

Town of East of Cadam

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018



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*Municipal Office Complex
Grand Opening, May 2018*

DEDICATIONS

Raymond A. Bolduc

Ray was a former teacher at Nathan Hale-Ray High School. He taught English, history and driver's education. Ray was an active member of the East Haddam Lion's Club and St. Bridget's Church.



Peggy Susan Pearson Carlson

Peg was the Assistant Librarian at the East Haddam Free Public Library. She and her husband established the "PegGus's" sanctuary in East Haddam and she served for years on the town's Conservation Commission.



Edwin P. DesRosiers.

Edwin was East Haddam's first full time Assessor. He had a long history of serving the community – as President of the East Haddam Ambulance Association, as a charter member of the East Haddam Lions Club, as a charter member of American Legion Post 156 and East Haddam Republican Town Committee.



Anna Shirley Dill Brown

Shirley was an active community member and volunteered in many ways. She was a member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.



Richard J. Hart

Richard was a past member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department.



Robert W. Johnson.

Robert and his wife Laura were the owners and operators of the former Sunrise Resort for over 20 years. Bob served East Haddam as a Justice of the Peace.



Joanne Sibley Rozniak

Joanne served for 34 years as the Town of East Haddam's Senior Center Director. She was the driving force in getting a stand-alone Senior Center built before she retired. Joanne was a very dedicated and active community member including:



- Life member of the North School Society
- Friends of the East Haddam Public Library
- Founding member of Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association
- East Haddam Land Trust
- East Haddam Historical Society
- Founded Youth and Family Services
- East Haddam Library Board
- Together We Rise Board Member
- Spearheaded Heritage Park
- Senior Housing Board of Directors
- Local Prevention Council
- Democratic Town Committee member
- Municipal Facilities Study Committee
- Rathbun Free Public Library
- East Haddam Food Bank
- And much, much more!



TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

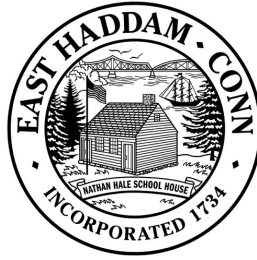
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



| Board/Commission | Meeting Day Each Month | Time | Location |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Agriculture Commission | 1st Monday | 7:00 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 1 |
| Board of Education | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 pm | High School Cafeteria |
| Board of Finance | 2nd Monday | 7:00 pm | MOC, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Board of Fire Commissioners | 1st Tuesday | 6:00 pm | East Haddam Fire House |
| Board of Selectmen | 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 pm | MOC, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Commission on Aging | 4th Thursday Odd months | 10:30 am | Senior Center |
| Conservation Commission | 1st Tuesday | 7:15 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 1 |
| Economic Development Commission | 1st Thursday | 7:30 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 1 |
| Ethics Commission | 2nd Wednesday, June and October | 7:00 pm | Grange Hall |
| Historic District Commission | 3rd Tuesday | 7:30 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 1 |
| Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission | 3rd Tuesday | 7:30 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 2 |
| 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 | MOC, Meeting Room 2 |
| (Open Space) Land Preservation Committee | 4th Monday | 7:30 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 2 |
| Planning and Zoning Commission | 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 7:15 pm | MOC, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Recreation Commission | 2nd Monday Even months | 7:00 pm | MOC, Recreation Activity Room |
| Village Revitalization Committee | 4th Wednesday | 7:30 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 1 |
| Water Pollution Control Authority | 3rd Monday | 7:00 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 2 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 1st Tuesday | 7:00 pm | MOC, Meeting Room 3 |

MOC=Municipal Office Complex
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, 2018



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Emmett J. Lyman, First Selectman (R) 2019
Susan C. Link, Selectman (R) 2019
Robert R. Smith, Selectman (U) 2019
Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary*

TOWN CLERK

Debra H. Denette (U) 2020

TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen A. Klinck (D) 2019

TAX COLLECTOR

Denise L. Dill (R) 2019

BOARD OF FINANCE

William M. DiCristofaro, Chairman (R) 2021
Gregory V. Lauria, Secretary (R) 2019
Bruce M. Dutch (D) 2019
Todd H. Gelston (R) 2021
Tracey F. Gionta (R) 2021
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2019
Debra H. Denette, Recording Secretary*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bryan A. Perry, Chairman (R) 2023
Marc A. Piscioti, Secretary (R) 2019
Erik G. Anderson (R) 2023
Karin H. Blaschik (R) 2021
Shawn W. Conroy (D) 2019
Jill Kelly (U) 2019
Tracy L. Delventhal (D) 2023
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) 2023

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dawn S. Barlow, Chairman (R) 2019
William J. Barney (R) 2023
John W. Bielot (D) 2021
Janine R. Broe (D) 2023
Jane Chisholm (D) 2019
Andrea M. Pascal (D) 2019
Victoria L. Riley-Pach (R) 2021
Juliana L. Tryon Ranaudo (R) 2023
Vacancy 2019

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman (R) 2021
James M. Curtin, Vice Chairman (D) 2023
Bernard J. Gillis (U) 2021
Edmund J. Gubbins (R) 2019
Kevin J. Matthews (R) 2019
Louis H. Salicrup (R) 2023
Harvey W. Thomas (D) 2019
Alternate Members
Richard L. Pettinelli (R) 2019
Joseph A. Zaid (D) 2023
Vacancy 2021
ToniMarie Dumaine, Recording Secretary*

JUDGE OF PROBATE

Jennifer L. Berkenstock (R) 2019

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Martha C. Hansen (D) 2019
Lucy R. Yacovino (R) 2019

**Not elected*

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Ronald I. Gross, Chairman
Bonita V. Buongiorno
Peter W. Dean
Ronald M. Distefano
Carleen G. Quinn
Alternate Members
Susan S. Downs
Mark F. Henderson
Keith A. Wilson

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael P. Olzacki, 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
E. Ruth Ziobron, Administrative Assistant

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Crary H. Brownell
Debra H. Denette

COMMISSION ON AGING

Joseph F. Sina, Chairman
John A. Pagnani, Vice Chairman
Alice D. Sabo, Treasurer
Jovita A. Cozean
Josephine B. Golec
Victoria L. Riley Pach
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
Thomas C. Delventhal
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
Melanie I. Kolek, Secretary
William A. Brady
Robert R. Casner
James M. Curtin
Michael E. Gionta
Randolph W. Dill
Alternate Members
Gerald T. Smith
Mark B. Walter

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Robert R. Casner, Chairman
Joseph Albuquerque
Donald A. Bergeron
Ralph M. Parady
Suzan M. Smith
Kevin C. Staehly
A. Frederick Weissbach
Vacancy
Alternate Members
James A. Fennema
Irene M. Haines
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, Information Technology Manager

NATHAN HALE-RAY HIGH SCHOOL

J. Eric Spencer, Principal
Christopher Eckert, Assistant Principal

NATHAN HALE-RAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanne Collins, Principal

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

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

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
Jennifer L. Spencer

FIRE CHIEF

Brian J. Auld
Shawn J. Daigle, Deputy

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

Jason A. Armstrong
Eric L. Kolasinski
Jay A. Moreau
John D. Sarnik
Ryan W. Scholes
Jason D. Swan

FIRE MARSHALS

Donald J. Angersola
John M. Kananowicz, Deputy
John D. Sarnik, Deputy

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

William A. Brady, Chairman
Christian R. Miller
David C. Nelson
Steven Rossi
Joseph V. Zirlis

Alternate Members

Keith S. Bunnell
Pamela D. Rubenbauer
Karl P. Stofko
Two Vacancies
Rebecca J. Wonneberger, Recording Secretary

HISTORIAN

Karl P. Stofko

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mark Knittel, Information Technology 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
Devin M. Ganley, 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)
James Johnson (D)
Sundai L. Jordan (U)
Mary Ellen Klinck (D)
Emmett J. Lyman (R)
Mary L. Murphy (D)
Bradley P. Parker (D)
Craig A. Rogoff (R)
John Venduras (U)
Mark B. Walter (R)
Michael D. Werner (R)

LAND USE

James F. Ventres, Land Use Administrator
Nancy D. Talbot, Administrative Assistant

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

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

Mary E. Augustiniy

Inland Wetlands Water Courses Representative

Mary Colpoys

Recreation Commission Representative

Tracy L. Delventhal

Board of Education Representative

Todd H. Gelston

Conservation Commission Representative

Edmund J. Gubbins

Planning and Zoning Representative

Robert R. Smith

Board of Selectmen Representative

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

Charles J. Grillo

Patrick R. Laffan

Tina M. Piscioti

Margy A. Roberts

Vacancy

Sharon R. Wheeler, Recording Secretary

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Lisa L. Conroy

Beverly R. Christopher, Assistant

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

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

TOWN OFFICIALS AND SERVICES AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

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

Keenan T. Humble
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
Devin M. Ganley, Recording Secretary

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
James A. Fennema
Vacancy
Devin M. Ganley, Recording Secretary



East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department "wet down" of Tanker 1-15 and Tanker 2-15, August 2017.

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, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the Animal Control Officers responded to 376 complaints in East Haddam. Service includes general calls and complaints to include barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife and domestic animal bites.

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
 Peter M. Dombrowski, Assistant ACO
 Jeffrey P. McLean, Assistant ACO
 Wendy Savino, Assistant ACO

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

In the fall of 2017 the Board of Assessment Appeals held one public hearing for the purpose of hearing motor vehicle appeals. The session was held on September 9, 2017 with 16 applications for appeal being heard. The Board worked 21 hours resulting in the reduction of assessments on all 16 applications. The adjustments totaled a reduction of \$18,130 to the grand list.

In the spring of 2018 the Board received 40 appeal applications. Public hearings were held on March 3, 10 and 24, 2018. Of the 40 applications received, 38 were to appeal real estate values and two for automobiles. There were no personal property applications received for this session.

Due to the relocation of our municipal offices and mail forwarding delays we received several applications almost a month after the required submission date. These applications were post marked prior to the February 20 deadline thus requiring additional hearing dates to be noticed and scheduled.

By unanimous vote, the Board reduced the assessments on 23 of the 40 appeals. Six onsite inspections were made during this appeal session. The above actions resulted in the grand list being reduced by \$409,179.

Vision Government Solutions the company that performed the 2017 town wide revaluation, concluded that based on recent sales history and information, that the values of multi-family and cape style homes increased at greater rate than other properties. In all the Board worked 127 hours attending to taxpayer's requests.

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



Dedication plaques honoring the history of the building that is now the Municipal Office Complex.

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 has established four subcommittees to address key areas of concern and to better position us for the future – Communications, Financial Policies, Revenue and Long-Range Planning.

At the outset of the annual budget process, the Board established a goal of presenting a budget that would pass at the first referendum. We are pleased to report that the budget did pass at the first referendum. The approved budget reflected a mill rate increase of .08, a tax increase of 1.7% and a spending increase of 2.5%.

Another goal established by the Board was to improve our communications with our citizens. The Board's Communications Subcommittee introduced an informational series in the *East Haddam News* to share budget terminology and information regarding the budget process.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 William DiCristofaro, Chairman
 Gregory Lauria, Secretary
 Bruce Dutch
 Todd Gelston
 Tracey Gionta
 Harvey Thomas

| EAST HADDAM BY THE #S | |
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| Population (2011-2015) ¹ | 9,139 |
| Registered Voters | 6,500 |
| Median Age (years) ¹ | 43 |
| Median Income (2011-2015) ranked 81st among CT's 169 Municipalities ^{1 & 2} | \$82,117 |
| Households ^{1 & 2} | 3,453 |
| Median Home Value (2011-2015) ² | \$285,000 |
| Grand List, (October 1, 2017) | \$872,252,915 |
| Mill Rate (July 1, 2018) | 29.66 |
| Bond (Credit) Rating Standard & Poor's | AA+ |
| Miles of Town Road Paved | 120 |
| Dirt | 14 |
| # of Town Employees (excludes seasonal) Part-Time | 42 |
| Full-Time | 43 |
| # of BOE Employees (excludes seasonal and substitutes) Part-Time | 20 |
| Full-Time | 189 |
| 2018 General Fund Revenues | \$31,032,859 |
| 2018 General Fund Expenses | \$30,527,538 |
| Outstanding Debt June 30, 2017 | \$12,880,000 |
| Authorized Debt (not issued at June 30, 2018) | \$3,579,416 |
| Debt Service as a % of General Fund Expenditures (2018) | 5.8% |
| Unassigned Fund Balance as a % of 2019 General Fund Budget | 15.7% |
| Per Capita Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2018 | \$1,409 |

Information Sources:
 1) profiles.ct.data.org
 2) www.psychousing.org

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During the past year we have seen our beautiful town grow even more attractive as we have experienced the benefits of two more capital projects. During February we moved our Town Offices to the refurbished old Middle School in Moodus and then on the 12th of May we made it official at our grand opening. Twelve years of effort had transformed our historic school, dating from 1923, into a modern and very attractive Municipal Office for our town while still preserving its historic visage. It is a wonderful monument to our past and an even greater promise to our future. Shortly thereafter our Volunteer Fire Department accepted improvements to Firehouses #1 and #2 which will make them better able to serve our community, better protect our valuable equipment and better support our Ambulance and Fire Department personnel.

