

Town of East Haddam

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2015

DEDICATIONS

William G. Alt

William was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Navy. He served as an electrician on a submarine. Bill spent considerable time volunteering on East Haddam Boards and Commissions.

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### *Barbara J. Boynton*

Barbara was an avid gardener. She shared her gardening expertise by helping with the gardens at the East Haddam Free Public Library.

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Evelyn H. Comer

Evelyn along with her husband was a founding member of the East Haddam Ambulance Association. She had a 50 year nursing career. She helped many residents along the way with their medical needs.



Evelyn Beebe Cone

Evelyn was born and raised on her family's East Haddam Farm. Evelyn was a lifelong member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational in East Haddam and a member of the East Haddam Garden Club.



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### *Harriet G. Cummings*

Harriet (Hollie) prior to her retirement was an employee of the town. Hollie worked in the finance office handling payroll and accounts payable. She also served as the Republican Registrar of Voters.

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Roy L. Gronholm

Roy was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years.



Ruth Ellen Neudecker

Ruth was one of the first East Haddam Ambulance Association nurses. She became an EMT through the first course offered at Middlesex Hospital. Ruth was active in our community as a member of the Friends of Rathbun Library, volunteered at the Food Bank and as a Tour Guide for the Historical Society.



Robert R. Trotochaud

Bob was veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the VFW Post 336 and served as Chaplain. Bob was an East Haddam Free Public Library Trustee for many years.



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This year's annual report cover features the newly renovated Town and Grange Halls funded by a Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant. Also featured is new signage when it was installed courtesy of Cole McCormack's Eagle Scout Project.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board/Commission	Meeting Day Each Month	Time	Location
Agriculture Commission	1st Monday	7:00 pm	Annex
Board of Education	2nd Tuesday	7:00 pm	High School Cafeteria
Board of Finance	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Grange Hall
Board of Fire Commissioners	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Moodus Fire House
Board of Selectmen	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm	Grange Hall
Commission on Aging	4th Thursday Odd months	10:30 am	Senior Center
Conservation Commission	1st Tuesday	7:15 pm	River House
Economic Development Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm	Grange Hall
Elementary School Renovations Building Committee	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 pm	Elementary School
Firehouse Renovations Building Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm	Moodus Firehouse
Historic District Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 pm	River House
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 pm	Grange Hall
Library Trustees	2nd Thursday	6:30 pm	Alternating locations between East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library
Municipal Office Building Committee	2nd & 4th Thursday	7:00 pm	Grange Hall
(Open Space) Land Preservation Committee	4th Monday	7:30 pm	River House
Planning and Zoning Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:15 pm	Grange Hall
Recreation Commission	3rd Thursday	7:00 pm	Elementary School, Room 200
East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 pm	Annex
Water Pollution Control Authority	1st Tuesday Even months	7:00 pm	Annex
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Thursday	7:00 pm	River House

Meeting dates, times and places are posted in the Town Clerk's Office.
Contact the Town Clerk's Office to verify scheduled meetings.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AS OF JUNE 30, 2015



East Haddam Office Building
Photo by Elizabeth Loomis

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman (R) 2015
Emmett J. Lyman, Selectman (R) 2015
Ernest P. Malavasi, Selectman (D) 2015
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary*

TOWN CLERK

Debra H. Denette (R) 2016

TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen A. Klinck (D) 2015

TAX COLLECTOR

Denise L. Dill (R) 2015

BOARD OF FINANCE

Susan C. Link, Chairman (R) 2015
Robert A. Bennett, Secretary (R) 2017
William DiCristofaro (R) 2017
Bruce M. Dutch (D) 2015
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2015
Raymond L. Willis (R) 2017
Debra H. Denette, Recording Secretary*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nancy J. Haslam, Chairman (D) 2015
Bryan A. Perry, Secretary (R) 2019
Laurie W. Alt (D) 2017
Shawn W. Conroy (D) 2019
Tracey F. Gionta (R) 2017
Jennifer Higgins (R) 2015
Brian R. Pear (D) 2015
Marc A. Pisciotti (R) 2019
Michael D. Werner (R) 2015
Cynthia Hughson, Recording Secretary*

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Edward C. Blaschik, Chairman (D) 2019
Michael E. Gross (R) 2015
Justin L. Kennedy (R) 2017

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lucille E. Gardner, Co-Chairman (R) 2019
Shea Jezek, Co-Chairman (D) 2015
Christine P. Antaya (D) 2015
Dawn S. Barlow (U) 2019
Maureen Gillis (U) 2017
Barbara F. Kiley (R) 2015
Celina H. Nelan (U) 2017
Andrea M. Pascal (D) 2019
Eileen M. Schwartz (D) 2017

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman (R) 2015
James M. Curtin (D) 2017
Bernard J. Gillis (U) 2015
Edmund J. Gubbins (R) 2019
Kevin J. Matthews (R) 2019
Louis H. Salicrup (R) 2017
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2019

Alternate Members
Jessica M. Stone (D) 2015
Martha C. Hansen (D) 2019
Richard L. Pettinelli (R) 2019
Holly Y. Pattavina, Recording Secretary*

JUDGE OF PROBATE

Jennifer L. Berkenstock (R) 2019

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Laurie W. Alt (D) 2017
Lucy R. Yacovino (R) 2017

**Not elected*

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Ronald I. Gross, Chairman
Marianne M. Halpin, Secretary
Peter W. Dean
Carleen G. Quinn
Kevin C. Staehly
 Alternate Members
 Tanya M. Bourgoin
 Bonita V. Buongiorne
 Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael P. Olzacki, ACO
Jeffrey P. McLean, Assistant ACO
Peter M. Dombrowski, Assistant ACO

AUDITORS

Blum Shapiro PC

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Gerald M. Russ, Building Official
Kamey P. Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Crary H. Brownell
Debra H. Denette

COMMISSION ON AGING

Jovita A. Cozean, Chairman
Josephine B. Golec, Secretary
James T. O'Brien, Treasurer
Rosalie M. Hoffman
Victoria L. Riley-Pach
John A. Pagnani
Alice D. Sabo
 Alternate Members
 Suzanne R. Bostelman
 Mary Ellen Klinck

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Harvey W. Thomas
 Alternate Member
Emmett J. Lyman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert R. Smith, Chairman
Charlotte J. Gelston
Todd H. Gelston
Marilyn F. Gleeson
Susan D. Merrow
Paul E. Sienna
 Alternate Members
 Peggy S. Carlson
 Joseph A. Zaid
 Vacancy
Shannon Goyette, Recording Secretary

EAST HADDAM SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUILDING COMMITTEE

Gary J. Albanese
Deborah M. Fiala
Michael A. Kerr
Arthur S. Merrow
J. Richard Toolan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Robert R. Casner, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Debra M. Mathiasen
Ralph M. Parady
Pamela D. Rubenbauer
Gerald Rucker
A. Frederick Weissbach
 Alternate Members
 Donald A. Bergeron
 Kevin C. Staehly
Peter S. Simmons, Economic Dev. Coordinator
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

EDUCATION

CENTRAL OFFICE
Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Hughson, Executive Assistant
David A. Scata, Director of Pupil Services
Gail M. Duby, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services
Kevin M. Reich, Interim Facilities Director
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Theresa A. Hungerford, Financial Assistant
Donna M. MacDonald, Secretary to Finance Director
Mark Knittel, IT Manager
NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL
J. Eric Spencer, Principal
Jennifer Sarafin, Assistant Principal
NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Jason Peacock, Principal
Roy Parker, Assistant Principal
EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Joanne Collins, Principal
Noah Ventola, Assistant Principal

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Craig W. Mansfield, Director
Jennifer L. Spencer, Deputy Director
Brian J. Auld
Kevin M. Cavallo
Shawn J. Daigle
Steven N. Dorman
Elizabeth S. Lunt
L. Michael Pear
Joseph Szczeck, Jr

FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

Craig W. Mansfield

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Dawn M. Snow, Finance Assistant
Kathleen A. Klinck, Treasurer

FIRE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF

L. Michael Pear, Chairman
Michael P. Cooley
George Scrivener

FIRE CHIEF

Brian J. Auld
Shawn J. Daigle, Deputy

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

William B. Haylon
Eric L. Kolasinski
Jay A. Moreau
Ryan W. Scholes
Jason D. Swan
Joel T. Zis

FIRE MARSHALS

Donald J. Angersola
John J. Blaschik, Deputy
John M. Kananowicz, Deputy

GREEN COMMITTEE

Kenneth A. Simon, Chairman
Martha C. Hansen, Secretary
Chad M. Peterson
Nancy S. Pincus
Charlene Riling
Yvonne K. Rubin
Terri V. Smith
Susan A. Staehly
Three Vacancies
Alternate Members
Two vacancies

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

William A. Brady, Chairman
Christian R. Miller
David C. Nelson
Steven Rossi
Joseph V. Zirlis
Alternate Members
Pamela D. Rubenbauer
Karl P. Stofko
Three Vacancies
Rebecca J. Wonneberger, Recording Secretary

HISTORIAN

Karl P. Stofko

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mark Knittel, Manager
Jonathan Chamberlain, Technology Specialist
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES

Randolph W. Dill, Chairman
Mary E. Augustiny
Jennifer A. Burton-Reeve
Bryan L. Goff
Daniel R. Jahne
Alternate Members
Two Vacancies
Holly Y. Pattavina, Recording Secretary

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robert A. Bennett (R)
Joanne B. Bernard (U)
Maryann Czaja (U)
Randolph W. Dill (R)
Bruce M. Dutch (D)
Lynn C. Eimutis (U)
John C. Gibson (U)
Peter T. Govert (D)
Elizabeth J. Gross (R)
Janet I. Heisler (U)
Robert L. Johnson (D)
Mary Ellen Klinck (D)
Emmett J. Lyman (R)
Mary L. Murphy (D)
Bradley P. Parker (D)
Brenda J. Quinn (U)
Mark B. Walter (R)
Michael D. Werner (R)

LAND USE

James F. Ventres, Land Use Administrator
Vacant, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Nancy D. Talbot, Administrative Assistant

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Crary H. Brownell (R)
Louis H. Salicrup (R)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Irene L. Herden

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Bradley P. Parker, Senior Service Coordinator

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

MUNICIPAL SPACE NEEDS

STUDY COMMITTEE

James M. Curtin, Chairman
Robert R. Casner
Peter W. Dean
Joanne S. Roczeniak
Daniel J. Tierney
Vacancy

OPEN BURNING OFFICER

Donald Angersola, Primary Official
John J. Blaschik, Secondary Official
John M. Kananowicz, Secondary Official

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

William A. Brady, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Laurie W. Alt
Mary E. Augustini
Robert A. Bennett
Todd H. Gelston
Edmund J. Gubbins
Emmett J. Lyman
Bradley P. Parker
Robert R. Smith
Vacancy Agriculture Commission Representative

POLICE

Mark B. Walter, Chief of Police

RESIDENT TROOPERS

TFC Patrick Hawes

CONSTABLES

George W. Corbeil
Mark H. Creighton
Thomas Griffith
Karl J. Karabeinikoff
Craig W. Mansfield
Jeffrey S. Rhoades

PROBATE COURT

Judge Jennifer L. Berkenstock
Linda A. Neal, Probate Court Clerk

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Thad D. King, Chatham Health District

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Middlesex Hospital Home Care

PUBLIC WORKS

Elizabeth S. Lunt, Public Works Administrator
J. Richard Toolan, Public Works Superintendent
Shirley O. Dill, Administrative Assistant

TOWN CREW

George S. Fay
Walter L. Hallowell

Michael B. Masci
Ralph G. Nichols
Richard J. Roy
James M. Shugrue
Edward J. Sikorski
Eric E. Smith
Philip E. Tierney

RECREATION COMMISSION

Walter J. Parkus, Chairman
Mary C. Colpoys
Cynthia J. Deming
Madeline A. Francese
John J. Gowac
Charles J. Grillo
Michael D. Michalski
Margy A. Roberts
Edward E. Smith, IV
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tiffany S. Quinn

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Debra H. Denette

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OFFICE

Laurie W. Alt
Lucy R. Yacovino

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman
Linda J. Zemienieski, Executive Assistant

SHARED SERVICES

Kevin M. Reich, Interim Facilities Director
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Mark Knittel, Information Technology Manager
Jonathan Chamberlain, Technology Specialist
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Loreta M. Zdanys, Assessor
Patrice D. Veselak, Assistant Assessor

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Denise L. Dill, Tax Collector

TOWN ATTORNEY

Richard P. Roberts, Halloran & Sage LLP

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk
Beverly R. Christopher, Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

TRANSFER STATION

Donald J. Mackenzie, Foreman

ATTENDANTS

David J. Grieder

Jared A. Lawson

TREE WARDEN

Elizabeth S. Lunt

J. Richard Toolan, Deputy

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

AUTHORITY

Andrew W. Lord, Chairman

Edward C. Blaschik

Robert R. Casner

Richard J. Fiala

Arthur S. Merrow

John L. Russell

Alternate Members

Richard L. Pettinelli

Vacancy

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stuart S. Wood, Chairman

J. Gregory Daigle

Richard J. Fiala

Diane K. Quinn

William R. Smith

Alternate Members

Laurie W. Alt

Two vacancies

Holly Y. Pattavina, Recording Secretary



Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group – Lakeview White Birch

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

The East Haddam Agriculture Commission continued to support agricultural endeavors in our community. The Commission was revitalized during the fiscal year. Seven residents leased 15 plots for farming at the former Harris farm property.

Ronald I. Gross, Chairman

ANIMAL CONTROL

The East Haddam Animal Control Department provides town residents with assistance in handling many animal related issues. Returning lost dogs to their rightful owners continues to be a very difficult challenge for the Animal Control Officers. Dog owners can assist Animal Control by insuring their dogs are wearing identification tags and have been properly licensed.

All East Haddam canine owners are reminded that dogs are to be licensed during the month of June at the East Haddam Town Clerk's Office. Residents that fail to register their dog may face fines up to \$92.

Owners are also reminded that dogs are not allowed to be a "nuisance" which includes excessive barking or other behavior that causes a disturbance to a neighbor or others. Additionally, dogs must be under the control of the owner and are not allowed to roam freely off the owner's property.

From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 the Animal Control Officers responded to the following calls for assistance in East Haddam:

General Calls/Complaints (barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife, etc.)	490
Dog Bites	19
Infractions	10
Adoptions	8
Impounds	23
Total Calls for Services	550

As a reminder to residents, the Animal Control Officers handle issues relating to dogs, cats, domestic livestock and any wild animal contact with a human or domestic animals.

General calls related to animals such as possums, skunks, coyotes, bats etc. are handled through the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at 860-424-3011.

Should you have any questions or need assistance please call 860-873-5044.

Michael Olzacki, Animal Control Officer

Jeffrey McLean, Assistant ACO

Peter Dombrowski, Assistant ACO

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held two hearings for the purpose of hearing motor vehicle appeals in September of 2014. September 6th and 14th. There were ten appeals heard resulting in the Board reducing the assessments on nine vehicles due to high mileage. The Board's adjustments totaled a reduction of \$18,460 to the grand list.

Again this year the Board saw a higher than normal number of appeals for Motor Vehicles. We attribute this to people keeping vehicles longer, prices of automobiles not decreasing as much as previous years and an increase in the mill rate.

In the Spring of 2015 the Board held hearings involving 14 appeals. There were ten real property, three automobile and one personal property applications. The Board conducted one hearing on March 7th. Three of the 13 applicants did not appear therefore the applications were denied. The Board unanimously voted to reduce assessments on three of the 14 appeals.. Meetings were held with the Assessor to input our findings into the town's computer system. It is no longer possible for the Board to make manual calculations due to the complicated nature of the electronic valuation system. The above resulted in a reduction of \$127,810 to the grand list.

In all the Board worked 53 hours attending to taxpayers requests.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward C. Blaschik, Chairman
Michael E. Gross
Justin L. Kennedy



Music on the River 2014

BOARD OF FINANCE

The function of the Board of Finance is to consider the town's finances from an overall viewpoint. The Connecticut general statutes give the Board specific responsibility for:

- Preparing the town budget.
- Setting the property tax rate.
- Approving deficiency and special appropriations and transfers between appropriations.
- Determining how town financial records are to be kept.
- Arranging for an annual audit of the town accounts.
- Publishing the annual report.

The Board of Finance works closely with the Boards of Education and Selectmen with regard to the town's finances.

The Board of Finance worked closely with the major capital projects Committees with regard to the successful June referendum and the structuring of debt service for these projects.

The Board of Finance will continue to oversee the town's financial management in a fiscally responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Carluccio Link
Chairman

Important 2016-2017 Budget Dates

Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
7:00 pm
Nathan Hale-Ray High School

Annual Budget Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
8:00 pm
Town Hall

Budget Referendum
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Time to be Determined

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I am very excited for the future of East Haddam. This past year marks the start to a great capital improvement campaign, with the approval of the new Town Municipal Complex, both the East Haddam Village and Moodus Village have the opportunity to become a thriving "downtown" experience once we move our town offices from the East Haddam Village property to the old middle school. We have some of the most unique shops and attractions in Connecticut and we need to expand on their success. The other three approved projects include the upgrading of our firehouses, the elementary school and a new town wide communication system.

In January 2015, we rolled out the new "Town Business Guide to East Haddam" to assist both new business and businesses relocating to town through the local approval process and identify town staff available to help them. Additionally, we have improved the Business and Tax Incentive Program making the tax abatement program more useful to new business and expansion of existing business in East Haddam. We have had four businesses take advantage of the program this year. Through connections with area organizations throughout Middlesex County, we have helped seven local businesses obtain financing. We have helped several businesses relocate and expand within our town.

The East Haddam Business Association is an invaluable asset in our community. Their work with the Economic Development Commission on the "Taste of East Haddam" and the "East Haddam Fall Weekend" have become a showcase for East Haddam activities and organizations. These events draw visitors to our community where they can see firsthand all that we have to offer.

This year we focused on improving the appearance of key properties in all of our greens and historic locations. The Millington Green received new plantings and the Historic School House was painted and repaired. The Grange Hall and Historic Town Hall's were completely refurbished with a STEAP Grant. The Moodus Green received a new Christmas Tree. Next year we hope to complete the replacement of our town welcome signs. All of these projects are made possible through the hard work of our employees and civic organizations that donate both their time and money to aid East Haddam.

The Selectmen would like to thank this year's Volunteers of the Month for all they do for our community. The following people were named as volunteer of the month recipients for 2014-2015: Virginia Turner, Barbara Ringuette, Elizabeth Gross, Barbara Davis, James Curtin, Kathryn O'Boyle, Robert Bennett, Peter Govert, Susan Link, Alyssa Dill, David Moreau, Andrew Lord and Ciara Sikorski.

Mark B. Walter
First Selectman



East Haddam Village Green maintained beautifully by the East Haddam Garden Club

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department worked with contractors and citizens to understand new building code provisions. We are continuing with the digitizing of department records. The long-time Building Department Secretary Carolyn Hart retired after over 20 years of service to the town.

Gerald M. Russ
Building Official

# of Permits	Type	Estimated Value of Construction	Fees Collected
9	New Homes	1,748,250	17,510
2	New Homes (3 family)	751,800	5,625
3	Conversion/ Change of Use	2,450	55
79	Additions/ Alterations	3,601,150	36,615
5	Renovations/ Remodel	234,480	225
29	Accessory Buildings	256,190	2,690
5	Barns	224,300	2,275
7	Garages	141,120	1,465
14	Swimming Pools	218,450	2,260
3	Demolitions	8,000	95
34	Stoves (Wood, Pellet, Gas & Inserts)	21,540	1,395
9	Fuel Tanks	17,540	265
1	Foundation Only	10,000	105
1	Cottage (seasonal)	950	15
10	Additions/ Alterations (Non-Residential)	250,400	2,515
1	Cell Tower (Non-Residential)	98,000	985
2	Renovations (Non-Residential)	150,000	0
107	Other	1,524,470	16,205
187	Electrical	642,915	8,070
142	Mechanical	542,129	6,610
57	Plumbing & Well Pumps	147,485	2,040
TOTALS		\$10,591,619	\$107,020

CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT

Administration:

Board of Health
 Melissa Schlag, Chairman
 Peter Hughes, Vice Chairman
 Andrew Tierney, Treasurer
 Susan Bransfield
 Rosemary Coyle
 Michael Maniscalco
 Kate Morris
 Stan Soby
 Mark Walter
 Thad King, Director of Health

The Board conducted seven regularly scheduled meetings, one special meeting and one public hearing from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Minutes of those meetings are on file at the main office of the Director of Health and with the Town Clerk of each member town and at www.chathamhealth.org. In addition, the Personnel Policy and Budget Committee conducted four meetings, Community Health Committee conducted two meetings and Environmental Health Committee conducted two meetings.

