

*Corn of East of Cadam*

# ANNUAL REPORT



Tropical Storm Irene, August 2011

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2012

## DEDICATIONS

### *James Gallagher*

Jim maintained cemeteries and monumental greens for the Town of East Haddam for 15 years. He was a volunteer member of the first Fire Department established in the Lake Hayward section of town.

### *Mortimer "Mort" Gelston*

Mort grew up in East Haddam and was the owner-operator of a dairy farm for 46 years. He participated enthusiastically in local organizations starting in his youth with the East Haddam Grange. For most of his adult years he was a dedicated member of the East Haddam Rotary Club. He served in many town government positions as a volunteer or an elected official. He was a skilled and frequent moderator of Town Meetings.

### *Dr. Edmund Gubbins*

Edmund served as Superintendent of the East Haddam School system. He had a deep passion for the Democratic Party and served six terms as an East Haddam Selectman. Edmund served as President of the East Haddam Rotary Club, Vice President of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and was a communicant of St. Bridget of Kildare Church.

### *Roy Hajek*

Prior to his retirement Roy was owner of R.V. Hajek and Sons Building Contractors. He was President of the Middlesex County Camp Foundation, member of the East Haddam Fire Department and active in the area 4H programs.

### *Betty "Peg" Hnilička*

Peg was a 1936 graduate of Nathan Hale High School. Peg worked in the East Haddam school system, was a member of the East Haddam First Church of Christ Congregational, the East Haddam Garden Club, Goodspeed Guild and an honorary member of the East Haddam Rotary Club and volunteered for many organizations. She loved living at Bashan Lake.

### *Robert Masci*

Bob was a Charter Member and past Chief of the East Haddam Ambulance Association which he was very active with for many years. Bob loved to travel and was an avid golfer and fisherman.

### *Leah Pear*

Leah came to Moodus in 1948 when she married the late Joseph Pear. Leah was very active in the PTO and other town organizations. She worked for the East Haddam Superintendent of Schools for many years.

### *John Shanaghan*

John worked for the U.S. Postal Services serving 17 years as a clerk in Moodus and 20 years as the Postmaster in East Haddam. He was a member and Chief of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department. He served as East Haddam's Fire Marshal, as a member of the Firehouse Building Committee and was on the committee to establish the Colchester Emergency Communications Center that provides 911 service to East Haddam.

### *Anita Louise Sherman*

Anita was very active in the community participating in the East Haddam Historical Society, The First Church Cemetery Association, the Nature Conservancy, the Rathbun Memorial Library and the East Haddam Farmers Market.

### *Albert Sievers*

Albert was an active member of the East Haddam Lions Club with 35 years of perfect attendance, serving as secretary, treasurer and president. He helped organized the East Haddam Ambulance Association as well as the East Haddam Town Beach. He was a member of American Legion Post 156 in East Haddam, the East Haddam First Church of Christ Congregational and served as Chairman of the Deacons, Trustee and church moderator. He served in the U.S. Navy photographer seeing action throughout the Pacific.

### *Majorie Parks Veronesi*

Marjorie worked for Beckett Academy (Founders School) and as a teacher's aide for 32 years for the East Haddam Public Schools. Marjorie's greatest joy of her education career was helping children to learn to read. She loved to experience the moment of seeing in a child's eyes the spark of awareness of the gift of reading and loved knowing of the world that would open to them.



# TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

## 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board/Commission	Meeting Day Each Month	Time	Location
Agriculture Commission	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Annex
Board of Education	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	High School Cafeteria
Board of Finance	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Grange Hall
Board of Fire Commissioners	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Moodus Fire House
Board of Selectmen	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Grange Hall
Commission on Aging	4th Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Senior Center
Conservation Commission	1st Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	River House
Economic Development Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Grange Hall
Historic District Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	River House
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Grange Hall
Library Trustees	3rd Thursday January, April, July & October	7:00 p.m.	East Haddam Free Public Library
(Open Space) Land Preservation Committee	4th Monday	7:30 p.m.	River House
Planning and Zoning Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Grange Hall
Recreation Commission	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	River House
East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Annex
Water Pollution Control Authority	1st Tuesday Odd months	7:00 p.m.	Annex
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Annex

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, 2012



East Haddam Office Building  
Photo by Elizabeth Loomis

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman (R) 2013  
Emmett J. Lyman, Selectman (R) 2013  
John J. Blaschik, Selectman (D) 2013  
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary\*

## TOWN CLERK

Debra H. Denette (R) 2014

## TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen A. Klinck (D) 2013

## TAX COLLECTOR

Denise L. Dill (R) 2013

## BOARD OF FINANCE

Susan C. Link, Chairman (R) 2015  
Robert A. Bennett, Secretary (R) 2013  
Daniel P. Alexander (U) 2013  
Paul L. Maxwell (R) 2013  
Bruce M. Dutch (D) 2015  
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2015  
Debra H. Denette, Recording Secretary\*

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nancy J. Haslam, Chairman (D) 2015  
Bryan A. Perry, Secretary (R) 2013  
Amalia C. Apostoleris (R) 2013  
Deborah M. Fiala (U) 2013  
Brian R. Pear (D) 2015  
Susan E. Taylor (R) 2015  
Laurie W. Alt (D) 2017  
Tracey F. Gionta (R) 2017  
William J. Barney (R) 2017  
Lucy R. Yacovino, Recording Secretary\*

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Edward C. Blaschik, Chairman (D) 2013  
Michael E. Gross (R) 2015  
Justin L. Kennedy (R) 2017

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

2013:

Earle B. Blanchard (R)  
John A. Jascot (D)  
Donna B. McGlinchey (U)  
June A. Plecan (D)  
Denys F. Shorthouse (D)  
Robert R. Trotochaud (U)

2015:

Christine P. Antaya (D)  
Elaine V. Flaherty (U)  
Lucille E. Gardner (R)  
Joanne Maynard (R)  
Nancy M. Hanks (D)  
Andrea M. Pascal (D)

2017:

John W. Bielot (D)  
William E. Denny, Jr. (U)  
Barbara F. Kiley (R)  
Celina H. Nelan (U)  
Louise E. Pear (U)  
Patrice D. Veselak (D)

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Cary H. Brownell, Chairman (R) 2015  
John B. Matthew (R) 2013  
Kevin J. Matthews (R) 2013  
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2013  
Bernard J. Gillis (U) 2015  
James M. Curtin (D) 2017  
Louis H. Salicrup (R) 2017  
Alternate Members  
Vacancy 2013  
Jessica M. Stone (D) 2015  
Edmund J. Gubbins (R) 2017  
Holly Y. Pattavina, Recording Secretary\*

## JUDGE OF PROBATE

Jennifer L. Berkenstock (R) 2015

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Harriet G. Cummings (R) 2013  
Laurie W. Alt (D) 2013

*\*Not elected*

# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Harvey W. Thomas, Chairman  
Peter W. Dean, Secretary  
Dennie M. Burak  
Allan P. Mackinnon  
Jessica M. Stone  
Alternate Members  
Peggy S. Carlson  
Marianne M. Halpin  
Linda Stuhlman

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

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

## AUDITORS

Blum Shapiro PC

## BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Daniel W. Maus, Jr., Chairman  
James M. Curtin  
George Fellner  
Donald J. Angersola  
Alternate Members  
Two vacancies

## BUILDING OFFICIAL

Keith J. Darin, Building Official  
Carolyn L. Hart, Administrative Assistant

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mildred E. Quinn  
Crary H. Brownell

## COMMISSION ON AGING

James T. O'Brien, Chairman  
Jovita A. Cozean, Secretary  
Josephine B. Golec, Treasurer  
Ron M. Brennan  
Harriet G. Cummings  
John A. Pagnani  
Alice D. Sabo  
Alternate Members  
Mary Ellen Klinck  
Vacancy

## CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Harvey W. Thomas  
Alternate Member  
Emmett J. Lyman

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Cynthia T. Matthew, Chairman  
Todd H. Gelston

Susan D. Merrow  
Robert R. Smith  
Thomas J. Tarbox  
Alternate Members  
Peggy S. Carlson  
M. Claire Maeder  
Vacancy  
Shannon A. Hawkins, Recording Secretary

## EAST HADDAM SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUILDING COMMITTEE

Gary J. Albanese  
Nancy J. Haslam  
Michael A. Kerr  
Arthur S. Merrow  
J. Richard Toolan

## EAST HADDAM VILLAGE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

William C. Gerrish, Chairman  
W. Philip Barlow  
William A. Brady  
Randolph W. Dill  
Michael E. Gionta  
Melanie I. Kolek  
Vacancy  
Alternate Members  
Mary Ellen Klinck  
Eric N. Sabetta

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Edward M. Odell, Chairman  
Joseph Albuquerque  
Robert R. Casner  
Debra M. Mathiasen  
Pamela D. Rubenbauer  
Gerald Rucker  
A. Frederick Weissbach  
Alternate Members  
Ralph M. Parady  
Vacancy  
Peter S. Simmons, Economic Devel. Coordinator  
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

## EDUCATION

### CENTRAL OFFICE

Dr. Ellen W. Solek, Superintendent of Schools  
Joyce E. Medling, Administrative Assistant  
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director  
Theresa A. Hungerford, Financial Assistant  
Donna M. MacDonald, Secretary to Finance Director  
David A. Scata, Director of Pupil Services  
Gail M. Duby, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services  
Nancy M. Allison, District Technology Coordinator

# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

## HEALTH SERVICES

Joan W. Williams, R.N., H.S. Nurse  
Kathy F. Daigle, L.P.N., M.S. Nurse  
Martha J. Dexter, R.N., E.S. Nurse  
Janice L. Sullivan, R.N., Part-Time  
Gail L. Lagace, L.P.N., Part-Time

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Craig W. Mansfield, Director  
Jennifer L. Spencer, Deputy Director  
Donald J. Angersola Jr.  
Dean G. Anderson  
John J. Blaschik  
Martha B. Kerr  
Elizabeth S. Lunt  
L. Michael Pear  
Joseph Szczeczek, Jr.

## FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

Vacancy

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

## FIRE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF

L. Michael Pear, Chairman  
Daniel E. Barry  
George Scrivener

## FIRE CHIEF

Shawn J. Daigle.  
Michael P. Cooley, Deputy

## FIREFIGHTERS

William B. Haylon  
Jay A. Moreau  
Ryan W. Scholes  
Joel T. Zis

## FIRE MARSHALS

Donald J. Angersola  
John M. Kananowicz, Deputy  
John J. Blaschik, Deputy  
Scott R. Brookes, Deputy

## GREEN COMMITTEE

Kenneth A. Simon, Chairman  
Martha C. Hansen, Secretary  
Jean M. Breuler  
Chad M. Peterson  
Nancy S. Pincus  
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  
Michael A. Marsden  
Pamela D. Rubenbauer  
Karl P. Stofko  
Michael J. Trocchi  
Vacancy  
Rebecca J. Wonneberger, Rec. Secretary

## HISTORIAN

Karl P. Stofko

## INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES

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

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robert A. Bennett (R)  
Joanne B. Bernard (U)  
Harriet G. Cummings (R)  
Randolph W. Dill (R)  
Bruce M. Dutch (D)  
Lynn C. Eimutis (U)  
John C. Gibson (U)  
Elizabeth J. Gross (R)  
Jacquelyn M. Hall (R)  
Alan Hanks (D)  
Janet I. Heisler (U)  
Everett L. Herden, Jr. (D)  
Robert L. Johnson (D)  
Mary Ellen Klinck (D)  
Bradley P. Parker (D)  
Brenda J. Quinn (U)  
Maryann Czaja (U)  
Mark B. Walter ®

# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

## LAND USE

James F. Ventres, Land Use Admin.  
James E. Puska, Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Janet E. Lombardo, Administrative Assistant

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### CONVERSION COMMITTEE

Maryjane T. Malavasi, Chairman  
Craig W. Mansfield, Secretary  
Edward C. Blaschik  
Elizabeth K. Dillon  
Charles R. Smith  
Patricia M. Stricker  
James F. Ventres  
Sharon R. Wheeler  
Melissa H. Ziobron  
Alternate Members  
Alan Hanks  
David C. Nelson  
E. Ruth Ziobron, Recording Secretary

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Irene L. Herden

## MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Melissa H. Ziobron  
Mark B. Walter  
Vacancy

## MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Joanne S. Rocznik, Senior Service Coordinator

## MUNICIPAL SPACE NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

James M. Curtin, Chairman  
Robert R. Casner  
Peter W. Dean  
Alan Hanks  
Joanne S. Rocznik  
Daniel J. Tierney

## OPEN BURNING OFFICER

Donald Angersola, Primary Official  
Scott R. Brookes, Secondary Official  
John M. Kananowicz, Secondary Official  
John J. Blaschik, Secondary Official  
Daniel E. Barry, Secondary Official  
Michael P. Cooley, Secondary Official

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

William A. Brady, Chairman  
Joseph Albuquerque  
Laurie W. Alt  
Mary E. Augustini  
Robert A. Bennett

Todd H. Gelston  
Edmund J. Gubbins  
Emmett J. Lyman  
Allan P. Mackinnon  
Robert R. Smith  
Bradley P. Parker

## POLICE

Mark B. Walter, Chief of Police

### RESIDENT TROOPERS

TFC Jeffrey Rhoades  
TFC Patrick Hawes

### CONSTABLES

George W. Corbeil  
Craig W. Mansfield  
Thomas M. Griffith, Jr.  
Mark H. Creighton  
Karl J. Karabeinikoff

## PROBATE COURT

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

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Thad D. King, Chatham Health District

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Joanne M. Ligas, RN

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

### TOWN CREW

Ralph G. Nichols  
Philip E. Tierney  
George L. Neudecker  
Richard J. Roy  
George S. Fay  
James M. Shugrue  
Edward J. Sikorski  
Walter L. Hallowell  
Eric E. Smith

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Bradley P. Parker, Chairman  
Kevin R. Conway  
Cynthia J. Deming  
John J. Gowac  
Charles J. Grillo  
Michael D. Michalski  
Walter J. Parkus, Jr.  
Margy A. Roberts  
Edward E. Smith, IV  
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary



# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

## RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tiffany S. Quinn

## REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Debra H. Denette

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OFFICE

Laurie W. Alt

Harriet G. Cummings

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Todd A. Moss, Chairman

Mary Beth Mordecai, Vice Chairman/Treasurer

Denise V. Gable

John C. Gibson

David M. Lafemina

Craig W. Parker

Kerri M. Willis

Alternate Members

Vincent A. Garofalo III

J. Richard Toolan

E. Ruth Ziobron, Recording Secretary

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

Linda J. Zemienieski, Administrative Assistant

## SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Josephine B. Golec, Chairman

Joseph Albuquerque

Daniel J. D'Amelio

Walter J. Golec

Alan Hanks

James T. O'Brien

Joanne S. Roczniak

Alternate Members

Robert R. Casner

Peter W. Dean

## TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Loreta M. Zdanys, Assessor

Patrice D. Veselak, Assistant Assessor

## TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Denise L. Dill, Tax Collector

## TOWN ATTORNEY

Robert S. Poliner

## 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

J. Richard Toolan, Deputy

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Andrew W. Lord, Chairman

Richard J. Fiala

John Koskovich

Arthur S. Merrow

Fred W. Myers

John L. Russell

Alternate Members

Two vacancies

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stuart S. Wood, Chairman

J. Gregory Daigle

Richard J. Fiala

Norman Gobelle

Diane K. Quinn

Alternate Members

Laurie W. Alt

Guy R. Gibb

William R. Smith

Mildred E. Quinn, Recording Secretary

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

The East Haddam Agriculture Commission had a busy year.

Notable achievements include:

1. Working with the East Haddam Economic Development Commission to establish the East Haddam Farmers' Market which had a successful beginning. Ambitious planning is underway to make the Market's second year even more successful.
2. Beginning development of an East Haddam Center for Community agriculture aimed at, among other things, restoring a portion of the land at the Harris property to its historic agricultural use.
3. The Agriculture Commission continues to work with the East Haddam Future Farmers of America and with school system's Vo-Ag program to encourage and facilitate interest in careers in agriculture.

Dennie Burak  
Peg Carlson  
Peter Dean  
Marianne Halpin  
Scot Mackinnon  
Jessica Stone  
Linda Stuhlman  
Harvey Thomas, Chairman



*Opening Day East Haddam Farmer's Market, June 2012.*

## ANIMAL CONTROL

One of the most difficult challenges for the Town's Animal Control Officer is to return missing dogs to their rightful owners if they are not wearing their tags or have not been licensed. All East Haddam canine owners are reminded that dogs are to be licensed during the month of June. Failing to do so may impose a fine up to \$75. Please remember to license them and to not allow them to roam.

The State of Connecticut has new mandated training for all Animal Control Officers with regard to greater understanding of State Statutes and how to better assist citizens during an animal control call. Our officers have completed this training.

As a reminder to residents, the Animal Control Officer handles issues relating to dogs only. All other animals such as raccoons, opossums, skunks, coyotes, bats etc. are handled through the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection at (860) 424-3011.

Please remember, if you have any questions, feel free to call 860-873-5044.