On the 8th of May we approved our 2018-2019 budget. The planning began in December, we started a little earlier than usual. The official kick off was a tri-board meeting including the Board of Finance, Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen in early January. Its purpose was to seek public input and to familiarize everyone with how our budget would be developed. The ongoing process was highlighted by repeated efforts to ensure that the public was kept informed, their comments considered and that all questions were clearly answered. Regular informational articles in the *East Haddam News* helped to explain the process and the terms used. The goal always was that the proceedings be open and clear to our citizens, enabling them to monitor our progress from start to finish and to always be receptive to their comments. In the end the Board of Finance was able to present a balanced and fair budget, which was able to meet the needs and expectations of our town. We owe a big thank you to all involved for their thoughtfulness and diligence.

Late in September we celebrated the life and achievements of one of our more remarkable residents. Captain George Comer (1876-1919) spent well over half his life at sea. During that time, he established



First Selectman Emmett Lyman in preserved phone booth located in new Municipal Office Complex.

himself as a world renowned anthropologist and ornithologist. His collected information and specimens are an important part of numerous scientific collections. A weeklong celebration took place culminating in the rededication of the Memorial dedicated to him, on Mt Parnassus Road, adjacent to the Harris homestead and our community garden. In attendance were Bernadette Deane, Inuit and cultural advisor about Inuit and Arctic history, Bernadette Driscoll Engelstad, Curator, researcher and writer at the Smithsonian Institute and Fred Calabretta, Curator at Mystic seaport.

It was Mark Twain who long ago commented, concerning Connecticut's weather, "If you don't like it, wait a minute, it will change". This past year certainly proved him true. In late October 2017 a terrific windstorm swept through our town leaving a tangled mess of trees, telephone poles and electrical wires. The cleanup seemed to last forever. Then in February 2018 our river became solidly frozen only to abruptly break loose creating massive ice jams which threatened everything along their course. Days of effort by Coast



Ice jams on the Connecticut River in February 2018.

Guard icebreakers and numerous bridge closings were needed to finally clear the problem. This was followed, in March, by four successive Nor'easters, which once again left our town shaken and once again we showed that East Haddam Yankees are always more than up to the challenge.

Thank you for trusting in my leadership over the past year. It is a very special privilege and an honor to be able to serve you. It gives me great pride to be able to work with so many energetic employees and volunteers who show how much they care for our community through their endless efforts on its behalf.

Emmett J. Lyman
First Selectman

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Building Department is currently researching an electronic permit tracking system. The State of Connecticut shall be adopting the 2015 International Codes along with the 2017 Electrical Code. This code adoption will be effective October 1, 2018.

Currently the Building Department is seeing growth from the past fiscal year as building permit counts continue to rise.

We are pleased to announce our new Administrative Assistant Ruth Ziobron.

Vincent A. Garafolo
Building Official

| # of Permits | Type | Estimated Value of Construction | Fees Collected |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 18 | New Homes | 3,845,422 | 37,743 |
| 254 | Building Permits | 4,425,757 | 43,431 |
| 6 | Demo Permits | - | 362 |
| 189 | Electrical Permits | 872,453 | 10,214 |
| 154 | HVAC Permits | 821,453 | 10,325 |
| 123 | Plumbing Permits | 262,958 | 4,290 |
| | TOTALS | \$10,228,331 | \$106,365 |

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 63,233. 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 4th Tuesday). Additionally three subcommittees meet periodically. They are: the Personnel Policy and Budget Committee, the Environmental Health Committee and the Community Health Committee. Meeting minutes are on file at the Town Clerk’s Office of each member town and at www.chathamhealth.org.

Funding:

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Municipal | \$683,270 |
| State/Federal* | 156,137 |
| Fees..... | 173,442 |
| Flu income | 17,689 |
| Other | 5,695 |
| Total | \$1,036,233 |
| Expenditures* | \$991,383 |
| Fund Balance | \$44,850 |

*Will change slightly when final payments and expenses are recorded

Services provided:

Environmental Permits/Applications

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|---|-----|
| Septic Systems (new and repaired) | 185 |
| Water Supply Wells | 117 |
| Soil Testing Lots | 155 |
| B100a reviews | 297 |
| Food Service Permits | 331 |

Environmental services were provided in the following categories: bathing waters, day care facilities, campgrounds, pools, housing code complaints, elevated blood lead cases, soil testing, septic plan review, new and repair septic inspections, general public health complaints and food service inspections, as well as temporary events (a constantly growing number as more and more community events serve food).

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

The Chatham Health District and many other Health Departments have been challenged with staff shortages this past year and there are less people entering the field. The Director of Health continues to welcome meeting with any community group looking for more information about your health department and would be happy to address schools or youth programs about the field of public health. Citizens are encouraged to visit our website www.chathamhealth.org for information or call us at (860) 365-0884.

COMMISSION ON AGING

The purpose of the Commission on Aging (COA) is to promote the health, safety and well-being of the town's senior citizens by making recommendations to the Director and the Board of Selectmen for the development of services and programs for the benefit of the town's senior citizens. The meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

During the year the COA members reviewed their duties and responsibilities as stated in the COA Ordinance, the programs offered and attendance records. The members attended the Regional COA Meetings (consisting of six area towns) where topics such as senior housing, transportation, meals, resources and programs are discussed.

The officers for the fiscal 2017-2018 year were Co-Chairmen – Jovita Cozean and Joe Sina, Secretary – Rosalie Hoffman, Treasurer – Alice Sabo and members Jo Golec, Walter Golec, Vicky Riley-Pach, John Pagnani and alternates Suzanne Bostelman and Mary Ellen Klinck.

We look forward to another year of advocating for our senior citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Hoffman



Senior of the Year Dot Parker with Senior Center Director Brad Parker.

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

The Lower Connecticut River Valley was recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1973 as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas. In 1974, the Commission was established and became operational with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

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

The Gateway Commission concentrates much of its attention on the protection of the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,000 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles.

The Commission is also empowered to adopt common zoning standards for height, setback and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. The Commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulations changes and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to by local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the Commission's approval.

Members as of June 30, 2018 included: Margaret Wilson and Errol Norner of Chester; Nancy Fischbach and Kate Cotton of Deep River; Harvey Thomas and Crary Brownell of East Haddam, Claire Matthews and Mary Ann Pleva of Essex; Susan R. Bement of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody and Wendy Hill of Lyme, Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson of Old Lyme; Bill Webb of Old Saybrook; Rau de Brigard of RiverCOG; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designed an ad hoc member and is periodically represented by Borough Warden Fran Adams.

For more information, contact RiverCOG Deputy Director and Gateway staff J.H. Torrence Downes at (860) 581-8554 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The East Haddam Conservation Commission (EHCC) experienced a “one step forward – two steps back” during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. EHCC volunteers continued their work providing passive recreation activities at the town’s open space properties. They were able to create some new trails at the Lena Reserve off of Tater Hill. These trails were GPS’d and another trail map was produced and added to the inventory. Additional identifying signage was installed and large new or improved maps were installed at some of the properties. These achievements were the “one step forward!”

Unfortunately, the weather wasn’t very cooperative through the fall and early winter, so many of our stewardship events were cancelled. Then the March snow storms hit and “two steps back,” we went! The trails of most of the preserves and reserves were covered or blocked by hundreds of fallen limbs and many, many downed trees. Every bi-weekly stewardship event in April, May and June, when the weather cooperated, was spent clearing the trails. Consequently, the projects planned have been pushed into 2018-2019.

The coming year has the stewardship volunteers quite excited. The existing trails have been or will be cleared, so we anticipate being able to move forward with identifying more of the town’s properties with new signs and establishing new trails and where needed, new parking areas. EHCC will continue to rely on the always helpful East Haddam Public Works crew to use their expertise building the parking areas. A new footbridge will be constructed across Hemlock Valley Brook to connect the two halves of the Rose Farm Reserve. This will take several stewardship work days to complete. Utilizing a grant from the National Park Service, an ADA path will be constructed at the Patrell Preserve. This will make the Eightmile River accessible to all. Postponed projects at Roaring Brook, Lefebvre, Shugrue and others will be tackled. EHCC anticipates a couple of miles of trails will be added to the town’s trail inventory after the property boundaries are properly marked. EHCC wishes to thank the East Haddam Community Lions for becoming stewards at the Davison Walking Park. Their frequent walks on the park have helped keep the trails clean and their alerts to hazardous or downed trees have allowed the EHCC volunteers to concentrate their time on other properties without having to take time and check on Davison Walking Park.

As always, EHCC is always looking for volunteers and would certainly appreciate the assistance of any town organization interested in stewarding one of the open space properties. Remember, these are YOUR properties to enjoy and cherish and volunteering with EHCC is a great way to give back to the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith, Chairman

EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Performance: Emergency ambulance service was requested a total of 674 times between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. This call volume represents a .003% increase from the previous year. East Haddam Ambulance personnel responded to a total of 572 these requests. There were 102 total mutual aid responses resulting in a total mutual aid rate of 14.32%, for an increase of 3.97% in the previous year.

Membership and Training: East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) has continued to actively recruit new members, adding eight new members over the past yearly reporting period, three of the new members came into the organization pre-certified as either an EMT or EMR. In 2017-2018, EHAA continued its practice of regular, ongoing continuing education and training for its technician members. All members completed federal, 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 Outreach: 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 East Haddam Ambulance Association signed in March of 2009, the Town of East Haddam has continued to provision for future ambulance purchases by placing \$20,000 into a capital reserve fund during the fiscal year of 2017-2018. Additional financial support received from the town includes payment of the salaries and benefits of the career Firefighter/EMTs on duty during the weekdays and used by East Haddam Ambulance Association on an as-needed basis.

Equipment: EHAA has three operational emergency vehicles including two ambulances and one squad car. All vehicles have undergone minimal routine maintenance with no extra ordinary expenses. Additional equipment that has been purchased includes a new Stryker XPS stretcher and two new Stryker Stair Chairs.

Notable Topics: EHAA has continued assisting the East Haddam Fire Department with their supplemental R1 license. The R1 provides expedited patient care before the R2 (ambulance) arrives on scene.

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

Sincerely,
Neil Mosig, Chief

EAST HADDAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

East Haddam has the good fortune to have three lakes within its borders: Bashan Lake, Lake Hayward and Moodus Reservoir. The lakes are a tremendous recreational resource for East Haddam residents and visitors as each lake has public access. In addition, lake residents and visitors are an important economic generator for the local economy. Lake properties are a large component of the town's tax base. Property owners and lake visitors contribute significantly to the town's revenues.

To support the lakes, lake residents make substantial private financial and volunteer efforts for lake restoration and maintenance projects which benefit all users.

Highlights of the 2017-2018 fiscal year are:

Bashan Lake (Association)

- Continued work with the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station (CAES) to secure Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) permits and treat aquatic invasive plants.
- Worked with the town to develop plans to divert stormwater runoff from entering the lake.
- Purchased and placed safety buoys to educate boaters on hazardous and non-hazardous areas of the lake (such as no-wake zones, shallow water areas and hazardous rock formations).
- Treated aquatic invasive plants in the boat launch area using Benthic Barrier Blankets to smother the weeds, eliminating the use of herbicides in this area.

