

Town of East Cadam

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013



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Swing Bridge Centennial



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DEDICATIONS

Jack Agosta

Jack moved to Moodus from Wallingford and immediately became involved in the community. Jack served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for several years.



Edward D. Barry

Ed served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Ed dedicated his life to helping veterans in need. Ed was a 45 year member of the American Legion-Post 156.



Frederick G. Gagnon

Fred was an original member, organizer and attendant for the East Haddam Ambulance Association. He was past present of the East Haddam Lions Club and a member of the American Legion, V.F.W.



George W. Hatfield

George was a dedicated East Haddam volunteer serving in many capacities. George was a State Representative in the General Assembly and dedicated his time to the Board of Education as well as other Boards and Commissions.

Everett L. Herden, Jr.

Everett was a consummate educator. His career in education spanned 35 years including serving as Principal of Bacon Academy in Colchester. Everett served on the East Haddam Board of Education for many years and was a founding member of the East Haddam Recreation Commission.



Martha Brown Kerr

Martha was a long-time East Haddam resident. Martha was active in the East Haddam Ambulance Association for over two decades as an EMT, Chief of Service and on the Board of Directors. Martha was a founding member of the East Haddam Soccer Association. Martha co-chaired the grass-roots committee Building Effect Schools Together (BEST) that supported building the Nathan Hale-Ray High School and served as secretary for the school's building committee.



Alan J. Kromish

Alan was a life-long resident of East Haddam and was active on the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department. Alan had served as a member of the East Haddam Police as a Constable.

Stanley "Chip" Kurek

Chip was a life member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and a founding member of the Moodus Sportsmen Club. Chip was a 60 year member of the American Legion.



Daniel W. Maus, Jr.

Dan was a life-long Moodus resident. Dan was a 50 year member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and a founder and 30 year member of the East Haddam Ambulance Association. Dan was inducted into the Hale Ray Sports Hall of Fame, was the East Haddam Community Lions' Humanitarian of the Year and received the East Haddam Volunteer of the Month Award.



Janet P. Tucker

Janet was East Haddam's Tax Collector for over twenty years. She was a long time member of the Democratic Town Committee and was active in the Hadlyme Hall Society.



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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	2nd Thursday January, April, July & October	7:00 p.m.	Alternating locations between East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial 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, 2013



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
Raymond L. Willis (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
Elizabeth N. Havican (R) 2013
Brian R. Pear (D) 2015
Laurie W. Alt (D) 2017
Tracey F. Gionta (R) 2017
William J. Barney (R) 2017
Sarah R. Clark, 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)
Andrea M. Pascal (D)
Vacancy

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

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman (R) 2015
John B. Matthew (U) 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

Laurie W. Alt (D) 2014
Lucy R. Yacovino (R) 2014

**Not elected*

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Harvey W. Thomas, Chairman
Peter W. Dean, Secretary
Linda Stuhlman
Allan P. Mackinnon
Marianne M. Halpin
Alternate Members
Jeffrey M. Savitsky
George Scrivener, Jr.
Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

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

AUDITORS

Blum Shapiro PC

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
Rosalie M. Hoffman
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
Alternate Members
Peggy S. Carlson
M. Claire Maeder
Charlotte J. Gelston
Shannon Goyette, 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. Mary Beth Iacobelli, Superintendent of Schools
Sarah R. Clark, Administrative Assistant
David A. Scata, Director of Pupil Services
Gail M. Duby, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services
Craig W. Mansfield, Facilities, Operations
and Emergency Management Director
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Theresa A. Hungerford, Financial Assistant
Donna M. MacDonald, Secretary to Finance Director
Mark Knittel, IT Manager

HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Christopher Bently, School Physician
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

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Craig W. Mansfield, Director
Jennifer L. Spencer, Deputy Director
Dean G. Anderson
John J. Blaschik
Shawn J. Daigle
Elizabeth S. Lunt
L. Michael Pear
Joseph Szczeczek, Jr

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Craig W. Mansfield, Director of Facilities, Operations
and Emergency Management

FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

Vacancy

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Dawn M. Snow, Finance 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
Steven J. Baklik
Jean M. Breuler
Chad M. Peterson
Nancy S. Pincus
Charlene Riling
Yvonne K. Rubin
Terri V. Smith
Susan A. Staehly
Vacancy

Alternate Members

Two vacancies

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

HISTORIAN

Karl P. Stofko

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES

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

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robert A. Bennett (R)
Joanne B. Bernard (U)
Harriet G. Cummings (R)
Maryann Czaja (U)
Randolph W. Dill (R)
Bruce M. Dutch (D)
Lynn C. Eimutis (U)
John C. Gibson (U)
Peter T. Govert (D)
Elizabeth J. Gross (R)
Jacquelyn M. Hall (R)
Janet I. Heisler (U)
Robert L. Johnson (D)
Mary Ellen Klinck (D)
Michael A. Marsden (R)
Ilene Mitnick (D)
Bradley P. Parker (D)
Brenda J. Quinn (U)

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

LAND USE

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

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Crary H. Brownell (R)
Louis H. Salicrup (R)
Mark B. Walter (R)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Irene L. Herden

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Joanne S. Roczniak, Senior Service Coordinator

MUNICIPAL SPACE NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

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

OPEN BURNING OFFICER

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

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

William A. Brady, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Laurie W. Alt
Mary E. Augustini
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 Erin Lowney
TFC Patrick Hawes

CONSTABLES

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

PROBATE COURT

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Thad D. King, Chatham Health District

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Middlesex Hospital Home Care

PUBLIC WORKS

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

TOWN CREW

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tiffany S. Quinn

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Debra H. Denette

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OFFICE

Laurie W. Alt
Lucy R. Yacovino

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

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

SHARED SERVICES

Craig W. Mansfield, Facilities, Operations
 and Emergency Management Director
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director
Mark Knittel, Information Technology Manager
Jonathan Chamberlain, Technology Specialist
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Denise L. Dill, Tax Collector

TOWN ATTORNEY

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
Arthur S. Merrow
Fred W. Myers
John L. Russell
Vacancy
 Alternate Members
 Two vacancies

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stuart S. Wood, Chairman
J. Gregory Daigle
Richard J. Fiala
Diane K. Quinn
William R. Smith
 Alternate Members
 Laurie W. Alt
 Two vacancies
Mildred E. Quinn, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

The East Haddam Agriculture Commission had a productive year. Notable achievements include:

1. Continued support for the East Haddam Farmer's Market.
2. Successful underwriting for the Center for Community Agriculture at Harris Farm with the reception of grants to support the construction of a food processing center, a perimeter deer fence and a tool storage building.
3. More outreach to the local public school system in support of agricultural education.

Scot Mackinnon, Chairman
Peter Dean
Marianne Halpin
Jeff Savitsky
George Scrivener
Linda Stuhlman
Harvey Thomas



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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 \$92. Please remember to license them and to not allow them to roam.

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 Energy and 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

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held one hearing on September 22, 2012 for the purpose of motor vehicle appeals. There were seven appeals heard resulting in the Board reducing the assessments on all seven vehicles due to high mileage. The Board's adjustments totaled a reduction of \$19,430 to the grand list.

In March of 2013 the Board received 52 applications for appeal. There were 50 real property appeals and two personal property appeals. The Board conducted three public hearings on March 2, 9 and 21, 2013. Five appeal applications were withdrawn prior to the hearings and two applicants did not show. Following the hearings with taxpayers, the Board met six additional times including several on-site inspections. Meetings were also held with the Assessor, First Selectman and Vision Appraisal prior to making decisions. Of the 45 applications for appeal the Board reduced assessments on 39 for a total a reduction of \$931,730 to the grand list.

The Board found that when working with the new revaluation system provided by Vision Appraisal, it was no longer possible to manually make adjustments to either land or dwelling values; resulting in Assessor Loreta Zdanys having to make the adjustments through the computer system.

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



Swing Bridge Centennial, photo by Lauren Pszczolkowski

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 2012-2013 the following initiatives were implemented:

- The town and Board of Education contracted with a health benefits consultant resulting in substantial savings with regard to the town's health insurance costs.
- For the second year 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 2013-2014 budget process was very challenging. The budget failed the first time at referendum and passed at second referendum. The Board of Finance encourages residents to participate in the budget process. Key budget dates for 2014-2015 are listed below. The Boards of Education, Selectmen and Finance hold several meetings to review the budget requests during January, February and March, please check the town's website www.easthaddam.org during these months for meeting dates, locations and times.

DATE/LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
March 10, 2014 7 pm, Grange Hall	Board of Education and Selectmen submit budget requests to the Board of Finance.
April 9, 2014	"Citizen's Guide to the Budget" mailed to every household
April 22, 2014 7 pm, Nathan Hale-Ray High School	Budget Public Hearing
May 7, 2014 8 pm, Town Hall	Annual Town Budget Meeting
May 20, 2014 Town Hall	Budget Referendum

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Carluccio Link
Chairman



Swing Bridge Centennial, photo by Deb Mathiasen



Swing Bridge Centennial, photo by Patti Dzienis



Swing Bridge Centennial, photo by Erin Vivero

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As I reflect back on the past six years as your First Selectman there is great pride in our dedicated town employees, volunteers and volunteer boards and commission members. They all have stepped up during one of the most challenging economic times in United States history. Their efforts have enabled us to keep spending down, improve services, expand open space and enhance the quality of life for each of us.

Years of financial discipline has poured a strong foundation for us to continue to weather the tough economic times and to position us for the future. To provide a vision for the future and to continue to build on that strong foundation, in 2010 I recommended and the Board of Selectmen agreed and formed the Financial Needs Roundtable Committee to identify a ten year capital plan. The Committee completed its work in 2012 and as a result we have a vision for the town's future to include: consolidating municipal offices with handicap access; addressing public safety issues to provided for adequate space for emergency services as well as repairs to the Moodus Firehouse and essential code upgrades/renovations to the elementary school.

East Haddam contracted with O&G Industries to act as the program manager with the responsibility of analyzing the projects and to advise the town on the most cost efficient and cost effective options to address these needs.

We continued to hold our expenses flat, for example the 2013-2014 approved budget is just over \$200,000 more than the 2008-2009 budget. We continue to meet ever increasing challenges of declining revenues and increased costs for health insurance, fuel and contracted employee wages by reinventing how we do business.

The following is a list of amazing accomplishments by the town and Board of Education employees, our boards and commissions and volunteers!

Shared Services: The Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education jointly embarked on a shared services initiative in the areas of finance, technology and facilities management and operations. This consolidated effort gives oversight to all town and Board of Education buildings, finances and technology. We have already realized cost savings, eliminated redundancies and are making the best use of the town's resources.

Public Safety: The town has hired its' first two full-time police officers with no financial impact to the town (savings was realized by reducing to one resident state trooper from two). The composition of the East Haddam police services now includes one resident state trooper, two full-time officers and four part-time officers. We are pleased to strengthen our police coverage to our citizens.

Town Library System: At Town Meeting in June the East Haddam Unified Library System was approved which blends the East Haddam Free and Rathbun Free Memorial Libraries a real benefit to our citizens. The library staff are now town employees and the library expenditures and revenues are processed through the town.

Regional Initiatives: East Haddam, along with 16 other towns (Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook,



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Portland and Westbrook) formed the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) giving us a stronger voice in State and Federal funding and regional planning. The formation of the RiverCOG included the merger of two regional planning agencies (Midstate Regional Planning Agency and Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization—a merger that is believed to be one of if not the first in the United States).

Animal Control: The town of East Haddam has created a regional animal control facility. East Hampton is utilizing our facility for an annual fee. We are negotiating to open up to other towns in the near future with a goal of continuing to improve the services offered to our residents while reducing the cost to East Haddam's taxpayers.

We aggressively pursue grants to move the town forward. At the close of fiscal year 2013 we have been awarded nearly one million dollars in grants to include—rehabilitation of the East Haddam village sewer treatment plant, historic improvements to the Town and Grange Halls, the development of an agricultural business center located at the old Harris farm off of Mt. Parnassus, fencing for the Harris property, transient dockage for boaters on the Connecticut River and Federal Emergency Management Administration grant monies for funds for Storm Sandy and the February blizzard.

Citizen Access: Technology plays a great role in how we provide services to our citizens—you can now sign up and pay for Park and Recreation activities online, the Town Clerk has launched on-line access and payment for land records and we continue to move forward with electronic access to town building and land use records.

We completed our state mandated Grand List revaluation. Our Grand List has dropped by an average of 15% from the previous year another indicator of the challenging economic times which was reflected in the mill rate for the 2013-2014 budget.

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 2012-2013: Bryan Perry, Lenore McLean, Barbara Boynton, Jane Lewis, Jeffrey Savitsky, Zachary Bogue, Robin Zachariewicz, Allan "Scot" Mackinnon, Kristen Wicander, Ashley Havican and Michael Parker.

I am proud to be your First Selectman!

Mark B. Walter

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Building Department has seen 64% reduction in new home construction. There has been a surge in residential standby generator systems. The department has been busy with real estate transactions whereas work done without permits are now being permitted and inspected, as mortgage lenders want open permits to be closed out.

The State of Connecticut anticipates the adoption of the 2009 Amendments to the 2005 Connecticut Building Code Supplement with an implementation of December 31, 2013.

During fiscal year 2012-2013 the following Building Department permits were issued and fees collected:

# of Permits	Type	Estimated Value of Construction	Fees Collected
9	New Homes	2,372,480	23,815
1	Conversion/Change of Use	60,000	605
61	Additions/Alterations	880,000	9,185
4	Renovations/Remodel	100,250	1,030
37	Accessory Buildings	189,700	2,165
4	Barns	200,000	2,020
7	Garages	166,000	1,645
4	Swimming Pools	21,090	240
7	Demolitions	228,650	2,325
22	Stoves (Wood, Pellet, Gas & Inserts)	48,900	660
7	Fuel Tanks	11,000	185
1	Gazebo	5,000	55
1	Outdoor Wood Furnace		15
1	New Buildings (Non Residential)	120,000	1,205
10	Additions/Alterations (Non-Residential)	170,500	1,760
1	Accessory Building (Non-Residential)	7,000	Waived
1	Renovation (Non-Residential)	50,000	505
127	Other	827,895	9,533
173	Electrical	455,215	6,000
140	Mechanical	550,020	6,730
66	Plumbing & Well Pumps	127,360	1,890
684	TOTALS	6,591,060	71,568

This department continues to provide inspections within 24 hours of request as time allows. The Building Department continues to build its database of property records to allow for and maintain easy access to individuals needing property information.

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 five regularly scheduled meetings, two special meetings, and one public hearing, from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 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. In addition, the Personnel Policy and Budget Committee conducted five meetings, Community Health Committee conducted three meetings, and Environmental Health Committee conducted three meetings.

Funding	
Revenues	
Municipal	\$595,981
State/Federal	148,561
Fees	180,815
Interest	60
Total	\$935,179
Expenditures	\$966,828
Fund Balance	(\$31,649))
Services	
Environmental Permits/Applications	
Septic Systems (new and repaired)	203
Permits to Discharge	889
Water Supply Well	126
Soil Testing Lots	181
Site Plan Review	107
B-100a and Eng. Plan Review	490
Food Service Permits	281
Environmental Inspections:	
Day Care	15
Campgrounds	2
Housing Code—heat, water supply, plumbing	27
Investigation of EBL > 10 mg/dl	2
Lead Paint Inspection	2
Public Health Complaints	78
Food Service Establishments	510
Temporary Food Service Events	297
Community Health Programs:	
Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations	2,202
Community Health Education Events	14
Total Reportable Diseases	748
Breast Cancer Outreach Contacts	366
Referrals for Screening	44
Communicable Disease Case Work	31
Total Services	6,615

COMMISSION ON AGING

2012-2013 was a very productive year. The members reviewed all the policies.

Jo Golec looked into accreditation for the Senior Center. She obtained a manual that described all the standards. The members studied them. John Blaschik was given the standards to review. He and the Commission on Aging agreed that it could be used as a guideline, but it wasn't necessary to be accredited. It was too costly.

The age of seniors was lowered from 65 to 50 years old to encourage more usage of the center.

A new stove was purchased to replace the old one that gave us trouble. Also two exercise machines were purchased, because after being examined they were found to be past their useful lifetime and were dangerous.

A program called Yellow Dot, sponsored by People's Bank, was presented to the seniors at the June Senior Club meeting. Nearly 40 people attended. This program is beneficial for the safety of our seniors while they are driving should they have an accident or a health problem.

Joanne Rocznik is retiring as soon as a new director is in place.

The commission is looking forward to another year serving our seniors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Hoffman
Secretary



Swing Bridge Centennial, Photos by Lauren Pszczolkowski

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission experienced several changes in Commissioners this year. Chair Cynthia Matthew resigned, Claire Maeder chose not to re-apply and Thomas (TJ) Tarbox also resigned. The Commission wishes to thank these individuals for their hard work over the past few years. Ms. Maeder designed the very popular East Haddam Trail Guide. Mr. Tarbox was the long time steward of the Commissions' properties. Paul Sienna and Marilyn Gleeson have joined the Commission.

Building on the foundation established by former Chair Cynthia Matthew, the Conservation Commission has embarked on an aggressive stewardship program. During the next year, the Stewardship/Forestry Subcommittee plans on posting road-side signage identifying all significant town-owned open space properties. Additionally, within the next twelve months the Commission expects to establish several miles of hiking and multi-use trails. Prior to creating a trail on a specific property, the boundaries of that property will be clearly marked. The Commission is working with the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Committee to create a ten-plus mile long linear trail. This trail will start in East Haddam on the Eightmile River and traverse through dedicated open space properties all the way to Darrow Pond in East Lyme. The Subcommittee will also evaluate one or two properties for the appropriate forestry management activity.

Over 500 trail guides have been dispensed. The Commission's goal is to update the guide on a yearly basis. As new properties and/or trails are added to the town's open space, they will also be posted up on the Commission's website link.