Michael Olzacki  
Jeffrey McLean  
Peter Dombrowski

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## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held one hearing on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the purpose of hearing motor vehicle appeals. There were two appeals heard resulting in the Board reducing the assessments on both vehicles due to high mileage. The Board's adjustments totaled a reduction of \$4,090 to the grand list.

There has been a change in Board membership. Joanne Rocznik retired after 12 plus years of service. Thank you Joanne. Justin Kennedy became our third member following his successful candidacy in the November election.

In March of 2012 the Board received 15 applications for appeal. There were 14 real property appeals, one motor vehicle and no personal property appeals. A public hearing was held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Following the hearings with taxpayers, the Board met four additional times and twice with the Assessor, First Selectman and Land Use Administrator prior to making decisions. Of the 15 applications for appeal the Board reduced assessments on 10 appeals. Totaling a reduction of \$460,920 to the grand list.

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

## 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. For fiscal year 2011-2012 the following initiatives were implemented:

- The Town's monthly expense and revenue reports are now available on the Town's website for citizen review and information.
- A "Citizen's Guide to the Budget" 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, budget terminology, how the mill rate is calculated and the proposed budget expenditures and revenues.
- The Town and Board of Education now share a Finance Director which provides for greater financial oversight and administration.

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Board saw many changes in its membership. We would like to acknowledge the service of three members who are no longer on the Board—Matthew Budzik, Paul Maxwell and Edward Schwenzfeier. The Board welcomed two new members—Harvey Thomas and Daniel Alexander.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Carluccio Link  
Chairman

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of East Haddam continues to be financially healthy with a sound plan to carry us through these difficult economic times.

### OUR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

We are blessed with a skilled town ready to roll up its sleeves and do what ever it takes to help our citizens.

In August of 2011, East Haddam was impacted greatly by Tropical Storm Irene. Our residents were without power from several days to over a week.

During the aftermath of Irene, we witnessed how alive community spirit and volunteerism is in East Haddam. Our Emergency Management team of volunteers led by Director Craig Mansfield staffed the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, the Senior Center and other locations throughout town to provide residents with access to food, water, a place to shower or to charge electronic devices. Our volunteers donated over 3,800 hours, they provided close to 4,000 hot meals, handed out Meals Ready to Eat and distributed 30,000 bottles of water,

Our local businesses, Fire Department, Ambulance, Police and Resident Troopers, Public Works, School and Town employees all pitched in with our storm response. A true community effort!

### VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Volunteers of the Month: 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 2011-2012: Ronald Caminati, Dean Delloiacono, Drew Daniels, Allison Purdue, Chloe Vigue, Janet Soboleski, Monica Pitney, Priscilla Hoover, Kenneth Grohbrugge, Ashley Hobbs, Nicole Govert, Trudy Rottino and Michael Gionta.

I am always amazed at the generosity of our residents who donate their time, expecting nothing in return, with their sole motivation to helping others and making East Haddam a great place to live and raise our children!

I am so proud and honored to be East Haddam's First Selectman!

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark B. Walter  
First Selectman



*Edgar Williams Memorial Park  
flooded following Tropical Storm Irene.*

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Building Department experienced a 24% reduction of new home construction. There was a 50% increase of new seasonal home construction. There were increases in other construction activities across the board, including the construction of two cell towers. This department continues to provide timely inspections typically the same day or within 24 hours of the request. This office has recently undergone changes to records retention within the Building Department office. All Building Department records, including Chatham Health District records, have been scanned and are now stored and accessed digitally. They will be available in the near future via a desktop computer within the Building and Health Departments and via the Town's website. This will reduce labor time spent with persons seeking information regarding property records.

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the following Building Department permits were issued and fees collected:

# of Permits	Type	Estimated Value of Construction	Fees Collected
14	New Homes	\$4,355,060	\$33,590
2	Seasonal Cottages	105,000	1,055
81	Additions/Alterations	1,333,980	13,905
4	Renovations/Remodel	123,000	1,250
28	Accessory Buildings	119,510	1,405
8	Barns	121,100	1,260
7	Garages	193,000	1,965
14	Swimming Pools	185,100	1,940
9	Demolitions	56,090	625
33	Stoves (Wood, Pellet, Gas & Inserts)	79,260	1,065
5	Fuel Tanks	6,000	95
2	New Buildings (Non-Residential)	34,410	360
2	Additions/Alterations (Non-Residential)	20,200	15
1	Accessory Building (Non-Residential)	2,200	Waived
1	Handicap Ramp (Non-Residential)	7,170	Waived
121	Other	988,170	10,635
189	Electrical	437,745	5,741
164	Mechanical	587,155	6,880
91	Plumbing and Well Pumps	126,470	2,070
	Photo Copies		193
776		\$8,880,620	\$84,049

Should residents have questions or need assistance with building issues, please contact the office at (860) 873-5024 or visit us at the Town Office Building at 7 Main Street, second floor or at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Darin  
Building Official

## CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT

### Administration:

#### Board of Health

Peter Hughes, Chairman  
Mark Walter, Vice Chairman  
Candace Casale, Treasurer  
Susan Bransfield  
Kate Morris  
Gregg Schuster  
Blyse Soby  
Dick Edmonds  
Andrew Tierney  
Thad King, Director of Health

The Board conducted twelve regular monthly meetings, two special meetings, and two public hearings, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Minutes of those meetings are on file at the office of the Director of Health and with the Town Clerk of each member town and at [www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org).

### Funding: Revenues

Municipal	\$582,304
State/Federal	198,145
Fees	145,502
Interest	148
Total	\$926,099
Expenditures	\$955,943
Fund Balance	(\$ 29,844)

### Services:

#### Environmental Permits/Applications

Septic Systems	233
Water Supply Well	156
Soil Testing Lots	212
Site plan Review	150
B-100a and Eng. Plan Review	487
Food Service	391

#### Environmental Inspections:

Day Care	3
Campgrounds	1
Housing Code—heat, water supply, plumbing	20
Investigation of EBL > 10 mg/dl	3
Lead Paint Inspection	1
Public Health Complaints	72
Food Service Establishments	194
Temporary Food Service Events	138

#### Community Health Programs:

Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations	1,562
Community Health Education Events	17
Attendance at Health Education Events	341
Total Reportable Diseases	508
Breast Cancer Awareness Events-Public	
Contacted	2,308

**Total Services** **6,797**



## COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging changed their meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. except November and December will be on the third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. There were a total of eleven meetings from July, 2011 to June, 2012.

The Commission's Responsibilities: to promote the health, safety and well-being of the town's seniors; to analyze services and programs available through public and private agencies for seniors; to receive gifts and apply for grants in the name of the town for the benefit of the senior citizens and to administer such grants and gifts; to conduct programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens; and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the development and application of services and programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens.

The Commission Members: Chairman: Jim O'Brien, Vice Chairman: John Pagnani, Secretary: Jovita Cozean, Treasurer: Jo Golec, Ron Brennan, Rosalie Hoffman, Mary Ellen Klinck, and Alice Sabo. We have one vacancy as of June 2012.

As advocates for the senior citizens, the commission members have written The National Standards for senior centers as applicable to the East Haddam Senior Center. At present, we are waiting for comments, feedback by the First Selectman. Currently, there is a monthly newsletter containing information of what is going on at the senior center, trips and daily menu. It is distributed to businesses around town and can be subscribed to on a yearly basis. It has had a positive effect thus far.

We are looking forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jovita Cozean, Secretary



*Emergency Management volunteers assisting citizens at the Senior Center following Tropical Storm Irene.*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The purpose of the Conservation Commission is to develop, manage, and regulate natural resources in the town pursuant to state statute section 7-131a. Our primary responsibilities include open space stewardship (signage, marking boundaries, blazing and maintaining trails, inventorying plant and wildlife, etc.) and land use advisement to protect and conserve the Town's natural resources. Regarding open space stewardship, we formed four working sub-committees accomplishing the following:

1. Stewardship/Forestry Management: Contracted and finished logging Nichols parcel. Continued partnering with Hale Ray Vo-Ag program to develop and maintain trail system on Nichols property; including co-hosting a work party and celebration event with the students and other open-space minded organizations to clean up logging debris. Organized maintenance activities with town departments on a number of properties. Began process to determine bridge specifications for a bridge on Chapal Farm: Began review of one more parcel on the Patrell property with the intent to have a logging contract assigned by the end of 2012.
2. Education, Outreach and Promotion: Continued second edition of the East Haddam Trail Guide distribution. Designed and developed town-owned open space signage to make town-owned open space more identifiable to the general public.
3. Other accomplishments: Provided recommendations to IWWC on public hearings related to proposed changes that could negatively impact the viewshed along the CT River.

This year the Conservation Commission continued to increase our hands-on work to effectively fulfill our role as conservators and stewards of East Haddam's natural resources.

Respectfully submitted  
Cynthia Matthew  
Chairwoman

# EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

## PERFORMANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

East Haddam Ambulance (EHAA) responded to 617 of 642 requests for service (20% increase over previous year) between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Average response time remained unchanged at 18 minutes. EHAA also provided EMS support for tropical storm Irene and the Masci missing person search.

Modifications have been made to the scheduled hours of the one full-time paid FF/EMT and a third part time paid FF/EMT has been added to provide extended daytime coverage. Efforts have been made to increase participation among existing volunteers, and a recruitment committee has been formed to implement strategies for attracting new members. All members remain current in mandatory annual training requirements. Additionally, four members obtained first aid and CPR instructor certification from the American Heart Association, and six members completed a wilderness EMT certification course.

EHAA has maintained a perfect quality rating during Middlesex Hospital's periodic audits of patient care documentation.

## EQUIPMENT

EHAA's newest ambulance, 15-4-B, has performed well overall, with minimal repair costs. Repair costs for the older 15-4-A increased to over \$10,000 and accounted for over 90% of EHAA's total vehicle maintenance costs in the past year. Both rigs successfully completed biannual OEMS inspections.

EHAA's existing R-1 vehicle has deteriorated to a point beyond economical repair, with the replacement process underway. Drawings and production plan have been received from the selected supplier, with delivery expected Q1 2013.

EHAA provided significant financial support for the purchase of an ATV by the EHFD. EHAA's contributed funds in this acquisition were used to purchase a dedicated patient care slide in unit for the vehicle.

Three additional sets of turnout gear were procured in the last year and distributed to members. EHAA is also upgrading its inventory of portable oxygen tanks. An upgraded head-block system was introduced, and three additional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) were purchased and distributed to technicians, enhancing the ability of EHAA to provide prompt defibrillation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Finally, an upgraded version of software for electronic patient care reports has been implemented.

Poor radio communication continues to have an adverse effect on EHAA's mutual aid statistics. All permits are reported in place for rejuvenation of the DOT tower on Mt. Parnassus Road, but a firm ground-breaking date remains elusive. For the longer term, EHAA is supporting a municipal effort to develop a town-wide radio system for use by all town agencies.

Dean Anderson  
Chief of Operations  
East Haddam Ambulance

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On behalf of the Board of Education, district administration, staff and students, it is my pleasure to present to you the Annual School District Report for 2011-2012. This report serves as an overview of the many areas of growth as well as the major programs and services that we are able to provide to the students of the East Haddam Schools.

This past year, the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) were administered to all East Haddam students in grades 3-8 and in grade 10. The district continues to see growth in the CMT across the grades.

In addition, our rapidly expanding technology software and hardware infrastructure allows us the opportunity to offer a high-quality 21<sup>st</sup> century learning experience for students as well as numerous professional growth opportunities for faculty. We are very proud of a newly-instituted early childhood resource center located at East Haddam Elementary School, the only regionalized Alternative Education program located in our partner district of East Hampton, and a fully-integrated Pre-K through grade 3 ABA program.

Our district remains fully committed to continual academic and social growth for all students, the development of a relevant and rigorous 21<sup>st</sup> century curricula, a sound and fiscally responsible financial support system, and the continued fostering of a high quality, high performing professional staff. All of this is only made possible because of the continued support of the East Haddam Board of Education and the community of East Haddam. We continue to be very grateful for your on-going support of our schools.

I hope that you find the following report to be both enlightening and enjoyable. Additional school district information can also be found by accessing our website at: [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org).

Sincerely,  
Ellen W. Solek  
Superintendent of Schools

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education	
Chairperson	Nancy Haslam
Secretary	Bryan Perry
Members	Laurie Alt Amalia Apostoleris Bill Barney Deborah Fiala Tracey Gionta Brian Pear Susan Taylor
Meetings	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Location	High School Cafeteria
School District Leadership Council	
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Ellen Solek
Director of Pupil Services	David Scata
Finance Director	Cynthia Varricchio
Principal High School	J. Eric Spencer
Principal Middle School	Jason Peacock
Principal Elementary School	Joanne Collins
Assistant Principal High School	Matthew Espinosa
Assistant Principal Middle School	Roy Parker
Assistant Principal Elementary School	Mary Beth Havens
Central Office Staff	
District Technology Coordinator	Nancy Allison
Administrative Assistant	Joyce Medling
Financial Assistant	Theresa Hungerford
Secretary to Director of Pupil Services	Gail Duby
Secretary to Finance Director	Donna MacDonald
Health Services	
High School Nurse	Joan Williams, R.N.
Middle School Nurse	Kathy Daigle, L.P.N.
Elementary School Nurse	Martha Dexter, R.N.
Part-Time Nurse	Janice Sullivan, R.N.
Part-Time Nurse	Gail Lagace, L.P.N.

Enrollment June 2012	
Preschool	28
Kindergarten	77
Grade 1	71
Grade 2	86
Grade 3	107
Grade 4	103
Grade 5	92
Grade 6	99
Grade 7	104
Grade 8	104
Grade 9	115
Grade 10	96
Grade 11	102
Grade 12	92
Total School Enrollment	1,276
Historic Enrollment	
2010-2011	1,329
2009-2010	1,382
2008-2009	1,425
2007-2008	1,435
2006-2007	1,407
2005-2006	1,430
2004-2005	1,436
2003-2004	1,423
2002-2003	1,415
2001-2002	1,382
2000-2001	1,396
1999-2000	1,356
1998-1999	1,323
1997-1998	1,361
1996-1997	1,280
1995-1996	1,262
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1992-1993	1,143
1991-1992	1,129
1990-1991	1,126
1989-1990	1,111

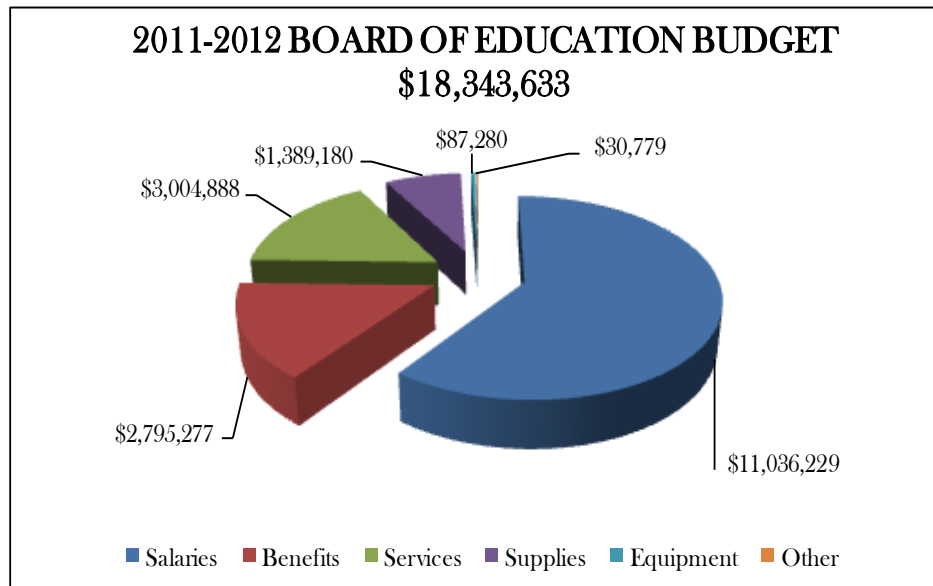
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# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Information			
School	Nathan Hale Ray High School	Nathan Hale Ray Middle School	East Haddam Elementary School
Phone Number	860-873-5065	860-873-5081	860-873-5076
Grade Levels	9–12	4–8	Pre-K–3
Enrollment	405	500	369
Faculty and Staff	61	76	57
Sports Offerings	17	8	N/A
Bus Routes	13	13	12
Clubs/Activities	30	28	6
Website	<a href="http://www.easthaddamschools.org">www.easthaddamschools.org</a>		
RESC	Bus Company	Food Service	Messaging System
LEARN	Nichols Bus	Chartwells	Alert Now

BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT				
Object	2011-2012 Appropriation	2012-2013 Appropriation	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	\$11,036,229	\$11,239,407	\$203,178	1.84%
Benefits	2,795,277	2,811,080	15,803	0.57%
Services	3,004,888	2,924,148	(80,740)	-2.69%
Supplies	1,389,180	1,352,557	(36,623)	-2.64%
Equipment	87,280	116,274	28,994	33.22%
Other	30,779	31,119	340	1.10%
	\$18,343,633	\$18,474,584	\$130,951	.071%





# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

2011-2012 Connecticut Mastery Testing (CMT) was administered to all students in grades 3-8 in March of 2012. Student scores reflected significant gains in many areas

The 2012 Connecticut Achievement and Performance Test (CAPT) were administered to all students in Grade 10. The largest gain in scores was made in the area of Writing, with a significant increase from the previous year. As reflected in the growth we have demonstrated this year, we are truly grateful for the continued support of the East Haddam Schools from parents, community members, and Town boards.