Funding	
Revenues	
Municipal	\$645,939
State/Federal	133,518
Fees	206,547
Other	804
Interest	12
Total	\$986,819
Expenditures	\$957,942
Fund Balance	\$ 28,877
Services	
Environmental Permits/Applications	
Septic Systems (new and repaired)	184
Permits to Discharge	729
Water Supply Well	177
Soil Testing Lots	181
Site Plan Review	96
B-100a and Eng. Plan Review	375
Food Service Permits	253
Environmental Inspections:	
Bathing Water	310
Day Care	17
Campgrounds	1
Pools	14
Housing Code – heat, water supply, plumbing	28
Investigation of EBL > 10 mg/dl	9
Lead Paint Inspection	2
Public Health Complaints	58
Food Service Establishments	557
Temporary Food Service Events	212
Community Health Programs:	
Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations	768
Community Health Education Events	42
Total Reportable Diseases	486
Breast Cancer Outreach Contacts	809
Referrals for Screening	195
Communicable Disease Case Work	27
Total Services	5,530

COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging (COA) meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:30 am at the Senior Center. These meetings are open to the public.

This year the COA members focused on developing criteria and responsibilities for volunteers for the "Are you OK?" telephone system to check on residents who are sixty years of age or older. The members have been working in conjunction with Craig Mansfield the Emergency Management Director. Currently this project is ongoing.

The Commission members are: Chairman – Jovita Cozean; Vice Chairman – Vickie Riley-Pach, Treasurer – Jim O'Brien, Corresponding Secretary – Jo Golec and members Rosalie Hoffman, John Pagnani, Alice Sabo and alternates Suzanne Bostelman and Mary Ellen Klinck. The minutes were taken by Susannah Griffin, the Senior Center Administrative Assistant.

We are looking forward to serving our senior citizens for another year.

Jo Golec
Corresponding Secretary



Certified Emergency Responder Team (CERT) Class, May 2015

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

HISTORY

In 1973, the Connecticut Legislature recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas and authorized establishment of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. In July 1974, the Commission became operational with eight eligible towns, two regional planning agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection participating.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is about 30 miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. Since 1973, this area has been recognized as a unique area. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places"; the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States; and in 1999, the River was designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

SCENIC PRESERVATION RESPONSIBILITIES

While other organizations have primarily concerned themselves with natural ecological systems in the river valley, this Commission has concentrated much of its attention on the protection of key lands along the river that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to protect well over 1,000 acres of land through over \$1 million in gifts or purchase of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles. The Commission is in the final stage of donating their last two parcels of protected land, one in Chester and one in East Haddam.

LAND USE OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES

Another significant role assigned to the Gateway Commission by the 1973 legislation is establishment of common zoning standards for height, setback, lot coverage and the like, which member towns have agreed to adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. At its monthly meetings, the Commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulations changes and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to it by local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the Commission's approval, a statutory responsibility that gives the Commission a great deal of authority and say over land use along the river in the

lower river valley. It's a responsibility that the Commission takes very seriously.

As of June 30, 2015, Gateway member towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook have incorporated the 2004 standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute. The Gateway Commission has completed new additions to the existing standards and has discussed them with each of the eight member town zoning authorities. It is expected that the new standards will be adopted and included in each town's zoning regulations by the end of 2015.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

RiverCOG Environmental Planner Margot Burns has continued the collaboration of land trusts within the lower Connecticut River – the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) - with an eye toward a greater alliance and coordination amongst the trusts. Conservation effectiveness is the goal which is being pursued through regional collaboration without losing individual autonomy. The Gateway Commission's sister land trust – the Connecticut River Land Trust – participates in the alliance work. Find out about the Exchange at www.lcrlandtrustexchange.org.

DELEGATES

Members as of June 30, 2015 include: Margaret Wilson (Treasurer) and Martha Wallace of Chester; Nancy Fischbach; Harvey Thomas and Emmett Lyman of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Jerri MacMillian of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Derek Turner of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody (Chairman) and Emily Bjornberg of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson (Vice Chairman) of Old Lyme; Madeline Fish (Secretary) and Belinda Ahern of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard of RiverCOG; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is represented by Borough Warden Ethel Davis. Going into fiscal year 2015-2016, the Commission continues to seek a regional representative from RiverCOG.

CONTACT

For more information, contact River COG Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 581-8554 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The East Haddam Conservation Commission (EHCC) continued its mission protecting, identifying and encouraging passive recreation pursuits on town of East Haddam owned open space properties throughout the town. Commission volunteers have marked miles of property boundaries and have established over seventeen miles of trails. All trails are usable year round and most are multi-use.

EHCC is installing new blue signage at the various properties, so that residents and other visitors can more easily locate the properties. All weather parking lots have been established at the Hatch Lot property on Mill Road and on the east side of the Rose Farm property off Silas Holmes Road and at the Chapal Farm – Patrell Preserve on Baker Lane. Working with East Haddam public works staff, EHCC will be establishing parking areas for the Dean property; the Harris property and a second parking area for Rose Farm.

EHCC worked with four Eagle Scout candidates to successfully complete their projects, which included the following: a youth group campsite on Hatch Lot; two small kiosk sign boards at Rose Farm; a large kiosk signboard at Hatch Lot and a trail and footbridge on the Sabine property.

EHCC's popular *Trail Guide* was retired in favor of individual color maps which provide much more detailed information about the various preserves and properties. The thirteen maps, produced to date, provide contours lines, show wetlands and water courses and points of interest and reference. Access points off local roads are also shown as well as information about the fauna and flora and history of the property. Most importantly, all trails have been GPS'd so that accurate trail lengths could be established. EHCC worked with the East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in an effort to provide trail maps on their properties as well. The trail maps have been so popular that there have already been two printings. As the work of EHCC and our partner conservation organizations continues, EHCC will be updating maps as additional trails are added as well as creating new maps as new trails are created on other properties.

EHCC, working with EHLT, will be constructing a seventy-five foot long bridge across the Eightmile River which will connect two town-owned preserves. The bridge will also extend the Richard H. Goodwin Linear Trail to Rt. 82.

Additional EHCC goals for 2015-2016 include improving the trail at Davison Walking Park, creating trails and marking the boundaries of the Shugrue property, the Lena property and Roaring Brook Preserve.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith, Chairman

EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) continues to provide the highest level of emergency medical service to the residents of, and visitors to, the town of East Haddam. During the 2014-2015 reporting period emergency ambulance service was requested of EHAA a total of 564 times. This call volume represents a 1% decrease from the previous year. EHAA personnel responded to 554 of these requests, resulting in a mutual aid rate due to lack of available crew of 2% for the yearly reporting period. This mutual aid rate has remained steady over the past two years.

Over the 2014-2015 reporting period, 5% of calls required a single paid staff member and 1% of calls responded to were entirely staffed by paid personnel, identical to the previous year's results. Volunteer schedule coverage averaged 87.5%, down slightly from last year's average of 89.0% but still up from a historical average of approximately 83%.

EHAA added four new members and two existing members transitioned from EMR to EMT certification, allowing them to provide advanced patient care. One member obtained EMS-I (instructor) certification, further expanding EHAA's in-house instructional capabilities. The organization provided standby coverage at numerous public events and offered several public CPR/AED courses and first aid courses over the 2014-2015 reporting period. EHAA also spearheaded the effort to accredit the town of East Haddam as a HEARTSafe Community. All technicians completed state and sponsor hospital mandatory annual training requirements, including CPR/AED, blood borne pathogen and infection control, hazardous materials, privacy practices (HIPAA) and Middlesex Hospital BLS protocols. EHAA personnel also increased their scope of practice to include Narcan administration, Spinal Motion Restriction and Cardio-Cerebral Resuscitation protocols.

The organization's newest ambulance, 15-4-B, has performed well, with no significant problems. EHAA finalized the procurement of a new ambulance to replace the aging 15-4-A and expects delivery during the next reporting year. This replacement will be the first to utilize town funding under the terms of the 2009 incentive agreement. The organization completed construction of a stand-alone garage behind Company 1 to house its first-response vehicle. EHAA actively supported the planning for the development of a town wide radio system to improve emergency services communications, and was engaged with, and provided input to, the Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Cavallo
Chief of Operations

EAST HADDAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

The East Haddam Lakes Association (EHLA) brings together individuals and groups committed to protection and preservation of East Haddam's lakes (Bashan Lake, Lake Hayward, Moodus Reservoir). Fiscal 2014-2015 witnessed heightened collaboration among the lake communities, which are critical in supporting East Haddam both financially and recreationally.

The all volunteer lake associations and lake community residents undertook numerous initiatives in 2014-2015 to maintain and improve the lakes' water quality, overall health and recreational value. Some key initiatives were:

- Working through the East Haddam Land Use Office, Moodus Reservoir and Lake Hayward were awarded grants through the 2014 State of Connecticut Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant program. Grant funds were used in 2015 to assist in the continuing effort to mitigate the presence of aquatic invasive plants that can quickly overwhelm the lakes, and, if not checked, limit swimming, fishing and boating. Measures taken included aquatic plant monitoring and mapping, dredging and review treatment alternatives.
- Education of lake residents about their stewardship responsibilities to protect water quality through prudent lake management practices. Education was through presentations (Landscaping for a Better Lake), newsletters, websites, dissemination of pamphlets, attendance at regional lake conferences and lake association meetings,
- Increased collaboration with public and private agencies in 2014-2015, on subjects ranging from development of a watershed management plan to review of aquatic invasive species mitigation alternatives to review of individual homeowner alternatives to protect the lakes. Agencies included CT DEEP, Eightmile River Wild & Scenic River Coordinating Committee, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, CT Federation of Lakes, CT River Coastal Conservation District, East Haddam Land Trust, elected officials at both the local and State level and town departments and commissions.

Bashan Lake was drawn down 18' in the fall of 2014 in preparation for the repair of the dam, which was completed in Spring 2015. At fiscal year end the lake was very slowly in the process of refilling and alternatives to mitigate the large volume of weeds that overran much of the exposed lake bed during the drawdown were under review through a joint effort of residents, CT DEEP, the town and private contractors. Hopes are for the lake to return to normal water level in 2016.

EHLA will continue to be the voice for the lakes and work collaboratively to maintain East Haddam as a responsible lake community.

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

On January 20, 2015, the East Haddam Free Public Library officially joined the Rathbun Free Memorial Library as a member of the LION Consortium. LION, aka Libraries Online, consists of 28 libraries across the state with a common computer system enabling patrons to borrow materials from any member library. Our patrons are now able to view both libraries' materials within the same catalog; reserve and renew library materials online with access to thousands of digital materials. Folks who use both libraries immediately saw the benefit of a more streamlined experience, while those who preferred one branch were able to access the other branch's materials for the first time. LION also tracks and manages library operations, allowing our two libraries to complete their nearly century-long journey to unification.

STATISTICS	
Total Patrons	6,128
Total Digital Collection	13,324
Total Material Collection	41,645
Total Inter-Library Loans	5,286
Total Circulation	51,151

Other 2014-2015 highlights include:

- Fundraised \$15,000 (including \$5,000 for repair of Rathbun Library Cupola).
- Generated over \$7,000 from library services (photocopies, overdue fees, faxes, printouts, etc.).
- Supplemented budget with over \$58,000 from private library trust and endowments.
- Added over 2,000 books, movies, magazines, tv series and other library materials to the collection.
- Provided 12 computers and free wi-fi for public use in job searching, homework help, research, etc.
- Provided dozens of patrons with one-on-one help for resumes, technology and homework.
- Provided access to thousands of digital materials including ebooks, audio books and magazines.
- Launched four new book clubs at EHFPL, Rathbun, one that meets at local restaurants and for teens.
- Hosted 400 events for kids, teens, adults and families.
- Coordinated annual Moodus Green holiday event.
- Worked with dozens of volunteers to increase community involvement at libraries and provide greater number of library services.
- Worked closely with numerous local businesses and organizations including the Lions Clubs, Leo Club, Historical Society, Art League, Youth & Family Services, Senior Center, Parks & Rec, School District, Goodspeed Musicals, Town Tavern Restaurant, Gristmill Market and more.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gilroy, MLS, Library System Director

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The East Haddam Public Schools section of the Annual Report is one snapshot of the school district and all of the many accomplishments our students have achieved over the past year. Our students were recognized for their accomplishments in the National Merit Scholarship program, robotics and debate competitions and the state wide invention convention.

Did you know that we are one of few school programs with a gifted and talented program in our area? Our students compete with public and private schools in our debate club, our model congress and our robotics competition. There are so many opportunities for our students to do that there are times I think it would be exciting to be a K- 12 student again. What's more impressive is that a large percentage of our students in grades 4-8 all participate in some way.

Last year, I experienced the pleasure of attending concerts, drama productions and sporting events that were amazing to watch. Our students' talent seems limitless and I encourage our community to attend these events not only to support our students, but, to have a free or really inexpensive night of culture and entertainment.

Enjoy the rest of our report and if you have questions don't hesitate to check our website www.easthaddamschools.org, my blog, www.easthaddamschools.org/super, or you can email budget.questions@easthaddamschools.org for any specific questions regarding the Board of Education budget. Do not hesitate to call us at 860-873-5090.

Brian S. Reas
Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

Pamela Samantha Acquaro
Hailey Nicole Andrus
Kaitlyn Acacia Andrus
Michelle Filomena Anselmo
Sabrina Jeanne Armento
Travis Alexander Armento
Charles Donald Bass
Hannah Cecelia Belisle
Sabrina Lee Brainard
Austin Clarence Brasile + *
Lukas Matthew Breton
Brandon Lee Butterworth
Evan Joseph Carocari
Jessica Lee Champlin ‡
Brandon John Chasser
Rachel Ann Christiana
AnnaMarie Ciccarello + *
Kiana Elizabeth Colón *
Marisa Kelsey Conlin
Brianna May Crysler
Max William Daniels +
Brian Alexander Davis
Alyssa Danielle Dill ‡
Jordyn Beth Foster Du Bois
William David Evans III *
Kayla Rae Fall + ‡ *
Justin Mitchel Fiala
Shane Michael Fiala
Cooper Scott Filhaber
Sean Patrick Flannery
Jordyn Lee Gates
Amy Louise Gionta +
Austin Michael Gometz
Kyle Allen Goodspeed
Madison Rose Guss

Catherine Mary Haines * +
Ethan Comstock Hart
Caitlyn Dunn Havican
Jarrett Wayne Hebert *
Savannah Beverly Height
Crandell Louis Hemphill + ‡ *
Maria Del Horeczky
Matthew Taylor Hughson
Jordyn Elise Huot
Fabian Carl Hymander
James Winthrop Iarusso
Brendan James Jansky
Brian Sears Johnson +
Kelly Erin Johnson +
James Daniel Jones
Kylynn June Kirker
Grace Louise Kucharski *
Megan Abigail LaCombe
Juliana Nicole Lagace
Joshua Patrick Lake + ‡
Taylor Michelle LaPointe
Kaine Jared Lerrick
Adam Joel Lavoie
Shannon Simone Liberty ‡ *
Jacob Michael Linares
Brenden Joseph Lucas
Ethan Dean Lucas +
Sarah Elizabeth Manstan
Cole John McCormack
Kevin Patrick McDougall
Grace Ellen McLean + ‡
Karina Rose Melluzzo
Caley Luna Millen-Pigliucci +
Kevin Michael Moffatt +
David Biagio Moreau + ‡ *

James Michael Murphy
Mason Patrick Muszynski + *
Ryan James Nichisti
Mark Vincent Nichols
Rebecca Christina Olsen
Brianna Marie Pach
Michaela Anne Paduch +
Daniel Arthur Lawrence Palmer
Kayla Anne Parent
Jonathan Edward Patterson
Nicholas Milton Pease
Hunter Nathaniel Peters
Joshua Rosser Pettinelli
Sean Richard Pianka
Samantha Jean Pollock *
Julie Marie Priest
Jason Marc Ringuette
Keith Alan Sarrazin
Danielle Lyn Saunders
Griffin David Shepherd +
Ashlee Danielle Smith
Jason George Soucie
Allyn David Sweet
Emil Jean Traceski +
Andrew Tucker Ventres
Daniel Brian Wallace
Joseph Hedwig Weselcouch
Brianna Marie Wilcox
Anastasia Marie Wilson
Adam Conrad Winalski
John Raymond Witherly
Zachary Connor Wright +
Emily Carole Zawisza
David Joseph Ziobron
Jordan Taylor Ziobron

+ Denotes member of the National Honor Society

‡ Denotes Community Service Honor Award

* Denotes member of Tri-M National Honor Society

2015 NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MOVING FORWARD



Bryant University
 Central Connecticut State University
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Charleston
 Eastern Connecticut State University
 Elmira College
 Endicott College
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Goodwin College
 Humboldt State University
 Lincoln Culinary Institute
 Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts
 Lyndon State College
 Manchester Community College
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 Messiah College
 Middlesex Community-Technical College
 Mount Allison University
 Quinnipiac University
 Roanoke College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Southern Connecticut State University
 Springfield College
 Three Rivers Community College
 Trinity International University
 University of Connecticut
 University of Hartford
 University of Maine
 University of New Hampshire
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 Wagner College
 Western Connecticut State University
 Western New England University



East Haddam Elementary School Holiday Concert 2014



Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School Veteran's Day 2014



Nathan Hale-Ray High School Graduation June 2015

EAST HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS

Chief
Brian Auld

Assistant Chief
Shawn Daigle

Secretary
Walter Parkus

Fire Commissioners
Michael Cooley
Michael Pear
George Scrivener, Sr.

Captains
Samuel Baber
Jason Chapman
Raymond Swol
Edward Smith, III

Lieutenants
Howard Bogue
Jared Boynton
Kevin Rutty
Jeremy Schumann
William Siegmann

Fire Marshals
Donald Angersola, Jr.
John Kananowicz
John Blaschik, Jr.

The Officers and membership of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department would like to express our thanks for the constant support and consideration we receive from the citizens of the community. We serve you with pride in our accomplishments, a plan for the future and most important, with the professionalism our citizens both expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Parkus
Secretary

The East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department responded to 219 incidents in the fiscal year 2014-2015. The following is a breakdown as defined by the State of Connecticut.

Building fires	7
Cooking fires	2
Gasoline/Oil spills	1
Overpressure rupture	1
Motor vehicle fires	4
Brush fires	14
Outside fires	1
Good Intent	6
Medical assists	7
MVAs	31
EMS standby	1
Lock outs	3
Alarm activations	55
Hazardous condition	2
Search for persons	1
Chimney fires	6
Fire, others	2
Electrical problem	1
Carbon monoxide incidents	8
Power lines down	23
Smoke investigations	11
Water or ice rescues	3
Water problems	5
Dispatched cancelled enroute	11
Mutual aid	2
Outside equipment fire	1
Unauthorized burns	2
False calls	7

**PLEASE HELP US TO LOCATE
YOUR HOME BY INSTALLING
YOUR ASSIGNED HOUSE
NUMBER TO YOUR MAILBOX
OR POLE NEAR THE STREET.**



**DON'T FORGET
TO CHANGE THE
BATTERIES IN
YOUR SMOKE
DETECTORS
EVERY YEAR.**

EAST HADDAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

EHYFS provides a full range of services, including prevention, counseling, juvenile justice diversion, social services, community education, positive youth development and advocacy. We are supported by

municipal funds, state and regional grants,

private donations and grants from the Department of Education and Middlesex United Way. The agency supports two full-time and two part-time positions, one of which is dedicated to the Federal Drug Free Communities grant which funds the work of the East Haddam Local Prevention Council. Drug and alcohol counseling is provided for middle and high school students through a contractual arrangement between EHYFS and the Rushford Center. All services are offered at no cost to the client so that no one is refused services for financial reasons.

Fiscal year 2014-2015 was a busy year for EHYFS. Services have included:

- On-going counseling for 44 youth and families
- Six elementary family nights involving 370 participants
- Homework assistance programs for 67 middle school students
- Three summer events, including our second annual Summer Palooza with 250 participants and our high school bonfire with 30 students attending
- Positive youth development groups (Youth Helping Youth) involving 29 high school students
- Our Juvenile Review Board has diverted 14 youth from the Juvenile Justice system to local, community-based interventions
- Weekly Teen Coffee House in partnership with Two Wrasslin' Cats (20 to 25 high school youth attend)
- Monthly Community Coffee Talks at Two Wrasslin' Cats
- Parent and community education programs, including parent seminars, internet safety and asset presentations



**East Haddam
Youth & Family Services, Inc.**

- Employment opportunities for 10 youth through our youth job bank program
- 85 children were included in this year's Christmas campaign
- 30 East Haddam residents received assistance with fuel, housing and other related issues throughout the year.