The Commission intends on creating management plans for its larger parcels. Examples of other plans have been reviewed. The long term goal is to have a management plan for every open space parcel that the Commission manages.

The Commission continues to work with the Ray Chapter of FFA on the management and trail system of the Nichols Property. The Commission and Agriculture Commission will continue the integrated management of the Harris Property and will explore other open space parcels where there is the potential for agricultural activities. The Commission will maintain its committed partnership with the East Haddam Land Trust, Lyme Land Conservation Trust and other organizations with similar conservation goals (e.g. Connecticut Forest and Park Association).

Besides striving to have all Commission seats filled, the Commission is actively recruiting volunteers to assist in maintaining its many properties. To address this need, a sub-committee has been formed to address volunteer recruitment. The goal is to create more active Commissioners and volunteer workers and property stewards.

Robert Smith
Acting Chairman

EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) responded to 565 of 592 requests for service between June 1, 2012 and May 31, 2013, resulting in a mutual aid rate of 5% for the yearly reporting period—a 1% increase over the mutual aid rate of 2011-2012. The increase was attributable to personnel injuries and changed work schedules of several volunteers during the first half of the reporting period. For the most recent six months, the mutual aid rate declined to 1%. Over the reporting period 7% of transports required a single paid staff member, and 1% transports were entirely staffed by paid personnel. Volunteer schedule coverage was 83.4%, consistent with the past three years.

EHAA provided EMS support to emergency management operations during tropical storm Sandy and responded to all calls dispatched in East Haddam during the weekend of the February blizzard.

EHAA added two technicians and four others completed EMT recertification during the yearly reporting period. The organization provided standby coverage at numerous public events, and offered five public CPR/AED courses and two first aid courses over the 2012-2013 reporting period.

All technicians completed state and sponsor hospital mandatory annual training requirements, including CPR/AED, blood borne pathogen and infection control, hazardous materials, privacy practices (HIPAA), and Middlesex Hospital BLS protocols. An emergency vehicle operations workshop has been added to annual training, and a firefighter rehabilitation protocol has been published.

The organization's newest ambulance, 15-4-B, has performed well, with no significant problems. EHAA's older rig, 15-4-A, experienced several mechanical problems which have cost over \$13,000 in one year and taken the vehicle out of service for over 30 days during the previous year. EHAA has now begun the process of procuring a replacement for this vehicle. This replacement will be the first to utilize town funding under the terms of the 2009 incentive agreement.

Delivery of a new first response vehicle was taken in January, 2013.

EHAA has contracted to procure a Stryker Powerload system for each ambulance. This system provides electro-hydraulic lifting of the patient and stretcher into the ambulance, minimizing opportunities for personnel or patient injury. The first system was installed in 15-4-B in May, 2013.

Patient care reporting software was upgraded, and the organization has actively supported the planning for the development of a town wide radio system to improve emergency services communications. It has also been actively engaged with, and provided input to, the Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group.

Dean Anderson
Chief of Operations
East Haddam Ambulance

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education	
Chairperson	Nancy Haslam
Secretary	Bryan Perry
Members	Laurie Alt Amalia Apostoleris Bill Barney Deborah Fiala Tracey Gionta Elizabeth Havican Brian Pear
Meetings	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Location	High School Cafeteria
School District Leadership Council	
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Mary Beth Iacobelli
Director of Pupil Services	David Scata
Director of Facilities, Operations and Emergency Management	Craig Mansfield
Finance Director	Cynthia Varricchio
Principal High School	J. Eric Spencer
Principal Middle School	Jason Peacock
Principal Elementary School	Joanne Collins
Assistant Principal High School	Steven Strand
Assistant Principal Middle School	Roy Parker
Central Office Staff	
Administrative Assistant	Sarah R. Clark
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.

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EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Bridging rich tradition with an innovative future

On behalf of the Board of Education, district administration, staff, and students, it is my pleasure to present the Annual School District report for 2012-2013. This document serves as an overview of the many areas of growth as well as the major programs and services that we provide for our students and families.

There has been a fundamental shift in the expectation that people of Connecticut have for their public school system. While previously they expected us to give every child *a chance to learn* what they need to know in order to lead decent and productive lives, the people now expect us to guarantee that every child *will learn* these things.

To that end, The East Haddam District Improvement Plan reflects a strategic framework that aligns district, school, and program-based goals and priorities with a defined focus: College and Career Readiness for all students. Efforts to ensure fidelity of implementation, coherence, and sustainability include:

- On-going, cyclical examination of progress pertaining to targeted goals at every level – district, school, classroom – and flexibility to make appropriate adjustments as validated by indicators of success
- Deliberate analysis to make the strategic plan central to annual budget development with allocation of resources based on high-leverage impact
- Interdependence among district and school improvement priorities including focused professional development
- Technology infrastructure, hardware, and software to support instructional and operational needs across the district

While there are many successes that contribute to continual academic and social growth for all students, we are particularly proud of the following initiatives that were implemented during the 2012-2013 school year:

- All Day Kindergarten for all students
- Expansion of the district breakfast program to include all schools
- Partnership with the Middlesex YMCA that provides extended day opportunities for elementary students
- Shared services between the District and Town Offices that improve functionality and efficiency, and reduces costs to the community

We are grateful to the East Haddam Board of Education and the extended East Haddam Community for their continued support as we strive to meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students.

I hope that you find this Annual Report to be both enlightening and enjoyable. Additional school district information can be accessed via our website: www.easthaddamschools.org.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Iacobelli
Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment June 2013	
Preschool	30
Kindergarten	78
Grade 1	74
Grade 2	69
Grade 3	85
Grade 4	106
Grade 5	106
Grade 6	94
Grade 7	99
Grade 8	106
Grade 9	84
Grade 10	114
Grade 11	94
Grade 12	98
Total School Enrollment	1,237
Historic Enrollment	
2011-2012	1,276
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
1994-1995	1,210
1993-1994	1,185
1992-1993	1,143
1991-1992	1,129
1990-1991	1,126
1989-1990	1,111

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanne Collins, Principal
Cindy Hughson, Secretary to Principal
Mary Beth Havens (August to December 2012)
Thomas Andronowitz (January to June 2013)
Amy Chamberlain, Secretary to Assistant Principal



Kindergarten

Pat Beaudry
Kristen Bishop
Julie Frazier
Lauralee Hall

Grade 1

Lauren Cryan
Loretta Fisher
Susan Guernsey
Rosemary Sweeney

Grade 2

Maryann Caron
Carole Marvin
Celina Nelan
Jessica Palmer

Grade 3

Ryan Durham
Joan Foose
Susan Hyatt
Daphne Miller
Sandy Schwenzfeier

Art

Susan Weaver

Library/Media Specialist

Lisa Cahill

Music

Theresa Mazzaferro

Physical Education

Laurie Tuohey

Remedial Reading/ Title I

Alison Akehurst
Dena Liedke

Social Worker

Deanna Tart

Special Education

Barbara Colvin
Marielle Hickey
Evelyn Jackson
Doreen Johnson

Speech

Kristen Colella
Erika Ocken



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

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



4th Grade Team

Cynthia Daley, Mathematics
Joanne Deegan, Social Studies
Tina Mackenzie, Language Arts
Catherine Marino, Language Arts
Colette Ostrowski, Science
Toni Wasley, Pupil Services

5th Grade Team

Stephanie Cone, Language Arts
Lauren Kallinen, Language Arts
Darcie Doyon, Mathematics
Kevin Miller, Science
Dana Hyatt, Social Studies
Liz Rovetti, Pupil Services

6th Grade Team

Kelly Braza, Language Arts
Elena Zajac, Language Arts
Janet Gott, Mathematics
Lara Sullivan, Science
Andrea Pascal, Social Studies,
Paula Lieberman, Pupil Services

7th Grade Team

Matthew Hopkins, Language Arts
Jillian Palmer, Language Arts
Stacey Britner, Mathematics
Courtney Harris, Science
Andrew Riccio, Social Studies
Jody Quinn, Pupil Services

8th Grade Team

Glenn Anderson, Language Arts
Danielle Michaud, Language Arts
Melissa Luke, Mathematics
Irene Parady, Science
Robert Raines, Social Studies
Lisa Plante, World Language
Lisa Chlebowski, Pupil Services

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EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School *(continued from page 15)*



Unified Arts Team

Marisa Alfano, Music/Chorus
Zachary Blain, Music/Band
Theresa Mazzaferro, Music
Ava Biffer, Library Media Specialist
JoAnn Parady, Health, Physical Education
Steve Pernal, Health, Physical Education
Laurie Tuohey, Health, Physical Education
Jeanne Vigen, Family and Consumer Science
Claudia Mazzotta, Art
Susan Weaver, Art
David Telep, Computer Education

Pupil Services

Carol Rusch, School Psychologist
Christina Bernard, Gifted and Talented
Nancy Richards, Reading Interventionist
Melissa Torrente, Remedial Reading Facilitator
Frances Tillona, Math Interventionist
Susan Zirlen, Speech and Language Specialist

NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL

J. Eric Spencer, Principal
Mary Tomasi, Secretary to Principal
Steven Strand, Assistant Principal
Gloria Trotochaud, Secretary to Assistant Principal

Guidance Office

Lisa Maciorowski, Guidance Counselor
Laura Truncali, Guidance Counselor
Michelle Friel, Secretary



Art

Deborah Batt

Science

Heidi Frederick
Carolyn Hale
Laura LaJeune
Bonnie Tate

English/Reading

Amanda Argazzi
Margaret Dedman
Bridget Erlandson
Paula Stevens
Jillian Yantz

School Psychologist

Michele Sitro

World Language

Bonnie Barnes
Molly Lathrop
Jeff Legg

Social Studies

Susan DeBisschop
Dawn Erazmus
Raymond Flaherty
George Tripp

Health

Martin Ryczek

Special Education

Sheila Delaney
Sherry Faircloth
Lynne Farrell
Jonathan Goodison
Christopher Veronesi

Library/Media Specialist

Gary Mezzi

Mathematics

Sean Boardman
Richard Gable
Laila Griffin
Catherine Sammann

Vocational Education

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

Music

Rose-Marie Evans

Physical Education

Paul Dominy



EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013

Gregory Herbert Alden, II	Tara Jean-Maria Houle	Allison Margaret Purdue
David Charles Alford, Jr.	Hunter Jeffrey Humble	Matthew Callahan Putnam
Kevin Michael Arabas	Claire Veronica Iannelli	James Daniel Quinn
Hillary Anne Ballek	Heather Elizabeth Johnson	Joshua Anthony Rivera
Samuel Richard Ballek	Joshua Michael Keel	James Allen Royer
Joelle Elizabeth Bartucca	Raymond John Kuritz	Kaitlyn Victoria Sanders
Dylan Christopher Bartunek	Douglas Lee Lacombe, Jr.	Lauren Nicole Schmittberger*
Theresa Jeannine Beauregard	Alexandra Lynn LaFemina+	Alexandra Ann Schwenzfeier+
Chandler Garlan Benoit	Alexandra Brooke Larrick	Michaela Bridget Seidl
Kyle Ryan Boos	Thomas Michael Leclerc	Carly Lola Shatto
Riley Owen Bradway	Zachary Daniel LeDuc	Spencer George-Jonathan Shatto
Daniel Joseph Burke	Gretchen Elizabeth Lemke+*	Derek Gordon Skinner
Alexander Todd Cady	Brian William Linares+‡	Krysta Elizabeth Smith
Melissa Christina Cappitella*	Alexander Austin Lorentson	Vanessa Lynn Smith
Darian Lynn Carter	Daniel John Manstan	Sara Paige Stelzer
Alyssa Anne Champlin	Melissa Dorothy Martin	James Corey Stewart
Thalia Joannise Colón	Daniel Stephen Mather	Melanie Margaret Sweet
Ryan Michael Cooley	Kyle Cameron McCall	Kylie Rose Toolan
Kieran Watson Crozier	Kylie Marie Melluzzo	Erick Chheulong Tung
Brendan Michael Curley	Liana Mia Michaud*	Dakota Walter Urban
Drew Robert Daniels+*	Joseph James Morace	Nicholas Enrique Valentin
Sara-Lynn Dickinson*	Patrick Anthony Moreau+*	Karlie Nichelle Van Kruiningen
Alexandra Leigh DiNeno	Shawn Clark Muckenhirn+	Bethany Ann Varrone
Cameron Matthew Dominy	Thomas John Murphy	William Thomas Ventres
Nathaniel Mark Dominy	Annabelle Jane Newton	Kevin Erickson Vidou
Jennifer Lorraine Dunn	Alix Margret O'Brien+*	Gabrielle Lee Vigue
André Paul Fecteau	Barbara Lee-ann Paquin	Kristen Nicole Wicander+‡
Courtney Marie Fiala+*	Rebecca Elizabeth Pease+	Michael Robert Wilcox
Megan Marie Fitzmaurice	Jacob Scott Pechout	Cheryl Ann Winakor
Matthew Dakota Garofola	Ashley Nicole Pelletti+	Emily Anne Wordell
Meghan Katherine Gionta	Jeffrey Alan Petersen	Kelle Ann Zachariewicz
Ashley Sayers Havican+*	Joshua James Phillips	Michael John Zibbideo*
Kady Allison Hennessy*	Abigail Rose Polivka	Brittany Shirley Ziobron+‡
Codi Marie Hirsch	Ryan Robert Priest	

+ 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

Michael Cooley

Michael Pear

George Scrivener, Sr.

Lieutenants

Jared Boynton

Andrew Olson

Jeremy Schumann

Captains

Brian Ault

Bryan Kane

Raymond Swol

Edward Smith, III

Fire Marshals

Donald Angersola, Jr.

John Kananowicz

John Blaschik, Jr.

Scott Brookes

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



Swing Bridge Centennial, Photo by Lauren Pszczolkowski

**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 2012-2013. The following is a breakdown as defined by the State of Connecticut.

Building fires	9
Cooking fires	4
Gasoline/Oil spill	2
Aircraft standby	1
Motor vehicle fire	3
Brush fires	4
Outside fire	5
Good Intent	6
Medical assist	4
MVA	41
Structure collapse	1
Over pressure rupture	1
Alarm activation	58
HazMat investigation	1
Search for person	2
Chimney fires	8
Fire, others	2
Hurricane/Wind	2
Carbon monoxide incident	5
Power lines down	34
Smoke investigation	18
Water or ice rescue	2
Water problem	6
Animal problem	1
Mutual aid	3
Lock out	1
Unauthorized burn	5
False calls	15

EAST HADDAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

East Haddam Youth & Family Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency that provides a full range of prevention, intervention, social service, community organization, positive youth development and advocacy services for youth and families in East Haddam. Services 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 supports two part-time positions, contracted bookkeeping and accounting services and three full-time positions, one of which is funded by and dedicated to the Drug Free Communities grant which we were awarded last year. This grant funds the work of the East Haddam Local Prevention Council which our agency oversees. Drug and alcohol counseling is provided through a contractual arrangement between EHYFS and the Rushford Center. EHYFS provides services throughout the entire community at 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 50 youth and families.
- Juvenile Review Board: 3 youth diverted from the Juvenile Justice system.
- Positive Youth Development Programs: 46 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 262 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: 80 attending.
- "Chain Reaction Club": 13 middle school students involved in "positive school climate" activities throughout school year; school and community focus.
- Holiday Campaign: Provided 120 children with gifts during the holidays.



Swing Bridge Centennial, Photo by Lauren Pszczolkowski

- Social Services: Fuel and housing assistance and referral services for 11 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 10 middle school-age youth.
- Social Hosting Campaign on Underage Drinking
- Community Collaborations:
 - State and local police
 - Town government
 - EH Local Prevention Council
 - Early Education Council
 - Partnerships with business, civic and faith organizations, libraries,
 - EH Food Bank
 - EH schools
 - Project Grad
 - EH Parks & Recreation
 - Kids Night on the Green, Safe Halloween
 - Middle School First Day
 - Informational and educational materials disbursed, school and community-wide.

Toni McCabe
Executive Director



*Swing Bridge Centennial,
Photo by Lauren Pszczolkowski*



Swing Bridge Centennial, Photo by Patti Dzienis

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) continued to promote economic development by encouraging growth consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life, and natural environment. In his second year as Economic Development Coordinator, Peter Simmons continued to work with the EDC and First Selectman on key business and development projects, including the first Town Business Incentive Tax Credit project.

EVENTS

In March, eight East Haddam restaurants/organizations participated in the tenth annual Chowder Cook-off. Proceeds were donated to: Eagle Scout Grange Sign Project, Music on the River, Food Bank, Moodus Sportsmen's Club, Operation Fuel, St. Stephen's Harvest House, Ray of Light Farm and Sensations Charitable Foundation. Following a year of preparation, EDC members coordinated the successful "Swing Bridge Centennial," a regional celebration held on June 15, 2013, featuring an antique car Historic Bridge Crossing, 100th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony, and community activities on both sides of the Connecticut River. Bunting decorated the Swing Bridge from June through fall. EDC worked with the Agricultural Commission to promote the weekly Farmers' Market held June to October.

OTHER

The Coordinator assisted several businesses in obtaining financial resources, permitting, and commercial properties. The Coordinator managed two state grants for capital improvements at the Harris Farm, and assisted in preparing a CT Humanities grant for funding live theater on summer weekends at Gillette Castle State Park. The EDC coordinated communication between town businesses and the town regarding the planned reconstruction of the two Norwich Road bridges in East Haddam Village.

East Haddam's economic interests were represented at the regular meetings of the Central Regional Tourism District. East

Haddam's on-line business directory, calendar, tourism brochures, 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 continued its membership in CT Economic Development Association (CEDAS). In November and April, mailings were sent to all business (250+) to keep owners apprised of economic opportunities. An email newsletter delivery service was used on several occasions to communicate more urgent notifications. EDC has an opening for one Alternate Commission 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.