District-wide focus areas for this school continue to be in the areas of Literacy, Science and Math. Strategies will include the development and implementation of K-12 Data Teams, the development of common formative and summative assessments in all core subject areas, continued professional development in the areas of instruction and assessment strategies, and the continued collaboration with CREC and LEARN.

2011-2012 Academic Achievement Standardized Assessments Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Connecticut Achievement and Performance Test (CAPT) Scores by Grade Level (% at or above Goal)					
	Grade	Math	Reading	Writing	Science
<b>CMT</b>	3	89.9	85.9	87.1	
	4	80.6	76.5	88.0	
	5	83.9	90.5	83.3	
	6	60.8	75.5	75.0	
	7	77.5	90.1	75.0	
	8	77.8	83.7	80.4	
<b>CAPT</b>	10	41.3	47.3	68.1	50.5
<b>National Honor Society Membership</b>					14
<b>SAT Scores</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Writing</b>		
	496	497	526		

## COMMUNICATION

We are pleased to highlight some of the ways that we have enhanced effective communication in the East Haddam Schools. In addition to the many news articles that are regularly submitted to local newspapers such as the Reminder News and the East Haddam Patch, we have completed a thorough overhaul of our district website. Information about our schools including academics, school events and calendars, current school budget meetings, essential student information and frequent updates for parents is now easily accessible at [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org). We welcome any feedback you may have about our website as we continue to enhance its content and its capabilities.

## TECHNOLOGY

The on-going need for updated and expanded technology hardware and software continues to be recognized and supported in East Haddam. This year has provided us with the opportunity to expand technology hardware implementation in both the Elementary School and the High School. We have completed the installation of 11 new Smartboards in the Elementary School. As research supports, our continued focus remains on effective technology integration into all subject areas and at all grade levels. In short, student achievement is directly impacted by the percentage of direct access that our students have to education-based technology hardware and software.

## BUDGET INFORMATION

### 2012-2013 Budget Framework Goals

- To provide adequate funding to fully meet all mandates for student achievement and district-wide accountability as defined by No Child Left Behind federal legislation.
- To maintain current educational programming including full K-12 implementation of state-mandated Scientific Research-Based Interventions.
- To continue to meet all district goals and objectives as stated in the district's Strategic Plan as well as all other significant district plans.
- To establish an effective budget, through collaboration and communication with all constituents, that balances the needs of the East Haddam School District with the need for continued fiscal responsibility.
- To continue to provide all students with adequate and equal access to technology hardware and software in all of our schools and to remain focused on full integration of technology into the district-wide curricula.

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# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanne Collins, Principal  
Delphine Tuttle, Secretary to Principal  
Mary Beth Havens, Assistant Principal  
Amy Chamberlain, Secretary to Assistant Principal



### **Kindergarten**

Pat Beaudry  
Kristen Bishop  
Lauralee Hall

### **Grade 1**

Lauren Cryan  
Loretta Fisher  
Susan Guernsey  
Rosemary Sweeney

### **Grade 2**

Maryann Caron  
Julie Frazier  
Carole Marvin  
Celina Nelan  
Jessica Palmer

### **Grade 3**

Ryan Durham  
Joan Foose  
Susan Hyatt  
Daphne Miller  
Sandy Schwenzfeier

### **Art**

Susan Weaver

### **Library/Media Specialist**

Gary Mezzi

### **Music**

Theresa Mazzaferro

### **Physical Education**

Laurie Tuohey

### **Remedial Reading/Title I**

Alison Akehurst  
Dena Liedke  
Tina MacKenzie  
Constance Strazzo

### **Social Worker**

Deanna Tart

### **Special Education**

Barbara Colvin  
Marielle Hickey  
Evelyn Jackson  
Doreen Johnson

### **Speech**

Kristen Colella  
Erika Ocken

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jason Peacock, Principal  
Sheila Lagasse, Secretary to Principal  
Roy Parker, Assistant Principal  
Kelly Lucas, Secretary to Assistant Principal

### Guidance Office

Kristinia Canali, Guidance Counselor  
Stacy Vogl, Guidance Counselor  
Ruth Ziobron, Secretary

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Cathy Cardella  
Joanne Deegan  
Catherine Marino  
Colette Ostrowski  
Kristen Polakow  
Toni Wasley, Pupil Services

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Darcie Doyon (Math)  
Stephanie Cone (Language Arts)  
Lauren Kallinen (Language Arts)  
Kevin Miller (Science)  
Dana Hyatt (Social Studies)  
Elizabeth Rovetti (Pupil Services)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Janet Gott (Math)  
Kelly Braza (Language Arts)  
Elena Zajac (Language Arts)  
Lara Sullivan (Science)  
Andrea Pascal (Social Studies)  
Paula Lieberman (Pupil Services)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Stacey Britner (Math)  
Matthew Hopkins (Language Arts)  
Jillian Palmer (Language Arts)  
Kathi McIntyre (Science)  
Andrew Riccio (Social Studies)  
Jody Quinn (Pupil Services)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Melissa Luke (Math)  
Glen Anderson (Language Arts)  
Danielle Vachon (Language Arts)  
Irene Parady (Science)  
Robert Raines (Social Studies)  
Lisa Chlebowska (Pupil Services)

### Unified Arts Team

Claudia Mazzotta (Art)  
Susan Weaver (Art Grade 4)  
David Telep (Computer Education)  
Jeanne Vigen (Family/Cons. Science)  
JoAnn Parady (Health/Physical Education)  
Steven Pernal (Health/Physical Education)  
Cynthia Daley (Math Consultant)  
Ava Biffer (Library/Media Specialist)  
Zachery Blain (Music/Band)  
Marissa Alfano (Music/Chorus)  
Theresa Mazzaferro (Music Grades 4 and 5)  
Laurie Tuohey (Physical Education Grade 4)  
Lisa Plante (World Language)

### Special Education

Christina Bernard (Gifted & Talented)  
Frances Tillona (Math Interventionist)  
Cynthia Daley (Math Consultant)  
Nancy Richards (Reading Interventionist)  
Melissa Torrente (Remedial Reading Facilitator)  
Carole Rusch (School Psychologist)  
Susan Zirlen (Speech & Language Specialist)

### MIS/Network Administrator

Mark Knittel

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL

J. Eric Spencer, Principal  
Mary Tomasi, Secretary to Principal  
Matthew Espinosa, Assistant Principal  
Gloria Trotochaud, Secretary to Assistant Principal  
**Guidance Office**  
Lisa Maciorowski, Guidance Counselor  
Laura Truncali, Guidance Counselor  
Michele Cronkite, Secretary



<b>Art</b> Deborah Batt	<b>Library/Media Specialist</b> Susan McKinlay	<b>Social Studies</b> Susan DeBisschop Dawn Erazmus Raymond Flaherty George Tripp
<b>Computer Education</b> Nancy Allison	<b>Mathematics</b> Richard Gable Laila Mantila Catherine Sammann Paige Weaver	<b>Special Education</b> Sheila Delaney Sherry Faircloth Jonathan Goodison Lynne Rudolph Christopher Veronesi
<b>English/Reading</b> Margaret Dedman Bridget Erlandson India Monroe Gina O'Brien Paula Stevens Jillian Yantz	<b>Music</b> Rose-Marie Evans	<b>Vocational Education</b> Leslie Corey (Business) Kathleen Foley (Home Ec.) Bruce Freeman (Tech. Ed.) David Humiston (Tech. Ed.) Cheryl Matthewson (Vo-ag) Deborah Olsen-MacDonald (Business) Heidi Pease (Vo-ag)
<b>World Language</b> Bonnie Barnes Jeff Legg Diana Murphy	<b>Physical Education</b> Paul Dominy	
<b>Health</b> Martin Ryczek	<b>Science</b> Laura Benson Heidi Frederick Carolyn Hale Bonnie Tate	
	<b>School Psychologist</b> Michele Sitro	



# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2012

Brandon Michael Anselmo	+‡Nicole Mary Govert	Rachel Mary Pease
Dean Alexander Apostoleris	Ryan James Gruetter	Amber Lee Pethigal
Anthony Joseph Armento	Angela Mae Hall	Talia Ann Petrizzo
Jonathan Robert Barbi	Colby Richard Height	Zachary Severino Pettinelli
Wilson Parker Barlow	Kyle Robert Hermann	Shannon Leigh Poirier
Sarah Abigail Batter	+‡Ashley Lynn Hobbs	Ian Rhys Ponting
+*Erin Belle Bernard	Jacob Tyler Hollis	+Amanda Dora Prue
Rebecca Lynn Borg	Ashley Caron Holmgren	Tyler David Rand
*Steven Andrew Borg	Cole Austin Hyla	+‡Kathryn Ellen Rasimas
+‡*Adam Phillip Bristol	Joshua David Janousek	Jake William Rocznik
Frankie Michael Bristol	Makayla Anne Keith	Autumn Elizabeth Huston Sanders
*Katie Ellen Brule	*Haylie Jo Kerkes	Kevin Paul Sarrazin
Daniel Thomas Cady	Rachel Pamela Koren	+Elizabeth Ann Schoell
*Madeline Rita Cahill	*Zachary Tyler Koval	+‡*Julia Murray Schwartz
+Laura Marilyn Carey	Ashleigh Nicole Krom	+‡*Madeleine Eberle Schwartz
Shawn Ryan Carlson	*Nadine Julia Lisowicz	Seth Averum Jay Sprecher
+*Marcus Gerard Ciccarello	Emily Lynn MacKenzie	Michelle Lynn Stankowski
Devin Marie Close	Lauren Nicole Manuel	+*Adam Julius Stanulonis
Joseph Paul Consic	Taylor Ann March	Jaron Alexander Sweet
William Edward Francis Cormier	+Andrew Joseph Marsh	Nathan James Tardy
*Emily Michelle Culbert	Harry James Martin	*Megan Lynn Tuttle
Cathleen Elizabeth DiSalvo	Mary Margaret Martin	+Lydia Blair Walter
Matthew Tyler Faircloth	Samantha Ann Melendez	+*Danielle Marinella Watters
+*Amanda Leigh Fall	Lyndsey Kate Meyer	Matthew Richard Wells
Morgan Catherine Felciano	Nicholas Joseph Morace	+Alexander Edward Weselcouch
Amber Lisa-Marie Ferland	Ian James Navin	+‡Brittany Morgan Yackovetsky
Jacob Andrew Fernstrom	+Katelyn Marie Nichisti	Perris Noelle Yates
Karli Mae Fiala	Jamie Lee Ollari	Emery William Young
+*Jeremy Atticus Ellsworth Francese	Diane Elizabeth Osalza	Kayla Ann Zalewski
Brandi Marie Gallagher	Alexa Danielle Pagnani	Sarah Madeline Zawisza
Brianne Lane Gallagher	Sidney Noella Pagnano	Amanda Helen Ziobron
*Nikki Lauren Gilgosky	*Hannah Emily Palmer	

+ Denotes member of the National Honor Society   \* Denotes member of Tri-M National Honor Society

+‡ Denotes Community Service Honor Award

# EAST HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICERS

### Chief

Shawn Daigle

### Assistant Chief

Michael Cooley

### Secretary

Walter Parkus

### Fire Commissioners

Daniel Barry  
George Scrivener, Sr.  
Michael Pear

### Captains

Brian Ault  
Martin Bogue  
Jared Boynton  
Edward Smith, III

### Lieutenants

Donald Tyrseck  
Bryan Kane  
Kevin Rutty  
William Siegmann  
Raymond Swol

### Fire Marshals

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Parkus  
Secretary



*Fire Department ready to respond following Tropical Storm Irene.*

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

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

The East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department responded to 261 incidents in the fiscal year 2011-2012. The following is a breakdown as defined by the State of Connecticut.

Building fires	5
Cooking fires	5
Gasoline/Oil spill	3
Electrical problem	2
Motor vehicle fire	4
Brush fires	9
Outside fire	4
Good Intent	6
Medial assist	5
MVA	34
Extrication, rescue	1
Over pressure rupture	1
Alarm activation	71
Snow storm	1
Search for person	4
Chimney fires	7
Fire, others	4
Assist Police	1
Carbon monoxide incident	12
Power lines down	34
Smoke investigation	29
Water or ice rescue	2
Water problem	6
False Alarm	4
Mutual aid	1
Lock out	2
Service call	3
Hurricane	1

# EAST HADDAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

East Haddam Youth & Family Services, Inc. (EHYFS) is a private, non-profit agency that provides a spectrum of prevention, intervention, social service, community organization, positive youth development and advocacy services for children, youth and families in East Haddam. Services are provided to the town of East Haddam and are funded by several sources including municipal funds, state and regional grants, private donations, State Department of Education and the Middlesex United Way. The agency is small, supporting just two full-time positions, two part-time positions and contracted book keeping and accounting services. Drug and alcohol counseling for middle and high school students is provided through a contractual arrangement between EHYFS and the Rushford Center. EHYFS provides services throughout the entire community, always at little or no cost to those being served so that no one is refused services because of inability to pay.

## Services provided in the past year include:

- Individual, group and family counseling for 58 young people and their families.
- Juvenile Review Board: 11 youth diverted from the Juvenile Justice system.
- Positive Youth Development Programs: 40 middle and high school students involved in on-going youth leadership and community services programs.
- Middle School Homework Hangout: After-school program for 59 middle school students.
- Monthly Family Nights for 391 children and their families.
- Oversight of the East Haddam Food Bank utilized by as many as 100 families.
- High School graduate social—98 participants.
- Summer Events for middle and high school students—75 attending.
- “Chain Reaction Club”: 49 middle school students involved in “positive school climate” activities throughout school year; school and community focus.
- Holiday Campaign: Provided 129 children with gifts during the holidays.
- Social Services: Fuel and housing assistance and referral services for 15 individuals and families.
- Mother-Daughter Night Out: Educational program for 24 middle school girls and their mothers.
- S.H.A.R.P.: Safe Home Alone program for 23 middle school-age youth.

## Community Collaborations:

- State and local police
- Town government
- EH Local Prevention Council
- Early Education Council
- Partnerships with business, civic and faith organizations, libraries,
- EH schools
- EH Parks & Recreation
- Kids Night on the Green, Safe Halloween
- Middle School First Day
- Skate Park completed.
- Courageous Parenting101: Drug/alcohol education and awareness program for parents in partnership with DARE program: 0 parents attended.
- Mini-Grant Programs: Funding for asset-based programs throughout community
- funds from United Way Grant: 3 grants awarded.
- Informational and educational materials disbursed, school and community-wide.

Youth & Family Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency.

Toni McCabe  
Executive Director



*Deputy Emergency Management Director Jiffy Spencer and Firefighter Walter Parkus at the Emergency Operations Center following Tropical Storm Irene.*

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) continued to promote compatible and sustainable economic development by encouraging growth consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life, and natural environment. After four years as Economic Development Coordinator, Melissa Ziobron, resigned in October, 2011 to pursue other opportunities. Peter Simmons was hired as the new coordinator in January, 2012, and continued to work with the EDC and First Selectman on key development projects and as a business liaison.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

The EDC reviewed commercial infrastructure in the Moodus and Norwich Road areas. DEEP state officials were contacted regularly about the return of operations at the State-owned former Sunrise Resort. The EDC actively supported the East Haddam Village Revitalization Commission's project for the development of the Town Office site, including an RFQ issued in December that did not yield any responses. EDC worked to suggest edits to the Signage Regulations, obtaining approval of internally lit signs in four requested parcels of the IG zone.

## EVENTS

The EDC supported the East Haddam Business Association efforts in promoting their first Community Faire and Tag Sale in October. Funding and coordination was provided by the EDC to purchase new holiday lights for East Haddam Village. In March, area restaurants presented chowders for sampling at the ninth annual East Haddam Chowder Cook-off. The proceeds were donated to Music on the River, the Food Bank,

Moodus Sportsmen's Club, Operation Fuel, Friends of Gillette Castle State Park, St. Stephen's Harvest House, Ray of Light Farm and Sensations Charitable Foundation. EDC members worked with the Agricultural Commission to establish and promote a weekly Farmers' Market. In June, EDC began coordination of the Swing Bridge 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held in June, 2013.

## OTHER

The Coordinator assisted individual businesses with items such as: financial resources, permitting, and available properties. The Coordinator supported the Agriculture Commission in preparing two state grant applications for capital improvements at the Harris Farm and for an agricultural business incubator. EDC Commissioners and Coordinator attended Board and Commission meetings and met with Town staff to advocate on behalf of new and existing businesses. East Haddam's economic interests were represented at the regular meetings of the Central Regional Tourism District, Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, Middlesex County Revitalization Commission, and Midstate Regional Planning Agency. East Haddam's on-line business directory, calendar, tourism brochure and roadside sign boards were regularly updated. New businesses were announced in East Haddam Events magazine. Ads promoting the town were purchased in various publications. The EDC became a member of the CT Economic Development Association (CEDAS). In August and February, mailings were sent to all business (250+) to keep owners apprised of economic opportunities.

