

Town of East Haddam
ANNUAL REPORT



**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2016**

DEDICATIONS

Carol Bogan

Carol served as the Administrative Assistant for former First Selectman John Blaschik.



Margaret Sievers

Margaret (Peg) is most remembered as the School Secretary of Nathan Hale-Ray High School for 33 years. Peg was a second mother to several generations of town children. She was the Moodus/East Haddam correspondent for the Middletown Press and Hartford Courant for about 30 years. Peg was active in the town Republican party and the First Church of Christ Congregational.



Alice Cesar

Alice was born in Johnsonville. She managed the cafeteria for the East Haddam School District for many years. Alice was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Delphine Tuttle

Del was the School Secretary for the East Haddam Elementary School for over 38 years. Del's presence in the Elementary School office was loved by generations of students, parents and staff. She always had candy on her desk and a chair in front for anyone needing a moment to escape the chaos of the day. Her legendary Chocolate Basket that she created and donated each year for Basket Bash was by far the most favored prize! Still today, there are memories of her throughout the school.





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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	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm	East Haddam 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, 2016



East Haddam Office Building
Photo by Elizabeth Loomis

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman (R) 2017
Susan C. Link, Selectman (R) 2017
Ernest P. Malavasi, Selectman (D) 2017
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary*

TOWN CLERK

Debra H. Denette (U) 2018

TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen A. Klinck (D) 2017

TAX COLLECTOR

Denise L. Dill (R) 2017

BOARD OF FINANCE

Raymond L Willis, Chairman (R) 2017
Robert A. Bennett, Secretary (R) 2017
William DiCristofaro (R) 2017
Bruce M. Dutch (D) 2019
Gregory V. Lauria (R) 2019
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2019
Debra H. Denette, Recording Secretary*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bryan A. Perry, Chairman (R) 2019
Marc A. Piscioti, Secretary (R) 2019
Laurie W. Alt (D) 2017
Erik G. Anderson (R) 2017
Karin H. Blaschik (R) 2021
Shawn W. Conroy (D) 2019
Tracey F. Gionta (R) 2017
Nicole S. Hendry (D) 2021
Michael D. Werner (R) 2021
Cynthia J. Hughson, Recording Secretary*

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Edward C. Blaschik, Chairman (D) 2019
Michael E. Gross (R) 2021
Justin L. Kennedy (R) 2017

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dawn S. Barlow, Co-Chairman (U) 2019
Maureen Gillis, Co-Chairman (U) 2017
John W. Bielot (D) 2021
Lucille E. Gardner (R) 2019
Celina H. Nelan (U) 2017
Andrea M. Pascal (D) 2019
Victoria L. Riley-Pach (R) 2021
Joanne S. Rocznik (D) 2021
Eileen M. Schwartz (D) 2017

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman (R) 2021
James M. Curtin, Vice Chairman (D) 2017
Bernard J. Gillis (U) 2021
Edmund J. Gubbins (R) 2019
Kevin J. Matthews (R) 2019
Louis H. Salicrup (R) 2017
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2019
Alternate Members
Martha C. Hansen (D) 2017
Richard L. Pettinelli (R) 2019
Vacancy 2021
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, 2016

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. Buongiorno
Mark F. Henderson

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael P. Olzacki, ACO
Peter M. Dombrowski, Assistant ACO
Allison Leue, Assistant ACO
Jeffrey P. McLean, Assistant ACO
Wendy Savino, 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

Marc A. Pisciotto, Chairman
Gary J. Albanese
Deborah M. Fiala
Joseph D. Spurgeon
Vacancy

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

EDUCATION

CENTRAL OFFICE

Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia J. Hughson, Executive Assistant
Joshua T. Martin, Director of Pupil Services
Gail M. Duby, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services
Ronald W. Turner, Director of Operations
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
E. Michael Regan, Assistant Principal

NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jason H. Peacock, Principal
Roy J. Parker, Assistant Principal

EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanne Collins, Principal

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

Scott W. Jezek, Chairman
Pamela B. Gourlie, Vice Chairman
Warren C. Bellows, Secretary
P. Lynn Branscombe
Bruce J. Gelston

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Ronald W. Turner, Director of Operations

FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

Bradley P. Parker

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF

Howard E. Bogue, Chairman
Bruce M. Dutch
George Scrivener

FIRE CHIEF

Brian J. Auld
Shawn J. Daigle, Deputy

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

Jason A. Armstrong
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
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist
Vacancy, Technology Specialist

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES

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

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

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)
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

OPEN BURNING OFFICER

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

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

POLICE

Mark B. Walter, Chief of Police

RESIDENT TROOPERS

TFC Patrick Hawes

POLICE OFFICERS

George W. Corbeil
Mark H. Creighton
Russell A. Gingras
Karl J. Karabeinikoff
Craig W. Mansfield
Jeffrey S. Rhoades
James E. Smith

PROBATE COURT

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Donald Mitchell, Chatham Health District

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Middlesex Hospital Home Care

PUBLIC WORKS

Elizabeth S. Lunt, Public Works Director
Vacant, 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
Daniel J. Carbo
Mary C. Colpoys
Madeline A. Francese
John J. Gowac
Charles J. Grillo
Michael D. Michalski
Margy A. Roberts
Vacancy
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tiffany S. Quinn

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Debra H. Denette, Registrar
Beverly R. Christopher, Assistant Registrar

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

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

Ronald W. Turner, Director of Operations
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Mark Knittel, Information Technology Manager
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist
Vacancy, Technology 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

TRANSFER STATION

Donald J. Mackenzie, Foreman

ATTENDANTS

David J. Grieder
Jared A. Lawson

TREE WARDEN

Elizabeth S. Lunt
Vacancy, 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



East Haddam Land Trust Musical Bridges Concert 2015

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Regional Animal Control Department provides East Haddam and East Hampton 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 canine owners are reminded that dogs are to be licensed during the month of June at the Town Clerk's Office. Residents that fail to register their dog may face fines up to \$75.

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, 2015 to June 30, 2016 the Animal Control Officers responded to the following calls for assistance in East Haddam:

General Calls/Complaints (barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife, etc.)	413
Dog Bites	13
Infractions	17
Adoptions	5
Impounds	22
Total Calls for Services	515

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
 Peter Dombrowski, Assistant ACO
 Allison Leue, Assistant ACO
 Jeffrey McLean, Assistant ACO
 Wendy Savino, Assistant ACO

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held one public hearing for the purpose of hearing motor vehicle appeals on September 12, 2015. There were 14 appeals heard resulting in the Board reducing the assessments on all 14. The Board's adjustments totaled a reduction of \$25,290 to the grand list.

In the Spring of 2016 the Board held hearings involving 19 applications for reductions to real estate property values. These hearings were held on March 12, 2016. All 19 applications involved just real estate. For the first time in over 20 years there were no auto or personal property applications received during a spring session.

Of the 19 appeals, the Board made physical inspections to eight properties. One of the 19 applicants did not appear therefore the application was denied. By unanimous vote, the Board voted to reduce the assessments on 13 properties and make no changes to the remaining five. The above actions resulted in the grand list being reduced by \$434,300.

In all the Board worked just over 100 hours attending to taxpayer's requests. There were no trends or items of concern discovered during either of our sessions.

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



Gangplank to new town dock on the Connecticut River

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 continues to work closely and provide oversight to the major capital projects Committees with regard to their implementation and the structuring and issuance of debt.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond L. Willis
Chairman



Premier of East Haddam News, pictured left to right:
Ken Grohbrugge, Irene Haines, Bob Casner, Greg Barden

EAST HADDAM BY THE #S	
Population (2009-13)	9,138
Registered Voters	6,017
Median Age (years)	43
Median Income (2013) ranked 50th among CT's 169 municipalities	\$89,615
Households	3,462
Median Home Value (2009-13)	\$288,300
Grand List, (October 1, 2015)	\$855,038,096
Mill Rate (July 1, 2016)	29.35
Bond (Credit) Rating— Standard & Poor's	AA+
Miles of Town Road	
Paved	119
Dirt	15
# of Town Employees (excludes seasonal)	
Part-Time	43
Full-Time	37
# of BOE Employees	
Part-Time	183
Full-Time	14
2016 General Fund Revenues	\$30,428,364
2016 General Fund Expenses	\$30,789,438
Outstanding Debt June 30, 2016	\$15,530,000
Authorized Debt (not issued at June 30, 2016—approved at referendum FY 2015)	\$20,315,000
Debt Service as a % of General Fund Expenditures (2016)	6.3%
Unassigned Fund Balance as a % of 2017 General Fund Budget	13.3%
Per Capita Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2016	\$1,700

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

East Haddam once again proved that we are committed to being the best place to live, work, and play in Connecticut! This year marks the start to four, great capital improvement campaigns, with the creation of four building committees:

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 out of our East Haddam Village property and move to the former middle school. We can now create a very versatile Park and Rec complex for public use of our grounds and gymnasium. We will have a professional Police facilities to better serve our citizens. The Board of Education will no longer have to rent its space and can share meeting rooms with the rest of our municipal departments. Most of all our citizens can come to one location for all of our town services!

Upgrading of our firehouses will improve the safety to our volunteers and career personnel by installing exhaust systems and an additional garage bay to house our second water tanker truck.

The elementary school construction has started already with OSHA, ADA, Health Code, Fire Code, compliance, asbestos and PCB removal, interior and exterior wheelchair accessibility, fire sprinklers, roof replacement, HVAC, lighting safety, security, parking lot replacement with a revised safer bus route. These changes will finally bring our oldest school to modern and safer code requirement.

A new town wide communication system to provide our emergency service departments with high band technology (All departments can now talk directly to each other during emergencies) we can also assure a safer command structure.

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 and outhouse was painted and repaired. The Grange Hall and Historic Town Hall’s green were completely upgraded with new stone walls and a Blue Star Memorial. While the Moodus Green received a new Christmas Tree and planting. The Heritage Park has become a center of exercise and functions such as “The Taste of East Haddam” with a newly donated Flag pole. We have started the process of replacing all of our town welcome signs. All of these projects are made possible thru the hard work of our employees and civic organizations that donate both their time and money to aid East Haddam.



First Selectman Mark Walter presenting Iso Dedusaj of the Gelston House with a proclamation acknowledging his community involvement

This budget and Annual Report continue the last eight years of improved financial controls, sophisticated financial stability and long range capital planning. We have embarked on four capital projects that will improve the desirability to live in East Haddam. Our BOF also started to document in writing our financial policies which is the last step toward our final goal of a AAA bond rating. This strong financial base is why we were able to embark on the four capital projects that will improve the desirability to live in East Haddam and preserve the buildings, lakes, streams, and incredible natural beauty of this town.

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 2015-2016: Jake Woodworth, Michael Gross, Mark Thiede, Helen Charov, Geraldine Porto, Everest Peacock and Elizabeth Ryan.

I have been honored to be part of your leadership over the last 9 years and will always remember how great it was to work for residents that care so much for each other and our community.

Thank you!

Mark B. Walter
First Selectman

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Building Department has received more new construction permits for single family homes, than in the previous three years. We are also taking in many permits for smaller remodeling projects, propane heating appliances, residential and commercial solar, as well as electric heat pump and air conditioning units.

The town is in the process of finalizing the contract for the rehabilitation of the Elementary school, which includes a new parking lot, a new roof, replacement of the boiler, LED lighting, and ceiling tiles, to name a few.

We have increased our permit fees to keep up with the surrounding towns and communities of similar demographics.

The State of Connecticut anticipates adopting the 2012 version of the International Building codes, including the Residential codes and Energy Codes. We can anticipate the adoption of the 2014 Electrical Codes as well and expect to see these take effect in the fall of 2016.

This department continues to provide inspections with-in 24 hours of the request, or as time allows. We are continuing to build our database of property records to allow and maintain easy access to individuals needing property information.

Gerald M. Russ
Building Official

# of Permits	Type	Estimated Value of Construction	Fees Collected
13	New Homes	2,292,950	22,320
10	Finish Basements	85,086	980
23	Decks	154,424	1,700
12	Additions/ Alterations	575,460	6,020
2	Foundation Only	30,000	310
10	Garages	246,000	2,610
6	Swimming Pools	200,280	1,380
6	Porches	91,200	955
29	Renovations/ Remodel	607,254	6,670
46	Building – Roof	547,488	5,950
10	Accessory Buildings	164,717	1,720
7	Building – Siding	41,886	480
46	Building – Solar	594,035	6,615
44	Electrical – Solar	625,392	6,975
24	Building – Windows	241,581	2,710
5	Demolitions	n/a	325
139	Electrical	472,751	4,920
157	Mechanical	945,671	8,315
70	Plumbing & Well Pumps	201,225	2,135
	TOTALS	\$8,117,400	\$83,090

CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT

The Chatham Health District consists of six member towns (Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland) and serves a population of 63,631. The Board of Health consists of one member for every 10,000 population. The Director of Health serves as staff to the Board. The current Board members are: Andrew Tierney (Hebron), Chairman, Peter Hughes (Marlborough), Treasurer, Susan Bransfield (Portland), Rosemary Coyle and Stan Soby (Colchester), Michael Maniscalco and Kate Morris (East Hampton) and Mark Walter (East Haddam). The Director of Health is Don Mitchell. The Board of Health meets monthly (usually the 4th Tuesday). Additionally three subcommittees meet periodically. They are: The Personnel Policy and Budget Committee, The Environmental Health Committee and the Community Health Committee. Meeting minutes are on file at the Town Clerk's Office of each member town and at www.chathamhealth.org.

Funding:

Municipal.....	\$677,625
State/Federal.....	126,614
Fees.....	183,500
Other (flu)	20,891
Interest	16
Total	\$1,008,646
Expenditures.....	\$942,183
Fund Balance	\$66,463

Services:

Environmental Permits/Applications

Septic Systems (new and repaired).....	171
Water Supply Wells	161
Soil Testing Lots	152
B100a reviews	392
Food Service Permits	256

Environmental inspections were conducted in the following categories: bathing waters, day care facilities, campgrounds, pools, housing code complaints, elevated blood lead cases, general public health complaints, food service inspections, as well as temporary event (more than 200 temporary event food services were inspected).

Community Health Programs such as seasonal flu vaccination, community health education events (radio programming, food safety training, safe kids programs), reportable disease follow up, referrals for screening, chronic disease management programs, emergency preparedness drills and community disease casework were all active.

Chatham Health has undergone a change in leadership and membership this year. The Director has welcomed meeting with the business community and the active Lakes Association. Citizens are encouraged to visit our website www.chathamhealth.org for information or call us at (860) 365-0884. We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you all for a healthy East Haddam!

COMMISSION ON AGING

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

As advocates for the senior citizens, the Outreach Program has been developed under the direction of Darlene Dunbar to visit senior citizens 80 years of age and above in their homes to inform them of the programs available at the Senior Center and other agencies.

This year COA members have attended two regional meetings to discuss each town's programs, senior housing and transportation. We will host a regional meeting at our Senior Center for members from East Hampton, Portland, Columbia, Hebron, Colchester and Marlborough.

The COA members are: Chairman, Vickie Riley-Pach; Vice Chairman, Jovita Cozean; Treasurer, Alice Sabo; Corresponding Secretary, Rosalie Hoffman; Members, Jo Golec, John Pagnaani, Joe Sina and alternates Suzanne Bostelman and Mary Ellen Klinck.

We are looking forward to another productive year.

Jo Golec
Corresponding Secretary

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

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) within view of the River. The Commission has concentrated its attention on the protection of key lands along the River that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities.

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. In 2015, in partnership with the Middlesex Land Trust and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Gateway participated in the acquisition of 50 acres of highly visible, historic land on a hillside above the Connecticut River in the Haddam Neck area of Haddam. The property, now known as the "Brainerd Quarry Preserve", celebrates the long history of the Brainerd family as conservationists and, years ago, colonial quarriers in Haddam Neck and elsewhere.

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, 2016, 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 hoped that the new standards will be adopted and included in each town's zoning regulations by the end of 2016.

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

The East Haddam members of the Commission are Harvey Thomas and Emmett Lyman.

For more information, contact RiverCOG Deputy Director 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 EHCC continues its work providing passive recreational activities on the town's many open space parcels. Bi-weekly stewardship activities continued with our volunteers both creating new trails and maintaining existing ones. Several properties including the Lena Preserve, Davison Walking Park and the Zeleznicky Preserve had their boundaries marked. Priorities will be to continue marking and monitoring the boundaries of all properties using the EHCC Standard Operating Procedures. New signage was installed identifying the Town's open space parcels and parking areas were established improving accessibility. The Commission has now GPS'd all existing trails and individual hiking maps have been prepared for all those properties with trails. The EHCC will continue its Outreach and Education activities working with the schools and town youth groups, such as the Boy Scouts, as well as educating the citizens about what East Haddam's open space has to offer.

The following projects were completed. Signs identifying EHCC open space parcels were installed. Several miles of boundaries on open space properties were marked. Parking areas and vehicle controls were established at several locations with the assistance of East Haddam Department of Public Works. New trails were created and existing trails were enhanced. Two printings of the various trail maps were done. Franklin Academy students and staff created an indestructible stone seating area at the Hatch Lot vista to enhance the viewing enjoyment of the area. At Davison Walking Park, EHCC commissioners created a new trail and opened up a lost view-shed. A seventy-five foot long bridge was built across the Eightmile River connecting two parts of Chapal Farm - Boot Rock Preserve and Patrell Preserve - and the Goodwin Trail. The first half (~14 miles) of the Richard H. Goodwin Linear Trail was established starting on the Boot Rock Preserve. An Eagle Scout project created a trail on the Sabine Reserve.

The EHCC will continue its work providing passive recreational activities on the town's many open space parcels. Our bi-weekly (weather permitting) stewardship activities will continue. Priorities will be marking the boundaries of all properties not previously marked and tagged, using the EHCC Standard Operating Procedures. Anticipated new trail locations will include Harris Reserve, Patrell Preserve, Lena Reserve and Roaring Brook Preserve, as well as other open space properties. Additionally, installation of new signage will identify the Town's open space parcels. Parking areas will be established to provide a safe place to park and access to several parcels.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith, Chairman



Eightmile River footbridge decking December 2015



East Haddam's newest hiking opportunity. The Richard C. Goodwin Trail. It is a 14 mile trail that starts in East Haddam, winds across the Eightmile River and through forests and ends three towns away in East Lyme. Pictured Robert Smith, Conservation Commission Chairman and a member of the East Haddam Land Trust

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 2015–2016 reporting period emergency ambulance service was requested of EHAA a total of 657 times. This call volume represents a 9% increase from the previous year. EHAA personnel responded to 626 of these requests, resulting in a mutual aid rate due to lack of available crew of 4.7% for the yearly reporting period. During this period 8% of calls required a single paid staff member and 2% of calls responded to were entirely staffed by paid personnel, an increase of 3% and 1% over the previous year. Volunteer schedule coverage averaged 82%, near the historical average of approximately 83%. EHAA added nine new members during the reporting year; four of the new members completed their EMT certification while the other five completed an EHAA sponsored EMT course and will receive their certification during the following year.

