

# *Town of East Haddam* **ANNUAL REPORT**



*Rendering of improvements completed at the East Haddam Elementary School.*

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2017**

## DEDICATIONS

### *Shirley E. Bailey*

Shirley lived her entire life in Moodus and graduated from the Nathan Hale School with the class of 1949. Shirley served as Town Clerk.



### *Beatrice Sophia Balvin*

Beatrice "Bea" was a longtime resident of East Haddam. She was a member and Past President of both the East Haddam and Middlesex County Democratic Womens' Clubs. Bea served as a Registrar of Voters.



### *Ronald Mitchell Brennan.*

Ron was a very active member of the Commission on Aging and an advocate for the Senior Center. Ron volunteered for many community organizations including the Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam Historical Society and the East Haddam Democratic Town Committee.



### *Ruth May Pucias*

Ruth was involved in many East Haddam organizations including the Millington Green Community, Homemakers and 4-H Clubs. She was recognized as an East Haddam Volunteer of the Month for her fundraising and awareness efforts on behalf of the one room school house (which she attended as a child) on Millington Green .

### *James T. O'Brien.*

Jim was an active member of the East Haddam Commission on Aging. He served on the Senior Center Building Committee. Jim was a member of the Board of Directors for the East Haddam Historic Museum.



### *George Ryzcek.*

George "Bud" was a lifelong Moodus resident. Bud served the East Haddam community for many generations including as Scout Master with the Boy Scouts and as a founding member and President of the Little League. He served as a member of the Boards of Education and Selectmen. Bud was co-founder of the East Haddam Senior Housing and a member of the Board of Directors for many years.



### *Theodore E. Shumbo, Sr.*

Theodore "Ted" was a veteran of the Korean War with the U.S. Army. Ted was an East Haddam Constable as well as an active member of the American Legion 156.





# TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

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

# ELECTED OFFICIALS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017



East Haddam Office Building  
Photo by Elizabeth Loomis

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Emmett J. Lyman, First Selectman (R) 2017  
Susan C. Link, Selectman (R) 2017  
Ernest P. Malavasi, Selectman (D) 2017  
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary\*

## TOWN CLERK

Debra H. Denette (U) 2018

## TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen A. Klinck (D) 2017

## TAX COLLECTOR

Denise L. Dill (R) 2017

## BOARD OF FINANCE

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

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

## JUDGE OF PROBATE

Jennifer L. Berkenstock (R) 2019

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Martha C. Hansen (D) 2017  
Lucy R. Yacovino (R) 2017

*\*Not elected*



# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Ronald I. Gross, Chairman  
Peter W. Dean  
Carleen G. Quinn  
Kevin C. Staehly  
Vacancy  
Alternate Members  
Tanya M. Bourgoin  
Bonita V. Buongiorno  
Mark F. Henderson

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael P. Olzacki, ACO  
Jean Cassella, Assistant ACO  
Peter M. Dombrowski, Assistant ACO  
Jeffrey P. McLean, Assistant ACO  
Wendy Savino, Assistant ACO

## AUDITORS

Blum Shapiro PC

## BUILDING OFFICIAL

Vincent A. Garofalo, Building Official  
Kamey P. Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Crary H. Brownell  
Debra H. Denette

## COMMISSION ON AGING

Victoria L. Riley-Pach, Chairman  
Jovita A. Cozean, Vice Chairman  
Rosalie M. Hoffman, Secretary  
Alice Sabo, Treasurer  
Josephine B. Golec  
John A. Pagnani  
Joseph F. Sina  
Alternate Members  
Suzanne R. Bostelman  
Mary Ellen Klinck

## CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Harvey W. Thomas  
Alternate Member  
Crary H. Brownell

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert R. Smith, Chairman  
Charlotte J. Gelston  
Todd H. Gelston  
Marilyn F. Gleeson  
Susan D. Merrow  
Paul E. Sienna

## Alternate Members

Peggy S. Carlson  
Joseph A. Zaid  
Vacancy

Shannon Goyette, Recording Secretary

## EAST HADDAM SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUILDING COMMITTEE

Marc A. Pisciotto, Chairman  
Gary J. Albanese  
Deborah M. Fiala  
Gregory B. Grinsfelder  
Joseph D. Spurgeon

## EAST HADDAM VILLAGE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

William C. Gerrish, Chairman  
William A. Brady  
Robert R. Casner  
James M. Curtin  
Michael E. Gionta  
Melanie I. Kolek  
Randolph W. Dill  
Alternate Members  
Two Vacancies

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

## EDUCATION

### CENTRAL OFFICE

Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools  
Cynthia J. Hughson, Executive Assistant  
Joshua T. Martin, Director of Pupil Services  
Gail M. Duby, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services  
Ronald W. Turner, Director of Operations  
Cynthia R. Varricchio, Finance Director  
Theresa A. Hungerford, Financial Assistant  
Donna M. MacDonald, Secretary to Finance Director  
Mark Knittel, IT Manager

### NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL

J. Eric Spencer, Principal  
Christopher Eckert, Assistant Principal

# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

## **NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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

## **EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Joanne Collins, Principal

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Craig W. Mansfield, Director  
Steven N. Dorfman, Assistant Director  
Jennifer L. Spencer, Deputy Director  
Brian J. Auld  
Shawn J. Daigle  
Elizabeth S. Lunt  
Joseph Szczeck, Jr  
Raymond W. Swol

## **ETHICS COMMISSION**

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

## **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

Ronald W. Turner, Director of Operations

## **FAIR HOUSING OFFICER**

Bradley P. Parker

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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

## **FIRE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

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

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Brian J. Auld  
Shawn J. Daigle, Deputy

## **CAREER FIREFIGHTERS**

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

## **FIRE MARSHALS**

Donald J. Angersola  
John M. Kananowicz, Deputy

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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

## **HISTORIAN**

Karl P. Stofko

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Mark Knittel, Manager  
Charles Warner, Data Integration Specialist  
Brian Kaplita, Technology Specialist

## **INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES**

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

## **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

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

## **LAND USE**

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

# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

## LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Irene L. Herden

## MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Bradley P. Parker, Senior Service Coordinator

## OPEN BURNING OFFICER

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

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

William A. Brady, Chairman  
Historic District Commission Representative  
Joseph Albuquerque  
Economic Development Commission Representative  
Laurie W. Alt  
Board of Education Representative  
Mary E. Augustini  
Inland Wetlands Water Courses Representative  
Mary Colpoys  
Recreation Commission Representative  
Todd H. Gelston  
Conservation Commission Representative  
Edmund J. Gubbins  
Planning and Zoning Representative  
Ernest P. Malavasi  
Board of Selectmen Representative  
Robert R. Smith  
Land Trust Representative  
Harvey W. Thomas  
Board of Finance Representative  
Vacancy  
Agriculture Commission Representative

## POLICE

Emmett J. Lyman, Chief of Police

### RESIDENT TROOPERS

TFC Patrick Hawes

### POLICE OFFICERS

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

## PROBATE COURT

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

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Donald Mitchell, Chatham Health District

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Middlesex Hospital Home Care

## PUBLIC WORKS

Elizabeth S. Lunt, Public Works Director  
Steven T. Hedler, Public Works Superintendent  
Shirley O. Dill, Administrative Assistant

## TOWN CREW

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

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Walter J. Parkus, Chairman  
Daniel J. Carbo  
Mary C. Colpoys  
Michael W. Davis  
Madeline A. Francese  
Charles J. Grillo  
Patrick R. Laffan  
Tina M. Piscioti  
Michael D. Michalski  
Margy A. Roberts  
Vacancy  
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

## RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tiffany S. Quinn

## REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

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

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OFFICE

Martha C. Hansen  
Lucy R. Yacovino

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Emmett J. Lyman, First Selectman  
Linda J. Zemienieski, Executive Assistant



# TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

## SHARED SERVICES

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

## TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

## TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Denise L. Dill, Tax Collector

## TOWN ATTORNEY

Richard P. Roberts, Halloran & Sage LLP

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

## TRANSFER STATION

Donald J. Mackenzie, Foreman

## ATTENDANTS

David J. Grieder  
Jared A. Lawson

## TREE WARDEN

Elizabeth S. Lunt  
Vacancy, Deputy

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Andrew W. Lord, Chairman  
Edward C. Blaschik  
Robert R. Casner  
Richard J. Fiala  
Arthur S. Merrow  
John L. Russell  
Alternate Members  
Richard L. Pettinelli  
Vacancy

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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



*Library System Teddy Bear Picnic.*

## ANIMAL CONTROL

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

All canine owners are reminded that dogs are to be licensed during the month of June at the Town Clerk's Office. Residents that fail to register their dog may face fines up to \$75.

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

From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 the Animal Control Officers responded to 695 calls for service for both communities. Service includes general calls and complaints to include barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife, etc. The call volume is up by 180 calls. This is attributed to the reduced State assistance for wildlife and State properties.

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

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

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

Michael P. Olzacki, ACO  
Jean Cassella, Assistant ACO  
Peter M. Dombrowski, Assistant ACO  
Jeffrey P. McLean, Assistant ACO  
Wendy Savino, Assistant ACO

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held one public hearing for the purpose of hearing motor vehicle appeals on September 10, 2016. There were 11 applications for appeals heard resulting in the Board reducing the assessments on all but one. The Board's adjustments totaled a reduction of \$17,920 to the Grand List.

During the spring session the Board held one public hearing on March 11, 2017. Twenty applications of appeal for real estate and two applications for automobiles were heard. There were two additional applications received but withdrawn prior to the public hearing.

By unanimous vote, the Board reduced the assessments on 20 of the 22 appeals. No onsite inspections were made during this appeal session. The above actions resulted in the grand list being reduced by \$403,520.

Fourteen of the 20 Real Estate applications involved condo units. Based on evidence received it was concluded that condo prices have not maintained their value since the 2007 evaluations. In all the Board worked just under 70 hours attending to taxpayer's requests.

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



*President of the Leo's Club Sarah Gieseler presenting a donation for senior meals.*

# BOARD OF FINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond L. Willis  
Chairman



*Community Lion's Race Winners  
Emily Sienna and Thomas Barlow*

EAST HADDAM BY THE #S	
Population (2011-2015) <sup>1</sup>	9,139
Registered Voters	6,480
Median Age (years) <sup>1</sup>	43
Median Income (2013) ranked 50th among CT's 169 Municipalities <sup>2</sup>	\$89,615
Households <sup>1</sup>	3,453
Median Home Value (2009-13) <sup>2</sup>	\$288,300
Grand List, (October 1, 2016)	\$858,490,432
Mill Rate (July 1, 2017)	29.58
Bond (Credit) Rating – Standard & Poor's	AA+
Miles of Town Road	
Paved	120
Dirt	14
# of Town Employees (excludes seasonal)	
Part-Time	40
Full-Time	43
# of BOE Employees (excludes seasonal and substitutes)	
Part-Time	25
Full-Time	189
2017 General Fund Revenues	\$31,135,227
2017 General Fund Expenses	\$30,818,154
Outstanding Debt June 30, 2017	\$14,210,000
Authorized Debt (not issued at June 30, 2017)	\$20,315,000
Debt Service as a % of General Fund Expenditures (2017)	5.9%
Unassigned Fund Balance as a % of 2018 General Fund Budget	14.4%
Per Capita Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2017	\$1,555

Information Sources:  
1) [profiles.ct.data.org](http://profiles.ct.data.org)  
2) [www.psychousing.org](http://www.psychousing.org)

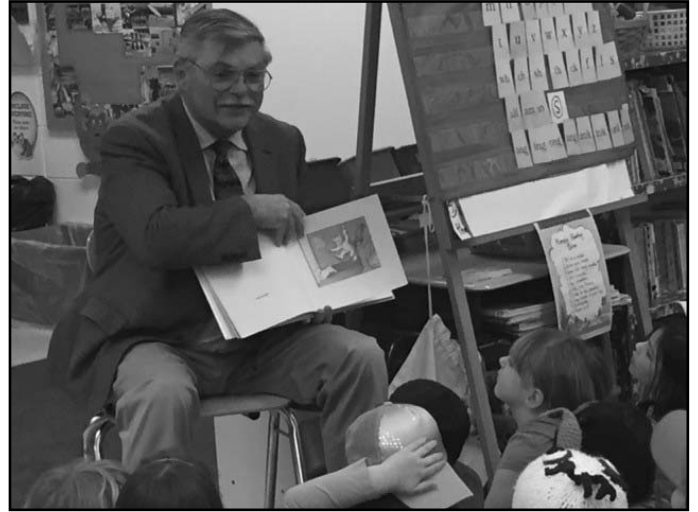
## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

East Haddam has once again shown itself to be an incredible place to live, work and play. During the last year we have never stopped in our efforts to make it the most friendly and beautiful town in Connecticut. Our capital improvement campaign is well underway accompanied by additional projects for enhancing the town.