EDC welcomed new member Frederick Weissbach as an alternate, and with regret, accepted the resignations of Michael Gionta and Patricia Stricker.

Alternate Pamela Rubenbauer was changed to regular member. Business owners and the public are invited to contact EDC members with ideas and questions or attend a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month.

Edward Odell, Chairman  
Debra Mathiasen,  
Joseph Albuquerque  
Robert Casner  
Gerry Rucker  
Pamela Rubenbauer  
Ralph Parady  
Frederick Weissbach



*By a one vote margin, On the Rocks at Fox Hopyard was selected as first place "People's Choice" 2012 Chowder Cook-off - second was Gelston House and the close third was La Vita Gustosa.*



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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



*Emergency Management Director  
Craig Mansfield.*

In August of 2011, Emergency Management was faced with preparing the town to weather Tropical Storm Irene. East Haddam was hit very hard by Storm Irene and residents faced days and in some cases more than a week without power. Emergency Management volunteers pulled together to provide services to those residents in need of assistance.

During the week following Irene, volunteers staffed the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, Senior Center and other locations providing residents a location to get food, water, a place to shower or to charge electronics. During this time, volunteers donated over 3,800 hours, provided nearly 4,000 hot meals, handed out over 12,000 Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and distributed 30,000 bottles of water.

Besides the volunteers, East Haddam businesses and community groups played a large role in helping the town get through Tropical Storm Irene. Businesses provided equipment needed to move supplies and food to help feed residents. Community groups assisted in serving meals and handing out informational flyers.

Additionally, a big thank you is owed to the East Haddam Fire Department, Ambulance, Police/Resident Troopers, Public Works Department, School Employees and Town Employees who all went above and beyond to assist the residents during this difficult time.

Since the storm, East Haddam has worked diligently with FEMA not only to get financial assistance for our residents affected by the storm but to get the Town reimbursed for cost directly related to storm Irene. The Emergency Management Group held many after action discussions to review the response to storm Irene and address areas that we felt could be improved.

The Emergency Management Director has attended many meetings to express the Town's displeasure related to the lack of response from the utility companies. Based on the after action discussions many improvements have been made not only locally but at the State level to ensure a quicker response from the utility companies during future large scale outages.

Emergency Management continues to recruit volunteers. Should you be interested please contact us at 860-873-5103 or email to [ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org](mailto:ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org).

Respectfully Submitted:  
Craig Mansfield  
Emergency Management Director

## INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION MISSION/AUTHORITY

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

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

### LEVEL OF ACTIVITY/ACTIONS TAKEN

The numbers of subdivision reviews completed and permit applications accepted were lower than in previous years. It is presumed that the down turn in activity is largely tied to the down turn in the economy and the apparent stagnation in the housing market. This slowing of activity has given the Commission time to focus on regulation updates, to bring us in line with state statute changes, and allowed us to consider changes requested by the Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee that would establish stream crossing standards/guidelines.

Actions taken by the Commission in fiscal year 2011 - 2012, include:

Permits for docks and other in-water structures	
Bashan Lake .....	1
Permits for structures (buildings, decks, etc.) in regulated areas .....	9
Permits for repair/construction of retaining walls.....	1
Subdivision Reviews:	
approved .....	5
New building lots created in this time period.....	7

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

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

# LIBRARIES

## EAST HADDAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The East Haddam Free Public Library (EHFPL) opened in 1888 and became the official town library in 1894. 2011-2012 was yet another spectacularly successful year in its proud history. The Library's goal was to become a library of the future. To achieve this goal the library set out to: provide patrons with exemplary service and services; be a leader in the community; make the library more open, convenient and accessible; and promote free education, information, and recreation. EHFPL succeeded by hosting more programs than ever before, streamlining large sections of the collection, working with over two dozen local organizations and businesses, and focusing on obtaining in-demand items like DVDs, audiobooks, bestsellers, and playaways.

The library's role in the community is continually expanding. EHFPL's commitment to up-to-date technology, innovative programming, and traditional library services is transforming the library into a center for the community. In a receding economy, the library is the best resource for free learning and entertainment for all members of the family.

### **EHFPL's 2011-2012 Highlights Include:**

- Integration with State Library ReQuest catalog ([www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org)) provides patrons with access to materials from virtually any library in CT (including public & university/academic libraries) - literally millions of titles and materials.
- Free audio books via the state library for Mp3 Players, PCs, tablets, and mobile devices.
- Borrowed 872 materials through inter-library loan, 4% of EHFPL's circulation.
- Provided and maintained seven internet-ready PCs with Windows 7 and the latest Microsoft Office Software for public use.
- Circulated a total of 21,149 items (please note: most EHFPL items circulate for 3-weeks).
- Purchased books and movies with high patron demand, including a large variety of bestselling books, blockbuster films and hit-TV shows.
- Provided Free Wi-Fi for internet devices.
- Copier, printers and fax machine for patrons for a nominal fee.
- Worked closely with local businesses and organizations such as the East Haddam Lions, East Haddam Leos, Local Prevention Council, East Haddam School District, Grist Mill Market, Tiger Scouts, East Haddam Historical Society, and many more.
- Organized the Christmas/Family Night on Moodus Green event (thanks to the PTO for doing an amazing job decorating!)
- Won a \$1,000 grant from the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, an additional \$500 grant was donated by the Community Lions for energy efficiency upgrades.

STATISTICS	
Total Attendance: 23,400	
New Patrons: 464	Total Programs: 228
Active Patrons: 8,652	Program Attendance: 8,705

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Gilroy, MLS  
Library Director



### **Operating Budget Report July 1, 2011 June 30, 2012**

**Balance on Hand 7/1/11** \$ 7,622

#### **Receipts:**

Endowment Income	14,090
Interest Income	790
State Grant	1,211
Town Grant	86,500
Connecticard	57
Donations	1,037
Special Funds	1,000
Library Charges and Fines	2,086
Insurance	5,000

**Total Receipts** \$ 111,770

#### **Disbursements:**

Payroll	\$ 65,385
Payroll Taxes	6,170
Maintenance	5,946
Heat	4,940
Electricity	4,742
Telecommunications	1,801
Water	210
Supplies	1,540
Library Collection	4,400
Technology	2,904
Insurance	4,145
Professional Expense	2,945
Miscellaneous Expense	3,294
Insurance Deductibles	4,494

**Total Disbursements** \$ 112,916

**Balance on Hand 6/30/12** \$ 6,477

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Veselak, Treasurer

# LIBRARIES

## RATHBUN FREE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Rathbun Free Memorial Library has been proudly serving East Haddam since 1935, and 2011-12 marked yet another excitingly eventful year in our history. The library continued to host its



traditional programs including 3 weekly story hours, summer reading, and art exhibitions. The Friends of the Library's Fridays at 5:30 lecture series continued to be the toast of the town with its fabulous spread of delicious hors d'oeuvres and presenters with exceptional stories to tell and knowledge to share. The Friends also hosted the Summer Farmer's Market which ended its long run at the library in August 2011. The Community Lions hosted their annual Light Up the Holidays display and silent auction at the Rathbun, which helped raise much needed funds for the local Food and Fuel banks.

### Other 2011-2012 Highlights Include:

- Continued membership in LION library consortium provided access to 700,000 titles and 1.9 million materials to patrons.
- LION Overdrive provided free access to e-books and digital audio books for e-readers, mp3 players, PCs, tablets, and mobile devices.
- LION Consortium provided 2,678 titles to patrons, Rathbun lent other LION libraries 1,453 titles which accounted for 16% of the Rathbun's circulation (combined).
- LION maintained 5 internet-ready PCs for public use.
- Circulated a total 31,599\* items (\*please note: most Rathbun items circulate for 2-weeks).
- Enrollment in Baker & Taylor's Automatically Yours program provided the newest titles of patron-favorite authors as they were released.
- Provided free Wi-Fi for internet devices.
- Copier, printers and fax machine for patrons for a nominal fee.
- Worked closely with the Community Lions, East Haddam Historical Society, Goodspeed Opera House and other local businesses & organizations.
- Although things were mostly bright and sunny at the Rathbun, fallout from Hurricane Irene forced the library to close for a week.
- In February, longtime Library Director, Kelly Marzscyki, resigned after 15 years of service to pursue a directorship at the Granby Library.

STATISTICS	
Total Attendance: 17,376	
New Patrons: 267	Total Programs: 122
Active Patrons: 2,505	Program Attendance: 1,834

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Gilroy, MLS  
Interim Director

Operating Statement 6/30/12		Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Joint Annual Drive	\$	9,625
Fax Line and Copier Fees		1,863
Fines		1,732
Gifts (miscellaneous memorials)		100
Library Gift Shop		286
Town		96,055
Trust and Savings		91,682
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	201,342
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>		
Salaries	\$	121,126
Payroll Taxes		10,527
Medical Insurance		6,588
S/T Disability		984
Payroll Processing Fees		3,281
Workers' Comp Insurance		12
Total Personnel		142,517
<b>Library Operations</b>		
Audio Books		(342)
Bank and Credit Card Fees		56
Bookkeeping		462
Library Collection and Supplies		10,875
LION (annual fee, Overdrive)		11,464
Memberships		785
Music		76
Photocopier		596
Printing		(101)
Programs & Museum Passes		590
Public Relations/Marketing		238
Technology		953
Travel/Training		589
Total Library Operations		26,165
<b>Office &amp; Plant Operations</b>		
Equipment and Furnishings		89
Maintenance and Repairs		5,728
Office Supplies		545
Postage/LION overdues		325
Electric		3,482
Heating		10,326
Telephone		2,555
Sewer		850
Yard		1,330
Property Insurance		5,648
Total Office & Plant Operations		30,879
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$	199,561
Respectfully submitted, Dawn Barlow, Treasurer		



# LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Until May 2012, there were 15 state-designated planning regions within Connecticut. Regional boundaries were first established by the state in the 1950s and served a wide range of functions over the past half century: land use planning, transportation planning, emergency management, environmental and economic planning. Over the last five years, the state legislature has asked for voluntary consolidation from the 15 state designated planning regions. After extensive discussion, the 17 towns of the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials (Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook) decided to apply for a merger of their two respective planning regions: the eight towns of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency (Midstate) and the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA). They were successful and today, there are now fourteen regions in Connecticut. In May 2011, the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) Secretary Ben Barnes recognized the merger of the Midstate and CRERPA into a single region, designated as the Lower Connecticut River Valley planning region. Since that declaration, the 17 towns of the Lower Connecticut River Valley have worked to form a Council of Governments.

On May 23, the Lower Connecticut River Valley planning region received certification from the OPM Secretary that they have been officially established as a new Council of Governments. The new organization will combine and replace Midstate and CRERPA.

A Council of Governments, common in other areas of the state, is led by a Board of Directors consisting of the chief elected officials of each member municipality. The new region encompasses a population of about 170 thousand people and 452 square miles.

By maintaining a distinctive region, the Lower Connecticut River Valley area will be able to create solutions that best suit its special character. The new

region encompasses the lower 25 plus miles of the Connecticut River, including the large estuary at the mouth on Long Island Sound, a population of about 170 thousand people and 452 square miles.

The new region continues to plan for and promote voluntary cooperative approaches to land use and governmental issues affecting its character and people. The new organization consists of the chief elected officials of its member towns, with staff assembled from both pre-existing agencies. The combined organization will have greater resources and capability to address a broad range of issues in a coordinated manner.

It will take some time to complete the full integration including the transportation planning and other special services. New projects for mapping and economic development, environmental stewardship, and transportation are already in the works. The LCRVCOG first annual report will be filed in 2013.

Linda Krause  
Executive Director

## LCRVCOG BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman:	Mark B. Walter First Selectman, East Haddam
Vice-Chairman:	Richard Smith First Selectman, Deep River
Secretary	Susan S. Bransfield First Selectman, Portland
Treasurer	Catherine Iino First Selectman, Killingworth

**L**

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 commission to review, select, prioritize, and protect these lands.

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

In June of 2012 the Open Space Committee submitted two grant applications to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the open space preservation of two parcels of land. The Committee expects an answer on the grants from the DEEP later in 2012.

**ZEILLER ASSOCIATES  
PROPERTY**

This 98.82 acre parcel is bound by Clark Hill Road to the north, Florida Road to the east, and 4,000 feet of Roaring Brook to the west. This application is being filed along with another application for a purchase of 238 acres of land 600 feet to the northwest. The parcels would provide linkage to existing and potential open space to the north in the Roaring Brook/Whalebone Creek Watershed. To the north (recently Stated aided purchased Dean Conservation Easement—280 acres, and fee simple Harris parcel—135 acres) along with existing open space parcels owned by the Town and the East Haddam Land Trust.

**PAGES PROPERTY**

This 238 acre parcel is bound by Mill Road to the south, Parker Road (the walking path portion) to the west, the 230 acres of Conservation Easement area on the Dean Farm to the north and a portion of Roaring Brook to the east. This application is being filed along with another application for a purchase of 103 acres of land 600 feet to the southeast. These parcels would provide linkage to existing and potential open space to the south and north in the Roaring Brook/Whalebone Creek Watershed. To the north (recently Stated aided purchased Dean Conservation Easement—280 acres, and Harris parcel—135 acres), east and southwest are existing open space parcels owned by the Town and the East Haddam Land Trust.

The Committee has been part of several other applications, acquisitions and easements over the past 13 years.

2003	Lord Wellington Subdivision—Newberry Road—28.49 acres
2003	Urbanik property—Foxtown Cemetery Road—86 acres
2005	Gelston property—Daniels Road—purchase of a Conservation Easement—46.5 acres
2006	Lefebvre property—Jones Hill Road—117.6 acres (not purchased as of this date)
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

## Present Committee members as of July 2012

Will Brady, Chairman ..... Historic District Commission  
Laurie Alt ..... Board of Education  
Robert Bennett..... Board of Finance  
Brad Parker ..... Recreation Commission  
Edmund Gubbins ..... Planning and Zoning Commission  
Mary Augustiny ..... Inland Wetlands and  
Watercourses Commission

Emmett Lyman .....	Board of Selectmen
Robert Smith.....	East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.
Joseph Albuquerque .....	Economic Development Commission

Todd Gelston.....Conservation Commission  
Scot Mackinnon.....Agriculture Commission

## 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 fiscal year 2011-2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission processed 6 subdivision applications, 5 were approved, creating 7 new building lots. The Commission also approved 16 Special Exception / Site Plan applications, and 111 zoning permits, including 14 single family dwellings.

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

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman  
James Curtin, Vice Chairman  
Kevin Matthews, Secretary  
Bernard Gillis  
Edmund Gubbins  
John Matthew  
Louis Salicrup  
Jessica Stone  
Harvey Thomas



*Flooding in the East Haddam Village following Tropical Storm Irene with life-long East Haddam resident Ed Blaschik.*



## PUBLIC WORKS

Fiscal year 2012 was an eventful year for the Public Works Department thanks to Tropical Storm Irene and Storm Alfred. Tropical Storm Irene resulted in massive tree damage and rendered the majority of our roads impassable. For months the highway department went street by street clearing debris and pruning/removing damaged trees.

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 4,218 tons. This is a 3.3% decrease from fiscal year 2011. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 868 tons. This is a 4% increase from last year.

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

- Sillimanville Road from North Moodus Road to Town Line (0.36 mi.) was fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- A portion of East Haddam Colchester Turnpike from Falls Bashan Road to Beebe Road (1.50 mi.) was fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- Forest Way (0.21 mi) was graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- This was the fourth year the Town crew placed asphalt to shim and repair roads instead of chip sealing. More than 1,500 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of August-September 2011 and June 2012. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Clark Hill Road, Lori Lane, Newberry Loop, Town Road, Wildwood Road, Boardman Road, Bone Mill Road, Creek Row, East Shore Drive, Sheepskin Hollow, Ridgebury Road, Mill Road, Stockburger Road, Juda Lane, Smith Road, West Road, Lakeside Drive and Bashan Road.
- A box paver was acquired to improve efficiency and flexibility while implementing our road improvement program.
- A mini excavator was purchased to increase services provided and improve overall efficiency of department.
- One new truck was obtained to replace aging equipment.
- 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, grading of more than 15 miles of unpaved roads, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.



*Public Works Administrator Beth Lunt and Public Works crew member Eric Smith review the Storm Irene damage assessment map at the Emergency Operations Center.*

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

Overall, the winter of 2011-2012 was below average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 5 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on October 29, 2011 and the final storm occurred on February 24, 2012. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 20 inches. Despite the low total snow accumulation the highway department responded to the unprecedented effects of Storm Alfred in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe and passable.

I would like to thank the Public Works Staff who time and time again demonstrate their commitment and dedication to the Town of East Haddam. A special thank you this year for all the efforts related to Storm Irene and Alfred.

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth S. Lunt  
Public Works Administrator

## RECREATION COMMISSION

It was a very busy year in the Recreation Department! This year, we offered over 107 different activities for the community members of East Haddam. We provided activities for over 1225 people.

The members of the Recreation Commission for the year 2011-2012 were Brad Parker, Chairman, Walter Parkus, Vice Chair, John Gowac, Charles Grillo, Michael Michalski, Ed Smith, Cynthia Deming and Margie Roberts and Kevin Conway.