La Vita Gustosa owners, Lorenzo and Jacqueline Cace with head chef, Jim Wilder and First Selectman Mark Walter. La Vita won first place "People's Choice" in the 2013 Chowder Cook-off. Second place was 32 Main, a new café in town and third place was co-host, Gelston House.

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



*Goodspeed Opera House 50th Anniversary Celebration,
Photo by Diane Sobolewski*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

East Haddam's Emergency Management group is responsible for preparing the town to respond to a large scale emergency and 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 ensuring East Haddam is prepared for any emergency we may face.

In October 2012, East Haddam Emergency Management was faced with preparing the town for super Storm Sandy. Parts of East Haddam were hit hard by Storm Sandy and some residents faced days without power. Through lessons learned from Tropical Storm Irene a year earlier, East Haddam was well prepared. The Emergency Management group, Emergency Management volunteers, Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, community groups and local businesses came together and provided services to residents in need of assistance.

For several days following Sandy, volunteers staffed the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, Senior Center and other locations providing residents a location to get food and water, a place to shower or to charge electronics. Through a partnership with the State Department of Emergency Management we were able to supply residents with bottled water and Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's). The schools food service company assisted in providing hot meals for several days.

As in the past, the Public Safety Groups, East Haddam Public Works Department, the East Haddam Board of Education employees and the East Haddam town employees all went above and beyond to help residents needing assistance during and after the storm.

In 2012-2013 East Haddam Emergency Management trained an additional 30 volunteers to become certified CERT members. Many of our volunteers attended training classes on how to assist residents with functional and special needs during an emergency, Red Cross Shelter Management and electrical safety training taught by CL & P.



Swing Bridge Centennial, from left to right: Philip Miller, State Representative 36th Assembly District; Melissa Ziobron, State Representative 34th Assembly District, Art Linares, State Senator 33rd Senatorial District, Photo by Noah Goff

In 2012 East Haddam Emergency Management formed a radio sub-committee to address the need for improved emergency responder communications. East Haddam is an extremely large town with difficult terrain for designing a radio system. East Haddam has hired a consultant to help us through the process of evaluating our current system, reviewing the needs of all the public safety groups and assisting in a new system design. This will be a multiphase/multiyear project.

Emergency Management continues to recruit volunteers. Should you be interested please contact us at 860-873-5103 or email to ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org. For up to date information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website (www.easthaddam.org), join our East Haddam Emergency Management Facebook page or subscribe to our Twitter feed.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Mansfield
Emergency Management Director



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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 2012 - 2013, include:

Permits for docks and other in-water structures : Moodus Reservoir	0
Bashan Lake	1
Permits for structures (buildings, decks, etc.) in regulated areas	10
Permits for wetlands crossings (i.e. roads, Driveways, etc.)	0
Permits for repair / construction of retaining walls	0
Subdivision Reviews:	2
approved	2
denied	0
pending	0
New building lots created in this time period	3

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
Susan Odell



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Swing Bridge Centennial, Stephen Shaw representing Sons of the American Revolution, Photo by Mark Walter

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

EAST HADDAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The East Haddam Free Public Library (EHFPL) has been proudly serving East Haddam since 1888, and 2012–2013 proved to be one of the most eventful years in the library's history. The library hosted more programs than ever before, continued modernizing its collection, worked with over two dozen local organizations and businesses, and focused on obtaining in-demand items like DVDs, audiobooks, and bestselling books. EHFPL is committed to providing East Haddam Citizens with the most up-to-date technology and innovative programming, as well as traditional library services. The goal of the library is to become a center for the community and the best resource for free learning and entertainment for all members of the family.



RATHBUN FREE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Rathbun Free Memorial Library has been proudly serving East Haddam since 1935, and 2012-13 proved to be one of the most eventful years in the library's history. The library continued to host its traditional programs including 3 weekly story hours, summer reading, and art exhibitions in addition to new programs including Science Club, eBook Tutorials, and 1-on-1 Technology help. The Library's participation in the LION Consortium continued to provide patrons with access to thousands of materials, including e-books and digital audio books for e-readers, PCs, and mobile devices. The Rathbun is committed to providing East Haddam Citizens with original programming and convenient online access to library offerings as well as traditional library services. The goal of the library is to become a center for the community and the best resource for free learning and entertainment for all members of the family.



2012-2013 was a truly historic year for both Libraries and the town. On June 20, 2013, an ordinance was proposed at a Town Meeting to create an East Haddam Library System composed of the Rathbun Free Memorial Library and the East Haddam Free Public Library. The ordinance passed with a unanimous vote, permitting the libraries to work together to serve the needs of the community.

Going forward, the libraries will now have more resources with no additional cost. The libraries will be able to offer an increased level of services to the town – including programs, books, movies, technology, and even operating hours. By sharing resources and working together, the libraries can only get better. It's an exciting time to have a library card in East Haddam.

EHFPL's 2012-2013 highlights include:

- Integration with State Library ReQuest catalog providing patrons with access to library materials from all over Connecticut.
- Borrowed 981 materials through inter-library loan, 4% of EHFPL's circulation.
- Provided and maintained seven internet-ready PCs with Windows 7/8 and the latest Microsoft Office Software.
- Circulated a total of 21,199* items (**please note: most EHFPL items circulate for 3-weeks*).
- Worked closely with local businesses and organizations such as the East Haddam Lions, East Haddam Leos, Youth and Family Services, East Haddam School District and many more.
- Organized the Christmas/Family Night on Moodus Green event (thanks to the PTO and Public Works for doing an amazing job decorating!)

Rathbun 2012-2013 highlights include:

- Continued membership in LION library consortium granted access to 1.9 million materials to Rathbun Patrons.
- LION Consortium provided 2,328 titles to patrons which accounted for 9% of the Rathbun's circulation.
- LION maintained 5 internet-ready PCs for public use.
- Circulated a total 27,245 items (**please note: most Rathbun items circulate for 2-weeks*).
- Worked closely with numerous local businesses and organizations including the Community Lions, East Haddam Historical Society, Goodspeed Opera House, and more.

Highlights from both Libraries include:

- Free Wi-Fi for wireless internet devices.
- Patrons made use of the photocopiers, printers and fax machines for a nominal fee.
- Worked toward creation of town library system by shared library director.

STATISTICS		
	EHFPL	RATHBUN
New Patrons	495	302
Active Patrons	3,097	2,807
Total Programs	237	142
Program Attendance	3,890	2,036
Total Attendance	22,920	17,122

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gilroy, Library Director

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments ("River COG") is a new regional organization created by the merger of the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency and the eight towns of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency. The formal transition to a single organization began in May 2012, and was completed by October 31, 2012. The Council of Governments assumed the responsibilities and programs of the former agencies, and the two regional planning agencies ceased to exist. This River COG merger is the first significant change in regional boundaries within the State since regions were originally defined in the 1950s. The new COG meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the COG office at 9 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.



The merger was accomplished through the process established by State Statute. River COG now consisting of 17 member towns, received incentive funds from the State Office of Policy and Management, to help offset the costs of the merger. A major advantage of merging the two agencies is a statutory provision that allows regions who voluntarily consolidate to retain their new boundaries as other regions of the state are redrawn. Member towns reasoned that the towns of this region have a generally non-urbanized character that would be lost if the regions were absorbed by the surrounding urban areas of New Haven, Hartford, and New London/Groton. Middletown is a modest sized college town that serves as our urban service center.

Staff persons from the two previous agencies who chose not to retire were incorporated into the new COG. Current staff is comprised of 9 professional planning staff, a financial administrator, and an office manager. Additional office space was required, and a search yielded a new headquarters at 145 Dennison Road in the Centerbrook portion of Essex, near Exit 3 off Route 9. We are renting a stand-alone 1787 historic house with modern additions, giving us space for future growth if necessary. Bringing together a combined staff, combined budget, financial resources and programs has been a great adventure. The physical adjustments are complete and the programmatic elements are being sorted out according to staff expertise.

Along with the new governing board of the COG, which consists of the chief elected officials of each of the towns, a new regional transportation planning board, the Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization LCRVMPO) was established. The LCRVMPO includes the members of the COG board and representatives of the Estuary Transit District, the Middletown Area Transit District, and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce. The responsibility of the LCRVMPO is to enact and foster the planning

requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation. This is a complex process which involves public outreach, long range planning for transportation improvements in the region, and coordination with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to promote a safest, accessible, and efficient transportation system. The LCRVMPO meets at 9 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month prior to the River COG meeting.

In addition to the MPO, River COG established a new Regional Planning Commission (RPC). The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each Municipal Planning Commission in the region. The task of the RPC is to comment on the inter-municipal impact of specific development applications. In addition, the RPC has embarked on the preparation of a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development with the help of additional merger funding from OPM. The RPC meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month.

Major program areas for the COG are transportation, emergency management, environmental protection, regional land use and waterways, agriculture and community resources, waste management, and shared services. In addition, the COG is working on a grant from OPM to update and standardize parcel maps in each town and create a regional digital parcel map. A second component of that grant is the collection of economic data to identify our economic resources, with particular emphasis on small and home based businesses and recreational and tourism assets, in preparation for developing a regional economic strategy.

We provide local technical assistance and advice on land use and other matters. The COG enjoys its role connecting towns and the public with information that can be helpful to them. Ongoing activities from the previous agencies include the updating of natural hazard mitigation plans and operation of a household hazardous waste collection center. The COG continues to provide staff and administrative services to the Gateway Commission. We sponsor quarterly workshops with local land use staff to share ideas and concerns about special local and regional projects, land use and zoning. The COG also functions as fiduciary for one of the five State's Homeland Security Regions. The COG organized and hosts a regional land trust exchange for land trust leaders within the region. A regional Agriculture Council has recently been established to share information on agricultural activities in the 17 towns.

Current officers for the River COG are Cathy Iino (Killingworth), serving as Chairperson, Dick Smith (Deep River) as Vice-Chairperson, Susan Bransfield (Portland) as Secretary, and Ed Meehan (Chester) as Treasurer. The Executive Director is Linda Krause.

We welcome visitors and inquiries about specific topics of regional concern. Please contact us if you don't know where to turn for land use, environmental, transportation or other related issues. Call (860-581-8554) or e-mail us (info@RiverCOG.org) if you think we might be able to help you.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

On April 9, 2013, the residents of the town of East Haddam approved the acquisition of the Zeiller and Pages parcels. State grants and other contributions totaled over 50% of the cost of the purchase.

Zeiller Associates Property on Florida and Clark Hill Road, East Haddam

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 parcel will provide linkage to existing and potential open space to the north in the Roaring Brook/Whalebone Creek Watershed. To the north (recently State aided purchased Dean Conservation Easement—280 acres, and Harris parcel—135 acres) along with existing open space parcels owned by the town and the East Haddam Land Trust.

Pages Property on Parker and Mill Road, East Haddam

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 parcel will provide linkage to existing and potential open space to the south and north in the Roaring Brook/Whalebone Creek Watershed. To the north (recently State 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.

Present Committee members as of July 2013

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

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



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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



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energy conservation.

During the fiscal year 2012-2013 the Planning and Zoning Commission processed 4 subdivision applications, 3 were approved, creating 5 new building lots. The Commission also approved 14 Special Exception/Site Plan applications, 2 lot line revisions, and 97 zoning permits, including 8 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



Swing Bridge Centennial, from left to right: Standing—Art Linares, State Senator 33rd Senatorial District; Philip Miller, State Representative 36th Assembly District; Larry McHugh, President Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Mark Walter, East Haddam First Selectman; Seated—Paul DeStefano, First Selectman Haddam, photo Mark Walter

PUBLIC WORKS

Fiscal year 2013 was an eventful year for the Public Works Department thanks to Storm Sandy and Blizzard Charlotte. Storm Sandy resulted in significant tree damage; for months the highway department went street by street clearing debris and pruning/removing damaged trees. Blizzard Charlotte dumped approximately 36 inches of snow across the town leaving many residents stranded in their driveways. The highway department along with subcontractors worked for days to dig out from this record breaking snow event.

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 4,042 tons. This is a 2.1% decrease from fiscal year 2012. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 940 tons. This is a 4.0% increase from last year. With the continued effort of every resident the town can continue to increase recycling and save the town in disposal fees.

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

- Falls Bashan Road and Mott Lane were fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- This was the fifth year the town crew placed asphalt to shim and repair roads instead of chip sealing. More than 4,000 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of July/August/September 2012 and June 2013. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Elaine Drive, Deer Run, Old Kentwood Road, Bashan Road, Orchard Road, Honey Hill Road, Cold Spring Road, Geoffrey Road, Creek Row, Landing Hill Road, Foxtown Cemetery Road, Foxtown Road and Essex Turnpike.
- A Mobark hand fed, drum style wood chipper was purchased to 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, street sign replacement, grading of more than 15 miles of unpaved roads, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.

We also continue to assist other departments throughout the year including the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation, Agriculture Commission and the East Haddam Land Trust. The Public Works Department designed and installed the Heritage Park walking path at the Senior Center. The 0.29 mile track and outdoor fitness equipment has been a huge success and is greatly utilized by the residents.

Overall, the winter of 2012-2013 was above average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 18 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on November 7, 2012 and the final storm occurred on March 18, 2013. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 71 inches. In spite of Mother Nature the highway department responded to the unprecedented effects of Blizzard Charlotte in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe and passable.

I would like to thank the Public Works Staff for their continued commitment, proficiency and dependability in maintaining and improving our infrastructure. A special thank you this year for all the efforts related to Storm Sandy and Blizzard Charlotte. We look forward to continuing to work with and serve the residents.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth S. Lunt
Public Works Administrator



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RECREATION COMMISSION

It was a very busy year in the Recreation Department! This year, we offered over 98 different activities for the community members of East Haddam. We provided activities for over 1,301 people.

The members of the Recreation Commission for the year 2012-2013 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 Land Use Department, East Haddam Youth and Family Services, Local Prevention Council, East Haddam Board of Education and East Haddam Public Works.

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 2 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 numerous people that volunteer to coach and supervise our activities make these programs so successful. A special thank you goes out to Shagbark for sponsoring our youth soccer and basketball programs by donating a T-Shirt for every child registered in these programs.

This year we continued to make improvements to the tennis courts, the Town Beach and Nichols Field. We worked closely with the Senior Center and Public Works to create a beautiful walking path at the Heritage Park at the intersection of Great Hillwood Road and Route 149. This included the installation of outdoor exercise equipment that everyone in the community can use. The walking path is .29 miles in length.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Quinn, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The East Haddam Registrars supported Democrat and Republican primaries on August 14, 2012 for the Federal/ State Presidential Election which was held on November, 6, 2012, at the Nathan Hale Ray High School. 4,649 of our 5,885 registered voters, or 79%, turned out to vote.

On April 9, 2013 we supported an open space referendum with a voter turnout of 605, or 10% of our voters. On May 21, and June 27, we supported budget referenda with 439, or 8% voting in May, and 849 or 14% voting in June.

As of June, 2013, East Haddam had 5,749 active voters listed. Of those, 1,759 were Democrats, 1,255 were Republicans, 2,646 were unaffiliated. In minor parties, there were 42 Independent, 40 Independence, 2 Green, 2 Libertarian, and 2 Working Family.

We conducted the yearly canvass to be sure the voter list is correct. We also updated the voter list weekly, from information provided by Secretary of States Offices, the DMV, and our Town Clerk.

We attended Fall and Spring ROVAC required education conferences, and several Middlesex County training opportunities.

Our official polling place continues to be the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. Referenda are at the Town Hall.

Registrars obtained and trained poll workers; and supported moderator training.

Others contributed to our election events. We thank our town Crew, and poll workers. New volunteers, led by Trish Tarnowski, put up, and took down signs indicating polling hours and place.

We welcomed the new Republican Registrar, Lucy Yacovino and sent appreciation to Harriet Cummings for her long years of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie W. Alt and
Lucy Yacovino
Registrars
Laurie Bennett and
Martha Hansen
Deputy Registrars



*Swing Bridge Centennial,
photo by Patti Dzienis*

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/ EAST HADDAM POLICE

2012-2013 brought many changes to the East Haddam Police/Resident Troopers Office. For the first time the town hired two full-time East Haddam Police Officers. Karl Karabeinikoff and Jeff Rhoades filled the two open positions. Officer Karabeinikoff has worked for the department as a part-time officer for many years and Officer Rhoades was the East Haddam Resident Trooper since 2008. Officer Rhoades accepted the position after retiring from the CT State Police in May of 2013.

Additionally, with the hiring of the two full-time town officers, East Haddam Residents voted to reduce from two Resident Troopers to one. Trooper Ian Hawes remains the East Haddam Resident Trooper but has been temporarily reassigned by the State Police. Until he returns, Trooper Erin Lowney has been assigned to East Haddam as the Resident Trooper. Trooper Lowney has worked out of Troop K for several years and is very familiar with the East Haddam area.

In addition to providing routine police coverage, the local East Haddam Officers provide marine patrols during the summer months, provide coverage for school events, parades, and other functions at the request of local residents and civic organizations. Additionally, our office sponsored the 18th annual Project Halloween, 7th annual Toy Drive and completed several child car seat inspections for residents.