The organization continued its community outreach providing standby coverage at numerous public events and offered several public CPR/AED courses and first aid courses over the reporting period. 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 completed the purchase and accepted delivery of a new ambulance, an American Emergency Vehicles Type III modular ambulance mounted on a Chevy 4500 gas-powered van chassis. The ambulance has been designated with the call sign 15-4-A and as of this writing the ambulance is performing well and has been well-received by the membership.

EHAA actively supported the planning for the development of a town wide radio system to improve emergency services communications, and continued to be an integral member of the Firehouse Renovation Committee. During the past year EHAA completed and published an EMS plan in accordance with State of Connecticut DPH requirements. This plan - developed in collaboration with the town - documents the town's emergency medical response infrastructure, sets minimum performance standards and provides metrics to measure and track performance against the stated goals. EHAA was one of the first towns in Connecticut to submit this mandatory plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Cavallo
Chief of Operations

EAST HADDAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

East Haddam is fortunate to have three lakes within its borders: Bashan Lake, Lake Hayward and Moodus Reservoir. The lakes work cooperatively through the East Haddam Lakes Association (EHLA) and with the Town to restore and protect these beautiful recreational and important economic assets of East Haddam.

Lake residents continue their substantial private financial efforts for lake restoration projects which benefits all users. Each lake has at least one public boat launch and the Town Beach is at Moodus Reservoir.

Highlights of the past fiscal year are:

Bashan Lake: The Bashan Lake Association thanks the Town of East Haddam for supporting its effort in passing House Bill No. 5583, Public Act No. 16-141, An Act Concerning An Agreement Regarding Annual Water Level Draw Downs At Bashan Lake In The Town of East Haddam. This bill was passed and signed by the Governor June 9, 2016. Bashan Lake continues to work with the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station in securing DEEP permits and treating Variable Milfoil and Phragmites. Also working with the Town on plans to divert water runoff from entering Bashan Lake in several areas is ongoing.

Lake Hayward: In the Fall of 2015 the Wesleyan University Environmental Geochemistry Class performed a semester long project to analyze the water in and around the Lake, analyze core sediment samples and GIS map the catch basins. They worked closely with Lake Hayward to align their analysis with ongoing work by Lake volunteers. Lake volunteers continue to develop a Lake Watershed Management Plan, gathering data and promoting activities and developing solutions that will maintain and hopefully improve the quality of the lake and its 1,500 acre watershed.

Moodus Reservoir: The Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group after performing a 2015 pilot herbicide study, initiated a tool box approach in 2016 to control invasive lake weeds that includes a test of lake bottom blankets (benthic barriers), conducting an invasive investigator workshop to train boat launch monitors prior to deployment at Moodus' state boat launches, and researching the utility of an "Eco Harvester" for weed harvesting.

Each lake and the EHLA will continue working with each other and the Town to protect these important East Haddam recreational and economic assets.

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library offer patrons the opportunity to borrow thousands of books, audio/video materials, and digital items for free. Through the library system's website patrons can browse, renew, or reserve items as well as easily request items from over 30 partner libraries

-giving our citizens access to millions of materials. The libraries also provide internet & PC access to

STATISTICS	
Total Registered Patrons	6,181
Total Digital Collection	13,572
Total Material Collection	41,898
Total Inter-Library Loans	6,347
Total Circulation	58,776

patrons to search for jobs, complete assignments for work/school, or keep in touch with friends and family, as well as teaches patrons who are unfamiliar with digital age technology how to use these resources.

Other 2015-2016 Highlights Include:

Raised \$8,900 from gifts and donations to the library, largely due to having two active fundraising organizations-The Friends of EHFPL and Rathbun, respectively.

- Generated \$6,500 from library services (photocopies, overdue fees, etc.).
- Supplemented budget with \$58,000 from private contributions from library trust and endowments.
- Added over 2,000 books, movies, other library materials to the collection.
- Provided 12 computer terminals and free wi-fi for public use.
- Patrons borrowed over 6,000 digital items (eBooks, audio books, and eMagazines) through the libraries' online services.

- Loaned over 20,000 Adult Books, over 15,000 Kid/Teen Books, and nearly 20,000 DVDs and miscellaneous items. Saving patrons thousands of dollars in potential purchases.
- Provided the use of photocopiers, printers, and fax machines for a nominal fee.
- Hosted over 400 events for Kids, Teens, Adults, and Families.
- Coordinated annual Family Night on Moodus Green, attended by over 300 people.
- Worked with dozens of volunteers to increase community involvement at library 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 and Recreation, School District, Goodspeed Musicals, Town Tavern Restaurant, Gristmill Market and more.

Re-carpeted and repaired the front steps and doors of both buildings; upgraded patron and staff computers at Rathbun.

Using private donations, renovated the gardens at both libraries and dedicated them in honor of Barbara Boynton, Frances Kuzaro, Fred Costa, and Georgiana Costa respectively. Special thanks to volunteer Geri Porto for all her hard work.

Funds donated in memory of Nancy Geisey were used to renovate the reading area at the Rathbun.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gilroy, MLS, Library System Director



East Haddam Ambulance Association training. In August 2015 over 30 EMTs, firefighters and life-guards participated in a deep water rescue drill at the Town Beach

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

East Haddam Public Schools section of the Annual Report is just one place to find information about our schools. I encourage you to look at our website www.easthaddamschools.org for different activities and events. Many amazing events took place during the 2015-2016 school year. One highlight was the sold out drama production of "High School Musical". The auditorium came alive with music and performers. Two students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program after the district made the College Board's AP Honor Roll for increasing our Advance Placement scores. There was a lot to celebrate in the 2015-2016 school year.

Our teachers and administrators collaboratively transformed our curriculum into an online state-of-the-art resource. As the 2016-2017 school year approaches, students and community alike will be able to see the curriculum just a few clicks away.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Board approved a strategic plan that ensures that our curriculum is state-of-the art, that our instruction challenges our students, and our infrastructure supports our students to learn for their 21st century careers. The plan incorporated the ideas and feedback of the community via forums and surveys, student interviews and surveys, and the review and guidance of our educators.

Enjoy the rest of our report and check our new website at www.easthaddamschools.org. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 860-873-5090.

Brian S. Reas
Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016

ReAnna Jean Marie Adams	Jeremy Scott Moore Jr.
Mikayla Elizabeth Alger	Kayla Michelle Morse
Alyssa E. Andrews	Nadia Ghiomara Morales +
Alyssa Lauren Angell-MacKenzie*+‡	Noah Thomas Navin
Matthew Robert Augustine +	John William Ollari
Cailey Emily Botteon	Allison Grace Paluha
Donovan Liska Boynton	Everest Jordan Peacock*+‡
Masey Alexandra Bradway	Nicole Irene Pearson
Gillian Rose Bransfield	Walker Edward Perreault +
Leah Ives Brownell	Jocelyn Marie Petersen
Cord Barlow Burke	Veronika Paige Petkovich
Kelly Marie Cappitella	Micayla Taylor Phillips
Austin Michael Carey	Alyson Mae Pliska
Sarah Alexandria Caron	Matthew Steven Potash ‡
Brittany Ann Cassella	Bethany Lynn Powell*+
Leah Marie Chasser *	Kara Li Prichard
Amanda Rachel Ciarci *+	Hailey Elizabeth Priest
Michael David Cormier	Meghan Katherine Quinn*+‡
Jordan Elizabeth D'Addeo	Elizabeth Tiffany Ryan*+‡
Zachary Eric Deschene	Armahni Chanel Smith
Nicole Jacqueline Dombroski	Griffin Patrick Smith
Vincent Anthony Garofalo IV	Mackenzie Beverly Smith
Elijah Davis Hayes	Tessa Castle Smith
Brennan Cornelius Hickey	Rock Norman Soucy
Calvin Neil Hollis	Brooke Elisabeth Stanley
Michael Eugenio Homar	Alan Michael Stano
Gillian Shayler Hoover ‡	Taylor Ann Tanguay
Felicia Lynn Horeczy*+‡	Rebecca Elizabeth Thompson
Jordan Ryan Keel	Jeffrey Philip Tierney
Molly Liv Kirker	Matthew Chamnan Tung + ‡
Brandon Daniel LaFemina	Matthew Lawrence Vaccarino
Amber Bridgette Lake	Brittany Ann Velikaneye +
Kieran Michael Lefebvre	Julian James Ventres *+
Garrett Michael Lemke *	Patrick William Verney
Olivia Marie Lisowicz	Isaac Martin Waide
Victoria Maria Lopez	Joshua David Wasserman
Evan Dean Lorentson +	Andrea Lillian Wordell
Anthony Guy Mazzotta	Alex Ian Wright *
Joshua Todd McClure	Alyson Linda Zawisza +
Victor Manuel Medero Jr.	Nicholas Joseph Zibbideo

+ Denotes member of the National Honor Society

* Denotes member of Tri-M National Honor Society

‡ Denotes Community Service Honor Award

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

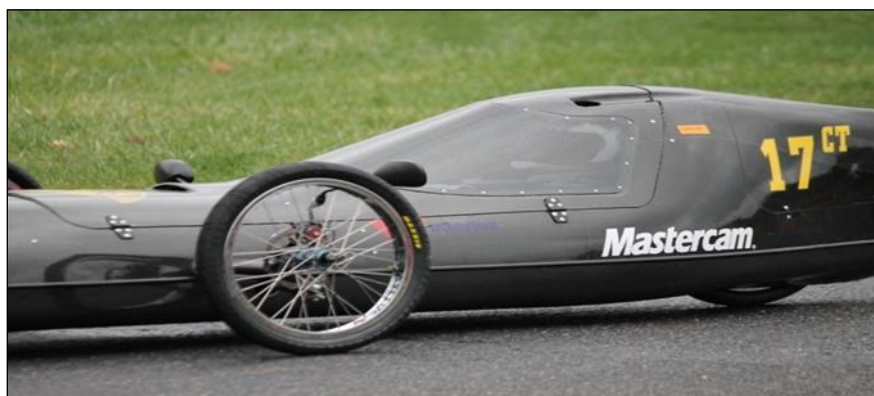
2016 NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MOVING FORWARD

Albertus Magnus College
Becker College
Bentley University
Bergen Community College
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Bristol Technical Education Center
California State University, Monterey Bay
Central Connecticut State University
Dean College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Everett Community College
Franklin Pierce University
Full Sail University
Goucher College
Hampshire College
Hartwick College
Huboldt State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Johnson & Wales University
Keene State College
Lasell College
Lyndon State College
Manchester Community College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlesex Community College
Mount Ida College
Northeastern University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Roger Williams University
South Dakota State University
Southern Connecticut State University
Stony Brook University
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Three Rivers Community College
University of Connecticut
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
Western Connecticut State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State University

United States Air Force Tactical Aircraft Maintenance
United States Air Force Tactical Special Operations
United States Air Force Technology

*Nathan Hale-Ray High School electrathon car
featured at Lyme Rock Park*



*East Haddam Elementary School
mascot "Easty"*

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.

FY 2015-2016 has been a busy year for EHYFS. Services have included: On-going counseling for 48 youth and families, 3 elementary family nights involving 190 participants, homework assistance programs for 48 middle school students, summer events, including our third annual Summer Palooza with 200 participants and a middle school beach party with 20 students attending, and positive youth development groups (Youth Helping Youth) involving 27 high school students. Our Juvenile Review Board has diverted 8 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, and employment opportunities for 10 youth through our youth job bank program. 105 children were included in this year's Christmas campaign and 23 East Haddam residents received assistance with fuel, housing and other related issues throughout the year. EHYFS guides and works directly with the East Haddam Local Prevention Council to address youth drug and alcohol use. This past year, the council has continued to develop the Parents Helping Youth social norms campaign focusing on positive role modeling, presented 6 community education programs, implemented 14 Party Patrols, created and disseminated educational materials on marijuana and prescription drugs, held two Prescription Drug Take-back events, honored two local business owners for their asset-building initiatives, supplied drug lock boxes to secure medications targeted for abuse and collaborated with physicians and dentists to provide information on safe use of medications to parents and youth.

Toni McCabe
Executive Director



Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School students display their World Peace Day posters

Winners of the East Haddam Fire Department Poster Contest



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



*East Haddam and Haddam joint
Economic Development Commission meeting*

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) continues to devote its time and efforts to encourage local business to grow and new ones to locate in our community.

This year the EDC worked to develop a partnership with the Haddam EDC and other interested groups, developing new alliances to promote businesses in the area.

East Haddam and Haddam EDCs hosted a regional round table discussion of tourism potential in our communities. The meeting held at the Gelston House was attended by 52 interested businesses and government agencies. From this meeting a planning group was formed to study a Route 82 Corridor Project from Tylerville four corners at Route 82 and Route 154 in Haddam to Shagbark four corners at Route 82 and Route 151 in East Haddam and investigate (this work is ongoing):

- Infrastructure in the designated area with a focus on pedestrian safety and road design.
- The accessibility of public water and sewers.
- Beautification design and improvements.
- Zoning uses in the area.
- Working with the Essex Steam Train to provide passenger service to the Goodspeed Station.

EDC also partnered with the East Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) to:

- Review the need for public sewers in the four corners area at Route 82 and Route 151 industrial/commercial area. A subcommittee of EDC and PZC worked with a professional engineering firm to review costs and benefits of locating public sewers in this area. A report of their findings was presented to the PZC for their review.
- Draft a new Section 8 for PZC's Plan of Conservation and Development that

incorporates goals and bench marks for first time. The revised Section 8 was approved by the PZC and made a part of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

- To reach a decision on uniform allowable uses in the four corners industrial/commercial area. The PZC will be holding public hearings on the recommendation.

EDC is now beginning the task of creating a Master Plan for the East Haddam Landing Area. This plan will look into:

- Possible uses for the old town office building site.
- Creating a master plan that incorporates the needs of the community and the long term needs of Goodspeed Musicals.

This project will be the main focus of the EDC work in the coming year.

EDC accepted, with regret, the resignation of long time member Debra Mathiasen. Deb was the longest serving, and most active member of the EDC, her expertise and experience in tourism is truly missed. We thank her for her valuable guidance over the years and wish her well with her new position with a regional tourism organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Casner, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Donald Bergeron
Ralph Parady
Pamela Rubenbauer
Kevin Staehly
Fred Weissbach



Moodus Village preparing land for commercial development

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

East Haddam's Emergency Management continues to be active preparing the community for large scale emergency and natural disaster. The group welcomes Steve Dorfman as a core member of the team. Steve was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Steve brings many years of military experience and has an expansive background in training emergency responders.

Over the past year the Emergency Management group has hosted several trainings for our Citizens Emergency Response Team and other volunteers. East Haddam is fortunate to have an incredible volunteer base willing to be trained to assist during emergency situations.

Residents are reminded to sign up for the town's Everbridge System. The system enables East Haddam Emergency Management to quickly provide residents with essential information during emergencies. 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 [@ehaddamemgmt](https://twitter.com/ehaddamemgmt).

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

Craig Mansfield
Director of Emergency Management



Swearing in of new CERT class



Senior Center Director Brad Parker with Angie Jansky (Jansky Rubbish Removal) recognizing the Jansky's continued support of the Senior Center



Senior Center Director Brad Parker with Louise Pear, East Haddam's Senior of the Year

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary region. The nine towns include Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. ETD's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. To meet this goal, ETD operates public transit via the 9 Town Transit (9TT) service.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town he or she represents. Towns receiving contracted services appoint a non-voting member. The directors serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month at 9:30 am at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

9TT's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. The routes include the Old Saybrook to Madison Shoreline Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Chester Riverside Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Middletown Mid-Shore Express, and the new Old Saybrook to New London Southeast Shuttle. Free connections are offered onto the New Haven, New London/Norwich, Middletown, and Hartford area bus services.

In addition to the deviated fixed routes, 9TT provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. As with all of 9TT's services, the Dial-A-Ride service is open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.50 for deviated fixed routes and \$3.00 for Dial-A-Ride. ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare. More than 107,000 passenger trips were provided during the fiscal year, more than doubling the annual trips provided just seven years ago. Though ETD has continued to grow senior ridership, 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half are employment related.

ETD's federal funding sources are changing from rural to urban, which will require new administrative responsibilities and brings new federal requirements. This change will also provide new access to federal funding opportunities.

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 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 reviewed, completed and permit applications accepted were lower than in previous years. Actions taken by the Commission in fiscal year 2015-2016 include:

Permits for docks and other in-water structures : Moodus Reservoir	1
Lake Hayward	1
Permits for structures (buildings, decks, etc.) in regulated areas	7
Permits for repair/construction of retaining walls	1
Permits for restoration/maintenance of shorelines	6
Permits for Municipal projects	2
Permits for property usage for business purposes	1
Subdivision Reviews approved	1
New building lots created in this time period	2

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

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

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (RiverCOG)

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, 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 Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme), serving as Chairperson, Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton) as Vice-Chairperson, Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Secretary, and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) as Treasurer.

Fiscal year 2016 was a year of changes for RiverCOG. It was Sam Gold's first full year as Executive Director, during which he established himself, learning from the chief elected officials and staff, while at the same time bringing to RiverCOG new management techniques, best practices, and projects.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of political engagement with the state and federal government on the behalf of our member municipalities, including a new tradition of holding a COG meeting with the region's legislators at the state capitol in Hartford during the legislative session.

The agency saw a number of staffing changes in the past year with Long-time serving Deputy Director Jeanne Davies stepped down after fifteen years with RiverCOG and CT River Estuary RPA. Jeanne is now Executive Director of the newly formed CT Resource Conservation and Development District. Jeremy DeCarli is now East Hampton's Town Planner and Erin Bogan left RiverCOG to start her own business. RiverCOG also welcomed a new planner, Jon Curtis, a recent Master's of Urban Planning graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Torrance Downes was promoted to Deputy Director and Nate Hougrand to Associate Planner.