The renovation of our elementary school was completed in September of 2016. The improvements were significant. When dropping off students or visiting the school you no longer need to walk across an active driveway. Wheelchair access is up to date. We now comply with all required codes and regulations, school busses have their own separate access to the school and the aging roof has been replaced. All completed on time and under budget. Our new Municipal Complex is well underway after many years of planning. The work started in February of 2017 and we anticipate moving in by early 2018. The project remains within budget. Plans for the much needed renovations of firehouses 1 and 2 are complete and the renovations are about to commence promising greater safety for our volunteers and better service during emergencies. The much needed upgrade to our emergency communications systems is also taking shape. The difficult topography of our town has made this a challenge but issues are being resolved one by one and the plan already promises to greatly enhance our ability to deal with emergencies quickly and safely.

We have remained focused on improving our appearance and enhancing our recreational opportunities. We are welcoming visitors to East Haddam with four new attractive signs, each showing emblems of our civic organizations. Nichols field is in the process of being enhanced with an attractive Gazebo, a gift to our Park and Recreation Department from Scout Isaac Manfull as his Eagle project. Well-designed, carefully built and handicapped accessible, it represents a great addition to the site. Nichols Field has also seen the addition of a Disc Golf course. The course winds out through the forest and then back again. Eighteen confusing holes which are played using numerous Frisbee like Disks. Each Disk possessing unique flight characteristics. The game seems simple but it is far trickier then you might imagine. Find someone with a collection of Disks, play a round and see what you think. With adequate rain falling in June our lawns and gardens have never looked better and as an extra bonus the wet weather stopped the gypsy moth invasion in its third year. Our Beach has also been improved, the

deteriorated retaining wall has been replaced with an attractive alternative. We have seen Heritage Park become an important asset to our community. With usage occurring at all hours lighting after sunset has become an issue. On demand lighting for the track has been designed and will soon be in place.



*First Selectman Lyman reading to 1st graders.*

In 2015 Shagbark lumber and Farm Supplies approached the Town with a plan to create a Solar Farm in East Haddam. The program they suggested was called "Virtual Net Metering". In this program electrical power is generated by a Solar Array. It is then back fed into the local distribution system generating a credit for the producer. That power is then assigned to the electric bill of a beneficial account. In this case our schools, at a discounted rate, reducing their costs. The program is new and has not been easy to implement. Shagbark and the Town have worked closely, have surmounted endless hurdles and we are now looking forward to having that power flowing to our schools for the 2017-18 school year. We are sharing the experience of being on the cutting edge of a technology which promises a brighter non-polluting future for us all.

Thank you for trusting in my leadership for the past year, it has been an honor to serve you. It's been a privilege to lead teams of dedicated and energetic employees and volunteers whose commitment to our community and their responsibilities has never faltered.

Emmett J. Lyman  
First Selectman

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Building Department has seen a 14.5% growth in revenues in the past fiscal year. This does not include the new municipal office complex or the two firehouse construction projects.

We are currently working on a more complete electronic permit tracking system and anticipate its completion by the spring 2018. The State of Connecticut shall be adopting the 2015 International Codes along with the 2017 Electrical Code. This code adoption should be done for March 1, 2018.

Vincent A. Garafolo  
Building Official

# of Permits	Type	Estimated Value of Construction	Fees Collected
9	New Homes	2,952,565	30,735
89	Building Deck/ Roof/Windows	932,785	10,604
23	Building Solar	228,696	2,259
106	Renovations/ Remodel/Additions	1,317,576	13,940
32	Garages/Accessory Buildings	1,122,163	10,424
3	Barns	105,130	1,147
13	Swimming Pools	245,641	2,746
8	Demolitions	0	480
1	Stoves (Wood, Pellet, Gas and Inserts)	94,122	2,091
1	Cell Tower	15,000	168
	Renovations (Commercial)	576,706	19,183
23	Electrical – Solar	665,086	7,131
192	Electrical	429,210	6,764
172	Mechanical	657,696	9,678
59	Plumbing	204,942	2,439
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,547,318</b>	<b>\$119,789</b>



*Disc golf.*

# CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT

The Chatham Health District consists of six member towns (Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland) and serves a population of 63,442. The Board of Health consists of one member for every 10,000 population. The Director of Health serves as staff to the Board. The current board members are: Andrew Tierney (Hebron) – Chairman, Peter Hughes (Marlborough) – Treasurer, Susan Bransfield (Portland), Rosemary Coyle and Stan Soby (Colchester), Michael Maniscalco and Kate Morris (East Hampton), Emmett Lyman (East Haddam). The Director of Health is Don Mitchell.

The Board of Health meets monthly (usually the fourth Tuesday). Additionally three subcommittees meet periodically. They are: the Personal Policy and Budget Committee, the Environmental Health Committee and the Community Health Committee. Meeting minutes are on file at the Town Clerk’s Office of each member town and at [www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org).

### Funding:

Municipal .....	\$683,270
State/Federal .....	179,362
Fees .....	151,000
Other (flu) .....	10,000
Interest .....	5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,023,637</b>
Expenditures .....	\$983,354
Fund Balance .....	\$38,283

### Services Provided:

#### Environmental Permits/Applications

Septic Systems (new and repairs) .....	188
Water Supply Wells .....	208
Soil Testing Lots .....	155
B100a review .....	363
Food Service Permits .....	238

**Environmental inspections** were conducted in the following categories: bathing waters, day care facilities, campgrounds, pools, housing code complaints, elevated blood lead cases, general public health complaints, food service inspections, as well as temporary events (190 temporary event food services were inspected).

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

The Chatham Health District is working hard to be a part of the fabric of the community. Lakes groups and schools have partnered with us in the past year. The Director continues to welcome meeting with any community group looking for more information about your health department. Citizens are encouraged to visit our website [www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org) for information or call us at (860) 365-0884.

## COMMISSION ON AGING

The main event this year for the Commission on Aging (COA) was the participation in the roundtable consisting of six COAs from East Hampton, Portland, Hebron, Columbia, Colchester and East Haddam. Discussions were held about how to help seniors and what major difficulties they experience.

Transportation for seniors is a serious problem and Ann McLaughlin of East Hampton started looking into what options are available for seniors and submitted a draft to all COAs showing what is available in different towns. Senior Center Director Brad Parker and First Selectman Emmett Lyman are looking into this matter.

Another concern for the COAs was the state not increasing the funding for Meals on Wheels for four years. Consequently CRT, the provider, had to limit meals to only three days a week and only 11 seniors were able to receive meals. Brad Parker made arrangements with Grist Mill Market to provide meals for the other two days. Residents have been making donations and along with a \$1 Wheel Program, funds have been collected to assist seniors who cannot afford the increase of the meals.

This has been a sad time for the COA, we lost two beloved members who gave many years of service to the COA – Ron Brennan and Jim O'Brien.

Another year is ahead of us and we look forward to being able to serve our seniors.

Rosalie Hoffman  
Corresponding Secretary



*Senior of the Year Nancy Geyson with Senior Center Director Brad Parker.*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION



*Sabine open space hike. Photo courtesy of East Haddam Land Trust.*

The East Haddam Conservation Commission (EHCC) continues its work providing passive recreational activities on the town's many open space parcels. Bi-weekly stewardship activities (weather permitting and the weather this past year often didn't) continued with our volunteers both creating new trails and maintaining existing ones. A new trail was created on the Harris Reserve and the Patrell Preserve. On Davison Walking Park, a second vista was cleared providing a view to the southwest. Working with the students of Franklin Academy, a new footbridge was installed on the Harris Reserve and a 160 foot-long bog-bridge was constructed on the Pizzini Reserve. This bog-bridge is part of the Goodwin Linear Trail. Priorities will be to continue marking and monitoring the boundaries of all properties using the EHCC Standard Operating Procedures and opening up the Town's open space properties for passive recreation. In that vein, two new trails were also created on the Sabine Reserve and another one, also on Sabine was relocated and enhanced. EHCC volunteers continued installing new signage identifying the Town's open space parcels. East Haddam Public Works (EHPW), working with the EHCC, improved or created new parking areas at Boot Rock Preserve, Lena Reserve and Davison Walking Park. The Commission has now GPS'd all existing trails and individual hiking maps have been prepared for all those properties with trails. The EHCC will continue its Outreach and Education activities working with the schools and town youth groups, such as the Boy Scouts, as well as educating the citizens about what East Haddam's open space has to offer.

The following projects were completed. Signs identifying EHCC open space parcels were installed. Several thousand feet of boundaries on open space properties were marked. Another two printings of the various trail maps were done. Anticipated new trail locations will include Lena Reserve, Roaring Brook Preserve and the Lefebvre Preserve, as well as other open space properties. Additionally, continued installation of new signage will identify the Town's open space parcels. Working with EHPW, parking areas will be established to provide a safe place to park and access to several parcels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Smith, Chairman



# EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

**Performance:** Emergency ambulance service was requested a total of 676 times between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. This call volume represents a 3% increase from the previous year. East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) personnel responded to a total of 611 of these requests. There were 65 responses that were not answered by the EHAA. It should be noted that 15% of that was due to one ambulance already on a call.

The schedule coverage for the 2016-2017 reporting period averaged at 67%. These numbers are available through our scheduling system. Schedule coverage is down 15% from last year's average of 82%.

**Membership/Training:** EHAA has continued to actively recruit new members, adding 26 new members over the past year. In 2016-2017, all members completed state wide and sponsor hospital mandatory annual training requirements, including CCR/AED, blood borne pathogen, infection control, hazardous materials, privacy practices (HIPPA), social media and state wide protocol training.

**Community:** EHAA visits schools and other community organizations to provide education on how the EMS system works and other health and safety information. – to include Project Safe Halloween, Ray of Light's Easter Egg Hunt, Touch a Truck, and Summer Palooza.

**Financial:** In accordance with the provisions of an agreement with the EHAA and the town of East Haddam in March 2009, the town of East Haddam has continued to reserve for future ambulance purchases by placing \$40,000 into a capital reserve fund annually. The Association, in accordance with the written agreement, will turn \$40,000 back to the town effective June 30, 2017.

**Equipment:** East Haddam Ambulance Association has three operational emergency vehicles including two ambulances and one squad car. All vehicles have undergone minimal routine maintenance with no extraordinary expenses.

**Facilities:** Administrative office space for East Haddam Ambulance association has been included in the construction plans for the newly renovated municipal complex.

**Notables:** During the past year the EHAA has assisted the East Haddam Fire Department with obtaining their supplemental R1 license. This provides expedited care.

**Summary:** The EHAA continues to provide the highest level of Emergency Medical Service to the residence and visitors of the town of East Haddam

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond Swol  
Chief of Operations

# EAST HADDAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

The East Haddam Lakes Association (EHLA) is a collaboration of those interested in East Haddam's lakes (Bashan Lake, Lake Hayward and Moodus Reservoir). Meeting periodically during the year, many important issues are discussed, with a key ongoing issue being management of stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff is rain that flows over the ground, rather than soaking into it. It flows over rooftops, roads, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces, picking up harmful pollutants and carrying them untreated to water bodies. If not managed properly, lawns and agricultural fields also produce a lot of stormwater runoff--carrying fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals that harm fish and other aquatic animals. Stormwater runoff is one of the largest sources of nutrient and bacterial pollution and sediment buildup (muck!).

Stormwater runoff also leads to algae growth and large algal blooms that compete with other plants and animals for space, sunlight and oxygen. As algal blooms expand, they deplete the amount of oxygen in the water, making it uninhabitable by fish and other aquatic animals.

Bacteria from stormwater runoff also threatens human and ecological health. Contaminated stormwater can damage drinking water supplies, make the lakes unsafe for recreation and lead to beach closures.

Fortunately, stormwater runoff doesn't have to be so destructive! Curbing stormwater runoff and managing rain water where it falls is integral to maintaining lake health. The EHLA encourages lake area residents to be educated in techniques that can be used to manage stormwater, including:

- Trees are the original green infrastructure. Leaves and branches intercept rain as it falls. Roots help to loosen compacted soils and soak up rain water once it seeps into the ground. Trees filter runoff and help to reduce pollution in the watershed.
- Rain gardens are shallow, planted depressions that reduce runoff by allowing it to soak into the ground instead of flowing into the road, storm drains, neighboring property or surface waters. They are widely used by homeowners to capture runoff from roof tops, sidewalks, and driveways.
- Bioswales are similar to rain gardens, but include a reservoir below the surface that can store a large volume of water. Because of their small size and large storage capacity, bioswales are widely seen in areas with limited space but where reducing runoff is imperative for reducing pollution.