East Haddam Officers / Resident Trooper continue to partner with East Haddam Youth and Family Services to better our community for our youth. East Haddam Officers also serve as members of the Local Prevention Council and the local Juvenile Review Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Trooper Ian Hawes
Trooper Erin Lowney
Corporal George Corbeil
Corporal Craig Mansfield
Corporal Karl Karabeinikoff
Officer Tom Griffith
Officer Mark Creighton
Officer Jeffrey Rhoades



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POLICE STATISTICS

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
Theft of Motor Vehicles	2
Narcotics (Sale of or Possession)	10
Assaults	3
Liquor Law Violations	1
Fires/Arson	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Injuries)	100
Motor Vehicle Accidents (With Injuries)	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Fatal)	0
Burglaries	58
Sex Assaults/Offenses	4
Disturbances/Harassment	65
Medical Assist	105
Criminal Mischief	19
Burglar Alarms (Actual and False)	337
DUI	50
Missing Persons	6
Traffic Enforcement	1,675
Untimely Deaths	6
Trespassing	3
Weapons/Issues Offenses	9
Suspicious Incidents	150
Disabled Vehicles/Traffic Services	176
Assist Other Agencies	196
Assist Citizens/Administrative Duties	719
Larcenies	70
Patrol Checks	2,377

SENIOR SERVICES

The senior center continues to help fill the needs of our senior community. During the last year there were over 11,000 sign-ins at the center. The medical car made over 200 trips for doctor visits and the bus made weekly trips for shopping, the food bank and a variety of recreational trips. Other services provided at the center include tax preparation, Medicare counseling, fuel assistance and computer training. The center hosted various dinners, parties, and recreation programs. Meals on wheels were delivered to homebound residents and lunches were available at the center Monday thru Friday. A new walking trail was built on the field outside the center for all residents to enjoy. Many thanks to all the volunteers that help make the varied services to our senior community possible.

Brad Parker
Senior Services Director

SHARED SERVICES

The town and the Board of Education have embarked on a Shared Services initiative in the areas of finance, facilities and technology. The intent of this initiative is to eliminate redundancies, identify and implement cost savings and to best utilize and maintain our resources. Accomplishments for 2012-2013 include:

- Transitioned to a shared Finance Director for the town and Board of Education.
- Hired a Facilities, Operations and Emergency Management Director to oversee all town and school building facilities and operations.
- Realized savings in the areas of liability, auto and property and workers' compensation insurance; copier contracts and more.
- Combined technology services for the town and Board of Education, eliminating paid contractors for the town.

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

Craig Mansfield, Director of Facilities,
Operations and Emergency Management
Cindy Varricchio, Finance Director

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 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:

Total Town Clerk Fees Collected \$294,136
Pass thru directly to State \$263,114
Payments to State \$107,240
Town retains \$186,926

Highlights for the 2012-2013 year included:

- The Town Clerk served as recording secretary to the Board of Finance and Financial Needs Roundtable.
- Recorded 2,468 documents on the land records.
- 76 maps were received in for permanent retention.
- The Town Clerk serves as one of three Administrators maintaining the town's website.
- Applied for and received a \$4,000 grant from the State of Connecticut through the Historic Document Preservation Program.
- Served on the legislative committee for the Town Clerk's association representing the interests of municipal clerks throughout Connecticut.
- Testified before the Connecticut General Assembly in support of and in opposition to proposed legislation.
- 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, 2013 images are available back to mid 1999.
- Orchestrated on-line accessibility to land records at uslandrecords.com.
- Promoted dog licensing through a top dog contest in coordination with the middle school.
- Processed over 1,200 dog licenses.
- Instrumental in working with the Board of Education to expand the Government Day program to include all 6th grade students.
- Participated on a committee for the Department of Agriculture's Animal Population Program to award grants for the sterilization of 1,000 feral cats.
- 72 births, 94 marriages and 84 deaths were recorded, 67 marriage licenses were issued.
- Notary services were provided approximately 450 times.

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 2012-2013 fiscal year was the thirteenth year of full operations of the town's sewer collection and treatment system. The flows averaged 14,000 gallons per day; which is just over 25% of system capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 37,000 gallons per day or 67% of the system's capacity. Over 96% 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
Arthur Merrow
John Russell
Richard Fiala
Fred Myers
John Russell

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the fiscal year of 2012-2013 heard 13 cases compared to the 16 cases heard the last fiscal year. There were 13 requests for variances as noted below:

- Side yard to construct garages, sheds, enlarge a deck and change it to a bedroom
- Combined width of side yards for a deck and a room
- Front yard for a deck and pool

None of the above cases were appealed in court. No meetings were held in the months of July, November, March and June.

Board members Norman Gobelle and Guy Gibbs resigned from the Board this past year.

The total receipts for the fiscal year were \$1,760. The total budget for the fiscal year was \$6,350. The total expenditures were for the following categories:

Clerical	\$1,578
Legal Ads	2,993
Office Supplies	0
Postage	201
Dues.....	0

Board Members

Stuart Wood, Chairman
Laurie Alt
J. Greg Daigle
Richard Fiala
Diane Quinn
William Smith

Alternates
Two Vacancies

Mildred E. Quinn, Secretary



*Swing Bridge Centennial,
photo by Patti Dzienis*

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Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

CONNECTICUT REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012

Republican Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open at the Nathan Hale Ray High School at 6:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. with the following results being reported:

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	VOTES
United States Senator	Linda E. McMahon Christopher Shays	270 95
Representative in Congress	Paul M. Formica Daria Novak	239 112

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AUGUST 14, 2012

Democratic Moderator Ernie P. Malavasi declared the polls open at the Nathan Hale Ray High School at 6:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. with the following results being reported:

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	VOTES
United States Senator	Christopher S. Murphy Susan Bysiewicz	300 219
State Senator	James Crawford Mary Ellen Klinck	86 438

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**OCTOBER 28, 2012**

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

RE: **DECLARATION OF CIVIL  
PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY**

Dear Ms. 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 forecasts indicating that all or part of Connecticut will be directly affected by Storm Sandy, including torrential rainfall/snowfall 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.

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman  
October 29, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 30, 2012

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Six (6) people were in attendance and gas powered lanterns and flashlights illuminated the room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

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

**Item 1:** Mr. Walter motioned, Dave Denette seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That this town meeting accept, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen, the following conveyance:

A certain Warranty Deed granted by AVERUM J. SPRECHER to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, of property for Open Space purposes, described as UNDEVELOPED LAND TO TOWN on a certain map entitled "Resubdivision Map Lot #5 "Parker Road Subdivision" land now or formerly of Averum J. Sprecher Parker Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale 1" = 100' Dated Nov. 11 2011" and prepared by Robert R. Weaver, L.S., 147 Parker Road, East Haddam, Connecticut, said map being on file in the Land Records of Town of East Haddam.

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding item 1. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mrs. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into two-year agreements with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, a

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contract for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services.

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding item 2. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 3:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Ventres 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 grant in an amount of \$99,478 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) to rehabilitate, repair and improve the operations of the sewer treatment plant owned and operated by the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Personal Service Agreement.

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

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding item #3. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 4:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Denette seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$180,238.39 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster No. DR-4023-CT grant for Tropical Storm Irene from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (revenue account 701-410155; \$136,880.89 for fiscal year 2012 and \$43,357.50 for fiscal year 2013).

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding item 4. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 5:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Ventres seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of

the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$43,440 to the Public Works Capital Improvement budget (850-575002) for the purchase of a 2012 Wood Chipper.

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding Item 5. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 6:** Mr. Ventres motioned, Mrs. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$78,200 to the Emergency Management-Storm Irene budget (746-580000 for fiscal year 2012) for the costs associated with Storm Irene Emergency operations and clean up.

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding Item 6. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 7:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Denette seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$189,522.82 to the Tax Collector-Tax Refunds (710-582201) to award a court ordered tax refund in the amount of \$189,522.82 to Goodspeed Airport LLC.

No comments or questions were raised. The Moderator called for a vote regarding Item 7. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn tendered by Mrs. Walter, seconded by Mr. Ventres carried unanimously at 8:12 p.m.

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Moderator Edward Blaschik declared the polls open on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 6:00 am. At the Nathan Hale-Ray High School gymnasium on School Drive. The polls were closed at 8:00 pm with the following results being announced.

| <b>2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                  |                       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>OFFICE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>PARTY</b>     | <b>CANDIDATE NAME</b> | <b>VOTES</b> |
| <b>President</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | Republican       | Romney/Ryan           | 2,109        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democrat         | Obama/Biden           | 2,471        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Independent      | Anderson/Rodriguez    | 32           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Libertarian      | Johnson/Gray          | 50           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Write ins        | Durham/Lopez          |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Harris/Deluca         |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Hoeftling/Ellis       |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Seizmore/Tomalin      |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Stein/Honkala         | 1            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Warner/Hood           |              |
| <b>United States Senator</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Republican       | Linda E. McMahon      | 1,980        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Unknown*         | McMahon               | 27           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democratic       | Christopher S. Murphy | 2,113        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Unknown*         | Murphy                | 40           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Working Families | Christopher S. Murphy | 93           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Independent      | Linda E. McMahon      | 167          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Libertarian      | Paul Passarelli       | 125          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Write ins        | Michael D. Adams      |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Matthew Coleman       |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Rajat Hooja           |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Peter Rumbin          |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Jeff Russell          |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | John Traceski         |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | Michael Vasile        | 2            |
| <b>Representative in Congress</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | Republican       | Paul M. Formica       | 1,524        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democratic       | Joe Courtney          | 2,595        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Unknown*         | Joe Courtney          | 41           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Working Families | Joe Courtney          | 211          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Green            | Colin D. Bennet       | 73           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Libertarian      | Daniel J. Reale       | 44           |
| <b>State Senator</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | Republican       | Art Linares           | 1,988        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Unknown*         | Art Linares           | 7            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democratic       | James Crawford        | 1,589        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Working Families | James Crawford        | 72           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Unknown*         | James Crawford        | 13           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Independent      | Art Linares           | 158          |
| <b>State Representative</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Green            | Melissa Schlag        | 602          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Republican       | Melissa H. Ziobron    | 2,581        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democratic       | Christopher Goff      | 1,855        |
| <b>Registrar of Voters</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | Write ins        | William "Bill" Devine |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Republican       | Lucy R. Yacovino      | 1,820        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Democratic       | Laurie W. Alt         | 2,428        |
| 5,871 voters were eligible to vote.<br>4,634 voters checked off list.<br>48 Presidential Ballots cast<br>*unknown results when a crossed endorsed candidate receives votes on multiple party lines |                  |                       |              |

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2012

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. Approximately ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed for those lost so tragically at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bob Bennett seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, John Gibson 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. Emmett Lyman motioned to accept the call as presented, Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was brought forward. The Moderator called for a vote accepting the Annual Town Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Gibson motioned, Dave Denette seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aids for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Mr. Walter briefly addressed State cuts to municipalities that may impact the amount of funding the town receives. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Joanne Bernard motioned, Mr. Walter seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 30, 2013

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 fifteen (15) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mickey Pear seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were

offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Bob Bennett 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. Mr. Bennett motioned to accept the call as presented, Ed Smith seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Mr. Smith motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$234,549.99 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160-25790). Mr. Walter stated that this initiative was put in place several years ago as motivation for the Board of Education not to deplete its budget. Unspent Board of Education funds are returned to its capital reserve fund.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion approving a transfer in the amount of \$234,549.99 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160-25790) carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Smith motioned, Mr. Bennett seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Reserve Fund (25-115160-25020) to the Fire Marshal Capital Improvement budget for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle for the Fire Marshal (revenue account 782-455055 and expense account 842-574201). The Moderator solicited comments and/or questions regarding the proposed vehicle for the fire marshal. None were offered. The moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion approving a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Reserve Fund (25-115160-25020) to the Fire Marshal Capital Improvement budget for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle for the Fire Marshal (revenue account 782-455055 and expense account 842-574201) carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Mr. Smith motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$4,000 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

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deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mrs. Denette explained that the grant funds will preserve vital statistics for the period 1879 to 1885 that were recently returned to East Haddam's custody after a long stay at the Connecticut Historical Society and Museum.

The Moderator solicited comments and/or questions. None were brought forward. Accordingly, she called for a vote adopting the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$4,000 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 resolution carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 4:** Mr. Smith motioned, Mr. Bennett seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$23,700 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2013 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Municipalities", and to amend the 2012-2013 budget accordingly (revenue account 744-424420 and expense account 744-514403).

The Moderator solicited comments and/or questions. None were brought forward. Accordingly, she called for a vote accepting a grant in the amount of \$23,700 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2013 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Municipalities", and to amend the 2012-2013 budget accordingly (revenue account 744-424420 and expense account 744-514403). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 5:** Mr. Smith motioned, Mike Cooley seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$4,150.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2011/2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 746-431510 and expense budget 746-531510).

The moderator solicited comments and/or questions, none were brought forward. Accordingly, she called for a vote accepting a grant in the amount of \$4,150 from the State of

Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2011/2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 746-431510 and expense budget 746-531510). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Newt. Angersola motioned, Mr. Cooley seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.



**FEBRUARY 9, 2013**

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

**RE: DECLARATION OF CIVIL  
PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY**

Dear Ms. Denette:

Due to the severe weather conditions affecting the State and the Town of East Haddam, and the civil preparedness proclamation issued by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on February 8, 2013 stating that all of Connecticut was directly affected by Winter Storm Charlotte, which included blizzard conditions, high winds and heavy snow fall creating external weather conditions that presented hazardous road travel greatly reducing the ability of emergency personnel to respond to calls for service; 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 my hand and seal on the 9th day of February, 2013.

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

9:30 a.m.



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2013**

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 seventy five (75) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Scott Mackinnon seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The vote

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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. Melissa Ziobron motioned to accept the call as presented, Mr. Mackinnon seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** Craig Mansfield motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer in the amount of \$45,520 from the Middle School Conversion Committee Fund and \$20,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund (704-588701) to the Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of a Program Manager for Four Municipal Facilities Projects to include: Conversion of the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School to Town Offices, Expansion of the Company One Volunteer Fire Station to an Emergency Operation Center, Reconstruction or Replacement of the Company Two Volunteer Fire Station and Renovations and Upgrades to the East Haddam Elementary School.

Mr. Walter, reviewed the proposal to have O & G act as a program manager to oversee the aforementioned four projects through to referendum. He fielded questions from Mrs. Ziobron, Robert Casner and Will Brady. Mr. Casner encouraged all title issues to be resolved at the old middle school prior to moving forward. Mrs. Ziobron was advised that the middle school conversion committee has not yet been disbanded.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$45,520 from the Middle School Conversion Committee Fund and \$20,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund (704-588701) to the Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of a Program Manager for Four Municipal Facilities Projects to include: Conversion of the Former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School to Town Offices, Expansion of the Company One Volunteer Fire Station to an Emergency Operation Center, Reconstruction or Replacement of the Company Two Volunteer Fire Station and Renovations and Upgrades to the East Haddam Elementary School. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Brady motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Agriculture Commission and the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled "Right to Farm Ordinance". Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during normal

business hours.

Mr. Mackinnon addressed the reason the Agriculture Commission pursued the creation of the ordinance. Mary Augustiny questioned the wetland impact. Mr. Ventres responded to her concerns. Charlotte Gionotti and Mrs. Ziobron also commented on the proposed ordinance. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion adopting an ordinance entitled "Right to Farm Ordinance" carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Mr. Brady motioned, Mr. Mansfield provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to accept the following certain conveyance, to wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the town of East Haddam, county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, shown and depicted as "Conservation Easement Area" on a certain map or plan entitled "Record Subdivision Map 'Morgan Estates' Land Now or Formerly of Alan Hanks & Jeffrey Becker #30 Orchard Road East Haddam, Connecticut Robert R. Weaver, L.S. Connecticut Registered Land Surveyor Commercial – Residential 147 Parker Road, East Haddam, Connecticut 06423 Phone 860-873-2901 Fax 860-873-2902 Scale 1" = 40' Dated Mar. 1, 2007 Revised 3-27-08 Per Town Comments Revised 5-28-08 Per Town Comments Revised 11-10-08 Per Town Comments Revised 2-26-09 Per P&Z Request Sheet RS-1 Sheet RS-2 Sheet RS-3," said map being on file in the East Haddam Town Clerk's Office and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute into such Conservation Easement and Restriction on behalf of the Town.

Mr. Ventres advised that the easement is being accepted as mitigation for a new subdivision as has been the standard practice. He responded to inquiry raised by Mr. Casner regarding the size of the parcel (approximately 14 acres). There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting the above-noted conveyance carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 4:** Emmett Lyman motioned, Joanne Rocznik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED: That a grant in an amount of \$45,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, BOR-Boating

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Division to design and install floating docks for transient dockage for transient boaters upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Personal Service Agreement and to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund (fund 79) for the purpose of matching grant funds for said grant (revenue account 79-431510-G1202 and expense account 79-541750-G1202).

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

Mr. Walter briefly reviewed the proposal for the floating dock. He fielded questions from Mr. Brady, Mr. Smith, Candice Carle, Lou Salicrup, Mrs. Ziobron and Mr. Casner. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing acceptance of the \$45,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, BOR-Boating Division and approving a special appropriation of \$15,000 for matching grant funds and resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into contracts on behalf of the Town for said purpose carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture, Farmland Restoration Grant Program, for the purpose of installing fencing around the cultivated parcels (revenue account 79-431510-G1301 and expense account 79-541750-G13012).

Mr. Mackinnon reviewed the proposal to install deer fencing around cultivated parcels at the Harris property, open space recently acquired by the town. He fielded questions from Kim Doolittle regarding fence height and Mr. Brady regarding location. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting the \$20,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture, Farmland Restoration Grant Program, for the purpose of installing fencing around the cultivated parcels carried

unanimously via voice vote.

**Items 6 and 7 were introduced simultaneously for discussion only.**

6. to appropriate \$474,000 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 98.22 acres of land or rights therein located on Clark Hill Road and Florida Road (also known as the Zeiller Associates property) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot 030 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #12 (the "Property") for open space purposes (the "Project"), including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$474,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$232,500, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

7. to appropriate \$1,007,500 for costs related to the acquisition of approximately 238 acres of land or rights therein located on Mill Road and Parker Road (also known as the Pages property) in East Haddam, Connecticut, shown and designated as Lot 023 on the East Haddam Assessor's Map #20 (the "Property") for open space purposes (the "Project"), including, without limitation, the costs of land acquisition, site work, demolition and removal, easement acquisition, engineering, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto; (b) to authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$1,007,500 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds available therefor, including, but not limited to, a contribution from the East Haddam Land Trust in the amount of \$35,000 and a grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$464,000, general fund monies and/or capital reserve funds); and (c) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further

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notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above items numbered six and seven on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the electors and citizens of the Town who are eligible to vote at town meetings by voting machine. The aforesaid items shall be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$474,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 98.22 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZEILLER ASSOCIATES PROPERTY LOCATED ON CLARK HILL ROAD AND FLORIDA ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$1,007,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 238 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE PAGES PROPERTY LOCATED ON MILL ROAD AND PARKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?