EHYFS guides and is directly involved in the work of the East Haddam Local Prevention Council to address drug and alcohol use among our youth. This past year, the council has:

- Started Parents Helping Youth and worked with them to create a social norms campaign focusing on positive role modeling
- Presented three community education programs
- Implemented 12 Party Patrols
- Created educational materials on marijuana and prescription drugs
- Conducted 13 presentations to community groups on substance use among East Haddam youth
- Conducted trainings for restaurants on responsible sale and service of alcohol
- Honored two local business owners at our Business Appreciation breakfast for their asset-building initiatives.

Toni McCabe
Executive Director

WE SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH.

★ MEAN IT ★ EAST HADDAM ★

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) continued to promote economic development by encouraging growth consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life and natural environment. In his fourth year as part-time Economic Development Coordinator, Peter Simmons worked with the EDC and First Selectman on key business and development projects, including strengthening the Business Incentive Tax Credit program and preparing a Guide for New Businesses.

The Coordinator assisted businesses in obtaining financial resources, land use and permitting approval. Mr. Simmons worked with Town Departments, Boards and Commissions and regional Health District to prepare a handout for businesses starting or relocating a business to East Haddam. This New Business Guide is available on the municipal website and in the Town Office. He assisted the Selectmen's office in managing the 2013 STEAP grant and serving on the Municipal Working Group for the Center for Community Agriculture. The Coordinator reviewed and suggested amendments to make the Tax and Business Assistance Program more appealing for business investors. The Ordinance Amendments were approved at Town Meeting on June 30, 2015.

East Haddam's interests were represented at meetings of the Central Regional Tourism District. A "Visit East Haddam" tourism initiative began by celebrating Spring Weekend on May 1-3, 2015. The online business directory and tourism brochures were updated. The EDC assisted in promoting the East Haddam Business Association's meeting with Town Officials in January and 2nd annual "Taste of East Haddam" in May. The EDC began a Goodspeed Landing subcommittee to guide development on the Town Office site. Several EDC members worked with P&Z on a Waste Water Joint Committee to review development capacities.

The EDC continued its membership in CT Economic Development Association (CEDAS) and is a member of the East Haddam Business Association (EHBA). In February 2015 a mailing was sent to all business (250+) to keep owners apprised of economic opportunities. New businesses were announced in East Haddam Events magazine. Ads promoting the town were purchased in various publications.

The Commission welcomed Alternate Commission member, Kevin Staehly. Business owners and the public are invited to contact EDC members with ideas and questions or attend a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month.

MEMBERS:

Robert Casner, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Donald Bergeron
Debra Mathiasen
Pamela Rubenbauer
Gerry Rucker
Ralph Parady
Kevin Staehly
Frederick Weissbach

Taste of East Haddam



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

East Haddam's Emergency Management is responsible for preparing the town to respond to a large scale emergency or disaster. The group is made up of members from all of the first responder agencies, town officials and volunteers with expertise in specific areas. We meet regularly to work toward ensuring East Haddam is prepared for any emergency we may face.

In 2014-2015 East Haddam Emergency Management completed a mandatory review and update to the town's Emergency Operations Plans and emergency plans for the East Haddam School District. This review is a requirement for the town to be eligible to receive any state or Federal Emergency Management grant funding.

In July of 2014 the Emergency Management Team participated in a mandatory statewide exercise and planning drill. This drill is run by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and requires towns to work through a disaster scenario provided and respond to several issues throughout the exercise. The drill provided East Haddam an opportunity to test our town wide emergency operations plans and procedures. Throughout the drill test our group had to interact with our local and state partners such as Eversource, DEMHS, surrounding towns, etc.

Emergency Management held an initial Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class in May of 2015. An additional 10 residents were trained bringing our local CERT team membership close to 75 people. Over the past year, volunteers have attended additional training in shelter management, distribution of supplies and first aid/CPR.

Emergency Management continues to recruit volunteers. If you are interested, please contact us at 860-873-5103 or email to ehaddamemgmgt@easthaddam.org.

Residents are reminded that East Haddam has a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert citizens about emergencies and other important community news. The emergency notification system enables East Haddam Emergency Management to provide essential information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, fires, floods, unexpected road closures, or evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. Residents can sign up for these alerts on the town website at www.easthaddam.org. You will find the enrollment link under News and Public Information on the main page of the website. Additionally, you can call 860-873-5103 or email easthaddamalerts@easthaddam.org for additional information.

For up-to-date information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website (www.easthaddam.org), join our East Haddam Emergency Management Facebook page or subscribe to our Twitter feed.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Mansfield
Emergency Management Director

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

MISSION/AUTHORITY

The East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission was established by Town Meeting and applicable ordinance on June 20, 1974. It is charged by State Statute (CGS Section 22a-36 through 45) and such ordinance to preserve and protect the town's wetlands and watercourses from random, unnecessary, undesirable and unregulated uses, disturbance or destruction, the protection of which is in the public interest and essential to health, welfare and safety.

Our wetlands and watercourses are essential to a safe and adequate water supply; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of ground water; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life.

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY/ACTIONS TAKEN

The numbers of subdivision reviews completed and permit applications accepted were lower than in previous years. Actions taken by the Commission in fiscal year 2014 -2015, include:

Permits for docks and other in-water structures :	
Moodus Reservoir	0
Bashan Lake	2
Lake Hayward	0
Permits for structures (buildings, decks, etc.) in regulated areas	11
Permits for wetlands crossings (i.e. roads, Driveways, etc.)	2
Permits for repair / construction of retaining walls	5
Subdivision Reviews:	
approved	3
denied	0
pending	0
New building lots created in this time period	5

The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Town Grange at 7:30 pm.

Commissioners:
Randolph Dill, Chairman
Mary Augustiny, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Bryan Goff
Dan Jahne

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (RiverCOG)

RiverCOG, one of nine Regional Planning Organizations in Connecticut, is governed by the chief elected officials of its 17 member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Cathy Iino (Killingworth), serving as Chairperson, Dick Smith (Deep River) as Vice-Chairperson, Susan Bransfield (Portland) as Secretary and Ed Meehan (Chester) as Treasurer. In December, RiverCOG welcomed Sam Gold to fill the role of Executive Director. Sam comes to us from the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in Waterbury, where he served as Executive Director. Sam is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has thirteen years of regional planning experience.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines. The RPC is also working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region.

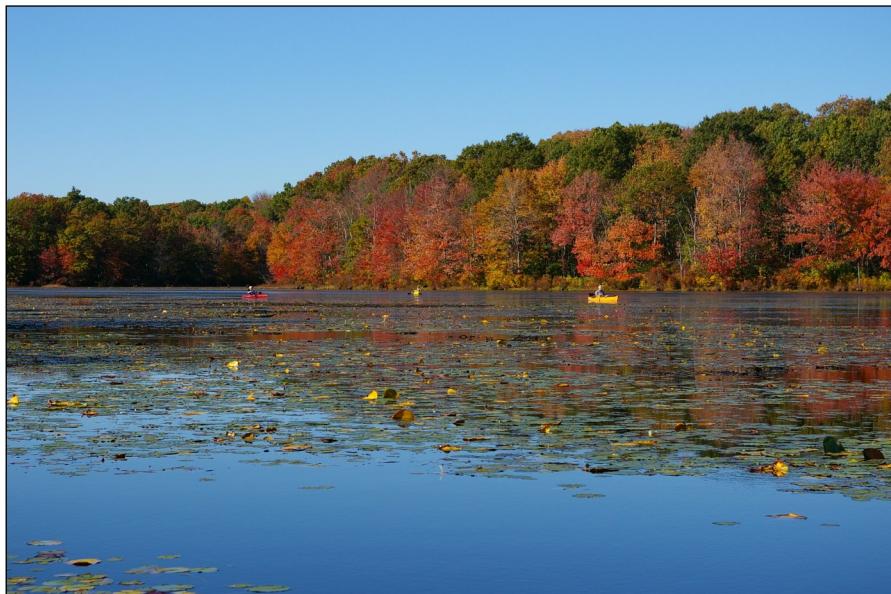
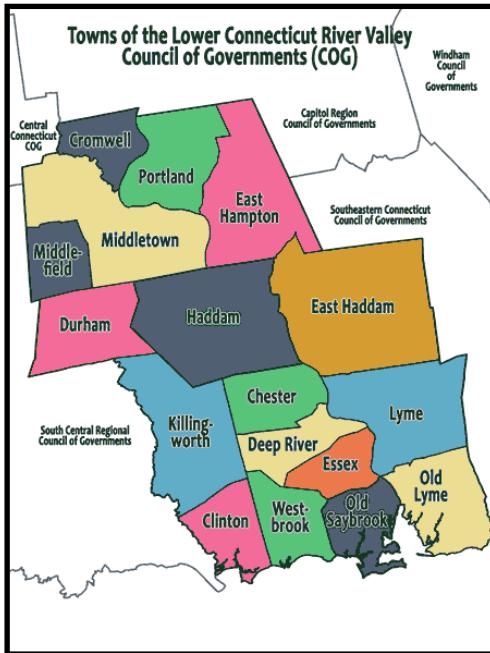
RiverCOG also conducts regional transportation planning as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization. As an MPO, RiverCOG is responsible for programming federal and state transportation funds provided to the region by the U.S. and Connecticut Departments of Transportation. In fiscal year 2015 RiverCOG completed its first Long Range Transportation

Plan for the new region, conducted a series of rail corridor studies on the Valley Railroad State Park and the completion of a regional digital parcel database (GIS).

RiverCOG hosts and staffs regional initiatives and commissions including: Connecticut River Gateway Commission, Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, Land Trust Exchange, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Regional Agricultural Commission, RiverCOG Strategic Economic Growth Committee and other groups as space and time permits. The River COG board approved the same annual dues rate for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 as in fiscal year 2014. Total annual dues collected for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$146,953.42. The RiverCOG leveraged every dollar of local dues with over \$13 in other grants. The

total budget of RiverCOG budget was \$2,082,323 in fiscal year 2015.

A copy of our full annual report is available on our website: www.rivercog.org.



Moodus Reservoir

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

At a Town Meeting on June 25, 1998, residents of East Haddam, interested in protecting East Haddam's rural character and retaining our quality of life, voted to enact an Open Space Trust Fund ordinance to set aside funds to help acquire important, agricultural lands and natural resource areas. The ordinance established a committee to review, select, prioritize and protect these lands.

On January 6, 2003, the town of East Haddam, through a referendum vote (778 to 135), approved a \$5 million dollar bond authorization to be used to purchase land or conservation easements on key parcels of land.

In the spring of 2014 the Open Space Committee submitted grant applications to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the Lena and Zeleznicky properties. The grant was awarded to the town covering 65% of the purchase cost of the two properties. The town approved the purchases through a referendum held on March 24, 2015. The properties were purchased shortly after. The town also closed on the Lefebvre property on Jones Hill Road.

The Committee has been part of several other applications, acquisitions and easements over the past 16 years.

Committee members as of July 2015

Will Brady, Chairman, Historic District Commission
Michael Werner, Board of Education

Robert Bennett, Board of Finance

Brad Parker, Recreation Commission

Edmund Gubbins, Planning & Zoning Commission

Mary Augustiny, Inlands Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Emmett Lyman, Board of Selectmen

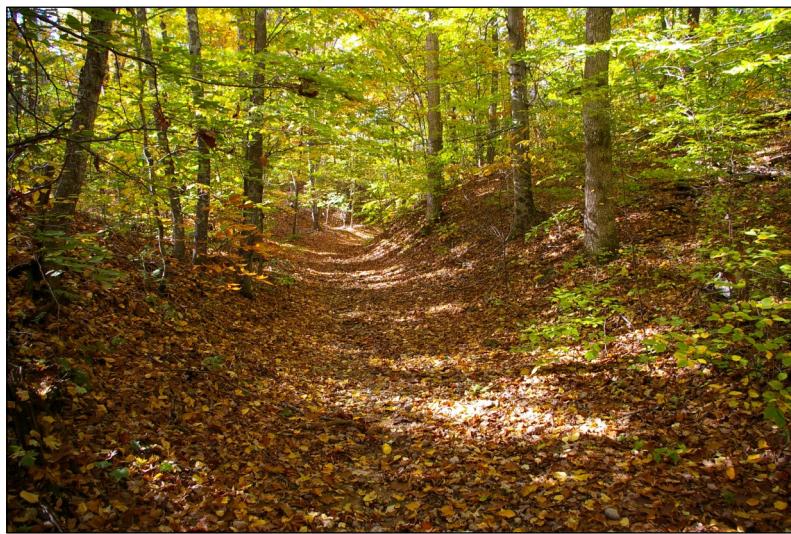
Robert Smith, East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.

Joseph Albuquerque, Economic Development Commission

Todd Gelston, Conservation Commission

The Open Space Committee has been part of several other applications, acquisitions and easements over the past 14 years.

2003	Lord Wellington Subdivision—Newberry Road—28.49 acres
2003	Urbanik property—Foxtown Cemetery Road—86 acres
2005	Gelston property—Daniels Road—purchase of a Conservation Easement—46.5 acres
2006	Lefebvre property—Jones Hill Road—117.6 acres
2008	The Patrell parcel—Baker Road—37.02 acres
2008	The Sabine parcel—Daniel Peck Road—70 acres
2009	Shugrue Property—273.8 acres—purchased 5/6 share of the property
2009	Lyons parcels #1—former Pizzini—28.5 acres
2009	Lyons Parcel #2—former Pizzini—38.3 acres
2009	Valenti et al property (Rose Farm)—Hemlock Valley Brook—68 acres
2011	Dean property—126 Parker Road—280 acre conservation easement
2011	Harris property—210 Mt. Parnassus Road—133.91 acres
2013	Pages Property—Mill Road—237 acres
2013	Zeiller Property—Clark Hill Road—96.52 acres
2015	Lena Property—Tater Hill and Babcock Road—207 acres
2015	Zeleznicky Property—Sarah Baker Road—19.26 acres



Daniel Peck Road near the Sabine Property

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission is charged with recommending and regulating the most desirable use of land within the town. Zoning regulations are in place to provide guidance for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and conservation land use.

The Commission also makes recommendations regarding the infrastructure system of the town, including principal roads and bridges and general location and improvements concerning parks, public buildings, playgrounds and other public structures. All subdivision of land must be approved by the Commission and new businesses are reviewed through the special exception process and site plan review.

The Commission is guided by the Connecticut General Statutes, town zoning regulations and will refer to the Plan of Conservation and Development when applicable. These regulations were developed to encourage the most appropriate use of the land in accordance with the comprehensive zoning plan, their purpose is to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, flood and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare, to provide adequate light and air, to prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population and to facilitate the adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. They were enacted and are continually amended with reasonable consideration as to character of the district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses with a view to conserving property values and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout East Haddam.

Zoning regulations are enacted with reasonable consideration for the protection of historic factors and for the protection of existing and potential public surface and ground drinking water supplies and proper provisions for sedimentation and erosion control. The regulations also encourage energy- efficient patterns of development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy and energy conservation.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year the Planning and Zoning Commission processed three subdivision applications, three were approved, creating seven new building lots. The Commission also approved 20 Special Exception/Site Plan applications, one lot line revision and 51 zoning permits, including eight single family dwellings.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Town Grange at 7:15 pm, with the exception of holidays.

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman
James Curtin, Vice Chairman
Kevin Matthews, Secretary
Bernard Gillis
Edmund Gubbins
Martha Hansen
Richard Pettinelli
Louis Salicrup
Jessica Stone
Harvey Thomas

PUBLIC WORKS

Once again the devoted staff in the Public Works Department provided quality and professional public service to the residents of East Haddam and distinguished themselves in fiscal year 2015 with many accomplishments.

The Transfer Station continues to serve the public in an orderly and efficient manner. The total combined tonnage of municipal solid waste and bulky waste handled at the Transfer Station was 4,072 tons. This is a 6.7% increase from fiscal year 2014. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 1,112 tons. This is a 21.1% increase from fiscal year 2014. With the continued effort of every resident the town can continue to increase recycling and save the town in disposal fees.

The following is an overview of some of the work accomplished by the Highway Department during the year:

- Clark Hill Road was fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- Again this year the town crew placed asphalt to shim and repair roads instead of chip sealing. More than 3,000 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of July/August/September 2014 and June 2015. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Palmer Martin Road, Porges Road, Petticoat Lane, Bashan Road, Robbie Road, North Moodus Road, Creamery Road, Whip-O-Whill Terrace and Ray Hill Road. In addition sections of the parking lots at the Transfer Station and Elementary School were repaired.
- One new truck was obtained to replace aging equipment.
- The preliminary design for the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge over the Moodus River has begun. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted to conduct this phase of the project. The bridge replacement is part of the Federal Local Bridge Program.
- Annual maintenance of 119 miles of town roads was completed in accordance with a schedule of regular work. This program includes sweeping, line painting, mowing, street sign replacement, grading of

RECREATION COMMISSION

more than 15 miles of unpaved roads, tree trimming, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.

We also continue to assist other departments throughout the year including the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation, Agriculture Commission, Conservation Commission and the East Haddam Land Trust.

Overall, the winter of 2014-2015 was above average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 20 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on November 26, 2014 and the final storm occurred on March 21, 2015. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 70 inches. In spite of a difficult winter the highway department responded in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe.

I would like to thank the Public Works staff for their continued commitment, proficiency and dependability in maintaining and improving our infrastructure. We look forward to continuing to work with and serve the residents.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth S. Lunt
Public Works Administrator



The graphic features a dark grey background with white and light blue text. At the top is a soccer ball icon. Below it, the text 'EAST HADDAM PARKS & RECREATION' is displayed in a large, stylized font. To the left, a vertical list of statistics: '10 COACHES', '98 PLAYERS', '1 PUPPY', and '1,000,000 SMILES'. To the right, the words 'KNOWN FOR ~ HEART & HUSTLE' are arranged with a wavy line. At the bottom left is a yellow trophy icon with a star. To the right, the year '2014' is written vertically, followed by the words 'SOCCER SEASON'.

East Haddam Parks and Recreation Department seeks to create recreational opportunities for the growth and enhancement of all community members by developing diverse programs that promote citizen involvement and a strong sense of community while striving to increase the social, cultural and physical well-being of its residents. We believe that working in cooperation with local businesses, organizations and community members we can achieve success in meeting the needs of all residents.

The East Haddam Recreation Commission is comprised of nine East Haddam residents who volunteer to guide the best practices and policies of the Recreation Department. They promote healthy, positive recreational activities for our community. The Commission has an advisory role in the following areas: departmental budget, capital improvement plan, Needs Assessment, Long Range Plan, the development and implementation of community programs, park maintenance, recommendations for improvements and advancements in all areas. The Commission's dedication is an invaluable resource for the East Haddam community.

The East Haddam Recreation Department is proud of the healthy recreational opportunities that are diverse, engaging and trendsetting. These parks include a Dog Park, Skate Park, Tennis Courts, a preschool playground (off school property for use during school hours), a beach that includes a pavilion and bathrooms, Nichols Field that includes soccer and baseball fields and an outdoor basketball court and the current process and development of a two-acre multi use "green space" which would accommodate any field sport for all ages. Our department is one of the largest seasonal employers of local teens, as well as offering numerous opportunities for high school senior projects, college internships and volunteers of all ages. This diversity brings a richness of experience and a wealth of sharing to our programs that is so special in our beautiful town.

East Haddam Parks and Recreation offers programs for all East Haddam residents. Our Music on the River summer concert series consistently draws over 1,000 attendees per week as we gather to enjoy wonderful concerts with friends and neighbors and they are funded completely by donations. Other popular programs include Day Camps, for ages 3 to grade 8; adult and youth sports and leisure activities, swimming lessons, Bootcamp, yoga, art classes, music lessons, soccer, basketball, after school programs, Public Safety classes including EMT, CPR and Safe Boating classes, to name a few. Our department has something for everyone—and is always open to trying something new!

With continued gratitude, we thank our sponsor, Shagbark, who provided T-Shirts to all of the youth basketball and soccer players for the past 20+ years!

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Quinn, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The East Haddam Registrars supported a Republican Primary for State offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Comptroller on August 12, 2014 and the General Election for State of Connecticut offices on November 4, 2014.

On March 24, 2015, an Open Space referendum was held. A budget referendum was held May 5, 2015 and a referendum for Capital Improvements (Old NHRMS conversion to town offices, elementary school renovations, firehouse upgrades and communication tower upgrades) was held on June 16, 2015. Everything on all three referenda passed.

Registrars recruited and trained poll workers for these events and supported moderator training. Moderators (persons in charge of elections or referenda) must now be certified every two years. This requires both online and classroom training and testing as required, developed and supervised by the Secretary of State's Office (SOTS), through the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC).