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, as well as, municipal plans of conservation and development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from

each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC is working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. This plan will be a regional land use policy document that guides regional efforts. The Regional Plan is expected to be completed in 2017. RiverCOG also received a grant from the UConn and the state Department of Housing for a regional resiliency and long term disaster recovery plan. The Resiliency Plan work is being incorporated into the Regional Plan work and public involvement process.

RiverCOG also conducts regional transportation planning as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO). 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.

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including: the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Land Trust Exchange, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, the RiverCOG Strategic Economic Growth Committee and other groups as space and time permits. RiverCOG completed a regional economic strategic plan for the region GrowSmart. This plan, received wide praise throughout the region and will set the stage for future regional economic development planning.



Wesleyan Students Field Study - Lake Hayward, Fall Semester 2015

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.

The Committee has been part of several other applications, acquisitions and easements over the past 17 years.

Committee members as of July 2016

Will Brady, Chairman, Historic District Commission

Laurie Alt, Board of Education

Harvey Thomas, Board of Finance

Mary Colpoys, Recreation Commission

Edmund Gubbins, Planning & Zoning Commission

Mary Augustiny, Inlands Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

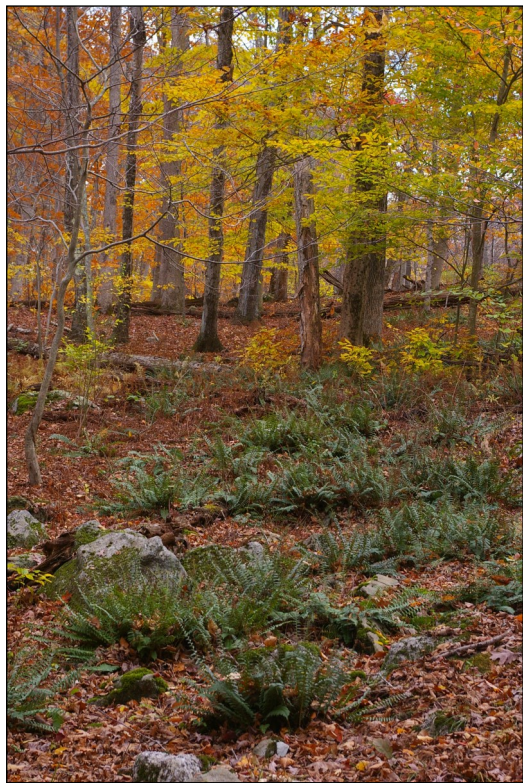
Ernest Malavasi, Board of Selectmen

Robert Smith, East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.

Joseph Albuquerque, Economic Development Commission

Todd Gelston, Conservation Commission

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	Zeleznick Property – Sarah Baker Road – 19.26 acres



Zeleznick 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 2015-2016 fiscal year the Planning and Zoning Commission processed three subdivision applications, three were approved, creating six new building lots. The Commission also approved 19 Special Exception/Site Plan applications, four lot line revisions, one Regulation Change and 70 zoning permits, including seven 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



*East Haddam Garden Club with restored urn
on East Haddam Village Green*



View of Salmon River Cove from Machimoodus State Park

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 2016 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 totaled 4,131 tons. This is a 1.4% increase from fiscal year 2015. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 1,208 tons. This is an 8.7% increase from last year. 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:

Landing Hill Road and Orchard Road were 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. More than 3,000 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of July/August/September 2015 and June 2016. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Bashan Road, Smith Road, Ackley Cemetery Road, Daniels Road, Lake Hayward Town Road, Matthews Drive, Haywardville Road, Warner Road and Wickham Road.

Clark Gates Road was chipped sealed as a preventive maintenance measure to extend the life of the road.

Boardman Road, Joe William Roads, Falls Bashan Road, Clark Gates Road, Cedar Meadow Road and Valley Brook Road were crack sealed as a preventive maintenance measure to extend the life of the roads.

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.

The preliminary design for the replacement of the Foxtown Road Bridge over the Eight Mile River has begun. The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation is conducting this phase of the project. The bridge replacement is part of the Federal Local Bridge Program.

The preliminary design of the repair of Bone Mill Road Bridge 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 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 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 2015-2016 was below average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 14 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on December 29, 2015 and the final storm occurred on April 4, 2016. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 31 inches. The highway department responded in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe.

I would like to thank the Public Works Staff, who through their dedication and experience has enhanced the quality of our infrastructure. We look forward to continuing to work with and serve the residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth S. Lunt
Public Works Director



Music on the River

RECREATION COMMISSION

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



Upgraded Town Beach parking area

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, 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 the Town Beach which includes a pavilion, bathrooms and Dog Park; Nichols Field which includes soccer and baseball fields, outdoor basketball court, preschool playground and a Disc Golf course; "The Old Middle School" that offers tennis courts and a skate park. We are in the process and development phase of building 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 1000 attendees per week as we gather to enjoy wonderful concerts with friends and neighbors. Other popular programs include Day Camps for ages three 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 everything- and is always open to trying something new! Consumers Union and Shagbark support the recreation department throughout the year and we are thankful for their generosity. High school students from Hale Ray and Franklin Academy work with the Recreation Department throughout the year to improve our parks for our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Quinn, Director



Nichols Field ready for Spring 2016 softball/baseball

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The East Haddam Registrars supported a Republican Primary for Selectman on September 16, 2015, a Referendum to Return STEAP Grant on October 1, 2015, Municipal Election on November 3, 2015, Democratic and Republican Presidential Primaries on April 26, 2016 and a Budget Referendum on May 17, 2016.

Registrars recruited and trained poll workers for the elections and referenda. We ensured our Moderators (persons in charge of elections and moderators) are current in their certifications. Our office registered voters from mail-ins, in person and on-line. We conducted a yearly Canvass which updated our voter list. We verified signatures for various petitions. The list is updated weekly from information and requests provided by citizens to Secretary of the State, the DMV and Town Clerk.

We published notices for upcoming voting events. We attended ROVAC conferences at the State and County level which provide continuing education opportunities. Registrars are now required to be certified through UCONN and have begun the process.

As of June 2016 there were a total of 6,017 registered voters: Democrats 1,877; Republicans 1,494; Unaffiliated 2,592 and 54 others consisting of the Green, Independent, Libertarian and Working Families parties.

We held a voter registration session at Nathan Hale-Ray High School and registered 26 high school students.

Our official polling place is the Nathan Hale-Ray High School on School Road in Moodus. Referenda are held at the Town Meeting Hall on Town Street, East Haddam.

We wish to thank all who help our Democracy work: our town crew, poll workers and sign placement volunteers, and of course, our voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Registrars:

Laurie W. Alt and Lucy Yacovino

Deputy Registrars:

Laurie Bennett and Martha Hansen

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/ EAST HADDAM POLICE

The East Haddam Police provide a number of services to the residents of East Haddam to include routine police coverage, marine patrol during the summer months, coverage for sporting events, school functions, parades, DARE program, and other events as requested by local residents and civic organizations. Additionally our police department continues to sponsor Project Halloween and Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy Drive. The East Haddam Police provide free fingerprinting to town residents and assist with child car seat inspections. The mission of our department is to enhance the overall security and quality of life by promoting a partnership between the community and law enforcement. The East Haddam police continue to partner with the East Haddam Youth and Family Services to administer the Drug Free Communities Grant. Additionally, East Haddam officers serve on the East Haddam Juvenile Review Board and the Local Prevention Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Resident Trooper Hawes
Corp. George Corbeil
Corp. Craig Mansfield
Corp. Karl Karabeinikoff
Officer Mark Creighton
Officer Jeffrey Rhoades
Officer Russell Gingras
Officer James Smith

POLICE STATISTICS	
Police responded to over 8,276 calls for service over the past fiscal year. The following is a list of those incidents:	
Homicide	0
Kidnapping/ Abduction	0
Narcotics (Sale of or Possession)	19
Assaults	5
Liquor Law Violations	4
Fires/ Arson	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Injuries)	68
Motor Vehicle Accidents (With Injuries)	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Fatal)	1
Burglaries	7
Sex Assaults/Offenses	0
Disturbances/ Harassment	68
Medical Assist	154
Criminal Mischief	21
Burglar Alarms (Actual and False)	343
DUI	14
Missing Persons	0
Traffic Enforcement	1,644
Untimely Deaths	11
Trespassing	4
Weapon Offenses	6
Suspicious Incidents	191
Traffic Services	142
Assist Other Agencies	187
Assist Citizens	420
Larcenies	48
Patrol Checks	4,332
Administrative Duties	424

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 23,893 sign-ins at the Senior Center; last year's sign-ins were 21,000. 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 seminars regarding wellness (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 second *Healthy Living Expo*.

The Senior Center hosted many events during the year, such as picnics, pot luck suppers, holiday parties, craft/tag sales, bake sales, and our annual volunteer reception.

The *Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program* and our Senior Center Café combined provided over 8,000 meals to seniors this year.

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) continued an outreach program. Volunteers are visiting the seniors in our community who are not utilizing the services available at the Senior Center. The 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. The Leos Club is also very helpful throughout the year with a variety of programs. The school music department also comes several times during the year to entertain the seniors.

It is the spirit of community and volunteerism of our residents that gives us the ability to provide these valued services. Louise Pear 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.

2015-2016 accomplishments include:

- The annual town audit was completed with an unqualified audit opinion.
- Refinanced 2008 bonds realizing a net cash flow savings of \$685,893.
- Continued work with the four major capital project committees.
- Worked with the First Selectman and Superintendent to negotiate lower electricity rates – annual savings of \$50,000 to both the Town and the Board.
- Continued beautification and enhancements to Town and Board of Education properties to include:
 - Libraries – new carpeting installed,
 - High School – new carpeting installed in library and auditorium.
 - Town Beach – regraded parking area, installed new rope fence around entryway and parking area.
 - Town Dock – completed with grant monies. Parking area was graded and a retaining wall and walkway were constructed to provide handicapped accessibility.
 - East Haddam Village Green – refurbished urn.
 - Maintained and upgraded athletic fields on school and town properties to include upgrades to the high and middle school batting cages.
- Provided professional technology support to the Board of Education and the Town to include implementing additional technology via a state grant.

Shared Services continues to be very active across the community to ensure safe and maintained facilities and grounds, strong financial oversight and to accommodate students and staff with the ever-changing technology needs. We bid farewell to Interim Facilities Director Kevin Reich and welcomed Ron Turner as our new Director of Operations.

Ronald Turner, Director of Operations
Cynthia Varricchio, Finance Director
Mark Knittel, IT Manager

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is one of the most visited offices in Town Hall. It serves as the center for permanent records for the residents of the community and its government. The towns most important documents are entrusted to the Town Clerk. The birth of a child, the death of a loved one, the purchase or sale of our home comes through the Clerk's Office. Military discharges, notary public services and registrations, liquor, burial and cremation permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions are responsibilities of 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 2015-2016	
Fees Collected	\$311,000
Portion Paid to State	\$103,000
Portion Town Retained	\$208,000
Pass thru directly to State	\$353,000

Highlights for the 2015-2016 year include:

- The Town Clerk served as recording secretary to the Board of Finance.
- Recorded 1985 documents on the land records (not including maps)
- The Town Clerk serves as one of two 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 to house mylar map filings.
- 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, 2016 images are available back to 1992. Maintain 24/7 on-line accessibility to land records at uslandrecords.com.
- Promoted dog licensing through the top dog contest in coordination with the middle school.
- Organized a Freedom of Information seminar with FOIA Education Officer Tom Hennick.
- Served as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Town Clerks Association.
- Testified both for and against several legislative proposals brought forward in Hartford.

- Also assisted the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Animal Population control program in awarding 945 feral cat grant vouchers to twenty-three (23) Connecticut non-profit organizations.
- Recorded 64 births, 71 marriages and 79 death records.

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



East Haddam's Top Dog, Luna a three year old German Shepard owned by the Knox family. Luna was the winner of the annual Top Dog contest sponsored by the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots are cast annually by the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School students to determine the Top Dog



East Haddam's Top Dog runner-up, Bella Boo

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 2015-2016 fiscal year was the 16th 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 2015 all of the work as completed on the rehabilitation project of the treatment plant. The project was paid for using a STEAP grant that was awarded to the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority in 2014 in the amount of \$99,000. 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.

Andrew Lord, Chairman
Edward Blaschik
Robert Casner
Richard Fiala
Arthur Merrow
John Russell
Richard Pettinelli (alternate)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, heard a total of 15 cases. This is up from the 4 cases that were heard over the last fiscal year. The 15 requests were for variances as noted below:

- Side yard setbacks for construction (12)
- Issues concerning seasonal to year round use (2)
- Size of accessory dwellings allowed on a property (1)
- Setbacks from a body of water (1)

None of the above cases were appealed in court. No meetings were held in the months of August, November, and April.

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



Blue Star Memorial on the "Little Haddam" Historic Town Green

TOWN MEETINGS

Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting July 14, 2015

Bradley Parker called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twenty (20) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Moderator Parker briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Emmett Lyman motioned to accept the call as presented. Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That an East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee charge is hereby amended for the purpose of the completion of the following projects:

- Electrical upgrade at the Elementary and Middle Schools;
- Roof replacement at the Middle School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the Elementary School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the Middle School;
- Boiler Replacement/Asbestos Removal at the Middle School;
- Window Replacement at the Middle School;
- Roof replacement at the Elementary School;
- Fire Alarm System at the Elementary School;
- Chimney Replacement at the High School;
- Roof Replacement at the High School; ~~and~~
- Water Supply System Replacement at the Elementary School;
- Asbestos ceiling tile removal/tile replacement in the Elementary School; and
- Underground oil storage tank replacement at the Elementary School.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held.

The Moderator called for a vote amending the charge of the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements building Committee carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Mr. Dutch motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That an Elementary School Renovation Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the design and construction of improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School to include (i) the replacement, repair and renovation of roofs and the installation of a new drainage system, (ii) the replacement and installation of boilers and associated equipment, (iii) the remediation and removal of asbestos and PBCs in the roof and boiler areas, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lots.

Section 1. The Committee shall consist of 7 members and 2 alternates, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen at any time. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be included in the estimated project cost and any appropriation to be requested by the Committee from the Town. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable state statutes.

Section 3. The Town of East Haddam Land Use Administrator, Facilities and Finance Directors as well as a Board of Education Representative will serve as advisory staff to the committee.

Section 4. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To consult with the Board of Education and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

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(b) To develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) Within the approved appropriation of \$2,707,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the school building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. In response to a question raised by Mr. Blaschik regarding Section 1 of the charge, Mr. Parker advised that there is no statute that addresses the removal of volunteer members from municipal commissions/committees. He noted that the language in the charge is standard language and that a member would not be removed without just cause.

Responsive to a question from Mr. Dill concerning Section 3 of the charge, Mr. Walter stated that the listed advisory staff will be available to the members of the committee to answer questions and provide input. Mr. Dill recommended including the person responsible for the maintenance of the elementary school to the advisory staff. Mr. Parker advised that all Board of Education and town employees will be available to provide input at the committee's request.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion on the floor. The motion establishing an Elementary School Renovation Building Committee as discussed above carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Malavasi seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a Municipal Office Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the design and construction of Municipal Offices. The committee is charged with (1) the planning, design, demolition, renovation, repair and reconstruction of the former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School building located at 1 Plains Road, Moodus, Connecticut, which shall include, without limitation, (i) the demolition of approximately 18,300 square feet constituting the Ray

portion of the building, (ii) the renovation, repair, fit-out and conversion of classrooms, offices, conference rooms, public areas, lavatories, and storage space and other support areas located within the Nathan Hale portion of the building, including renovations to gymnasium space to be used by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and as a polling location, (iii) the installation of a vault for the Town Clerk's office, (iv) code compliance work, including handicapped accessibility code improvements, (v) hazardous material and asbestos abatement, (vi) the renovation and/or conversion of interior spaces, the making of exterior façade improvements, the restoration of the exterior shell of the building, masonry restoration, and the installation of new windows, doors and roofing systems, (vii) room, wall and floor construction and renovations, and (viii) electrical, mechanical, plumbing, lighting, HVAC system and other building system improvements; (2) the construction of a free standing garage to house police and municipal vehicles and equipment; (3) the purchase of furniture, fixtures, equipment, IT infrastructure, and other materials for the foregoing project; (4) site improvements, including parking, lighting, regrading and improved site lines; (5) the pavement, resurfacing, sealing and repair or replacement of the existing tennis courts; (6) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports, traffic and other studies, environmental reports, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports related to the project; and (7) design, demolition, construction, site work, permit fees, engineering, construction management, architectural, insurance, testing and inspections, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing, costs of issuance, printing, capitalized interest and any other costs and expenses related to the project.

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Section 2. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be included

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in the estimated project cost and any appropriation to be requested by the Committee from the Town. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable state statutes.

Section 3. The Town of East Haddam Land Use Administrator, Facilities, Finance and Recreation Directors as well as a Board of Education Representative will serve as advisory staff to the committee.

Section 4. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To consult with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

(b) To develop required drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application and filing for any grants or federal loan that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant or loans;

(d) To contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name of and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project up to the appropriated amount of \$15,000,000.

Section 5. Upon completion of the municipal office building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

Opportunity for discussion was offered.

Ms. Branscombe and Mr. Blaschik objected to language in Section 1 of the charge regarding removal of committee members by the Board of Selectmen "at any time." In response to a question raised by Mr. Shea, Mr. Parker stated that the determination to remove a committee member will be made by the Board of Selectmen. In response to a question raised by Ms. Stuhlman, Mr. Walter advised that there is no defining list of 'just cause' reasons: Mr. Parker noted that "just cause" is a common term frequently used in contracts and legal documents. Mr. Blaschik motioned to replace the words "at any time", in section 1 of the charge with "for just cause". Mr. Walter provided a second. The motion amending the wording of the call carried unanimously. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution restated with the amended wording.

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Section 5. Upon completion of the municipal office building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

The motion carried unanimously via voice.

Item 4: Mr. Malavasi motioned, Mr. Lyman provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a Town Wide Radio System Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the design and construction related to a town-wide radio system for use by first responders,

emergency personnel and municipal officials, including the construction of communications towers and the purchase and installation of antennas, cable and other equipment at various tower sites to be determined.