Mr. Ventres reviewed the proposed parcels and what qualified them for open space consideration. Mark Walter, Kim Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bellucci, Charlotte Gionotti, Joel Ide, Cindy Varricchio (Finance Director) Sarah, Carl Fuller and Rob Smith all spoke. After nearly an hour of discussion, the Moderator advised that the vote will be conducted on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 during the hours of twelve o'clock pm to eight o'clock pm at the Town Meeting Hall, Town Street, East Haddam, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. Voters approving the resolution will vote "YES" and voters opposing the resolution will vote "No".

Mrs. Denette advised that absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours beginning on Monday, April 1st.

**Item 8:** Linda-Ryder Munet motioned to adjourn the special town meeting to a vote by voting

machine on the above questions to be held on April 9, 2013 from noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Mr. Mackinnon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 9:09 p.m.



### **Town Of East Haddam Right to Farm Ordinance**

**BE IT RESOLVED: That the "RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE" be added to the East Haddam Code of Ordinances.**

**Whereas** agriculture plays a significant role in East Haddam's heritage and future; and

**Whereas** East Haddam recognizes the importance of farming to its rural quality of life, public health, scenic vistas, tax base, wetlands, wildlife and local economy; and

**Whereas** East Haddam seeks to encourage the pursuit of agriculture and the harmonious integration of agriculture into East Haddam's daily pattern of life with a minimum of conflict between farmers and abutting landowners and between farmers and public agencies of East Haddam; and

**Whereas** East Haddam has established an Agricultural Commission to assist farmers in pursuing agriculture, in promoting agriculture based opportunities, in protecting farmland, wetlands and scenic vistas and in retaining East Haddam's rural character and quality of life; and

**Whereas** the Agricultural Commission is able to assist farmers and other land owners and East Haddam officials in understanding generally accepted farming practices, state and local laws pertaining to agriculture and in resolving disputes between farmers and abutting landowners or with public agencies of East Haddam;

**NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT TO THE POWERS CONFERRED IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 7-148 AS AMENDED BE IT RESOLVED:**

That for purposes of this ordinance the terms "agriculture" and "farming" shall have the same definition and meaning as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1(a)(q) as may be amended from time to time, as set forth below:

- q) Except as otherwise specifically defined, the words "agriculture" and "farming" shall include cultivation of the soil, dairying, forestry, raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training and management of livestock, including horses, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and

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wildlife, and the raising or harvesting of oysters, clams, mussels, other molluscan shellfish or fish; the operation, management, conservation, improvement or maintenance of a farm and its buildings, tools and equipment, or salvaging timber or cleared land of brush or other debris left by a storm, as an incident to such farming operations; the production or harvesting of maple syrup or maple sugar, or any agricultural commodity, including lumber, as an incident to ordinary farming operations or the harvesting of mushrooms, the hatching of poultry, or the construction, operation or maintenance of ditches, canals, reservoirs or waterways used exclusively for farming purposes; handling, planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing, freezing, grading, storing or delivering to storage or to market, or to a carrier for transportation to market, or for direct sale any agricultural or horticultural commodity as an incident to ordinary farming operations, or, in the case of fruits and vegetables, as an incident to the preparation of such fruits or vegetables for market or for direct sale. The term "farm" includes farm buildings, and accessory buildings thereto, nurseries, orchards, ranges, greenhouses, hoopouses and other temporary structures or other structures used primarily for the raising and, as an incident to ordinary farming operations, the sale of agricultural or horticultural commodities. The term "aquaculture" means the farming of the waters of the state and tidal wetlands and the production of protein food, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels and other molluscan shellfish, on leased, franchised and public underwater farm lands. Nothing herein shall restrict the power of a local zoning authority under chapter 124.

That the purpose of this ordinance is: to protect and promote agriculture including the growth of existing agricultural operations and the production and sale of locally grown food products; to reduce the loss of local agricultural resources; to mitigate the circumstances under which disputes arise between farmers and their neighbors and/or public agencies; and to reduce the potential for any agricultural use to be considered or determined a nuisance.

That the methods of farming that comport with generally accepted farming practices are deemed consistent with community standards. That as long as farmers are in compliance with generally accepted farming practices their agricultural uses will be deemed to be consistent with community standards and within the protections granted to agricultural uses under Connecticut General Statutes, §19a-341as set forth below:

- a) Notwithstanding any general statute or municipal ordinance or regulation pertaining to nuisances to the contrary, no agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility, or any of its appurtenances, or the operation thereof, shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance, either public or

private, due to alleged objectionable (1) odor from livestock, manure, fertilizer or feed, (2) noise from livestock or farm equipment used in normal, generally acceptable farming procedures, (3) dust created during plowing or cultivation operations, (4) use of chemicals, provided such chemicals and the method of their application conform to practices approved by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or, where applicable, the Commissioner of Public Health, or (5) water pollution from livestock or crop production activities, except the pollution of public or private drinking water supplies, provided such activities conform to acceptable management practices for pollution control approved by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; provided such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility has been in operation for one year or more and has not been substantially changed, and such operation follows generally accepted agricultural practices. Inspection and approval of the agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility by the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee shall be prima facie evidence that such operation follows generally accepted agricultural practices.

- b) Notwithstanding any general statute or municipal ordinance or regulation pertaining to nuisances, no operation to collect spring water or well water, as defined in section 21a-150, shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance, either public or private, due to alleged objectionable noise from equipment used in such operation provided the operation (1) conforms to generally accepted practices for the collection of spring water or well water, (2) has received all approvals or permits required by law, and (3) complies with the local zoning authority's time, place and manner restrictions on operations to collect spring water or well water.
- c) The provisions of this section shall not apply whenever a nuisance results from negligence or willful or reckless misconduct in the operation of any such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility, or any of its appurtenances.

That the Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist in East Haddam and all agricultural operations conducted in East Haddam, now and in the future, in a manner consistent with accepted agricultural practices (and not in violation of statutes, ordinances, codes, regulations and rules as promulgated by the legislative bodies of the state and town, their or its boards and commissions, offices and agencies with respect to land use, public health and safety) shall not be considered either a public or private nuisance.

That residents and property owners may seek answers and assistance from the Agricultural Commission regarding questions they have with respect to any

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agricultural operation, establishment or facility located in East Haddam.

That residents and property owners may seek assistance from other East Haddam officials, boards or commissions with respect to any agricultural operation, establishment or facility located in East Haddam.

Nothing herein prohibits residents from taking their questions or complaints to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and seeking a remedy from said Department and any final administrative decision of the Department of Agriculture shall be considered determinative of the issues presented to said Department of Agriculture.

That the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Agricultural Commission to promote and advance the Right to Farm as part of a town policy by:

1. Disseminating information to town agencies and officials and to the general public concerning state and local laws concerning agricultural uses and practices including but not limited to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 19a-341 Agricultural or Farming Operation Not Deemed a Nuisance.
2. Disseminating information to town agencies and officials and to the general public concerning generally accepted agricultural practices.
3. Assisting town agencies and officials with resolution of complaints lodged against an agricultural or farming operation or use.
4. Assisting landowners with resolution of complaints when one or more of the landowners is a farmer or engaged in an agricultural operation or use.

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed or interpreted to conflict with existing statutes, ordinances, codes, regulations and rules as promulgated by the legislative bodies of the state and town, their or its boards and commissions, offices, officers and agencies with respect to land use, public health and public safety or conflict with any state law, regulation or judicial or administrative ruling with respect to abatement of nuisances as described in said §19a-341. Nothing contained in this ordinance is intended to restrict or interfere with the powers, regulatory authority, responsibilities and duties of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Building Department, Fire Commissioners or the Chatham Health District. All offices, agencies, boards and commissions are encouraged to review, and on an as needed basis, to adopt such regulations and rules consistent with this ordinance to make preservation of farmland and promoting agricultural operations within the Town of East Haddam a criterion in their planning policy decisions.

If any part of this ordinance is for any reason determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this

ordinance. The Town of East Haddam hereby declares the provisions of this ordinance to be severable.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes. Adopted at Town Meeting, March 28, 2013. Published Hartford Courant August 13, 2013. Effective date August 27, 2013.

## REFERENDUM APRIL 9, 2013

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open on Tuesday April 9, 2013 at 12:00 noon and closed at 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam.

The following questions were on the ballot:

**SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$474,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 98.22 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZEILLER ASSOCIATES PROPERTY LOCATED ON CLARK HILL ROAD AND FLORIDA ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?**

Yes: 431

No: 171

**SHALL THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$1,007,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 238 ACRES OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS THE PAGES PROPERTY LOCATED ON MILL ROAD AND PARKER ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF GRANTS OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?**

Yes: 427

No: 175

602 voters cast ballots; including nine ballots cast by absentee.

The Moderator declared the referendum Passed.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 8, 2013

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 thirty (30) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

The Moderator presented item #1:

**Item 1:** To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$28,700,076 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 \$28,700,076, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013–2014 be approved?

Mrs. Denette solicited comments and/or questions regarding the budget. Mr. Blaschik raised several questions concerning the drawdown of the fund balance and what capital projects would be undertaken with the proposed budget. Finance Director, Cindy Varricchio responded.

Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled remove \$620,000 from the \$28,700,076 proposed budget to be voted at referendum. Susan Link seconded the motion.

The Moderator explained that at town meeting the amount of the budget can be lowered, but cannot be increased. She emphasized that the vote would be on accepting the amendment and not on the budget itself. Mrs. Link stated that she felt that there was room for improvement in

the budget, but did not feel that \$620,000 could be removed. Mr. Walter spoke against the amendment.

The Moderator stated that she had a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled remove \$620,000 from the \$28,700,076 proposed budget to be voted on at referendum. The motion failed overwhelmingly. One yeah was recorded.

The Town Clerk advised that the referendum shall be conducted at the Old Town Hall and that Absentee Ballots are anticipated to be available on Monday, May 13th.

**Item 2 :** Mr. Mansfield motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded 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 21, 2013.

Registrar of Voters Laurie Alt suggested that the noon start is sufficient. She further noted that absentee ballots will be available for those not able to be accommodated from the noon to eight timeframe. One lady encouraged the earlier start time.

There being no additional discussion, the Moderator advised that she had a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled direct that the polls shall be opened at 6:00 a.m. on May 21st to conduct the referendum. The motion failed overwhelmingly. One yeah was recorded.

**Item 3:** Kathy Klinck motioned, Denise Gable seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power granted by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management under section 4-66g(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Small Town Economic Assistance Program Act), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Haddam make an application to the State for \$200,000 in order to undertake the Old Town Hall and Grange Building Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of East Haddam:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by section 4-66g(d) of

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the Connecticut General Statutes (STEAP).

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Haddam in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved (revenue account 79-431510—G1302 and expense account 79-541750-G1302) and that Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with The State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Haddam.

Mr. Walter described the nature of the improvements to be undertaken; Mr. Blaschik commented that there are more pressing capital projects that could be undertaken. Mr. Walter responded that the project was driven by the need to gain handicapped access to the Grange Hall.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator reiterated that she had a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled accept a STEAP grant in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 as noted above. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote with Mr. Blaschik abstaining.

- Item 4:** Bruce Dutch motioned, Ms. Klinck seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 157 of Public Act No. 12-2 of the June 12, 2012 Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly (the “Act”) established a program, known as the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program, to facilitate loan financing for clean energy improvements to commercial properties by utilizing a state or local assessment mechanism to provide security for repayment of the loans; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State charged with implementing the C-PACE program on behalf of the State, to enter into a written agreement with participating municipalities pursuant to which the municipality may agree to assess, collect, remit and assign, benefit assessments to the

Authority in return for energy improvements for benefited property owners within the municipality and for costs reasonably incurred by the municipality in performing such duties; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (“C-PACE”) Agreement (the “C-PACE Agreement”) between the Town of East Haddam and the Authority, as attached hereto, constitutes the written agreement authorized by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) that we, the Board of Selectmen, constituting the legislative body of the Town of East Haddam, hereby approves the C-PACE Agreement, and
- b) that Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement, substantially in the form attached to this Resolution, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he or she may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the C-PACE Agreement.

Mr. Walter explained the purpose of the C-Pace agreement and noted that the Town will receive a small stipend of \$500 annually to offset administrative costs. The additional administrative burden will fall upon the Town Clerk and Tax Collector and both have agreed to take on the tasks.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator noted that she had a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the C-Pace Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority as discussed herein. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

- Item 5:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Dutch seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED: That the Resident State Trooper Ordinance adopted by Town Meeting, November 21, 1961 and amended at Town Meeting, October 28, 1987, is hereby amended to follows:

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into such agreements and contracts with the

[DELETE: Commissioner of State Police so that a Resident State Trooper] [ADD: Commissioner of the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection so

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that Resident State Trooper(s)] be appointed to serve the town of East Haddam and that the First Selectman be authorized to sign such agreements and contracts on behalf of the town. (Town Meeting, November 21, 1961)

[DELETE: Voted, to authorize the board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and contracts with the Commissioner of Public Safety so that a second Resident State Trooper be appointed to serve the town of East Haddam and that the First Selectman be authorized to sign such agreements and contract on behalf of the town. (Special Town Meeting October 28, 1987)]

Mr. Walter defined the planned changes to law enforcement in town. He noted that the resident state trooper costs go down significantly with the reduction of a trooper, effectuating the ability to obtain more coverage by regular officers. He noted that the resources that go with the resident state trooper are not compromised as long as one is retained.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. The motion adopting the ordinance amendment carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 6:** Mr. Dutch motioned, Mr. Ventres seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Emergency Management - Road Name Subcommittee - and the Board of Selectmen to change selected road names in the Town of East Haddam in the interest of public safety.

Mr. Mansfield reviewed the process undertaken and the need to assist the first responders to be as responsive as possible to an emergency call. Comments concerning Tater Hill Road, Lake View Road (Gander Lane) and Geoffrey Road were expressed. It was determined that Geoffrey Road West (as proposed) should be Geoffrey Road East. The numbering will remain as it is presently.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the recommendations of the Road Name Subcommittee dated 1/24/2013 amended with the change from Geoffrey Road West to Geoffrey Road East with the numbering to remain as presently identified. Three nay votes were recorded, the motion carried via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mrs. Link seconded the motion to adjourn to referendum on May 21, 2013 at noon. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:56 p.m.

## BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 21, 2013

Moderator Ernest P. Malavasi declared the polls open at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$28,700,076, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013-2014 be approved?

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 8:00 p.m. The following result was announced at 8:04 p.m.

Yes: 198

No: 241

Referendum declared Failed.



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING June 19, 2013

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 eighty five (85) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette to serve as Moderator. Edward Blaschik seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Mr. Blaschik 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. Ed Smith motioned to accept the call as presented, John Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 1:** The Moderator advised that Item 1 is to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$28,359,313 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 \$28,359,313, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013-2014 be approved?

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The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at this Town Meeting) on June 27, 2013.

Mr. Walter defined the changes made since the failure of the first budget referendum. He solicited comments. Trish Tamakowski encouraged a full day for voting.

The Moderator emphasized that determination of item #1 will be determined at referendum. She stated that absentee ballots will be available beginning tomorrow. Hearing no further discussion, the meeting proceeded.

**Item 2:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mrs. Alt seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and 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 June 27, 2013.

The cost of the referendum as discussed, the additional hours were estimated to have an impact of approximately \$800. Mr. Walter questioned whether less staff was permissible. Mrs. Alt emphasized the importance of being prepared.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled direct the polls to be open at 6:00 a.m. to conduct the referendum on June 27, 2013. The motion authorizing the 6:00 a.m. start time carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Peter Govert motioned, Harvey Thomas seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power granted by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management under section 4-66g(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Small Town Economic Assistance Program Act), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Haddam make an application to the State for \$431,200 in order to undertake the Center for Community Agriculture Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the

Town of East Haddam:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by section 4-66g(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (STEAP).
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Haddam in an amount not to exceed \$431,200 is hereby approved and that Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with The State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Haddam.

Mr. Walter reviewed the creative initiative that hopes to serve as an economic model that drives small business for open space properties.

Mr. Blaschik questioned the cost of operating the facility in the future. Mr. Walter stated that it is believed that the facility will generate enough revenue to be self-funding.

The Moderator noted that there was a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled accept a STEAP grant in the amount of \$431,200 as discussed. The motion carried with Mr. E. Blaschik as the lone opposition.

**Item 4:** Ed Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,681.00 from the Connecticut Humanities Council, Incorporated, for the "Sherlock Holmes Radio Play at Gillette Castle State Park (revenue account 79-431510-G1205 and expense account 79-541750-G1205).

Mr. Walter advised that this grant helps a non-profit, the non-profit increases tourism and tourism benefits the town at large. He spoke of the significant paperwork involved with grants.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator noted that there was a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled, accept a grant in the amount of \$2,681.00 from the Connecticut Humanities Council, Inc. for the "Sherlock Holmes Radio play at Gillette Castle State Park. The motion carried unanimously.