As of June, 2015, East Haddam had 5,779 registered voters: Democrats 1,702, Republicans 1,288, Unaffiliated 2,732 and minor parties such as the Green, Independent, Libertarian or Working Families, 57. This total was an increase of 63 voters from June 2014. Sixteen of the new voters were registered at Nathan Hale-Ray High School during a special voter registration event.

The Registrars also conducted the yearly Canvass, which checks and updates the voter list to make sure it is correct. The list is also updated weekly from information and requests provided by citizens to SOTS, the Department of Motor Vehicles, our East Haddam Town Clerk and our East Haddam Registrars Office.

ROVAC conferences, Middlesex County ROVAC meetings and SOTS conferences were attended by the Registrars. These gatherings provide educational opportunities for Registrars to review and update Election laws and policies.

Our official polling place is the Nathan Hale-Ray High School on School Street in Moodus. Referenda are held at the Town Meeting Hall on Town Street, East Haddam. With the passing of the June referendum, we are looking forward to an eventual permanent polling center, in the new East Haddam office building.

We wish to thank all who help keep our Democracy working: our town crew, our poll workers, our sign placement volunteers and our voters!

Respectfully submitted,
Registrars:

Laurie W. Alt and Lucy Yacovino
Deputy Registrars:
Laurie Bennett and Martha Hansen

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/ EAST HADDAM POLICE

Our department remained staffed by two full-time and four part-time East Haddam Officers as well as one Resident State Trooper.

Officer Thomas Griffith retired from the department effective July 2015 after 27 years of service. We would like to thank Officer Griffith for his commitment to our town and wish him well.

Officers are supplemental responders to medical emergencies in the town. In March 2015, we increased our scope of practice and became certified to carry Naloxone (Narcan) Kits. Narcan is a lifesaving medication used to reverse the effects of opioids in drug overdoses.

Police responded to over 7,100 calls for service during the year. Additionally, compared to the prior fiscal year, we have seen a drastic reduction in several types of crimes including larcenies (from 70 to 48) and burglaries (58 to 16).

We can be contacted at 860-873-5041 or via email at police@easthaddam.org. You can also use our Tip-Line to provide confidential information at 860-873-5013.

The members of our department remain committed to making East Haddam a safe community to live, work and visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Trooper Ian Hawes
Corp. George Corbeil
Corp. Craig Mansfield
Corp. Karl Karabeinikoff
Officer Thomas Griffith
Officer Mark Creighton
Officer Jeffrey Rhoades

POLICE STATISTICS	
Homicide	0
Kidnapping/ Abduction	0
Narcotics (Sale of or Possession)	11
Assaults	2
Liquor Law Violations	1
Fires/Arson	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Injuries)	74
Motor Vehicle Accidents (With Injuries)	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Fatal)	1
Burglaries	16
Sex Assaults/Offenses	0
Disturbances/ Harassment	54
Medical Assist	104
Criminal Mischief	18
Burglar Alarms (Actual and False)	404
DUI	13
Missing Persons	4
Traffic Enforcement	1,265
Untimely Deaths	5
Trespassing	1
Weapons/Issues Offenses	4
Suspicious Incidents	183
Disabled Vehicles/ Traffic Services	197
Assist Other Agencies	176
Assist Citizens/ Administrative Duties	777
Larcenies	48
Patrol Checks	3,752

SENIOR SERVICES



The Senior Services Department works to support our senior community by providing programs and resources that enhance the quality of life.

Our attendance numbers have been increasing. During the past year, there were over 21,000 sign-ins at the Senior Center; the prior year's sign-ins were 16,000. Weekly activities include exercise programs, crafts, as well as organized card and board games. And, of course, BINGO once a month! Use of our exercise equipment is increasing and more people are taking advantage of our technology tutors. The walking path located in Heritage Park has become very popular and is used by community members of all ages.

The Center is also a resource for Medicare counseling, benefits screening, tax preparation, financial planning, fuel assistance and AARP driving classes. The Center promotes "good health" screenings (blood pressure checks, hearing and vision assessments), educational wellness seminars (dangers of stress, coping with chronic illnesses, Medical Directives, healthy eating, flu shots etc.) and monthly appointments with a massage therapist. Twice a year, the Center hosts a blood drive.

This past spring, the Center hosted its first ever *Healthy Living Expo*.

The Senior Center hosted many events during the year, such as picnics, pot luck suppers, holiday parties,



East Haddam Senior Center Volunteer Reception

craft/tag sales, bake sales and our annual volunteer reception.

The *Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program* delivered over 5,600 meals to the home bound. Daily lunches (over 2,900) were also provided weekdays at the Senior Center Café.

People with transportation needs are driven to doctor appointments and to surrounding communities for shopping. The senior bus was utilized for recreational events that included trips to theaters, concerts, museums, dinner shows and the casino as well as day cruises to sightseeing venues in Connecticut.

This year, the Center and the Commission on Aging (COA) initiated an outreach program. Volunteers are visiting the seniors in our community who are not utilizing the services available at the Senior Center. The



East Haddam Senior of the Year Ellie Breinan (center) with Brad Parker and Suzanne Bostelman, President of the Senior Club at the Volunteer Reception

goal is to acquaint our citizens with the many services that are available as well as the social activities.

Intergenerational programs are important to the seniors. This past summer, we were fortunate to have two high school age volunteer interns. They assisted our seniors with their projects and activities and, most importantly, tutored many regarding new cell phones! Every spring, we appreciate the efforts of the VoAg students who beautify the grounds.

It is the spirit of community and volunteerism of our residents that gives us the ability to provide these valued services. Ellie Breinan was named "Senior Citizen of the Year" in recognition of all she does for our community. Many thanks to all our volunteers for the support!

Brad Parker
Senior Services Director
Municipal Agent

SHARED SERVICES



Shared Services consolidated the common areas of finance, facilities and technology for the Town and Board of Education at a lower cost to the East Haddam taxpayers while delivering quality services to citizens and staff. Shared Services works closely with all areas of Town Government and the Board of Education to best serve the residents of the Town of East Haddam.

2014-2015 accomplishments, include but are not limited to:

- Completed implementation of \$525 thousand school security grant.
- Completed implementation of \$311 thousand school technology grant providing greater technology infrastructure and access to computers for our students.
- The annual town audit was completed with an unqualified audit opinion.
- Worked closely with the four major building project committees – municipal complex, town-wide emergency radio system, elementary school renovations and firehouse renovations. The projects were approved at referendum on June 16, 2015.

Shared Services will work closely with the four committees in the upcoming months and years to implement these projects.

- The Finance Department completed the upgrade of the accounting system and implementation of the soon to be required by the State Unified Chart of Accounts. Our



Route 82 Bridge Construction

community was the first in the State to implement a common accounting system for both the municipality and school district utilizing the Uniform Chart of Accounts. We were awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State of Connecticut to assist in the costs of the upgrade and implementing a Unified Chart of Accounts.

- As part of the school technology grant and our technology plan, the technology department deployed six laptop carts, 70 staff laptops and two ChromeBook carts.
- The Shared Services Department had oversight of numerous grants to the town totaling over \$2.5 million dollars – to include the pass through grant for improvements to the Oak Grove Senior Housing as well as grants for education, public works, public safety, recreation and town government.
- Worked with the First Selectman and Superintendent to negotiate lower rates for fuel oil for all town and school buildings. An estimated two-year savings of \$400,000.
- Worked with the First Selectman to secure USDA financing for the municipal facilities complex – 3.625% interest rate.

The Shared Services Department looks forward to working cooperatively with the town and Board of Education to realize savings and to continue to be better stewards of the town's assets.

Kevin M. Reich, Interim Director of Facilities

Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director

Mark Knittel, IT Manager



First Selectman Mark Walter celebrating Route 82 Bridge replacement completion

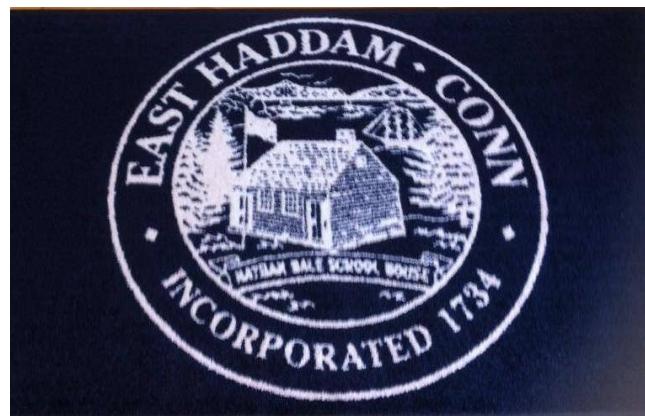
TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk's Office is one of the most visited offices in Town Hall. The Towns most important documents are entrusted to the Town Clerk. Getting married, having a baby, or buying the home of your dreams, the Town Clerk's Office is involved. Additionally, Military discharges, notary public registrations, liquor and burial and cremation permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions are among the many documents filed with the Clerk. The Town Clerk's Office issues various licenses such as dog, sporting and marriage. We endeavor to serve all of our customers with efficiency and professionalism. The Town Clerk's Office plays a major role for elections and referendum. The functions of the Office are governed by State Statute; the Town Clerk's Office is a major collector of revenue for the State of Connecticut as well as for the Town as indicated below:

Town Clerk Fees Collected 2014-2015	
Fees Collected	\$256,710
Portion Paid to State	\$99,466
Portion Town Retained	\$157,244
Pass thru directly to State	\$232,138

Highlights for the 2014-2015 year include:

- The Town Clerk volunteered as recording secretary to the Board of Finance. In recognition of the her volunteerism, the Clerk's office received a budgeted appropriation. The Clerk used those funds to purchase welcome mats with the town seal for her office and the Grange and Town Halls. In addition, sound equipment was purchased for use at town meetings.
- Recorded 1,946 documents on the land records (not including maps or foreclosure registrations).



Photograph of one of the new welcome mats purchased for Town Clerk's Office, Grange and Town Halls.

- The Town Clerk serves as one of three administrators maintaining the town's website.
- Applied for and received a \$3,000 grant from the State of Connecticut through the Historic Document Preservation Grant Fund.
- Continued an initiative to back scan images and tie them to the land record. This is a very labor intensive preservation project that has no costs associated with it. As of June 30, 2015 images are available back to 1994.
- Maintain 24/7 online accessibility to land records at uslandrecords.com.
- Promoted dog licensing through the top dog contest in coordination with the middle school.
- Recorded 71 births, 77 marriages and 92 death records.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Denette, Town Clerk
Beverly Christopher, Assistant Town Clerk



FFA students making syrup

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority serves the community in four main capacities. One is the oversight of the operation and maintenance of the East Haddam Village sewer treatment plant and collection system. The 2014-2015 fiscal year was the 15th year of full operations of the Town's sewer collection and treatment system. The flows averaged 14,000 gallons per day; which is just over 25% of system capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 34,000 gallons per day or 62% of the system's capacity. Over 96% of the pollutants are typically removed. Sludge is taken to Cromwell for disposal.

The second function of the authority is to review septic systems for large facilities that produce flows of over 5,000 gallons per day. It is the Authority's charge to ensure proper measures are in place for the continued proper operation and maintenance of these facilities.

The third is to work in conjunction with the other Commissions and Boards to review plans and proposals along with analyzing existing systems for their impact on East Haddam's natural resources. The Commission has endorsed a sewer avoidance program that is consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development. Sewer avoidance programs have been considered a useful and necessary tool to avoid urban sprawl inconsistent with historical or desired development patterns. The Authority concluded that sewer avoidance is appropriate as a policy for the entire town, but in particular, the many important ecological and recreational water resources areas including the Salmon, Eight Mile and Connecticut Rivers, Lake Hayward, Bashan Lake, Moodus Reservoir and Pickerel Lake.

The fourth duty of the Authority is its membership in the Southeastern Connecticut Water Utility Coordinating Committee process. This Committee's charge, as designated by Connecticut Public Act 85-535, is to insure a safe and adequate supply of water for all residents and to develop plans that meet the community's needs. The Town of East Haddam has been awarded with an Exclusive Service Area Declaration. The Authority will oversee the development of a water supply plan that covers the next fifty years.

In 2014 the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority was awarded a STEAP grant for \$99,000 to rehabilitate the treatment plant. New odor control systems were installed, the computer system was upgraded and structural elements were repaired.

The Authority meets on the first Tuesday of alternating months at the Town Office Annex at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

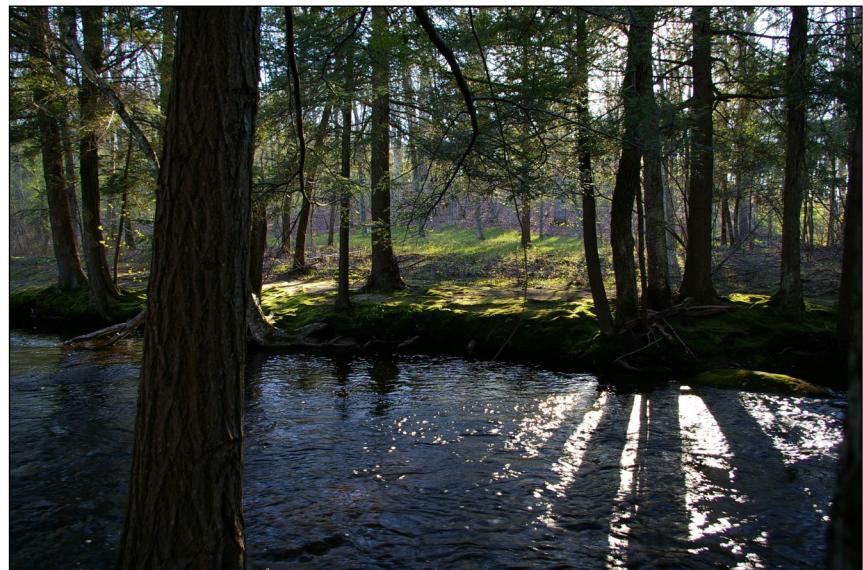
The Zoning Board of Appeals, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, heard a total of four cases. This is the same number as were heard in the last fiscal year. The four requests were for variances as noted below:

- Side yard setbacks for construction (2)
- Minimum lot area to convert from seasonal to year round use (1)
- Number of and size of accessory dwellings allowed on a property (1)

None of the above cases were appealed in court. No meetings were held in the months of July, November, December, January, February, April, May and June.

Board Members:

Stuart Wood, Chairman
J. Greg Daigle
Richard Fiala
Diane Quinn
William Smith
Laurie Alt (alternate)
2 alternate vacancies



View of Eight Mile River from Patrell Property

Andrew Lord, Chairman

Edward Blaschik

Robert Casner

Richard Fiala

Arthur Merrow

John Russell

Richard Pettinelli (alternate)

TOWN MEETINGS

Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

Republican Primary August 12, 2014

Republican Moderator Edmund Gubbins, Jr. declared the polls open at the Nathan Hale Ray High School gymnasium at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm with the following results being reported:

Governor

Thomas C. Foley	201
John P. McKinney	95

Lieutenant Governor

Penny Bacchiodi.....	107
Heather Somers	118
David M. Walker	68

Comptroller

Sharon J. McLaughlin	192
Angel Cadena	69



Special Town Meeting September 9, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twelve (12) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Kim Barrows seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Bob Casner seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mrs. Barrows motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve the written agreement with Eddie's Autobody Specialists, Inc. for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and that

Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he or she may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment.

Discussion was held. Mr. Simmons, Mr. Walter, Mrs. Barrows and Lynn Branscombe each spoke on the issue. It was determined that the abatement will equate to approximately \$1,200 over a three year period. It was noted that the assessed value of the expansion increased by approximately \$34,000.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a motion to approve the written agreement with Eddie's Autobody Specialists, Inc. for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and that Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he or she may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

Angie Jansky motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$5,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 2600 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mrs. Denette advised that this grant will continue a re-indexing project to computerize land records. Currently computerized records go back to 1955 with images from 1997. The project will pick up from 1955 and work backwards. She added that the scanning aspect of the project is being done in house. It was noted to be a very labor intensive project with no outside costs associated with it. To date the Clerk's Office has back scanned 360 volumes; which equates to over 125,000 pages.

TOWN MEETINGS

Mrs. Barrows commended the initiative that put the land records on line. There being no other discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 2600 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter motioned; Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000.00 and 10542070-51590-\$573.00).

Responsive to inquiry from Mrs. Barrows, Mr. Mansfield stated that this grant offsets the costs of salaries of emergency management personnel. He stated that .52 cents per capita is how the figure is derived at.

There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000.00 and 10542070-51590-\$573.00). The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jansky motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize five-year agreements with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, a contract for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services.

Several comments were raised; questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Jansky stated that she is concerned with the length of the contract as a resolution with the local haulers has not occurred. Mr. Walter stated that the current contract had expired, Willimantic Waste offered the best price for East Haddam and its nearest competitor, CRRA is presently unstable. The moderator called for a vote; the motion passed with Mrs. Branscombe and Mrs. Barrows objecting.

There being no further business, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Blaschik motioned; Mr. Casner seconded to adjourn at 8:27 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

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### Special Town Meeting September 18, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Brad Parker seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Parker motioned to accept the call as presented. Joanne Roczniaik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Parker seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$7,300 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the East Haddam Police Department for a 300M Speed Trailer (revenue account 33050-4300-G1401 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1401).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, Mr. Walter described the need to address speed throughout town. No other discussion was held. The Moderator called for a vote to accept a gift in the amount of \$7,300 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the East Haddam Police Department for a 300M Speed Trailer (revenue account 33050-43000-G1401 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1401). The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Roczniaik motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$8,700 from the Consumers Union of United States Inc. for welcome signs throughout town. (revenue account 33050-43000-G1402 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1402).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, Mr. Walter noted that the current signs are in

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very poor condition. No other discussion was held. The Moderator called for a vote to accept a gift in the amount of \$8,700 from the consumers union of United States Inc. for welcome signs throughout town (revenue account 33050-43000-G1402 and expense account 3305511-58820-G1402. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mrs. Rocznak seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$791,210 under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to public law 93-3.83 as amended for the Oak Grove Senior Housing Rehabilitation Project

In furtherance of this resolution, Mark B. Walter, the first selectman is duly authorized to execute an assistance agreement with the state of Connecticut for state financial assistance on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Mark B. Walter currently holds the office of first selectman and has held that office since November 7, 2007. The first selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

Mr. Parker identified the scope of the project to refurbish windows, and doors, kitchens, replace the roof, and provide a generator. The Town will provide a matching grant in the form of administrative duties to in connection with the grant. He further stated that this is the same process the Town understood when the property was built in the 1980's.

There being no additional discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for a vote to accept a grant in the amount of \$791,210 under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to public law 93-3.83 as amended for the Oak Grove Senior Housing Rehabilitation Project.

In furtherance of this resolution, Mark B. Walter, the first selectman is duly authorized to execute an assistance agreement with the state of Connecticut for state financial assistance on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Mark B. Walter currently holds the office of first selectman and has held that office since November 7, 2007. The first selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection

with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further items, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Parker motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Mrs. Rocznak seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.



### Special Town Meeting October 16, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bob Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Casner motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Walter motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize a transfer of \$50,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund to the Capital Projects Facilities Evaluation budget to conduct an environmental study to determine necessary abatements, for architectural fees to redesign the building, for a second construction cost estimate and for the continued services of the construction management firm as requested by the Municipal Facilities Advisory Group for the conversion of the former Middle School.

Mr. Walter stated that this expenditure will enable the project to be brought to referendum. He stated that the town has been approved for approximately \$20,000,000 in USDA loans at a maximum interest rate of 4%. He stated that the Board of Finance has determined that the town can afford a debt load of \$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000 for all projects. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Walter with the assistance of representatives from O & G.

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The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to authorize \$50,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund to the Capital Projects Facilities Evaluation budget to conduct an environmental study to determine necessary abatements, for architectural fees to redesign the building, for a second construction cost estimate and for the continued services of the construction management firm as requested by the Municipal Facilities Advisory Group for the conversion of the former Middle School. The motion carried. Two nay votes were recorded. (Bob Casner and Dave Denette).

Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant for Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656) over the Moodus River at a total cost of \$30,200 with a 20% municipal share in the amount of \$70,040 and 80% Federal share in the amount of \$280,160 and to appropriate the sum of \$70,040 for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge

No 04656) acknowledging that there may be temporary borrowing from the General Fund to pay for costs prior to their reimbursement by grants for the Federal share in the amount of \$280,160.

Be it further resolved, that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, be and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of East Haddam for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in conjunction with the Replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656) over the Moodus River utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program.

Questions were asked and answered.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote accepting a grant for Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Mr. Denette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.