East Haddam Park and Recreation works closely with many community organizations to ensure that quality recreational activities are available to all community members. We would like to thank the following organizations for their support and collaboration: East Haddam Youth and Family Services, Local Prevention Council, East Haddam Board of Education and East Haddam Public Works and Nathan Hale Ray High School, Shagbark and Dutch Oil.

We had another fun summer of free music concerts on the lawn of the Goodspeed Opera House. This year we were entertained by the following bands: The Jason Spooner Trio, Amy Gallatin, Riverside, Basically Blues, Aztec Two Step and Santa Mamba. We would like to thank our many generous sponsors, as the concerts are completely funded by donations. We would also like to thank The Goodspeed Opera House, The Gelston House, Ace Audio, Eastern Tent Rentals, East Haddam Police, East Haddam Public Works and the East Haddam Board of Education for their generous support! We would also like to thank the committee members: Cindy Deming, Margie Roberts, Anthony and Candy Nero, Brad Parker, Charlie Hnilicka, Paul Varkala, and John Pointkowski.

Our goal is to provide all East Haddam community members with quality recreational activities. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions! We would like to thank the community for all of their support. The dozens of people that volunteer to coach and supervise our activities make these programs so successful. A special thank you to Shagbark and Dutch Oil for sponsoring our youth soccer, basketball and Day Camp programs by donating a T-Shirt for every child registered in these programs.

This year we started the renovation of the Old Middle School soccer field. We worked with various town departments, East Haddam Youth and Family Services and Jeff Paprocki to build the skate park. We resurfaced the courts and repaired the fences and nets at the tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Quinn, Director

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Registrars of Voters supported a municipal election on November 8, 2011. Of the 5,651 registered voters, 2,548 persons, or 45% voted. On April 24, 2012, the Republican Primary had 195, or 16% of 1228 registered Republican voters cast ballots. May 22, 2012 we held a budget referendum in the historic Town Hall. 6% of the electorate, or 340 voters, cast ballots.

As of June, 2012, there were a total of 5,222 voters on the active voters list. This included 1,347 Democrats, 923 Republicans, 2,924 unaffiliated, and 28 in other minor parties.

Each year, the Registrars conduct a canvass in our town, to keep the voter list updated. This yearly canvass, checks address changes of voters both within town, and for those who have moved out of town; voters are asked to return a verification of address form so that we may remove them if necessary, or put them on an inactive file, if forms are not returned.

With the addition of computerized voting tabulators, and new directives from the Secretary of State's office, Registrars are required to attend annual conferences and training sessions each spring and fall.

Our official polling place continues, until we get a new permanent office building, to be at the Nathan Hale Ray High School. Referenda are still able to be handled at our historic Town Hall. Registrars are responsible for obtaining and training poll workers. Currently, there are 4 certified Moderators in East Haddam (along with the Registrars and Deputy registrars, who are also certified), who are able to legally oversee polling places at elections.

Because we use the High School Gymnasium for our elections, we rely on the Town Crew to move our equipment from its storage area in our office and the Town Hall. We are grateful for their cheerful efficiency. Our appreciation is also extended to our dedicated poll workers who cheerfully work 15 hour days for little pay. They, along with our Moderators, keep democracy alive and well!

This year signage was put out on election day to remind voters to vote. Emmett Lyman has agreed to oversee this job, and we are grateful to him!

If you would like to volunteer your services for an election or referendum, or would like to become a moderator, please contact us at [registrars@easthaddam.org](mailto:registrars@easthaddam.org), or call 860 873 5029 and leave a message. Persons may register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office, or the Registrars office, or by mail. You may download forms from our town web site at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org). Our email is [registrar@easthaddam.org](mailto:registrar@easthaddam.org), and our phone is 860 873 5029

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie W. Alt, Registrar  
Harriet G. Cummings, Registrar



## RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/EAST HADDAM POLICE

The East Haddam Resident Troopers Office would like to welcome Trooper Patrick Hawes. Trooper Hawes replaces Trooper Steve Bellandese who has joined the State Police Governor's Security Team. The East Haddam Police would like to thank Trooper Bellandese for his years of dedicated service to the Town of East Haddam.

Our office is staffed by two (2) Resident State Troopers and five (5) local part-time Police Officers. In addition to providing routine police coverage, the local East Haddam Officers provide marine coverage during the summer months to the lakes, Moodus Reservoir and the Connecticut River. Police coverage is also provided for sporting events, school functions, parades, and other events as requested by local residents and civic organizations.

The mission of the East Haddam Police is to enhance the overall security and quality of life by promoting a partnership between the community and law enforcement. Through this partnership our goal is to reduce crime and minimize public safety risks.

Speeding and other traffic related incidents continue to be significant issues for the citizens within our Town. Once again, the Town received a Driving Under the Influence grant. Through this grant we were able to provide additional patrols specifically designated to address traffic related issues. This grant provided over 500 additional hours of police coverage dedicated to motor vehicle enforcement within East Haddam. The members of our department are committed to make East Haddam a safe community to live, work or visit. As always, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions and concerns.

We can be contacted at 860-873-1226 or via email at [police@easthaddam.org](mailto:police@easthaddam.org) (for requests NOT requiring immediate police services.) Residents can also use our Tip-Line to provide confidential information by calling 860-873-5013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trooper Jeff Rhoades  
Trooper Patrick Hawes  
Corporal George Corbeil  
Corporal Craig Mansfield  
Corporal Karl Karabeinikoff  
Officer Tom Griffith  
Officer Mark Creighton

<b>POLICE STATISTICS</b>	
Police responded to over 6,000 calls for service over the past fiscal year. The following is a list of those incidents:	
Homicide	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Robberies	2
Narcotics (Sale of or Possession)	14
Assaults	8
Liquor Law Violations	2
Fires/Arson	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Injuries)	86
Vehicle Accidents (With Injuries)	18
Burglaries	45
Sex Assaults/Offenses	2
Disturbances	105
Medical Assist	134
Criminal Mischief	19
Burglar Alarms (Actual and False)	325
DUI	41
Missing Persons	8
Traffic Enforcement	1,898
Untimely Deaths	6
Trespassing	3
Weapons/Issues Offenses	6
Suspicious Incidents	120
Disabled Vehicles/Traffic Services	156
Assist Other Agencies	174
Assist Citizens	676
Administrative Duties	313
Larcenies	77

## SENIOR SERVICES

The center had over 10,000 sign-ins.

We delivered over 2,000 meals on wheels to our local seniors.

The medical car made 193 trips to various facilities around the state.

We processed over 100 fuel assistance applications

We received a second van from the state.

In February we started a monthly newsletter which can be picked up on the first of each month at many locations around town.

I attended five meetings of the Advisory Board of Senior Resources in Norwich in my capacity as Secretary.

We opened the center to Parks and Recreation for their Yoga and Zumba classes.

As usual it is the dedicated volunteers who keep the programs running and make my job such a pleasure.

Joanne S. Rocznik  
Municipal Agent



*Volunteers serving meals at Nathan Hale-Ray High School following tropical Storm Irene.*

## 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. It is responsible for land records, vital statistics, military discharges, notary public registrations, liquor and burial permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions. 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 also 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:

Analysis of Town Clerk Fees Collected 2011-2012	
Total Town Clerk Fees Collected	\$241,225
Pass thru directly to State	\$123,897
Payments to State	\$95,379
Town retains	\$145,846

Highlights for the 2011-2012 year include:

- The Town Clerk served as recording secretary to the Board of Finance.
- Recorded 2,048 documents on the land records. (not including maps).
- The Town Clerk serves as one of three Administrators maintaining the Town's website.
- Applied for and received a \$3,500 grant from the State of Connecticut through the Historic Document Preservation Program.
- 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, 2012 images are available electronically from present to November 2000.
- Enabled cross training and sharing of staff.
- Promoted dog licensing.
- 64 births, 65 marriages and 62 deaths were recorded.

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

## 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 2011-2012 fiscal year was the twelfth year of full operations of the Town's sewer collection and treatment system. The flows averaged 16,000 gallons per day; which is just over 29% of system capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 50,000 gallons per day or 91% of the system's capacity. Over 95% of the pollutants are typically removed. Sludge is taken to Cromwell for disposal.

The second function 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.

On July 12, 2012 the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority revised the sewer use and operation fees and adopted the Sewer Use and Pollution Control Regulations.

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

Andrew Lord, Chairman  
Richard Fiala  
Arthur Merrow  
Fred Myers  
John Russell

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the fiscal year 2011-2012 heard 16 cases compared to the 12 cases heard the last fiscal year. There were 16 requests for variances as noted below:

- Side yard to construct garages, sheds, a barn, addition onto a dwelling, deck and to remove and rebuild a cottage
- Rear yard for addition to a cottage
- Front yard for a garage
- Height variance for a dwelling
- To reduce a size of a non-conforming lot and increase size of an adjoining non-conforming lot for septic purposes
- To convert a one family dwelling to a two family
- Lot coverage and impervious soil surface coverage to construct a dwelling

None of the above cases were appealed to Court. No meetings were held in the months of December and January.

The total receipts for the fiscal year were \$2,500. The total budget for the fiscal year was \$6,499.

Total expenditures were for the following categories:

Clerical .....	\$4,604
Legal Ads.....	4,158
Office Supplies.....	5
Postage.....	329
Dues .....	90
Total .....	\$9,187

Board Members  
Stuart Wood, Chairman  
J. Greg Daigle  
Richard Fiala  
Norman Gobbelle  
Diane K. Quinn

Alternates  
Laurie Alt  
Guy Gibb  
William Smith

Mildred E. Quinn, Secretary

# TOWN MEETINGS

Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 2, 2011

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Twenty-five (25) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Robert Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Laurie Alt seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. Ms. Denette called for a vote appointing same to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator stated that she planned to recuse herself from Item 3 and noted that Mrs. Alt was willing to Moderate that item if it was the will of the legislative body.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Paul Maxwell motioned to accept the call as presented, Roger Stube seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Stube seconded that the legislative body herein assembled amend the ordinance entitled "Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled in the Town of East Haddam", adopted February 3, 2009, to be effective for the Grand List years of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and that the requirement for applications for benefits be changed from "filed annually" to "filed biennially".

The Moderator solicited comments and questions. Mr. Walter advised that the proposed amendments put the program in line with the circuit breaker program administered by the State of Connecticut. The cost to the town is approximately \$60,000 annually and approximately 150 people utilize the benefit.

There being no additional comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion amending the ordinance entitled "Tax relief for the Elderly and Disabled in the Town of East Haddam", adopted February 3, 2009, to be effective for the Grand List Years of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and that the requirement for applications for benefits be changed from filed annually to filed biennially carried unanimously.

**Item 2:** Mr. Bruce Dutch motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen to accept the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Meeting authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the following certain conveyances, to wit:

1. A certain Conservation Easement and Restriction granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, affecting certain property described on a certain map entitled "Subdivision Plan 'Homestead' Subdivision Bogel Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale 1" = 100' Date 01-03-2006 Revised through 08-11-2006" prepared by Richard F. Mihok, P.E. 18 Laurel Lane, Marlborough, CT 06447, said map #3994 being on file in the Land Records of Town of East Haddam, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute into such Conservation Easement and Restriction on behalf of the Town.
2. A certain Drainage and Maintenance Easement granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, as shown on the survey map referenced herein.
3. A certain Turning Easement granted by CLARK GATES, LLC acting herein by its sole Member, Robert Casner to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, as shown on the survey map referenced herein. Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.

The maps depicting the parcels in question were reviewed by Mr. Walter. Questions and comments were asked and answered. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution accepting the aforementioned three conveyances from Mr. Casner. Mrs. Joan Osalza voted nay, the remainder of the votes recorded were in the affirmative. The Moderator advised that the motion carried.

The Moderator noted that Item 3 involves conveyance of property from the Rotary Club, an organization of which

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she is an officer. Mrs. Denette requested a motion appointing a substitute moderator for Item 3, Mr. Walter motioned to appoint Mrs. Alt. Paul Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion appointing Mrs. Alt Moderator for Item 3 carried unanimously.

**Item 3:** Bruce Dutch motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting authorize the First Selectman to accept a Quitclaim deed from the Rotary Club of East Haddam, Inc. of a certain parcel of land known as Edgar D. Williams Memorial Park containing approximately three and one-half (3 ½) acres as shown on the Town of East Haddam Assessor's Map 17-L079 and more particularly described in said Quitclaim deed subject to the condition that the property remain named in recognition of Edgar D. Williams, Sr. The proposed deed for this conveyance is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam for public inspection.

The Moderator solicited comments and questions Mrs. Karle inquired about the intended use of the property, Mr. Walter stated that he believed that the property would remain a park. Mr. Charles Hnilicka noted that it is unusual for Rotary Club's to own property. There being no further inquiry, The Moderator called for a vote on the motion accepting a Quitclaim Deed from the Rotary Club of East Haddam, Inc. for the certain parcel of land known as the Edgar D. Williams Memorial Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Denette thanked Mrs. Alt and resumed her duties as Moderator.

**Item 4:** Mr. Stube motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$3,830 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, entitled "Connecticut Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund", for the purpose of improving local air quality by replacement of lawn and grounds maintenance equipment; said grant requiring grantee match of 20% (revenue account 701-410155 and expense account 750-574202).

Mr. Walter noted that the equipment purchased pursuant to the grant would be shared by the Board of Education and the Town. After solicitation, there were still no comments or questions, accordingly the Moderator called for a vote.

The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$3,830.00 from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, entitled "Connecticut Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund" for the purpose of improving local air quality by replacement of lawn and grounds maintenance equipment; said grant requiring grantee match of 20% (revenue account 701-410155 and expense account 750-574202). carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded 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 \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

Mr. Walter reported that this annual grant provides additional coverage for DUI enforcement. There were no comments or questions. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

Mr. Walter stated that this annual grant funding allows for additional enforcement beyond what is scheduled and budgeted. There were no comments or questions raised. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$26,625 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program" carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 6:** Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Hnilicka seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$3,500 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 14 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

The Town Clerk explained that the grant would be utilized to scan, microfilm and preserve vital statistics and meeting minutes in the same manner that land records are addressed. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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**Item 7:** Mr. Walter motioned, Donald Osalza seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the lighting project in front of the Town Hall and Grange Hall properties (revenue account 79-431510-G1201 and expense account 79-541750-G1201).

Mr. Walter advised that the lighting will be period correct for the historic district in which the property is located. He also noted that there is a long range plan to put in a stone wall. The electrical will be under ground. Mrs. Alt noted how pleased she is to see the project move forward. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mrs. Alt the Town Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:20 pm.

AUGUST 28, 2011

Debra Denette  
East Haddam Town Clerk  
7 Main Street  
P.O. Box K  
East Haddam, CT 06423

**RE: DECLARATION OF CIVIL  
PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY**

Dear Mrs. Denette:

Due to the severe weather conditions predicted to affect the State and the Town of East Haddam, specifically the National Weather Service issuance of forecasting indicating that all or part of Connecticut will be directly affected by Hurricane Irene, including torrential rainfall and tropical force to hurricane force winds; I am hereby proclaiming a state of civil preparedness emergency, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-22a. I am filing this proclamation with you under by hand and seal on the 28th day of August, 2011.

Mark B. Walter  
First Selectman  
Time: 8:15 a.m.

## 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Office	Democrats	# of votes	Republicans	# of votes
First Selectman	Rob Smith	865	Mark B. Walter	1,660
Selectman	John Blaschik	957	Emmett J. Lyman, III	1,537
Town Clerk			Debra H. Denette	1,979
Town Treasurer	Kathleen A. Klinck	1,623		
Tax Collector	Dee Hasuly	807	Denise Dill	1,699
Board of Finance	Matthew J. Budzik	1,203	Susan C. Link	1,564
Board of Finance	Harvey W. Thomas, Jr.	1,470		
Board of Finance	Bruce Dutch	1,540		
Board of Education	Kevin Leyland	1,003	Tracey F. Gionta	1,374
Board of Education	Laurie Alt	1,126	William J. Barney	1,252
Board of Assessment Appeals	Jim Vigue	1,029	Justin Kenney	1,293
Planning & Zoning Commission	James M. Curtin	1,447	Louis Salicrup	964
Planning & Zoning Alternate	Jessica M. Stone	1,066	Ed Gubbins, Jr.	1,290
Library Trustee	William Denny	980	William Denny	1,162
Library Trustee	Patrice Veselak	995	Patrice Veselak	1,169
Library Trustee	Barbara Kiley	997	Barbara Kiley	1,164
Library Trustee	Louise Pear	989	Louise Pear	1,164
Library Trustee	John Bielot	994	John Bielot	1,144
Library Trustee	Celina Nelan	977	Celina Nelan	1,164

5,651 voters were eligible to vote.  
2,548 voters were checked off on the official checklist as having voted,  
including 119 ballots cast by absentee.