The EHLA will continue its work to maintain East Haddam's lakes and protect these critically important recreational and financial assets.

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library offer taxpayers the opportunity to borrow thousands of books, audio/video materials, and digital items for free. Through the library system's website patrons can browse, renew, or reserve items. Membership in LION Consortium, composed of over 30 partner libraries, gives citizens access to millions of materials. The libraries also provide internet and PC access to patrons to search for jobs, complete assignments for work/school, or to keep in touch with friends and family, as well as teaching patrons who are unfamiliar with digital age technology how to use these resources.

Other 2016-2017 Highlights Include:

STATISTICS	
Total Registered Patrons	6,051
Total Digital Collection	20,966
Total Material Collection	43,093
Total Inter-Library Loans	3,216*
Total Circulation	57,503
*State Library Delivery Service disruptions reduced number of Inter-Library Loans by <25%	

- Raised \$13,000 from gifts and donations to the library, exceeding projected income of \$8,000. Special thanks to *The Friends of EHFPL and Friends of Rathbun*.
- Generated over \$7,500 from library services (photocopies, faxes, over dues, etc).
- Supplemented budget with \$55,000 from private library trust and endowments.
- Due to state delivery crisis, we were unable to borrow books from neighboring libraries as we have in the past. As a result, many patrons never received requested items or experienced massive delays.
- To meet patron demand during delivery crisis, the library purchased an additional \$2,719 worth of books and worked with the CT Library Consortium to create a new rotating audio book collection for \$850. Fundraising efforts to purchase these additional materials resulted in \$5,000 in unexpected income, offsetting these expenses.
- Provided access to free wi-fi and 13 public computers.
- Loaned 20,000 Adult Books; 13,000 Kid/Teen Books; 19,000 DVDs and miscellaneous items; and 5,000 eBooks, eMagazines, and Digital Audio Books. Saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in potential purchases.
- Conducted Handicap Access Study as part of library board efforts to make library services more accessible.
- Gave one-on-one technology help to hundreds of taxpayers, increasing their digital literacy.

- Hosted over 300 events for kids, teens, adults and families.
- Coordinated annual Family Night on Moodus Green, attended by over 300 people.
- Worked closely with numerous volunteers, local businesses, and organizations including the Lions Clubs, Leo Club, Historical Society, Art League, Youth & Family Services, Senior Center, Parks and Recreation, School District, Goodspeed Musicals, Local Churches, Two Wrasslin Cats, Gristmill Market and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Gilroy, MLS, Library System Director



*Yard Goat storytime.*



*Volunteer Reception.*

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Community,

It was a very successful 2016-2017 school year. We started the year with an eleventh-hour finish of our Elementary School parking lot and roof renovation projects. Where leaky roofs and crumbling parking lots once stood, our students now enjoy a water tight and insulated roof after they arrive in a spacious and safe parking lot and busing area.

2016-17 marked the first year of a collaborative food service program with our neighboring community, East Hampton. In its first year, the program was able to increase the quality of the food served in our schools and decrease the expenditures on the overhead and management that we faced with contracting a larger company. We met our initial goals and are in a prime position to continue to improve the program. By popular demand, parents are now able to use an online payment system to add money and keep track of their child's lunch account.

Our instructional community was very successful in their efforts to improve assessments that include more performance-based tasks in their daily lessons. While the question and answer quizzes and tests still have their place in today's education, students have clearly shown us more about what they know and how they learn when able to create their own unique representation of their knowledge. We enjoyed students demonstrating their understanding of lessons through their own development of webpages, videos and digital presentations. With the recent addition of more mobile technology in our classrooms, the sky is the limit on the different ways our students can research and explain a topic. The staff and administrators have taken the year to expand our skills as educators to better support our students in this hands-on learning approach.

We look forward to another productive year in the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. The community support and innovative school programs continue to be the perfect mix for our young people to thrive, learn, and prepare for the future. Please visit our website at [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org) for highlights and school information.

Brian S. Reas  
Superintendent of Schools

## MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

Austin James Adams	Jacob Chance Limson
Joseph Alexander Alford	Jahmeen Rahmel Martin
Griffen Todd Andersen	Connor John McCormack
George Thomas Barlow†	Owen Randall McLean‡
Sydney Nichole Bazemore	Kalin Margaret McQuade
Alyssa Claire Bourgeois	Keni Odyssey Mitchell
Hannah Marie Brainard*	Emilia Riley Mitchell-Carter
Jordan Paul Bristol	Jessie Karen Mott
Tanner Lee Burke	Noah Thomas Navin
Gannon Douglas Butch	Colin Richard O'Brien
Alexander James Carbo	Jacob Triston Olechnicki
Alyssa Danielle Carocari	Alexander Zachery Paluha
Katrina Marie Ceceri	Mary Jeanne Pease+
Emily Jeanne Ciccarello+*	Bennet Treat Perry‡
Aliyah Taylor Cirillo	Alyssa Victoria Petty+*
Sofia Victoria Gwendolyn Collas	Christopher John Piasecki
Victoria Mae Conlin	Dominick Paul Pizzonia
Sage Marie Connors+	Hannah Elizabeth Pokrinchak
Cassidy Marie Corey	Marijo Robin Pont Winchester
Stephanie Ann Crysler	Ariana Lin Prichard
Alexandra Elizabeth Currier*	Caitlyn Jean Swan
Nathan Elliot Donner	Brian Thomas Rasimas
Sage Halliday Fazzino	Kayla Jacinda Rivera
Aidan Lee Fiala	Sarina Michelle Robare
Oliver Joseph Filhaber	Kurt Michael Scameheorn
Julia Christine Flannery	Carlie Rose Seamon
Emily Marie Forsyth	Benjamin Emerson Sibley
Sarah Gail Gieseler‡	Alexis Dominique Stanley
Nicholas John Girouard	Jenna Carolyn Sullivan‡
Makayla Renee Goff	Anna Brynn Sweet
Kailee Anita Goodine	Olivia Grace Thayer
Bridget Sheridan Haines+*	Luke Daniel Vaccarino
Darby Lyn Hall	Samantha Anne vanValkenburg+*‡
Cassandra Leigh Allen Harris	Chloe Ann Vigue
Carson Lowell Hemphill+*‡	Kyra Elizabeth Vumback
Samantha Nichole Homar	Dakota Diaz Wolf
Kara Elizabeth Izzo+*‡	Kira Nicole Woodworth
Jake William Lanning+*‡	Meghan Hannah Young
Claire Elizabeth Lavarreda+	Bryan Scott Ziobron
Jacob Gabriel Leach*	Nathaniel Richard Ziobron
Michael Flynn Levesque	

+ Denotes member of the National Honor Society  
\* Denotes member of Tri-M National Honor Society  
‡ Denotes Community Service Honor Award

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *2017 List of Accepted Colleges/Universities*

Adelphi University  
Assumption College  
Bard College  
Becker College  
Bryant University  
Castleton University  
Cedarville University  
Central Connecticut State University  
Champlain College  
Clarkson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Davidson College  
DeSales University  
DigiPen Institute of Technology  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Elizabethtown College  
Emmanuel College  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fordham University  
Gannon University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamilton College - NY  
Hofstra University  
Iona College  
John Brown University  
King's College  
Landmark College  
Le Moyne College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University New Orleans  
McGill University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
Mitchell College  
Norwich University  
Ohio University  
Philadelphia University  
Prescott College  
Purchase College State University of New York  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island College  
Rice University  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Roger Williams University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Francis University  
Salisbury University  
Salve Regina University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seton Hall University  
Seton Hill University  
Siena College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Springfield College  
Stetson University  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY College at Cortland  
SUNY Morrisville State College  
SUNY Oswego  
Temple University  
The University of Montana, Missoula  
Three Rivers Community College  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Maine at Farmington  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of New Hampshire at Durham  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Saint Joseph  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Maine  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western Connecticut State University  
Western New England University  
Worcester State University  
Xavier University





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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).



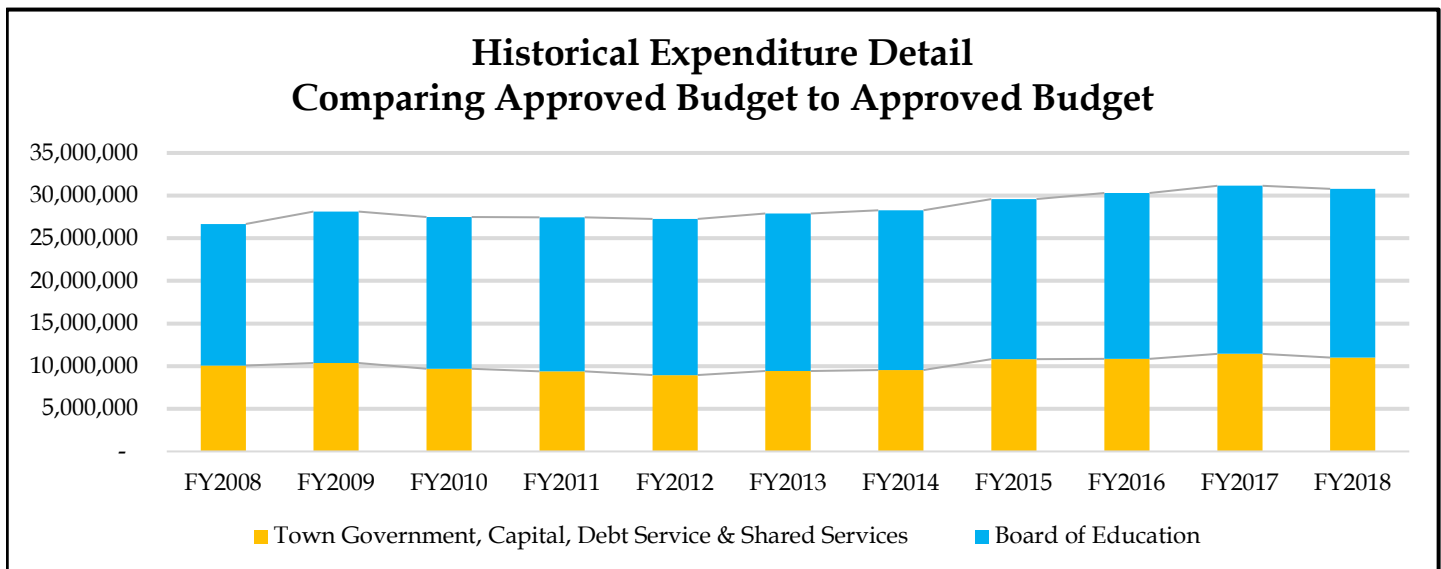
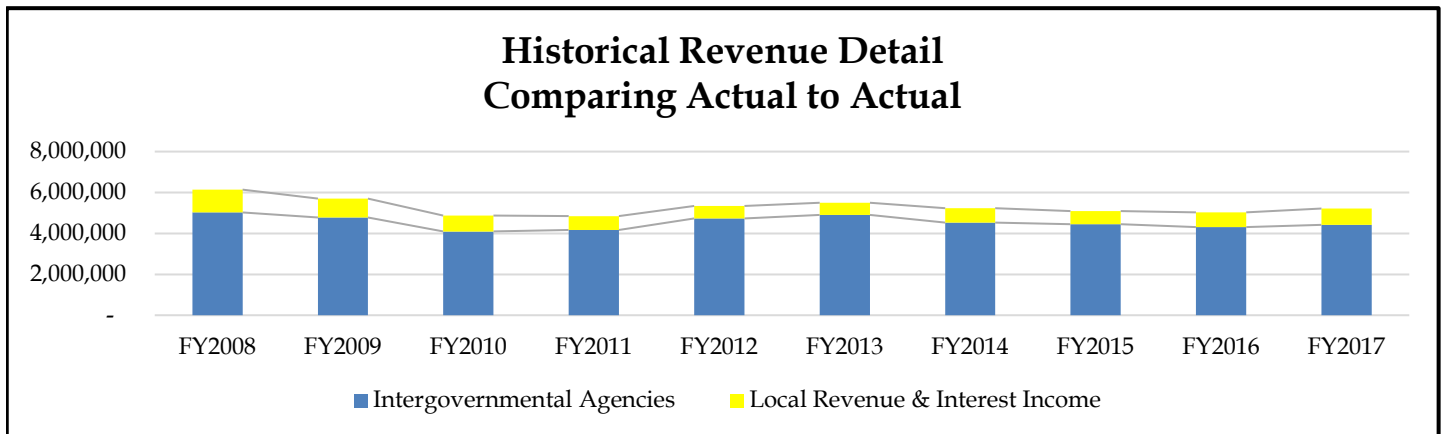
# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Revenue Detail