**2014 STATE ELECTION  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014  
East Haddam Results (amended)**

| Office                     | Candidate           | Record of votes                           | Total              |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Governor                   | Foley & Somers      | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1,872<br>125<br>11 |
|                            | Malloy & Wyman      | Democratic<br>Working families<br>Unknown | 1,462<br>77<br>18  |
|                            | Visconti & Harris   | Petitioning candidate                     | 65                 |
| Representative in Congress | L. Hopkins-Cavanagh | Republican                                | 1,412              |
|                            | Joe Courtney        | Democratic<br>Working families<br>Unknown | 1,863<br>181<br>15 |
|                            | William Clyde       | Green Party                               | 42                 |
|                            | Daniel Reale        | Libertarian                               | 37                 |
| State Senator              | Art Linares         | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1,925<br>146<br>7  |
|                            | Emily Bjornberg     | Democratic<br>Working families<br>Unknown | 1,349<br>100<br>6  |

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| 2014 STATE ELECTION<br>East Haddam Results (amended)                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                                           |                    |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Office                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Candidate            | Record of votes                           | Total              |                |
| State Representative                                                                                                                                                                                       | Melissa Ziobron      | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 2,299<br>264<br>15 | 2,578          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mimi Perrotti        | Democratic                                | 1,016              | 1,016          |
| Secretary of the State                                                                                                                                                                                     | Peter Lumaj          | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1,677<br>133<br>4  | 1,814          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Denise Merrill       | Democratic<br>Working families<br>Unknown | 1,525<br>95<br>6   | 1,626          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | S. Michael DeRosa    | Green Party                               | 82                 | 82             |
| Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Timothy Herbst       | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1747<br>157<br>6   | 1,910          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Denise Nappier       | Democratic<br>Working Families<br>Unknown | 1,474<br>121<br>7  | 1,602          |
| Comptroller                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sharon J. McLaughlin | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1,597<br>140<br>0  | 1,737          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Kevin Lembo          | Democratic<br>Working Families<br>Unknown | 1,541<br>108<br>8  | 1,657          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Rolf W. Maurer       | Green Party                               | 61                 | 61             |
| Attorney General                                                                                                                                                                                           | Kie Westby           | Republican<br>Independent<br>Unknown      | 1,481<br>103<br>0  | 1,584          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | George Jepsen        | Democratic<br>Working Families<br>Unknown | 1,714<br>123<br>8  | 1,845          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Stephen E. Fournier  | Green Party                               | 84                 | 84             |
| Judge of Probate                                                                                                                                                                                           | Jennifer Berkenstock | Republican                                | 2,460              | 2,460          |
| Registrar of Voters                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lucy Yacovino        | Republican                                | 1,683              | 1,683          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Laurie Alt           | Democratic                                | 1,611              | 1,611          |
| Question: Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election? |                      |                                           | Yes<br>No          | 1,531<br>1,909 |
| 5,834 eligible voters<br>3,678 voters checked as having voting<br>164 Absentee ballots processed<br>54 Election Day Registration ballots cast                                                              |                      |                                           |                    |                |

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### Annual Town Meeting December 29, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Eight (8) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Dave Denette seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walters motioned to close nominations, Nancy Walters seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Denette motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Walter seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Walter motioned, Lynn Branscombe seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Mr. Walter advised that this action enables the Town to accept State funding for roadways.

There being no further discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Denette seconded that the Legislative Body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Legislative Body of the Town of East Haddam endorses the towns participation in the UCOA conversion grant program (single entity) administered by the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with Sections 8 and 32 of public act 13-247. In addition, the legislative body authorized Mark B. Walter, First Selectmen of the town of East Haddam to act on this endorsement by submitting a proposal and performing necessary

administrative actions to enter into a binding agreement with the office of policy and management according to the terms of the UCOA grant program. Copies of such proposal are on file in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Mrs. Denette advised that UCOA stands for Unified Chart of Accounts. Mr. Walter advised that the Town is ahead of many other towns and has already converted to this type of accounting. He stated that, if approved, this application would provide the town \$30,000 for this conversion. He stated that costs attributable to the unified chart of accounts is \$21,000. Mr. Denette asked if the \$21,000 was an annual cost or a one-time cost. Mr. Walter stated that he believed it was an annual cost.

The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further items, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tripputi motioned, Ms. Branscombe seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm.



### Special Town Meeting February 3, 2015

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Eight (8) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Robert Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. First Selectman Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Nancy Walters seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Mr. Casner motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Walter motioned, Lynn Branscombe seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014.

Mr. Walter apologized that the report was presented later than usual.

There being no further discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for a vote accepting the annual report. The motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further items for discussion, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tripputi motioned, Mr. Casner seconded to adjourn at 8:02 pm.



## Special Town Meeting March 12, 2015

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately fifty (50) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Laurie Alt motioned to close nominations, TJ Tarbox seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Pete Govert motioned to accept the call as presented. Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Walter motioned, Rob Smith provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

**RESOLVED:** That the Sidewalk Ordinance adopted by Town Meeting, April 6, 1988 be amended to include the following paragraph (g)(1)(2)(3) as follows:

(g)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other General Statutes, or any other General Statute or Special Act, the Town of East Haddam shall not be liable to any person injured in person or property caused by the presence of ice or snow on a public sidewalk unless the Town of East Haddam is the owner or the person in possession and control of land abutting such sidewalk, other than land used as a highway or street, provided that the Town of East Haddam shall be liable for its affirmative acts with respect to such sidewalk.

(2) The owner or person in possession and control of land abutting a public sidewalk shall have the same duty of care with respect to the

presence of ice or snow on such sidewalk abutting his property as the municipality had prior to the effective date of this section, adopted pursuant to the provisions of Public Act No. 81-340 (C.G.S. § 7-163a) and shall be liable to persons injured in person or property where a breach of said duty is the proximate cause of said injury.

(3) No action to recover damages for injury to the person or to property caused by the presence of ice or snow on a public sidewalk against a person who owns or is in possession and control of land abutting a public sidewalk shall be brought but within two years from the date when the injury is first sustained.

Mr. Walter advised that this ordinance amendment was requested by the insurance carrier CIRMA to limit our exposure. Comments were noted by Mr. Will Brady, Mr. Rob Smith and Mr. TJ Tarbox. There being no further comment, the Moderator called for a vote regarding acceptance of the amendment to the sidewalk ordinance. The Ordinance Amendment carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Peter Govert motioned and Mrs. Anita Ballek provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

**RESOLVED**, that a grant in an amount of \$6,000.00 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to provide funding for Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant "Moodus Reservoir Pilot Project Test, Effectiveness of Herbicides to Control Fanwort and Variable Milfoil on 25 Acres" (revenue account 33050-43000-G1501 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1501) upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Personal Service Agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is in the best interest of the Town of East Haddam to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

**IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION**, Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Mark B Walter currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since November 7, 2007. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection

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with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Mr. Walter noted the partnership created between the Lakes Association and the Town and added that this partnership makes this grant.

Mr. Tarbox provided comments regarding the methodology for the weed control, to which Mr. Walter responded. There being no other comment, the Moderator called for a vote accepting a \$6,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide funding for control of aquatic invasive species "Moodus Reservoir Pilot project test". The motion carried via voice vote with Mr. Tarbox voicing a lone nay.

Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Smith provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that a grant in an amount of \$9,050 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to provide funding for Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant "Lake Hayward Invasive Aquatic Plants Mitigation" (revenue account 33050-43000-G1502 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1502) upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Personal Service Agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is in the best interest of the Town of East Haddam to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

**IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION**, Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Mark B. Walter currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since November 7, 2007. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Mr. Walter stated that similar to the last item, this grant is for Lake Hayward. He noted that because of the draw down, Bashan Lake was ineligible. The Moderator solicited questions or comments, hearing none, she called for a vote: The vote authorizing a \$9,050 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide funding for Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant "Lake Hayward Invasive Aquatic Plants Mitigation" carried unanimously via voice vote.

Will Brady motioned, Edward Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider

and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$5,000 for the Rathbun Library for the repair of the cupola (revenue account 33250-43000-C0032 and expense account 33250013-58926-C0032).

Mr. Walter advised that this repair has already been made and that it was funded by a donor who wished to remain anonymous. Responsive to inquiry from the audience, it was noted that Dennis Coburn did the work.

There being no further discussion, The moderator called for a vote authorizing the acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$5,000 for the Rathbun library for the repair of the cupola. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mansfield motioned, Mr. Merrow seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the First Selectman to enter into two-year agreements from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 with East River Energy for #2 heating oil at \$2.2749/gallon and diesel fuel at \$2.2929/gallon .

Mr. Walter advised that this is a significant savings over the current contract, and will result in an approximate \$400,000 savings. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Brady, Mr. Walter clarified that both the Board of Education and Town Government will benefit from these lowered prices and that the total savings is approximately \$400,000.

There being no further inquiry the Moderator called for a vote authorizing the First Selectman to enter into two-year agreements from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 with East River Energy for #2 heating oil at \$2.2749/gallon and diesel fuel at \$2.2929/gallon. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Lastly the Moderator brought forward item #6 and #7 together for discussion only:

(a) to appropriate \$127,500 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 19.26 acres of land or rights therein located on Sarah Baker Road (also known as the Zeleznicky property) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot #10 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #43 for open space purposes, such as, but not limited to, preservation, conservation, recreation and forestry, including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended,

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or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$127,500 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$78,000, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

AND

(a) to appropriate \$767,000 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 207 acres of land or rights therein located on Tater Hill Road and Babcock Road (also known as the Lena property) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot #62 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #22 for open space purposes, such as, but not limited to, preservation, conservation, recreation and forestry, including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$767,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$487,500, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolutions are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut for the use or inspection of any interested person.

All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above items numbered six and seven on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the electors and citizens of the Town who are eligible to vote at town meetings by voting

machine. The aforesaid items shall be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$127,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 19.26 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZELEZNICKY PROPERTY LOCATED ON SARAH BAKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$767,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 207 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE LENA PROPERTY LOCATED ON TATER HILL ROAD AND BABCOCK ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

The vote will be conducted on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, during the hours from twelve o'clock p.m. to eight o'clock p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, Town Street, East Haddam, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing the resolution will vote "No".

Mrs. Denette requested Mr. Ventres to make a presentation regarding the properties in question.

Mr. Ventres made a comprehensive presentation identifying the parcels, their size and location, the reasons the parcels were selected and how they fit into the "green belt" being assembled. The State's open space goals, along with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development were reviewed.

Mrs. Denette opened the floor for comments. The following speakers offered comments:

Lynn Branscombe  
Candy Karle  
Steve from Shanaghan Road  
Todd Gelston

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Lou Fafn  
TJ Tarbox  
Charlotte Gelston  
Tracey Gionta  
Michelle Grant  
Will Brady  
Linda Stuhlman  
Ed Blaschik  
Rob Smith

Mrs. Denette advised that absentee ballots would be available beginning tomorrow morning.

Mr. Walter motioned that the legislative body herein assembled adjourn to referendum to be held here on March 24, 2015 at noon. Mr. Brady seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously at 9:04 pm.



## March 24, 2015 Open Space Referendum Old Town Hall

Moderator Louis Salicrup opened the polls at 12:00 noon and declared the polls closed at 8:00 pm. The following results were announced at 8:08 pm.

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$127,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 19.26 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZELEZNICKY PROPERTY LOCATED ON SARAH BAKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

Yes: 591  
No: 473

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$767,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 207 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE LENA PROPERTY LOCATED ON TATER HILL ROAD AND BABCOCK ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO

MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

Yes: 599  
No: 464

1,064 votes were cast, 10 via absentee.



## Special Town Meeting April 21, 2015

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:03 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately forty (40) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Laurie Alt motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Kathy Klinck seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Bruce Dutch motioned to close nominations, Bob Bennett seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Craig Mansfield motioned to accept the call as presented. Mrs. Alt seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mrs. Denette noted that item #1 has been removed by the Board of Selectmen to referendum;

**Item #1** to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$30,288,121 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut, are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$30,288,121, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2015-2016 be approved?

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The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on May 5, 2014.

Opportunity for discussion was held. No comments or questions were raised.

**Item 2.** Ms. Klinck motioned that the legislative body herein assembled vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 5, 2015. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion.

Opportunity for comment was offered. Mrs. Alt advocated for a noon start time. She stated that opportunity for absentee balloting was available and that it is more cost effective. Mrs. Yacovino stated that with the recent open space referendum over 1,100 voters came out during the shorter timeframe. Responsive to an inquiry from William DiCristofaro, it was noted that the cost differential was approximately 1,200.

The Moderator called for a vote to open the polls at 6:00 am for the May 5, 2015 referendum. She advised that a Nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon, as per State Statute. The motion to open the polls at 6:00 am carried by a vote conducted by the show of hands 16 yea, 5 nay.

The meeting adjourned to referendum on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00 am. upon a motion made by Ms. Klinck and seconded by Harvey Thomas and carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:13 pm.



### Budget Referendum May 5, 2015

Moderator Louis Salicrup declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm for the budget referendum held on May 5, 2015:

SHALL THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM  
BUDGET OF \$30,288,121, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF  
FINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BE  
APPROVED?

The Moderator read the following results at 8:08 pm

Yes: 557  
No: 277

Budget declared passed. 834 ballot were cast, including four by absentee.

### Special Meeting June 4, 2015

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:02 pm at the Old Town Hall, Town Street, Approximately 70 people were in attendance. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and an announcement made regarding the High School Girls softball team victory in the Regional State tournament.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Mrs. Denette as Moderator. Brad Parker seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Joe Szech motioned to close nominations, Laurie Alt seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Mrs. Denette to serve as moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Craig Mansfield motioned to accept the call of the meeting as read, Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as read carried unanimously via voice vote..

The Moderator stated that the Selectmen have removed all items on the call to be voted upon at referendum to be held on June 16, 2015; accordingly, there will be discussion regarding each item, however, voting will not occur at this meeting.

The first item for discussion is the appropriation of \$2,707,000 for costs related to improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$2,707,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate. The question to be voted upon at referendum is as follows:

"Shall the resolution entitled,  
'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN  
APPROPRIATION OF \$2,707,000 FOR  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EAST HADDAM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE  
FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY  
THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN  
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,707,000,  
be approved? Yes or No. The ballot label for  
said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate \$2,707,000 for  
improvements at the East Haddam Elementary

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School and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes of the Town in the same amount to finance such appropriation? Yes or No.

The Moderator solicited questions and comments. T. J. Tarbox inquired about asbestos abatement, to which Mr. Mansfield responded. There being no further questions, the Moderator moved on to the next item.

To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution: to appropriate \$508,000 for costs related to improvements to the Town Street Firehouse (Company No. 1) and the Moodus Firehouse (Company No. 2); (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$508,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate. The question to be voted upon at referendum is:

Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$508,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN STREET AND MOODUS FIREHOUSES AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$508,000,' be approved? Yes or No. The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate \$508,000 for improvements to the Town Street and Moodus Firehouses and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes of the Town in the same amount to finance such appropriation? Yes or No.

Questions and comments were brought forward by Mr. Tarbox, Lynne Branscombe, Rob Smith, Bob Casner, Craig Mansfield and Ed Smith. There being no further comment, the Moderator moved onto the next item.

To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution: to appropriate \$2,100,000 for costs related to certain town-wide radio system improvements; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, general fund monies

and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

The question to be voted upon at referendum is:

"Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,100,000 FOR TOWN-WIDE RADIO SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000,' be approved? Yes or No. The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate \$2,100,000 for town-wide radio system improvements and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation? Yes or No. The Moderator solicited comments and questions, nothing was brought forward.

Lastly, the Legislative body herein assembled was asked to consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution to appropriate \$15,000,000 for costs related to the conversion of the former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School building for municipal offices; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate. The question to be voted upon at referendum is:

"Shall the resolution entitled, 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000,000 FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE FORMER NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000,' be approved? Yes or No. The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000,000 for the conversion of the former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School building for municipal offices and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation? Yes or No.

Mr. Walter reviewed the history of the project. Mrs. Varricchio reviewed the financial planning that

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has occurred to fund it. Comments and questions were raised or addressed by:

Candy Karl  
Barbara Wilkinson  
Rob Smith  
Todd Gelston  
Jim Ventres  
David Stein (Silver Petruccelli)  
Bob Smith  
Bob Casner  
Brad Parker  
Craig Mansfield  
TJ Tarbox  
Bill Cross  
Cindy Varricchio  
Dawn Chapin  
Frank Pach  
Lynn Branscombe  
Mark Walter

Topics discussed included, but not limited to mold issues, costs over runs, new construction versus rehabilitation, Clerk of the works. Contingencies, well and septic, demolition costs, economic development, location, conversions of old schools to town halls in other towns, asbestos abatement, gymnasium needs, parking, and cost of financing.

The Moderator reminded those speaking to direct their comments to her and not to engage in open debate. At 9:45 the Moderator ended discussion and stated that the vote will be conducted on Tuesday June 16, 2015 during the hour from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall, Town Street, East Haddam, CT. She also advised that absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office beginning tomorrow morning. Voters approving the resolution will vote yes and voters opposing the resolution will vote no.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rob Smith, seconded by Mr. Ventres the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm to referendum on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:00 am.



June 16, 2015

### Capital Projects Multi-Question Referendum Old Town Hall

Moderator Louis Salicrup declared the polls open at 6:00 am on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 for a capital projects multi question referendum. The Moderator closed the polls at 8:00 pm. At 8:08 pm the following results were presented. The Moderator declared all four questions passed, and reviewed the votes for each question as follows:

"Shall the Town appropriate \$2,707,000 for improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes of the Town in the same amount to finance such appropriation?

Yes: 823

No: 501

"Shall the Town appropriate \$508,000 for improvements to the Town Street and Moodus Firehouses and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes of the Town in the same amount to finance such appropriation?

Yes: 1,014

No: 309

"Shall the Town appropriate \$2,100,000 for town-wide radio system improvements and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Yes: 859

No: 459

"Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000,000 for the conversion of the former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School building for municipal offices and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Yes: 685

No: 635

1,341 voters and tax payers cast their votes at the polls, and an additional 17 votes were cast via absentee ballot for a total voter count of 1,358.



### Special Meeting June 30, 2015

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Town Street. Seven (7) people were in attendance. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Mrs. Denette as Moderator. First Selectman Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Bob Casner seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Mrs. Denette to serve as moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Casner

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motioned to accept the call of the meeting as presented, Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1**, Mr. Casner motioned, Ernie Malavasi provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program", approved by the East Haddam Town Meeting on June 30, 2010 be amended and restated in its entirety to expand program capabilities from the original document. Said amended and restated text is on file at the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

Mr. Simmons, the Town's Economic Development Coordinator explained that the resolution/ordinance allows the municipality to use more fully the authority that is provided within the State Statute as an incentive to both retain and attract business. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The vote accepting the ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program", carried unanimously via voice vote as follows:

## **Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the "Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance" be added to the East Haddam Code of Ordinances.

### **A. Tax and Business Incentive Program; Authority**

Subject to Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS") Sec. 12-65b and Sec. 12-65h, the Town of East Haddam (sometimes referred to herein as the "Town") may, by affirmative vote of its legislative body, enter into a written agreement with any party owning or proposing to acquire an interest in real property or an interest in air space in the Town or with any party who is the lessee of, or proposes to be the lessee of, air space in the Town in such manner that the air space leased or proposed to be leased shall be assessed to the lessee pursuant to CGS Sec. 12-64, or an interest in real property upon which is located or proposed to be located a manufacturing facility as defined in subdivision (72) of CGS Sec. 12-81, fixing the assessment of the real property or air space and all improvements to be constructed thereon and therein or of the

personal property located in the manufacturing facility, which is the subject of the agreement in accordance with provisions of Section H of this Ordinance.

### **B. Purpose**

The purpose of the Tax and Business Incentive Program (the "Program") is to attract new businesses to the Town, promote expansion of existing businesses (including home based businesses relocating into commercial and industrial zones), and to encourage rehabilitation and reuse of vacant commercial and industrial buildings. It is the intent of the Town: (1) to assist in the creation of jobs for local area residents, (2) to create long term tax base growth through the replacement, reconstruction, expansion and remodeling of existing business facilities where appropriate and not injurious to the surrounding environment, (3) to encourage construction of new commercial and industrial facilities, and (4) to encourage substantial investment in new machinery, equipment and other personal property subject to taxation within the Town.

### **C. Economic Development Commission**

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) shall provide any property owner or lessee with general information concerning the Program, prepare and supply interested parties with a fact sheet about the Town, an application to participate in the Program and any other information that may be reasonably requested by an interested party. For purposes of this ordinance, an "interested party" is one who owns or proposes to acquire an interest in real property or air space in East Haddam or otherwise meets the definition of an owner or lessee of real property or airspace as defined in CGS Sec. 12-65b and who is considering replacement, reconstruction, expansion or remodeling of existing business facilities located or to be relocated in East Haddam. The EDC may perform research about any party applying to participate in the Program and may request of such party any relevant information that in the opinion of the EDC or the Board of Selectmen (BOS) bears upon consideration of the application. The EDC shall obtain from the Tax Assessor an opinion of the

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impact of any proposed abatement of taxes on the applicable Grand List and on future Grand Lists.