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 28, 2011

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately fifteen (15) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. First Selectman Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Ed Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Mr. Walter seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator 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. Selectman John Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented, Bryan Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Walter moved to amend the call to change the date from February 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012 under item 3, point 6A. Mr. Perry seconded the amendment. The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote. The Moderator then called for a vote on the call as amended, the motion accepting the call as amended carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Perry seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. Mr. Walter noted that the Annual Report is dedicated in memory of Robert Cook, Ted Harris, Richard Hoffmann, Louis Soja, Sr., and Kate Swift. He also stated that the "theme" of this year's report was open space. No questions or comments were raised. The motion accepting the Annual Town Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. J. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Mr. Walter commented that this year's amount will be slightly over \$166,000. No questions or comments were raised. The motion authorizing the selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in

accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut carried unanimously.

**Item 3:** Mr. Walter motioned, Selectman Emmett Lyman seconded, that the ordinance entitled "East Haddam Volunteer Fire Pension Plan", adopted December 13, 1990, is hereby amended to: (1) limit participation in the Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan established by said ordinance to those persons who were eligible to receive a benefit from or participate in said Incentive Plan on December 31, 2011 or who had a vested benefit under said Incentive Plan on December 31, 2011; (2) exclude from participation in said Incentive Plan those individuals who become members of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department after December 31, 2011; (3) establish a new plan to provide length of service awards to those individuals who become members of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department after December 31, 2011; and (4) provide individuals who are participating in said Incentive Plan and who have five or less years of credited service under said Incentive Plan with a one-time opportunity to elect to participate in the new length of service award plan by waiving their rights to participate in and receive a benefit from said Incentive Plan, with the amendment of said ordinance to be effectuated by amending said ordinance to add a new Section 5 and a new Section 6 to as read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled "East Haddam Volunteer Fire Pension Plan", adopted December 13, 1990, is hereby amended by adding the following new section 5 and new section 6:

5. Limitation on eligibility to receive a benefit from or participate in the Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan established by this ordinance. The only individuals who are eligible to receive a benefit from or participate in the Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan established by sections 1 through 4 of this ordinance (the "Incentive Plan") are those individuals who were eligible to receive a benefit from or participate in the Incentive Plan on December 31, 2011 or who had a vested benefit under said Incentive Plan on December 31, 2011. Individuals who become members of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department after December 31, 2011 shall not be eligible to receive a

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benefit from or participate in the Incentive Plan with regard to volunteer services performed by such individuals for the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department after December 31, 2011. All plan documents for the Incentive Plan are hereby amended to incorporate the provisions of this section 5.

6. Establishment of East Haddam Length of Service Award Plan for Volunteer Members of East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department

- a) Statement of Purpose. In recognition that the public interest, safety, and welfare will be promoted and advanced through the retention and recruitment of volunteer members for the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department (the "Department") and through the encouragement of active involvement by those volunteer members in the fire fighting and prevention services which the Department provides to the Town of East Haddam (the "Town"), it is in the best interests of the Town to establish a system which will provide length of service awards to the following active volunteer members of the Department (the Eligible Volunteers): (i) active volunteer members of the Department who become members of the Department after December 31, 2011 and who meet the eligibility requirements for participation set forth in the plan documents for the length of service award system; and (ii) active volunteer members of the Department who became members of the Department on or before December 31, 2011 and who have five or less years of credited service under the Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan established by sections 1 through 4 of this ordinance (the "existing Incentive Plan") and who do not have a non-forfeitable interest or vested interest in any accrued benefit under the existing Incentive Plan and who no later than March 1, 2012 waive all benefits and rights which they may be entitled to under the Town's existing Incentive Plan and who meet the eligibility requirements for participation set forth in the plan documents for the length of service award system.
- b) Establishment. Pursuant to Sections 7-148 (c)(5)(A) and 7-148(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town establishes a system for providing length of service awards to the Eligible Volunteers and such system (the "LOSAP") is intended to be a length of

service award plan as defined in section 457 (e)(11)(A)(ii), section 457(e)(11)(B), and section 457(e)(11)(C) of Title 26 of the United States Code, as amended, and any successor sections.

- c) The First Selectman is empowered, authorized and directed to enter into and execute on behalf of the Town a plan document for the LOSAP and such other such documents and agreements as may be required to establish and maintain the LOSAP, such plan document and such other documents and agreements to become effective after approval by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.
- d) The LOSAP shall be administered by the Plan Administrator as defined in the plan document for the LOSAP. The adoption of this section 6 of this ordinance shall constitute a specific delegation to the Plan Administrator, pursuant to the Board of Selectmen, to accept the responsibilities of and to perform the duties of the Plan Administrator in the administration of the LOSAP and to exercise the powers and rights of the Plan Administrator to administer the LOSAP.
- e) The Town shall enter into a trust agreement establishing a trust (the "LOSAP Trust") to receive contributions from the Town to fund the length of service awards under the LOSAP. The trustee shall be a trustee approved by the Plan Administrator of the LOSAP. The trustee shall disburse funds from the LOSAP Trust in accordance with the provisions of the trust agreement, Connecticut law and this section 6 of this ordinance.
- f) The Town may periodically contribute to the LOSAP Trust such amounts of cash as may be determined and approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to fund the length of service awards which have been credited under the LOSAP to the accounts of the Eligible Volunteers under the plan document for the LOSAP.

Mr. Walter advised that the ordinance amendment changes the pension plan from a designed benefit to a designed contribution. He stated that the current plan is funded via life insurance policies taken out on the fire fighters. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. T.J. Tarbox, Mr. Walter advised that this plan will have no change



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in benefit to existing fire fighters, but will impact volunteer fire fighters who begin after January 1, 2012. There being no additional comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4:** Walt Parkus motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for equipment, training and exercise program (revenue account 79-431510-G1103 and expense account 79-541750-G1103). There was no discussion on acceptance of the grant. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Walter motioned, Craig Mansfield seconded, that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Town Meeting of the Town of East Haddam hereby ratifies the action of the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials to become a council of governments at their meeting of July 27, 2011, toward that end, the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials formally adopted Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, and that this newly established council of governments be called the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments.”

Mr. Walter stated that this action, needed by 11 of 17 towns in the district will merge two regional planning organizations into one council of government. He stated that this will avoid the State redistricting the organization. Mr. Walter stated that small towns often end up lumped with the larger cities, this is an effort by the group of small towns, to keep the regionalization between like towns, rather than geographically. Mr. Tarbox clarified that this was being done in anticipation of the State mandating the district, similar to what happened with Probate. There being no further discussion, the motion ratifying the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials action to become a council of governments carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 6:** Mr. Walter motioned, Sandra Hajek seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Town Meeting, pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen, hereby authorizes the acceptance of two certain conveyances, to wit:

1. The conveyance from Edward Development Company, LLC to the Town of East Haddam of that portion of property known generally as Meadow Brook Drive and shown and designated as “Meadowbrook Road” on a certain map entitled “Road “As-Built” “Meadow Brook Subdivision” Prepared for Edward Development Company, LLC, Meadow Brook Road, East Haddam, Connecticut, Scale 1"=50' dated May 11, 2006 and revised to January 26, 2009.” Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.
2. A certain Drainage Easement from Donna Confrancesco to the Town of East Haddam, 20' in width as shown on a certain map entitled “Compilation Plan “proposed Drainage Easement” Lot #1 Meadow Brook Subd. Meadow Brook Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale 1"=20' Dated Nov. 4, 2008.” Said map being on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam.

No questions or comments were raised. The motion accepting the two conveyances carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 7:** Mr. Mansfield motioned, Mr. E. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$27,600 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, entitled “FY 2012 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program”, and to amend the 2011-2012 budget accordingly (revenue account 744-424420 and expense account 744-514403). Mr. Mansfield noted that the grant basically covers 85 8 hour shifts dedicated to DUI enforcement. Mr. Tarbox encouraged better police rapport with the community. The motion accepting the FY2012 Comprehensive DUI enforcement Program grant carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 8:** Mr. Mansfield motioned, Mr. J. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$480.92 from the Connecticut Fair Plan (Anti-Arson Committee) for the purpose of

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purchasing needed equipment relating to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of arson fires, and to amend the 2011-2012 budget accordingly (revenue account 701-410155 and expense account 742-574601). Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Blaschik, Mr. Newt Angersola advised that a digital camera will be purchased with the grant funds. The motion accepting the Connecticut Fair Plan grant carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 9:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$26,100 to the Animal Control Capital Buildings budget (847-570703) for the purpose of improvements to the Dog Pound facilities.

Mr. Walter advised that the 1960's building is in serious need of code upgrades, he stated that bids came in much higher than anticipated for completion of the upgrades. The regionalization efforts in the dog pound may offer opportunity for some of those funds to be recaptured. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. E. Blaschik, Mr. Walter advised that there is currently an agreement with East Hampton that shares our dog pound, and earns East Haddam \$5,000 annually. The contract is for 3 years. The motion authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$26,100 for improvements to the dog pound facilities carried with Mr. Tarbox casting the one negative vote. The motion carried.

**Item 10:** Dave Shelberg motioned, Chris Behilo seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$60,589 to 712—Town Counsel (\$28,753) and 754—Snow Removal (\$6,532) and 25-115160-25790—Reserves-Education (\$25,304) for the 2010-2011 Budget. Mrs. Varricchio reviewed the specifics of the overages to town counsel at the request of Mr. Tarbox. It was noted that overall the 2011 budget was not overspent, however, the above noted line items went over budget, and for truer accounting are being presented. The supplemental appropriation carried with Mr. Tarbox casting a negative vote.

**Item 11:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Behilo seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$66,845 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160-25790) designating \$35,000 for the high school

water system and \$31,845 for future capital expenditures. Mr. Walter explained that unutilized budgeted funds from BOE go back into the general fund. This takes the amount required to go back into the general fund and puts it into boe capital. The incentive for the BOE to not “use it or lose it” was noted. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by John Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Angersola, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:01 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Mr. Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Jim Ventres motioned to accept the call as presented, Chris Behilo seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Smith motioned, Robert Casner seconded 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 the Town Meeting authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the following:

1. That the Town (i) appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to fund a loan to the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority (the “WPCA”) for costs related to construction upgrades to the sewer treatment facility of the Town located on Lumberyard Road (the “Facility”) and (ii) authorize the Board through actions of the First Selectman to make the loan to the WPCA pursuant to a Note satisfactory to the First Selectman and the Town Attorney.

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Mr. Ventres briefly explained that the maintenance required is to address wetness issues within the facility. He noted that a STEAP grant in the amount of \$100,000 has also been awarded. Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Casner, Mr. Ventres advised that DEEP required upgrades had drained the line used for capital improvements to the facility. He further noted that the number of EDU's had not increased as projected.

Art Merrow noted that he is in favor of the resolution, but found the resolution vague and was disappointed that it didn't address terms or interest rates. Brief discussion was held and the following amendment was offered by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Merrow to make the loan payable over five years with a 0% interest rate. The amendment carried unanimously.

The motion appropriating the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars, payable over five years at a rate of 0% interest to fund a loan to the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority (the "WPCA") for costs related to construction upgrades to the sewer treatment facility of the Town located on Lumberyard Road (the "Facility") and (ii) authorize the Board through actions of the First Selectman to make the loan to the WPCA pursuant to a Note satisfactory to the First Selectman and the Town Attorney carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Behilo motioned, Mr. Merrow seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$28,749 from the Board of Finance Contingency (704-588701) to the Land Use-Contracted Services (713-542101) for the court ordered clean-up of 27 Powerhouse Road.

Mr. Ventres briefly reviewed the long history of zoning violations on the 1.3 acre property. He advised that the property owner was found in contempt of the court's order to remove and cease from collecting. He advised that bids for removal ranged from the low bid as presented, to over \$100,000. He added that removal of the structure is not included in the bid or in the court order.

The motion authorizing the \$28,749 transfer for the court ordered clean-up of 27 Powerhouse Road carried unanimously.

**Item 3:** Mr. Merrow motioned, Mr. Smith seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$25,757.85 to the tax collector-tax refunds (710-

582201) to award a court ordered tax refund in the amount of \$25,757.85 to Daral Uloom Shady Brook, Inc. Mr. Walter stated that the Court determined that non-profit status should be utilized in the assessment process, as the property is not functioning as a camp, the town had disagreed; but lost the appeal in court.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion authorizing a special appropriation in the amount of \$25,757.85 for a tax refund to Daral uloom Shady Brook, Inc. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Mr. Casner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.



### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 2,2012

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:03 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Three (3) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Ms. Kate O'Boyle seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Ms. O'Boyle seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mark Walter motioned to accept the call as presented, Kate O'Boyle seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Walter motioned, Ms. O'Boyle seconded 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 2008 Ford Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle for Services to Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Program is hereby accepted upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is authorized to sign and

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execute agreements/contracts, along with all necessary agreement/contractual documents and certifications on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, and is authorized to affix the corporate seal of the municipality.

Following brief discussion, the motion to accept the 2008 Ford Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle for Services to Elderly and/or Disabled Persons carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Ms. O'Boyle seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.



### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY APRIL 24, 2012

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open at 6:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. with the following results being reported:

Newt Gingrich	36
Ron Paul	30
Mitt Romney	98
Rick Santorum	27
Uncommitted	3

1,219 Republics were on the active registry. 194 voters were checked as having voted, including absentees.



### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 9, 2012

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twenty five (25) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

**Item 1:** to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,910,705 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

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

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$27,910,705, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013 be approved?

The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on May 22, 2012.

Opportunity for discussion was held. No questions were raised, no comments were offered. Mrs. Denette reiterated that the decision on item #1 would be rendered at referendum on May 22, 2012.

**Item 2:** Mr. Walter motioned that the legislative body herein assembled vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 22, 2012. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter opined that a noon opening would be sufficient, but stated that the legislative body will decide. He noted that absentee ballots will be available. Mrs. Alt, Registrar of Voters encouraged a no vote in connection with the earlier opening and stated that a noon to 8:00 p.m. referendum is less costly to the Town.

Mr. E. Blaschik called to move the question. The Moderator did not entertain the motion as there

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was no further discussion and a vote was forthcoming.

The Moderator called for a vote to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. for the May 22, 2012 referendum. She reiterated that a Nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon, as per State Statute. The motion for the earlier opening failed unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made by Mr. E. Blaschik and seconded by Mr. Dutch the Town Meeting unanimously adjourned to referendum to be held May 22th, 2012 commencing at noon.



## BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 22, 2012

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open at 12:00 noon at closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following question was on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$27,910,705, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013 be approved?

The Moderator announced the following results:

Yes: 228  
No: 111

The Moderator declared the budget passed.



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 27, 2012

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:01 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twenty (20) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Laurie Alt motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Emmett Lyman seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walter motioned to close nominations, Mr. Lyman seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Bryan Perry 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. Dutch motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift of a 2012 Polaris Ranger All-Terrain Vehicle with fire and rescue equipment from the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote accepting the gift of a 2012 polaris ranger all terrain vehicle with fire and rescue equipment from the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Perry motioned, Mr. Dutch seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for a Fire Department UTV Trailer (revenue account 79-431510-G1203 and expense account 79-541750-G1203) with gratitude.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote accepting the \$10,000 gift from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for a Fire Department UTV Trailer with gratitude. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Mr. Dutch motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept with gratitude a gift in the amount of \$5,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the General Fund (revenue account 701-410135).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a motion accepting the \$5,000 gift with gratitude from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 4:** Mr. Perry motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$9,548.06 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160-25790).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote authorizing a transfer in the amount of \$9,548.06 from the General Fund to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Perry motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a



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transfer in the amount of \$35,000 from the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160-25790) to the Board of Education Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of improvements to the Nathan Hale-Ray High School water system (revenue account 782-455055 and expense account 890-579001).

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote authorizing the \$35,000 transfer from the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund to the Board of Education Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of improvements to the Nathan Hale Ray High School water system. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 6:** Beth Lunt motioned, J. Richard Toolan seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$62,982.00 from the Snow Removal Salt and Sand budgets (754-565420 [Salt] \$50,000 and 754-565410 [Sand] \$12,982) to the Public Works Capital Improvements Program budget (850-575002) for the purpose of purchasing an excavator for Public Works.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote approving a transfer in the amount of \$62,982 from the Snow Removal Salt and Sand Budgets to the Public Works Capital Improvements Program budget for the purpose of purchasing an excavator for Public Works. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 7:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Toolan seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$6,372.04 from the Snow Removal Sand budget (754-565420) to the Transfer Station Building Maintenance budget (756-566000) for the purpose of restroom improvements at the Transfer Station.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote approving the \$6,372.04 transfer from snow removal sand budget to the transfer station building maintenance budget. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 8:** Mr. Dutch motioned, Mr. Perry seconded that the legislative body herein assembled appropriate \$40,000 for the purpose of improvements to the Elementary School Gymnasium (890-579001) with the acknowledgement that the Board of

Education Capital Improvement Plan budgeted items for fiscal year 2011-2012 are under budget and no additional costs will be incurred beyond the 2011-2012 budget.

It was noted that this project is long overdue. The Moderator called for a vote appropriating \$40,000 for improvements to the Elementary School Gymnasium with the acknowledgement that the Board of Educational Capital Improvement Plan budgeted items for fiscal year 2011-201 are under budget and no additional costs will be incurred beyond the 2011-2012 budget. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 9:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Dutch seconded that the legislative body herein assembled appropriate \$32,000 for the purpose of replacement of the Nathan Hale-Ray High School auditorium ceiling (890-579001) with the acknowledgement that the Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan budgeted items for fiscal year 2011-2012 are under budget and no additional costs will be incurred beyond the 2011-2012 budget.