Lake Hayward (Property Owners' Association)

- Continued the successful aquatic invasive plant treatment program, fortunately now in a limited maintenance mode.
- Worked in collaboration with the Chatham Health District to test lake water in the swim areas for bacteria.
- The all-volunteer Lake Quality Improvement Committee continued to educate the community on lake management best practices.
- Continued the water clarity, chlorophyll a and total phosphorus monitoring program.

Moodus Reservoir (Preservation Group)

- The Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group (MRPG) concluded a multi-year study of alternative methods to mitigate aquatic invasive plants and determined that purchase of a mechanical device (Eco-Harvester) is the optimal method to control aquatic invasive plants in Moodus Reservoir.
- Fundraising efforts to purchase the Eco-Harvester were intensified and will continue until sufficient funds are raised to make the purchase. At the conclusion of the fiscal year over 25% of the funds were raised.

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The East Haddam Free Public Library (EHFPL) and Rathbun Free Memorial Library (Rathbun) offer citizens 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 keep in touch with friends and family. It teaches patrons who are unfamiliar with digital age technology how to use these resources.

Statistics and Highlights:

- 5,205 East Haddam citizens are registered library card holders. 611 cards were issued in fiscal year 2018.
- Between EHFPL and Rathbun, the libraries have a total collection of 43,601 books, movies, periodicals and more. Not including the digital collection, which includes over 22,000 titles.
- 15% (7,962) of the System's total circulation comes from eBooks, audio books and magazines that patrons download to their smartphone or tablet.
- Since the cord cutting (from cable) trend began, the libraries' movie circulation has gone from 4,929 in 2009 to 14,773 in fiscal year 2017-2018.
- Loaned 24,767 adult books; 15,284 kid/teen books; 14,773 DVDs, etc. in 2018. An average of over 1,000 loans each week for a total of 54,824.
- Over 100 people visit the libraries each day, for a total attendance of 33,664 in 2017-2018.
- Approximately 30 visitors a day use the computers at EHFPL and Rathbun. This number is increasing as citizens replace home PCs and printers with smartphones and tablets.
- The System hosts an average of seven programs each week. Total program attendance was 5,369.
- Hosted a series of programs about Captain Comer, co-sponsored with Historical Society and others. Over 100 people attended each of the three events.
- Raised \$7,982 from gifts and donations to the System.
- Generated \$9,002 from library services (photocopies, faxes, overdue, etc), beating projected income of \$6,500.
- Supplemented budget with \$54,881 from private library trust and endowments.
- After reviewing the Handicap Access Studies of the two buildings, the Library Board formed a Facilities Planning Committee to address current and future accessibility needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gilroy, Library System Director

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Community,

The 2017-2018 school year presented many exciting reasons to celebrate. After increasing our focus on encouraging our students to engage in projects that they are interested in and passionate about, we are very proud of Hannah Robinson and Catherine Tarnowski for honoring the district by representing us at the national level for the National History Day and the Invention Convention, respectively. If this were not exciting enough, our students Teagan D'Addeo and Shayna Moffatt were just announced as Commended Scholar and Semi-Finalist Merit Scholar, respectively, out of the many thousands of students that participated in the SAT program.

Students were learning in STEM classes for the first time in 2017-2018 in grades K-8. With the local economy demanding highly technical careers, the timing could not be better for our students. We are very fortunate to work with a group of educators that make programs like this happen. Our students tell us that these are some of the most fun and interesting classes.

We continue to increase our students access to technology with our student grades 2-12 having access to Chromebooks while K-1 students use a portable lab of i-Pads. Our graduates need to graduate with skills in digitally based research, presentation and communication skills as they enter their post high school.

We look forward to another productive school year in 2018-2019. 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 for highlights and school information.

Brian S. Reas
Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lucas Reed Altmann | Emily Joy Hallock |
| Derek Troy Andersen | Francis John Hasuly* |
| Mollie Christina Apgar | David Alan Holbrook |
| Nicola-Izabela Bafumi | Elizabeth Karoline Houle |
| Katie Julia Elizabeth Barbi* | Dylan John Hutra |
| Connor Addison Bavedas | Cody John Ibbotson |
| Andrew Tyler Bellows | Lucille Mae Kucharski |
| Cosette Garlan Benoit* | Emily Elizabeth Lavoie |
| Emma Katherine Berger* | Joseph Gaetano Leach |
| Zachary Daniel Berger | Ski Sariah Maximoff |
| Ethan Joseph Bransfield | Matthew Thomas McPherson |
| Brenna Marie Brownell | Maximus Thomas Meyers |
| Ryan Crary Brownell | Mikayla Lyn Mitchell |
| Max Lee Shannon Buff | Joseph Lawrence Nichols |
| Callie Shea Burke+ | Kaitlyn Carmela Nichols |
| James Daniel Burke | Elijah Anthony Panfili |
| Emily Grace Bushnell | Jaret Jon Pliska |
| Quincy Brian Cabrera | Benjamin Henry Prue |
| Reilly MacNair Cahill | Owen Michael Puia |
| Vivian Kate Carter | Nicole Rita Ringuette‡ |
| Ashley Marie Cassella | Alexis Payge Rogers |
| Emily Lynn Ceceri+ | Ashley Rose Ross‡ |
| Humberto Danylo Clemente de Araújo | Emily Rottino |
| Zachary Joseph Corey | Katharine Tiffany Ryan*+‡ |
| Madison Elizabeth Cusick-Howat | Quinn Forest Schlueter-Walsh* |
| Olivia Merryweather Charlotte Davis*+ | James Daniel Scroggin |
| Abigail Louise Dedman | Luis Joeph Skomro-Wolff |
| Hannah Rose Denette* | Hope Jean Smith |
| Hannah Nicole DiMartino | Rhiana Aislinn Tokarz |
| Jessie Lauren Donahue | Nicole Elizabeth Trapp |
| Robert Allen Dudchik | Dylan Romeo Vachon |
| Connor Joseph Egan | Zaccary John Velikaneye |
| Sophie Mary Gable+ | Michael Taylor Wallace |
| Kent Andrew Gahum | Baleigh Nicole Wanderman |
| Ethan Ryan Garrity | Erica Marie Watters‡ |
| Tyler James Gibb | Dylan Jeffrey White |
| Gabriel Patrick Gometz | Amy Margaret Wieleba+‡ |
| David Alexander Green | John Scott Daniel Wilson |
| Shawn Michael Greenlaw | Tessa Riley Young |
| Taylor Ann Guss | Jacob Alexander Ziobron |
| Isabelle Jacquelyn Hajek*+ | Jeremy Allen Ziobron |

+ Denotes member of the National Honor Society

* Denotes member of Tri-M National Honor Society

‡ Denotes Community Service Honor Award

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018 List of Accepted Colleges/Universities

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| Albertus Magnus College | Pace University, New York City |
| American International College | Pasadena City College |
| Anna Maria College | Paul Mitchell the School-North Haven |
| Assumption College | Pennsylvania State University |
| Barry University | Plymouth State University |
| Bay Path University | Quinnipiac University |
| Becker College | Rhode Island College |
| Bryant University | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Cedarville University | Roger Williams University |
| Central Connecticut State University | Sacred Heart University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Saint Michael's College |
| Dean College | Salve Regina University |
| Drexel University | Seton Hall University |
| Eastern Connecticut State University | Southern New Hampshire University |
| Elms College | Springfield College |
| Emerson College | St. John's University - Queens Campus |
| Endicott College | Stonehill College |
| Florida Gulf Coast University | Suffolk University |
| Florida Southern College | Syracuse University (College of Arts & Sciences) |
| Florida State University | The American Musical and Dramatic Academy |
| Fordham University | The University of Tampa |
| Franklin Pierce University | Thomas College |
| Georgia State University | Three Rivers Community College |
| Gordon College | University of Bridgeport |
| Hawaii Pacific University | University of Connecticut |
| Hofstra University | University of Connecticut (Avery Point Campus) |
| Houghton College | University of Hartford |
| Husson University | University of Hartford (Coll of Ed, Nursing, & Health) |
| Iona College | University of Maine |
| Keene State College | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| La Salle University | University of Massachusetts, Boston |
| Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts | University of Michigan |
| Lynn University | University of New England |
| Manchester Community College | University of New Hampshire at Durham |
| Manhattan College | University of New Haven |
| Manhattanville College | University of Oregon |
| Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | University of Rhode Island |
| Michigan State University | University of Saint Joseph |
| Middlesex Community College | Utica College |
| Mitchell College | Wellesley College |
| Monmouth University | Wentworth Institute of Technology |
| Mount Holyoke College | Western Connecticut State University |
| New England College | Western New England University |
| Newbury College | Worcester State University |

EAST HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department was extremely busy in 2017-2018.

Public Relations: The Department not only responds to the calls for help it also was very active in town-wide activities: Elementary School Fire Prevention, Wolf’s Den Campground Heroes Day, Touch-a-Truck, Project Safe Halloween, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Wreath Installation Moodus Village, St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Fisherman’s Breakfast.

Training: The personnel in the department achieved the following advancements – four became certified in Firefighter I; six are currently enrolled in Firefighter I; seven became certified as Medical Response Technicians; four became certified as Fire Service Instructor I and three became certified in Fire Officer I. The Department conducts training in-house as well as in conjunction with our mutual aid partners—Lyme, Salem, Gardner Lake, Colchester, East Hampton, Haddam, Haddam Neck and Chester.

Recruitment/Promotion: The department has 55 volunteer personnel in the capacities of junior firefighter, probationary firefighter, senior firefighter, career firefighter and fire police auxiliary. The department added five personnel – junior firefighter, probationary firefighter, senior firefighter and fire police auxiliary.

Career Staff: We welcomed John Sarnik as East Haddam’s first full-time career Captain. We bid farewell to Wick Haylon and Jay Moreau.

Equipment: We purchased a new Peterbilt 2,000 gallon tanker truck and refurbished our Peterbilt 2,500 gallon tanker. A traditional “wet down” ceremony was performed on both trucks to welcome them to the fleet. The ceremony included our mutual aid partners, a blessing from Department Chaplain Father Greg Galvin and speeches from First Selectman Emmett Lyman and State Representative Melissa Ziobron. We anticipate delivery of our new marine rescue boat this summer. This vessel will be equipped with the latest in marine technologies and be able to fight fires on the water.

Firehouses: The two-bay building expansion to Company #2 was completed. The bay floor in the older portion was refurbished. Company #1 received a total restroom and shower upgrade, kitchen overhaul, installation of air conditioning, new ceiling tiles and interior painting.

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| Officers: | Chief: | Brian Auld |
| | Deputy Chief | Shawn Daigle |
| | Secretary | Walter Parkus |
| | Fire Commissioners: | Howard Bogue, Bruce Dutch, Jennifer Spencer |
| | Captains | Jason Chapman, Raymond Swol, Jeremy Schumann, Eric Smith |
| | Lieutenants | Kevin Arabas, Jared Boynton, Adam Mosig, Justin Potash, William Siegmann |

The East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department responded to 454 incidents in the fiscal year 2017-2018. The following is a breakdown as defined by the State of Connecticut.

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| Animal Rescue | 1 |
| Assist Motorist | 1 |
| Aircraft Emergency | 1 |
| Rescue | 2 |
| Appliance Fire | 2 |
| Good Intent | 3 |
| Chimney Fire | 3 |
| Vehicle Fire | 4 |
| Haz-Mat Incident | 4 |
| Smoke Investigation | 5 |
| Illegal Burning | 5 |
| Brush Fire | 5 |
| Marine Rescue | 6 |
| Mutual Aid Structure Fire | 8 |
| Co-Call | 10 |
| Structure Fire | 11 |
| Powerline Incidents | 47 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 48 |
| Fire Alarms | 65 |
| Assist EMS | 223 |



East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department “wet down” of Tanker 1-15 and Tanker 2-15, August 2017. The following towns participated in the celebration – Colchester, Essex, Haddam, Haddam Neck, Lyme and Salem.

EAST HADDAM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

EHYFS provides a range of services, including prevention, counseling, juvenile justice diversion, social services, parent and community education, youth development and advocacy.