Section 1. The Committee shall consist of 9 members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen at any time. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

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(a) To consult with any and all town departments or agencies that will be users of the system concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

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(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) The committee will be responsible for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, permit fees, legal fees, capitalized interest, temporary and permanent financing costs, costs of issuance, printing and any other costs and expenses related to the project.

(e) Within the approved appropriation of \$2,100,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with design architects, engineers, contractors, tower site owners and others in the name and on behalf of

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the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the town wide radio system building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to replace the words "at any time", in Section 1 of the charge, with "for just cause". Mr. Walter seconded the motion. The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution restated with the amended wording.

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Section 5. Upon completion of the town wide radio system building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5: Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That a Town Street and Moodus Firehouse Renovation Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of improvements to the Town Street Firehouse (Company No. 1) and the Moodus Firehouse (Company No. 2), including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the repair, renovation and upgrade of kitchens, bathrooms and other areas and the installation of fire exit additions at both firehouses, (ii) certain structural repairs at both firehouses, (iii) the installation of vehicle exhaust systems at both firehouses, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lot at the Moodus Firehouse, (v) the construction of an additional drive through bay for emergency vehicles at the Moodus Firehouse.

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Section 4. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To consult with the Fire Department, Ambulance Association, Office of the Fire Marshal, Emergency Management and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

(b) To develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) Within the approved appropriation of \$508,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the Town Street and Moodus Firehouses Renovation building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

Again, Mr. Blaschik motioned to replace the words "at any time", in Section 1 of the charge, to "for just cause. Mr. Walter provided the second. The amendment carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution restated with the amended wording.

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name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the Town Street and Moodus Firehouses Renovation building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon a motion made by Mr. Dutch and seconded by Mr. Blaschik at 8:30 pm via unanimous voice vote.



Special Town Meeting July 22, 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 five (5) 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. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Mr. Walter 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. Emmett Lyman 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. Blaschik motioned and it was duly seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the Board of Education Capital Reserves Fund (332-10506-25790) to Capital Projects Funds for the Board of Education for the purpose of matching state grant funds for two improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School:

\$75,000 for the removal of asbestos-containing ceiling tile and the associated suspended ceiling tile grid from the one-hundred level wing and installation of replacement tile (33250013-58926-C0080).

\$75,000 for the decommissioning and removal of an underground fuel oil tank and the replacement of said tank and fuel lines (33250013-58926-C0081).

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr.

Blaschik inquired what grant potential existed for these projects. Mrs. Varricchio advised that a 50% State reimbursement is being applied for.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the \$150,000 transfer as indicated above. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further items, Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Mr. Walter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.



September 16, 2015 Republican Primary NHRHS gymnasium

Moderator Craig Rogoff opened the polls at 6:00 am and declared the polls closed at 8:00 pm. The following results were announced at 8:08 pm.

Mark B. Walter	237
Todd Gelston	229

466 votes were cast including 27 by absentee voters.

It was determined that a recanvass would be required. Candidates, party chair, poll workers, registrars and the town clerk were summoned to the Sr. Center at Great Hillwood Road on Saturday, September 19, 2015 commencing at 10:00 am for purpose of conducting a recanvass. All ballots were hand counted and the following results were announced at 11:24 am.

Mark B. Walter	237
Todd Gelston	229

Mark B. Walter was declared the winner of the primary by Moderator Craig Rogoff.



Special Town Meeting September 21, 2015 Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale Ray High School auditorium, School Drive. Over 100 people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited along with a moment of care and concern for the safe return of two missing teens.

A motion was made by Mr. Brad Parker, seconded by Ms. Kathy Klinck nominating Mrs. Denette to serve

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as Moderator. Additional nominations were solicited none were offered. Mr. Parker motioned to close nominations, Mr. Peter Dean seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The motion appointing Deb Denette to serve as moderator carried unanimously.

Mrs. Denette read the call in its entirety. She advised that since the call was issued item number 1 was removed from action at this meeting to referendum via a petition containing well over the required 200 qualified signatures. The Moderator advised that discussion on item 1 shall occur, however, a vote on the question shall be deferred until October 1, 2015 between the hours of noon and 8 pursuant to CGS 7-9b.

Mr. Will Brady motioned to accept the call. Mrs. Linda Stuhlman seconded the motion and to amend the hours of voting to 6 am. The Moderator requested that a motion on the timing of referendum be held after discussion of item #1. There being no further discussion on acceptance of the call, the Moderator called for a vote, which carried unanimously via voice vote by the legislative body herein assembled.

Item 1: to consider and discuss (but not vote on) the following resolution received by Petition from the required number of registered voters of the Town of East Haddam.

“Shall the Town of East Haddam rescind the action taken at the special town meeting of June 19, 2013 authorizing the town to accept a STEAP grant in the amount of \$431,200.00 to undertake the Center for Community Agriculture Project and to enter into an Assistance Agreement associated therewith?”

The Moderator called on First Selectman Mark Walter. Mr. Walter reviewed documentation that was made available to the public stating what the revised grant does not include and what it does include. He further reviewed the costs associated with a rescission of the grant and highlighted that if the referendum failed, the Town would do the following. Appoint a building committee NOT comprised of any Town employees to oversee and carryout the grant. Advisory groups to the building committee would include the Agriculture Commissions and the Friends of the Harris property; the appointed building committee would hold public hearings for continued input into the project.

Mr. Gross, Chairman of the Agriculture Commission read a letter of its concerns with the project and items it concurred could be better addressed.

Mrs. Varricchio, Finance Director, reviewed the expenses to date.

Prior to opening the floor to public comment, the Moderator encouraged all speakers to remain courteous, to direct their comments through the moderator, to state their name and address and to limit their comments to three minutes. She noted the presence of a flag that would be raised at 2 and a half minutes to signal the speaker to wrap up their comments.

The following speakers provided comments:

- Joy McNeil
- Dick Everett
- Mardie Smith
- Ron Gross
- Bill Cross
- Mardie Smith
- Terry Dickerson
- Tanya Bourgoin
- Lynn Branscombe
- Barbara Guadio
- Linda Stuhlman
- Susan Weaver
- Susan Costomaris
- Dean Palletti
- Will Brady
- Doug Chesnarf read a letter written by Paul Stuhlman who was away
- Kim Barrows
- Candy Karle
- John Russell

Mr. Walter and Mrs. Varricchio, Mr. James Ventres, and Mr. Gross answered questions relative to financing, the depth and number of wells, the number of plots rented, the need for the well to be installed to increase the number of lessee's.

Many comments raised concern with the maintenance of structures and improvements on the property, however, there was a general consensus that a community garden was a good idea. A frequent comment was that this issue has divided the town and generated much negativity.

Mrs. Denette ended discussion on this item as it will be voted upon at referendum after about an hour and 15 minutes. She noted that the statutory time to conduct a referendum is noon to 8:00 pm and that the legislative body has the authority to open the polls at 6 am. She stated that now would be an appropriate time for Mrs. Stuhlman to make the motion she offered earlier.

Mrs. Stuhlman motioned that the polls be open at 6:00 am on Thursday, October 1, 2015 to conduct the

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referendum. Mr. Thomas Tarbox seconded the motion. Mrs. Denette advised that the ballots have been ordered in anticipation of a machine vote, she stated, however, that due to the Republican primary held on September 16 the voting tabulators will be held in mandatory lockdown until September 30th. (14 days following their use). Mrs. Denette stated that with an earlier opening it will not be feasible to program and test the machines by the opening of polls. Mrs. Denette stated that this will not in any way hinder voting, she stated that a hand count may be necessary if loaner machines are not found.

Mrs. Laurie Alt advocated for the noon opening, she stated that Absentee ballots would be available for those unable to get to the polls in the noon to eight timeframe. In addition to the expense, she cited that the morning session is typically not very busy. Mrs. Stuhlman noted the eight vote difference in the recent primary emphasized that every vote counts.

The Moderator stated that she had a motion and a second that the legislative body herein open the polls at 6:00 a.m. to conduct the referendum on October 1, 2015. Mrs. Denette requested a show of hands for the count. Forty-four yes votes to forty no votes were recorded. The Moderator declared the motion passed, opening the polls at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

Item 2: Mr. Will Brady motioned, Mr. Brad Parker provided the second that legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the board of selectmen and the board of finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that a grant in the amount of \$800,000 is hereby accepted 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 East Haddam renovations at Oak Grove Senior Housing phase II project.

In furtherance of this resolution, Mark B. Walter, the First Selectmen 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 the said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto. Mr. Parker reviewed what improvements were done

pursuant to phase I and the scope of the project planned for phase II. He advised that there are no matching funds required from the Town and that a most vulnerable population benefits. Representative Ziobron inquired what the Town's fee for administering the grant was. Mrs. Varricchio reported that there is not a fee.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote that the legislative body herein assembled unanimously adopted the following resolution:

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The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Kathleen Klinck motioned, Roger Stube seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that a grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy Division for reimbursement of the costs associated with a financial accounting system upgrade and conversion from a local chart of account to the state developed uniform chart of accounts UCA) revenue account 33250-43000-C0035 and expense account 33250013 58926-C0035 in furtherance of this resolution the Board of Selectmen has authorized Mark B. Walter First Selectman of the Town of East Haddam to execute a notice of grant award and perform the 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.

Mrs. Varricchio explained that East Haddam was one of the first municipalities to complete this State

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initiative and is being rewarded with this grant. She added that there are no matching funds required.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote authorizing the acceptance of a \$30,000 grant from the State of Connecticut Office of policy and management. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Dave Denette motioned, Will Brady seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the State of Connecticut State Library for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 2600 Historic Document preservation 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 a historic document preservation grant.

Mrs. Denette stated that this grant will enable the purchase of a map filing cabinet. She added that there are no matching funds required.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing the acceptance of a \$3,000 grant from the State of Connecticut State Library for the purpose of historic document preservation carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 5: Kathy Klinck motioned, Mary Ellen Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that the ordinance entitled Town Beach regulations approved by East Haddam special town meeting on June 30, 1966 and amended by East Haddam special town meeting on December 30 1998 be amended and restated in its entirety to adhere to current beach practices and regulations. Said amended and restated text is on file at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Tiffany Quinn, Recreation Director reiterated that no changes had been incorporated in almost 20 years and that the changes requested are to reflect current practices.

Roxanne Berryhill had several questions for Mrs. Quinn and brief dialog ensued. As these questions were not relevant to the ordinance, Mrs. Denette requested that Ms. Berry Hill speak to Mrs. Quinn outside of the meeting.

There being no further discussion regarding the ordinance, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting the revised ordinance carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 6: Mr. Brady motioned, Mr. Stube provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of

Selectmen to amend the committee membership portion of the charge of the Municipal Office Building Committee as follows:

Section 1. The committee shall consist of 7 members and 3 alternates to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by the Board of Selectmen for just cause. Any vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the Board of selectmen. The committee shall select its own chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the board of selectmen and make quarterly progress reports to the board of selectmen. Copies of the complete charge are on file in the town clerk's office during normal business hours.

Mr. Walter advised that he was fortunate to have ten very qualified individuals willing to serve on the committee. He stated that one is no longer able to participate. He stated, however, that the recommended change is to increase the alternates and as this will be a very busy committee.

Patricia Stricker, Mr. Tarbox and Mr. Brady, Mr. Parker and Ms. Barrows each offered comments. Both pro and con comments were noted.

The moderator called for a voice vote, the outcome of which was not discernable. The Moderator requested a hand count. The results of which were declared as 27 in favor 26 opposed. The motion carried resulting in an amended charge as indicated above.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned to referendum to be held at 6 am on Thursday, October 1 at 9:45 pm.

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## REFERENDUM RESULTS

Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall on Thursday, October 1, 2015 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam rescind the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of June 19, 2013 authorizing the Town to accept a STEAP grant in the amount of \$431,200.00 to undertake the Center for Community Agriculture Project and to enter into an Assistance Agreement associated therewith?

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| YES | 886 |
| NO  | 688 |

1,574 votes cast, including 27 absentee ballots.

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The Moderator declared the referendum passed.

## East Haddam Municipal Election November 3, 2015

| Office                                         | Democratic Candidates           | Vote Count     | Republican Candidates           | Vote Count     | Petitioning/Write-In Candidates | Vote Count |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| First Selectman                                | Edmund Gubbins                  | 852            | Mark Walter*                    | 1,312          | Todd Gelston (write in)         | 487        |
| Selectman                                      | Ernest Malavasi*                | 1,007          | Susan Link*                     | 1,435          |                                 |            |
| Town Clerk                                     | John Bradshaw                   | 802            |                                 |                | Deb Denette (petitioning)*      | 1,504      |
| Town Treasurer                                 | Kathleen Klinck*                | 1,811          |                                 |                |                                 |            |
| Tax Collector                                  |                                 |                | Denise Dill*                    | 2,193          |                                 |            |
| Board of Finance                               | Bruce Dutch*<br>Harvey Thomas   | 1,533<br>1,567 | Greg Lauria*                    | 1,583          |                                 |            |
| Board of Education<br>(6 year term)            | Nicole Hendry*<br>David Burns   | 1,161<br>911   | Mike Werner*<br>Karin Blaschik* | 1,254<br>1,485 |                                 |            |
| Board of Education<br>(2 year term)            | Mary Beth Mordecai              | 1,180          | Erik G Anderson*                | 1,281          |                                 |            |
| Board of<br>Assessment Appeals                 |                                 |                | Michael Gross*                  | 1,935          |                                 |            |
| Planning and<br>Zoning Commission              | Bernie Gillis*                  | 1,075          | Crary Brownell*                 | 1,343          |                                 |            |
| Planning and<br>Zoning Commission<br>Alternate | No Candidate                    |                | No Candidate                    |                |                                 |            |
| Library Trustee                                | John Bielot*<br>Joanne Rozniak* | 1,252<br>1,623 | Victoria L Riley-Pach*          | 1,317          |                                 |            |

5,791 on official check list, 2,699 voted

2,680 checked off voter list (inclusive of 113 by absentee) plus 19 Election Day Registration ballots

\*declared the winner

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School gymnasium. The following results were announced:

### December 1, 2015 Special Meeting

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 (35) people were in attendance. It was noted that the meeting was called to be held at the Town Grange. A sign was placed on the door of the Grange advising people to "come next door". The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Mrs. Denette as Moderator. Mr. Michael "Mickey" Pear

seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Selectman Susan Link motioned to close nominations, Mr. Walter "Vaj" Parkus 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. Mrs. Link motioned to accept the call of the meeting as read, Mr. Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Kyle Mosig motioned, Mr. Neil Mosig provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to revise the Fire Department's Capital Improvement plan to include repurposing the

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\$350,000 originally budgeted for one tanker to refurbishing the existing tanker at a cost of \$150,000 and adding the purchase of a small tanker at a cost of \$200,000 to be funded through the fire Department's Capital Reserve.

The Moderator solicited comments and questions, it was noted that this was a very good thing for the town.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator noted that there was a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Plan to include repurposing the \$350,000 originally budgeted for one tanker to refurbishing the existing tanker at a cost of \$150,000 and adding the purchase of a smaller tanker at a cost of \$200,000 to be funded through the Fire Department's Capital Reserve. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walter made the motion, Mr. Neil Mosig provided the second. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 8:04 pm.



## Special Town Meeting February 2, 2016

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. Thirty-four (34) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Kathy Klinck seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Ms. Klinck 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. Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented. Ms. Klinck seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of

an oil painting of Chapman Falls named "reflections" donated from artist Trenton F. Youngs.

Mrs. Denette advised that the painting is hung in the Town Clerk's Office and she encouraged East Haddam citizens to come into the office and see it.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the gift of an oil painting entitled "Reflections" donated by artist Trenton F. Youngs. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the East Haddam Community Lions for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$350.00 for the Heritage Park Lighting Project.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, no comments or questions were raised. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the gift of \$350.00 for the Heritage Park Lighting Project from the East Haddam Community Lions. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Blaschik provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the Mark B. Walter campaign account Re-Elect Walter/Link in the amount of \$300.00 for the Heritage Park Lighting Project.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, no comments or questions were raised. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the gift of \$300.00 for the Heritage Park Lighting Project from the Re-Elect Walter/Link campaign. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote with Mr. Walter abstaining.

**Item 4:** Mr. Walter motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to authorize the First Selectman to execute a three-year contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with Constellation Energy for electricity supply at a rate of \$.0783/kWh.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. TJ Tarbox inquired whether it was typical to execute a three-year contract. Mr. Walter responded that the term is longer, however, rates are at a twenty-year low and it seemed prudent to take advantage of the rate.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the First Selectman to

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execute a three-year contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with Constellation Energy for electricity supply at a rate of \$.0783/kWh. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 5:** Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Walter provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to authorize the First Selectman to execute a two-year contract on behalf of the town of East Haddam with East River Energy for regular unleaded gasoline at a rate of \$1.8350/gallon.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, Charlotte Gelston inquired what happens if the prices continue to go down. Mr. Walter advised that the price is a lock and the Town would be held to it regardless of whether prices went up or down. Being no additional discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the First Selectman to execute a two-year contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with East River Energy for regular unleaded gasoline at a rate of \$1.8350/gallon. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 6:** Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Blaschik provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to approve the written agreement with Dutch Lower Mill Properties, LLC for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 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 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, Peter Simmons, the Town's former Economic Development Coordinator defined the program and how Dutch Lower Mill Properties LLC fit the criteria; he encouraged its passage. There were no other comments. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the written agreement with Dutch Lower Mill Properties LLC for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 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 via voice vote.

**Item 7:** Bruce Dutch motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$23,418.37 from the General Fund to the Board of Education capital reserve fund.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, Mrs. Varricchio, the Town's Financial Director, advised that as has been the Town's practice, unspent funds from the Board of Education's budget are being transferred into a reserve fund for capital projects for the Board of Education. Mr. Tarbox inquired why the funds were not spent. Mrs. Varricchio stated that the Board of Education achieved cost savings in certain areas and rather than spending it on unbudgeted items returned it to the Town. Linda Stuhlman inquired where this policy could be found. Mrs. Varricchio stated that it is a protocol of the Board of Finance that has been practiced since 2011, it is not defined as policy. In the absence of additional comments or concerns, the Moderator called for a vote authorizing the transfer of \$23,418.37 from the General Fund to the Board of education capital reserve fund. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 8:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second to act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of FEMA grant proceeds in the amount of \$51,000 to the capital projects funds.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mrs. Varricchio reported that these were reimbursement funds received from the Federal Government responsive to a storm. She advised that the funds have been received, however, Town Meeting action was required to move the funds from the general fund (town's checkbook) into the Capital Projects Fund (savings account). There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote approving the transfer of FEMA grant proceeds in the amount of \$51,000 to the capital projects fund. The motion carried via voice vote with one Nay vote recorded from Mr. Tarbox.