DESCRIPTION	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017			2017-2018 BUDGET
		FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE Over/ (Under)	
<b>Taxes</b>					
Property Taxes	24,583,141	\$ 25,099,153	25,176,071	76,918	\$ 25,390,957
Interest and Penalties	252,433	140,000	165,517	25,517	140,000
Other Taxes	19,959	8,460	15,099	6,639	7,190
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>24,855,533</b>	<b>25,247,613</b>	<b>25,356,687</b>	<b>109,074</b>	<b>25,538,147</b>
<b>State and Federal Agencies</b>					
Chester Assessor Agreement	48,352	50,044	50,044	-	51,545
Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants					
PILOT State Property	-	8,489	8,423	(66)	23,049
Casino Funds	24,913	27,085	27,046	(39)	27,066
Town Aid Road Fund Grant	331,311	331,311	331,211	(100)	331,211
Local Capital Improvements Program	87,991	87,991	-	(87,991)	161,316
Municipal Revenue Sales Tax Sharing	-	268,344	186,418	(81,926)	268,344
Education Grants					
Adult Education	5,185	5,214	5,551	337	5,604
Education Cost Sharing	48,869	53,290	-	(53,290)	-
Transportation	3,682,589	3,777,645	3,731,058	(46,587)	1,988,441
Special Education Grant	-	-	-	-	988,759
Emergency Management Grant	4,100	4,100	4,100	-	4,100
Miscellaneous Allotments	2,546	25,000	-	(25,000)	25,000
Police DUI Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-
School Bond Principal and Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled	73,451	79,071	67,077	(11,994)	40,898
<b>Total State and Federal Agencies</b>	<b>4,309,307</b>	<b>4,717,584</b>	<b>4,410,928</b>	<b>(306,656)</b>	<b>3,915,333</b>
<b>Investment and Interest Income</b>					
Investment Income	24,532	25,000	24,232	(768)	31,256
<b>Total Investment and Interest Income</b>	<b>24,532</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>24,232</b>	<b>(768)</b>	<b>31,256</b>
<b>Local Revenues</b>					
Animal Control Miscellaneous	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Assessor Fees	291	500	325	(175)	300
Building Department Permit Fees	84,792	100,000	131,267	31,267	110,000
Cemeteries	1,504	2,360	1,463	(897)	2,360
Fire Marshal Permit Fees	60	200	170	(30)	200
Historic District Commission Permit Fees	150	300	50	(250)	300
Land Use Permit Fees	31,555	25,000	17,280	(7,720)	20,000
Libraries					
Library Endowment and Trust Income	57,541	58,000	55,682	(2,318)	57,500
Library Fees and Fines	6,543	7,000	7,975	975	6,500
Library Grants	1,310	-	265	265	-
Library Receipts-Gifts/Donations	8,879	8,000	13,066	5,066	9,000
Miscellaneous and Other	54,413	25,000	75,420	50,420	25,000
PILOT Goodspeed Opera House	28,878	28,750	29,552	802	29,469
Police Special Duty	28,163	20,000	43,456	23,456	24,000
Rent	23,201	16,324	19,631	3,307	20,000
Telecommunication Taxes	26,864	28,500	27,433	(1,067)	26,800

## Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Revenue Detail (continued)

DESCRIPTION	2015-2016	2016-2017			2017-2018
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE Over/ (Under)	BUDGET
Town Clerk					
Town Clerk Conveyance Tax	109,185	85,000	112,780	27,780	100,000
Town Clerk Fees	175,256	150,000	183,602	33,602	160,000
Town Clerk License Fees	21,264	20,000	21,675	1,675	22,000
Transfer Station Fees	36,354	50,000	38,342	(11,658)	40,000
Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees	1,340	1,500	1,170	(330)	1,000
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	697,541	627,434	780,604	153,170	654,429
<b>Transfers and Other Funding Sources</b>					
Albert E. Purple Fund	289,311	289,311	298,504	9,193	298,504
Helen Cone Fund	18,332	19,000	19,180	180	19,000
Palmer Fund	29,946	29,946	30,542	596	30,542
Ray School Corporation	203,860	195,000	203,858	8,858	195,000
Reliance on Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	100,000
<b>Total Trans. and Other Funding Sources</b>	541,449	533,257	552,085	18,828	643,046
<b>Grand Total Revenues</b>	\$ 30,428,362	\$ 31,150,888	\$ 31,124,535	\$ (26,353)	\$ 30,782,211



# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

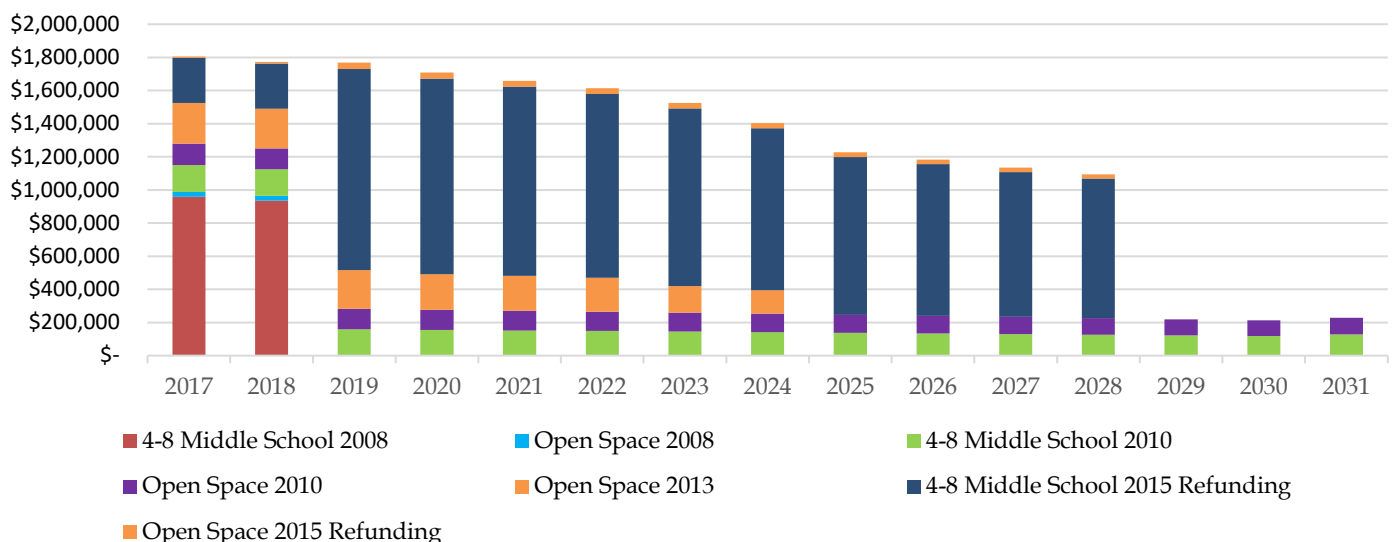
## Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Expenditure Detail

DESCRIPTION	2015-2016	2016-2017			2017-2018
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (Over)/ Under	BUDGET
<b>General Government</b>					
Assessor	\$ 124,726	\$ 130,469	\$ 125,874	\$ 4,595	\$ 132,161
Building Maintenance and Operation	22,434	22,786	20,096	2,690	21,786
Central Services	101,417	110,639	94,770	15,869	104,930
Election and Registrars	50,955	56,900	45,780	11,120	52,000
Finance Office	63,548	66,372	65,860	512	67,673
Land Use (Planning and Zoning)	136,901	144,868	145,751	(883)	144,679
Future Municipal Offices	10,951	17,520	17,510	10	108,400
Probate Court	10,638	10,703	10,703	-	12,115
Selectmen	150,380	155,508	147,803	7,705	157,985
Tax Collector	85,956	94,463	94,365	98	90,747
Town Clerk	208,604	210,649	226,354	(15,705)	222,573
Fringe Benefits	883,645	925,713	861,918	63,795	902,579
Insurance	216,902	232,850	230,160	2,690	230,131
Legal Services	66,934	68,500	66,375	2,125	63,000
Agriculture Commission	-	1,150	-	1,150	250
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,889	2,860	1,299	1,561	3,340
Board of Finance	39,998	134,150	43,756	90,394	134,150
Conservation Commission	15,189	15,250	15,232	18	15,250
Economic Development Commission	30,647	64,036	6,713	57,323	47,650
Historic District Commission	435	1,625	936	689	1,130
Open Space Committee	5,308	7,330	3,002	4,328	6,450
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,105	4,600	764	3,836	2,400
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>2,229,562</b>	<b>2,478,941</b>	<b>2,225,021</b>	<b>253,920</b>	<b>2,521,379</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Building Department	110,765	119,210	114,131	5,079	120,493
Emergency Management	85,557	98,064	97,429	635	98,165
Fire Department	245,851	306,261	302,974	3,287	283,170
Fire Marshal	29,342	34,939	28,473	6,466	35,196
Paramedic Services	-	9,126	9,126	-	9,126
Police Officers	355,344	375,763	376,435	(672)	383,766
Resident Troopers	133,833	159,543	159,795	(252)	198,485
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>960,692</b>	<b>1,102,906</b>	<b>1,088,363</b>	<b>14,543</b>	<b>1,128,401</b>
<b>Public Works</b>					
Public Works	1,029,265	1,081,794	1,049,290	32,504	1,073,901
Snow Removal	210,483	265,699	260,238	5,461	266,652
Town Garage Maintenance	50,502	63,335	55,664	7,671	59,197
Transfer Station	579,452	584,585	582,096	2,489	600,320
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>1,869,702</b>	<b>1,995,413</b>	<b>1,947,288</b>	<b>48,125</b>	<b>2,000,070</b>
<b>Health and Social Services</b>					
Cemeteries	8,599	10,170	8,790	1,380	10,170
Health District	87,859	96,158	95,908	250	99,952
Human Services	3,900	4,920	2,900	2,020	4,920
Senior Services	117,604	129,610	129,213	397	139,245
Youth and Family Services	189,399	193,117	193,117	-	197,304
YFS Early Childhood Council	6,000	6,250	6,250	-	7,000
<b>Total Health and Social Services</b>	<b>413,361</b>	<b>440,225</b>	<b>436,178</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>458,591</b>

## Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Expenditure Detail (continued)

DESCRIPTION	2015-2016	2016-2017			2017-2018
	ACTUAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (Over)/ Under	BUDGET
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
Lakes Association	19,214	19,375	18,324	1,051	20,000
Public Libraries	343,196	359,344	364,435	(5,091)	364,255
Recreation Commission	111,365	116,154	107,078	9,076	121,795
Town Greens	50,757	56,885	56,209	676	57,283
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>524,532</b>	<b>551,758</b>	<b>546,046</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>563,333</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Principal and Interest	1,946,098	1,805,013	1,805,522	(509)	1,771,388
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>1,946,098</b>	<b>1,805,013</b>	<b>1,805,522</b>	<b>(509)</b>	<b>1,771,388</b>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>7,943,947</b>	<b>8,374,256</b>	<b>8,048,418</b>	<b>325,838</b>	<b>8,443,161</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>19,411,370</b>	<b>19,708,961</b>	<b>19,653,492</b>	<b>55,469</b>	<b>19,779,902</b>
<b>Capital Projects, Reserves &amp; Other Funds</b>					
Transfer to Ambulance Reserves	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	20,000
Transfer to Education Capital Reserves	216,034	139,452	139,452	-	100,000
Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserves	69,000	75,910	75,910	-	75,910
Transfer to Lakes Reserves	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-
Transfer to Revaluation Reserve	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	20,000
Transfer to Capital Projects Savings	252,547	392,973	392,973	-	426,598
Capital Projects General Fund Support	911,855	526,395	526,395	-	-
Transfer State Grants to Capital Improvements	821,640	687,646	687,646	-	735,185
Transfer to Animal Control Special Rev. Fund	55,500	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Transfer to Shared Services	1,133,137	1,158,874	1,158,874	-	1,131,454
<b>Total Capital Improvements</b>	<b>3,544,713</b>	<b>3,116,250</b>	<b>3,116,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,559,147</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 30,900,030</b>	<b>\$ 31,199,467</b>	<b>\$ 30,818,160</b>	<b>\$ 381,307</b>	<b>\$ 30,782,211</b>

