

## Matt LeCerf

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**From:** Brena Kennedy <brena.kennedy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 6:27 AM  
**To:** Matt LeCerf  
**Subject:** Re: For consideration

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Good morning. I was hoping to get an update on the allowance of clover lawns. With the new infrastructure going in place at highway 60, I think the town would welcome additional water saving techniques, reduced emissions from mowers, aerators, power rakers, as well as saving additional dollars on maintaining our open spaces.

I know it is quite a change and sounds odd, but I truly think it would benefit our community. Thank you

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 06:04:19 AM MDT, Brena Kennedy <brena.kennedy@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you. I really appreciate the update. Have a great week.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 10:06:55 PM MDT, Matt LeCerf <mlecerf@johnstownco.gov> wrote:

Brena,

I hope and trust all is well today. Thanks for your feedback and perspective on clovers. We are currently in the process of updating our land use code. One of the many elements that may be included in this revision are updates to our landscaping standards, requirements and alternatives on this. We will begin exploring this option/opportunity to determine if this is a reasonable alternative given the pros and cons that may exist in this matter. Adding this to the agenda without all of the information is probably not the best course of action. If it is an acceptable solution, it may be sooner. I think a final decision would be possible and not later than the presentation to Council for considering the land use/landscaping code updates. If you have additional questions in the meantime, please let me know.

Thanks,

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**From:** Damien Berg <DBerg@townofjohnstown.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** Matt LeCerf <MLeCerf@JohnstownCO.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: For consideration

I saw you were not on this....not sure how to address this.

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**From:** Brena Kennedy <[brena.kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:brena.kennedy@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Gary Lebsack; Damien Berg; Troy Mellon; Vanessa Dominguez; Jesse Molinar, Jr.; Dianne Morris; Chad Young  
**Subject:** Re: For consideration

Hello - I see that the below item did not make it onto the agenda. I am writing to ask that it be included on the next meeting agenda and I am copying in more of the council as I am not able to make the meeting I am counting on the council to represent this agenda item.

Thank you.

On Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:09:22 AM MDT, Brena Kennedy <[brena.kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:brena.kennedy@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Please consider allowing clover lawns and taking it off the weed list.

Clover lawns offer the community many benefits.

1. Drought tolerant - uses less water when established - making it better for the grid and better on the community wallets in tougher economic times
2. Easily established
3. Bee beneficial (and I saw significantly less bees and hover flies this year and my vegetable garden has suffered having less pollinators)
4. Rabbits like it as well, making them less inclined to raid vegetable gardens - allowing for better harvest in these tough economic times
5. Requires no fertilizers - which won't in turn seep into our waterways and clover naturally adds the nitrogen that is what a lot of people are needing to apply with the fertilizers anyway
6. Requires little to no mowing - reducing the gas usage (saving the community money), pollution (reducing emissions), noise, increases biodiversity
7. No need for herbicide in lawns
8. Increases moisture retention in the soil
9. Clover is edible and great in salads
10. Can be mixed in with regular grass for increased durability while still providing the benefits above
11. Can reseed itself

Honestly, the grass we use in our lawns is extremely invasive also - it gets into rocks, between cement, into flower beds and landscaping. Clover is actually less invasive. Several areas maintained by HOAs or the town do already have clover in them.

If you wanted to take it a step further and we made the switch to clover, it would cost the city less money as well (as the city would see the same benefits in mowing - and not paying the people to mow, and water usage) - making it a good budgetary move for this council and a good-will move by the council to the community with the points listed above since it will save the community money, be beneficial for our local environment, be less work, and help their gardens which so many rely on.

Those with bee allergies could easily mow their clover to remove the flowers and the bees would go to other lawns.

Let's at least allow it and take it off the weed list.

Thank you for your consideration!

Brena