**Item 9:** Joanne Rocznik motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to fund the \$62,132 financial shortfall, as a result of the rejection of the STEAP grant for the CCA at referendum, by reducing the following named budgets

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(with their stated reductions) Agriculture Commission Capital-\$11,000, Assessor-\$1,064, Building Maintenance and Operations-\$189, Central Services-\$909, Elections Registrars-\$442, Finance Office-\$540, Land Use Office \$3,374, Old Middle School Operations-\$3,171, Selectmen-\$1,265, Tax Collector-\$1,459, Town Clerk-\$1,995, Legal-\$569, Agriculture Commission-\$10, Board of Assessment Appeals-\$24, Board of Finance-\$1,115, Conservation Commission-\$127, Economic Development Commission-\$332, Historic District Commission-\$24, Open Space Committee-\$107, Zoning Board of Appeals-\$38, Building Department-\$959, Fire Department-\$2,095, Fire Marshal-\$277, General Highways-\$8,637, Snow Removal-\$2,148, Town Garage, \$512, Transfer Station-\$4,723, Cemeteries-\$86, Health Services (water testing)-\$18, Senior Services-\$994, Lakes Association-\$161, Libraries-\$2,878, Recreation Commission-\$955, Town Greens-\$370 and Transfer to Shared Services-\$9,565.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, Mr. Walter briefly reviewed the history of the project and stated that funds were expended prior to the grant being rescinded and accordingly, a funding source needs to be found to fill the holes. Paul Buhl noted the mild winter being experienced and suggested that it was premature to cut budgets when it was most plausible that considerable unexpended funds would remain in the snow removal line. Debbie Corbeil inquired why the fiscal years were being blended and also advocated for another strategy to fund the shortfall. Edward Blaschik identified budgeted savings that should have resulted from the resignations of the facilities director, economic development coordinator and public works foreman. He also identified a \$48,000 savings resulting from the bond refunding. Mrs. Varricchio replied that the savings that resulted from the bond refunding was anticipated and built into the adopted budget. Mrs. Gelston noted differing figures on published documentation. Linda Stuhlman questioned donated funds, figures and dates regarding the purchase of a tractor. Questions also arose regarding a stipend in the amount of \$5,000 paid to Deb Mathiasen for marketing services. Kevin Staehly inquired why the \$11,000 for a well was taken out as an operating cost when it was part of a Capital Reserve Fund. Mrs. Varricchio stated that she would need to verify the line the well was in at a later date. Mrs. Gelston stated that with so many discrepancies it was not prudent to approve this. Mrs. Denette stated that an action item for Town Meeting cannot be tabled and added that if it

is the will of the legislative body to have a different scenario presented it would need to reject the motion on the floor. The Moderator called for a voice vote, the outcome of which was not discernable. Accordingly she requested a show of hands and recorded a vote of 15 yes, 13 no with many in the room not raising their hand. The audience accommodated her request for a division of the assembly with non-residents leaving the voting area. The vote 15 yes 13 no stood. The Moderator declared the motion passed.

Mr. Walter motioned to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



## Special Town Meeting March 1, 2016

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:05 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately one hundred (100) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Rob Smith seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Melissa Ziobron 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. Kathy Klinck motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Craig Mansfield motioned, Pete Govert provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to execute a three-year contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with Valley Shore Emergency Communication, Incorporated to provide emergency telecommunications and 9-1-1 services.

Mr. Walter advised that KX has filed for bankruptcy. He reviewed the costs for each of the next three years with Valley Shore. The Moderator provided opportunity for comments or questions, Mrs. Ziobron inquired whether the Town would face any penalties for withdrawal from KX. Mr. Walter responded that the notice of intent to terminate was

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sent timely. He further opined that the sale of assets as the company disbands should settle the current debts of KX.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote authorizing the First Selectman to execute a three-year contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with Valley Shore Emergency Communication, Incorporated to provide emergency telecommunications and 9-1-1 services. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Brad Parker motioned, Mrs. Ziobron provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Town shall negotiate and enter into a power purchase agreement for the Shagbark Lumber Solar Facility on terms and conditions substantially as set forth in the letter of intent dated November 3, 2015, and that Mark B Walter as First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute such power purchase agreement on behalf of the Town.

Attorney Scott Jezek, representing the applicants Fred and Joanna Hunt, offered a presentation of the proposed project. Roger Nemergut engineer detailed environmental impact and siting, Attorney Jezek noted that the project falls under the jurisdiction of the siting council and not the local land use boards. Mark Sassi reviewed the virtual net metering plan. Julia L. reviewed the financial component of the project. The size of the solar farm was structured to generate enough power to operate the three schools.

The Moderator advised that generally such in-depth presentations do not occur at Town Meetings, however, she allowed it as a local public hearing was not held.

Ernest Malavasi motioned that when the vote is called that it be by paper ballot. Todd Gelston seconded the motion. Opportunity for discussion was held, none was offered. The moderator called for a vote on the motion to conduct the vote via paper ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator offered opportunity for comments and questions regarding the project.

Mark Thiede of Two Wrastlin' Cats raised concerns regarding water quality for his business. Mr. Nemergut opined that there would not be impact.

Bob Mather stated that he was behind the project but wanted the large trees to remain as a buffer between his property and the solar farm.

Mr. Malavasi stated that he voted against the

project moving forward as a Selectman, not because he opposes the project, but because he believed the terms of the contract (25 years) and percentage of credit (10%) should be reviewed by an expert to determine that it is fair for both parties.

Casey Carle noted support for the project after learning that it would go forward with or without the Town and stated that he would prefer that the benefit remain in East Haddam.

Mr. Gelston questioned the annual budget for electric use at the schools. Mrs. Varricchio ultimately responded that it was approximately \$315,000. It is anticipated that the credits will generate \$25,000 - \$30,000 in savings on that electric bill.

Mr. Sassi emphasized that the rate will be 10% of the value regardless of whether the market goes up or down. He emphasized that Shagbark is assuming the risk in the project.

Linda Stuhlman asked, Mr. Nemergut, answered questions relative to orientation and abutters. Attorney Jezek advised that all abutters were notified via certified mail of the petition with the siting council.

Charlene Riling inquired about a long term cost benefit analysis regarding the proposal. Mrs. Varricchio advised that the town does not have any risk in this project, accordingly, it did not perform one.

Brad Parker defined this project as a "no brainer" and equated the concept to buying groceries at Stop & Shop, which you need anyway, and being rewarded with gas points for additional savings.

Charlotte Gelston inquired what the value of the abated taxes would be. Mr. Sassi clarified that the tax incentive to Shagbark was in federal tax credits earned for solar energy. Attorney Jezek clarified that there is no tax revenue lost because none presently exists. The farm land will continue to be taxed as farmland, the new infrastructure, however, will be exempt from taxes for the term of the agreement.

Richard Parker motioned to call the question. Melissa Ziobron seconded the motion. The Moderator offered opportunity for discussion regarding the motion to end discussion and vote. Hearing none she called for a vote to end discussion regarding item #2. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator reminded the legislative body that a vote to conduct the vote via paper ballot carried earlier. She called upon the Registrars to coordinate the vote and re-read the question on the floor:

RESOLVED: That the Town shall negotiate and enter into a power purchase agreement for the Shagbark Lumber Solar Facility on terms and conditions substantially as set forth in the letter of

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intent dated November 3, 2015, and that Mark B Walter as First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute such power purchase agreement on behalf of the Town.

**Item 3:** As the Registrar of Voters were counting the ballots, Mr. Parker motioned, Mr. Roger Stube provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$313,765.26 to Fund 3150 – Dolbia Hill Road (\$88,495.29) and Fund 3151 Jones Hill Road (\$225,269.97) to fund the deficit created by these projects and their ensuing litigation.

Mr. Walter reviewed the project which he stated was funded 80% by federal grants and 20% by State grants. He noted litigation ensued many years ago with the contractor (low bidder, required via grant documents to use). The appropriations defined herein are court ordered. Notations of the pendency of the action have been noted in the annual audits. Responding to inquiry from Mr. Rob Smith, it was noted that the appropriations are net of State receipts. Ms. Branscomb inquired what settlement the State reached with the contractor. Mr. Walter advised that the State was not a party to the suit, which is how grants are structured. There being no further comment or question, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion approving a special appropriation in the amount of \$313,765.26 to Fund 3150 – Dolbia Hill Road (\$88,495.29) and Fund 3151 Jones Hill Road (\$225,269.97) to fund the deficit created by these projects and their ensuing litigation carried with one nay voiced by T.J. Tarbox. The Moderator declared the motion passed.

The Moderator advised that the vote for **Item 2** was recorded at 60 yes; 17 no. The Moderator declared the following resolution passed:

RESOLVED: That the Town shall negotiate and enter into a power purchase agreement for the Shagbark Lumber Solar Facility on terms and conditions substantially as set forth in the letter of intent dated November 3, 2015, and that Mark B Walter as First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute such power purchase agreement on behalf of the Town.

**Item 4:** Mr. Govert motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a three-year agreement with Blum Shapiro & Company PC for Financial Audit Services with the option to negotiate for an additional two years.

Mr. Walter reviewed the three bids that were received, Blum Shapiro was reported to be the low bidder. Responsive to inquiry it was reported that Blum Shapiro was the successor firm to Scully & Wolf, which has been the Town’s auditor since 1983.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the Board of Finance to enter into a three-year agreement with Blum Shapiro & Company PC for Financial Audit Services with the option to negotiate for an additional two years. The Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 9:16 pm. Mr. Govert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



## Special Town Meeting March 31, 2016

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 eleven (11) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark B. Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Selectman Ernest Malavasi seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Jim Ventres 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. Joanne Roczniak motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Malavasi seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mrs. Roczniak motioned, Mr. Malavasi provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,579 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled “FY 2014/2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant”, (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10542070 \$579.00).

Mr. Walter advised that this is an annual grant that

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pays approximately 50% of the salary for Mr. Mansfield and Ms. Spencer who are in the position of Emergency Management Director and Assistant Emergency Management Director. Brief confusion resulted regarding whether the 2014/2015 date was accurate as we are currently under the 2015/2016 budget year. It was stated that the grant does not run concurrently with the municipalities fiscal year, accordingly the date was deemed correct.

There being no further comment or question the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$4,579 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014/2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10542070 \$579.00) carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Ventres provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED: That the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to exchange a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by the Town of East Haddam on the west side of Trowbridge Road with a street address of 73 Clark Gates Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 59, on map 75, for a 19674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by Joseph Darmanin and Mary Darmanin the west side of Trowbridge Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 1001 on Map 82, all as more particularly shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of proposed land exchanged between Mary & Joseph Darmanin and the Town of East Haddam" prepared by Swamp Yankee Survey LLC and dated November 22, 2015 and that the first selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such exchange.

Mr. Ventres displayed maps depicting the parcels subject to the proposed swap. He stated that the swap will allow buses to turn around on town owned land rather than on private property. Mr. Ventres noted the parcel allows access to the newly built disc golf piece. He also noted that the proposal has been through Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Joe Darmanin spoke in favor of the exchange for liability and safety reasons, Dora Lyman spoke in favor of the proposed swap for hiking and gardening opportunities for school students. Todd Gelston sought clarification of future costs associated with the

paving and maintenance of the property and suggested that status quo has worked for many years and cautioned against changing it. Mr. Ventres stated that there is no proposal to spend any funds on a more permanent turn around, he stated that the question before the legislative body is whether or not to acquire the parcel, not to do any improvements on it at this time.

There being no further comment, the Moderator called for a vote on the following resolution:  
RESOLVED: That the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to exchange a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by the Town of East Haddam on the west side of Trowbridge Road with a street address of 73 Clark Gates Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 59, on map 75, for a 19674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by Joseph Darmanin and Mary Darmanin the west side of Trowbridge Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 1001 on Map 82, all as more particularly shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of proposed land exchanged between Mary & Joseph Darmanin and the Town of East Haddam" prepared by Swamp Yankee Survey LLC and dated November 22, 2015 and that the First Selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such exchange.

The motion carried with Mr. Gelston recorded as the only nay.

Mrs. Roczniaik motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Susan Link seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



## Presidential Preference Primary REPUBLICAN

| Candidate       | Regular<br>Votes | Absentee<br>Votes | Total |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Ted Cruz        | 111              | 3                 | 114   |
| Ben Carson      | 5                | 0                 | 5     |
| Donald J. Trump | 483              | 13                | 496   |
| John R. Kasich  | 176              | 9                 | 185   |
| Uncommitted     | 10               | 0                 | 10    |

Moderator Lou Salicrup declared the polls open at 6:00 am and the closed at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. The following results were certified for East Haddam.

Number of voters checked off as voted: 810  
Number of voters eligible: 1,478

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## Presidential Preference Primary DEMOCRATIC

Moderator Ernest Malavasi declared the polls open at 6:00 am and the closed at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. The following results were certified for East Haddam.

| Candidate                  | Regular Votes | Absentee Votes | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente | 5             | 0              | 5     |
| Hillary Clinton            | 377           | 30             | 407   |
| Bernie Sanders             | 547           | 23             | 570   |
| Uncommitted                | 11            | 2              | 13    |

Number of voters checked off as voted: 995

Number of voters eligible: 1,882



## Special Town Meeting May 3, 2016

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:02 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. Kathy Klinck seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Ms. Klinck 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. Ms. Klinck motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Has been removed from the call of the meeting by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-7 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 ballot labels on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$31,150,888, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2016-2017 be approved?

Todd Gelston questioned the unknowns regarding

the State budget and how that would impact the Town's budget. Mrs. Varricchio responded that the Town has not relied on state funding for operating, if the funding does not come through as anticipated capital projects would be reviewed.

Bill Cross had several very specific line item questions as it related to budget shortfalls this year vs next year. He was encouraged to speak with Mrs. Varricchio outside of the meeting.

Terry Dickinson questioned the reserves in the general fund and encouraged taxes to stay as flat as possible. Kim Dodge expressed concern that continual rising taxes are a detriment to those on a fixed income. Charlene Riling raised questions regarding engineering expenses paid by the Town in connection with the Banner Lodge zoning application. Mrs. Denette requested Mrs. Riling speak to Mrs. Varricchio as her questions were not germane to the 2016-2017 budget.

There being no further questions on the 2016-2017 budget, Mrs. Denette reminded the audience that the item would be determined at referendum on May 17, 2016.

**Item 2:** Mr. Gelston motioned, Bruce Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at 6:00 am to conduct the referendum on May 17, 2016.

Laurie Alt encouraged a No vote on this item. She stated that the Registrars feel that noon to 8:00 pm enables the majority to come out to vote and for those that cannot absentee ballots are available. Mrs. Dickinson noted the high turnout among young people for the recent presidential preference primary, she encouraged the extended hours and an effort to reach the young people to keep them involved. Mrs. Dodge also encouraged the extended hours, she stated that the additional cost is nominal in a \$31,000,000 budget.

The Moderator called for a vote on the motion to open the polls at 6:00 am to conduct the budget referendum on May 17, 2016. The Moderator reiterated that a yea vote would open the polls at 6:00 am; and that a nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon per State Statute. Following a voice vote, she requested a show of hands. The Moderator counted 20 yea votes and 13 nay votes. The motion was declared passed indicating that the polls will open at 6:00 am. on Tuesday May 17, 2016 to conduct the referendum.

Mrs. Denette noted that items 3-5 involve renovations at the elementary school and will be discussed and voted upon one at a time. She

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summarized that item 3 adds reworking of the bus route to the scope of the project approved at referendum in June of 2015; item 4 removes the asbestos abatement project from the charge of the East Haddam Schools Building Committee charge and clarifies the names of the schools; item 5 amends the charge of the East Haddam Schools renovation building committee to add the asbestos abatement project (item #4) and the reworking of the bus route to the elementary school renovation building project (item #3) to the charge so that only one committee is working on the project.

**Item 3:** Ms. Klinck motioned, Bryan Perry provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and vote on a resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance:

WHEREAS, an appropriation and bond authorization resolution ("Resolution") to fund certain improvements at East Haddam Elementary School (the "Project"), 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,"

was submitted to the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town for their approval or disapproval, at a Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Haddam (the "Town") held on June 4, 2015 at the Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, removed the Resolution on the call of the Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters for a "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the voters approved the Resolution on such referendum date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance have recommended the amendment of the Resolution to expand the Project to include the reworking of the bus route to improve vehicle traffic flow for safety reasons, the construction and repair of sidewalks and any parking lot and road pavement work related thereto, and seek the approval of such amendment by the electors and citizens eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM:

That the Resolution is hereby revised as follows: The language contained in the Resolution that reads:

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,707,000 for costs related to improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School, including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the replacement, repair and renovation of roofs and the installation of a new drainage system, (ii) the replacement and installation of boilers, (iii) the remediation and removal of asbestos and PBCs in the roof and boiler areas, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lots, (v) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports, and (vi) design, construction, materials, engineering, architectural, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing, costs of issuance, printing, capitalized interest and any other costs and expenses related thereto, all of the above with such changes as the Board may approve (the "Project"). The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project if funds are insufficient to complete all components of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

is hereby amended to read:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,707,000 for costs related to improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School, including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the replacement, repair and renovation of roofs and the installation of a new drainage system, (ii) the replacement and installation of boilers, (iii) the remediation and removal of asbestos and PBCs in the roof and boiler areas, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lots, (v) the reworking of the bus route, including the construction and repair of sidewalks and any parking lot and road pavement work related thereto, (vi) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports, and (vii) design, construction, materials, engineering, architectural, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing, costs of issuance, printing, capitalized interest and any other costs and expenses related thereto, all of the above with such changes as the Board may approve (the "Project"). The Board is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project if funds are insufficient to complete all components of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

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The Moderator opened the floor for comments and questions. Mr. Gelston inquired what these additional modifications will cost the tax payers. Superintendent Brian Reas answered that the modifications will be done within the cost parameters approved by the voters at referendum and are necessary to address safety concerns.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing the reworking of the bus turnaround as noted in the aforementioned resolution carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 4:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Art Merrow provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to amend the charge of the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee as follows:

RESOLVED: That an East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the completion of the following projects:

- Electrical upgrade at the East Haddam Elementary and Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle Schools;
- Roof replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Boiler Replacement/ Asbestos Removal at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Window Replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Roof replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Fire Alarm System at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Chimney Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School;
- Roof Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School;
- Water Supply System Replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Asbestos ceiling tile removal/tile replacement in the Elementary School; and
- Underground oil storage tank replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School.