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

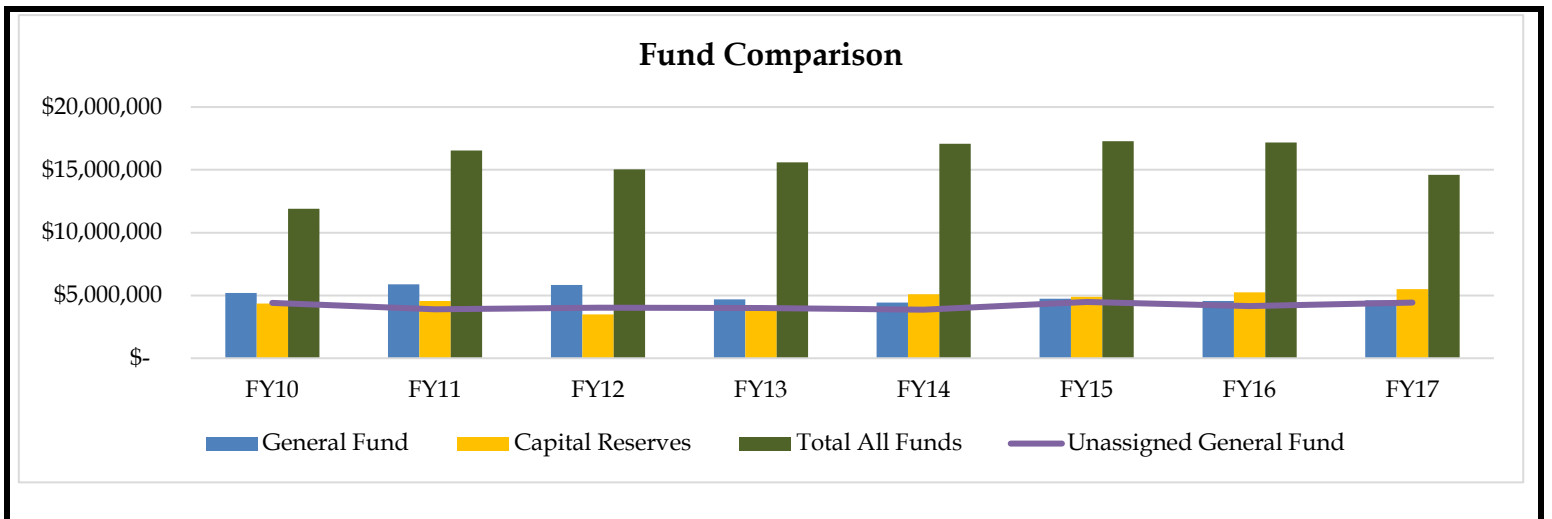


# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

### June 30, 2017

	General	Reserve for Capital Projects	Bonded Capital Projects	A.E. Purple Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds*	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,862,774	\$ 6,018,993	\$ -	\$ 144,470	\$ 271,741	\$ 24,297,978
Investments	-	-	-	7,257,758	963,779	8,221,537
Receivables, net	629,262	123,055	430,913	-	232,560	1,415,790
Due from other funds	1,021,583	-	13,608,342	-	274,465	14,904,390
Prepaid	-	-	-	-	5,702	5,702
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 19,513,619</b>	<b>\$ 6,142,048</b>	<b>\$ 14,039,255</b>	<b>\$ 7,402,228</b>	<b>\$ 1,748,247</b>	<b>\$ 48,845,397</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts and other payables	\$ 596,220	\$ 79,663	\$ 26,674	\$ -	\$ 79,838	\$ 782,395
Due to other funds	13,882,807	570,610	134,545	298,504	138,064	15,024,530
Unearned revenue	9,298	-	-	-	191,172	200,470
Bond anticipatoin notes payable	-	-	17,800,000	-	-	17,800,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>14,488,325</b>	<b>650,273</b>	<b>17,961,219</b>	<b>298,504</b>	<b>409,074</b>	<b>33,807,395</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	423,980	-	-	-	-	423,980
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>423,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>423,980</b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	400,000	45,495	445,495
Restricted	-	-	-	6,703,724	1,156,389	7,860,113
Committed	-	5,491,775	-	-	37,885	5,529,660
Assigned	173,885	-	-	-	121,437	295,322
Unassigned	4,427,429	-	(3,921,964)	-	(22,033)	483,432
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,601,314</b>	<b>5,491,775</b>	<b>(3,921,964)</b>	<b>7,103,724</b>	<b>1,339,173</b>	<b>14,614,022</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,513,619</b>	<b>\$ 6,142,048</b>	<b>\$ 14,039,255</b>	<b>\$ 7,402,228</b>	<b>\$ 1,748,247</b>	<b>\$ 48,845,397</b>



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

# FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## General Information

The Finance office is responsible for the accounting and safekeeping of all funds for the Town. The major functions of the department include – accounting; accounts payable; budget preparation, implementation and oversight; 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 2016-2017 to include:

- Prepared comprehensive budgetary presentations to the Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen.
- Provided comprehensive regular reporting and forecasting to the Boards of Finance and Education regarding expenditures and revenues.
- Worked within the shared services framework with the Town and Board of Education with a goal of maximizing resources and identifying and implementing savings.
- Produced comprehensive and professional Annual Report.
- Issued audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 with unqualified audit opinion.
- Produced for the sixth year a "Citizen's Guide to the Budget" which was mailed to every household.

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.
- General Fund budget reports for Revenues and Expenditures.
- Comprehensive Annual Budgets.

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

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Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia R. Varricchio  
Finance Director



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## General Fund Tax Collections

### For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Grand List	Uncollected Taxes 1-Jul-16	Current Year Levy	Assessor's Additions	Less:			Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Taxes	Collections Interest Liens and Other Fees	Total	Uncollected Taxes 30-Jun-17
				Assessor's Deductions	Transfers to Suspend	Refunds					
2015	\$ -	\$ 25,312,093	\$ 56,470	\$ 87,722	\$ 27,887	\$ 10,799	\$ 25,263,753	\$ 24,913,369	\$ 88,326	\$ 25,001,695	\$ 350,384
2014	270,866	-	29,488	31,245	11,753	1,253	258,609	177,827	40,526	218,353	80,782
2013	67,668	-	-	1,160	7,724	1,053	59,837	50,395	12,828	63,223	9,442
2012	8,773	-	-	228	1,782	228	6,991	6,376	2,797	9,173	615
2011	2,995	-	-	-	-	-	2,995	2,995	2,181	5,176	-
2010	2,937	-	-	-	-	-	2,937	2,937	2,667	5,604	-
2009	2,905	-	-	-	-	-	2,905	2,905	3,161	6,066	-
2008	2,327	-	-	-	-	-	2,327	2,327	1,839	4,166	-
	\$ 358,471	\$ 25,312,093	\$ 85,958	\$ 120,355	\$ 49,146	\$ 13,333	\$ 25,600,354	\$ 25,159,131	\$ 154,325	\$ 25,313,456	\$ 441,223

Suspend collections:

2015	4,040	416	4,456
2014	2,631	684	3,315
2013	2,449	937	3,386
2012	723	391	1,114
2011	358	296	654
2010	183	170	353
2008	387	506	893
2007	509	821	1,330
2006	720	1,141	1,861
2002	384	927	1,311
2001	562	1,455	2,017
	\$ 25,172,077	\$ 162,069	\$ 25,334,146

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dill  
Tax Collector

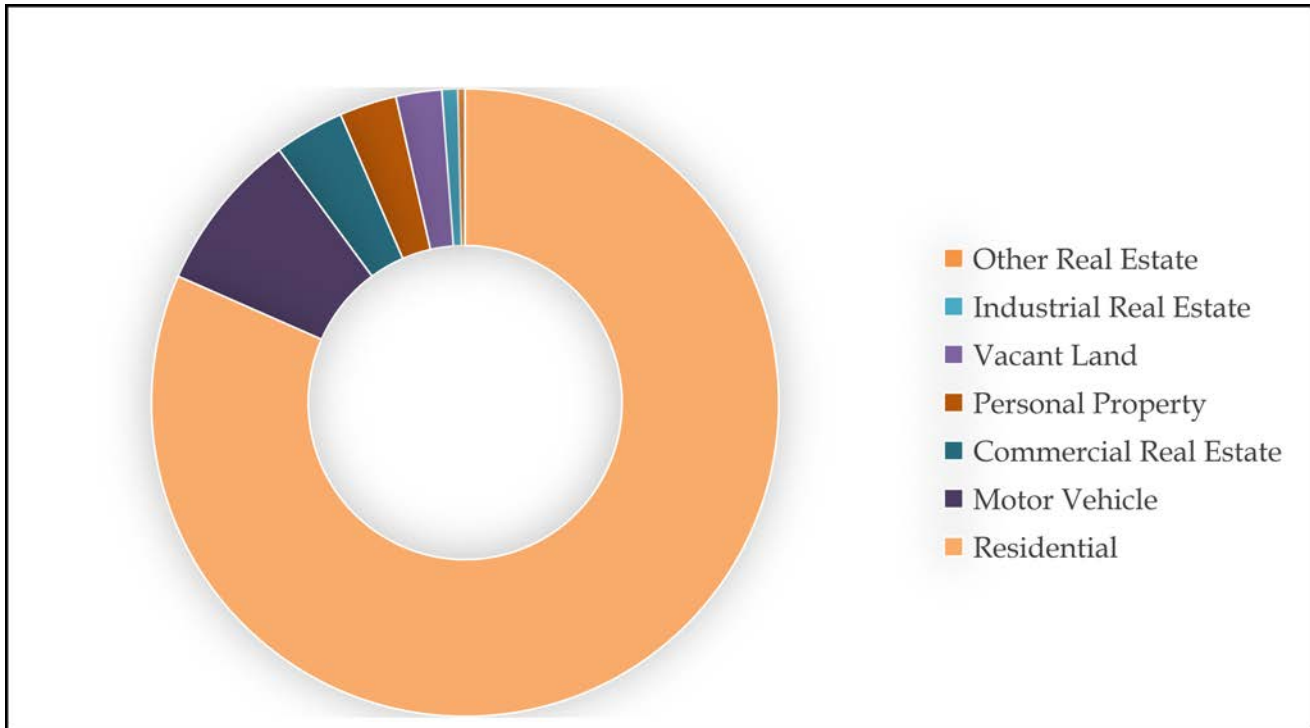
# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

2016 Grand List Annual Report		
	REAL ESTATE	
	Grand List 2015	Grand List 2016
Gross	\$ 769,087,250	\$ 770,555,250
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	1,085,000	1,045,000
Veteran's Additional	164,630	192,630
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	504,500	474,500
Blind	6,000	6,000
Disability	20,000	21,000
Disability Non Reimbursable	888,510	4,393,120
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	1,290,116	1,260,664
Other	195,945	1,030,202
Net	\$ 764,932,549	\$ 762,132,134
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	Grand List 2015	Grand List 2016
Gross	\$ 22,755,510	\$ 25,669,490
Exemptions:		
Farm & Mechanics	261,170	368,110
Manufacturers	397,500	380,710
Miscellaneous	11,470	11,260
Other	475,010	217,340
Net	\$ 21,610,360	\$ 24,692,070
	MOTOR VEHICLES	
	Grand List 2015	Grand List 2016
Gross	\$ 70,834,550	\$ 72,013,410
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	125,370	127,570
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	43,290	46,910
Disability	3,000	3,000
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	156,050	176,792
Other	298,790	376,470
Net	\$ 70,208,050	\$ 71,282,668
	TOTAL	
	Grand List 2015	Grand List 2016
Gross	\$ 862,677,310	\$ 868,238,150
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	1,210,370	1,172,570
Veteran's Additional	164,630	192,630
Veteran's Additional Reimbursement	547,790	521,410
Blind	6,000	6,000
Disability	23,000	24,000
Disability Non Reimbursable	888,510	4,393,120
Fire and Ambulance Abatement	1,446,166	1,437,456
Farm & Mechanics	261,170	368,110
Manufacturers	397,500	380,710
Miscellaneous	11,470	11,260
Other	969,745	1,624,012
Net	\$ 856,750,959	\$ 858,106,872

Historic Mill Rates	
Grand List Year	Mill Rate
2016	29.58
2015	29.35
2014	28.68
2013	27.90
2012*	26.01
2011	21.52
2010	21.10
2009	20.87
2008	20.55
2007*	20.55
2006	27.78
2005	27.23
2004	26.28
2003	25.35
2002*	24.41
2001	30.90
2000	29.93
1999	29.23
1998	28.29
1997	27.20
1996	26.46
1995	25.17
1994*	24.24
1993	35.16
1992	32.87
1991	31.38
1990	30.45
1989	28.84
1988	27.02
*Revaluation	

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Grand List 2016 Gross Assessment by Category



## Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

Item	Grand List Year 2015	Grand List Year 2016	Increase/ (Decrease)
Real Estate	\$ 764,932,549	\$ 762,132,134	\$ (2,800,415)
Personal Property	21,610,360	24,692,070	3,081,710
Motor Vehicle	70,208,050	71,282,668	1,074,618
Total	\$ 856,750,959	\$ 858,106,872	\$ 1,355,913

## Tax Revenue Comparison

Item	Grand List Year 2014	Grand List Year 2015	Grand List Year 2016
Net List	\$ 852,756,014	\$ 856,750,959	\$ 858,490,432
Mill Rate	0.02868	0.02935	0.02958
Grand List Tax Revenue	\$ 24,457,042	\$ 25,145,641	\$ 25,390,957

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## Net Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

#	Taxpayer	Primary Activities	10/1/2016 Assessed Value	# of Accounts
1	Connecticut Light & Power Company	Public Utility	\$16,418,210	1
2	Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC	Recreational	4,349,360	2
3	RMD Land Development LLC	Real Estate	2,295,410	14
4	Goodspeed Real Estate LLC (former Banner Lodge Enterprises)	Recreational	2,221,240	16
5	Banner Country Club Corp.	Nursing and Rehabilitation	1,918,270	1
6	Healthcare Holdings LLC	Real Estate	1,902,040	1
7	Fox Hopyard Realty LLC	Real Estate	1,750,000	38
8	MJABC LLC	Resort (inactive)	1,638,200	7
9	Goodspeed Opera House Foundation	Theatre	1,485,480	6
10	Wildwood Inc.	Real Estate	1,434,760	40
Total			\$35,412,970	

## Important Dates

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

## Filing Dates

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

## Tax Information

Mill rate	29.58
Tax Bill	(.02958 net assessment)
Tax Payment Due	July 1 and January 1

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT

## General Information

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

#### Qualifications:

1. The applicant, or spouse living with applicant, must have been 65 years of age or over at the close of the preceding year.
2. The applicant must:
  - a. Own and reside at the property for which tax relief is sought, or
  - b. Hold a tenancy for life, or for a term of years in such home, which tenancy makes applicant liable for the payment of property taxes under Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or
  - c. Share in such ownership.
3. Applicant must have resided in the State of Connecticut for at least one year before filing a claim.
4. Income Requirements: Income requirements are indexed each year. 2016 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,200 for a single person, \$42,900 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare.
5. Applicant shall have received no financial aid or subsidy from federal, state, county, or municipal funds.