We are supported by municipal funds, state, regional and private grants as well as private donations. The agency supports one part-time position and three full-time positions, one of which is dedicated to the Federal Drug Free Communities program 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 contract between EHYFS and Rushford Center.

Fiscal year 2017-18 services include: Counseling for 58 youth and their families, 6 Family Nights averaging 100 participants each, Homework assistance for 40 middle school students, youth summer events, Summer Palooza event with 200 participants and youth leadership program involving 20 high school students. Our Juvenile Review Board diverted 12 youth from the Juvenile Justice system to local, community-based interventions, parent and community education programs, Safe Home Alone training for 15 youth and employment opportunities for 13 youth. 97 children were included in this year's Christmas campaign and 31 residents received assistance with fuel, housing and other related issues. We oversee the Food Bank which served 105 families. EHYFS guides and works directly with the Local Prevention Council to address youth substance use. The council continued to develop the Be Your Best Self campaign focusing on positive role modeling, presented 2 community education programs, implemented 17 Party Patrols, created and disseminated educational materials on marijuana and prescription drugs, held 2 Prescription Drug Take-back events, 3 sticker shock events, honored a local business owner for his support of LPC initiatives, collaborated with local physicians and dentists to provide information on safe use and storage of medications.

EHYFS collaborates with all sectors of the community to provide services to youth and families, including schools, police, civic and faith organizations, libraries and local businesses.

Toni McCabe
Executive Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was a strong year for the East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC). We focused on working with other town boards such as the Village Revitalization Committee to review plans for the vacated town offices in the village. EDC contributed to the Planning and Zoning Commission's Plan of Conservation and Development. With a strong eye to developing tourism along the lower Connecticut River, the EDC has been meeting with the towns of Haddam, Deep River, Chester and Essex to work in collaboration on maximizing opportunities we share by being a Connecticut River town.

The year saw the EDC updating and providing the businesses and tourists, both in town and surrounding areas with a new comprehensive East Haddam Visitors Guide.

The EDC and the East Haddam Business Association (EHBA) built an alliance, meeting several times over the year, hosting work sessions on ways to partner in key areas where we share the common goal of driving commerce and economic development. The Business of the Month is one program developed out of these meetings with a different nominated business receiving this honor monthly. The criteria being that the nominated business be a driving force in our community through either revitalization, community commitment or assisting in multiple business development.

The EDC sponsored the 2nd Annual Celebrate East Haddam Fall Fest held on Columbus Day weekend. This year EDC was assisted by the EHBA and the Essex Steam Train who ran a route (Haddam Special) that pulled into the Goodspeed Rail Station and provided shuttle buses to the events in the tourist district (Route 82 from the Goodspeed Musicals to Gillette Castle) to support our businesses. That weekend event provided a significant increase in tourism and commerce. The goal is to continue to develop this every year to be even more inclusive of all businesses who want to participate and further drive tourism commerce utilizing the resources of both the EDC and EHBA.

With an eye to continue commitment for our existing businesses and growth of new businesses for the town of East Haddam the EDC will be working on areas to improve and educate. Areas of work include reviewing options for improvements in our health department, building department, making them more business compatible and service oriented. We will also be working with the EHBA to provide education and information on the processes in becoming a local business. With an ever present goal to increase commerce while keeping the unique rural quality of East Haddam, the EDC is looking forward to continuing its work for the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Casner, Chairman

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 2017 and June 2018, the Emergency Management Team participated in mandatory statewide exercises and planning drills. These drills were run by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and requires towns to work through a provided disaster scenario and respond to several issues throughout the exercise. The drills provided East Haddam with opportunities to test our town wide emergency operations plans and procedures.

East Haddam Emergency Management continues to maintain one of the largest Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) across the State of Connecticut. Over the past year, volunteers have attended training in shelter management, first aid, weather emergencies, pet safety, traffic control and resource typing.

In November 2017 and March 2018, the Emergency Management Team coordinated the response to two major storms that effected the town with several road closures and major power outages. The Team coordinate response with Eversource and Public Works to ensure roads were cleared and power was restored as quickly as possible. Throughout the recovery phase, trained CERT members assisted in staffing a warming/charging center and showers for residents to use.

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

For current information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website, 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.

Craig Mansfield
Director of Emergency Management

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 under the name 9 Town Transit (9TT).

The ETD 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 ETD. All meetings are open to the public.

ETD'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, ETD provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. All ETD services are open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85 for people with disabilities and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare. Nearly 100,000 passenger trips were provided during the fiscal year. 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age and over half of all trips are employment related.

After facing a cut of 15% in state funding, ETD did receive level funding in fiscal year 2017-2018 and will receive a 2.5% increase in state funding for fiscal year 2018-2019 thanks to actions by the state legislature.

In addition to an increase in funding for existing services, ETD will begin new deviated fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown, new ADA paratransit door-to-door service and a taxi voucher program in fiscal year 2018-2019.

After completing a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility in fiscal year 2017-2018, plans were put on hold. ETD is now working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments on a study of the countywide transit needs and determine the best model for providing public transit in the 17 town region going forward. This study will occur during fiscal year 2018-2019.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Mission/Authority

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

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

Level of Activity/Actions Taken

| | |
|--|----|
| Permits for docks and other in-water structures : | |
| Bashan Lake | 1 |
| Lake Hayward | 1 |
| Permits for structures (buildings, decks, etc.) in regulated areas | 16 |
| Permits to install holding tanks | 6 |
| Permits for repair/construction of retaining walls | 4 |
| Permits for restoration/maintenance of shorelines | 1 |
| Permits for municipal projects | 4 |
| Permits for property usage for business purposes | 1 |
| Subdivision review – approved | 1 |
| New building lots created | 1 |

The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Room 2 at 7:30 pm.

Commissioners:

Randolph Dill, Chairman
 Mary Augustiny, Vice Chairman
 Jennifer Burton-Reeve
 Bryan Goff
 Dan Jahne
 2 Vacancies

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. First Selectwoman Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell) join the River COG Officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2018 was eventful, our activities included:

- We congratulated Richard Grant and Judy Snyder on their retirements and welcomed new office financial assistant Eliza LoPresti to the staff and hosted five interns.
- Executive Director Sam Gold was named to the Board of Directors for Sustainable CT.
- Negotiated a new office lease, allowing RiverCOG to stay in our current office in Essex.
- Initiated corridor studies along Routes 81 and 66.
- Continued work as the fiduciary for the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Region 2.
- Worked with the Essex Zoning Commission to adopt Gateway standards.
- Acquired the Lower CT River Land Trust.
- Worked with communities along the CT River to monitor and remove invasive species such as Trapa.
- Provided interim land use staffing within the region.
- Fought cuts to train and bus transit in the region and held connect 9Town Transit and MAT via new bus routes.
- Collected 118,172 lbs. of household hazardous waste, continued paper shredding events and partnering with the state on new recycling efforts on plastic wraps and bags.
- Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a Federal grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge.
- Helped initiate the Lower CT Valley Bus Operations Study.
- Updated the knowyourfarmers.org website.
- Completed improvements to North Main Street in Old Saybrook under the LOTCIP program; other projects in the region are currently in progress.
- Reviewed 55 inter-municipal zoning regulation referrals through the Regional Planning Committee.
- Convened a committee to look at shared municipal services.
- Ended the fiscal year within budget.

Sam Gold, Executive Director

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Municipal Office Building Committee worked diligently to guarantee that the construction of the facility stayed on time and on budget. The Committee remained committed to ensuring the building was ready for the town and the Board of Education employees to move in and occupy in early 2018. As planned, the building officially opened to the public on Monday February 26, 2018.

On May 12, 2018 the Committee held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially mark the opening of the building. The ceremony was attended by many residents who were given tours of the building and able to speak with employees about their new work space. Those in attendance were able to see how the new office space will better serve the community.

As to be expected with any large renovation project, there are a few items that needed to be corrected or reworked from the original construction phase. The committee continues to work with Downes Construction and Silver Petrucelli & Associates to ensure the building is complete and constructed per the construction plans. Additionally, we continue to work with the town and Board of Education employees to add final touches to the building to ensure it functions as it was intended.

The Committee would like to thank all the town and Board of Education employees for their input and assistance throughout the project. We would like to specifically recognize Ruth Ziobron who was the Committee's recording secretary; Ron Turner, Director of Operations; Cindy Varricchio, Finance Director; Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator and Linda Zemienieski, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman. These five have played an integral part in ensuring the success of this project.

The Committee looks forward to moving this project to completion over the next year and leaving the citizens of East Haddam with a facility we can all be proud to call our own that will support the town for many years to come.

All Committee meetings are held at the Municipal Office Complex. Residents are welcome to attend. Please visit the town website for dates and times.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Mansfield, Chairman
Chuck Smith, Vice Chairman
Ed Blaschik, Secretary
Erik Dill, Treasurer
Phil Barlow
Al Howat
Maryjane Malavasi
Roy Parker



Members of the Committee applaud the cutting of the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Municipal Office Complex.



Municipal Office Complex – Main Meeting Rooms 1 and 2.



Refurbished phone booth that was originally located in the main hallway of the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, now the Municipal Office Complex, during the 1950s and 1960s. Somewhere around 1967, the phone booth was removed during a renovation project and thought to be forever lost. For the next 50 years, the booth sat in a warehouse in East Hampton. By a stroke of luck, the phone booth was located, donated to the Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association, restored and returned to its former home.

Oh the stories this phone booth could tell!

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

On January 6, 2003, the Town of East Haddam, through a referendum vote (778 to 135), approved a \$5 million dollar bond authorization to be used to purchase land or conservation easements on key parcels of land. The Committee has been part of several applications, acquisitions and easements over the years since its inception.

Committee members as of June 2018:

Will Brady, Chairman
Historic District Commission

Tracy Delventhal
Board of Education

Harvey Thomas
Board of Finance

Mary Colpoys
Recreation Commission

Edmund Gubbins
Planning and Zoning Commission

Mary Augustiny
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
Comm.

Robert Smith
Board of Selectmen

Laurie Alt
East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.

Joseph Albuquerque
Economic Development Commission

Todd Gelston
Conservation Commission

Vacancy
Agricultural Commission

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

During the fiscal year 2017-2018 the Planning and Zoning Commission processed two subdivision applications, two were approved, creating two new building lots. The Commission also approved 19 Special Exception/Site Plan Review applications, two lot line revisions and 73 zoning permits, including 14 single family dwellings.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at 7:15 pm, with the exception of holidays.

Crary H. Brownell, Chairman
James Curtin, Vice Chairman
Kevin Matthews, Secretary
Bernard Gillis
Edmund Gubbins
Richard Pettinelli
Louis Salicrup
Harvey Thomas
Joseph Zaid (alternate)
Vacancy (alternate)

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 2018 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 4,185.6 tons. This is a less than 0.1% decrease from fiscal year 2017. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 1,161.2 tons. This is a 21.7% decrease from last year. With the improved effort of every resident the town can 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:

- The town crew placed asphalt to shim/overlay and repair roads. Approximately 2,400 tons of hot mix asphalt was applied during the months of July, August, September 2017 and June 2018. Roads receiving this treatment included sections of Honey Hill Road, Jones Hill Road, Old Kentwood Road, Early Road, East Haddam Colchester Turnpike, Lookout Drive and Craigmere Road.
- The final 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 final 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 continues. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted to conduct this phase of the project. The bridge replacement is part of the Local Bridge Program.
- Annual maintenance of 119 miles of town roads was completed in accordance with a schedule of regular work. This program includes sweeping, line painting, mowing, street sign replacement, grading of more than 15 miles of unpaved roads, tree trimming, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.
- We also continue to assist other departments throughout the year including the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation, Agriculture

Commission, Conservation Commission and the East Haddam Land Trust.

- Overall, the winter of 2017-2018 was above average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 27 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on November 20, 2017 and the final storm occurred on April 2, 2018. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 52 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, dependability and experience 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



CADENCE 360 first recipient of EDC Business of Month. From left to right Rob Smith, Selectman, Kaze Kai Karate Sensai Goral, Cadence 360 Owners, John and Monique Kananowicz, EDC Chair. Bob Casner, EHBA President, Jess Stone.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The East Haddam Parks and Recreation department strives to provide positive recreational programs that contribute to a healthy lifestyle while promoting community connection, continued learning and growth. It is our goal to provide diverse activities that appeal to a wide-range of interests for all of our residents, no matter your age!