A copy of the entire charge, as amended, is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

It was reiterated that this item removes the asbestos project from this Committee, Item 5 will add it to the charge of the Elementary School Building Renovation Committee. Responsive to inquiry from Art Merrow, Linda Zeminieski advised that these are completed projects but remain on the resolution as required by the State of Connecticut. She added that the State is also requiring clarification regarding the names of the school.

There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote to amend the charge of the East Haddam Schools Capital Improvements Building Committee as follows:

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- Roof replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Asbestos tile removal/tile replacement in the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Boiler Replacement/ Asbestos Removal at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Window Replacement at the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School;
- Roof replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Fire Alarm System at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Chimney Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School;
- Roof Replacement at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School;
- Water Supply System Replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School;
- Asbestos ceiling tile removal/tile replacement in the Elementary School; and
- Underground oil storage tank replacement at the East Haddam Elementary School.

The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Harvey Thomas motioned, Nancy Haslam provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to amend the charge of the Elementary School Renovation Building Committee as follows:

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RESOLVED: That an Elementary School Renovation Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the design and construction of improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School to include (i) the replacement, repair and renovation of roofs and the installation of a new drainage system, (ii) the replacement and installation of boilers and associated equipment, (iii) the remediation and removal of asbestos and PBCs in the roof and boiler areas, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lots. (iv) the repair and renovation of the parking lots and associated walkways including modifications for a dedicated parent drop-off and an addition of approximately 16,000 square feet for an isolated bus loop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the duties of the Elementary School Renovation Building Committee include the addition of item (v) asbestos ceiling tile removal/tile replacement project.

Section 1. The Committee shall consist of 7 members and 2 alternates, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen at any time. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be included in the estimated project cost and any appropriation to be requested by the Committee from the Town. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable state statutes.

Section 3. The Town of East Haddam Land Use Administrator, Facilities and Finance Directors as well as a Board of Education Representative will serve as advisory staff to the committee.

Section 4. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To consult with the Board of Education and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

(b) To develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and

approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) Within the approved appropriation for items i to iv noted above of \$2,707,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

(e) Within the approved appropriation for item v added above of \$150,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the school building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Blaschik recalled that when this item came forward initially he took exception to Section 1. "except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen at any time". Mrs. Zeminieski clarified that there were three committees established at that time and two of the Committees received the modification that Mr. Blaschik referred to. It was noted that it would be appropriate to make a similar amendment at this time.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Merrow provided a second that the resolution be amended to modify section 1 to strike "at any time " and replace with "for due cause" consistent with the other committee amendments" There being no discussion on the amendment the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Gelston inquired if there was additional asbestos that still needed to be removed. Brian Reas reported that there are still a few small areas remaining, however, they are not located in an area that children utilize.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on item #5 as amended at section 1.

RESOLVED: That an Elementary School Renovation Building Committee is hereby established for the purpose of the design and construction of

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improvements at the East Haddam Elementary School to include (i) the replacement, repair and renovation of roofs and the installation of a new drainage system, (ii) the replacement and installation of boilers and associated equipment, (iii) the remediation and removal of asbestos and PBCs in the roof and boiler areas, (iv) the pavement resurfacing, sealing and repair of the parking lots. (iv) the repair and renovation of the parking lots and associated walkways including modifications for a dedicated parent drop-off and an addition of approximately 16,000 square feet for an isolated bus loop.

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Section 1. The Committee shall consist of 7 members and 2 alternates, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of said members shall continue until the project is complete and accepted by the town and the committee is discharged, except that any member may resign or be removed by a vote of the Board of Selectmen for just cause. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall select its own chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. This committee shall answer to the Board of Selectmen and shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation for their services. The necessary expenses of the committee shall be included in the estimated project cost and any appropriation to be requested by the Committee from the Town. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable state statutes.

Section 3. The Town of East Haddam Land Use Administrator, Facilities and Finance Directors as well as a Board of Education Representative will serve as advisory staff to the committee.

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(a) To consult with the Board of Education and its administrators concerning the plans for said project and its construction and the schedule therefore;

(b) To develop schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project and to review and approve all plans for said project, and to supervise and/or provide for the proper supervision of the project in the Town's best interest;

(c) To assist in the application for any grants that may be available to the Town for said project, and provide or execute any necessary documentation for such a grant application;

(d) Within the approved appropriation for items i to iv noted above of \$2,707,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

(e) Within the approved appropriation for item v added above of \$150,000, and subject to the limits thereof, to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the town to design, build and complete the project, and approve all design and construction expenditures for the project.

Section 5. Upon completion of the school building project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 6:** Mr. Dutch motioned, Mr. Smith 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 "Control Fanwort and Variable Milfoil at Moodus Reservoir" (revenue account 33050-43000-G1601 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1601) upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant 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.

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Opportunity for questions was offered. Mrs. Varricchio responded to an inquiry from Mrs. Dickinson. There being no further inquiry the Moderator called for a vote accepting the invasive species grant. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 7.** Mr. Dutch motioned, Mrs. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$476,250 (transfer to capital projects fund 10549010-59700 for expense account 33250013-48923-C0070) for the Bone Mill Road Bridge project with the understanding that the State of Connecticut has committed to fund 47.50% of the eligible project costs through the Local Bridge Program Grant.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Marion Buck stated her belief that the costs were excessive and relayed concerns that the bridge would be larger and overbuilt for the neighborhood needs, she encouraged the vote to fail. Mrs. Link stated that both the Selectman's Office and the Public Works Administrator are working with the neighbors on the design. She reiterated that this motion is to accept a State grant. Mr. Smith questioned if the \$476,000 is the total cost or the State's portion. Mrs. Varricchio responded that the total cost cannot exceed \$476,000 and that it is anticipated that the State will fund 47.50 percent of that amount. Kyle Paula, Terry Dickinson and Todd Gelston also spoke briefly on the Bone Mill Road Bridge.

The moderator called for a vote accepting State funding on the Bone Mill Road Bridge. The motion carried with Marion Buck, Teresa Dickinson, Todd and Charlotte Gelston voting in opposition.

**Item 8.** Mr. Dutch motioned, Melanie Kolek provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Town Meeting accept a grant in the amount of \$265,000 for 100% of the costs for the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of Foxtown Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04651) over the Eightmile River utilizing Federal and State Funds from the Highway Bridge Program. Said grant shall be funded by state and federal grants as are available to the Town.

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 Foxtown Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04651) over the Eightmile River utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program.

The Moderator solicited comments and questions. Mr. Merrow noted that there are only three houses on the road in question. Mr. Smith encouraged a consistent design to be utilized among both bridges. Mrs. Buck inquired why two bridges needed to be designed and inquired why the second bridge design could not be modified from the first.

There being no additional discussion the Moderator called for a vote to accept a \$265,000 grant for 100% of the costs for the development of a replacement Foxtown Road Bridge. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 9:** Mr. Gelston motioned, Mr. Merrow provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,618.85 from Connecticare Inc. & Associates through the 2015 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act, and to appropriate said funds to Open Space Reserve Fund (33250-43000-25022).

Opportunity for discussion was held, no comments or questions raised.

The moderator called for a vote accepting a donation from Connecticare Inc & Associates in the amount of \$2,618.85. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 10:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mrs. Kolek provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$92,612.35 from the General Fund (10549010-48928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund.

Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Gelston, Mrs. Link stated that this is a procedure that was put in place several years ago providing additional incentive to the Board of Education to be fiscally prudent. She stated that to date over \$600,000 has been made available to the Board of Education to fund capital improvement projects. It was noted that the \$92,612.35 represents funds not spent from the 2014-2015 Board of Education budget.

There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing a \$92,612.35

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transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Education Capital Reserve fund carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn to referendum at 9:11 pm. Ms. Klinck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



## REFERENDUM RESULTS

Moderator Joanne Roczniak declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$31,150,888, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2016-2017 be approved?

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| YES | 452 |
| NO  | 318 |

770 votes cast, including three (3) absentee ballots. The Moderator declared the referendum passed.



### Special Meeting June 28, 2016

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. Teresa Dickinson seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Dave Denette 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. Lynn Branscombe motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Blaschik motioned 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 grant in the amount of \$4,573.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant," (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-051510-\$4,000.00 and 10541810-51590-\$573.50). Ernest Malavasi seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter noted that this grant is accepted annually, accounted for within the budget and utilized to fund costs associated with Emergency Management. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a vote on acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$4,573.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant," (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-051510-\$4,000.00 and 10541810-51590-\$573.50). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from Robert Knakal for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$1,000.00 to further the Heritage Park lighting project. Bob Casner seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter noted the project that is being funded through community organizations to install low lighting around the walking trails at Heritage Park. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a vote on acceptance on acceptance of a \$1,000 gift from Robert Knakal with gratitude to further the Heritage Park lighting project. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to amend the capital projects budget for the East Haddam Elementary School fuel oil tank replacement project (33250013-58926-C0081) from \$150,000 to \$48,012 (a decrease of \$101,988) and to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school asbestos abatement project (33250013-58926-C0080) from \$150,000 to \$251,988 (an increase of \$101,988) representing no additional cost to the town. Emmett Lyman seconded the motion.

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Cindy Varricchio advised that this action would authorize a transfer of funds from one line where there was an overage to another where there was a shortfall. She emphasized that there was no additional cost to the Town. Opportunity for comments and questions was offered, none were raised.

The Moderator called for a vote to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school fuel oil tank replacement project (33250013-58926-C0081) from \$150,000 to \$48,012 (a decrease of \$101,988) and to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school asbestos abatement project (33250013-58926-C0080) from \$150,000 to \$251,988 (an increase of \$101,988) representing no additional cost to the town. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 4:** Todd Gelston motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$48,826 from debt service - interest expense (10548990-58320) to interfund transfers - reserve for capital projects savings (10549010-58010). Mrs. Blaschik seconded the motion.

Mrs. Varricchio advised that these funds represented savings from refinancing of the new middle school and the action carries out policy implemented by the Board of Finance. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, none were raised.

The Moderator called for a vote to approve a transfer of \$48,826 from debt service - interest expense (10548990-58320) to interfund transfers - reserve for capital projects savings (10549010-58010). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Gelston motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled Blighted Structure Ordinance. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerks office during normal business hours. Mr. Casner seconded the motion.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered. The following citizens offered opinions and raised questions: Scott Taylor, Eric Maheu, Mr. Dalton, Jamie Velez, Bill Cross, Teresa Dickinson, Lynn Branscombe, and Joanne Rocznik

Mr. Walter fielded the questions. No support for the ordinance was raised in the comments offered. Mr. Blaschik called the question. Mr. Gelston provided the second. The motion calling the question carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator requested a show of hands to approve an ordinance entitled "Blighted Structure

Ordinance". Four Ayes were recorded. The remainder of the room voted nay. The Moderator declared the motion failed.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:29 pm. Mrs. Rocznik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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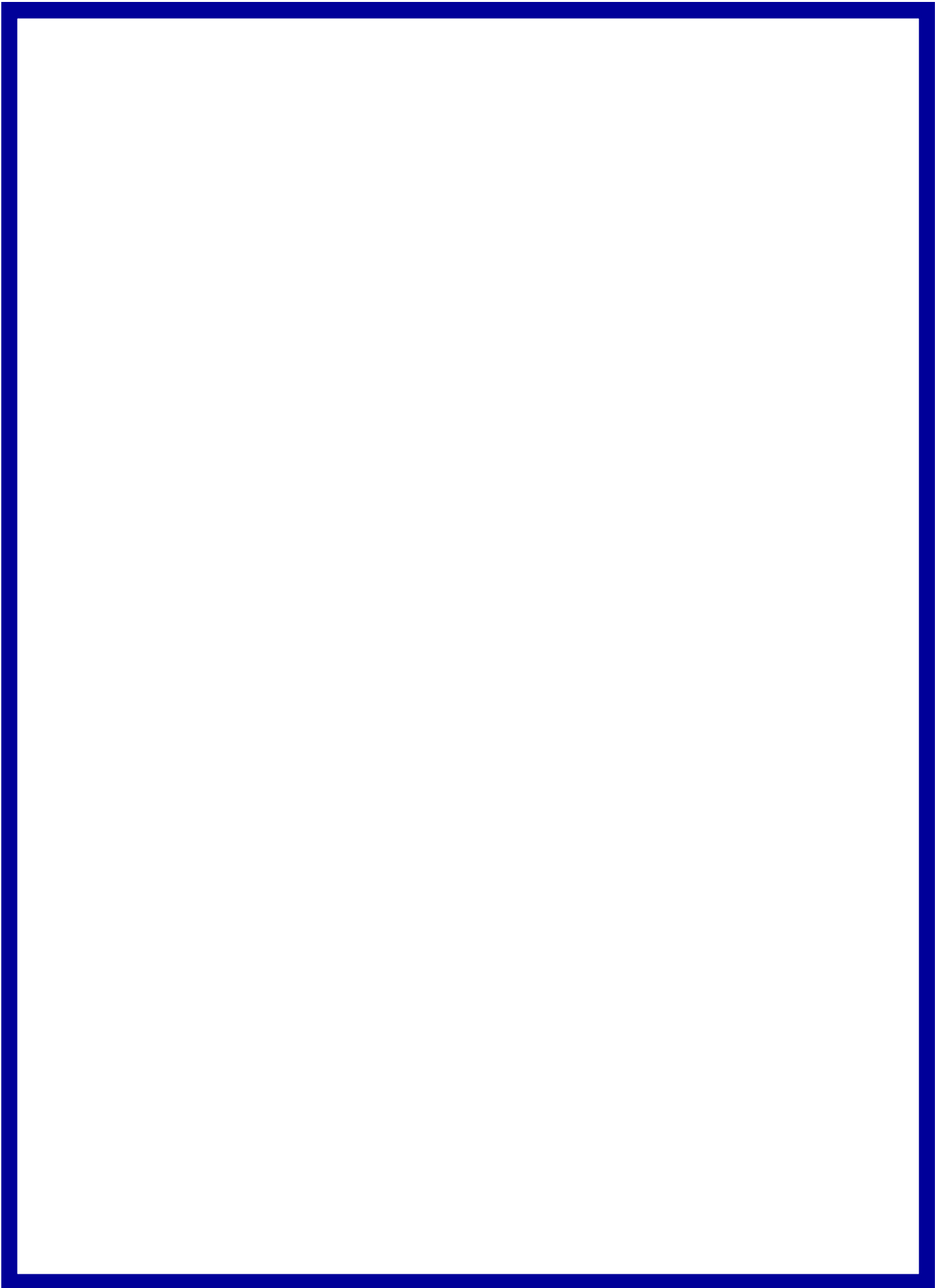
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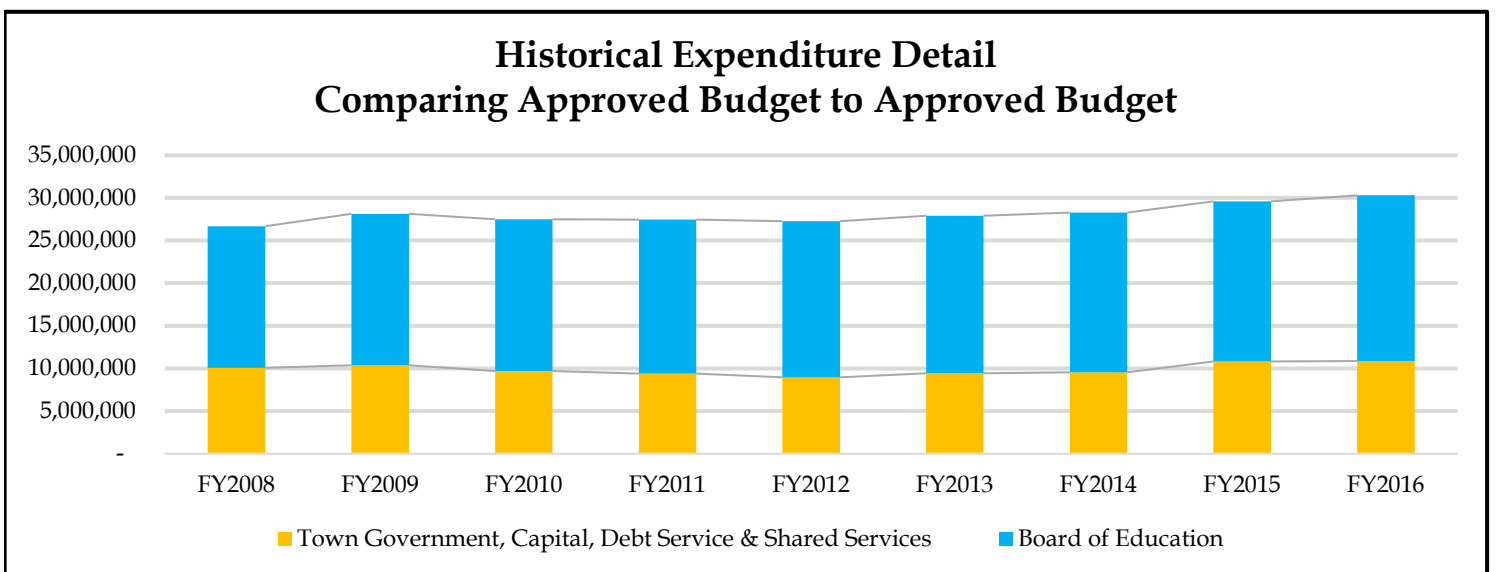
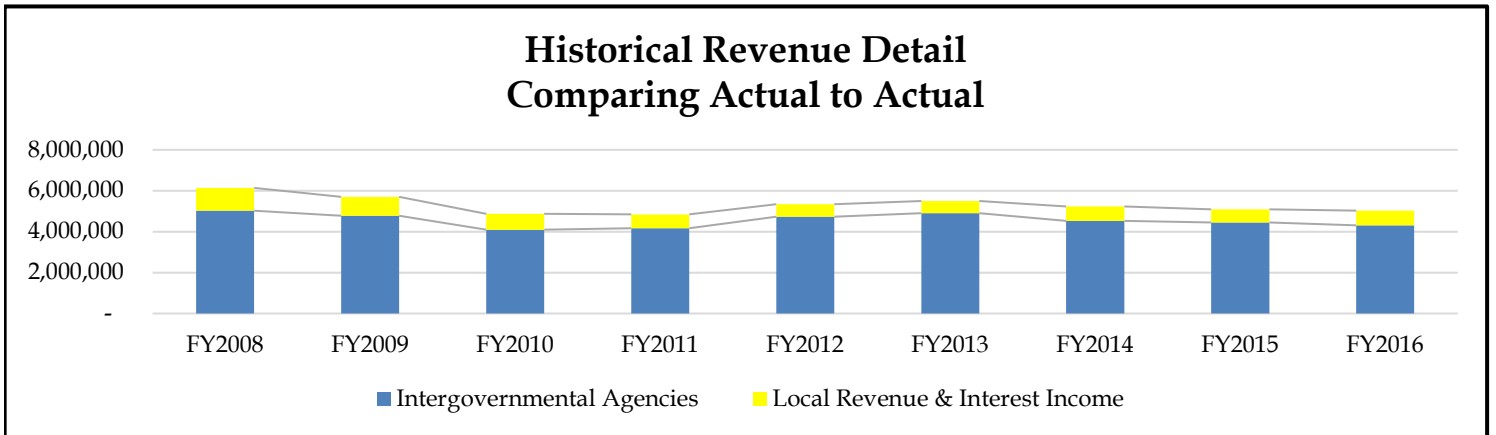
# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Revenue Detail