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

#### Qualifications:

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

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

#### Qualifications:

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

3. Record of service must be during specific dates of conflict (Operation Iraqi Freedom is applicable).
4. Must be owner of property on assessment date (October 1), and cannot be receiving a veteran's exemption from another municipality in the State of Connecticut.
5. Can apply for additional benefits based on income. Income Requirements: Income requirements are indexed each year. 2016 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,200 for a single person, \$42,900 for a couple (joint income).

### Motor Vehicle Tax Bill Adjustments

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

#### Phone Numbers:

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Patrice Veselak, Assistant Assessor

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Denise Dill, Tax Collector

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Respectfully submitted,  
Loreta M. Zdanys CCMA II, Assessor

## EAST HADDAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

EHYFS provides a full range of services, including prevention, counseling, juvenile justice diversion, social services, community education, positive youth development and advocacy. We are supported by municipal funds, state and regional grants, private donations and grants from the Department of Education and Middlesex United Way. The agency supports two full-time and two part-time positions, one of which is dedicated to the Federal Drug Free Communities grant which funds the work of the East Haddam Local Prevention Council. Drug and alcohol counseling is provided for middle and high school students through a contractual arrangement between EHYFS and the Rushford Center. All services are offered at no cost to the client. No one is refused services for financial reasons.

FY 2016-2017 was been a busy year for EHYFS. Services have included: On-going counseling for 48 youth and families, 3 elementary family nights involving 190 participants, homework assistance programs for 48 middle school students, summer events, including our third annual Summer Palooza with 200 participants and a middle school beach party with 20 students attending, and positive youth development groups (Youth Helping Youth) involving 27 high school students. Our Juvenile Review Board has diverted 8 youth from the Juvenile Justice system to local, community-based interventions, Weekly Teen Coffee House in partnership with Two Wrasslin' Cats (20 to 25 high school youth attend), Monthly Community Coffee Talks at Two Wrasslin' Cats, Parent and community education programs, including parent seminars, and employment opportunities for 10 youth through our youth job bank program. 105 children were included in this year's Christmas campaign and 23 East Haddam residents received assistance with fuel, housing and other related issues throughout the year. EHYFS guides and works directly with the East Haddam Local Prevention Council to address youth drug and alcohol use. This past year, the council has continued to develop the Parents Helping Youth social norms campaign focusing on positive role modeling, presented 6 community education programs, implemented 14 Party Patrols, created and disseminated educational materials on marijuana and prescription drugs, held two Prescription Drug Take-back events, honored two local business owners for their asset-building initiatives, supplied drug lock boxes to secure medications targeted for abuse and collaborated with physicians and dentists to provide information on safe use of medications to parents and youth.

Toni McCabe  
Executive Director

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

This year, the East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) focused its efforts on regional tourism development. Working in partnership with the Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) tourism subcommittees and the Essex Steam Train, the EDC developed a fall weekend event to help spotlight area businesses in both communities. Local restaurants and coffee shops offered special menu items, a Town St. vineyard offered wine tasting and there were tours at the local historical museum.

In addition, the EDC produced an updated *East Haddam Visitor Guide* highlighting local businesses and tourist attractions. More than 4,000 copies of this beautifully designed guide have been disseminated; additional copies are available at the Town Offices and at many area businesses.

The East Haddam EDC also partnered with the Haddam EDC to jointly interview candidates for a part-time Economic Development Coordinator who would serve both communities. This position is expected to be filled in late summer 2017.

The EDC joined with the East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to reach consensus on uniform allowable uses in the Four Corners area, at the intersection of Route 82 and Route 151, which is zoned for industrial/commercial use. The EDC and PZC worked collaboratively over a six-month period to develop new regulations, which were approved by the PZC in a unanimous vote.

Also this year, the EDC assisted the Town of East Haddam and Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supply Company in the construction of a 1.5 megawatt (MW) Solar Farm. The solar installation will supply electricity credit to help the East Haddam School District lower its energy costs. The solar farm is expected to begin generating green power in the fall 2017.

The EDC continues to explore new uses and design options for the East Haddam Village area. The EDC hired an engineering firm to address the problem of limited access to the old town office building site. The firm proposed a plan, which has been approved by the State of Connecticut Highway Department. The Village area project will continue to be a key focus for the EDC in the coming year.

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

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

In October 2016, the Emergency Management Team participated in a mandatory statewide exercise and planning drill. This drill is run by the State of CT Department of Emergency Management and requires towns to work through a provided disaster scenario and respond to several issues throughout the exercise. The drill provided East Haddam an opportunity to test our town wide emergency operations plans and procedures. Throughout the drill our group had to interact with our local and state partners such as Eversource, DEMHS, Chatham Health and our surrounding towns.

Emergency Management held a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class in January 2017. An additional 9 residents were trained bringing our local CERT team membership to over 70 people. Over the past year, volunteers have attended additional training in shelter management, pet safety, traffic control and resource typing.

Residents are reminded to sign up for the town's Everbridge System. The system enables East Haddam Emergency Management to quickly provide residents with essential information during emergencies. Residents can sign up for these alerts on the town website at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org). You will find the enrollment link under News and Public Information on the main page of the website. Additionally, you can call 860-873-5103 or email [easthaddamalerts@easthaddam.org](mailto:easthaddamalerts@easthaddam.org) for additional information.

For current information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website ([www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org)), join our East Haddam Emergency Management Facebook page or subscribe to our twitter feed [@ehaddamemgmt](https://twitter.com/ehaddamemgmt).

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

Craig Mansfield  
Director of Emergency Management



*CERT Training.*



*East Haddam Ambulance Association*

# ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative who serves in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long-term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month at 9:30 am at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

9TT’s four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. In addition, 9TT provides door-to-door services throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. All 9TT services are open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

9TT’s services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. 9TT also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare. More than 100,000 passenger trips were provided during the fiscal year, more than doubling the annual trips provided just seven years ago. Though 9TT has continued to grow senior ridership, 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half are employment related.

9TT saw a decrease in funding from the state of 2% in the fiscal year. This reduction will impact levels of service provided. 9TT was also notified that it was successful in obtaining funding for new fixed-rout eservice between Madison and Middletown. The service will begin in the 2017 -2018 fiscal year.

This district was able to conduct a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility for the district. This is the first step in obtaining a permanent facility after over 35 years of services to the shoreline community.

9TT successfully transitioned from rural to urban funding from the Federal Transit Administration. This has resulted in significantly more administrative responsibilities along with the largest one year capital allocation in the district’s history. This new funding source provided continued access to capital projects that were not previously possible.

# INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

## MISSION/AUTHORITY

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

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

## LEVEL OF ACTIVITY/ACTIONS TAKEN

The numbers of subdivision reviewed, completed and permit applications accepted were lower than in previous years. Actions taken by the Commission in fiscal year 2016-2017 include:

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

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

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



# LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (RiverCOG)

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected officials of its 17 member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook.



The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme), serving as Chairperson, Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton) as Vice-Chairperson, Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Secretary, and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) as Treasurer.

Fiscal year 2017 was an unexpectedly eventful year for RiverCOG. We welcomed new staff planner Jon Curtis. Jon joined us from Philadelphia, where he worked at the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and earned a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Jon was hired to lead the creation of RiverCOG's first Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of political engagement with the state and federal government on behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2017 we held our annual legislative COG meeting at the Capitol in Hartford with the region's legislators. RiverCOG staff attended a number of hearings on proposed legislation and provided testimony on bills regarding highway tolls, COG transportation investment planning and a municipal option for property transfer fee for open space preservation.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2017 included:

- Creation of a regional inland flooding model to be used by municipalities to predict potential areas of flooding risk.
- Comprehensive ridership count of bus passengers on all runs operated by 9 Town Transit and Middletown Area Transit.
- Creation of a new four year regional Transportation Investment Plan (TIP) for federal highway and transit funding.

- Completing of a Case Statement and Shared Services Study for the regions land trusts, cooperating via RiverCOG's Land Trust Exchange.
- Kicked off public outreach and research for a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Started and implementation phase of the Grow Smart economic growth strategy focused on investigating the establishment of a regional development agency.
- Partnered with the Connecticut Tourism Coalition to further efforts to more effectively capitalize on tourism in the RiverCOG region.

RiverCOG also worked to further regional services and sharing including exploring ways of using staff to provide shared municipal land use services. RiverCOG hosted conversations regarding regionalization of transit services, building officials and health districts. RiverCOG supported municipal advocacy against a Connecticut Department of Health proposal to regionalize town health departments and directors, providing input on the impacts of such proposals.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines, as well as, municipal plans of conservation and development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC is working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. This plan will be a regional land use policy document that guides regional efforts. The Regional Plan is expected to be completed in 2018.

RiverCOG hosts the Connecticut River Gateway Commission which, for 44 years, has served the RiverCOG towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook as the guardian of the "natural and traditional riverway scene."

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Land Trust Exchange, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission and other groups as space and time permits.

RiverCOG also investigated moving to Haddam during the fiscal year. Lease discussions for the Haddam property were not completed in time to allow for a move by the end of the RiverCOG's lease for its current office space in Essex. RiverCOG chose to remain in its current offices for an additional year.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Municipal Office Building Committee has had a very busy year as the project continues to move forward with an anticipated completion date of January 2018. Throughout the year, the committee held regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Additionally, several special meeting and subcommittee meetings were held to ensure the project remained on schedule and on budget.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the committee has completed the following tasks:

- Completed USDA application and approval process for the use of a Construction Manager.
- Published a Request for Proposal/Qualification for a Construction Manager.
- Interviewed nine construction firms and selected Downes Construction Company as the Construction Manager for the project.
- Completed a space needs survey and held meetings with all town departments to review their space needs and requests.
- Approved a facility layout/building program and site plan.
- Worked with Fuss and O'Neil to create an abatement plan for removal of all potential hazardous materials.
- Hosted a Public Informational meeting on January 12, 2017 at which time those in attendance were provided an update on the project.
- Held a ground breaking with the committee, First Selectman and our professional partners (Downes Construction and the architect Silver Petrucelli and Associates.)
- Received Planning and Zoning approval for the site plan and all site modifications.
- Received CT Department of Transportation approval for creating a new access to the site off of Plains Road.
- Well / Public Water Source Design and Approval.
- Signed a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 with Downes Construction.

Both Downes Construction and Silver Petrucelli have been excellent partners to ensure the committee stays on task with this project. The committee remains committed to completing this project on schedule and within the \$15 Million budget.

The committee is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Spring of 2018 and we hope that all East Haddam Residents come to see their new Town Office Facility once it is complete.

All meeting agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the town's website at [easthaddam.org](http://easthaddam.org). Additionally, you can email [admin@easthaddam.org](mailto:admin@easthaddam.org) or call 860-873-5021 with any questions.