Town Beach.

The East Haddam Recreation Commission is comprised of nine residents who volunteer to guide the policies and programs of the Parks and Recreation department. The Commission assists in advising the following areas: departmental operational budget, capital improvement, long range plan, development and implementation of community programs and park maintenance. It also provides recommendations to adjust our programming to meet the needs of all our residents.

The East Haddam Recreation department was lead for almost 20 years by Tiffany Quinn who worked tirelessly to provide unique recreational activities for our residents. We were sad to see her leave our department earlier this spring for an exciting recreation opportunity in the town next door. We are grateful for all she did to grow our programs and wish her only the best in her new position!

We live in a beautiful town that offers many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, including numerous trails and parks. Our parks include the Town Beach which offers a pavilion, playground, beachfront, restrooms and Dog Park; Nichols Field which includes soccer and baseball fields, outdoor basketball court, preschool playground and a Disc Golf course; the new Municipal Office Complex includes the Park and Recreation Office and Activity Room, Hunter Daniels/ Dan Dombroski Memorial Skate Park, tennis courts, a multi-use green space/fields and a gym with two pickleball courts, a basketball court and stage. We are looking forward to putting this beautiful new facility to good use for many years to come!

There's nothing like a summer in East Haddam and our department is proud to be one of the largest seasonal employers of local teens at our Town Beach and Summer Day Camp. We also support our teens as they complete Eagle projects, Girl Scout Community projects and high school senior projects. We offer volunteer opportunities for residents of all ages, whether it be on the basketball courts, soccer fields or even at our famous summer concert series.

The Music on the River summer concert series consistently draws over 1,000 attendees per week as we enjoy comradery, community and great summer music. What sets us apart from most "town green" concerts are the culturally diverse programs we offer and the exceptional talent gracing our stage; keeping in mind our mission to entertain and appeal to our intergenerational audience. The experience is only enhanced by our beautiful setting. Where else can you enjoy great music on a warm summer night accompanied by extraordinary sunsets on the CT River?



Music on the River.

Other popular recreation programs include Fitness Boot Camp, Gentle Yoga, Co-ed soccer, When I'm in Charge class, babysitting course and First Aid/CPR classes. Our department has something for everyone and we're always open to suggestions for new programs. We would like to thank Consumers Reports and Shagbark for their continued support of our department throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Conroy
Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Registrars of Voters are election administrators responsible for upholding Connecticut State Laws regarding the electoral process; conducting elections and referenda; training election workers; maintaining and programming voting machines; and maintaining voter records. Registered voters in East Haddam now number over 6,500, partly due to Connecticut's compliance with the "Motor Voter" law which allows people to register to vote at the DMV.

The Registrars moved into the new Municipal Office Complex in February 2018. The new office is efficient and convenient. Elections and referenda will now take place in the gym right down the hall.

The annual canvass was completed in May, helping to insure that our voting records are accurate by identifying people who may have moved out of town and asking them to confirm the information.

The Registrars and their Deputies attended ROVAC conferences in September and April. The conferences keep us informed about new laws and regulations, as well as ways to improve office procedures.

A voter registration session was held at the high school in May to register 18-year-olds and 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by Election Day on November 6, 2018.

Both Registrars have now completed the Registrars of Voters Certification Program as required by the Secretary of the State.

The Registrars and several moderators have been trained in Connecticut's new Election Management System, an online reporting system that allows fast and accurate reporting of results to the Secretary of the State on election night.

The Registrars supervised a Municipal Election in November. 2,521 people voted to elect the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and members of various boards and commissions.

The annual budget referendum was held in May. 721 town residents and property owners voted (431 yes, 290 no) to approve the \$31,562,517 budget.

Thank you to all who help keep our Democracy working: our Town Hall professionals and support staff, our poll workers and our voters!

Respectfully submitted,

Registrars: Martha Hansen, Lucy Salicrup
Deputy Registrars: Laurie Alt, Lauren Bennett

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 the Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy Drive. The East Haddam Police provide free fingerprinting to town residents. 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. Please see the crime statistics to the right.

Respectfully submitted,
Resident Trooper Hawes,
Cpl Karabeinikoff
Ofc Smith
Ofc Gingras
Ofc Rhoades
Ofc Creighton
Cpl Corbeil
Cpl Mansfield

| POLICE STATISTICS | |
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| Police responded to over 9,733 calls for service over the past fiscal year. The following is a list of those incidents: | |
| Alarms | 344 |
| Assault | 2 |
| Assist Citizen | 387 |
| Burglary | 4 |
| Calls for Service | 8,356 |
| Criminal Impersonation | - |
| Criminal Mischief | 18 |
| Disturbances | 42 |
| Domestics | 28 |
| DWI | 15 |
| Harassment/Threats | 8 |
| K-9 Calls for Service | 52 |
| Larceny | 41 |
| Liquor Law Violations | 1 |
| Medical Assist | 132 |
| Missing Person | 6 |
| Narcotics Investigation | 22 |
| Robbery | - |
| Sex Offense/ Assault | 3 |
| Traffic Accident | 115 |
| Fatal Accident | - |
| Traffic Pursuits | 1 |
| Trespassing | - |
| Untimely Death | 14 |
| Use of Force | - |
| Warrants | 15 |
| Weapons Offense | 9 |
| Traffic Stops | 1,117 |
| Homicide | 1 |

SENIOR SERVICES



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

Our attendance numbers have been increasing. During the past year, there were 24,190 sign-ins at the Senior Center. Over the last six years, the Center increased from 11,914 sign-ins (2012-2013) a year to 24,190 (2017-2018) a 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.

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program and our Senior Center Café combined served thousands of meals to seniors this past year. A special thank you goes to all the groups and individuals who donated to support the senior meals program.

People with transportation needs are taken 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 year, we were fortunate to have the company of high school students at many times throughout the year. They assisted our seniors with their projects and activities. Every spring, we appreciate the efforts of the Vo-Ag students who beautify the grounds. The Leo’s Club and the Straight from the Heart Club are also very helpful throughout the year with a variety of programs. The middle and high school music departments come several times during the year to entertain the seniors.

The Senior Center building is also used many times during the year by civic groups. The Community Lions, Leo’s 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. Dot Parker was named “Senior Citizen of the Year” in recognition of all she does for our community. Many thanks to all our volunteers for their support!!

Brad Parker
Senior Services Director, Municipal Agent



Elliot and Barbara Borent were named King and Queen of our senior prom

SHARED SERVICES

Shared Services is the consolidation of facilities, finance 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. 2017-2018 accomplishments include:

Facilities:

- The elementary school classrooms and the gymnasium interior walls were repainted.
- The high and middle school gymnasium floors were completely sanded down, repainted and refinished.
- The elementary school interior security doors (eight sets) were replaced.
- The renovations to Firehouse Companies #1 and #2 were completed.
- A new storage shed was installed on the high school grounds for the Hale-Ray Drama department. The shed was donated by the East Haddam Senior Club and the site preparation was completed with the assistance of the Public Works department.
- Safety straps were installed on the retractable basketball hoops at both the elementary and high school gymnasiums. The straps help protect spectators from injury by preventing the hoops from swinging across the bleachers should the main retract cable snap. The middle school previously had the straps installed.
- The bleachers in the high school gym were serviced by the manufacturer to include a complete tuning and inspection, sections were added to the bleachers to add ADA compliant seating and the end rails were replaced to match current code standards.
- A sheet music storage library was installed in the music department at the high school enabling us to

protect the investment in sheet music and to consolidate storage.

- A local contractor installed new programmable thermostats throughout the town buildings. These thermostats will help the town save energy by providing remote access to the heating and cooling systems. The devices will also provide warning if a building is experiencing issues, such as freezing temperatures.

Finance:

- 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).
- Produced *Citizens' Guide to the Budget*.

Technology:

- Provided professional technology support to the Board of Education and the town to include:
 - Relocating the town and Board of Education offices.
 - Upgrading school district and town computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10.
 - Expanded Chromebook capabilities in the elementary 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, Information Technology Manager



Veterans Wall of Honor – to recognize East Haddam's men and women, past and present, who served in our nation's military, as well as remembrances of our town's historical endeavors in support of our country.

Video Display located in the Municipal Office Complex in the corridor just past the front lobby.

Digital monitor runs continuous slide show presentation. Some of the exhibits featured are photos of those who have served which include a brief bio of their military service, photos of military hardware and souvenirs and town historical excerpts.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is one of the most visited offices in the Municipal Office Complex. It serves as the center for permanent records for the residents of the community and its government. The town's most important documents are entrusted to the Town Clerk; to include documentation regarding the birth of your child, the death of a loved one or the purchase or sale of your home. In 2017-2018 the office recorded 66 births, 91 marriages and 96 deaths. Military discharges, notary public services (requested over 500 times), 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. The functions and fees of the Town Clerk's Office are governed by State Statute.

The Town Clerk's Office is a major collector of revenue as indicated on the table below.

| Town Clerk Fees Collected 2017-2018 | |
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| Map and land records recording fees | \$50,363 |
| Conveyance Tax | \$115,946 |
| Nominee fees, preservation taxes and surcharges | \$98,417 |
| Dog and sporting licenses | \$17,903 |
| Vital statistic fees and permits | \$13,048 |
| Copies, internet fees, notary, liquor and miscellaneous fees | \$114,692 |
| Total | \$310,369 |



Top Dog first place contest winner Murphy, a yearling Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Murphy belongs to the Shizume family.

A total of \$452,393 was collected by the Clerk's Office and forwarded to the State of Connecticut. This figure includes \$347,837 that passed directly through to the State. The town retained \$205,813 of the fees collected.

Land records are available on line at www.uslandrecords.com. Indexes go back to 1955 and images are now available from 1989 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, the older minutes are being archived.

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 was utilized to conserve our earliest land record volumes.

The Town Clerk continues to provide recording secretarial services to the Board of Finance and is one of the two administrators of the town's website. Highlights of this fiscal year included the move to the Municipal Office Complex, which if you have seen all of the records the vault contains you will understand why it was no easy feat and the adoption of the town's codified Ordinance book, which can be found online at www.easthaddam.org.

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



Top Dog second place contest winner Pugson. Pugson belongs to the Buckland 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 2017-2018 fiscal year was the eighteenth 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 Central 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.

The Authority meets on the first Tuesday of even numbered months at the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Room 2 at 7:00 pm.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is in charge of variances to determine and vary the application of the zoning regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent, after due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, welfare convenience and property values. And to hear, consider and decide appeals when it is claimed that there is an error in any order, requirement, or decision of a zoning enforcement official.

The Zoning Board of Appeals, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, heard a total of 13 cases. This is up from the 11 cases that were heard over the last fiscal year. The 13 requests were for variances as noted below:

- Property line setbacks for construction (6)
- Lot Coverage (3)
- A combination of lot coverage and set back requirements (4)

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

Board Members:
J. Greg Daigle, Chairman
Stuart Wood
Richard Fiala
Diane Quinn
William Smith
Laurie Alt (alternate)
James Fennema (alternate)
1 alternate vacancy



Newly refurbished gym and stage at the Municipal Office Complex

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Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk



Special Town Meeting July 11, 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 fifty people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Item 1: 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 \$30,782,211, 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 July 25, 2017.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments. Mrs. Dickinson expressed frustration that the Board of Finance does not listen to comments or suggestions from the public. She encouraged the budget vote to be tabled pending review of suggestions offered.

Mrs. Denette advised that at this point in the process, the budget cannot be altered or tabled.

Bill Cross raised specific questions relative to the town's general fund. Mr. DiCristofaro of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Varricchio, the

Town's Finance Director responded to his questions. When back and forth discussion ensued, Mrs. Denette suggested that Mr. Cross meet with Mrs. Varricchio outside of the Town Meeting venue.

Ken Dalton questioned the fringe benefits line. Mrs. Varricchio addressed his question.

The Moderator reiterated that the vote would be conducted at referendum on July 25, 2017.

Item 2: Kim Barrows motioned, First Selectman Lyman 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 six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on July 25, 2017.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments. Mr. Lyman stated that this process follows past practice.