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- Item 5:** Mr. E. Blaschik motioned, Bryan Perry seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$16,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. to the Town of East Haddam Center for Community Agriculture for a timber framed garden shed (revenue account 79-431510-G1304 and expense account 79-541750-G1304). Mr. Walter reviewed the payment in lieu of taxes agreement that benefits the Town. Patty Stricker was assured that the project will go out to bid and provide opportunity for local bidders. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6:** Mr. Govert motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Rathbun Free Memorial Library and the East Haddam Free Public Library and the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Public Library system”. Mr. Walter advised that it was a 1980’s goal to unify the libraries, he noted that this has been a long work in progress, but both libraries have agreed to move forward as a unified system. The moderator noted that there is a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the “ordinance to create the East Haddam public library system”. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 7:** Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. J. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to dismiss with gratitude the members of the Middle School Conversion Committee. Said Committee having been duly created by legislative body of the Town of East Haddam assembled July 31, 2007, for the purpose of converting the former Middle School to Town Offices. Mr. Blaschik emphasized with gratitude for the work done. It was noted that a new process is moving forward with two new advisory committees, one for conversion of the old middle school to new offices, the second is a renovation effort to the elementary school. The motion dismissing, with gratitude, the Middle School Conversion Committee carried unanimously.
- Item 8:** Mr. Perry motioned, Nancy Haslam seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer in the amount of \$35,851.65 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160).

Mrs. Varricchio reported that this initiative was put in place several years ago to provide incentive for the Board of Education to not spend its funding, but to put it into capital projects for its use. The vote being taken is the remaining funding from Fiscal year 2011/2012.

The Moderator reported that there is a motion and a second that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$35,851.65 from the General Fund to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund. The motion carried with Mr. Thomas as the lone dissention.

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn to referendum. Ed Blaschik motioned, Nancy Haslam seconded. The motion adjourned to referendum at 8:27 p.m. The vote was unanimous.



## **An Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Public Library System**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the “Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Public Library System” be added to the East Haddam Code of Ordinances.

### **RECITATIONS:**

**Whereas** for many years East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library have been financed, managed and operated as separate and distinct public libraries in the Town of East Haddam (“Town”) by separately established boards, councils, directors and trustees; and

**Whereas** East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library have requested that the Town accept responsibility for maintenance of the facilities and grounds and the operation and management of the libraries; and

**Whereas** the Town has agreed to accept such responsibility on the condition that the land, buildings and contents constituting Rathbun Free Memorial Library are conveyed, transferred and delivered to the Town, that the two library locations be joined under one unified library system known as East Haddam Public Library System (“System”), that one board of trustees numbering nine (9) members and one director of library services shall oversee, operate and manage the System and that the private trusts and funds supporting the maintenance, operations and management as presently constituted of both libraries continue to make substantial dollar contributions to the annual costs and expenses of the libraries;

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**Whereas** the Probate Court, Region #14 Probate District in a decree dated January 3, 2013, authorized the Trustee of the Norris W. Rathbun Trust under Will fbo Rathbun Free Memorial Library to transfer the said Library's real estate, furnishings and books to the Town;

## **BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** That East Haddam Public Library System be established; that East Haddam Free Public Library be designated the principal public library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library be made a part thereof. East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library shall constitute one library at two locations and all library services provided the public from said two locations shall be part of one unified library system known as East Haddam Public Library System. The library building at 36 Main Street, East Haddam, Connecticut shall continue to bear the name Rathbun Free Memorial Library, in perpetuity.
2. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** The Board of Trustees shall be the only library board operating and existing under the ordinances of East Haddam and any other board or boards, committees or councils established prior to the date of the first organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees under the ordinances of East Haddam or holding office as elected trustees of East Haddam Free Public Library for the purpose of overseeing, managing or operating either East Haddam Free Public Library or Rathbun Free Memorial Library is abolished. The Board of Trustees may create a set of bylaws for its governance and from time to time, in the discretion of the Board, amend its bylaws.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of nine (9) elected trustees whose term of office shall be six (6) years. Said trustees shall be elected in the manner provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-207.
4. **ELECTIONS OF 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019.** In 2013 nine (9) trustees shall be elected, three (3) to a term of two (2) years and hence in 2015 to a term of six years, three (3) to a term of four (4) years and hence in 2017 to a term of six years and three to a term of six (6) years and hence in 2019 to a term of six years. Upon the election of said nine trustees to the Board of Trustees in 2013 and upon the taking of the oath of office, the Board of Trustees shall be duly constituted under the laws of the State of Connecticut and able to carry out its responsibilities as enumerated below in Section 6. Any vacancy in the office of library trustee created by death, resignation, ceasing to be an elector of East Haddam or removal from the Board of Trustees for any other reason shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-220 and Section 9-167d.
5. **QUORUM.** The Board of Trustees shall hold an

organizational meeting within thirty (30) days of the 2013 election at which a chairperson and secretary shall be elected. Five (5) trustees present shall constitute a quorum.

6. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES.** The Board of Trustees is authorized under the provisions of this ordinance and the laws of the State of Connecticut to carry out the responsibilities of trustees of the System. The trustees shall be principally responsible, in consultation with the Library Director, for developing appropriate policies for overseeing the management of the System's finances, purchasing, budgeting and accounting systems; maintenance of the buildings, interior and exterior, contents and the grounds, driveways and parking areas; hours and use of the premises by the public; developing a job description for the Library Director and evaluating the performance of the Library Director and staff; promoting gifting and other forms of private donation and fundraising; and advocating for the System to the public.
7. **APPROPRIATIONS.** All appropriations for the System shall be requested in accordance with the Town's established municipal budgeting procedures as determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance and adopted at the annual budget town meeting.
8. **LIBRARY DIRECTOR.** The Board of Selectmen shall hire a Library Director who shall have responsibility for the day to day operations and management of the System including assisting the Board of Trustees in developing appropriate policies for management of the System's finances, purchasing and accounting systems; maintenance of the buildings, interior and exterior, contents and the grounds, driveways and parking areas; hours and use of the premises by the public; evaluating the performance of the staff; promoting gifting and other forms of private donation and fundraising; and advocating for the System to the public.
9. **CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM.** The conveyance, transfer and delivery of appropriate documents of title to the physical assets consisting of the real property located at 36 Main Street, East Haddam, Connecticut and the contents and tangible personal property located in the library building situated on said real property by Bank of America, Trustee of the Norris W. Rathbun Trust fbo Rathbun Free Memorial Library as directed in the decree of the Probate Court, Region #14 Probate District dated January 3, 2013 is deemed a condition precedent to establishing the System and the Board of Trustees under this ordinance and failure or refusal of Bank of America, Trustee, to make said transfer and deliver said physical assets as authorized under the terms of the decree will render this ordinance null and void.

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10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of East Haddam.

Adopted at Town Meeting on the 19th day of June, 2013. Published in the Hartford Courant Press on June 25, 2013.



### **BUDGET REFERENDUM**

**June 27, 2013**

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open at 6:00 a.m. on June 27, 2013 and closed at 8:00 p.m. with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$28,359,313, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013-2014 be approved?

The following results were announced:

Yes: 482

No: 367

The Moderator Declared the referendum passed.

## **Town of East Haddam**

7 Main Street, P.O. Box K  
East Haddam, CT 06423

### **Administrative Office Building**

Main Number: 860-873-5020

Fax: (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 860-873-5042, (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) 860-873-5025

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to Noon

#### **Selectmen's Office**

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Linda Zemienieski, Administrative Assistant ..... 860-873-5021..... [admin@easthaddam.org](mailto:admin@easthaddam.org)

#### **Assessor's Office**

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Patty Veselak, Administrative Assistant

#### **Building Department**

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Carolyn Hart, Administrative Assistant

#### **Chatham Health District**

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#### **Finance Department**

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#### **Land Use Offices**

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#### **Tax Collector's Office**

Denise Dill, Tax Collector..... 860-873-5033..... [taxcollector@easthaddam.org](mailto:taxcollector@easthaddam.org)

#### **Town Clerk's Office**

Deb Denette, Town Clerk ..... 860-873-5027..... [townclerk@easthaddam.org](mailto:townclerk@easthaddam.org)

Beverly Christopher, Assistant Town Clerk

### **Public Works Department**

Fax: 860-873-6014

**Town Garage**, Hood Lane

**Transfer Station**, Nichols Road

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

and Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

Elizabeth Lunt, Public Works Administrator..... 860-873-5023..... [pwadmin@easthaddam.org](mailto:pwadmin@easthaddam.org)

Richard Toolan, Public Works Superintendent ..... 860-873-5023..... [pwsuper@easthaddam.org](mailto:pwsuper@easthaddam.org)

Shirley Dill, Administrative Assistant ..... 860-873-5023..... [publicworks@easthaddam.org](mailto:publicworks@easthaddam.org)

Don MacKenzie, Transfer Station Foreman..... 860-873-5030

### **Other Departments**

Don Angersola, **Fire Marshal** ..... 860-873-5004..... [admin@easthaddam.org](mailto:admin@easthaddam.org)

Shawn Daigle, **Fire Chief** ..... 860-891-8400..... [firechief@easthaddam.org](mailto:firechief@easthaddam.org)

Tiffany Quinn, **Parks & Recreation Director** ..... 860-873-5058..... [parkandrec@easthaddam.org](mailto:parkandrec@easthaddam.org)

Michael Olzacki, **Animal Control Officer** ..... 860-873-5044 ..... [aminalcontrol@easthaddam.org](mailto:aminalcontrol@easthaddam.org)

Peter Simmons, **Economic Development Coordinator** ..... 860-891-8503..... [edevcoordinator@easthaddam.org](mailto:edevcoordinator@easthaddam.org)

Craig Mansfield, **Emergency Management Director** .... 860-873-5103..... [ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org](mailto:ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org)

Craig Mansfield, **Facilities Director**..... 860-873-6019..... [cmansfield@easthaddam.org](mailto:cmansfield@easthaddam.org)

**Resident State Trooper** ..... 860-873-1226 ..... [police@easthaddam.org](mailto:police@easthaddam.org)

**East Haddam Police** ..... 860-873-5041..... [police@easthaddam.org](mailto:police@easthaddam.org)

#### **Probate Court**

Jennifer Berkenstock, Judge of Probate..... 860-295-6239..... [lneal@ctprobate.gov](mailto:lneal@ctprobate.gov)

Linda Neal, Probate Clerk

#### **Registrars of Voters**

Laurie Alt & Lucy Yacovino..... 860-873-5029..... [registrars@easthaddam.org](mailto:registrars@easthaddam.org)

**Senior Services**, 15 Great Hillwood Road

Brad Parker, Municipal Agent ..... 860-873-5034..... [seniors@easthaddam.org](mailto:seniors@easthaddam.org)

#### **Food Bank**

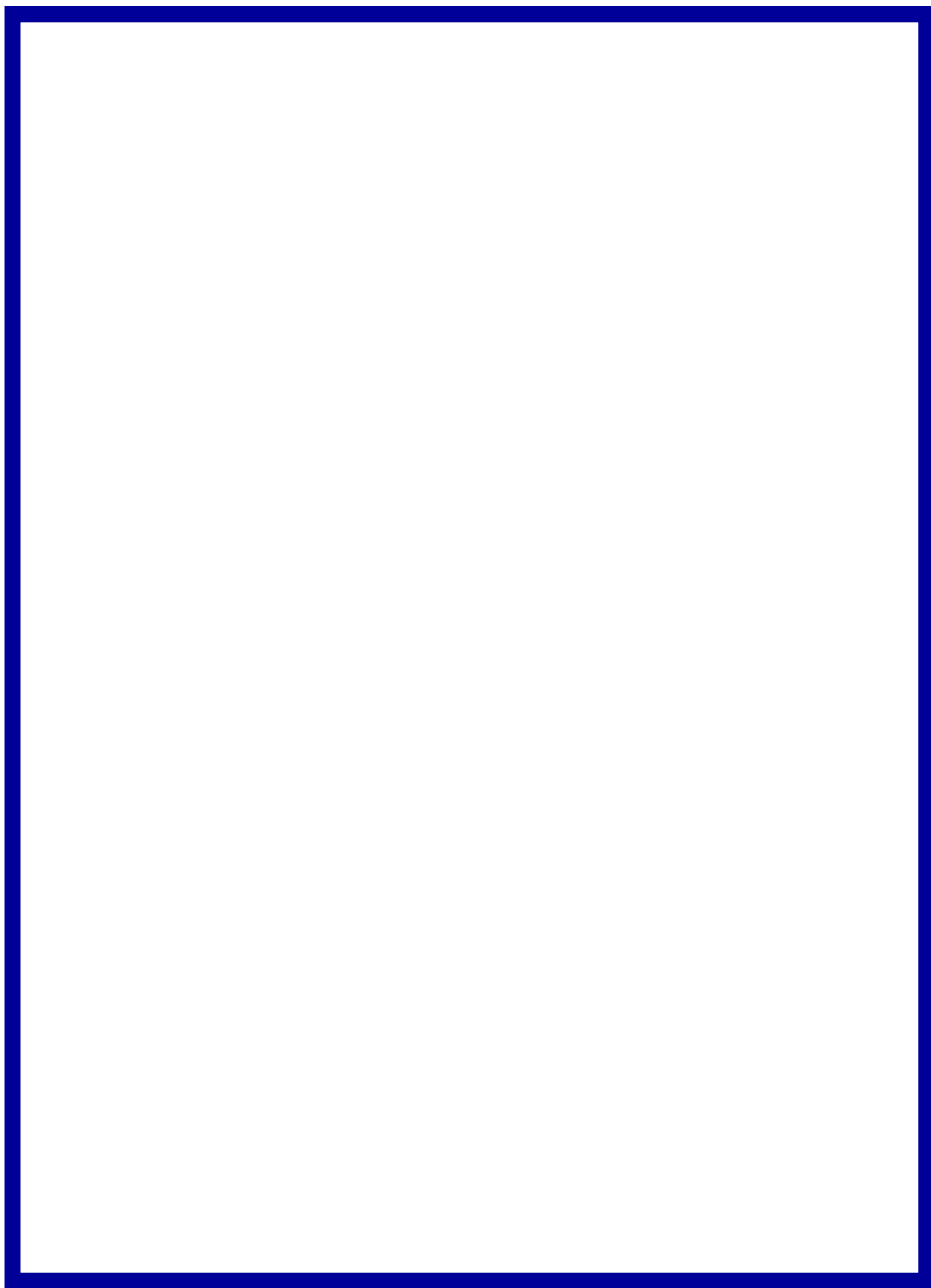
Kim Morin-Becker & Jovita Cozean, Co-Chairmen ..... 860-891-8100

**East Haddam Free Public Library** ..... 860-873-8248..... [www.ehfpl.blogspot.com](http://www.ehfpl.blogspot.com)

**Rathbun Free Memorial Library** ..... 860-873-8210..... [www.rathbunlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.rathbunlibrary.blogspot.com)

Michael Gilroy, Library Director ..... [mgilroy@ehfpl.org](mailto:mgilroy@ehfpl.org)

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# **TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**

## **2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

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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 2012-2013 Revenue Detail

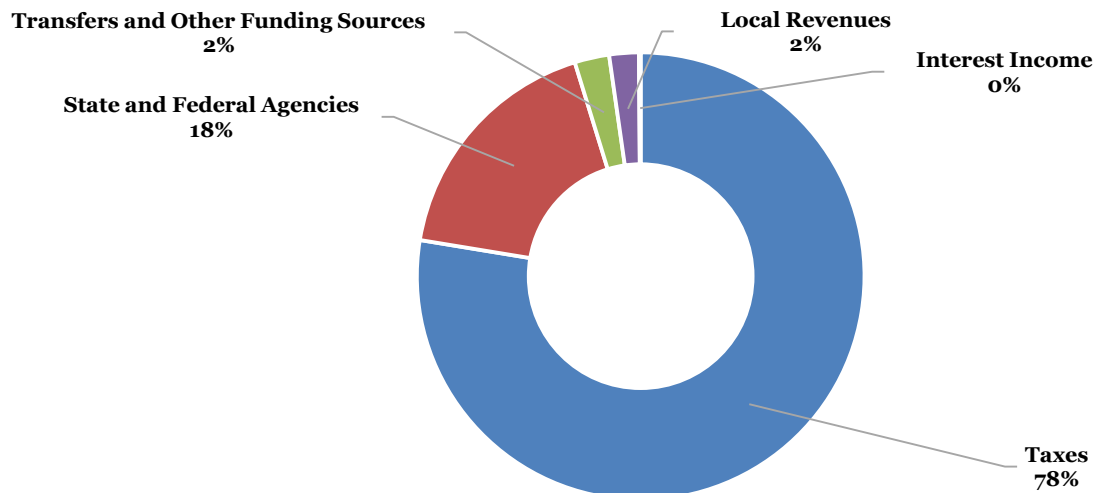
| DESCRIPTION                                 | 2011-2012         | 2012-2013         |                   |                 | 2013-2014         |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                                             | ACTUAL            | FINAL BUDGET      | ACTUAL            | VARIANCE        | BUDGET            |
| <b>Taxes</b>                                |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Property Taxes                              | \$ 20,589,050     | \$ 21,246,664     | \$ 21,232,730     | (13,934)        | \$ 21,915,866     |
| Interest and Penalties                      | 130,925           | 90,000            | 164,236           | 74,236          | 115,000           |
| Other Taxes                                 | 18,263            | 8,000             | 11,547            | 3,547           | 8,000             |
| <b>Total Taxes</b>                          | <b>20,738,238</b> | <b>21,344,664</b> | <b>21,408,513</b> | <b>63,849</b>   | <b>22,038,866</b> |
| <b>State and Federal Agencies</b>           |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Chester Assessor Agreement                  | 43,564            | 43,645            | 44,148            | 503             | 45,577            |
| Finance Director Shared Services            | 4,167             | 25,000            | 25,000            | -               | -                 |
| Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants        |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Revenue Sharing                             | 78,522            | -                 | 55,258            | 55,258          | -                 |
| PILOT State Property                        | 33,418            | 33,418            | 29,967            | (3,451)         | 28,530            |
| Casino Funds                                | 28,048            | 24,947            | 26,963            | 2,016           | 27,111            |
| Town Aid Road Fund Grant                    | 166,925           | 166,567           | 166,902           | 335             | 333,804           |
| Local Capital Improvements Program          | 89,721            | 90,170            | 89,741            | (429)           | 89,741            |
| Education Grants                            |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Adult Education                             | 5,205             | 5,200             | 5,229             | 29              | 5,069             |
| Education Cost Sharing                      | 3,697,641         | 3,718,223         | 3,756,944         | 38,721          | 69,138            |
| Transportation                              | 70,844            | 70,933            | 64,571            | (6,362)         | 3,772,908         |
| Elderly and Disabled State Trans.           | 24,626            | 31,354            | 16,496            | (14,858)        | 15,677            |
| Emergency Management Grant                  | 4,100             | 4,100             | 4,100             | -               | 4,100             |
| Miscellaneous Allotments                    | 143,288           | 68,358            | 385,203           | 316,845         | 25,000            |
| Police DUI Enforcement                      | 12,420            | 25,000            | 22,748            | (2,252)         | 25,000            |
| School Bond Principal and Interest          | 237,105           | 117,619           | 110,278           | (7,341)         | -                 |
| Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled   | 72,050            | 81,930            | 69,042            | (12,888)        | 79,450            |
| <b>Total State and Federal Agencies</b>     | <b>4,711,644</b>  | <b>4,506,464</b>  | <b>4,872,590</b>  | <b>366,126</b>  | <b>4,521,105</b>  |
| <b>Investment and Interest Income</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Investment Income                           | 56,102            | 62,500            | 34,260            | (28,240)        | 35,000            |
| <b>Total Investment and Interest Income</b> | <b>56,102</b>     | <b>62,500</b>     | <b>34,260</b>     | <b>(28,240)</b> | <b>35,000</b>     |
| <b>Local Revenues</b>                       |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Animal Control Miscellaneous                | 600               | 250               | 1,001             | 751             | 250               |
| Assessor Fees                               | 575               | 500               | 543               | 43              | 500               |
| Building Department Permit Fees             | 81,303            | 100,000           | 69,926            | (30,074)        | 100,000           |
| Cemeteries                                  | 1,760             | 2,100             | 3,422             | 1,322           | 2,100             |
| Economic Development Commission             | 3,369             | 3,700             | 3,246             | (454)           | 3,700             |
| Fire Marshal Permit Fees                    | 150               | 200               | 60                | (140)           | 200               |
| Historic District Commission Permit Fees    | 150               | 300               | 150               | (150)           | 300               |
| Land Use Permit Fees                        | 26,797            | 20,000            | 17,745            | (2,255)         | 20,000            |
| Libraries*                                  |                   |                   |                   |                 |                   |
| Library Endowment and Trust Income          | -                 | -                 | -                 | -               | 74,000            |
| Library Fees and Fines                      | -                 | -                 | -                 | -               | 6,995             |
| Library Interest Income                     | -                 | -                 | -                 | -               | 550               |
| Library Grants                              | -                 | -                 | -                 | -               | 1,000             |
| Library Receipts-Gifts/Donations            | -                 | -                 | -                 | -               | 20,600            |
| Miscellaneous and Other                     | 67,411            | 15,000            | 51,682            | 36,682          | 15,000            |
| PILOT Goodspeed Opera House                 | 25,678            | 25,000            | 26,189            | 1,189           | 25,000            |