*Building Committee and staff: Beginning back row from left to right: Ron Turner – Director of Operations, Craig Mansfield – Committee Chairman, Phil Barlow – Committee Member, Emmett Lyman – First Selectman, Ruth Ziobron – Recording Secretary, Maryjane Malavasi – Committee Member, Edward Blaschik – Committee Member, Charles Dickinson – Committee Member, Erik Dill – Committee Member, Chuck Smith – Committee Member, Roy Parker – Committee Member, Al Howat – Committee Member*



*Ray portion removed in preparation for new addition for Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Assessor offices.*

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Committee members as of July 2017

Will Brady, Chairman, Historic District Commission

Laurie Alt, Board of Education

Harvey Thomas, Board of Finance

Mary Colpoys, Recreation Commission

Edmund Gubbins, Planning & Zoning Commission

Mary Augustiny, Inlands Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Ernest Malavasi, Board of Selectmen

Robert Smith, East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.

Joseph Albuquerque, Economic Development Commission

Todd Gelston, Conservation Commission

Vacancy, Agriculture Commission

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



*Sheepskin Hollow Preserve.*



*Moodus River. Photo courtesy of East Haddam Land Trust.*

# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

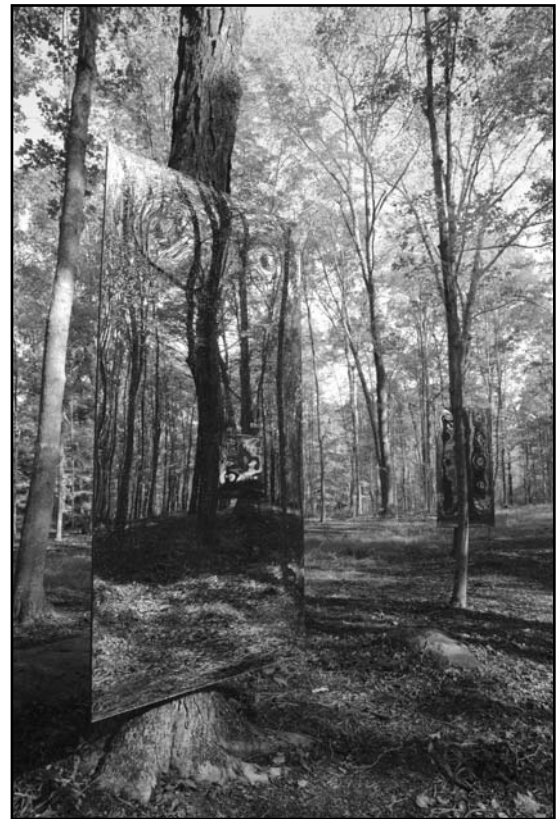
During the fiscal year 2016-2017 the Planning and Zoning Commission processed 2 subdivision applications, 2 were approved, creating 3 new building lots. The Commission also approved 10 Special Exception/Site Plan applications, 2 lot line revisions, 1 Map Amendment, and 87 zoning permits, including 11 single family dwellings.

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

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



*Heritage Park lighted flag pole.*



*I-Park, to a Constellation.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

Once again, the devoted staff in the Public Works Department provided quality and professional public service to the residents of East Haddam and distinguished themselves in fiscal year 2017 with many accomplishments.

The Transfer Station continues to serve the public in an orderly and efficient manner. The total combined tonnage of municipal solid waste and bulky waste handled at the Transfer Station totaled 4,186.1 tons. This is a 1.31% increase from fiscal year 2016. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 1,482.2 tons. This is an 18.48% 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:

- Haywardville Road was fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- Again this year the Town crew placed asphalt to shim and repair roads. Approximately 2,900 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of July/August/September 2016 and June 2017. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Bogel Road, Great Hillwood Road, Davison Road, Fay Drive, Lake Hayward Town Road, Hungerford Road, Mill Road, Stockburger Road, Grist Mill Road and Babcock Road.
- One new truck was obtained to replace aging equipment.
- The preliminary design for the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge over the Moodus River continues. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted to conduct this phase of the project. The bridge replacement is part of the Federal Local Bridge Program. The preliminary design for the replacement of the

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

- The final design of the repair of Bone Mill Road Bridge has begun. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted to conduct this phase of the project. The bridge replacement is part of the Local Bridge Program.
- Annual maintenance of 120 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 14 miles of unpaved roads, tree trimming, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.

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

Overall, the winter of 2016-2017 was average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 21 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on December 11, 2016 and the final storm occurred on March 15, 2017. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 41 inches. The highway department responded in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth S. Lunt  
Public Works Director



*Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School,  
MPAC school spirit.*

# RECREATION COMMISSION

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

The East Haddam Recreation Commission is comprised of nine East Haddam residents who volunteer to guide the best practices and policies of the Recreation Department. They promote healthy, positive recreational activities for our community. The Commission has an advisory role in the following areas: departmental budget, capital improvement, Long Range Plan, the development and implementation of community programs, park maintenance, recommendations for improvements and advancements in all areas. The Commission has worked throughout the year with a facilitator to develop a long-range plan of service, which includes the best ways to serve the community as we prepare to move into our new space at the new town office building.

The East Haddam Recreation Department is proud of the healthy recreational opportunities that are diverse, engaging and trendsetting. Our parks include the Town Beach which includes a pavilion, playground, beachfront, bathrooms and Dog Park; Nichols Field which includes soccer and baseball fields, outdoor basketball court, preschool playground and a Disc Golf course; "The Old Middle School" that offers tennis courts and a skate park. We are in the process and development phase of building a 2-acre multi use, "green space" which would accommodate any field sport for all ages as well as an open space for large group activities and events. Our department is one of the largest seasonal employers of



*Hydroraking Town Beach.*



*Music on the River*

local teens, as well as offering numerous opportunities for high school senior projects, college internships and volunteers of all ages. This diversity brings a richness of experience and a wealth of sharing to our programs that is so special in our beautiful town.

East Haddam Parks and Recreation offers programs for all East Haddam residents.

The Music on the River summer concert series consistently draws over 1,000 attendees per week as we gather to enjoy wonderful concerts with friends and neighbors. Other popular programs include Day Camps for ages 3 to grade 8; Adult and Youth sports and leisure activities, swimming lessons, bootcamp, yoga, art classes, music lessons, soccer, basketball, after school programs, Public Safety classes including EMT, CPR and Safe Boating classes, to name a few. Our department has something for everything- and is always open to trying something new! Consumers Union and Shagbark support the recreation department throughout the year and we are thankful for their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Quinn, Director



## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Registrar of Voters supported a Republican Primary for Selectman on October 25, 2016, a Presidential Election on November 8, 2016, a Special Election for Selectman on December 20, 2016 and a Budget Referendum on June 6, 2017.

Our office registered voters from mail in, in person and on-line applications, ensured our voter list was current with weekly information received from the Secretary of States Office, DMV and Town Clerk, conducted a yearly Canvass to update our voter list, verified signatures for petitions, published notices for upcoming voting events, attended ROVAC conferences at the State and County level which provide continuing education opportunities and registered seniors at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. Registrars recruited and trained poll workers for the elections and referendums and ensured Moderators (persons in charge of elections) were current in their certifications. Due to the State's mandatory requirement for Registrars to become certified, Registrars attended classes at UCONN. The Republican Registrar was recently certified. The newly-elected Democratic Registrar's certification will be completed shortly.

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

As of August 2017 there were a total of 6,480 registered voters: Democrats 1,929; Republicans 1,638; Unaffiliated 2,819, Independent 84, Libertarians 8 and Green Party 2.

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

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

## RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/ EAST HADDAM POLICE

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

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

POLICE STATISTICS	
Police responded to over 8,906 calls for service over the past fiscal year. The following is a list of those incidents:	
Homicide	0
Kidnapping/ Abduction	0
Narcotics (Sale of or Possession)	13
Assaults	1
Liquor Law Violations	3
Fires/ Arson	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Injuries)	78
Motor Vehicle Accidents (With Injuries)	30
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Fatal)	1
Burglaries	8
Sex Assaults/Offenses	0
Disturbances/ Harassment	49
Medical Assist	130
Criminal Mischief	22
Burglar Alarms (Actual and False)	345
DUI	28
Missing Persons	5
Traffic Enforcement	1,680
Untimely Deaths	11
Trespassing	5
Weapon Offenses	8
Suspicious Incidents	164
Traffic Services	180
Assist Other Agencies	189
Assist Citizens	427
Larcenies	40
Patrol Checks	5,079
Administrative Duties	289

# SENIOR SERVICES



The *Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program* and our Senior Center Café served thousands of meals to seniors this past year.

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

This year, the Center and the Commission on Aging (COA) continued an outreach program. Volunteers are visiting the seniors in our community who are not utilizing the services available at the Senior Center. The goal is to acquaint our citizens with the many services that are available as well as the social activities.

Intergenerational programs are important to the seniors. This past summer, we were fortunate to have the company of high schools students at many times throughout the year. They assisted our seniors with their projects and activities. Every spring, we appreciate the efforts of the VoAg students who beautify the grounds. The Leos Club and Straight from the Heart Club are also very helpful throughout the year with a variety of programs. The school music department also comes several times during the year to entertain the seniors.

The senior center building is used many times during the year by civic groups. The Community Lions, Leos Club, Garden Club, Land Trust, Park and Recreation, are among the groups that we share our building with.

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

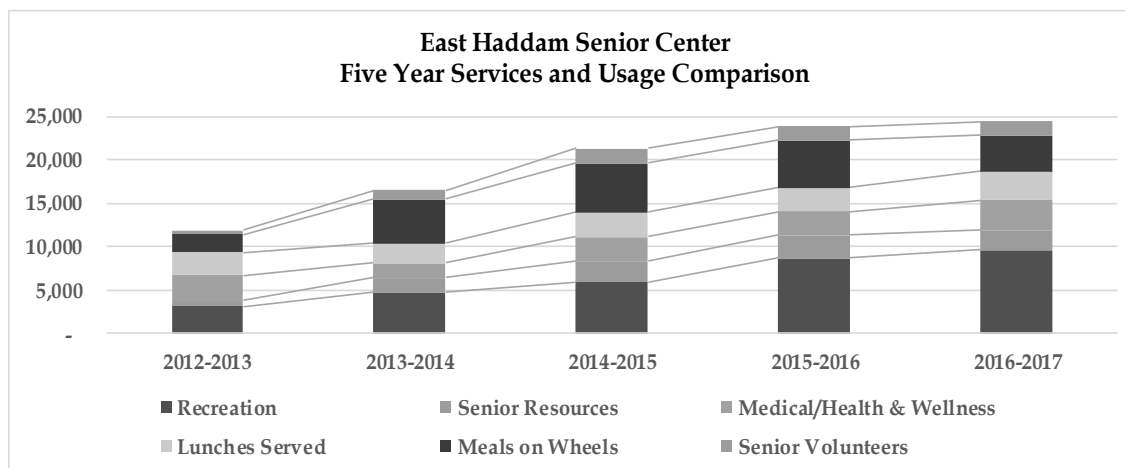
Brad Parker  
Senior Services Director  
Municipal Agent

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

Our attendance numbers have been increasing. During the past year, there were 24,388 sign-ins at the Senior Center; last year's sign-ins were 24,274. Over the last five years the Center went from 11,914 sign-ins for 2012-2013 to a high of 24,388 for the 2016-2017 year. Weekly activities include exercise programs, crafts, as well as organized card and board games. And, of course, BINGO once a month! Use of our exercise equipment is increasing and more people are taking advantage of our technology tutors. The walking path located in Heritage Park has become very popular and is used by community members of all ages.

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

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





## SHARED SERVICES

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

2016-2017 accomplishments include:

- The annual town audit was completed with an unqualified audit opinion (for greater financial information please see finance insert at the center of this Annual Report).
- Beautification and enhancements to Town and Board of Education properties to include:
  - Elementary school construction project was successfully completed.
  - High school varsity baseball field fence was installed.
  - Climbing wall was installed in elementary school gym with funding from Consumer's Union.
  - Six informational display monitors were installed in all three schools with funding from Consumer's Union.
  - Five water bottle filling stations were installed in all three schools, since their installation they have served the equivalent of 41,000 disposable water bottles.
  - A local contractor replaced the Grange Hall roof as part of the capital improvement plan.
  - Mowing and grounds maintenance of all town parks, buildings, cemeteries and greens continues by maintenance staff.
  - The Transfer Station building was re-sided as part of the capital improvement plan.
  - Four town welcome roadway signs were replaced with funding from Consumer's Union.
  - Overflow Senior Center parking was paved by a local contractor.
  - Maintenance staff cleaned and thoroughly prepared the town boat dock on the Connecticut River for a DEEP ceremony and tour of the grant sponsored dock areas.
- Provided professional technology support to the Board of Education and the Town to include:
  - Installation of Chromebook carts for student use at all three schools.
  - New school district website was implemented at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.
  - Implemented full online scheduling for classes at the high school.