Mr. Walter advised that this work has been completed as it was a safety issue.

The Moderator called for a vote appropriating \$32,000 for replacement of the Nathan Hale Ray High School auditorium ceiling with the acknowledgement that the Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan budgeted items for fiscal year 2011-2012 are under budget and no additional costs will be incurred beyond the 2011-2012 budget. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Dutch motioned to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Mrs. Alt seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.

# Town of East Haddam

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## Administrative Office Building

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**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
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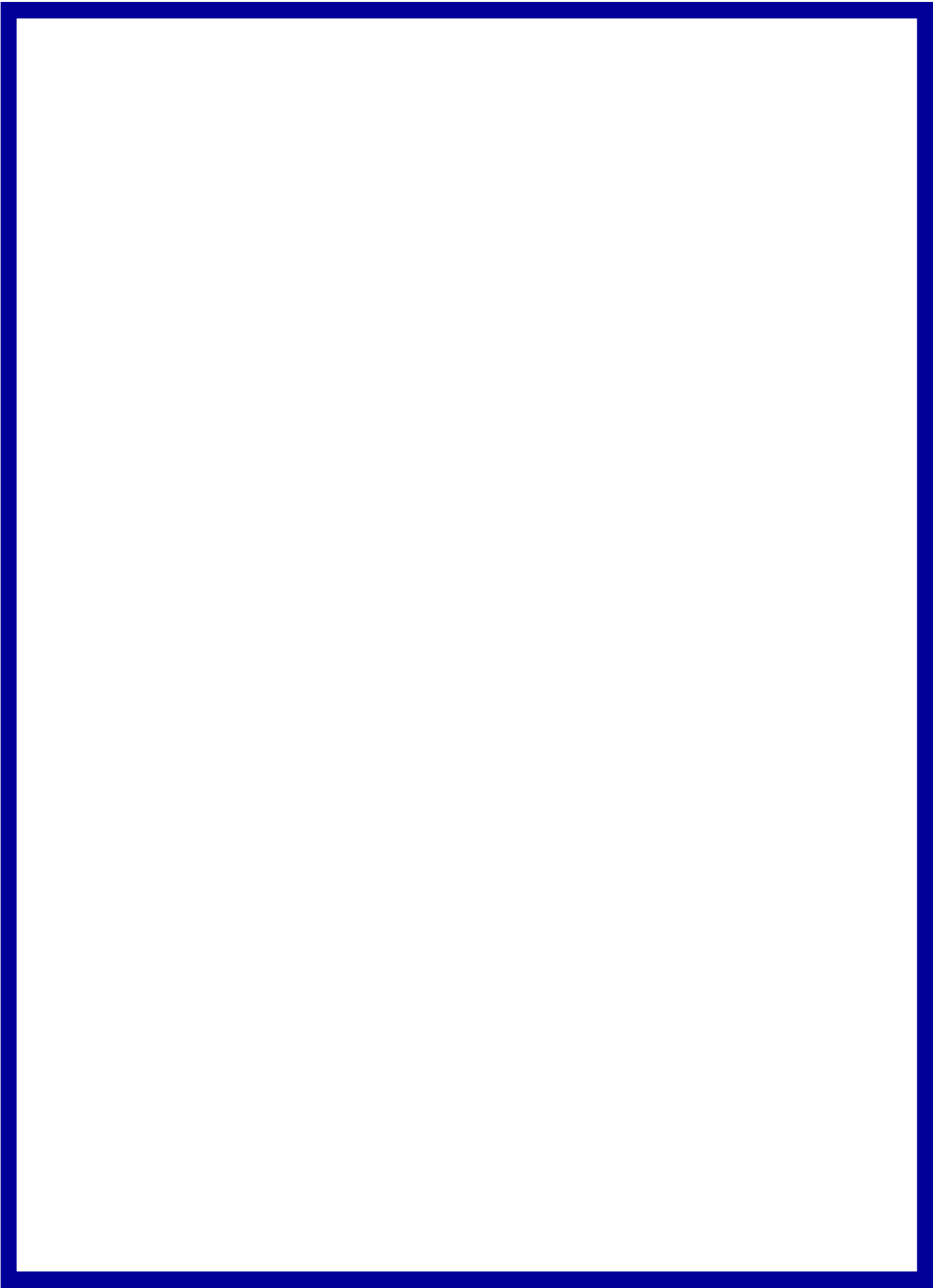
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Financial data concerning the government of the town of East Haddam is public information. The reports presented here are prepared to inform our taxpayers.

A complete copy of the Town's official Audit Report prepared by our outside audit firm Blum Shapiro & Company PC is available on the Town's website at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org).

# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

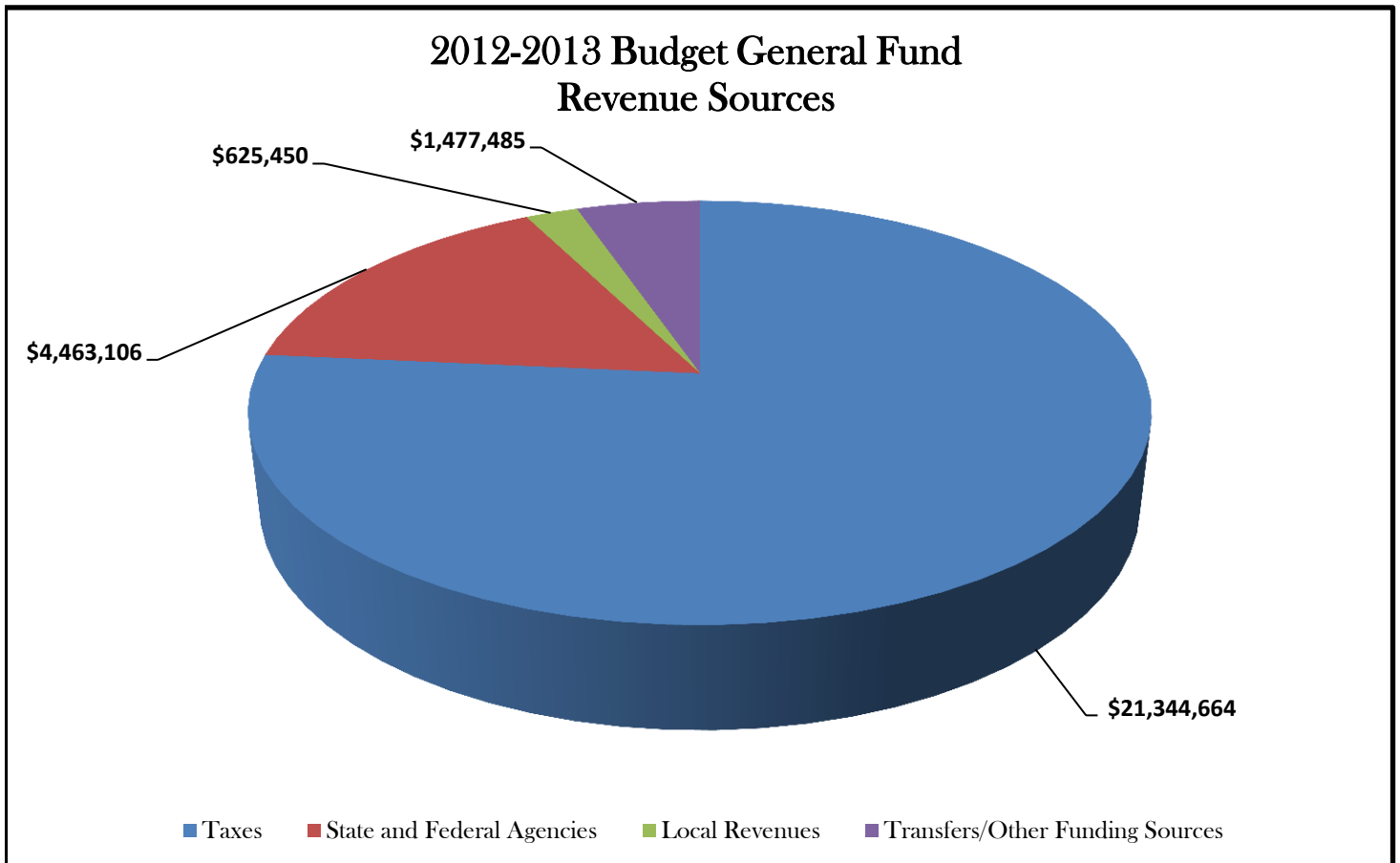
## Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Revenue Detail

DESCRIPTION	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<b>Taxes</b>					
Property Taxes	20,278,470	\$ 20,702,077	\$ 20,589,050	(113,027)	\$ 21,246,664
Interest and Penalties	122,748	90,000	130,925	40,925	90,000
Other Taxes	9,254	8,000	18,263	10,263	8,000
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>20,410,472</b>	<b>20,800,077</b>	<b>20,738,238</b>	<b>(61,839)</b>	<b>21,344,664</b>
<b>State and Federal Agencies</b>					
Chester Assessor Agreement	-	43,000	43,564	564	43,645
Finance Director Shared Services	-	4,167	4,167	-	25,000
Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants					
Revenue Sharing	-	-	78,522	78,522	-
PILOT State Property	22,410	33,405	33,418	13	33,418
Casino Funds	25,733	25,923	28,048	2,125	24,947
Town Aid Road Fund Grant	166,567	166,567	166,925	358	166,567
Local Capital Improvements Program	90,170	90,170	89,721	(449)	90,170
Education Grants					
Adult Education	5,025	5,266	5,205	(61)	5,200
Education Cost Sharing	3,187,690	3,718,223	3,697,641	(20,582)	3,718,223
Transportation	76,863	75,158	70,844	(4,314)	70,933
Elderly and Disabled State Transportation Grant	31,354	31,354	24,626	(6,728)	31,354
Emergency Management Grant	4,100	4,100	4,100	-	4,100
Federal Bridge Grant	-	1,340,526	-	(1,340,526)	-
Miscellaneous Allotments	85,035	14,311	143,288	128,977	25,000
Police DUI Enforcement	-	27,600	12,420	(15,180)	25,000
School Bond Principal and Interest	373,458	238,734	237,105	(1,629)	117,619
Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled	67,555	62,300	72,050	9,750	81,930
<b>Total State and Federal Agencies</b>	<b>4,135,960</b>	<b>5,880,804</b>	<b>4,711,644</b>	<b>(1,169,160)</b>	<b>4,463,106</b>
<b>Investment and Interest Income</b>					
Investment Income	90,283	115,000	56,102	(58,898)	62,500
<b>Total Investment and Interest Income</b>	<b>90,283</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>56,102</b>	<b>(58,898)</b>	<b>62,500</b>
<b>Local Revenues</b>					
Animal Control Miscellaneous	780	200	600	400	250
Assessor Fees	709	500	575	75	500
Building Department Permit Fees	97,443	100,000	81,303	(18,697)	100,000
Cemeteries	-	2,100	1,760	(340)	2,100
Economic Development Commission	2,930	3,700	3,369	(331)	3,700
Elected Official Giveback	3,328	-	-	-	-
Fire Marshal Permit Fees	90	200	150	(50)	200
Historic District Commission Permit Fees	250	300	150	(150)	300
Land Use Permit Fees	29,977	25,000	26,797	1,797	20,000
Miscellaneous and Other	51,590	5,000	67,411	62,411	15,000
PILOT Goodspeed Opera House	25,427	25,000	25,678	678	25,000
Police Special Duty	12,877	22,493	9,729	(12,764)	22,500
Rent	14,744	12,000	11,750	(250)	14,000
Telecommunication Taxes	28,300	20,000	31,333	11,333	20,000
Town Clerk Conveyance Tax	73,188	100,000	61,949	(38,051)	75,000
Town Clerk Fees	99,471	75,000	72,881	(2,119)	75,000
Town Clerk License Fees	25,781	21,000	26,462	5,462	25,000



## Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Revenue Detail (continued)

DESCRIPTION	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
Town Clerk PA05-228 Surcharge Revenue	73,680	82,800	74,520	(8,280)	82,800
Town Clerk Preservation Revenue	5,526	4,600	5,589	989	4,600
Transfer Station Fees	73,402	80,000	70,932	(9,068)	75,000
Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees	1,500	2,500	2,500	-	2,000
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	<b>620,993</b>	<b>582,393</b>	<b>575,438</b>	<b>(6,955)</b>	<b>562,950</b>
<b>Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>					
Albert E. Purple Fund	288,430	277,807	260,291	(17,516)	279,626
Helen Cone Fund	18,081	15,000	14,285	(715)	16,000
Heritage Park Donations	-	-	-	-	20,000
Palmer Fund	38,263	38,000	29,250	(8,750)	38,000
Ray School Corporation	213,859	213,864	213,864	-	213,859
Recreation Commission Fees	40,000	14,923	14,923	-	15,000
Capital Reserves: Revaluation	-	125,000	125,000	-	-
Capital Reserves: Reserve for Capital Projects	1,000,000	335,132	335,132	-	275,000
Capital Reserves: Education	-	35,000	35,000	-	-
Reliance on Fund Balance	-	575,000	-	(575,000)	620,000
<b>Total Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>	<b>1,598,633</b>	<b>1,629,726</b>	<b>1,027,745</b>	<b>(601,981)</b>	<b>1,477,485</b>
<b>Grand Total Revenues</b>	<b>26,856,341</b>	<b>\$ 29,008,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,109,167</b>	<b>\$ (1,898,833)</b>	<b>\$ 27,910,705</b>



# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

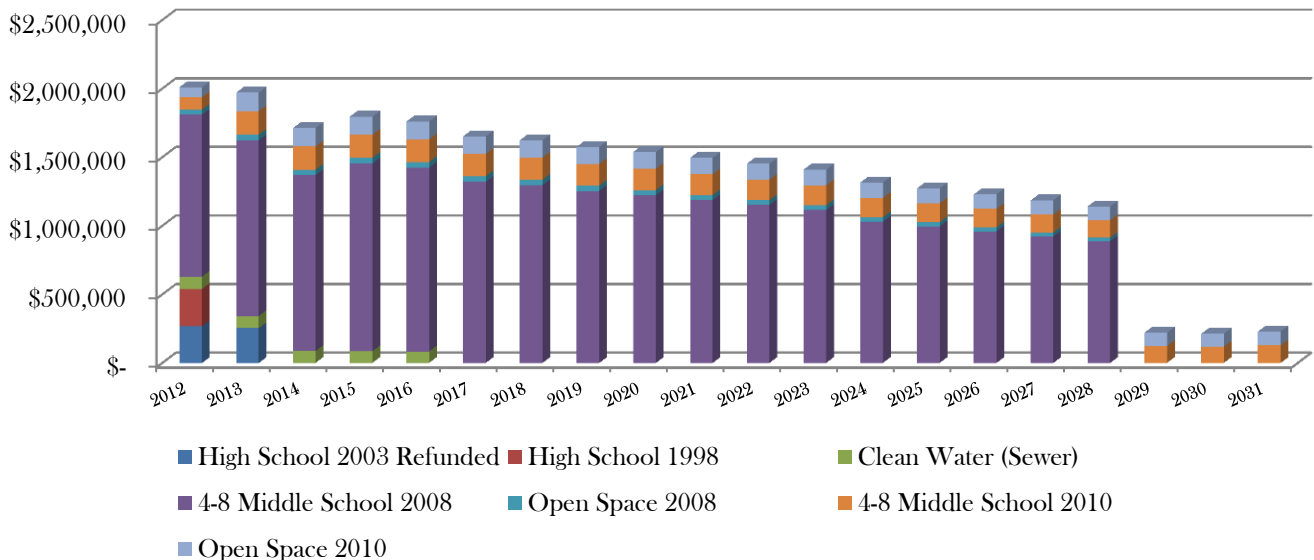
## Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Expenditure Detail