\*Library unification approved at Town Meeting, June 19, 2013

## Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Revenue Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION                                     | 2011-2012            | 2012-2013            |                      |                     | 2013-2014            |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                                                 | ACTUAL               | FINAL BUDGET         | ACTUAL               | VARIANCE            | BUDGET               |
| Police Special Duty                             | 9,729                | 22,500               | 16,791               | (5,709)             | 22,500               |
| Rent                                            | 11,750               | 14,000               | 13,350               | (650)               | 14,000               |
| Telecommunication Taxes                         | 31,333               | 20,000               | 28,498               | 8,498               | 20,000               |
| Town Clerk                                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |                      |
| Town Clerk Conveyance Tax                       | 61,949               | 75,000               | 84,705               | 9,705               | 75,000               |
| Town Clerk Fees                                 | 72,881               | 75,000               | 86,761               | 11,761              | 75,000               |
| Town Clerk License Fees                         | 26,462               | 25,000               | 23,417               | (1,583)             | 25,000               |
| Town Clerk PA05-228 Surcharge Revenue           | 74,520               | 82,800               | 90,200               | 7,400               | 82,800               |
| Town Clerk Preservation Revenue                 | 5,589                | 4,600                | 6,765                | 2,165               | 4,600                |
| Transfer Station Fees                           | 70,932               | 75,000               | 62,772               | (12,228)            | 75,000               |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees             | 2,500                | 2,000                | 1,760                | (240)               | 2,000                |
| <b>Total Local Revenues</b>                     | <b>575,438</b>       | <b>562,950</b>       | <b>588,983</b>       | <b>26,033</b>       | <b>666,095</b>       |
| <b>Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>      |                      |                      |                      |                     |                      |
| Albert E. Purple Fund                           | 260,291              | 279,626              | 258,653              | (20,973)            | 258,653              |
| Helen Cone Fund                                 | 14,285               | 16,000               | 21,504               | 5,504               | 15,000               |
| Heritage Park Donations                         | -                    | 20,000               | 14,667               | (5,333)             | -                    |
| Palmer Fund                                     | 29,250               | 38,000               | 28,880               | (9,120)             | 28,880               |
| Ray School Corporation                          | 213,864              | 213,859              | 213,859              | -                   | 203,859              |
| Recreation Commission Fees                      | 14,923               | 15,000               | 15,000               | -                   | 15,000               |
| Capital Reserves: Revaluation                   | 125,000              | -                    | -                    | -                   | -                    |
| Capital Reserves: Reserve for Capital Proj.     | 335,132              | 275,000              | -                    | (275,000)           | -                    |
| Capital Reserves: Education for Shared Services | 35,000               | -                    | -                    | -                   | 370,000              |
| Reliance on Fund Balance                        | -                    | 620,000              | -                    | (620,000)           | 310,000              |
| From Reserve Capital-Non-Recurring              | -                    | 50,000               | 50,000               | -                   | -                    |
| From Middle School Conversion Fund              | -                    | 45,520               | 45,520               | -                   | -                    |
| Tuition (from other school districts)           | -                    | -                    | 41,332               | 41,332              | -                    |
| <b>Total Trans. and Other Funding Sources</b>   | <b>1,027,745</b>     | <b>1,573,005</b>     | <b>689,415</b>       | <b>(883,590)</b>    | <b>1,201,392</b>     |
| <b>Grand Total Revenues</b>                     | <b>\$ 27,109,167</b> | <b>\$ 28,049,583</b> | <b>\$ 27,593,761</b> | <b>\$ (455,822)</b> | <b>\$ 28,462,458</b> |

### General Fund Revenue Sources



# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Expenditure Detail

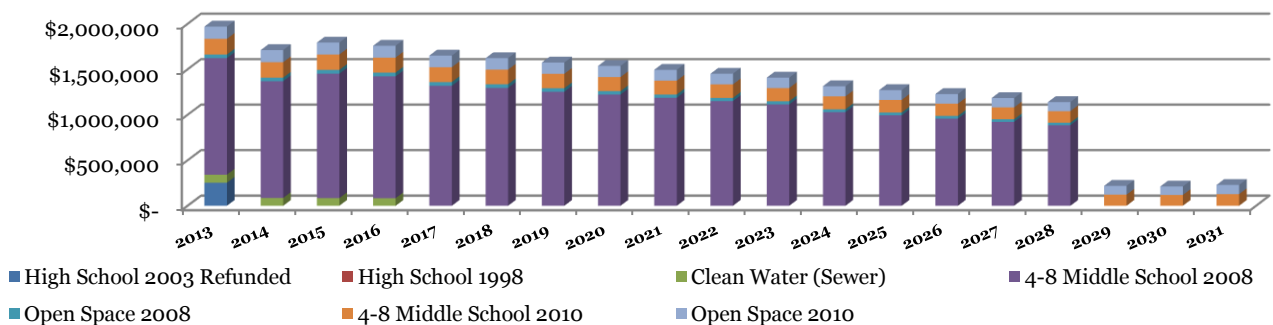
| DESCRIPTION                             | 2011-2012        | 2012-2013        |                  |                | 2013-2014        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                         | ACTUAL           | FINAL BUDGET     | ACTUAL           | VARIANCE       | BUDGET           |
| <b>General Government</b>               |                  |                  |                  |                |                  |
| Assessor                                | 114,852          | 120,396          | 116,426          | 3,970          | 123,040          |
| Building Maintenance and Operation      | 19,080           | 21,904           | 17,564           | 4,340          | 25,206           |
| Central Services                        | 97,639           | 106,623          | 125,487          | (18,864)       | 138,226          |
| Election and Registrars                 | 33,560           | 42,452           | 48,384           | (5,932)        | 44,036           |
| Finance Office                          | 119,906          | 143,194          | 143,226          | (32)           | 45,292           |
| Land Use (Planning and Zoning)          | 191,200          | 173,935          | 160,780          | 13,155         | 166,274          |
| Old Middle School Operating             | 39,393           | 21,710           | 16,119           | 5,591          | 29,110           |
| Probate Court                           | 11,806           | 11,952           | 11,952           | -              | 12,313           |
| Selectmen                               | 124,357          | 129,932          | 128,600          | 1,332          | 133,156          |
| Tax Collector                           | 129,374          | 273,821          | 253,531          | 20,290         | 84,322           |
| Town Clerk                              | 198,022          | 215,437          | 210,291          | 5,146          | 212,147          |
| Treasurer                               | 16,449           | 16,721           | 16,696           | 25             | 16,971           |
| Fringe Benefits*                        | 686,845          | 735,954          | 735,508          | 446            | 838,385          |
| Insurance*                              | 155,678          | 167,310          | 189,264          | (21,954)       | 212,038          |
| Legal Services                          | 61,744           | 67,500           | 69,463           | (1,963)        | 70,500           |
| Technology                              | 101,003          | 107,804          | 100,753          | 7,051          | -                |
| Agriculture Commission                  | -                | 17,625           | 12,509           | 5,116          | 1,750            |
| Board of Assessment Appeals             | 888              | 6,500            | 2,778            | 3,722          | 6,500            |
| Board of Finance                        | 39,148           | 111,900          | 39,239           | 72,661         | 133,400          |
| Conservation Commission                 | 3,978            | 4,418            | 2,568            | 1,850          | 9,205            |
| Economic Development Commission         | 18,874           | 32,432           | 30,581           | 1,851          | 53,521           |
| Historic District Commission            | 1,138            | 2,699            | 899              | 1,800          | 1,961            |
| Open Space Committee                    | 14,895           | 15,410           | 4,867            | 10,543         | 12,815           |
| Zoning Board of Appeals                 | 9,187            | 6,350            | 4,772            | 1,578          | 6,020            |
| <b>Total General Government</b>         | <b>2,189,016</b> | <b>2,553,979</b> | <b>2,442,257</b> | <b>111,722</b> | <b>2,376,188</b> |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |                |                  |
| Animal Control                          | 37,148           | 40,031           | 35,630           | 4,401          | 40,333           |
| Building Department                     | 111,143          | 116,515          | 112,709          | 3,806          | 117,712          |
| Emergency Management                    | 143,314          | 64,821           | 79,343           | (14,522)       | 64,491           |
| Fire Department                         | 193,263          | 207,066          | 200,757          | 6,309          | 230,410          |
| Fire Marshal                            | 15,263           | 27,854           | 27,628           | 226            | 25,800           |
| Police Officers                         | 154,945          | 191,765          | 185,138          | 6,627          | 310,687          |
| Resident Troopers                       | 208,204          | 213,668          | 206,806          | 6,862          | 89,429           |
| <b>Total Public Safety</b>              | <b>863,280</b>   | <b>861,720</b>   | <b>848,011</b>   | <b>13,709</b>  | <b>878,862</b>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                |                  |
| Public Works                            | 940,992          | 991,865          | 991,269          | 596            | 1,016,267        |
| Snow Removal                            | 102,959          | 226,467          | 222,354          | 4,113          | 227,431          |
| Town Garage Maintenance                 | 45,316           | 63,555           | 56,268           | 7,287          | 59,905           |
| Transfer Station                        | 540,978          | 549,861          | 533,762          | 16,099         | 572,727          |
| <b>Total Public Works</b>               | <b>1,630,245</b> | <b>1,831,748</b> | <b>1,803,653</b> | <b>28,095</b>  | <b>1,876,330</b> |
| <b>Health and Social Services</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                |                  |
| Cemeteries                              | 6,297            | 8,000            | 6,846            | 1,154          | 8,000            |
| Health District                         | 74,798           | 75,013           | 76,963           | (1,950)        | 79,091           |
| Human Services                          | 3,250            | 3,320            | 2,000            | 1,320          | 3,920            |
| Senior Services                         | 96,990           | 119,139          | 103,203          | 15,936         | 121,460          |
| Youth and Family Services               | 149,176          | 152,748          | 152,748          | -              | 162,866          |
| YFS Early Childhood Council             | -                | 5,000            | 5,000            | -              | 6,000            |
| <b>Total Health and Social Services</b> | <b>330,511</b>   | <b>363,220</b>   | <b>346,760</b>   | <b>16,460</b>  | <b>381,337</b>   |

## Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Expenditure Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION                                       | 2011-2012            | 2012-2013            |                      |                   | 2013-2014            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                                   | ACTUAL               | FINAL BUDGET         | ACTUAL               | VARIANCE          | BUDGET               |
| <b>Recreation and Leisure</b>                     |                      |                      |                      |                   |                      |
| Lakes Association                                 | 4,314                | 5,150                | 5,075                | 75                | 11,500               |
| Public Libraries                                  | 187,555              | 222,470              | 222,470              | -                 | 345,200              |
| Recreation Commission                             | 102,896              | 112,492              | 104,305              | 8,187             | 109,019              |
| Town Greens                                       | 7,711                | 8,100                | 8,634                | (534)             | 13,350               |
| <b>Total Recreation and Leisure</b>               | <b>302,476</b>       | <b>348,212</b>       | <b>340,484</b>       | <b>7,728</b>      | <b>479,069</b>       |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                               |                      |                      |                      |                   |                      |
| Interest                                          | 792,325              | 693,090              | 693,090              | -                 | 654,252              |
| Notes Payable                                     | 1,217,177            | 1,277,177            | 1,277,177            | -                 | 1,057,177            |
| <b>Total Debt Service</b>                         | <b>2,009,502</b>     | <b>1,970,267</b>     | <b>1,970,267</b>     | <b>-</b>          | <b>1,711,429</b>     |
| <b>Total General Government</b>                   | <b>7,325,030</b>     | <b>7,929,146</b>     | <b>7,751,432</b>     | <b>177,714</b>    | <b>7,703,215</b>     |
| <b>Education</b>                                  | <b>18,109,117</b>    | <b>18,474,584</b>    | <b>18,342,040</b>    | <b>132,544</b>    | <b>18,767,533</b>    |
| <b>Capital Projects, Reserves and Other Funds</b> |                      |                      |                      |                   |                      |
| Transfer to Ambulance Reserves                    | 40,000               | 40,000               | 40,000               | -                 | 40,000               |
| Transfer to Education Capital Reserves            | 176,393              | 370,402              | 370,402              | -                 | 100,000              |
| Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserves               | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                 | 50,000               |
| Transfer to Lakes Reserves                        | -                    | 25,000               | 25,000               | -                 | 5,000                |
| Transfer to Revaluation Reserve                   | 30,000               | 48,430               | 48,430               | -                 | 40,000               |
| Transfer to Capital Grants                        | -                    | 15,000               | 15,000               | -                 | -                    |
| Transfer to Capital Projects Fund                 | -                    | 740,917              | 740,917              | -                 | 378,763              |
| Transfer to Capital Reserves                      | -                    | 275,000              | -                    | 275,000           | -                    |
| Capital Improvements                              | 794,696              | 974,080              | 1,013,183            | (39,103)          | -                    |
| Transfer State Grants to Capital Improvements     | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                 | 423,545              |
| <b>Total Capital Improvements</b>                 | <b>1,041,089</b>     | <b>2,488,829</b>     | <b>2,252,932</b>     | <b>235,897</b>    | <b>1,037,308</b>     |
| <b>Shared Services</b>                            |                      |                      |                      |                   |                      |
| Transfer to Town Maintenance Fund                 | 50,000               | 100,000              | 100,000              | -                 | 50,000               |
| Transfer to Town Technology Fund                  | -                    | 51,443               | 51,443               | -                 | 108,129              |
| Transfer to BOE Maintenance Fund                  | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                 | 125,000              |
| Transfer to BOE Technology Fund                   | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                 | 300,000              |
| Shared Services Staffing                          | -                    | -                    | 18,076               | (18,076)          | 371,274              |
| <b>Total Shared Services</b>                      | <b>50,000</b>        | <b>151,443</b>       | <b>169,519</b>       | <b>(18,076)</b>   | <b>954,403</b>       |
| <b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>                      | <b>26,525,236</b>    | <b>29,044,002</b>    | <b>28,515,923</b>    | <b>528,079</b>    | <b>28,462,459</b>    |
| <b>Carryovers (2011-2012)</b>                     | <b>711,282</b>       | <b>576,801</b>       | <b>535,370</b>       | <b>41,431</b>     | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>                   | <b>\$ 27,236,518</b> | <b>\$ 29,620,803</b> | <b>\$ 29,051,293</b> | <b>\$ 569,510</b> | <b>\$ 28,462,459</b> |

