

Town of Glastonbury



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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

January 19, 2018

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
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Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

a. **Communications Tower Woodland Street**

Per discussion at the January 9th meeting, I offered testimony at the public hearing held by the Siting Council on Thursday, January 11th. The two topics presented to the Siting Council and applicant included the request for a mono-pole structure and the opportunity to place public safety communications system on the tower at no cost to the Town. The Chair of the Siting Council asked the applicant to provide options to the Town for the mono-pole installation and I was asked to provide detailed specifications to the applicant concerning public safety equipment. This is in progress.

b. **Elementary School Air Conditioning**

At its meeting of Thursday, January 18, 2018, the Board of Finance approved a \$2M transfer and appropriation from the General Fund-Unassigned Fund Balance for the elementary school air conditioning project. This action requires the transfer/appropriation to be reimbursed to the General Fund not later than FY2020. A Council public hearing and action on the transfer/appropriation is scheduled for the February 13, 2018 meeting.

c. **Robotic Mower**

Glastonbury Partners-In Planting [GPIP] was recently awarded a grant from the Sestero Fund through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The \$17,500 grant enables GPIP to purchase and have four robotic lawn mowers installed in courtyards at Buttonball, Smith, GHS and Eastbury Schools. The grant also funds the replacement of four diseased trees in the Smith School courtyard. Previous experience with robotic mowers has been very positive and this is an ideal use for school courtyards. Congratulations go to GPIP with thanks to the Sestero Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Johnson", is written over the typed name and title.

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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