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 July 25, 2017. With the exception of Karen Blaschik, all yeah votes were recorded. The Moderator declared the motion passed.

Item 3: Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$25,000 from Consumers Union of United States Inc. for completion of the following projects in priority order pending potential budget funding in the 2017-2018 budget. Heritage Park Lighting project, LED Sign for New Municipal Complex and Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels program (revenue account 33050-43000-G1701 and expense account 3305511-58820-G1701).

Opportunity for comments and questions was presented, none were offered. The Moderator called for a vote accepting a gift in the amount of \$25,000 from Consumers Union of United States Inc. for completion of the following projects in priority order pending potential budget funding in the 2017-2018 budget. Heritage Park Lighting project, LED Sign for New Municipal Complex and Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels program (revenue

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account 33050-43000-G1701 and expense account 3305511-58820-G1701). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & public protection, division of emergency management and homeland security entitled FY2016 emergency management performance grant (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense account 10541810-5150 \$4,000 and 10541810-49490 \$573).

Mr. Gelston inquired what this would fund. Mrs. Varricchio advised that this grant would go toward the stipend paid for both the emergency management director and vice director.

There being no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote on the Motion to accept a \$4,573 grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency services and public protection. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Kim Barrows motioned to adjourn to referendum as heretofore described at 8:20 pm. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Referendum Results

Moderator Carleen Quinn declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$30,782,211, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2017-2018 be approved?

Yes: 668
No: 590

1,258 votes cast, including (20) absentee ballots. The Moderator declared the referendum passed.



Special Town Meeting September 5, 2017

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:06 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Four (4) people attended. 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, Irene Haines seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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

Item 1: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution: 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 reviewed the document restoration project that the grant would pay for. No questions were asked, accordingly the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Lyman second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from the East Haddam Lions Club for the purpose of lighting at the Heritage Park Walking Trail (revenue account 29545-44850 and expense account 29544230-57300).

Questions were raised regarding the impact of the lighting on events such as the Taste of East Haddam and the car show. Mr. Lyman advised that such events were taken into consideration. He added that the lighting will be 30' apart. It was also noted that the lighting would be on a motion sensor so that it will not be continually lit. Mr. Lyman also stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and approved the lighting.

There being no further inquiry on the lighting, the Moderator called for a vote on the Motion

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to accept a \$10,000 gift from the East Haddam Lions Club for the purpose of lighting at the Heritage Park Walking Trail (revenue account 29545-44850 and expense account 29544230-57300).

The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Blaschik at 8:16 pm. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously via voice vote.



Special Town Meeting October 17, 2017

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:02 pm at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Nine people (9) people attended (seven voters). 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. Edward 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 read the call of the meeting. Mr. Lyman motioned to accept the call as read. Mr. Alan Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Mr. Edward Blaschik motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of two pieces of artwork from Greg Spencer.

Mrs. Denette advised that the artwork is presently located in the vault. It will be hung in the new building when completed. She noted that Mr. Spencer was permanently moving to Arizona and felt the pieces, one done by his grandfather, belonged in East Haddam.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept two pieces of East Haddam artwork donated by Mr. Greg Spencer. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Lyman provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a three-year agreement on behalf of the Town from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2020 with the Osterman Propane LLC for the purchase of propane for the new municipal complex at sellkirk plus \$.30.

Mr. Lyman advised that their bid was very favorable and that they were highly recommended by Goodspeed.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the First Selectman to enter into a three-year agreement on behalf of the Town from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2020 with Osterman Propane LLC for the purchase of propane for the new municipal complex at sellkirk plus \$.30. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Edward Blaschik that the legislative herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen that the ordinance entitled "Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled in the Town of East Haddam, adopted February 3, 2009 and amended August 2, 2011 is hereby further amended to eliminate the effective Grand List years as recommended by the Assessor. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

The Moderator stated that she would entertain two amendments to the ordinance. The first would be to repeal Section 1 Statutory Authority in its entirety and replace it with the following language.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town under Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, and shall be effective for the Grand List of 2011 and all subsequent years.

The second is in paragraph D, "strike Internal Revenue code of 1954" and replace it with the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" as amended. (The Internal Revenue Code of 1954 has been repealed).

The Moderator requested a motion to put the requested amendment on the floor so that the

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reason for the amendments could be discussed. Mrs. Karan Blaschik provided the motion, Mr. Alan Blaschik seconded the motion.

The Moderator advised that the replacement language for Section 1 addresses the gap years of 2015 and 2016 wherein the exemption was applied without legislative body authority. Further, the internal revenue code of 1954 was repealed and replaced with the internal revenue code of 1986. She added that the codification project that has been on-going for a very long time addresses a blanket correction to update every reference, as this ordinance is being acted upon at this time to bring it **back** into conformance, that change should be incorporated.

Mr. Ed Blaschik inquired whether the recommending Boards were aware of the change. Mrs. Denette advised that the Board of Finance was alerted that an amended would be solicited and the reason for it, no objections were raised. Mr. Lyman read correspondence from the Town's attorney that advised that the suggested language accomplishes the same purpose as the original motion, AND it covered the gap years.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment. There were no votes cast either for or against. Accordingly the motion failed. Mrs. Dill stated that she is supportive of the ordinance, but would be in favor of reinstating a sunset so that the ordinance receives periodic review.

Mrs. Denise Dill motioned, Mr. Edward Blaschik provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled Delete Section 1. Statutory Authority in its entirety and replace it with the following language: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town under Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time and shall be effective for the Grand List of 2015 through 2020. And to strike Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and replace it with Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator than called for a vote on the motion that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Ordinance entitled tax relief for the elderly and disabled in the Town

of East Haddam as amended herein. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discussion, the meeting adjourned upon a motion made by Mr. Edward Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Alan Blaschik and carried by unanimous vote at 8:17 pm.

TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

That the Town of East Haddam adopt the following Ordinance:

Section 1. Statutory Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town under Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, and shall be effective for the Grand Lists of 2015 through 2020.

Section 2. Qualifications for Tax Relief

To qualify for the tax relief provided in this Ordinance, the taxpayer shall meet the following requirements;

- A. Shall be either (1) sixty-five (65) years of age or over at the close of the previous calendar year, or his or her spouse, who is domiciled with him or her, or has been confined to a nursing home from his or her residence in East Haddam, shall be sixty-five (65) years of age or over or the surviving spouse of a tax-payer previously qualified under this Section at the time of his or her death and over the age of sixty-two (62), subject to requalification hereunder, or (2) under age sixty-five (65) and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or have not been engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly have not qualified for permanent total disability under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act and any government-related teachers' retirement plan, in which requirements with respect to qualifications for such permanent total disability benefits are comparable to such requirements under Social Security;
- B. Shall have occupied the real property for which tax relief is sought as his or her principal residence and must either be owned by the applicant or be real property for which the applicant or his or her spouse is liable for taxes under CGS 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except as provided in Subsection C herein below.
- C. Shall have been liable for residential real property taxes to the Town of East Haddam for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the receipt of tax benefits under this Ordinance, and not owe any delinquent property taxes to the Town of East Haddam; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that if property is

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held in trust for a person who would otherwise qualify for this Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program, the tax relief may still be granted if the claimant is the primary beneficiary of the trust and the claimant meets all other requirements under this program. Under these circumstances, the application for relief shall be accompanied by a copy of the Trust Agreement. The Trust Agreement shall be reviewed by Town Counsel prior to any relief being granted to the claimant.

- D. Shall have individually, if unmarried, or jointly if married, adjusted gross income, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, plus social security benefits, income from other tax exempt retirement and annuity sources and income from tax exempt bonds, hereinafter called "qualifying income", during the calendar year, preceding the filing of his or her application in an amount of no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Section 3. Benefits for Property

The benefits under this Ordinance shall be limited to the residence of the taxpayer, the house lot upon which such residence is located and any non-income producing accessory buildings located upon said lot.

Section 4. Implementation of Provisions; Qualifying Income; Confidentiality

The Tax Collector and the Assessor of the Town of East Haddam shall prescribe, with regard to their respective duties under this Ordinance, such forms and procedures as may be necessary to implement this Article. The Assessor, in addition, shall satisfy himself or herself as to the qualifying income of an applicant for benefits under this Ordinance by requesting and reviewing such evidence, including documents, of qualifying income as he or she may deem pertinent. All applications, federal income tax returns filed herewith and any additional evidence of qualifying income which the Assessor may require shall be kept confidential and not open to public inspection.

Section 5. Tax Relief Granted; Limits on Tax Relief.

- A. Tax relief shall be provided by the Town to applicants who meet the requirements of this Ordinance, subject to the limitations contained herein.
- B. The yearly allowable relief shall be established as follows:

| Income | Relief Amount |
|----------------------|---------------|
| \$0 to \$24,999 | \$500 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | \$400 |
| \$35,000 to \$50,000 | \$300 |

However, in no event shall the total yearly program exceed the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000). In such event, the amount of relief granted shall be reduced in a pro rata manner by

maintaining, as far as possible, the maximum relief amount for the lowest income tax payers and then reducing the relief amount for each higher income tier until said program does not exceed said amount.

- C. The property tax relief provided by this section shall be in addition to and not dependent upon those benefits available to qualified taxpayers under any General Statutes, Sections 12-129b to 129d, 12-129h and 12-170aa, provided that the Town and state benefits in any one year shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the real property tax which would have been imposed on a qualified taxpayer in the absence of such statute and this section.
- D. If a qualifying taxpayer owns property jointly with a non-spouse, tax relief under the Elderly Tax Relief Program will be proportionate to the qualifying taxpayer's interest in the property.
- E. Before the tax relief or any portion thereof under this section shall be given, such person must first apply for tax relief under any state statute for which he/she is eligible. If such applicant has not applied for tax relief under any state statute because he/she is not eligible, he or she shall so certify by filing annually to the Assessor or Authorized Agent on a form acceptable to the Assessor an affidavit testifying to his or her eligibility. The application must be filed each year with the Assessor between February first (1st) and May fifteenth (15) for tax relief for the following fiscal year which begins on July 1st.
- F. Any otherwise qualified applicant must own and reside on the property subject to tax relief for at least one hundred eighty-three (183) days per year, for the property to qualify as the taxpayer's principal residence. Only one tax credit shall be allowed for each property eligible for tax relief. In any case where title to such real property is recorded in the name of the taxpayer or his or her spouse who is eligible for tax relief and any other person or persons, the tax amount shall be prorated to allow a tax credit equivalent to the fractional share in the property of such eligible taxpayer or spouse; if such property is a multiple family dwelling, such tax credit shall be prorated to reflect the fractional portion of such property occupied by the eligible taxpayer as provided by state statutes. Persons not otherwise eligible shall not receive any tax relief.
- G. If any person entitled to the tax relief dies without leaving a qualified spouse, prorated tax relief shall be given from October 1 of the assessment year in which death occurs to the date of death. Such prorated portion shall be determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of full months from the first day of October in such assessment year to the date of death and the

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denominator shall be twelve (12). If such person dies, the tax relief which such person shall be allowed for his or her estate shall be given for the next fiscal year and for any subsequent fiscal years which the surviving spouse of such person meets the requirements set forth. If any person receiving qualified tax relief hereunder sells the property on which the tax relief is granted, no additional tax relief shall be allowed for his or her interest in the property, and the purchaser of such property shall pay the town a prorated portion of the tax relief for that fiscal year. Such prorated portion of such relief shall be determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of months from the date of conveyance, including the month of conveyance, to the end of the assessment year and the denominator of which shall be twelve (12). If such conveyance occurs in the month of October, the grantor shall be disqualified for tax relief in such assessment year. The grantee shall be required within a period not to exceed ten (10) days immediately following the date of such conveyance to notify the assessor thereof, whereupon the assessor shall determine the amount of tax reduction to which the grantor is entitled for such assessment year.