\*Library unification approved at Town Meeting, June 19, 2013

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



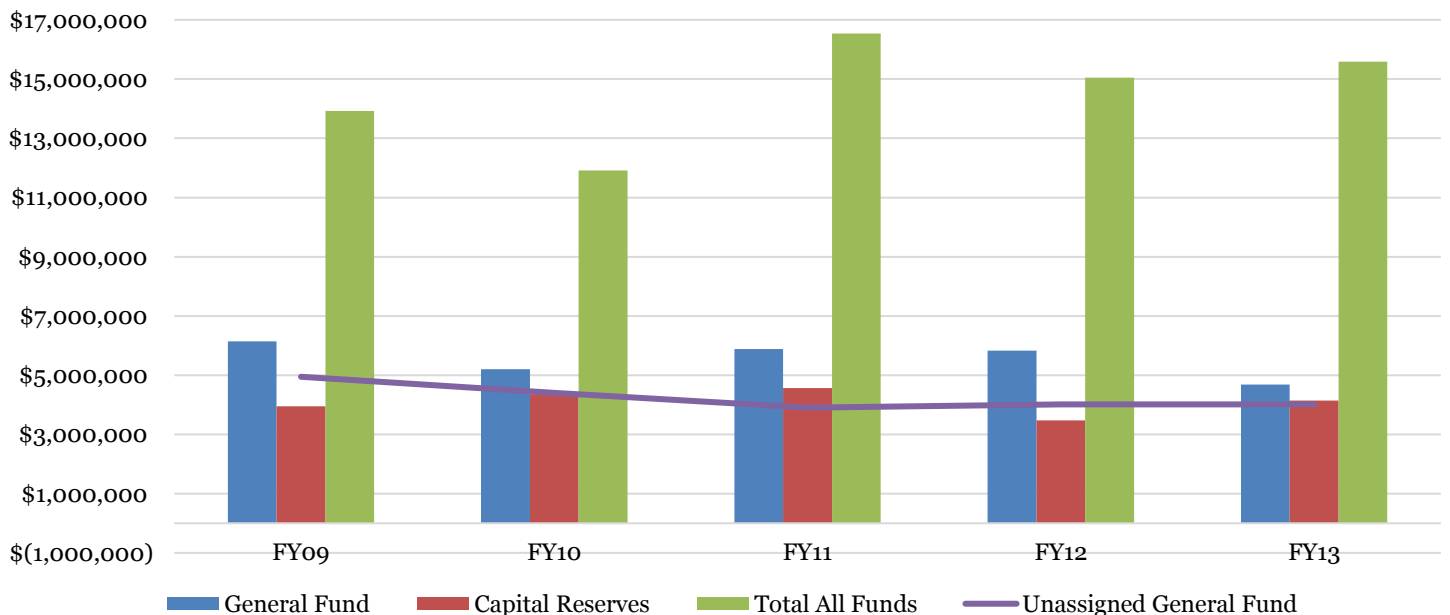
# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

### June 30, 2013

|                                            | General             | Reserve for<br>Capital<br>Projects | Middle<br>School  | A.E. Purple<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                             |                     |                                    |                   |                     |                                   |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$ 4,027,430        | \$ 4,453,932                       | \$ 21,842         | \$ 144,211          | \$ 353,776                        | \$ 9,001,191                   |
| Investments                                | -                   | -                                  | -                 | 5,924,725           | 908,748                           | 6,833,473                      |
| Receivables, net                           | 992,604             | 1,007,900                          | 453,377           | -                   | 56,033                            | 2,509,914                      |
| Due from other funds                       | 1,217,860           | 1,094,909                          | -                 | -                   | 148,892                           | 2,461,661                      |
| Prepaid asset                              | -                   | -                                  | -                 | -                   | 5,318                             | 5,318                          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                        | <b>\$ 6,237,894</b> | <b>\$ 6,556,741</b>                | <b>\$ 475,219</b> | <b>\$ 6,068,936</b> | <b>\$ 1,472,767</b>               | <b>\$ 20,811,557</b>           |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>       |                     |                                    |                   |                     |                                   |                                |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                        |                     |                                    |                   |                     |                                   |                                |
| Accounts and other payables                | \$ 582,600          | \$ -                               | \$ -              | \$ -                | \$ 126,023                        | \$ 708,623                     |
| Due to other funds                         | 468,174             | 1,520,756                          | 56,918            | -                   | 415,813                           | 2,461,661                      |
| Deferred revenue                           | 506,462             | -                                  | -                 | -                   | 104,264                           | 610,726                        |
| Bond anticipation notes payable            | -                   | 895,000                            | 550,000           | -                   | -                                 | 1,445,000                      |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                   | <b>1,557,236</b>    | <b>2,415,756</b>                   | <b>606,918</b>    | <b>-</b>            | <b>646,100</b>                    | <b>5,226,010</b>               |
| <b>Fund balances:</b>                      |                     |                                    |                   |                     |                                   |                                |
| Nonspendable                               | -                   | -                                  | -                 | 400,000             | 45,111                            | 445,111                        |
| Restricted                                 | -                   | 44,256                             | -                 | 5,668,936           | 1,007,056                         | 6,720,248                      |
| Committed                                  | -                   | 4,027,648                          | -                 | -                   | 10,132                            | 4,037,780                      |
| Assigned                                   | 669,928             | 69,081                             | -                 | -                   | 27,000                            | 766,009                        |
| Unassigned                                 | 4,010,730           | -                                  | (131,699)         | -                   | (262,632)                         | 3,616,399                      |
| <b>Total fund balances</b>                 | <b>4,680,658</b>    | <b>4,140,985</b>                   | <b>(131,699)</b>  | <b>6,068,936</b>    | <b>826,667</b>                    | <b>15,585,547</b>              |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b> | <b>\$ 6,237,894</b> | <b>\$ 6,556,741</b>                | <b>\$ 475,219</b> | <b>\$ 6,068,936</b> | <b>\$ 1,472,767</b>               | <b>\$ 20,811,557</b>           |

### Ending Fund Balance Comparison



# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## General Information

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

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

The Department had many accomplishments/achievements for the fiscal year 2012-2013 to include:

- Provided comprehensive budgetary presentations to the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen.
- Provided comprehensive monthly reporting and forecasting to the Boards of Finance and Education regarding expenditures and revenues.
- Worked within the shared services framework with the Town and Board of Education with a goal of maximizing resources and identifying and implementing savings.
- Produced comprehensive and professional Annual Report.
- Issued audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 with unqualified audit opinion.
- Issued State and Federal grant audit reports with no compliance or internal control findings.
- Worked with the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen to contract with a health benefits consultant resulting in substantial savings in health insurance costs.
- Produced for the second year a "Citizen's Guide to the Budget" which was mailed to every household. The Guide was prepared in coordination with the

Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen and provided detailed information on the budget process, budget terminology, how the mill rate is calculated and the proposed budget expenditures and revenues.

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

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

Reports include:

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

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

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Finance Director

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## General Fund Tax Collections

### For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| Grand List | Uncollected Taxes 1-Jul-12 | 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-13 |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2011       |                            | \$ 21,282,142        | \$ 23,394            | \$ 58,849             | \$ 10,647             | \$ 17,821         | \$ 21,253,861              | \$ 21,013,584        | \$ 84,194                                 | \$ 21,097,778        | \$ 240,277                  |
| 2010       | 221,751                    | -                    | 7,479                | 30,119                | 5,952                 | 29,487            | 222,646                    | 146,057              | 36,558                                    | 182,615              | 76,589                      |
| 2009       | 79,534                     | -                    | 7,304                | 27,940                | 2,362                 | 27,477            | 84,013                     | 55,836               | 14,407                                    | 70,243               | 28,177                      |
| 2008       | 44,719                     | -                    | 7,192                | 26,738                | -                     | 26,738            | 51,911                     | 25,758               | 8,394                                     | 34,152               | 26,153                      |
| 2007       | 30,598                     | -                    | -                    | 26,738                | -                     | 26,738            | 30,598                     | 10,251               | 7,551                                     | 17,802               | 20,347                      |
| 2006       | 16,925                     | -                    | -                    | 17,562                | -                     | 17,562            | 16,925                     | 4,143                | 3,552                                     | 7,695                | 12,782                      |
| 2005       | 4,746                      | -                    | -                    | 17,214                | -                     | 17,214            | 4,746                      | -                    | 5                                         | 5                    | 4,746                       |
| 2004       | -                          | -                    | -                    | 16,613                | -                     | 16,613            | -                          | -                    | -                                         | -                    | -                           |
| 2003       | -                          | -                    | -                    | 16,042                | -                     | 16,042            | -                          | -                    | -                                         | -                    | -                           |
|            | <u>\$ 398,273</u>          | <u>\$ 21,282,142</u> | <u>\$ 45,369</u>     | <u>\$ 237,815</u>     | <u>\$ 18,961</u>      | <u>\$ 195,692</u> | <u>\$ 21,664,700</u>       | <u>\$ 21,255,629</u> | <u>\$ 154,661</u>                         | <u>\$ 21,410,290</u> | <u>\$ 409,071</u>           |

#### Suspense collections:

|      |                      |                   |                      |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2011 | 1,253                | 157               | 1,410                |
| 2010 | 2,383                | 609               | 2,992                |
| 2009 | 755                  | 320               | 1,075                |
| 2008 | 366                  | 220               | 586                  |
| 2007 | 303                  | 243               | 546                  |
| 2006 | 1,015                | 1,321             | 2,336                |
| 2005 | 942                  | 1,135             | 2,077                |
| 2004 | 200                  | 272               | 472                  |
| 2003 | 116                  | 172               | 288                  |
| 2002 | 156                  | 276               | 432                  |
| 2001 | 222                  | 413               | 635                  |
| 2000 | 51                   | 134               | 185                  |
|      | <u>\$ 21,263,391</u> | <u>\$ 159,933</u> | <u>\$ 21,423,324</u> |

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dill  
Tax Collector

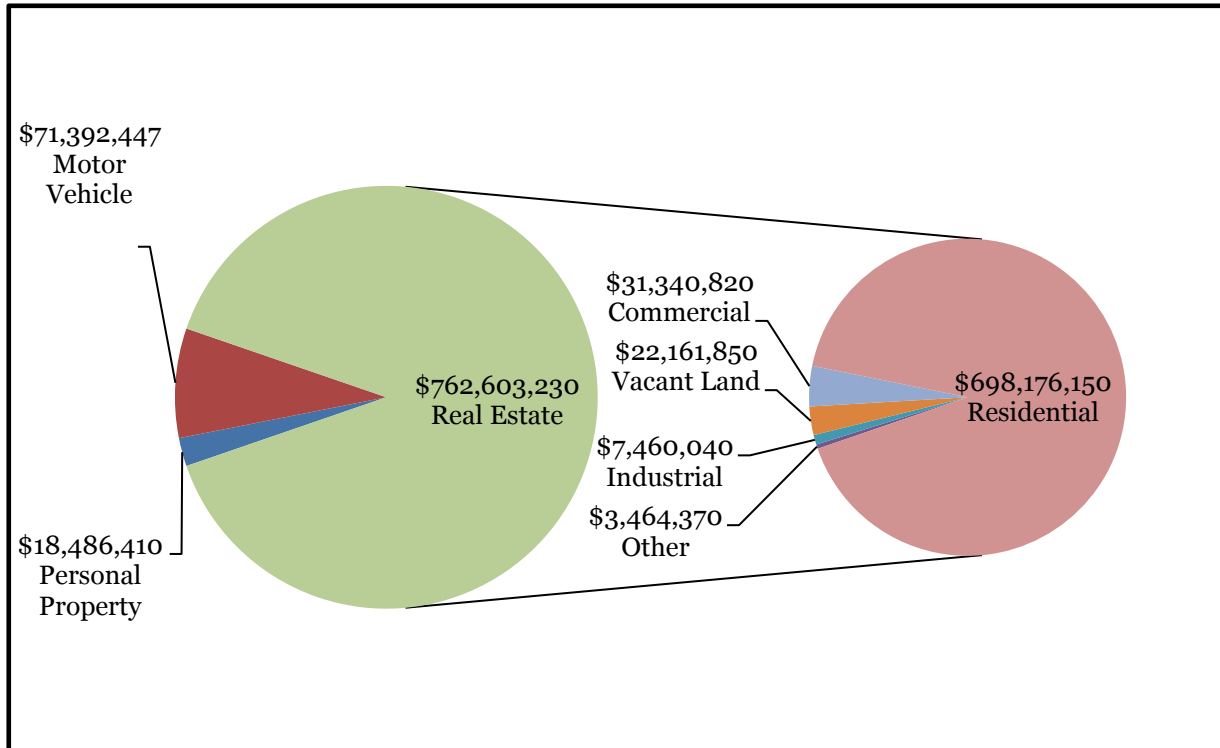
# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

| 2012 Grand List Annual Report   |                   |                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | REAL ESTATE       |                 |
|                                 | Grand List 2011   | Grand List 2012 |
| Gross                           | \$ 908,096,420    | \$ 762,603,230  |
| Exemptions:                     |                   |                 |
| Veteran's                       | 1,149,000         | 1,144,000       |
| Veteran's Additional            | 279,000           | 241,000         |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursen | 504,000           | 514,000         |
| Blind                           | 3,000             | 3,000           |
| Disability                      | 25,000            | 24,000          |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement    | 1,706,184         | 1,800,972       |
| Other                           | 169,520           | 178,880         |
| Net                             | \$ 904,260,716    | \$ 758,697,378  |
|                                 | PERSONAL PROPERTY |                 |
|                                 | Grand List 2011   | Grand List 2012 |
| Gross                           | \$ 17,576,395     | \$ 18,486,410   |
| Exemptions:                     |                   |                 |
| Farm & Mechanics                | 288,750           | 303,140         |
| Manufacturers                   | 204,490           | 197,260         |
| Miscellaneous                   | 14,590            | 12,890          |
| Other                           | 318,000           | 400,880         |
| Net                             | \$ 16,750,565     | \$ 17,572,240   |
|                                 | MOTOR VEHICLES    |                 |
|                                 | Grand List 2011   | Grand List 2012 |
| Gross                           | \$ 71,554,860     | \$ 71,392,447   |
| Exemptions:                     |                   |                 |
| Veteran's                       | 151,640           | 151,080         |
| Veteran's Additional            | 3,590             | 2,170           |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursen | 60,150            | 60,450          |
| Blind                           | -                 | -               |
| Disability                      | 5,000             | 4,000           |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement    | 191,130           | 117,890         |
| Other                           | 2,541,010         | 2,633,930       |
| Net                             | \$ 68,602,340     | \$ 68,422,927   |
|                                 | TOTAL             |                 |
|                                 | Grand List 2011   | Grand List 2012 |
| Gross                           | 997,227,675       | 852,482,087     |
| Exemptions:                     |                   |                 |
| Veteran's                       | 1,300,640         | 1,295,080       |
| Veteran's Additional            | 282,590           | 243,170         |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursen | 564,150           | 574,450         |
| Blind                           | 3,000             | 3,000           |
| Disability                      | 30,000            | 28,000          |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement    | 1,897,314         | 1,918,862       |
| Farm & Mechanics                | 288,750           | 303,140         |
| Manufacturers                   | 204,490           | 197,260         |
| Miscellaneous                   | 14,590            | 12,890          |
| Other                           | 3,028,530         | 3,213,690       |
| Net                             | 989,613,621       | 844,692,545     |

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

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Grand List 2012 Gross Assessment by Category



## Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

| Item              | Grand List Year<br>2011 | Grand List Year<br>2012 | Increase/<br>(Decrease) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate       | \$ 904,260,716          | \$ 758,697,378          | \$ (145,563,338)        |
| Personal Property | \$ 16,750,565           | \$ 17,572,240           | \$ 821,675              |
| Motor Vehicle     | \$ 68,602,340           | \$ 68,422,927           | \$ (179,413)            |
| Total             | \$ 989,613,621          | \$ 844,692,545          | \$ (144,921,076)        |

## Tax Revenue Comparison

| Item                   | Grand List Year<br>2010 | Grand List Year<br>2011 | Grand List Year<br>2012 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net List               | \$ 983,733,333          | \$ 989,613,621          | \$ 844,692,545          |
| Mill Rate              | 0.02110                 | 0.02152                 | 0.02601                 |
| Grand List Tax Revenue | \$ 20,756,773           | \$ 21,296,485           | \$ 21,970,453           |

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Net Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

| #     | Taxpayer                          | Primary Activities         | Assessed Value | # of Accounts |
|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1     | Connecticut Light & Power Company | Public Utility             | \$11,157,270   | 1             |
| 2     | Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC         | Recreational               | 4,059,120      | 2             |
| 3     | Hadlyme Hills LLC                 | Education                  | 3,528,070      | 4             |
| 4     | Banner Country Club Corp.         | Recreational               | 2,135,840      | 1             |
| 5     | Banner Lodge Enterprises LLC      | Real Estate                | 1,996,190      | 59            |
| 6     | Goodspeed Opera House Foundation  | Theatre                    | 1,992,620      | 5             |
| 7     | Fox Hopyard Realty LLC            | Real Estate                | 1,939,070      | 42            |
| 8     | Healthcare Holdings LLC           | Nursing and Rehabilitation | 1,902,040      | 1             |
| 9     | MJABC LLC                         | Resort (inactive)          | 1,638,210      | 7             |
| 10    | Main Street Forty LLC             | Real Estate                | 1,508,360      | 10            |
| 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 |
| 2012             | Year of last revaluation        |
| 2017             | Year of next revaluation        |

## Filing Dates

|                          |                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 1 - May 15      | Elderly Tax Relief—Homeowners                                                                                                              |
| February 1 - October 1   | Veteran's exemption—Additional                                                                                                             |
| May 15 - September 15    | Elderly Tax Relief—Renters (per State of Connecticut no new applicants will be accepted-only those currently participating in the program) |
| 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       | 26.01                     |
| Tax Bill        | (.02601 x net assessment) |
| Tax Payment Due | 696                       |

# 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. 2013 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$33,500 for a single person, \$40,900 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare.
5. Applicant shall have received no financial aid or subsidy from federal, state, county, or municipal funds.

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

#### Qualifications:

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

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

#### Qualifications:

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

Connecticut.

3. Record of service must be during specific dates of conflict (Operation Iraqi Freedom is applicable).
4. Must be owner of 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. 2013 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$33,500 for a single person, \$40,900 for a couple (joint income).

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

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

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Respectfully submitted,  
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