



Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7
10-23-2018 Meeting

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

October 22, 2018

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Supplemental Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following supplements my written report of October 19, 2018.

1. Meeting Schedule

The schedule of Regular Council Meetings for November indicates the meeting on Tuesday, November 27th is held as needed. At this point, I would not expect a meeting on the 27th, with regular meetings on Tuesday, November 13th and Tuesday, December 4th.

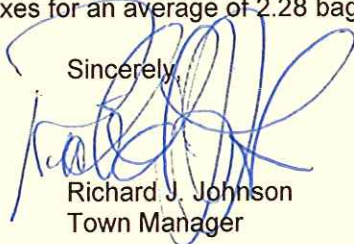
2. Sidewalks – Hubbard Street

The attached correspondence was received today in support of new sidewalk construction along Hubbard Street. This project places sidewalks on the north side of Hubbard Street extending from Rock Haven to Route 17. Estimated cost \$376,000 per the current sidewalk matrix.

3. Paper Shred Event

The semiannual Town sponsored paper shred event held on Saturday October 20th attracted 208 participants. Collections totaled 473 ± bags and boxes for an average of 2.28 bags/boxes per participant.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachment

Richard Johnson

From: Jamie Clark <jamieclark18@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 12:38 PM
To: Richard Johnson
Subject: Sidewalk matrix request - Hubbard St

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TOWN MANAGER

Hello Mr Johnson -

I am the resident of Hubbard St who spoke at a Town Council meeting last spring in favor of the Hubbard St sidewalk. Could I ask for the below correspondence to be shared with the Town Council and for our request to be considered?

Thanks so much -
Jamie Clark

Dear Mr Johnson and Members of the Town Council -

You may recall that back in the spring I spoke at a Town Council meeting about the need for a sidewalk on the north side of Hubbard St between the Rock Haven community and the Rt 17 overpass. Recent news/discussion of the "grade 4" New London Turnpike sidewalk between Olde Stage Rd and East Carriage Drive sparked me to take a look at the sidewalk matrix.

I am writing in hopes of having the Hubbard St sidewalk project moved from a 4 grading to a 5. There are two categories currently not "checked" for this project that could be. The first is "Heavy Recreational Use". Outside of regular school hours, a variety of pedestrians use Hubbard St to access GHS for pool use, football games, tennis lessons, and recreational soccer/football/softball/baseball/lacrosse practice. While during school hours a sidewalk clearly helps with school access, outside of school hours this area still qualifies as "Heavy Recreational Use", which is one of the matrix categories.

Additionally, the Rock Haven community located along Hubbard St is age-restricted. Residents of this neighborhood would benefit from the north side sidewalk. It would allow these elderly residents to move more easily and safely up and down Hubbard St for exercise, leisure or to head to Main St without having to cross Hubbard St. "Special Needs Community Area" is another category currently "unchecked" for this project but it does seem that this population would benefit.

Finally, when I spoke in the spring, I mentioned that one of the deepest concerns we and many of our neighbors have is around the visibility on Hubbard St particularly at certain times of the year. There really doesn't seem to be a matrix category to capture this, but we wanted to reiterate just how dangerous crossing Hubbard St is specifically in the early morning hours. At just the time that the GHS traffic is heaviest, students from the north side of the street have no choice but to dart across Hubbard St in between moving buses and cars. At certain times of the year, that timing of the heaviest traffic correlates perfectly with the rising sun. Driving up Hubbard St from the Buttonball Lane intersection is truly blinding and we are scared every day that drivers do not see our children and other students as they try to cross to the south side sidewalk. Please see the attached photograph which was taken looking up Hubbard St towards GHS at approximately 7:05am in mid-September. We can't express strongly enough how deeply we are concerned about students crossing in front of cars who are both rushing and blinded by this view. A north side sidewalk would allow pedestrians safe passage up or down Hubbard St to one of the crosswalks in front of GHS where a crossing guard could ensure safe crossing.

Thank you for taking a few moments to consider this issue, and, as always, thank you for continuing to support sidewalks all over town. As a runner, as parents and as residents of the now widely accessible Main St area we see so many of the new additions being used regularly and we really do appreciate that they are there!

Kindly,

Jim and Jamie Clark
267 Hubbard St