DESCRIPTION	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<b>General Government</b>					
Assessor	\$ 79,470	\$ 117,247	\$ 114,852	\$ 2,395	\$ 120,396
Building Maintenance and Operation	19,099	26,875	19,080	7,795	21,904
Central Services	88,557	97,559	97,639	(80)	106,623
Election and Registrars	39,530	41,082	33,560	7,522	42,452
Finance Office	117,387	118,416	119,906	(1,490)	143,194
Land Use (Planning and Zoning)	158,744	199,410	191,200	8,210	173,935
Old Middle School Operating	63,389	74,370	39,393	34,977	36,710
Probate Court	5,389	10,907	11,806	(899)	11,952
Selectmen	126,773	126,494	124,357	2,137	129,932
Tax Collector	102,394	130,674	129,374	1,300	84,298
Town Clerk	197,934	210,344	198,022	12,322	215,437
Treasurer	16,191	16,474	16,449	25	16,721
Fringe Benefits	614,463	672,377	643,279	29,098	735,954
Insurance	153,218	163,074	155,678	7,396	167,310
Legal Services	98,453	68,200	61,744	6,456	67,500
Technology	91,210	104,480	101,003	3,477	107,804
Agriculture Commission	-	-	-	-	17,625
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,475	1,328	888	440	6,500
Board of Finance	30,813	68,027	39,148	28,879	131,900
Conservation Commission	3,541	4,406	3,978	428	4,418
Economic Development Commission	28,037	31,259	18,874	12,385	32,432
Historic District Commission	2,560	1,438	1,138	300	2,699
Middle School Conversion Committee	1,254	-	-	-	-
Open Space Committee	18,306	15,405	14,895	510	15,410
Village Revitalization Commission	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Zoning Board of Appeals	7,359	6,499	9,187	(2,688)	6,350
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>2,065,546</b>	<b>2,307,345</b>	<b>2,145,450</b>	<b>161,895</b>	<b>2,399,456</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Animal Control	33,478	35,534	37,148	(1,614)	40,031
Building Department	112,842	114,700	111,143	3,557	116,515
Emergency Management	60,400	63,043	143,314	(80,271)	64,821
Fire Department	226,690	242,775	236,829	5,946	207,066
Fire Marshal	19,080	24,534	15,263	9,271	27,854
Police Officers	145,082	180,045	154,945	25,100	191,765
Resident Troopers	190,698	209,722	208,204	1,518	213,668
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>788,270</b>	<b>870,353</b>	<b>906,846</b>	<b>(36,493)</b>	<b>861,720</b>
<b>Public Works</b>					
Public Works	938,664	990,665	940,992	49,673	991,865
Snow Removal	215,087	156,527	102,959	53,568	226,467
Town Garage Maintenance	51,486	56,100	45,316	10,784	63,555
Transfer Station	535,172	555,815	540,978	14,837	549,861
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>1,740,409</b>	<b>1,759,107</b>	<b>1,630,245</b>	<b>128,862</b>	<b>1,831,748</b>
<b>Health and Social Services</b>					
Cemeteries	4,995	7,100	6,297	803	8,000
Health District	72,473	75,013	74,798	215	75,013
Human Services	3,320	3,320	3,250	70	3,320
Senior Services	85,058	103,301	96,990	6,311	119,139
Youth and Family Services	140,040	149,176	149,176	-	152,748
YFS Early Childhood Council	-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total Health and Social Services</b>	<b>305,886</b>	<b>337,910</b>	<b>330,511</b>	<b>7,399</b>	<b>363,220</b>

## Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Expenditure Detail (continued)

DESCRIPTION	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<b>Recreation and Leisure</b>					
Lakes Association	3,825	10,400	4,314	6,086	5,150
Public Libraries	178,495	187,555	187,555	-	222,470
Recreation Commission	106,892	102,930	102,896	34	112,492
Town Greens	5,501	7,350	7,711	(361)	8,100
<b>Total Recreation and Leisure</b>	<b>294,713</b>	<b>308,235</b>	<b>302,476</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>348,212</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Interest	689,207	792,325	792,325	-	693,090
Notes Payable	1,492,177	1,217,177	1,217,177	-	1,277,177
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>2,181,384</b>	<b>2,009,502</b>	<b>2,009,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,970,267</b>
<b>Total Transfers to Reserves/Other</b>	<b>335,304</b>	<b>296,393</b>	<b>296,393</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>305,000</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>					
Capital	635,931	2,903,772	794,696	2,109,076	1,356,500
Carryovers/Encumbrances	388,344	1,323,142	711,282	611,860	-
<b>Total Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,024,275</b>	<b>4,226,914</b>	<b>1,505,978</b>	<b>2,720,936</b>	<b>1,356,500</b>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>8,735,787</b>	<b>12,115,759</b>	<b>9,127,401</b>	<b>2,988,358</b>	<b>9,436,123</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>17,442,613</b>	<b>18,343,633</b>	<b>18,109,117</b>	<b>234,516</b>	<b>18,474,584</b>
<b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>	<b>26,178,400</b>	<b>30,459,392</b>	<b>27,236,518</b>	<b>3,222,874</b>	<b>27,910,707</b>
<b>Carryovers (2011-2012)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,096,211</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 26,178,400</b>	<b>\$ 30,459,392</b>	<b>\$ 27,236,518</b>	<b>\$ 3,222,874</b>	<b>\$ 29,006,918</b>

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



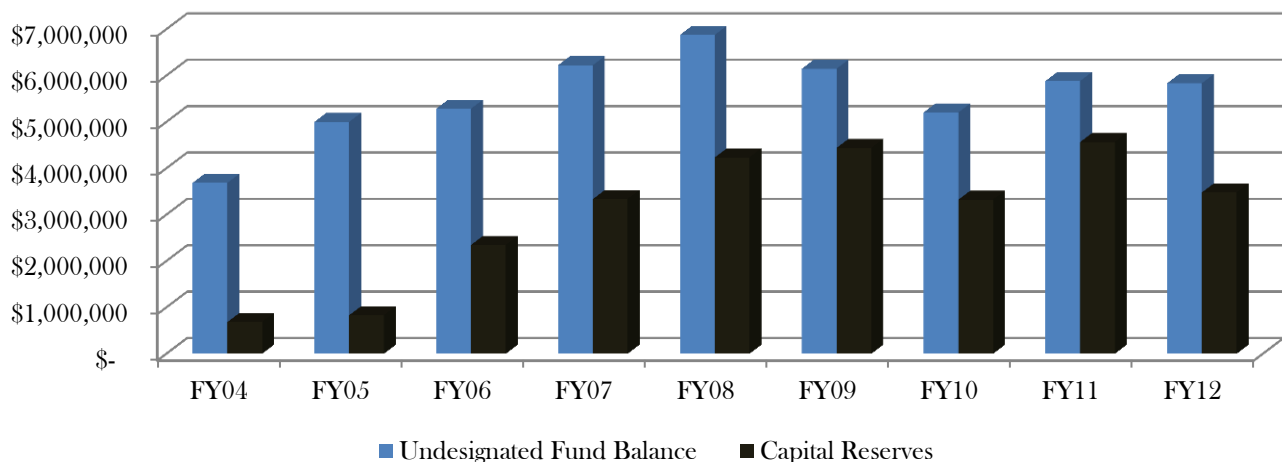
# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2012

	General	Reserve for Capital Projects	Middle School	A.E. Purple Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,306,316	\$5,550,061	\$ 25,579	\$ 60,069	\$ 210,127	\$ 10,152,152
Investments	-	-	-	5,640,356	883,016	6,523,372
Receivables, net	1,038,678	508,900	-	-	48,508	1,596,086
Due from other funds	2,123,381	-	-	-	193,941	2,317,322
Prepaid asset	85,612	-	-	-	494	86,106
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$7,553,987</b>	<b>\$6,058,961</b>	<b>\$ 25,579</b>	<b>\$5,700,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,086</b>	<b>\$ 20,675,038</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts and other payables	\$ 947,258	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,815	\$ 1,085,173
Due to other funds	193,941	1,685,029	139,763	-	298,589	2,317,322
Deferred revenue	579,346	-	-	-	115,553	694,899
Bond anticipation notes payable	-	895,000	635,000	-	-	1,530,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,720,545</b>	<b>2,580,129</b>	<b>774,763</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>551,957</b>	<b>5,627,394</b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>						
Nonspendable	85,612	-	-	400,000	40,287	525,899
Restricted	-	-	-	5,300,425	915,667	6,216,092
Committed	19,629	3,458,282	-	-	79,018	3,556,929
Assigned	1,716,211	20,550	-	-	6,000	1,742,761
Unassigned	4,011,990	-	(749,184)	-	(256,843)	3,005,963
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>5,833,442</b>	<b>3,478,832</b>	<b>(749,184)</b>	<b>5,700,425</b>	<b>784,129</b>	<b>15,047,644</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$7,553,987</b>	<b>\$6,058,961</b>	<b>\$ 25,579</b>	<b>\$5,700,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,086</b>	<b>\$ 20,675,038</b>

### General Fund and Capital Reserves Ending Balance by Fiscal Year



Capital Reserves includes all Reserve Funds: Capital Projects, Capital Non-Recurring, Open Space, Revaluation and Education.

# 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 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 2011-2012 to include:

- Provided comprehensive budgetary presentations to the Boards of Finance and Selectmen.
- Provided comprehensive monthly reporting and forecasting to the Board of Finance regarding the Town's expenditures and revenues.
- Implementing initiative for sharing of financial services between the Town and the Board of Education realizing cost savings to the Board of Education.
- Completed conversion of the Firefighter Pension Plan.
- Coordinated the implementation of a records management system which includes digitizing of Building Department records, offsite storage of permanent records and implementation of more effective filing systems.
- Continued improvement to the Town's audit results.

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,  
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Finance Director



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## General Fund Tax Collections

### For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

Grand List	Uncollected Taxes 1-Jul-11	Current Year Levy	Assessor's Additions	Assessor's Deductions	Transfers to Suspense	Refunds	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Taxes	Collections Interest Liens and Other Fees	Total	Uncollected Taxes 30-Jun-12
2010	\$ -	\$ 20,723,114	\$ 11,986	\$ 44,612	\$ 13,773	\$ 3,349	\$ 20,680,064	\$ 20,458,313	\$ 77,668	\$ 20,535,981	\$ 221,751
2009	195,777	-	500	15,028	5,141	14,813	190,921	111,387	28,096	139,483	79,534
2008	70,824	-	-	13,723	3,093	13,723	67,731	23,012	8,604	31,616	44,719
2007	38,517	-	-	-	1,071	-	37,446	6,848	2,671	9,519	30,598
2006	17,101	-	-	-	176	-	16,925	-	932	932	16,925
2005	4,746	-	129	-	-	-	4,875	129	-	129	4,746
	<u>\$ 326,965</u>	<u>\$ 20,723,114</u>	<u>\$ 12,615</u>	<u>\$ 73,363</u>	<u>\$ 23,254</u>	<u>\$ 31,885</u>	<u>\$ 20,997,962</u>	<u>\$ 20,599,689</u>	<u>\$ 117,971</u>	<u>\$ 20,717,660</u>	<u>\$ 398,273</u>

#### Suspense collections:

2010	1,110	174	1,284
2009	2,217	640	2,857
2008	323	169	492
2007	905	596	1,501
2006	928	775	1,703
2005	3,189	3,200	6,389
2004	2,460	2,889	5,349
2003	1,985	373	2,358
2002	169	262	431
2001	359	631	990
2000	38	70	108
1996	162	415	577
1995	320	880	1,200
	<u>\$ 20,613,854</u>	<u>\$ 129,045</u>	<u>\$ 20,742,899</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dill  
Tax Collector

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

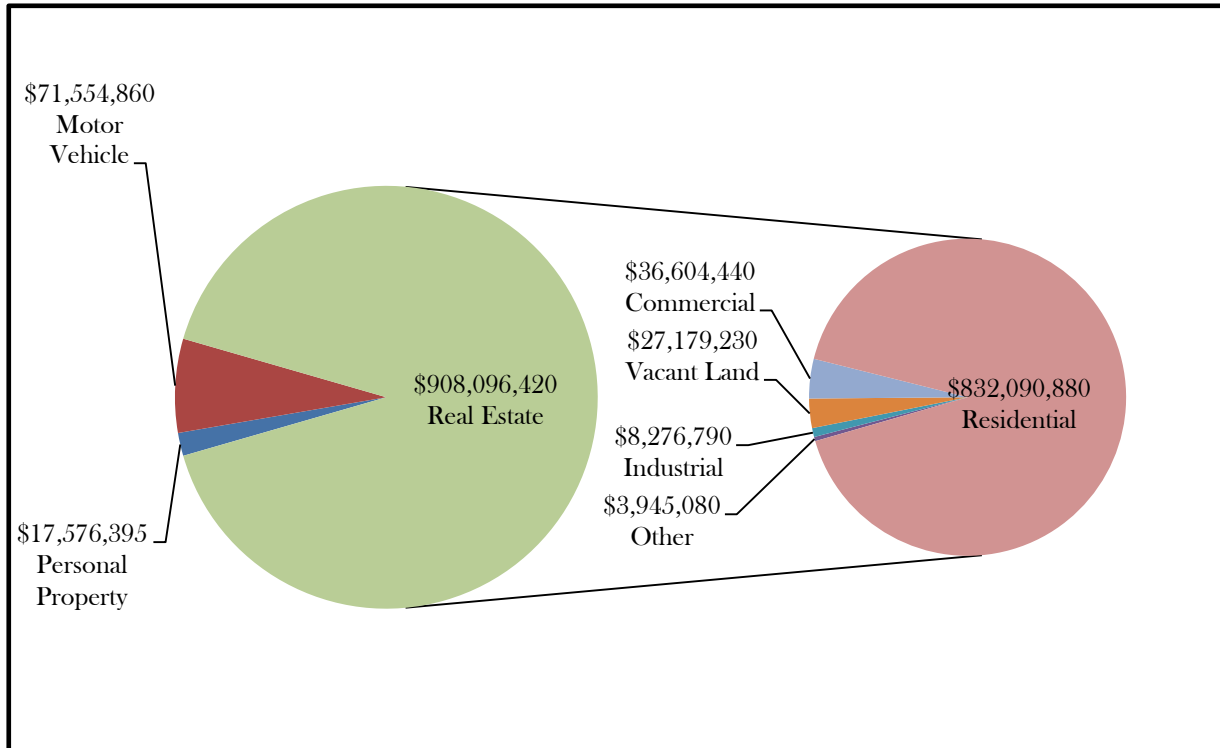
2011 Grand List Annual Report		
	REAL ESTATE	
	Grand List 2010	Grand List 2011
Gross	\$ 905,649,680	\$ 908,096,420
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	1,177,000	1,149,000
Veteran's Additional	294,000	279,000
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	513,500	504,000
Blind	3,000	3,000
Disability	26,000	25,000
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	1,772,892	1,706,184
Other	169,520	169,520
Net	\$ 901,693,768	\$ 904,260,716
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	Grand List 2010	Grand List 2011
Gross	\$ 17,318,100	\$ 17,576,395
Exemptions:		
Farm & Mechanics	270,130	288,750
Manufacturers	88,440	204,490
Miscellaneous	19,810	14,590
Other	190,850	318,000
Net	\$ 16,748,870	\$ 16,750,565
	MOTOR VEHICLES	
	Grand List 2010	Grand List 2011
Gross	\$ 68,211,385	\$ 71,554,860
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	158,430	151,640
Veteran's Additional	3,120	3,590
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	59,740	60,150
Blind	-	-
Disability	4,000	5,000
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	198,150	191,130
Other	2,496,950	2,541,010
Net	\$ 65,290,995	\$ 68,602,340
	TOTAL	
	Grand List 2010	Grand List 2011
Gross	991,179,165	997,227,675
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	1,335,430	1,300,640
Veteran's Additional	297,120	282,590
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	573,240	564,150
Blind	3,000	3,000
Disability	30,000	30,000
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	1,971,042	1,897,314
Farm & Mechanics	270,130	288,750
Manufacturers	88,440	204,490
Miscellaneous	19,810	14,590
Other	2,857,320	3,028,530
Net	983,733,633	989,613,621

## Historic Mill Rates

Grand List Year	Mill Rate
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 2011 Assessment by Category



## Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

Item	Grand List Year 2010	Grand List Year 2011	Increase/ (Decrease)
Real Estate	\$ 901,693,768	\$ 904,260,716	\$ 2,566,948
Personal Property	\$ 16,748,570	\$ 16,750,565	\$ 1,995
Motor Vehicle	\$ 65,290,995	\$ 68,602,340	\$ 3,311,345
Total	\$ 983,733,333	\$ 989,613,621	\$ 5,880,288

## Tax Revenue Comparison

Item	Grand List Year 2009	Grand List Year 2010	Grand List Year 2011
Net List	\$ 976,174,837	\$ 983,733,333	\$ 989,613,621
Mill Rate	\$ 0.02087	\$ 0.02110	\$ 0.02152
Grand List Tax Revenue	\$ 20,372,769	\$ 20,756,773	\$ 21,296,485

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Gross Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

#	Taxpayer	Primary Activities	10/1/2011 Assessed Value	# of Accounts
1	Connecticut Light & Power Company	Public Utility	\$9,769,750	1
2	Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC	Recreational	4,699,370	2
3	Hadlyme Hills LLC	Education	4,072,680	4
4	Fox Hopyard Realty LLC	Real Estate	3,351,991	46
5	Wildwood Inc.	Real Estate	2,447,850	40
6	MJABC LLC	Resort (inactive)	2,225,850	8
7	Banner Country Club Corp.	Recreational	2,120,870	1
8	Banner Lodge Enterprises LLC	Real Estate	2,030,620	60
9	Goodspeed Operate House Foundation, Inc.		1,943,320	5
10	Healthcare Holdings LLC	Nursing and Rehabilitation	1,943,320	1
Total			\$ 34,638,291	

## 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
2007	Year of last revaluation
2012	Year of next revaluation

## Filing Dates

February 1 - May 15	Elderly Tax Relief—Homeowners
February 1 - October 1	Veteran's exemption—Additional
May 15 - September 15	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	21.52
Tax Bill	(.02152 x 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. 2012 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$32,300 for a single person, \$39,500 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare.
5. Applicant shall have had 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 real or personal 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. 2012 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$32,300 for a single person, \$39,500 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.

#### Phone Numbers:

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Patrice Veselak, Assistant Assessor

Tax Collector's Office: ..... 860-873-5033  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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