| DESCRIPTION                                 | 2014-2015         | 2015-2016         |                   |                        | 2016-2017         |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                                             | ACTUAL            | FINAL BUDGET      | ACTUAL            | VARIANCE Over/ (Under) | BUDGET            |
| <b>Taxes</b>                                |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Property Taxes                              | 23,691,143        | 24,398,015        | 24,583,141        | 185,126                | \$ 25,099,153     |
| Interest and Penalties                      | 168,709           | 130,000           | 252,433           | 122,433                | 140,000           |
| Other Taxes                                 | 11,091            | 8,460             | 19,959            | 11,499                 | 8,460             |
| <b>Total Taxes</b>                          | <b>23,870,943</b> | <b>24,536,475</b> | <b>24,855,533</b> | <b>319,058</b>         | <b>25,247,613</b> |
| <b>State and Federal Agencies</b>           |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Chester Assessor Agreement                  | 46,944            | 48,352            | 48,352            | -                      | 50,044            |
| Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants        |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| PILOT State Property                        | 44,042            | 34,187            | -                 | (34,187)               | 8,489             |
| Casino Funds                                | 28,815            | 27,880            | 24,913            | (2,967)                | 27,085            |
| Town Aid Road Fund Grant                    | 329,648           | 334,397           | 331,311           | (3,086)                | 331,311           |
| Local Capital Improvements Program          | 88,388            | 89,741            | 87,991            | (1,750)                | 87,991            |
| Municipal Revenue Sales Tax Sharing         | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                      | 268,344           |
| Education Grants                            |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Adult Education                             | 5,330             | 4,940             | 5,185             | 245                    | 5,214             |
| Education Cost Sharing                      | 60,987            | 61,621            | 48,869            | (12,752)               | 53,290            |
| Transportation                              | 3,765,704         | 3,779,206         | 3,682,589         | (96,617)               | 3,777,645         |
| Emergency Management Grant                  | 4,100             | 4,100             | 4,100             | -                      | 4,100             |
| Miscellaneous Allotments                    | 3,605             | 25,000            | 2,546             | (22,454)               | 25,000            |
| Police DUI Enforcement                      | 4,391             | 25,000            | -                 | (25,000)               | -                 |
| School Bond Principal and Interest          | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                      | -                 |
| Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled   | 71,100            | 78,143            | 73,451            | (4,692)                | 79,071            |
| <b>Total State and Federal Agencies</b>     | <b>4,453,054</b>  | <b>4,512,567</b>  | <b>4,309,307</b>  | <b>(203,260)</b>       | <b>4,717,584</b>  |
| <b>Investment and Interest Income</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Investment Income                           | 19,711            | 18,000            | 24,532            | 6,532                  | 25,000            |
| <b>Total Investment and Interest Income</b> | <b>19,711</b>     | <b>18,000</b>     | <b>24,532</b>     | <b>6,532</b>           | <b>25,000</b>     |
| <b>Local Revenues</b>                       |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Animal Control Miscellaneous                | 1,005             | 1,000             | -                 | (1,000)                | 1,000             |
| Assessor Fees                               | 310               | 500               | 291               | (209)                  | 500               |
| Building Department Permit Fees             | 97,023            | 105,000           | 84,792            | (20,208)               | 100,000           |
| Cemeteries                                  | 3,228             | 2,360             | 1,504             | (856)                  | 2,360             |
| Fire Marshal Permit Fees                    | 180               | 200               | 60                | (140)                  | 200               |
| Historic District Commission Permit Fees    | 100               | 300               | 150               | (150)                  | 300               |
| Land Use Permit Fees                        | 14,265            | 25,000            | 31,555            | 6,555                  | 25,000            |
| Libraries                                   |                   |                   |                   |                        |                   |
| Library Endowment and Trust Income          | 58,500            | 58,000            | 57,541            | (459)                  | 58,000            |
| Library Fees and Fines                      | 7,339             | 7,000             | 6,543             | (457)                  | 7,000             |
| Library Grants                              | 1,593             | 1,100             | 1,310             | 210                    | -                 |
| Library Receipts-Gifts/Donations            | 9,649             | 8,000             | 8,879             | 879                    | 8,000             |
| Miscellaneous and Other                     | 13,085            | 25,000            | 54,413            | 29,413                 | 25,000            |
| PILOT Goodspeed Opera House                 | 28,092            | 28,500            | 28,878            | 378                    | 28,750            |
| Police Special Duty                         | 17,800            | 20,252            | 28,163            | 7,911                  | 20,000            |
| Rent                                        | 27,886            | 14,000            | 23,201            | 9,201                  | 16,324            |
| Telecommunication Taxes                     | 26,807            | 28,500            | 26,864            | (1,636)                | 28,500            |

## Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Revenue Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION                                   | 2014-2015            | 2015-2016            |                      |                        | 2016-2017            |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                                               | ACTUAL               | FINAL BUDGET         | ACTUAL               | VARIANCE Over/ (Under) | BUDGET               |
| Town Clerk                                    |                      |                      |                      |                        |                      |
| Town Clerk Conveyance Tax                     | 77,379               | 75,000               | 109,185              | 34,185                 | 85,000               |
| Town Clerk Fees                               | 153,933              | 206,738              | 175,256              | (31,482)               | 150,000              |
| Town Clerk License Fees                       | 21,796               | 25,000               | 21,264               | (3,737)                | 20,000               |
| Transfer Station Fees                         | 49,347               | 60,000               | 36,354               | (23,647)               | 50,000               |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees           | 520                  | 1,500                | 1,340                | (161)                  | 1,500                |
| <b>Total Local Revenues</b>                   | <b>609,837</b>       | <b>692,950</b>       | <b>697,541</b>       | <b>4,591</b>           | <b>627,434</b>       |
| <b>Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>    |                      |                      |                      |                        |                      |
| Albert E. Purple Fund                         | 279,845              | 279,845              | 289,311              | 9,466                  | 289,311              |
| Helen Cone Fund                               | 19,022               | 15,000               | 18,332               | 3,332                  | 19,000               |
| Palmer Fund                                   | 29,426               | 29,426               | 29,946               | 520                    | 29,946               |
| Ray School Corporation                        | 195,268              | 203,859              | 203,860              | 1                      | 195,000              |
| <b>Total Trans. and Other Funding Sources</b> | <b>523,561</b>       | <b>528,130</b>       | <b>541,449</b>       | <b>13,319</b>          | <b>533,257</b>       |
| <b>Grand Total Revenues</b>                   | <b>\$ 29,477,106</b> | <b>\$ 30,288,122</b> | <b>\$ 30,428,362</b> | <b>\$ 140,240</b>      | <b>\$ 31,150,888</b> |



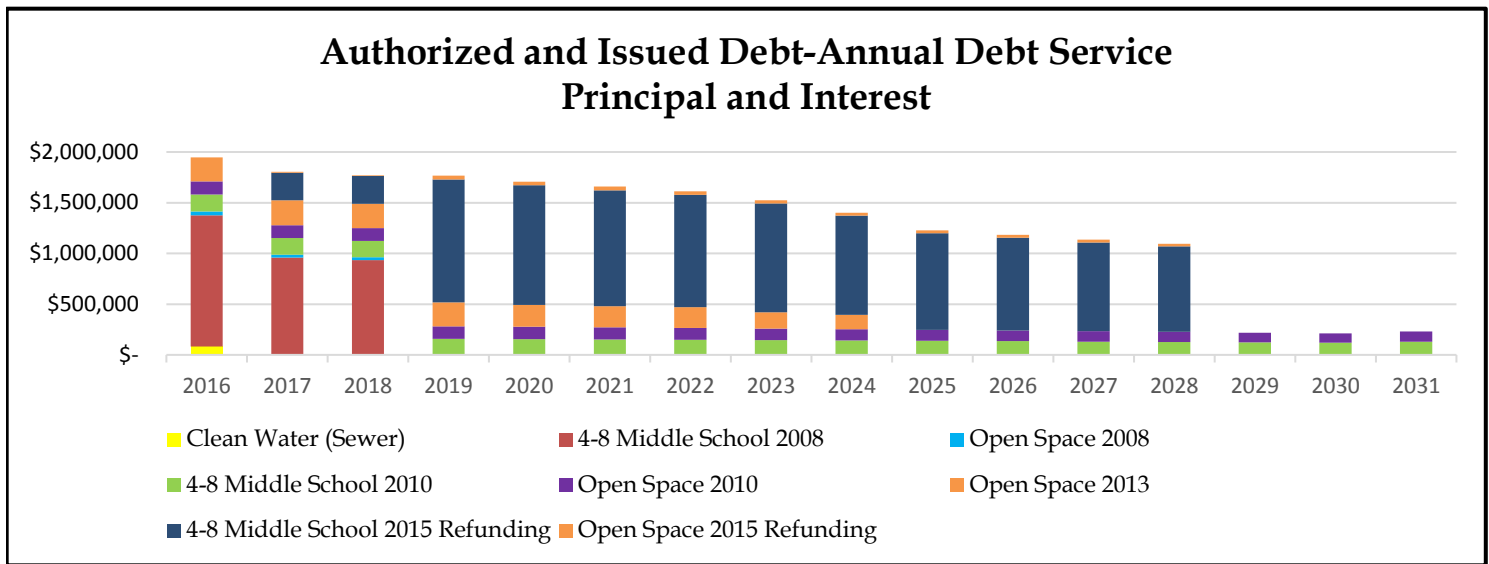
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## Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Expenditure Detail

| DESCRIPTION                             | 2014-2015        | 2015-2016        |                  |                        | 2016-2017        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|                                         | ACTUAL           | FINAL BUDGET     | ACTUAL           | VARIANCE (Over)/ Under | BUDGET           |
| <b>General Government</b>               |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |
| Assessor                                | \$ 118,952       | \$ 127,014       | \$ 124,726       | \$ 2,288               | \$ 130,469       |
| Building Maintenance and Operation      | 25,405           | 22,597           | 22,434           | 163                    | 22,786           |
| Central Services                        | 120,071          | 108,430          | 101,417          | 7,013                  | 110,639          |
| Election and Registrars                 | 41,268           | 55,536           | 50,955           | 4,581                  | 56,900           |
| Finance Office                          | 52,505           | 64,462           | 63,548           | 914                    | 66,372           |
| Land Use (Planning and Zoning)          | 140,541          | 162,001          | 136,901          | 25,100                 | 144,868          |
| Old Middle School Operating             | 10,966           | 17,449           | 10,951           | 6,498                  | 17,520           |
| Probate Court                           | 12,993           | 10,638           | 10,638           | -                      | 10,703           |
| Selectmen                               | 144,656          | 151,117          | 150,380          | 737                    | 155,508          |
| Tax Collector                           | 84,787           | 88,104           | 85,956           | 2,148                  | 94,463           |
| Town Clerk                              | 203,623          | 238,128          | 208,604          | 29,524                 | 210,649          |
| Fringe Benefits                         | 851,500          | 1,007,159        | 883,645          | 123,514                | 925,713          |
| Insurance                               | 218,225          | 234,777          | 216,902          | 17,875                 | 232,850          |
| Legal Services                          | 116,846          | 70,655           | 66,934           | 3,721                  | 68,500           |
| Agriculture Commission                  | 6,000            | 1,140            | -                | 1,140                  | 1,150            |
| Board of Assessment Appeals             | 998              | 2,844            | 1,889            | 955                    | 2,860            |
| Board of Finance                        | 42,672           | 120,535          | 39,998           | 80,537                 | 134,150          |
| Conservation Commission                 | 12,078           | 15,123           | 15,189           | (66)                   | 15,250           |
| Economic Development Commission         | 30,049           | 39,589           | 30,647           | 8,942                  | 64,036           |
| Historic District Commission            | 944              | 2,875            | 435              | 2,440                  | 1,625            |
| Open Space Committee                    | 8,698            | 12,723           | 5,308            | 7,415                  | 7,330            |
| Zoning Board of Appeals                 | 1,009            | 4,552            | 2,105            | 2,447                  | 4,600            |
| <b>Total General Government</b>         | <b>2,244,786</b> | <b>2,557,448</b> | <b>2,229,562</b> | <b>327,886</b>         | <b>2,478,941</b> |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |
| Animal Control                          | 69,188           | -                | -                | -                      | -                |
| Building Department                     | 117,352          | 114,396          | 110,765          | 3,631                  | 119,210          |
| Emergency Management                    | 67,378           | 87,375           | 85,557           | 1,818                  | 98,064           |
| Fire Department                         | 243,748          | 250,032          | 245,851          | 4,181                  | 306,261          |
| Fire Marshal                            | 29,199           | 33,112           | 29,342           | 3,770                  | 34,939           |
| Police Officers                         | 260,106          | 364,400          | 355,344          | 9,056                  | 375,763          |
| Resident Troopers                       | 99,626           | 104,692          | 133,833          | (29,141)               | 159,542          |
| <b>Total Public Safety</b>              | <b>886,597</b>   | <b>954,007</b>   | <b>960,692</b>   | <b>(6,685)</b>         | <b>1,093,779</b> |
| <b>Public Works</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |
| Public Works                            | 975,860          | 1,030,849        | 1,029,265        | 1,584                  | 1,081,794        |
| Snow Removal                            | 307,756          | 256,397          | 210,483          | 45,914                 | 265,699          |
| Town Garage Maintenance                 | 55,659           | 61,123           | 50,502           | 10,621                 | 63,335           |
| Transfer Station                        | 552,962          | 566,806          | 579,452          | (12,646)               | 584,585          |
| <b>Total Public Works</b>               | <b>1,892,237</b> | <b>1,915,175</b> | <b>1,869,702</b> | <b>45,473</b>          | <b>1,995,413</b> |
| <b>Health and Social Services</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |
| Cemeteries                              | 2,944            | 10,324           | 8,599            | 1,725                  | 10,170           |
| Health District                         | 83,864           | 88,114           | 87,859           | 255                    | 96,158           |
| Human Services                          | 2,550            | 3,920            | 3,900            | 20                     | 4,920            |
| Senior Services                         | 115,320          | 118,659          | 117,604          | 1,055                  | 129,610          |
| Youth and Family Services               | 168,306          | 189,399          | 189,399          | -                      | 193,117          |
| YFS Early Childhood Council             | 6,000            | 6,000            | 6,000            | -                      | 6,250            |
| <b>Total Health and Social Services</b> | <b>378,984</b>   | <b>416,416</b>   | <b>413,361</b>   | <b>3,055</b>           | <b>440,225</b>   |

## Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Expenditure Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION                                         | 2014-2015     | 2015-2016     |               |                        | 2016-2017     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                                                     | ACTUAL        | FINAL BUDGET  | ACTUAL        | VARIANCE (Over)/ Under | BUDGET        |
| <b>Culture and Recreation</b>                       |               |               |               |                        |               |
| Lakes Association                                   | 19,028        | 19,214        | 19,214        | -                      | 19,375        |
| Public Libraries                                    | 330,960       | 343,457       | 343,196       | 261                    | 359,344       |
| Recreation Commission                               | 102,423       | 113,951       | 111,365       | 2,586                  | 116,154       |
| Town Greens                                         | 5,890         | 44,140        | 50,757        | (6,617)                | 56,885        |
| <b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>                 | 458,301       | 520,762       | 524,532       | (3,770)                | 551,758       |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                                 |               |               |               |                        |               |
| Principal and Interest                              | 2,008,575     | 1,945,439     | 1,946,098     | (659)                  | 1,805,013     |
| <b>Total Debt Service</b>                           | 2,008,575     | 1,945,439     | 1,946,098     | (659)                  | 1,805,013     |
| <b>Total General Government</b>                     | 7,869,480     | 8,309,247     | 7,943,947     | 365,300                | 8,365,129     |
| <b>Education</b>                                    | 18,722,352    | 19,424,791    | 19,411,370    | 13,421                 | 19,708,961    |
| <b>Capital Projects, Reserves &amp; Other Funds</b> |               |               |               |                        |               |
| Transfer to Ambulance Reserves                      | 40,000        | 40,000        | 40,000        | -                      | 40,000        |
| Transfer to Education Capital Reserves              | 100,000       | 216,034       | 216,034       | -                      | 100,000       |
| Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserves                 | 69,000        | 69,000        | 69,000        | -                      | 75,910        |
| 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       | 252,547       | 252,547       | -                      | 392,973       |
| Capital Projects General Fund Support               | 682,885       | 911,855       | 911,855       | -                      | 526,395       |
| Transfer State Grants to Capital Improvements       | 423,545       | 788,310       | 821,640       | (33,330)               | 687,646       |
| Transfer to Animal Control Special Rev. Fund        | -             | 55,500        | 55,500        | -                      | 50,000        |
| Transfer to Shared Services                         | 1,110,201     | 1,133,137     | 1,133,137     | -                      | 1,158,874     |
| <b>Total Capital Improvements</b>                   | 2,660,928     | 3,511,383     | 3,544,713     | (33,330)               | 3,076,798     |
| <b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>                     | \$ 29,252,760 | \$ 31,245,421 | \$ 30,900,030 | \$ 345,391             | \$ 31,150,888 |