- H. Applications for benefits under this section shall be filed biennially with the Assessor or Authorized Agent between February first (1st) and May fifteenth (15th) when State of Connecticut applications are due.
- I. Any applicant who has received benefits from this section and is later found to be ineligible after filing a false affidavit will be liable for all benefits received. The amount due will be treated as taxes not paid from the date they would have been due and will be subject to interest and penalties as prescribed by law.
- J. This ordinance shall take effect on passage and publication. Once the ordinance takes effect it may be amended by vote of the Town Meeting, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, without complying with requirements of CGS 12-129n applicable to the ordinance's initial approval.
- K. If any section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality of invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance if they can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provisions.
- L. Any person aggrieved by the action of the Assessor in determining the amount of relief or in disapproving any such application under this ordinance may appeal to the Board of Selectmen in writing, within ten (10) days after the date of the

written notification of the Assessor on such application. The Board of Selectmen shall promptly consider such appeal and may grant or deny the relief requested, or make such other modifications necessary to comply with the ordinance.

Adopted at Town Meeting, February 3, 2009.

Published Hartford Courant, February 10, 2009.

Amended at Town Meeting, August 2, 2011. (Grand List Years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; changed application period from "filed annually" to "filed biennially")

Published Hartford Courant, August 26, 2011.

Amended at Town Meeting October 17, 2017 (Grand List years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020); updated Internal Revenue Code reference.



Special Town Meeting November 1, 2017

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:02 pm. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Seventeen people (17) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kate O'Boyle motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Charles Dickinson seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Rob Smith 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 read the call of the meeting. Karen Blaschik motioned to accept the call as read. Todd Gelston seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Brad Parker motioned, Terry Dickinson seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of a shed for the Senior Center valued at \$5,900.00 from the Senior Club.

Mr. Parker advised that the shed that was on site was too small. He noted that it stores seasonal décor and medical equipment such as walkers and commodes that are available for use when the need arises.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept a gift of a shed for the Senior Center valued at \$5,900.00 from the Senior Club. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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Item 2: Mrs. Dickinson motioned, Mr. Smith provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$777.77 in memory of Ruth May Hotyckey Ciucias for the Millington Schoolhouse Foundation Project (revenue account 72390-48810-880890).

Responsive to inquiry, Mr. Lyman advised that the foundation project is for repair to the foundation and not creation of one.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift in the amount of \$777.77 in memory of Ruth May Hotyckey Ciucias for the Millington Schoolhouse Foundation Project (revenue account 72390-48810-880890). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Motion made by Mrs. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Smith that the legislative herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to grant a Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Easement on Grantor's land for the limited and exclusive purpose of installing, repairing and/or maintaining a subsurface sewage disposal system in association with servicing the three (3) existing residential buildings located at 26 Wigwam Road, Moodus, Connecticut being more fully set forth on a map or pan entitled "SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR PLAN (LANDS OF TOWN OF EAST HADDAM & VALERIE M LANNING) LAMING PROPERTY 26 WIGWAM ROAD, EAST HADDAM, CONNECTICUT MAP 56 LOT 33" Scale 1" = 20 feet, date 8-31-17 as prepared by Nemergut Consulting, 235 Route 80, PO Box 666, Killingworth, CT 06419, a copy of which map or plan has been simultaneously filed in the Office of the East Haddam Town Clerk and to which reference is hereby made (the Approved Plan) and that the First Selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such easement.

Mr. Ventres noted that the 1924 property has three structures on it that predate both zoning and the health code. He stated that it cannot meet code on the existing property. This easement would allow the utilization of the town owned vacant lot adjacent. Mr. Nemergut

advised that the property is approximately 1 acre and 10% of it would be utilized for the easement. Comments and questions were raised by Todd Gelston, Crary Brownell, Randy Dill, and Charlene Riling. Answers were provided by Mr. Nemergut and Mr. Ventres. It was noted that the Town would not benefit by selling the property, it has value as it contains a fire pond.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to grant a Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Easement on Grantor's land for the limited and exclusive purpose of installing, repairing and/or maintaining a subsurface sewage disposal system in association with servicing the three (3) existing residential buildings located at 26 Wigwam Road, Moodus, Connecticut being more fully set forth on a map or pan entitled "SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR PLAN (LANDS OF TOWN OF EAST HADDAM & VALERIE M LANNING) LAMING PROPERTY 26 WIGWAM ROAD, EAST HADDAM, CONNECTICUT MAP 56 LOT 33" Scale 1" = 20 feet, date 8-31-17 as prepared by Nemergut Consulting, 235 Route 80, PO Box 666, Killingworth, CT 06419, a copy of which map or plan has been simultaneously filed in the Office of the East Haddam Town Clerk and to which reference is hereby made (the Approved Plan) and that the First Selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such easement. The motion carried with one vote cast in opposition.

There being no other business and upon a motion made by Bill Cross, seconded by Brad Parker the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION

November 7, 2017

Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. The following results were announced at 8:08 pm.

| Office | Democrat | Vote Count | Republican | Vote Count | Independent | Vote Count | Petitioning | Vote Count |
|--|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| First Selectman | | | *Emmett Lyman | 1,221 | Lance S. Lusignan | 179 | Irene M. Haines | 924 |
| Selectman | Kate O'Boyle | 651 | *Susan Link | 1,080 | | | *Robert R. Smith | 731 |
| Town Clerk | | | | | | | *Debra H. Denette | 1,534 |
| Town Treasurer | Kathleen A. Klinck | 1,001 | *Kathleen A. Klinck | 1,170 | | | | |
| Tax Collector | | | *Denise L. Dill | 1,958 | | | | |
| Board of Finance | Thom Delventhal | 842 | *Tracey F. Gionta | 1,353 | | | Kim M. Barrows | 629 |
| | Anthony Bergeron | 1,019 | *William DiCristofaro | 1,311 | | | | |
| | | | *Todd Gelston | 1,308 | | | | |
| Board of Education | *Tracy Delventhal | 861 | *Bryan Perry | 1,130 | | | Christopher A. Wenz | 396 |
| | Tanisha Bergeron | 844 | *Erik Anderson | 1,369 | | | | |
| Board of Assessment Appeals | Andrew D. Compagno | 783 | *Justin L. Kennedy | 1,144 | | | Amy C. Adams | 386 |
| Planning and Zoning Commission | *James M. Curtin | 1,394 | *Louis H. Salicrup | 925 | | | | |
| Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate | *Joe Zaid | 1,501 | | | | | | |
| Library Trustee | *Janine Broe | 1,172 | *William Barney | 1,313 | | | | |
| | | | *J. Tryon Ranaudo | 1,566 | | | | |

**Declared winner by Moderator. 2,521 check off as having voted. Haines could not be seated due to minority representation rules.*

Annual Town Meeting December 19, 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. Eight people (8) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Rob Smith seconded the motion.

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

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

Item 1: Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Smith seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all

necessary agreements of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Gelston, it was noted that \$162,690.80 has been received to date. Mr. Lyman stated that the amount is roughly half of what the town should be receiving and added that the amount is based on a formula.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements 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. Casner provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Mr. Lyman distributed the report to those present. It was noted that a lot of work goes into its preparation.

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There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business and upon a motion made by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Casner the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Special Town Meeting January 31, 2018

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 pm. at the Grange Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately sixty (60) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Item 1: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Susan Link seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,710.00 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the purpose of storage shelving for the Rathbun Historical Room for archival volumes associated with the Town of East Haddam (revenue account 33050-43000-G1801 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1801).

Michael Gilroy, Library Director advised that the Town was fortunate to receive this very competitive grant. He stated that it will provide appropriate storage for historic records. He stated that no matching funds were required.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept a \$4,710.00 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the purpose of storage shelving for the Rathbun Historical Room for archival volumes associated with the Town of East Haddam. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Mrs. Link motioned, Chuck Smith provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of various items of furniture to include cubes/work stations with chairs, demountable walls, file cabinets, conference room tables and chairs, chairs for main meeting rooms several small round tables for offices, movable tables for Park and Recreation and miscellaneous electronic equipment for the Municipal Office Complex valued at approximately \$46,000 after depreciation.

Mr. Lyman advised that this donation was made anonymously. He further stated that if the Town needed to purchase and install this furniture brand new it would likely cost well over half a million dollars. He stated that the furniture is very gently used is a great savings to the Town.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift of various items of furniture to include cubes/work stations with chairs, demountable walls, file cabinets, conference room tables and chairs, chairs for main meeting rooms several small round tables for offices, movable tables for Park and Recreation and miscellaneous electronic equipment for the Municipal Office Complex valued at approximately \$46,000 after depreciation. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mrs. Link provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of fourteen five drawer lateral filing cabinets for the Municipal Office Complex valued at \$2,100.00 from CitiFinancial.

Mr. Lyman advised that item is another wonderful donation made to the Town. He added that CitiFinancial was the donor.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift of fourteen five drawer lateral filing cabinets for the Municipal Office Complex valued at \$2,100.00 from CitiFinancial. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Candy Karle motioned, Mr. Smith provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of \$400.00 from the East Haddam Art

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League for an art display system for the Municipal Office Complex (revenue account 33401-43000 and expense account 34050040-54500).

Candy Karle advised that the Art League is excited to have a place to display artworks. She advised that materials are anticipated to cost \$250.00 and installation will cost approximately \$150.00. Responsive to inquiry from Mrs. Denette, it was noted that many of the artworks may be for sale, she added, however that there will be pamphlets advising an interested party on how to contact the artists; staff will not be involved in transactions. Mr. Lyman added that the Town will not be assuming any liability regarding the safekeeping of works stored on site.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote that the legislative body herein assembled accept a gift of \$400.00 from the East Haddam Art League for an art display system for the Municipal Office Complex (revenue account 33401-43000 and expense account 34050040-54500). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote

There being no other business and upon a motion made by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Denette the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



On February 16, 2018 the Town of East Haddam ceased operations at its 7 Main Street, East Haddam address and relocated to 1 Plains Road, Moodus, CT.

The Municipal Office Complex opened to the public on February 26, 2018 and makes use of the former Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School which was vacated by the Board of Education as an educational facility in 2008.



Special Town Meeting March 28, 2018

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. Six people attended (five were eligible to vote). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Emmett Lyman motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Ron Turner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Lyman motioned to close nominations, Mr. Turner 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. Dave Denette 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. Lyman motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and approve the following ordinance, Mr. Turner provided the second:

ARTICLE I Adoption of Code

- § 1-1. Adoption of Code.
The compilation of the Special Acts and ordinances of a general and permanent nature of the Town of East Haddam, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code LLC, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 301, together with an Appendix, is hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut," hereinafter called the "Code." All provisions contained in the compilation provided for herein and known as the "Code of the Town of East Haddam" shall be in force and effect on and after the effective date of this ordinance.
- § 1-2. Continuation of existing provisions.
The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of the legislation in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such legislation and not as new enactments, and the effectiveness of such provisions shall date from the date of adoption of the prior legislation.
- § 1-3. Copy of Code on file.
A copy of the Code, in loose-leaf form, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance, and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Town Clerk, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of said Town Clerk to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.
- § 1-4. Publication; filing.
The Clerk of the Town of East Haddam shall cause to be published, in the manner required by law, a copy of this Adoption Ordinance. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained

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in the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. The enactment and publication of this ordinance, coupled with the availability of a copy of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

§ 1-5. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Town of East Haddam" shall be understood and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be included in the Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

§ 1-6. Code to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk, to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in the Clerk's office for use by the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 1-7. Supplementation of Code.

- A. Supplements to this Code shall be prepared whenever authorized or directed by the Board of Selectmen. A supplement to the Code shall include all substantive permanent and general parts of ordinances passed by the Town and all changes made thereby in the Code.
- B. When preparing a supplement to this Code, the codifier (meaning the person, agency or organization authorized to prepare the supplement) may make formal, nonsubstantive changes in ordinances and parts of ordinances included in the supplement, insofar as it is necessary to do so to embody them into the unified Code. For example, the codifier may:

- (1) Organize the ordinance material into appropriate subsections;
- (2) Provide appropriate headings and titles for sections and other subdivisions of the Code included in the supplement, and make changes in such headings and titles;
- (3) Assign appropriate numbers to chapters and sections to be inserted in the Code and, where necessary to accommodate new material, change existing or other section numbers;
- (4) Change the words "this ordinance" or words of the same meaning to "this chapter," "this article," "this section," etc., as the case may be, or to "§§ _____ to _____" (inserting section numbers to indicate the sections of the Code which embody the substantive sections of the ordinance incorporated into the Code); and
- (5) Make other nonsubstantive changes necessary to preserve the original meaning of ordinance sections inserted into the Code; but in no case shall the codifier make any change in the meaning or effect of ordinance material included in the supplement or already in the Code.