Shared Services continues to be very active across the community to ensure safe and maintained facilities and grounds, strong financial oversight and to accommodate students and staff with the ever-changing technology needs.

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



*Elementary School Early Childhood Council*



*Elementary School Early Childhood Council*



*Leo's Club 2016 Applefest.*

# TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is one of the most visited offices in the Town Office Building. It serves as the center for permanent records for the residents of the community and its government. The Town's most important documents are trusted to the Town Clerk. Documentation regarding the birth of your child, the death of a loved one, or the purchase or sale of your home comes through the Clerk's Office. Military discharges, notary public services and registrations, liquor, burial and cremation permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions are responsibilities of the Clerk. We also issue 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, 2016/2017 had a Presidential Preference Primary, a primary for Special Election, a Special Election (for First Selectman following the resignation of Mark Walter), Presidential Election, and budget referendum.

The functions of the Office of Town Clerk are governed by State Statute.

The Clerk is a major collector of revenue for the State of Connecticut as well as for the Town as indicated on the table below.

Town Clerk Fees Collected 2016-2017	
Map and land records recording fees	\$56,767
Conveyance Tax	\$112,780
Nominee fees, preservation taxes and surcharges	\$104,881
Dog and sporting licenses	\$21,675
Vital statistic fees and permits	\$12,092
Copies, internet fees, notary, liquor and miscellaneous fees	\$12,887
Total	\$321,081

A total of \$452,693.60 was forwarded to the State of Connecticut, collected by the Clerk's Office, This figure includes \$338,340.60 that passes directly through to the State. The Town Retained \$206,717.70 of the fees collected.

Land records are available on line at [www.uslandrecords.com](http://www.uslandrecords.com). Indexes go back to 1955 and images are now available from 1990 forward. Tying images to the land records has been an on-going, labor intensive project being done in-house at a cost savings of thousands of dollars to the Town. Additionally, minutes are being stored to laser fische.

Once again dog licensing was promoted through the "Top Dog" contest in coordination with the Middle

School. A \$4,000 grant was obtained from the Historic Document Preservation Program and utilized to purchase an additional map cabinet.

In addition to the numerous statutory requirements, the Town Clerk continues to provide recording secretarial services to the Board of Finance and is one of two administrators of the Town's website.

The Town Clerk's office recorded 67 births, 82 marriages, 81 deaths.

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



*East Haddam's Top Dog, Mocha, an eight year old Chocolate Labrador Retriever belongs to the McGahee family.*



*East Haddam's Top Dog runner-up Max. Max belongs to the Savage family.*

## 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 2016-2017 fiscal year was the 17th year of full operations of the Town's sewer collection and treatment system. The flows averaged 14,000 gallons per day; which is just over 25% of system capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 34,000 gallons per day or 62% of the system's capacity. Over 96% of the pollutants are typically removed. Sludge is taken to Cromwell for disposal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals, for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, heard a total of 11 cases. This is down from the 15 cases that were heard over the last fiscal year. The 11 requests were for variances as noted below:

- Property line setbacks for construction (8)
- Total signage (1)
- Size of accessory dwellings allowed on a property (1)
- Interior lot regulations (1)

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

Board Members:

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



*Teen event at East Haddam Free Public Library.*

# TOWN MEETINGS

## Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

**October 26, 2016**  
**Republican Primary**  
**Nathan Hale-Ray High School Gymnasium**

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 am at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School gymnasium, Moderator Craig Rogoff declared the polls open for a Republican Primary for the Office of First Selectman in connection with a Special Election that has been called pursuant to petition to be held on December 20, 2016. The polls were closed at 8:00 pm.

The following results were announced at 8:40 pm following a hand count.

Emmett J. Lyman	322
Todd H. Gelston	197
Blank Ballot	1

490 votes were cast in person, 35 absentee ballots were cast, 5 absentee ballots were rejected

**November 8, 2016**  
**Nathan Hale-Ray High School Gymnasium**

Moderator Lloyd Neudecker declared the polls open on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 6:00 am at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School gymnasium for purposes of conducting the State Election. The polls were declared closed at 8:00 pm. The following results were announced at 8:40 pm.

6,564 electors eligible to vote. 5,072 voters checked as voting, including 77 Election Day Registration Ballots and 370 Absentee Ballots.

Election Results – East Haddam Only				
OFFICE	PARTY	CANDIDATE NAME	TOTALS	
<b>President</b>	Democratic	Clinton & Kaine	2,231	
	Republican	Trump & Pence	2,487	
	Libertarian	Johnson & Weld	164	
	Green	Stein & Baraka	95	
	Write ins		Basagio & Kinnison	0
			Blumenthal & Blair	0
			Buchanan & Washington	0
			Castle & Bradley	1
			Cooper & Meyer	0
			Cummings & Romanoff	0
			Deame & Long	0
			De La Fuente & Steinberg	0
			Evans & Fitch	0
			Fox & Kushner	0
			Hoefling & Schulin	0
			Klojzy & Lemay	0
			Kotlikoff & Leamer	0
			LaRiva & Puryear	0
			Maldonado & Terranova	0
			McMullin & Johnson	9
		Schoenke & Mitchell, Jr.	0	
		Skewes & Lacy	0	
	Smith & White	0		
	Wu & Wu	0		
<b>United States Senator</b>	Democratic	Richard Blumental	2,549	
	Republican	Dan Carter	2,017	
	Working Families	Richard Blumenthal	307	
	Libertarian	Richard Lion	60	
	Green	Jeffrey Russell	68	
	Write ins		Andrew Rule	0
			John M. Traceski	0

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Election Results – East Haddam Only			
OFFICE	PARTY	CANDIDATE NAME	TOTALS
<b>Representative In Congress</b>	Democratic	Joe Courtney	2,563
	Republican	Daria Novak	1,936
	Working Families	Joe Courtney	292
	Libertarian	Daniel Reale	64
	Green	Jonathan Pelton	71
	Write in	Elizabeth F. Traceski	0
<b>State Senator</b>	Democratic	Norm Needleman	1,929
	Republican	Art Linares	2,780
	Independent	Art Linares	163
	Green	Colin D. Bennett	90
<b>State Representative</b>	Republican	Melissa Ziobron	3,576
	Independent	Melissa Ziobron	566
<b>Registrar of Voters</b>	Democratic	Martha C. Hansen	2,141
	Republican	Lucy R. Yacovino	2,471



## Annual Town Meeting December 13, 2016

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:01 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Four people were in attendance, however, only three were electors of the town. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

**Item 1:** Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Mr. Lyman seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General

Statutes of Connecticut. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 2:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Copies were available.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to accept the annual report as presented. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 3:** Mr. Lyman motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$8,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the purpose of lighting at the Heritage Park Walking Trail (revenue account 33050-43000-G1601 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1601).

It was reported that the entire lighting project will cost approximately \$75,000. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting a gift in the amount of \$8,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the purpose of lighting at the Heritage Park Walking Trail carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Mr. Lyman seconded the motion which carried unanimously via voice vote.

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## Special Election December 20, 2016

Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale Ray High School gymnasium for the purpose of conducting a Special Election for the remainder of the term for First Selectman. The winner was announced at 8:03 pm.

Candidate	Regular Ballots	Absentee Ballots	Total
Emmett J. Lyman, III	931	27	958
Todd H. Gelston	264	6	270
Robert R. Smith	369	12	381
	1,564	45	1,609
Number of names eligible to vote			6,560
Number of names checked as having voted			1,609



## Special Town Meeting February 28, 2017

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

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

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

**Item 1:** Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Lyman 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 \$2,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management through the Neglected Cemetery Account (Cemeteries operating budget, account 10544350-54424) to provide upkeep of local cemeteries to keep them in orderly and decent condition upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Grant Award.

In furtherance of this resolution, Emmett J. Lyman, the First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the

Town of East Haddam. Emmett J. Lyman currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since July 20, 2016. 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.

Opportunity for discussion was offered. Mr. Parker stated that this was a good thing for the Town. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote. The motion authorizing the following resolution carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: That a grant in an amount of \$2,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management through the Neglected Cemetery Account (Cemeteries operating budget, account 10544350-54424) to provide upkeep of local cemeteries to keep them in orderly and decent condition upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Grant Award.

In furtherance of this resolution, Emmett J. Lyman, the First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Emmett J. Lyman currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since July 20, 2016. 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.

**Item 2:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Bruce Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled is to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$4,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to the Historic Document Preservation Fund (account 26041-43000); and that Emmett J. Lyman, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mrs. Denette advised that a map cabinet is to be purchased to house the mylar maps that require permanent retention. Because of space limitations the maps are housed much tighter than they should be, this cabinet will allow for better storage.

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Opportunity for comments or questions was offered, none were raised. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion, the following resolution carried unanimously via voice vote.

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 the Historic Document Preservation Fund (account 26041-43000); and that Emmett J. Lyman, 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.

**Item 3:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Dave Denette provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act a the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance:  
RESOLVED: That a Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle for Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Transportation Programs Grant in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00 is hereby accepted upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, that the First Selectman, Emmett J. Lyman, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, and is authorized to affix the corporate seal of the municipality; and that the purchase price of the vehicle be appropriated and funded 80% (\$55,200) from said grant funds and 20% (\$13,800) from the Senior Transportation Fund (account 91092037-58820).

Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Denette, Mr. Parker stated that he believed that the vehicle would be a 2016.

There being no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote on the following resolution.  
RESOLVED: That a Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle for Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Transportation Programs Grant in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00 is hereby accepted upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, that the First Selectman, Emmett J. Lyman, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, and is authorized to affix the corporate seal of the municipality; and that the purchase price of the vehicle be appropriated and funded 80% (\$55,200) from said grant funds and

20% (\$13,800) from the Senior Transportation Fund (account 91092037-58820).

The resolution was unanimously approved via voice vote.

**Item 4:** Mr. Parker motioned, Mr. Blaschik provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$57,980.00 from Shared Services (fund 2630) to the Capital Projects Fund (fund 3320). Opportunity for comment and question was offered, it was noted that these unexpended funds were the result of the Facilities Director position that was vacant for a period of time and the new facilities director not utilizing the town's insurance. The Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing a transfer of \$57,980 from Shared Services (fund 2630) to the Capital Projects Fund (fund 3320) carried unanimously via voice vote.

**Item 5:** Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$39,452.20 from the General Fund (10549010-58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund. Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was raised. Accordingly the Moderator called for a vote. The motion authorizing a transfer of \$39,452.20 from the General Fund to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund carried unanimously via voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn at 8:04 pm. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.



## Special Town Meeting May 24, 2017

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 town Street, East Haddam. Approximately forty people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented. Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented

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Item 1: carried unanimously via voice vote.  
 Was removed from the call of the meeting by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-7 for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for “yes” or “no” vote by paper ballots or voting ballot labels on the following question: **Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$30,915,470, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2017-2018 be approved?** The vote by paper ballot will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve noon and eight o’clock (pending contrary determination under item 2 of this call), on June 6, 2017. The Moderator opened the floor to comments, none were made. The Moderator reiterated that the vote would be conducted at referendum on June 6, 2017.

Item 2: Andrew Lord motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at 6 am a.m. to conduct the referendum on June 6, 2017. The Moderator opened the floor to comments.

- Todd Gelston questioned the end time, Mrs. Denette advised that it is 8:00 p.m.
- Lucy Yacovino Republican Registrar of Voters encouraged a noon start time to reduce costs.
- Martha Hansen, Democratic Registrar of Voters encouraged a noon start time.
- Kevin Staehly, inquired about the additional cost and was told it was approximately \$1,000.
- Terry Dickinson encouraged the earlier start time.
- Eileen Schwartz encouraged the earlier start time.
- Lisa Cahill encouraged the earlier start time.
- Karan Blaschik inquired about absentee ballots. She was advised that they will be available beginning tomorrow morning, however, they are not allowed by law to be mailed.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to open the polls at 6:00 am to conduct the budget referendum on June 6, 2017. The Moderator reiterated that a yea vote would open the polls at 6:00 am and that a nay vote would open the polls at 12 noon. Following a voice vote, she requested a show of hands. The Moderator counted 22 yea votes and 12 nay votes. The Motion was declared passed indicating that the polls will open at 6:00 am on Tuesday June 6, 2017 to conduct the referendum.

There being no further business to conduct, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn to referendum on June 6, 2017 at 6:00 am. Motion was made by Mr. Blaschik and seconded by Mr. Dutch. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:09 pm.



## REFERENDUM RESULTS

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

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$30,915,470, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2017-2018 be approved?

YES	619
NO	913

1,532 votes cast, including fifteen (15) absentee ballots and twenty-six (26) property owners.

The Moderator declared the referendum failed at 8:24 pm.



**Town of East Haddam**  
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**Administrative Office Building**

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Linda Neal, Probate Clerk

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