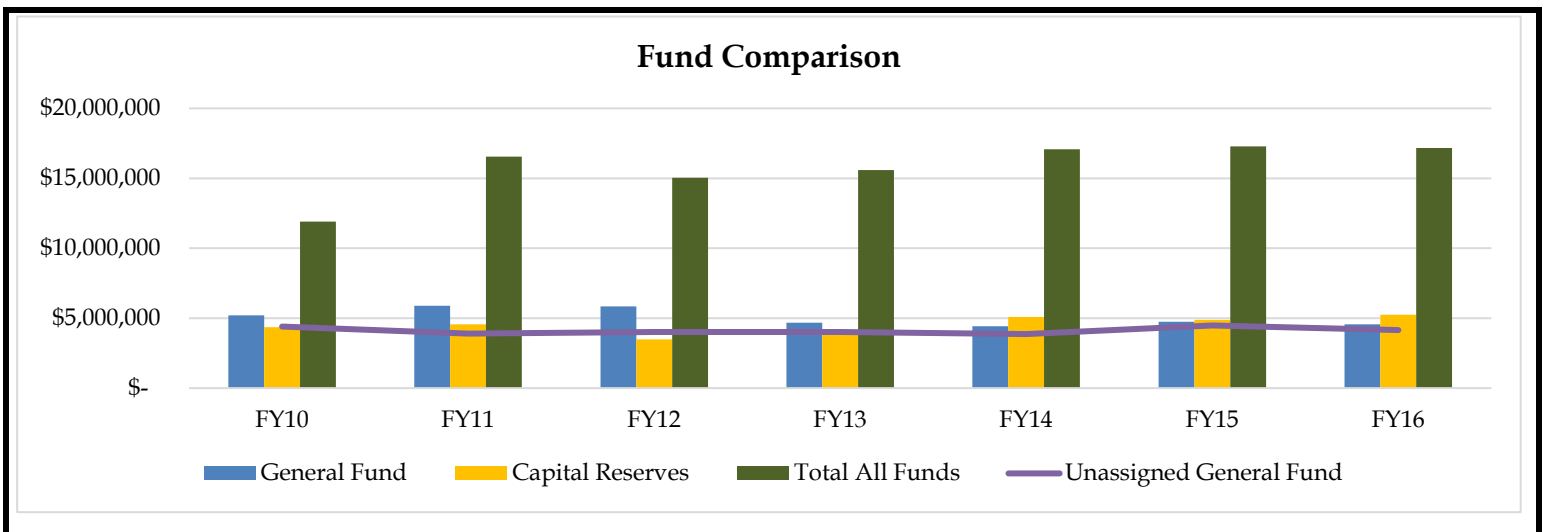


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## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

### June 30, 2016

|                                                                          | General             | Reserve for<br>Capital Projects | Bonded Capital<br>Projects | A.E. Purple<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds* | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                                                           |                     |                                 |                            |                     |                                    |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                | \$ 3,361,060        | \$ 5,997,963                    | \$ -                       | \$ 150,122          | \$ 149,855                         | \$ 9,659,000                   |
| Investments                                                              | -                   | -                               | -                          | 6,438,018           | 982,048                            | 7,420,066                      |
| Receivables, net                                                         | 516,745             | 886,500                         | 200,803                    | -                   | 226,877                            | 1,830,925                      |
| Due from other funds                                                     | 1,704,610           | -                               | -                          | -                   | 262,450                            | 1,967,060                      |
| Prepaid                                                                  | General Fund Rev    | -                               | -                          | -                   | 4,253                              | 4,253                          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 5,582,415</b> | <b>\$ 6,884,463</b>             | <b>\$ 200,803</b>          | <b>\$ 6,588,140</b> | <b>\$ 1,625,483</b>                | <b>\$ 20,881,304</b>           |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>      |                     |                                 |                            |                     |                                    |                                |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                                      |                     |                                 |                            |                     |                                    |                                |
| Accounts and other payables                                              | \$ 394,722          | \$ 326,555                      | \$ 453,909                 | \$ -                | \$ 96,351                          | \$ 1,271,537                   |
| Due to other funds                                                       | 262,450             | 1,302,685                       | 229,834                    | -                   | 136,796                            | 1,931,765                      |
| Unearned revenue                                                         | 9,298               | -                               | -                          | -                   | 146,738                            | 156,036                        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                                 | <b>666,470</b>      | <b>1,629,240</b>                | <b>683,743</b>             | <b>-</b>            | <b>379,885</b>                     | <b>3,359,338</b>               |
| <b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>                                    |                     |                                 |                            |                     |                                    |                                |
| Unavailable revenue - property taxes                                     | 352,302             | -                               | -                          | -                   | -                                  | 352,302                        |
| <b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>                               | <b>352,302</b>      | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>                           | <b>352,302</b>                 |
| <b>Fund balances:</b>                                                    |                     |                                 |                            |                     |                                    |                                |
| Nonspendable                                                             | -                   | -                               | -                          | 400,000             | 44,046                             | 444,046                        |
| Restricted                                                               | -                   | -                               | -                          | 6,188,140           | 1,087,007                          | 7,275,147                      |
| Committed                                                                | -                   | 5,255,223                       | -                          | -                   | 23,682                             | 5,278,905                      |
| Assigned                                                                 | 411,480             | -                               | -                          | -                   | 101,238                            | 512,718                        |
| Unassigned                                                               | 4,152,163           | -                               | (482,940)                  | -                   | (10,375)                           | 3,658,848                      |
| <b>Total fund balances</b>                                               | <b>4,563,643</b>    | <b>5,255,223</b>                | <b>(482,940)</b>           | <b>6,588,140</b>    | <b>1,245,598</b>                   | <b>17,169,664</b>              |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance</b> | <b>\$ 5,582,415</b> | <b>\$ 6,884,463</b>             | <b>\$ 200,803</b>          | <b>\$ 6,588,140</b> | <b>\$ 1,625,483</b>                | <b>\$ 20,881,304</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 2015-2016 to include:

- Provided comprehensive budgetary presentations to the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen.
- Provided comprehensive regular 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, 2016 with unqualified audit opinion.
- Produced for the fifth year a "Citizens' 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, 2016

| Grand List | Uncollected       | Current              | Assessor's Additions | Less:                 | Less:                 | Adjusted Taxes Collectible | Refunds              | Taxes                | Collections                   | Total                | Uncollected       |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|            | Taxes 1-Jul-15    | Year Levy            |                      | Assessor's Deductions | Transfers to Suspense |                            |                      |                      | Interest Liens and Other Fees |                      | Taxes 30-Jun-16   |
| 2014       | \$ -              | \$ 24,550,039        | \$ 25,622            | \$ 52,474             | \$ 29,340             | \$ 5,138                   | \$ 24,498,985        | \$ 24,228,119        | \$ 95,435                     | \$ 24,323,554        | \$ 270,866        |
| 2013       | 288,252           |                      | 693                  | 5,292                 | 27,426                | 2,834                      | 259,061              | 191,393              | 36,104                        | 227,497              | 67,668            |
| 2012       | 94,853            | -                    | 836                  | 1,882                 | 19,742                | 1,660                      | 75,725               | 66,952               | 20,330                        | 87,282               | 8,773             |
| 2011       | 27,991            | -                    | 168                  | 162                   | 8,995                 | 65                         | 19,066               | 16,071               | 7,983                         | 24,053               | 2,996             |
| 2010       | 17,097            | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 17,097               | 14,160               | 10,495                        | 24,655               | 2,937             |
| 2009       | 16,911            | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 16,911               | 14,007               | 12,913                        | 26,919               | 2,905             |
| 2008       | 16,119            | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 16,119               | 13,792               | 15,212                        | 29,004               | 2,327             |
| 2007       | 12,335            | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 12,335               | 12,335               | 15,806                        | 28,141               | -                 |
| 2006       | 9,743             | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 9,743                | 9,743                | 14,554                        | 24,297               | -                 |
| 2005       | 4,746             | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                     | -                          | 4,746                | 4,746                | 8,168                         | 12,914               | -                 |
|            | <u>\$ 488,047</u> | <u>\$ 24,550,039</u> | <u>\$ 27,319</u>     | <u>\$ 59,810</u>      | <u>\$ 85,503</u>      | <u>\$ 9,696</u>            | <u>\$ 24,929,789</u> | <u>\$ 24,571,317</u> | <u>\$ 237,001</u>             | <u>\$ 24,808,318</u> | <u>\$ 358,471</u> |

Suspense collections:

|      |                      |                   |                      |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2014 | 2,777                | 365               | 3,142                |
| 2013 | 4,805                | 1,283             | 6,088                |
| 2012 | 2,227                | 907               | 3,134                |
| 2011 | 1,491                | 867               | 2,358                |
| 2010 | 1,031                | 718               | 1,749                |
| 2009 | 1,160                | 1,042             | 2,202                |
| 2008 | 1,106                | 1,200             | 2,306                |
| 2007 | 1,125                | 1,395             | 2,520                |
| 2006 | 1,035                | 1,452             | 2,487                |
| 2005 | 497                  | 760               | 1,257                |
| 2004 | 48                   | 143               | 191                  |
| 2002 | 200                  | 434               | 634                  |
| 2001 | 227                  | 533               | 760                  |
|      | <u>\$ 24,589,046</u> | <u>\$ 248,100</u> | <u>\$ 24,837,146</u> |

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dill  
Tax Collector

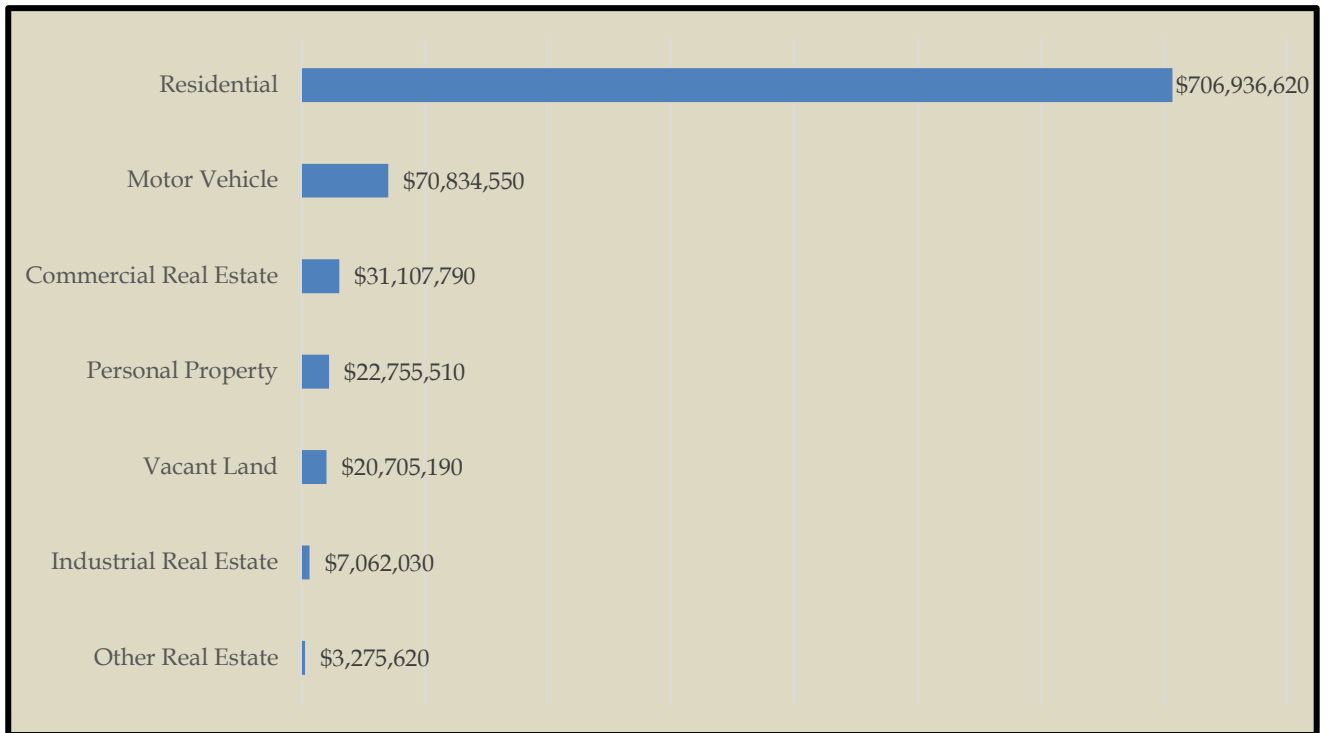
# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

| <b>2015 Grand List Annual Report</b> |                        |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>REAL ESTATE</b>                   |                        |                        |
|                                      | <b>Grand List 2014</b> | <b>Grand List 2015</b> |
| Gross                                | \$ 765,871,900         | \$ 769,087,250         |
| Exemptions:                          |                        |                        |
| Veteran's                            | 1,112,000              | 1,085,000              |
| Veteran's Additional                 | 193,630                | 164,630                |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement   | 510,000                | 504,500                |
| Blind                                | 3,000                  | 6,000                  |
| Disability                           | 21,000                 | 20,000                 |
| Disability Non Reimbursable          | 563,920                | 888,510                |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement         | 1,326,191              | 1,290,116              |
| Other                                | 178,920                | 195,945                |
| Net                                  | \$ 761,963,239         | \$ 764,932,549         |
| <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>             |                        |                        |
|                                      | <b>Grand List 2014</b> | <b>Grand List 2015</b> |
| Gross                                | \$ 21,389,365          | \$ 22,755,510          |
| Exemptions:                          |                        |                        |
| Farm & Mechanics                     | 248,920                | 261,170                |
| Manufacturers                        | 80,020                 | 397,500                |
| Miscellaneous                        | 11,680                 | 11,470                 |
| Other                                | 350,280                | 475,010                |
| Net                                  | \$ 20,698,465          | \$ 21,610,360          |
| <b>MOTOR VEHICLES</b>                |                        |                        |
|                                      | <b>Grand List 2014</b> | <b>Grand List 2015</b> |
| Gross                                | \$ 72,383,130          | \$ 70,834,550          |
| Exemptions:                          |                        |                        |
| Veteran's                            | 138,320                | 125,370                |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement   | 48,000                 | 43,290                 |
| Disability                           | 5,000                  | 3,000                  |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement         | 105,020                | 156,050                |
| Other                                | 1,992,480              | 298,790                |
| Net                                  | \$ 70,094,310          | \$ 70,208,050          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         |                        |                        |
|                                      | <b>Grand List 2014</b> | <b>Grand List 2015</b> |
| Gross                                | \$ 859,644,395         | \$ 862,677,310         |
| Exemptions:                          |                        |                        |
| Veteran's                            | 1,250,320              | 1,210,370              |
| Veteran's Additional                 | 193,630                | 164,630                |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement   | 558,000                | 547,790                |
| Blind                                | 3,000                  | 6,000                  |
| Disability                           | 26,000                 | 23,000                 |
| Disability Non Reimbursable          | 563,920                | 888,510                |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement         | 1,431,211              | 1,446,166              |
| Farm & Mechanics                     | 248,920                | 261,170                |
| Manufacturers                        | 80,020                 | 397,500                |
| Miscellaneous                        | 11,680                 | 11,470                 |
| Other                                | 2,521,680              | 969,745                |
| Net                                  | \$ 852,756,014         | \$ 856,750,959         |

| <b>Historic Mill Rates</b> |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Grand List Year</b>     | <b>Mill Rate</b> |
| 2015                       | 29.35            |
| 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 2015 Gross Assessment by Category



## Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

| Item              | Grand List Year<br>2014 | Grand List Year<br>2015 | Increase/<br>(Decrease) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate       | \$ 761,963,239          | \$ 764,932,549          | \$ 2,969,310            |
| Personal Property | 20,698,465              | 21,610,360              | 911,895                 |
| Motor Vehicle     | 70,094,310              | 70,208,050              | 113,740                 |
| Total             | \$ 852,756,014          | \$ 856,750,959          | \$ 3,994,945            |

## Tax Revenue Comparison

| Item                   | Grand List Year<br>2013 | Grand List Year<br>2014 | Grand List Year<br>2015 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net List               | \$ 844,694,558          | \$ 852,756,014          | \$ 856,750,959          |
| Mill Rate              | 0.02790                 | 0.02868                 | 0.02935                 |
| Grand List Tax Revenue | \$ 23,566,978           | \$ 24,457,042           | \$ 25,145,641           |

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Net Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

| #            | Taxpayer                          | Primary Activities         | 10/1/2014<br>Assessed Value | # of<br>Accounts |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1            | Connecticut Light & Power Company | Public Utility             | \$13,108,410                | 1                |
| 2            | Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC         | Recreational               | 4,258,240                   | 2                |
| 3            | Hadlyme Hills LLC                 | Education                  | 3,528,060                   | 4                |
| 4            | Banner Country Club Corp.         | Recreational               | 1,918,270                   | 1                |
| 5            | Healthcare Holdings LLC           | Nursing and Rehabilitation | 1,902,040                   | 1                |
| 6            | Banner Lodge Enterprises LLC      | Real Estate                | 1,846,340                   | 58               |
| 7            | Fox Hopyard Realty LLC            | Real Estate                | 1,815,070                   | 39               |
| 8            | MJABC LLC                         | Resort (inactive)          | 1,638,200                   | 7                |
| 9            | Goodspeed Opera House Foundation  | Theatre                    | 1,485,480                   | 5                |
| 10           | Wildwood Inc.                     | Real Estate                | 1,448,620                   | 40               |
| <b>Total</b> |                                   |                            | <b>\$32,948,730</b>         |                  |

## Important Dates

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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        |

## Filing Dates

|                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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      |

## Tax Information

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Mill rate       | 29.35                   |
| Tax Bill        | (.02935 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. 2015 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,200 for a single person, \$42,900 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. 2015 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,200 for a single person, \$42,900 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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Respectfully submitted,  
Loreta M. Zdanys CCMA II, Assessor