## D. Qualifying Businesses

The following types of businesses, consistent with Town ordinances, regulations, rules and codes and with the East Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development shall receive priority consideration under the provisions of this ordinance and the Program:

1. All business uses enumerated in subdivision (b) of CGS Sec. 12-65b
2. Resorts and other tourist attractions
3. Other business uses

All applicants should have no fines or violations assessed against the applicant or its subsidiaries by state or federal agencies regarding environmental or health codes, and be able to demonstrate adequate financial strength to undertake the proposed capital improvements and expansions to the real property and machinery and equipment purchases that would be the subject of the agreement.

## E. General Requirements

Applications filed with the Town will be considered provided:

1. The proposed use is located in an appropriate zone as defined in East Haddam's Zoning Regulations.
2. The proposed use receives all necessary approvals, licenses and permits from the East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission and any other Town, State of Connecticut and federal agencies, boards, commissions and officials having jurisdiction with respect to the project, if such approvals, licenses or permits are required under applicable laws, regulations, rules and codes.
3. If the applicant is a tenant operating under a written lease, the term of the lease must be for no less than the applicable term of the tax abatement period and preferably longer. The agreement and the tax incentives must be clearly recited in said lease and be for a period no less than the applicable term of the tax abatement period. A copy of said lease should be submitted at the same time as the Application to enter the Program is submitted.
4. No real estate property tax or other tax or fee or municipal charge due East Haddam is

unpaid at the time the Application is submitted or at any time thereafter.

5. If the applicant is relocating its business to East Haddam, the applicant should provide a maximum of five year history of tax assessments and payments to the municipality or municipalities and/or other political subdivisions in which its business was operated, as is available, and as determined by the Town.

6. The project should have a clear economic benefit to East Haddam. The applicant should submit in writing with the Application a list of benefits, such as new jobs and growth of the Town grand list, to be realized by East Haddam if the applicant receives tax incentives under the Program.

7. Applicants are encouraged to provide East Haddam residents with the opportunity to apply for open positions and businesses the opportunity to bid for construction jobs and projects and be accorded priority provided such applicants meet all of the criteria of established job requirements or are competitive and qualified bidders.

### 8. Definitions

**New Business Development:** an eligible project involving real property acquisition, new construction or renovation, FOR either a new to town business OR the relocation of a town business to the new project site.

**Business Expansion Project:** an eligible project involving an addition or renovation of the applicant's existing property and/or facilities.

## F. Application Procedures

All tax incentive requests shall be made in writing on a form referred to as Tax and Business Incentive Application (the "Application") published and provided by the EDC and approved by the BOS as it may be amended from time to time. The Application and all accompanying documentation required hereunder or voluntarily provided shall be submitted in duplicate at the Office of the First Selectman. Upon receipt by the BOS, one copy of the Application shall be provided to the EDC for preliminary review. For purposes of this ordinance, "receipt by the BOS" means an Application and all accompanying documentation required in accordance with all applicable provisions of this Ordinance is

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submitted. The following time periods for review of the Application and action are not mandatory, nonetheless, the EDC and the BOS shall try to meet the time limits stated hereafter: From date of receipt by the BOS of the Application the EDC shall have forty-five (45) days to review the Application, request additional information and meet with the property owner and/or lessee or the property owner and/or lessee's representatives.

Provided the property owner and/or lessee has provided all information required in the Application, by this Ordinance and by the EDC, the EDC will within thirty (30) days thereafter report its findings to the BOS. The BOS will place the report on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled BOS meeting for discussion and action. If the BOS approves the report, the First Selectman and the property owner/lessee shall enter into a written agreement (subject to the affirmative vote of the Board of Finance and the Town Meeting) which agreement accompanied by the report will be referred to the Board of Finance for its review and action. If the Board of Finance approves the financial terms of the agreement, the BOS shall place the agreement on the agenda of the next Town Meeting for its review and action.

## **G. Assessment of the Property Subject to the Agreement**

The East Haddam Assessor shall, in the Assessor's sole discretion, determine the assessment of the real property or the air space or the personal property and any and all improvements constructed or to be constructed on or in the real property which is the subject of the agreement.

## **H. Specific Requirements of the Tax Incentive Agreement**

Pursuant to CGS Sec. 12-65b(a) the assessment of real property and all improvements in or on or to be constructed in or on said real property or air space may be fixed

- (1) for a period of not more than seven years, provided the cost of such improvements to be constructed is not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000);

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Percentage of Abatement | 80% | 70% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 20% |
| Year                    | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |

(2) for a period of not more than two years, provided the cost of such improvements to be constructed is not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000);

|                         |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Percentage of Abatement | 80% | 70% |
| Year                    | 1   | 2   |

or (3) to the extent of not more than fifty percent of such increased assessment, for a period of not more than three years and provided the cost of such improvements to be constructed is not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);

|                         |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Percentage of Abatement | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| Year                    | 1   | 2   | 3   |

The fixed assessment will be based on the following:

1. New Business Development with the value of improvements to be constructed greater than \$3,000,000, the fixed assessment will be calculated using the assessed value after completion of the improvements;
2. Business Expansion Projects with the value of improvements to be constructed greater than \$3,000,000, the fixed assessment will be based on the increase in the assessment;
3. New Business Development with the value of improvements to be constructed greater than \$500,000 but less than \$3,000,000, the fixed assessment will be calculated using the assessed value after improvements;
4. Business Expansion Projects with the value of improvements to be constructed greater than \$500,000 but less than \$3,000,000, the fixed assessment will be based on the increase in the assessment;
5. Projects with the value of improvements to be constructed greater than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000, the fixed assessment will be based 50% or the difference between the before and after improvements assessments

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The fixed assessment period shall commence the first fiscal year for which a tax list is prepared on the October 1st immediately following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the appropriate building official for construction of the buildings or manufacturing facilities or other structures and all improvements in or on the real property or air space which is the subject of the agreement.

Notwithstanding anything written in this Ordinance to the contrary and provided in all other respects the applicant qualifies under the provisions of CGS Sec. 12-65b and Sec. 12-65h and this Ordinance, the Town may, in its sole discretion, offer to enter into an agreement with such applicant for abatement of taxes of a lesser percentage and/or for fewer years.

On a case by case basis, the Town may provide other incentives in addition to the incentives provided by CGS Sec. 12-65b and Sec. 12-65h or in lieu thereof as follows: (1) waiver of building permit fees; (2) waiver of filing fees with land use agencies; or, (3) provision of in kind services such as construction of access roads or road widening, construction of storm drains and culverts or sidewalks or curbing, extension of water and/or sewer lines or other public improvements.

Machinery and equipment defined in subdivision (72) of CGS Sec. 12-81 and intended to qualify for tax relief pursuant to said Sec. 12-65h shall have for federal income tax purposes a depreciable useful life of five or seven years.

Construction shall commence within six months of approval of the Agreement by the Town Meeting and shall be completed no later than twenty-four months from date of approval by the Town Meeting. The times for commencement and completion of the construction are mandatory except owner or lessee's performance may be excused when the owner or lessee is prevented from performing by causes beyond owner's or lessee's control including natural disasters, fires or other calamities or a state or national declared state of emergency.

## **I. Default by the Owner or Lessee Under the Terms of the Agreement**

In the event the owner or lessee of the real property or air space:

- a. Fails to pay real estate and/or personal property taxes when such taxes are due and payable;
- b. Fails to commence or complete on time the construction of all improvements upon the property which is the subject of the agreement;
- c. Becomes insolvent or bankrupt or files any debtor proceedings or others file such debtor proceedings against the owner or lessee, in any court, in any jurisdiction, state or federal, and does not withdraw such filing within ninety (90) days or such other proceedings have not been dismissed or withdrawn by such other parties within ninety (90) days or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or if the property or lease is taken under any writ of execution or becomes the subject of foreclosure proceedings;
- d. Abandons the real property or, in the case of the lessee, purports to assign its lease without the express consent of the Town as set forth in Section J of this Ordinance; or,
- e. Fails to perform any obligation of owner or lessee under the terms of the agreement; such event shall constitute a material default of the agreement and the Town may terminate the agreement on the giving of written notice whereupon (i) the right of the owner and/or lessee to receive tax abatements and any other considerations granted to the property owner and/or lessee under the terms of the agreement shall cease and come to an end; and, (II) the property owner and/or lessee shall be obligated to repay the Town the amounts of all tax abatements retroactive to the due date of the first abated tax payment plus interest at the rate set and payable pursuant to provisions of CGS Sec. 12-146, all waived fees, if any, and all actual costs of the Town in providing in kind considerations to the property owner and/or the lessee. In the event of failure to pay a tax when due and if such delinquency continues for six months and one day, the Town shall terminate the agreement whereupon (i) the right of the owner and/or lessee to receive the tax abatement and any other considerations granted to the property owner or lessee under the terms of the agreement shall cease and come to an end; and, (ii) the property owner and/or lessee shall be obligated to repay the Town the amounts of all tax abatements

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retroactive to the due date of the first abated tax payment plus interest at the rate set and payable pursuant to provisions of CGS Sec. 12-146, all waived fees, if any, and all actual costs of the Town in providing in kind considerations to the property owner and/or the lessee.

## J. Assignment of the Agreement

The agreement between the Town and the owner and/or lessee of real property or of air space shall not be assigned by the owner or lessee to any person(s) or business organization or entity or estate or trust without the express consent of both the BOS and the Board of Finance which boards shall signify their consent by an affirmative vote taken at a separate meeting of each board duly warned and noticed for the stated purpose. A conveyance of the real property or a transfer of ownership of the business or substantially all of the assets of the business, which is the subject of the agreement, to a person or business organization or entity that is not owned or controlled by the owner of the real property and/or the owner of the business who are parties to the agreement with the Town, shall not constitute a valid assignment of the agreement or vest any rights under the agreement in the grantee of the real property or transferee of the business or of the assets of the business or allow for enforcement of any obligations of the Town against the Town by the grantee of the real property or transferee of the business or of the assets of the business including but not limited to any remaining tax abatements under terms of the agreement. For purposes of this section a "controlled entity" means a business which is eighty or more percent owned by the grantor or transferor, as the case may be.

## K. Amendments to Applicable Statutes

All references to CGS Sec. 12-65b or Sec. 12-65h or Sec. 12-81 or any other section of CGS made herein shall include all amendments to such statutes enacted and signed into law subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance.

## L. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town.

**Item #2:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library in the amount of \$2,000 for the East Haddam Free Public Library for general support (revenue account 10545-48400).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a motion to accept the \$2,000 gift from the Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library. The gift was accepted with gratitude via voice vote.

**Item #3:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled, consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the Friends of the Rathbun Library in the amount of \$5,000 for the Rathbun Library for general support (revenue account 10545-48400).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a motion to accept the \$5,000 gift from the Friends of the Rathbun Library. The gift was accepted with gratitude via voice vote.

**Item #4:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$15,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the purpose of implementing disc golf at Nichols Field Park (revenue account 33050-43000-G1501 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1501).

Mr. Walter advised that the Park & Recreation Commission will oversee the course. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner, Mr. Walter advised that the conservation commission was not in unanimous favor of the location. Mr. Casner spoke in favor of the location as proposed. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to accept a gift in the amount of \$15,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the purpose of implementing disc golf at Nichols Field Park (revenue account 33050-43000-G1501 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1501). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Ernie Malavasi motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to

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authorize the First Selectman to execute a five-year Memorandum of Agreement with the option to renew in one (1) year periods thereafter between the Town of East Haddam and the Town of East Hampton to create a Regional Animal Control Department.

Mr. Walter discussed that the proposed regionalization will improve processes. He noted that our dog pound has already been regionalized and it is working well.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing the First Selectman to execute a five year Memorandum of Agreement with the option to renew in one (1) year periods thereafter between the Town of East Haddam and the Town of East Hampton to create a Regional Animal Control Department. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 6:** Mr. Malavasi motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That in regard to a certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut and being more particularly shown and designated as "Proposed Conservation Easement Area = 305,105 sq ft 7.00 Acres" on a certain map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Vile Resubdivision Property of Russell E. Vile Tater Hill Road and Clark Hill Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale: 1" = 100' September 2014 Revised: February 25, 2015 Per Conditions of Approval Sheet 1A of 7 Dieter & Gardner Land Surveyors - Planners 1641 Connecticut Route 12 P.O. Box 335 Gale Ferry, CT 06335 (860) 464-7455 Fax (860) 464-5028 Email: [dieter.gardner@snet.net](mailto:dieter.gardner@snet.net)" said map being recorded in the East Haddam Land Records, the Town hereby accepts, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the following:

1. A Conservation Easement and Restriction associated with said resubdivision, dated September, 2014 Revised: February 25, 2015, the First Selectman being hereby authorized to sign said Conservation Easement and Restrictions on behalf of the Town for recording in the Land Records.

Opportunity for questions and comments was offered, nothing was brought forward. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion accepting the Conservation Easement and Restrictions

associated with the resubdivision dated September 2014 revised February 25, 2015 carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 7:** Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman is authorized to accept the conveyance to the Town of East Haddam from Russell E. Vile of three certain strips or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situated on the westerly side of Tater Hill Road and the northerly side of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, which strips or parcels of land are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A certain strip or parcel of land, constituting a westerly one-half section of Tater Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, and being more particularly shown on a certain map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Vile Subdivision Property of Russell E. Vile Tater Hill Road and Clark Hill Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale: 1" = 40' July 2007 Revised: August 21, 2007 Revised: January 17, 2008 Revised: April 15, 2008 Revised: April 22, 2008 Sheet 2 of 7 Dieter & Gardner Land Surveyors - Planners 1641 Connecticut Route 12 Gales Ferry, CT. 06335 (860) 464-7455 Fax (860) 464-5028 Email: [dieter.gardner@snet.net](mailto:dieter.gardner@snet.net)" which premises is more particularly bounded and described on quit-claim deed.

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A certain strip or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, constituting a northerly one-half section of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, and being more particularly shown on a certain map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Vile Subdivision Property of Russell E. Vile Tater Hill Road and Clark Hill Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale: 1" = 40' July 2007 Revised:

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Mr. Walter reviewed a map identifying the parcels to be conveyed. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner that Mr. Walter was unable to answer, Mr. Ventres, Land Use Administrator was contacted by phone and placed on speaker phone for all to hear. Mr. Ventres advised that the conveyances will enable the road to conform to town width standards. There were no further questions. The Moderator called for a vote on the conveyance of three certain strips or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon, situated on the westerly side of Tater Hill Road and the northerly side of Clark Hill Road as discussed above. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business to discuss the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried unanimously at 8:23 pm.

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**Administrative Office Building**

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Linda Neal, Probate Clerk

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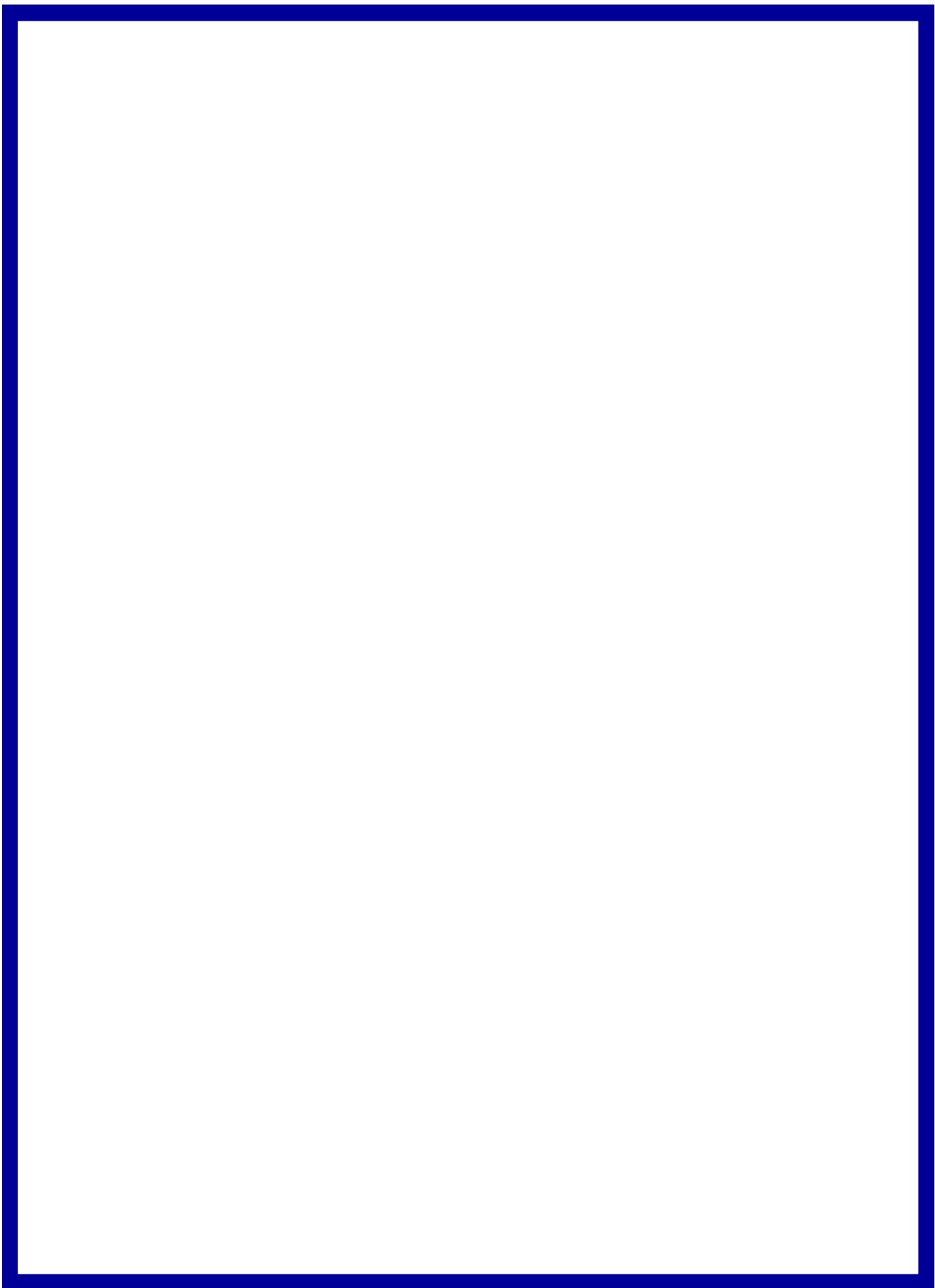
**Food Bank**

Kim Morin-Becker & Jovita Cozean, Co-Chairmen ..... 860-891-8100

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# TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

