a very successful and well appreciated sidewalk program. Mr. Niland followed up about the ability of the barn to wait. Mr. Johnson indicated the barns should be fine to phase over two years and they would like to do the design and permitting for the Main Street sidewalk completion the summer over 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Norman confirmed with Mr. Johnson that the things not funded this budget cycle were the next priorities. Ms. LaChance said she's used to seeing a list in priority with things above and below the line. Mr. Johnson said they used to show the projects that way, but he found it more productive to show the projects this way with an effort to move projects along in some way. Ms. Carroll asked about not doing the entire roof project. Mr. Johnson said that they would choose the roof in the worst condition and expect it will be okay, but they only worry about the danger of deterioration that could escalate costs. Mr. Osgood asked the Town Manager to do another workshop focusing on a 5-year plan.

Chairman Gullotta questioned what was necessary versus a nice to have. He admitted that he was skeptical about the barns but then got the history about their connection to the school project and the commitment to the neighborhood as well as maintaining the character of the town given their part in the history of South Glastonbury. Ms. LaChance agreed. Mr. Cavanaugh echoed that they preserve the character of South Glastonbury and they made a commitment to the neighbors to screen the school with the barns. Mr. Cavanaugh said that he felt some projects should go to referendum such as Gideon Welles heating and cooling, the field house and replacement of Grange Pool to spread the payment over years to match those using the assets with those paying for them.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program to the Board of Finance for a funding report and recommendation, including the following preliminary project recommendations for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Amendment By: Mr. Osgood

Seconded By: Mrs. Barry

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby amends the motion on the floor reducing the allocation to the barn roofs from \$150,000 this year to \$75,000 this year and \$75,000 next year and shifting the \$75,000 this year to sidewalks.

Disc: Mr. Osgood echoed his praise for the successful sidewalk program with the priority of sidewalks in South Glastonbury. Mr. Niland concurred saying that sidewalks have a greater use for the community, but they are still ensuring the barn roofs get repaired. Mr. Norman agreed on the utilization of the sidewalks by the residents. Ms. LaChance said she would also support the amendment wanting to prioritize walkability and keep the program moving forward. Ms. Carroll agreed but did express some concern about an increase in the cost of the roofs due to the time delay. Mrs. Barry opposed the amendment expressing support for the budget as is. Mr. Norman confirmed they could revisit if the delay to the roofs was too expensive. Chairman Gullotta opposed the amendment expressing concern for any deterioration of the roofs increasing costs quickly. Mr. Osgood felt that they have been successful with patches and that the roofs would hold up okay over the two years.

Result: Motion amended {6-2-0} with Chairman Gullotta and Mrs. Barry opposing.

Disc: Chairman Gullotta reiterated his desire for a gravel drive and parking for JB Williams.

Result: Amended motion passes {7-1-0} with Mrs. Barry opposing.

(b) **Action on proposed land acquisition (refer to Town Plan & Zoning Commission and Board of Finance; set public hearing).** *Not Discussed*

6. **Consent Calendar.** *None*

7. **Town Manager's Report.**

Mr. Johnson briefly reviewed his report to the Council dated January 19, 2018. Mr. Norman asked about the schedule for the siting council which Mr. Johnson agreed to forward. Ms. Carroll asked when they would know more about the estimates for the air conditioning. Mr. Johnson explained he expected to have more information over the next few weeks. Mr. Norman asked about the self-insurance fund. Mr. Johnson explained the challenges of the low estimate for premiums that they have had to adjust. Mr. Osgood thanked Mr. Johnson for the information on the housing and approved subdivisions saying there was a big increase from previous years. Chairman Gullotta said that the Town Council and Board of Education both meet in Council Chambers with their meetings

televised and questioned if the Board of Finance has ever considered the same. Mr. Johnson said that the Board of Finance discussed it and decided not to have their meetings televised.

8. Committee Reports.

(b) MDC.

Mr. Osgood stated that the MDC was searching for a 4 million gallon per day leak throughout the entire system.

(c) CRCOG.

None

(a) Chairman's Report.

Chairman Gullotta appointed Mrs. Barry and Mr. Norman to participate with the Board of Education on Strategic Planning. He then said he attended the meeting of the Board of Finance and a couple of the individuals questioned the integrity of the Town Council. He continued saying that the concern was raised that they can't trust the Town Council to repay the money for the air conditioning. Mr. Osgood said that the comments related only to the fact that one council can't bind a future council. Chairman Gullotta called the remarks disparaging and toxic and not helpful. He also found troubling that he did not feel Mr. Johnson was treated as a professional calling the cross examination inappropriate. He said that he raised the issue of televising the Board of Finance meetings because they are an important part of town government and their business should be fully accessible to the public.

9. Communications.

None

10. Minutes

(a) Minutes of January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of January 9, Regular Meeting with the following:

Item 4b, Page 3, 3rd paragraph, 2nd line, insert, “Mrs. LaChance noted that Dr. Bookman stated that if there are additional costs attributed to an out of district LINKS student, the sending town would pay and asked how they can do that if they can’t determine the costs for each additional student. Dr. Bookman replied that if the student requires a para, the sending town would pay.”

PAGE 6, Item 8, Correct maker of the motion from Mr. Niland to Mr. Norman

Result: Motion passes {8-0-0}

11. Appointments and Resignations.

(a) Appointment of Nancy Thomas to the Ethics Commission (alternate member)(R-2021).

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mr. Niland
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Nancy Thomas to the Ethics Commission (alternate member)(R-2021).

Result: Motion passes {8-0-0}

(b) Appointment of Forbes S. Warren to the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill the unexpired term of George Norman (R-2019).

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mr. Niland
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the Appointment of Forbes S. Warren to the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill the unexpired term of George Norman (R-2019).

Result: Motion passes {8-0-0}

12. Executive Session.

(a) Potential land acquisition.

Motion By: Mr. Niland **Seconded By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters into executive session at 7:53pm for the purpose of discussing a potential land acquisition.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

Present for the Executive Session are council members, Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman, Mrs. Jill Barry, Vice Chairman, Ms. Deborah A. Carroll, Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh, Ms. Mary LaChance, Mr. Lawrence Niland, Mr. George P. Norman and Mr. Whit C. Osgood as well as Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager.

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of January 23, 2018, at 8:15 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Mr. Niland

Seconded By: Mr. Cavanaugh

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of January 9, 2018, at 8:16 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller

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Recording Clerk

Thomas Gullotta
Chairman