## 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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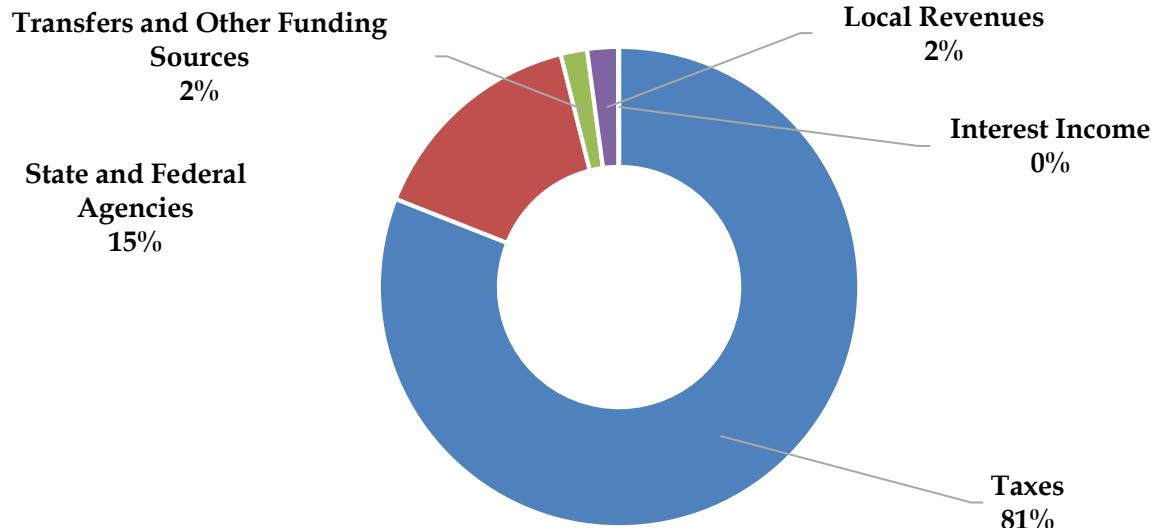
**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenue Detail**

| DESCRIPTION                                 | 2013-2014<br>ACTUAL | 2014-2015         |                   |                 | VARIANCE<br>Over/<br>(Under) | 2015-2016<br>BUDGET |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                             |                     | FINAL<br>BUDGET   | ACTUAL            |                 |                              |                     |
| <b>Taxes</b>                                |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Property Taxes                              | \$ 21,862,146       | 23,624,724        | 23,691,143        | 66,419          |                              | \$ 24,398,015       |
| Interest and Penalties                      | 159,242             | 125,000           | 168,709           | 43,709          |                              | 130,000             |
| Other Taxes                                 | 7,771               | 8,000             | 11,091            | 3,091           |                              | 8,460               |
| <b>Total Taxes</b>                          | <b>22,029,159</b>   | <b>23,757,724</b> | <b>23,870,943</b> | <b>113,219</b>  |                              | <b>24,536,475</b>   |
| <b>State and Federal Agencies</b>           |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Chester Assessor Agreement                  | 45,613              | 46,944            | 46,944            | -               |                              | 48,352              |
| Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants        |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| PILOT State Property                        | 28,552              | 28,530            | 44,042            | 15,512          |                              | 34,187              |
| Casino Funds                                | 24,978              | 27,880            | 28,815            | 935             |                              | 27,880              |
| Town Aid Road Fund Grant                    | 334,397             | 334,397           | 329,648           | (4,749)         |                              | 334,397             |
| Local Capital Improvements Program          | 89,171              | 89,741            | 88,388            | (1,353)         |                              | 89,741              |
| Education Grants                            |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Adult Education                             | 5,062               | 4,940             | 5,330             | 390             |                              | 4,940               |
| Education Cost Sharing                      | 3,766,860           | 61,621            | 60,987            | (634)           |                              | 61,621              |
| Transportation                              | 58,799              | 3,779,206         | 3,765,704         | (13,502)        |                              | 3,779,206           |
| Emergency Management Grant                  | 6,100               | 4,100             | 4,100             | -               |                              | 4,100               |
| Miscellaneous Allotments                    | 43,957              | 25,000            | 3,605             | (21,395)        |                              | 25,000              |
| Police DUI Enforcement                      | 24,849              | 25,000            | 4,391             | (20,609)        |                              | 25,000              |
| School Bond Principal and Interest          | -                   | -                 | -                 | -               |                              | -                   |
| Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled   | 70,930              | 79,750            | 71,100            | (8,650)         |                              | 78,143              |
| <b>Total State and Federal Agencies</b>     | <b>4,499,268</b>    | <b>4,507,109</b>  | <b>4,453,054</b>  | <b>(54,055)</b> |                              | <b>4,512,567</b>    |
| <b>Investment and Interest Income</b>       |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Investment Income                           | 21,722              | 35,000            | 19,711            | (15,289)        |                              | 18,000              |
| <b>Total Investment and Interest Income</b> | <b>21,722</b>       | <b>35,000</b>     | <b>19,711</b>     | <b>(15,289)</b> |                              | <b>18,000</b>       |
| <b>Local Revenues</b>                       |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Animal Control Miscellaneous                | 500                 | 250               | 1,005             | 755             |                              | 1,000               |
| Assessor Fees                               | 242                 | 500               | 310               | (190)           |                              | 500                 |
| Building Department Permit Fees             | 107,687             | 100,000           | 97,023            | (2,977)         |                              | 105,000             |
| Cemeteries                                  | 1,298               | 2,530             | 3,228             | 698             |                              | 2,360               |
| Fire Marshal Permit Fees                    | 265                 | 200               | 180               | (20)            |                              | 200                 |
| Historic District Commission Permit Fees    | 450                 | 300               | 100               | (200)           |                              | 300                 |
| Land Use Permit Fees                        | 23,741              | 30,000            | 14,265            | (15,735)        |                              | 25,000              |
| Libraries                                   |                     |                   |                   |                 |                              |                     |
| Library Endowment and Trust Income          | 59,000              | 58,463            | 58,500            | 37              |                              | 58,000              |
| Library Fees and Fines                      | 6,366               | 6,600             | 7,339             | 739             |                              | 7,000               |
| Library Grants                              | 1,205               | 1,205             | 1,593             | 388             |                              | 1,100               |
| Library Receipts-Gifts/Donations            | 3,552               | 10,000            | 9,649             | (351)           |                              | 8,000               |
| Miscellaneous and Other                     | 78,245              | 25,000            | 13,085            | (11,915)        |                              | 25,000              |
| PILOT Goodspeed Opera House                 | 26,189              | 26,500            | 28,092            | 1,592           |                              | 28,500              |

## Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenue Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION                                   | 2013-2014<br>ACTUAL  | 2014-2015            |                      |                     | VARIANCE<br>Over/<br>(Under) | 2015-2016<br>BUDGET  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                               |                      | FINAL<br>BUDGET      | ACTUAL               |                     |                              |                      |
| Police Special Duty                           | 23,713               | 30,000               | 17,800               | (12,200)            |                              | 20,252               |
| Rent                                          | 13,893               | 14,000               | 27,886               | 13,886              |                              | 14,000               |
| Telecommunication Taxes                       | 27,633               | 28,500               | 26,807               | (1,693)             |                              | 28,500               |
| Town Clerk                                    |                      |                      |                      |                     |                              |                      |
| Town Clerk Conveyance Tax                     | 85,758               | 80,000               | 77,379               | (2,621)             |                              | 75,000               |
| Town Clerk Fees                               | 115,712              | 105,000              | 102,921              | (2,079)             |                              | 105,000              |
| Town Clerk License Fees                       | 24,336               | 25,000               | 21,796               | (3,204)             |                              | 25,000               |
| Town Clerk PA05-228 Surcharge Revenue         | 52,552               | 94,640               | 47,088               | (47,552)            |                              | 94,640               |
| Town Clerk Preservation Revenue               | 8,419                | 7,098                | 3,924                | (3,174)             |                              | 7,098                |
| Transfer Station Fees                         | 57,949               | 64,200               | 49,347               | (14,853)            |                              | 60,000               |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees           | 640                  | 2,000                | 520                  | (1,480)             |                              | 1,500                |
| <b>Total Local Revenues</b>                   | <b>719,345</b>       | <b>711,986</b>       | <b>609,837</b>       | <b>(102,149)</b>    |                              | <b>692,950</b>       |
| <b>Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>    |                      |                      |                      |                     |                              |                      |
| Albert E. Purple Fund                         | 270,991              | 270,992              | 279,845              | 8,853               |                              | 279,845              |
| Helen Cone Fund                               | 20,950               | 15,000               | 19,022               | 4,022               |                              | 15,000               |
| Palmer Fund                                   | 28,788               | 28,788               | 29,426               | 638                 |                              | 29,426               |
| Ray School Corporation                        | 203,859              | 203,859              | 195,268              | (8,591)             |                              | 203,859              |
| Reliance on Fund Balance                      | -                    | 68,801               | -                    | (68,801)            |                              | -                    |
| Tuition (from other school districts)         | 76,635               | -                    | -                    | -                   |                              | -                    |
| Recreation Commission Fees                    | 15,000               | -                    | -                    | -                   |                              | -                    |
| Transfer from Education Reserves              | 370,000              | -                    | -                    | -                   |                              | -                    |
| <b>Total Trans. and Other Funding Sources</b> | <b>986,223</b>       | <b>587,440</b>       | <b>523,561</b>       | <b>(63,879)</b>     |                              | <b>528,130</b>       |
| <b>Grand Total Revenues</b>                   | <b>\$ 28,255,717</b> | <b>\$ 29,599,259</b> | <b>\$ 29,477,106</b> | <b>\$ (122,153)</b> |                              | <b>\$ 30,288,122</b> |

## 2014-2015 General Fund Revenue Sources



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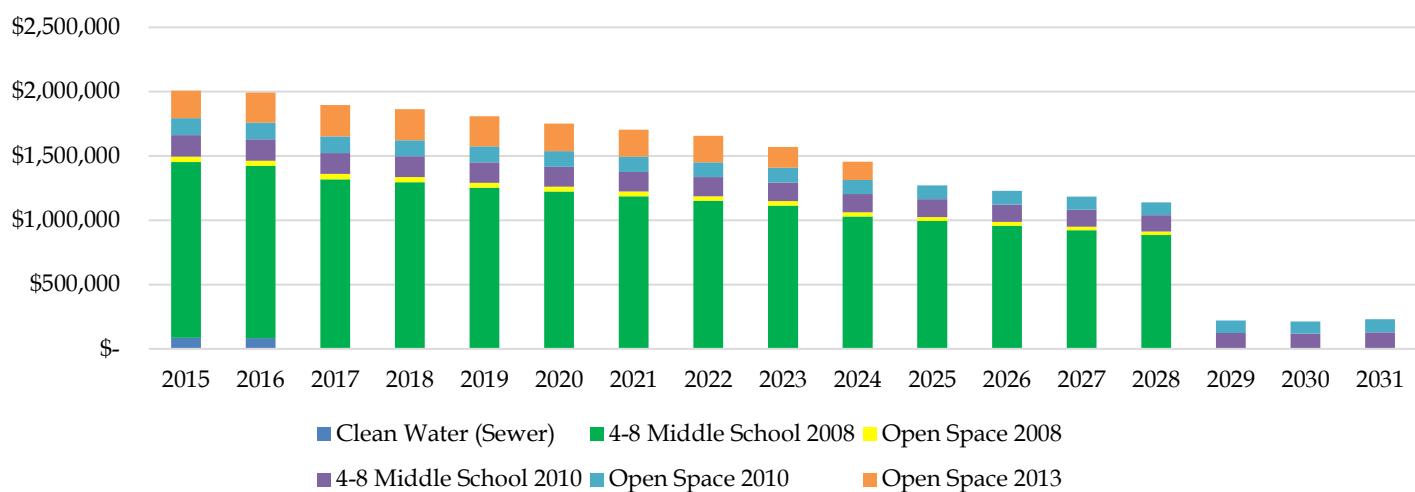
## Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Expenditure Detail

| DESCRIPTION                             | 2013-2014        |                  | 2014-2015        |                | VARIANCE<br>(Over)/<br>Under | 2015-2016        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                         | ACTUAL           | FINAL<br>BUDGET  | ACTUAL           | BUDGET         |                              |                  |
| <b>General Government</b>               |                  |                  |                  |                |                              |                  |
| Assessor                                | \$ 116,429       | 125,609          | 118,952          | 6,657          | \$ 128,078                   |                  |
| Building Maintenance and Operation      | 22,128           | 25,415           | 25,405           | 10             | 22,786                       |                  |
| Central Services                        | 126,975          | 122,612          | 120,071          | 2,541          | 109,339                      |                  |
| Election and Registrars                 | 32,927           | 53,390           | 41,268           | 12,122         | 53,134                       |                  |
| Finance Office                          | 50,890           | 54,242           | 52,505           | 1,737          | 65,002                       |                  |
| Land Use (Planning and Zoning)          | 150,624          | 164,966          | 140,541          | 24,425         | 165,375                      |                  |
| Old Middle School Operating             | 13,023           | 22,070           | 10,966           | 11,104         | 20,620                       |                  |
| Probate Court                           | 12,313           | 12,993           | 12,993           | -              | 10,638                       |                  |
| Selectmen                               | 131,454          | 149,428          | 144,656          | 4,772          | 152,258                      |                  |
| Tax Collector                           | 83,183           | 88,135           | 84,787           | 3,348          | 89,563                       |                  |
| Town Clerk                              | 215,173          | 247,978          | 203,623          | 44,355         | -                            |                  |
| Treasurer                               | 16,946           | -                | -                | -              | 240,123                      |                  |
| Fringe Benefits                         | 880,791          | 920,319          | 851,500          | 68,819         | 1,010,245                    |                  |
| Insurance                               | 199,456          | 212,300          | 218,225          | (5,925)        | 234,777                      |                  |
| Legal Services                          | 106,862          | 68,500           | 116,846          | (48,346)       | 68,500                       |                  |
| Agriculture Commission                  | -                | 7,750            | 6,000            | 1,750          | 1,150                        |                  |
| Board of Assessment Appeals             | 1,824            | 5,304            | 998              | 4,306          | 2,868                        |                  |
| Board of Finance                        | 43,236           | 84,150           | 42,672           | 41,478         | 134,150                      |                  |
| Conservation Commission                 | 8,180            | 11,900           | 12,078           | (178)          | 15,250                       |                  |
| Economic Development Commission         | 37,589           | 34,393           | 30,049           | 4,344          | 39,921                       |                  |
| Historic District Commission            | 2,154            | 3,075            | 944              | 2,131          | 2,899                        |                  |
| Open Space Committee                    | 9,897            | 12,823           | 8,698            | 4,125          | 12,830                       |                  |
| Zoning Board of Appeals                 | 1,899            | 6,090            | 1,009            | 5,081          | 4,590                        |                  |
| <b>Total General Government</b>         | <b>2,263,953</b> | <b>2,433,442</b> | <b>2,244,786</b> | <b>188,656</b> |                              | <b>2,584,096</b> |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |                |                              |                  |
| Animal Control                          | 46,191           | 42,431           | 69,188           | (26,757)       | -                            |                  |
| Building Department                     | 123,387          | 120,479          | 117,352          | 3,127          | 115,355                      |                  |
| Emergency Management                    | 65,877           | 68,660           | 67,378           | 1,282          | 78,991                       |                  |
| Fire Department                         | 228,976          | 243,747          | 243,748          | (1)            | 252,127                      |                  |
| Fire Marshal                            | 25,017           | 35,822           | 29,199           | 6,623          | 33,389                       |                  |
| Police Officers                         | 293,470          | 330,616          | 260,106          | 70,510         | 364,400                      |                  |
| Resident Troopers                       | 100,524          | 101,788          | 99,626           | 2,162          | 104,692                      |                  |
| <b>Total Public Safety</b>              | <b>883,442</b>   | <b>943,543</b>   | <b>886,597</b>   | <b>56,946</b>  |                              | <b>948,954</b>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                |                              |                  |
| Public Works                            | 979,278          | 1,052,661        | 975,860          | 76,801         | 1,039,486                    |                  |
| Snow Removal                            | 248,472          | 233,244          | 307,756          | (74,512)       | 258,545                      |                  |
| Town Garage Maintenance                 | 63,042           | 59,165           | 55,659           | 3,506          | 61,635                       |                  |
| Transfer Station                        | 557,202          | 565,343          | 552,962          | 12,381         | 568,443                      |                  |
| <b>Total Public Works</b>               | <b>1,847,994</b> | <b>1,910,413</b> | <b>1,892,237</b> | <b>18,176</b>  |                              | <b>1,928,109</b> |
| <b>Health and Social Services</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                |                              |                  |
| Cemeteries                              | 4,992            | 15,800           | 2,944            | 12,856         | 10,410                       |                  |
| Health District                         | 79,516           | 83,664           | 83,864           | (200)          | 88,132                       |                  |
| Human Services                          | 3,920            | 3,920            | 2,550            | 1,370          | 3,920                        |                  |
| Senior Services                         | 115,743          | 122,843          | 115,320          | 7,523          | 119,653                      |                  |
| Youth and Family Services               | 162,866          | 168,306          | 168,306          | -              | 189,399                      |                  |
| YFS Early Childhood Council             | 6,000            | 6,000            | 6,000            | -              | 6,000                        |                  |
| <b>Total Health and Social Services</b> | <b>373,037</b>   | <b>400,533</b>   | <b>378,984</b>   | <b>21,549</b>  |                              | <b>417,514</b>   |

## Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Expenditure Detail (continued)

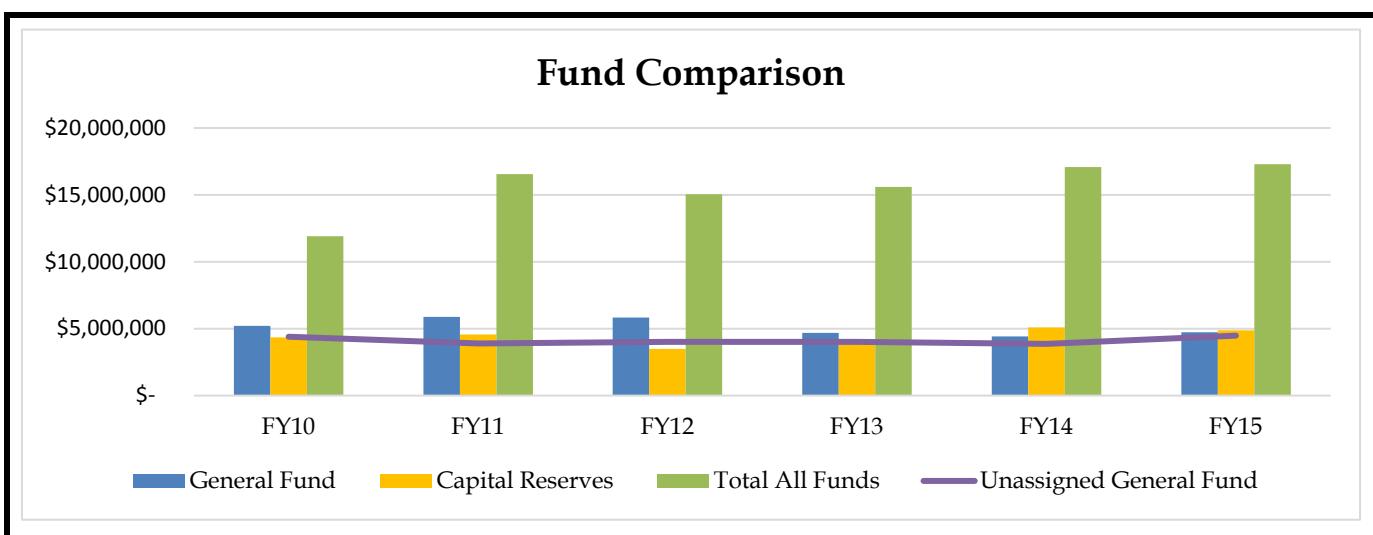
| DESCRIPTION                                       | ACTUAL               | 2013-2014            | 2014-2015            | VARIANCE<br>(Over)/<br>Under | 2015-2016            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                   |                      | FINAL<br>BUDGET      | ACTUAL               |                              |                      |
| <b>Culture and Recreation</b>                     |                      |                      |                      |                              |                      |
| Lakes Association                                 | 11,441               | 19,028               | 19,028               | -                            | 19,375               |
| Public Libraries                                  | 332,955              | 330,717              | 330,960              | (243)                        | 346,335              |
| Recreation Commission                             | 106,801              | 110,666              | 102,423              | 8,243                        | 114,906              |
| Town Greens                                       | 8,238                | 14,770               | 5,890                | 8,880                        | 44,510               |
| <b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>               | <b>459,435</b>       | <b>475,181</b>       | <b>458,301</b>       | <b>16,880</b>                | <b>525,126</b>       |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                               |                      |                      |                      |                              |                      |
| Principal and Interest                            | 1,711,429            | 2,007,689            | 2,008,575            | (886)                        | 1,994,265            |
| <b>Total Debt Service</b>                         | <b>1,711,429</b>     | <b>2,007,689</b>     | <b>2,008,575</b>     | <b>(886)</b>                 | <b>1,994,265</b>     |
| <b>Total General Government</b>                   | <b>7,539,290</b>     | <b>8,170,801</b>     | <b>7,869,480</b>     | <b>301,321</b>               | <b>8,398,064</b>     |
| <b>Education</b>                                  | <b>18,754,227</b>    | <b>18,767,533</b>    | <b>18,722,352</b>    | <b>45,181</b>                | <b>19,424,791</b>    |
| <b>Capital Projects, Reserves and Other Funds</b> |                      |                      |                      |                              |                      |
| Transfer to Ambulance Reserves                    | 40,000               | 40,000               | 40,000               | -                            | 40,000               |
| Transfer to Education Capital Reserves            | 304,258              | 100,000              | 100,000              | -                            | 100,000              |
| Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserves               | 50,000               | 69,000               | 69,000               | -                            | 69,000               |
| Transfer to Lakes Reserves                        | 5,000                | 5,000                | 5,000                | -                            | 5,000                |
| Transfer to Revaluation Reserve                   | 40,000               | 40,000               | 40,000               | -                            | 40,000               |
| Transfer to Capital Projects Savings              | -                    | 190,297              | 190,297              | -                            | 203,721              |
| Capital Projects General Fund Support             | 378,763              | 682,885              | 682,885              | -                            | 389,915              |
| Transfer State Grants to Capital Improvements     | 423,545              | 423,545              | 423,545              | -                            | 423,545              |
| Transfer to Animal Control Special Rev. fund      | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                            | 43,000               |
| Transfer to Shared Services                       | 956,936              | 1,110,201            | 1,110,201            | -                            | 1,151,086            |
| <b>Total Capital Improvements</b>                 | <b>2,198,502</b>     | <b>2,660,928</b>     | <b>2,660,928</b>     | <b>-</b>                     | <b>2,465,267</b>     |
| <b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>                   | <b>\$ 28,492,019</b> | <b>\$ 29,599,262</b> | <b>\$ 29,252,760</b> | <b>\$ 346,502</b>            | <b>\$ 30,288,122</b> |

### Authorized and Issued Debt-Annual Debt Service (Principal and Interest)



**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2015**

|                                                                          | General             | Reserve for Capital Projects | A.E. Purple Fund    | Nonmajor Governmental Funds* | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                                                           |                     |                              |                     |                              |                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                | \$ 1,978,472        | \$ 6,460,174                 | \$ 54,506           | \$ 446,777                   | \$ 8,939,929             |
| Investments                                                              | -                   | -                            | 6,683,854           | 981,389                      | 7,665,243                |
| Receivables, net                                                         | 930,988             | 1,477,853                    | -                   | 191,222                      | 2,600,063                |
| Due from other funds                                                     | 3,532,788           | -                            | -                   | 204,801                      | 3,737,589                |
| Prepaid                                                                  | -                   | -                            | -                   | 4,781                        | 4,781                    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 6,442,248</b> | <b>\$ 7,938,027</b>          | <b>\$ 6,738,360</b> | <b>\$ 1,828,970</b>          | <b>\$ 22,947,605</b>     |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>      |                     |                              |                     |                              |                          |
| Liabilities:                                                             |                     |                              |                     |                              |                          |
| Accounts and other payables                                              | \$ 890,732          | \$ 82,359                    | \$ -                | \$ 162,080                   | \$ 1,135,171             |
| Due to other funds                                                       | 204,801             | 2,970,893                    | -                   | 561,895                      | 3,737,589                |
| Unearned revenue                                                         | 9,298               | -                            | -                   | 186,263                      | 195,561                  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                                 | <b>1,104,831</b>    | <b>3,053,252</b>             | <b>-</b>            | <b>910,238</b>               | <b>5,068,321</b>         |
| Deferred inflows of resources:                                           |                     |                              |                     |                              |                          |
| Unavailable revenue - property taxes                                     | 579,601             | -                            | -                   | -                            | 579,601                  |
| Unavailable revenue - loans receivable                                   | 13,000              | -                            | -                   | -                            | 13,000                   |
| <b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>                               | <b>592,601</b>      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>                     | <b>592,601</b>           |
| Fund balances:                                                           |                     |                              |                     |                              |                          |
| Nonspendable                                                             | -                   | -                            | 400,000             | 44,574                       | 444,574                  |
| Restricted                                                               | -                   | -                            | 6,338,360           | 1,072,003                    | 7,410,363                |
| Committed                                                                | -                   | 4,884,775                    | -                   | 50,549                       | 4,935,324                |
| Assigned                                                                 | 276,601             | -                            | -                   | 45,257                       | 321,858                  |
| Unassigned                                                               | 4,468,215           | -                            | -                   | (293,651)                    | 4,174,564                |
| <b>Total fund balances</b>                                               | <b>4,744,816</b>    | <b>4,884,775</b>             | <b>6,738,360</b>    | <b>918,732</b>               | <b>17,286,683</b>        |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance</b> | <b>\$ 6,442,248</b> | <b>\$ 7,938,027</b>          | <b>\$ 6,738,360</b> | <b>\$ 1,828,970</b>          | <b>\$ 22,947,605</b>     |



\*a breakdown of all non-major governmental funds may be found on the Town's website as part of the annual audit.

# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## General Information

The Finance office is responsible for the accounting and safekeeping of all funds for the Town. The major functions of the department include – accounting, accounts payable, budget preparation and implementation, debt management, employee benefit administration, financial statement preparation – monthly and at year end to meet State and Federal reporting requirements; forecasting of general fund revenue and expenses, grant administration and oversight, human resources, payroll processing and technology administration.

The Finance office works very closely with Town departments/officials; especially the Treasurer, Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen and the Superintendent's office to ensure sound financial management of the Town's funds and resources.

The Department had many accomplishments/achievements for the fiscal year 2014-2015 to include:

- Provided comprehensive budgetary presentations to the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen.
- Provided comprehensive monthly reporting and forecasting to the Boards of Finance and Education regarding expenditures and revenues.
- Worked within the shared services framework with the Town and Board of Education with a goal of maximizing resources and identifying and implementing savings.
- Produced comprehensive and professional Annual Report.
- Issued audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 with unqualified audit opinion.
- Produced for the fourth year a "Citizen's Guide to the Budget" which was mailed to every household. The Guide was prepared in coordination with the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen and provided detailed information on the budget process, how the mill rate is calculated and the proposed budget expenditures and revenues.

You may obtain many of the Town's financial reports on our website at:

[www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org)

Reports include:

- The Town's annual audited financial statements.
- Annual Reports.
- Monthly General Fund budget reports for Revenues and Expenditures.
- Comprehensive Annual Budgets.

Please contact the Finance office if you have questions or if you would like additional information regarding the Town's finances. Our contact information is as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia R. Varricchio  
Finance Director

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**General Fund Tax Collections**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

| Grand List | Uncollected    |               | Current              |                       | Transfers   |          |                   | Adjusted      |                      | Collections   |            |                 | Uncollected |  |
|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
|            | Taxes 1-Jul-14 | Year Levy     | Assessor's Additions | Assessor's Deductions | to Suspense | Refunds  | Taxes Collectible | Taxes         | Liens and Other Fees | Total         | Interest   | Taxes 30-Jun-15 |             |  |
| 2013       | \$ -           | \$ 23,739,131 | \$ 11,855            | \$ 69,774             | \$ 20,714   | \$ 7,071 | \$ 23,667,569     | \$ 23,379,316 | \$ 90,913            | \$ 23,470,229 | \$ 288,253 |                 |             |  |
| 2012       | 327,769        | -             | 678                  | 13,353                | 7,022       | 1,053    | 309,125           | 214,272       | 42,676               | 256,948       | 94,853     |                 |             |  |
| 2011       | 100,833        | -             | -                    | 248                   | 721         | 248      | 100,112           | 72,121        | 21,782               | 93,903        | 27,991     |                 |             |  |
| 2010       | 27,470         | -             | 183                  | 64                    | 183         | 64       | 27,470            | 10,373        | 5,840                | 16,213        | 17,097     |                 |             |  |
| 2009       | 20,131         | -             | 153                  | 63                    | -           | 63       | 20,284            | 3,374         | 611                  | 3,985         | 16,910     |                 |             |  |
| 2008       | 16,119         | -             | -                    | 61                    | -           | 62       | 16,120            | -             | -                    | -             | 16,120     |                 |             |  |
| 2007       | 12,335         | -             | -                    | -                     | -           | -        | 12,335            | -             | -                    | -             | 12,335     |                 |             |  |
| 2006       | 9,743          | -             | -                    | -                     | -           | -        | 9,743             | -             | -                    | -             | 9,743      |                 |             |  |
| 2005       | 4,745          | -             | -                    | -                     | -           | -        | 4,745             | -             | -                    | -             | 4,745      |                 |             |  |
|            | \$ 519,145     | \$ 23,739,131 | \$ 12,869            | \$ 83,563             | \$ 28,640   | \$ 8,561 | \$ 24,167,503     | \$ 23,679,456 | \$ 161,822           | \$ 23,841,278 | \$ 488,047 |                 |             |  |

Suspense collections:

|      |               |            |               |
|------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 2013 | 1113          | 163        | 1276          |
| 2012 | 3396          | 812        | 4,208         |
| 2011 | 2,149         | 872        | 3,021         |
| 2010 | 868           | 435        | 1,303         |
| 2009 | 576           | 442        | 1,018         |
| 2008 | 575           | 548        | 1,123         |
| 2007 | 151           | 164        | 315           |
| 2006 | 221           | 358        | 579           |
| 2004 | 34            | 57         | 91            |
| 2002 | 34            | 69         | 103           |
| 2001 | 31            | 66         | 97            |
|      | \$ 23,688,604 | \$ 165,808 | \$ 23,854,412 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dill  
Tax Collector

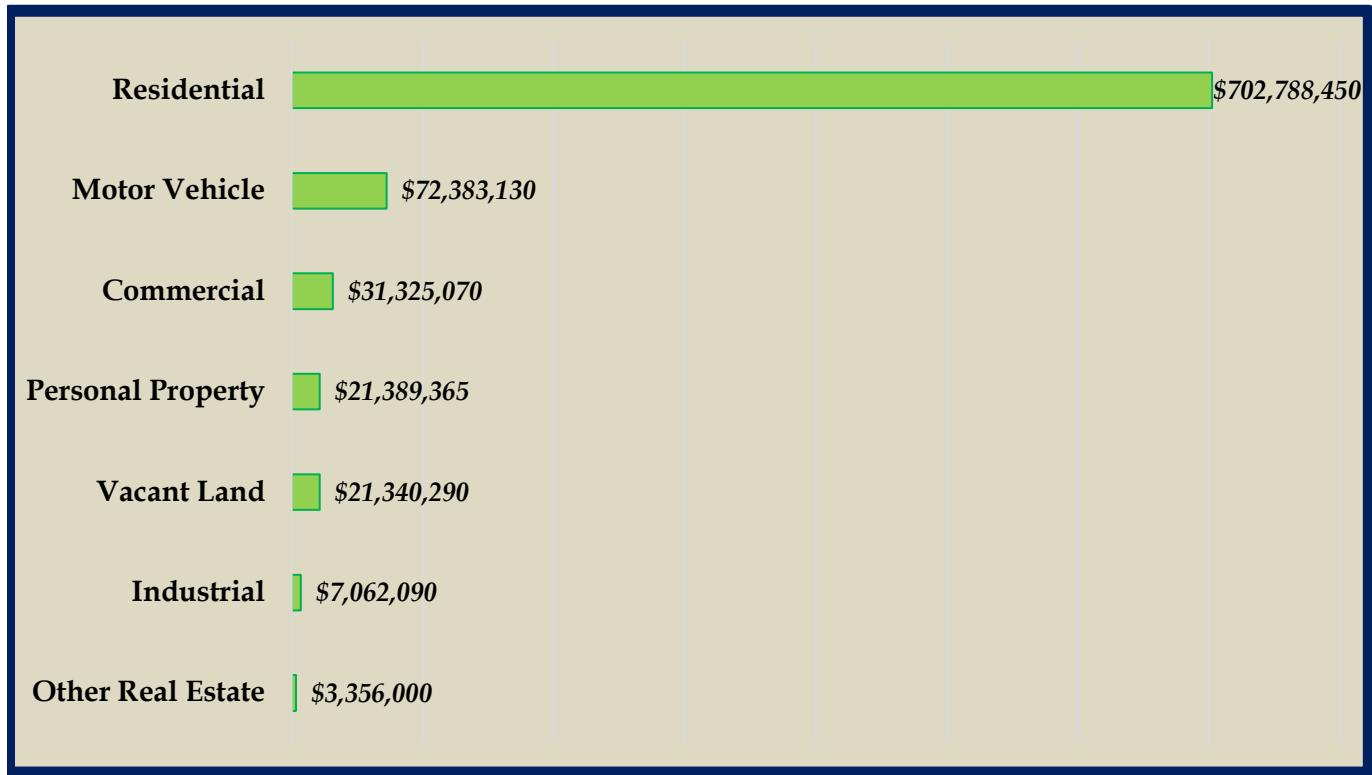
# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

| 2014 Grand List Annual Report      |                   |                 |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
|                                    | REAL ESTATE       |                 |  |
|                                    | Grand List 2013   | Grand List 2014 |  |
| Gross                              | \$ 762,571,961    | \$ 765,871,900  |  |
| Exemptions:                        |                   |                 |  |
| Veteran's                          | 1,131,000         | 1,112,000       |  |
| Veteran's Additional               | 205,630           | 193,630         |  |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 516,500           | 510,000         |  |
| Blind                              | 3,000             | 3,000           |  |
| Disability                         | 20,000            | 21,000          |  |
| Disability Non Reimbursable        | 68,810            | 563,920         |  |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement       | 1,146,976         | 1,326,191       |  |
| Other                              | 176,610           | 178,920         |  |
| Net                                | \$ 759,303,435    | \$ 761,963,239  |  |
|                                    | PERSONAL PROPERTY |                 |  |
|                                    | Grand List 2013   | Grand List 2014 |  |
| Gross                              | \$ 19,515,024     | \$ 21,389,365   |  |
| Exemptions:                        |                   |                 |  |
| Farm & Mechanics                   | 252,100           | 248,920         |  |
| Manufacturers                      | 167,480           | 80,020          |  |
| Miscellaneous                      | 11,870            | 11,680          |  |
| Other                              | 355,670           | 350,280         |  |
| Net                                | \$ 18,727,904     | \$ 20,698,465   |  |
|                                    | MOTOR VEHICLES    |                 |  |
|                                    | Grand List 2013   | Grand List 2014 |  |
| Gross                              | \$ 70,588,902     | \$ 72,383,130   |  |
| Exemptions:                        |                   |                 |  |
| Veteran's                          | 146,880           | 138,320         |  |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 51,935            | 48,000          |  |
| Disability                         | 4,000             | 5,000           |  |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement       | 124,690           | 105,020         |  |
| Other                              | 2,406,020         | 1,992,480       |  |
| Net                                | \$ 67,855,377     | \$ 70,094,310   |  |
|                                    | TOTAL             |                 |  |
|                                    | Grand List 2013   | Grand List 2014 |  |
| Gross                              | \$ 852,675,887    | \$ 859,644,395  |  |
| Exemptions:                        |                   |                 |  |
| Veteran's                          | 1,277,880         | 1,250,320       |  |
| Veteran's Additional               | 205,630           | 193,630         |  |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 568,435           | 558,000         |  |
| Blind                              | 3,000             | 3,000           |  |
| Disability                         | 24,000            | 26,000          |  |
| Disability Non Reimbursable        | 68,810            | 563,920         |  |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement       | 1,271,666         | 1,431,211       |  |
| Farm & Mechanics                   | 252,100           | 248,920         |  |
| Manufacturers                      | 167,480           | 80,020          |  |
| Miscellaneous                      | 11,870            | 11,680          |  |
| Other                              | 2,938,300         | 2,521,680       |  |
| Net                                | \$ 845,886,716    | \$ 852,756,014  |  |

| Historic Mill Rates |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Grand List Year     | Mill Rate |
| 2014                | 28.68     |
| 2013                | 27.90     |
| 2012*               | 26.01     |
| 2011                | 21.52     |
| 2010                | 21.10     |
| 2009                | 20.87     |
| 2008                | 20.55     |
| 2007*               | 20.55     |
| 2006                | 27.78     |
| 2005                | 27.23     |
| 2004                | 26.28     |
| 2003                | 25.35     |
| 2002*               | 24.41     |
| 2001                | 30.90     |
| 2000                | 29.93     |
| 1999                | 29.23     |
| 1998                | 28.29     |
| 1997                | 27.20     |
| 1996                | 26.46     |
| 1995                | 25.17     |
| 1994*               | 24.24     |
| 1993                | 35.16     |
| 1992                | 32.87     |
| 1991                | 31.38     |
| 1990                | 30.45     |
| 1989                | 28.84     |
| 1988                | 27.02     |
| *Revaluation        |           |

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Grand List 2014 Gross Assessment by Category



## Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

| Item              | Grand List Year<br>2013 | Grand List Year<br>2014 | Increase/<br>(Decrease) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate       | \$ 758,697,378          | \$ 761,963,239          | \$ 3,265,861            |
| Personal Property | 17,572,240              | 20,698,465              | 3,126,225               |
| Motor Vehicle     | 68,422,927              | 70,094,310              | 1,671,383               |
| Total             | \$ 844,694,558          | \$ 852,756,014          | \$ 8,061,456            |

## Tax Revenue Comparison

| Item                   | Grand List Year<br>2012 | Grand List Year<br>2013 | Grand List Year<br>2014 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net List               | \$ 844,694,557          | \$ 844,694,558          | \$ 852,756,014          |
| Mill Rate              | 0.02601                 | 0.02790                 | 0.02868                 |
| Grand List Tax Revenue | \$ 21,970,505           | \$ 23,566,978           | \$ 24,457,042           |

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

| <b>Net Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts</b> |                                   |                            |                             |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| #                                    | Taxpayer                          | Primary Activities         | 10/1/2014<br>Assessed Value | # of<br>Accounts |
| 1                                    | Connecticut Light & Power Company | Public Utility             | \$12,693,980                | 1                |
| 2                                    | Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC         | Recreational               | 4,268,060                   | 2                |
| 3                                    | Hadlyme Hills LLC                 | Education                  | 3,528,070                   | 4                |
| 4                                    | Banner Country Club Corp.         | Recreational               | 1,918,280                   | 1                |
| 5                                    | Healthcare Holdings LLC           | Nursing and Rehabilitation | 1,902,040                   | 1                |
| 6                                    | Fox Hopyard Realty LLC            | Real Estate                | 1,855,210                   | 40               |
| 7                                    | Banner Lodge Enterprises LLC      | Real Estate                | 1,755,250                   | 58               |
| 8                                    | MJABC LLC                         | Resort (inactive)          | 1,638,210                   | 7                |
| 9                                    | Goodspeed Opera House Foundation  | Theatre                    | 1,485,540                   | 4                |
| 10                                   | Wildwood Inc.                     | Real Estate                | 1,448,590                   | 40               |
|                                      |                                   |                            | Total                       | \$32,493,230     |

| <b>Important Dates</b> |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| January 1              | Second payment of taxes due     |
| February 1             | Interest begins on unpaid taxes |
| October 1              | Assessment Date                 |
| July 1 - June 30       | Fiscal year                     |
| July 1                 | First payment of taxes due      |
| August 1               | Interest begins on unpaid taxes |
| 2012                   | Year of last revaluation        |
| 2017                   | Year of next revaluation        |

| <b>Filing Dates</b>      |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| February 1 - May 15      | Elderly Tax Relief – Homeowners       |
| February 1 - October 1   | Veteran's exemption – Additional      |
| April 1 - October 1      | Elderly Tax Relief – Renters          |
| September 1 - October 31 | PA 490 (Farm, Forest, and Open Space) |
| Prior to October 1       | Blind                                 |
| Prior to October 1       | Letters From Servicemen               |
| Prior to October 1       | Veteran's discharge (with Town Clerk) |
| October 1 - January 31   | Totally Disabled                      |
| By November 1            | Declaration of Personal Property      |

| <b>Tax Information</b> |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mill rate              | 28.68                   |
| Tax Bill               | (.02868 net assessment) |
| Tax Payment Due        | July 1 and January 1    |

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## General Information

### **P.A. 74-55 Elderly Tax Relief Act**

#### Qualifications:

1. The applicant, or spouse living with applicant, must have been 65 years of age or over at the close of the preceding year.
2. The applicant must:
  - a. Own and reside at the property for which tax relief is sought, or
  - b. Hold a tenancy for life, or for a term of years in such home, which tenancy makes applicant liable for the payment of property taxes under Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or
  - c. Share in such ownership.
3. Applicant must have resided in the State of Connecticut for at least one year before filing a claim.
4. Income Requirements: Income requirements are indexed each year. 2014 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$34,600 for a single person, \$42,200 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare.
5. Applicant shall have received no financial aid or subsidy from federal, state, county, or municipal funds.

### **P.A. 74-123 Total Disability**

#### Qualifications:

1. Proof of receipt of permanent total disability benefits from the Federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Program (Forms SSA 2458-Soc. Sec. Office).
2. Award certificate or payment check showing disability.
3. Can apply for additional benefits, requirements same as Elderly Tax Relief except age.

### **General Statutes, Sec. 12-81 Veteran's Exemption**

#### Qualifications:

1. Must record their honorable discharge, or submit proof of active duty service to the Town Clerk, before the assessment date (October 1).
2. Must be a resident of the State of Connecticut.

3. Record of service must be during specific dates of conflict (Operation Iraqi Freedom is applicable).
4. Must be owner of property on assessment date (October 1), and cannot be receiving a veteran's exemption from another municipality in the State of Connecticut.
5. Can apply for additional benefits based on income. Income Requirements: Income requirements are indexed each year. 2014 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$34,600 for a single person, \$42,200 for a couple (joint income).

### **Motor Vehicle Tax Bill Adjustments**

Adjustments on motor vehicle tax bills may be made for vehicles disposed of at any time during the assessment year (October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>). A cancelled plate receipt must be provided to the Assessor's office as well as a second document such as a bill of sale, transfer of title, out of state registration, trade-in papers or cancellation of insurance.

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Patrice Veselak, Assistant Assessor

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