§ 1-8. Sale of Code.

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Clerk or an authorized agent of the Clerk upon the payment of a fee to be set by the Board of Selectmen. The Clerk may also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation of the Code.

§ 1-9. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Town of East Haddam to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section or any part of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$250.

§ 1-10. Severability.

- A. Severability of Code provisions. Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or

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ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

- B. Severability of ordinance provisions. Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-11. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of East Haddam of a general and permanent nature in force on the date of the adoption of this ordinance which are inconsistent with any provisions of the Code are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

§ 1-12. Certain ordinances not affected by Code.

- A. Nothing in this Code or the ordinance adopting this Code shall be construed to repeal or otherwise affect the validity of any of the following:
 - (1) Any ordinance promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the Town, or any evidence of the Town's indebtedness;
 - (2) Any appropriation ordinance providing for the levy of taxes or for any annual budget;
 - (3) Any order annexing territory to the Town or excluding territory as a part of the Town;
 - (4) Any ordinance granting any franchise, permit or other right;
 - (5) Any Zoning Ordinance or amendment thereto;
 - (6) Any Subdivision Ordinance or amendment thereto;
 - (7) Any ordinance creating a special services district;
 - (8) Any ordinance approving, authorizing or otherwise relating to any contract, agreement, lease, deed or other instrument;
 - (9) Any ordinance adopting a preliminary or development plan;
 - (10) Any temporary or special ordinance.

- B. All ordinances pursuant to this section are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this section.

§ 1-13. Effect of repeal of ordinances.

- A. The repeal of an ordinance shall not revive any ordinances in force before or at the time the ordinance repealed took effect, unless expressly stated.
- B. The repeal of an ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, nor any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

§ 1-14. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.

- A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for publication as the Code of the Town of East Haddam, no changes in the meaning or intent of such ordinances have been made, except as provided for in Subsection B hereof. Certain grammatical changes and other minor nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said pieces of legislation. It is the intention of the Town that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances had been previously formally amended to read as such.
- B. In addition, the amendments and/or additions as set forth in Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

§ 1-15. Catchlines, histories and references.

- A. The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.
- B. The histories appearing in brackets after sections and subsections and the references and notes located throughout the Code are for the benefit of the user of the Code and shall have no legal effect.

Mrs. Denette noted that codification takes the existing laws, compiles them into a new format and adjusts where appropriate to reflect current law. It was emphasized that changes in substance were not part of this process. There

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being no questions, the Moderator called for a vote to approve the Code Adoption Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 2: Dora Lyman motioned that the legislative body herein assembled authorize a transfer of \$4,409.68 from the General Fund (10549101-58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund. (3320-10505-25790). Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Denette, Mrs. Denette advised that this action transfers unspent funds from the Board of Education 2016/2017 budget and moves them to an Education Capital Reserve Fund for future Board of Education projects.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to approve the transfer of \$4,409.68 from the General Fund (10549101-58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund. (3320-10505-25790). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Mr. Denette motioned, Mr. Lyman provided the seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to transfer an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the Education Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790) to the Capital Project Fund for the purpose of removing an underground fuel oil tank at the East Haddam Elementary School (33250013-58926-C0147).

No discussion was held. The Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyman motioned to adjourn, which was duly seconded. The motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote at 8:07 pm.



Special Town Meeting April 24, 2018

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

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

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct

and read the call of the meeting. Karin Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented. Greg Lauria seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as read carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: 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 \$31,562,517, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2018-2019 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 May 8, 2018.

The Moderator requested Mr. DiCristofaro to speak to changes that occurred in the expenditure summary that was sent out. Mr. DiCristofaro advised that there are no changes to the budget put forward by the Board of Finance, however, when the summary was prepared everything was off by one line.

Kyle Paull inquired about the changes from the Board of Education's initial requested budget and what is being brought forward by the Board of Finance. He noted that minutes are not available on the Town's website that would likely answer that question. Mr. DiCristofaro stated that \$150,000 for school security was removed from the education budget. A broader scope of security is being reviewed and recommendations will be brought back outside of the budget process. Additionally, savings were realized in both benefit costs and heating prices once those costs locked in. The Board of Finance further requested the Board of Education to squeeze a little tighter, and an additional \$50,000 reduction was made without an impact on programming.

Mr. DiCristofaro inquired if Superintendent Reas had anything to add. Mr. Reas reiterated that the reductions were due to reductions in benefits and heating prices; he provided assurance that security issues are not being ignored.

No further comments were offered. The Moderator reiterated that the vote would be conducted at referendum on May 8, 2018.

Item 2: Brad Parker motioned, Mr. Paull 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 six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 8, 2018.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments. No comments were made.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. to conduct the budget referendum on May 8, 2018. The Moderator reiterated that a yea vote would open the polls at 6:00 a.m. and that a nay vote would open the polls at 12 noon. The motion opening the polls at 6:00 a.m. carried unanimously.

There being no further business to conduct, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn to referendum on May 8, 2018 at 6:00 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Parker; seconded by Mr. Blaschik. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:10 pm

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**Referendum Results**

Moderator Craig Rogoff declared the polls open at 6:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 pm. at the Town Meeting Hall on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$31,562,517, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2018-2019 be approved?

Yes: 431  
No: 290

721 votes cast, including five (5) absentee ballots and eight (8) property owners.

The Moderator declared the referendum passed at 8:08 pm.

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**Special Town Meeting
May 23, 2018**

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 twenty people attended. 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 provided the second. 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. Dave Denette motioned to accept the call as presented, John Raczika

seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Shawn Daigle motioned, John Raczika provided the second that the Legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift of a 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Apparatus valued at \$5,000 from the Eastern Connecticut Fire School.

The Moderator requested the Fire Chief to present the request. Chief Auld noted the importance of history and pride in the Fire Department. He asked John Sarnik to provide specifics on the vehicle. John advised that when the pumper was originally acquired it was the first in Middlesex County and the second in the State. He noted that the vehicle is road worthy. The intent of the truck would be for educational and ceremonial purposes and would avoid taking functional apparatus off line during events. Bill Seigmann noted that volunteers have been working on the vehicle since its return in East Haddam. He added it is a wonderful team effort.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments or questions. None were made.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on acceptance of the 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Apparatus from the Eastern Connecticut Fire School. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to conduct, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn to. The motion was made by Bill Seigmann and seconded by John Sarnik. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:10 pm.

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Municipal Office Complex
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Fax – Assessor/Tax Collector/Town Clerk: 860-873-5042 Fax – Finance Office/Selectmen’s Office: 860-873-5025
Fax – Building Department/Chatham Health/Land Use Office: 860-873-1565
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East Haddam Police..... 860-873-5041..... police@easthaddam.org

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Tax Collector’s Office

Denise Dill, Tax Collector..... 860-873-5033..... taxcollector@easthaddam.org

Town Clerk’s Office

Deb Denette, Town Clerk..... 860-873-5027..... townclerk@easthaddam.org
Beverly Christopher, Assistant Town Clerk

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Fax: 860-873-6014

Town Garage, Hood Lane Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Transfer Station, Nichols Road Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Shirley Dill, Administrative Assistant..... publicworks@easthaddam.org
Don MacKenzie, Transfer Station Foreman..... 860-873-5030

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Brian Auld, **Fire Chief**..... 860-891-8400..... firechief@easthaddam.org
Don Angersola, **Fire Marshal**..... 860-873-5004..... firemarshal@easthaddam.org
Economic Development Coordinator..... 860-891-8503..... edevcoordinator@easthaddam.org
Craig Mansfield, **Emergency Management Director**..... 860-873-5103..... ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org

Food Bank

Lori Olson, Chairman..... 860-891-8100

Library System

East Haddam Free Public Library..... 860-873-8248..... www.ehfppl.blogspot.com
Rathbun Free Memorial Library..... 860-873-8210..... www.rathbunlibrary.blogspot.com
Michael Gilroy, Library Director..... mgilroy@easthaddamlibrarysystem.org

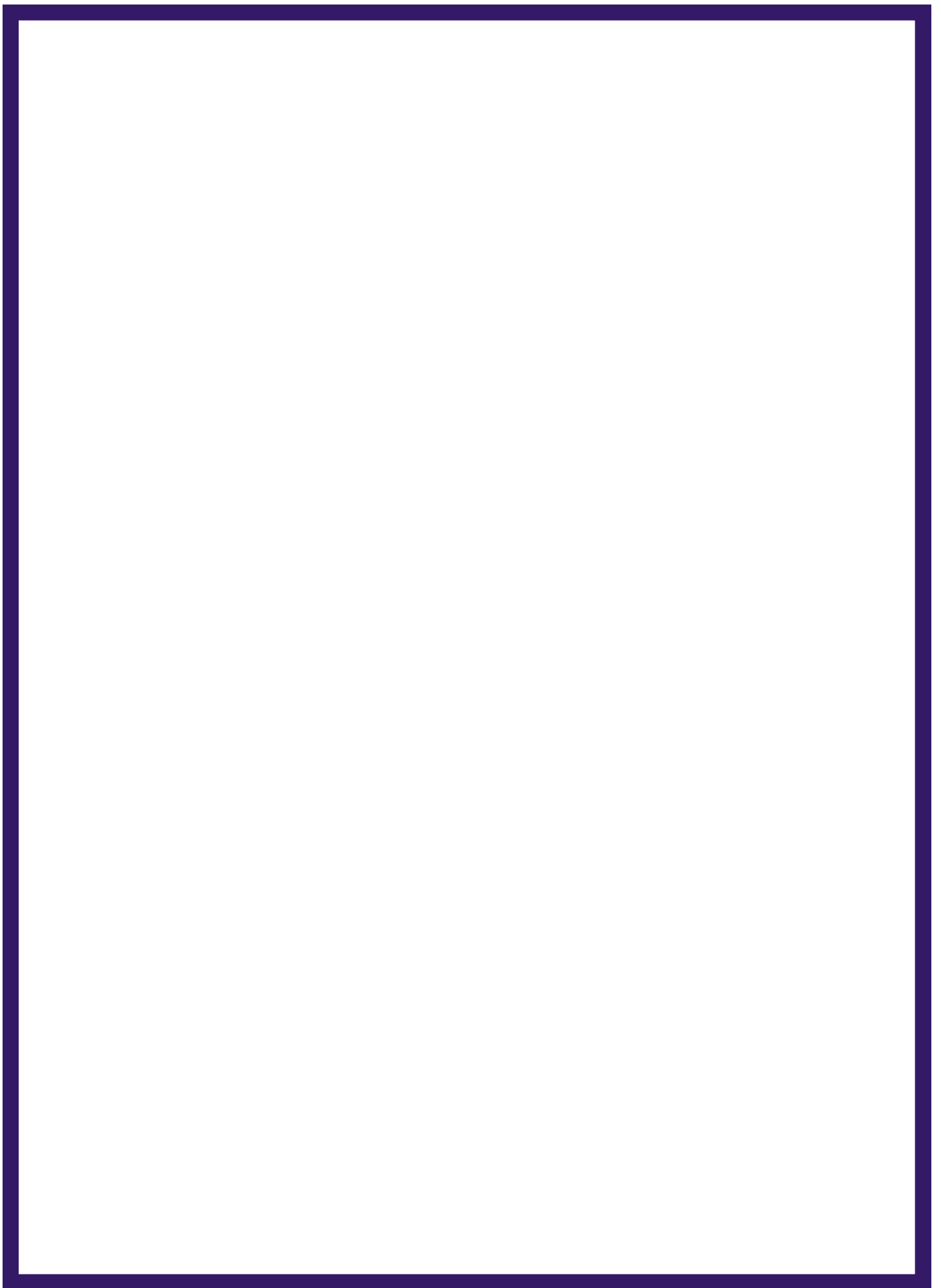
Probate Court

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Linda Neal, Probate Clerk

Senior Services , 15 Great Hillwood Road

Brad Parker, Municipal Agent..... 860-873-5034..... seniors@easthaddam.org
Patricia Puia, Program Assistant

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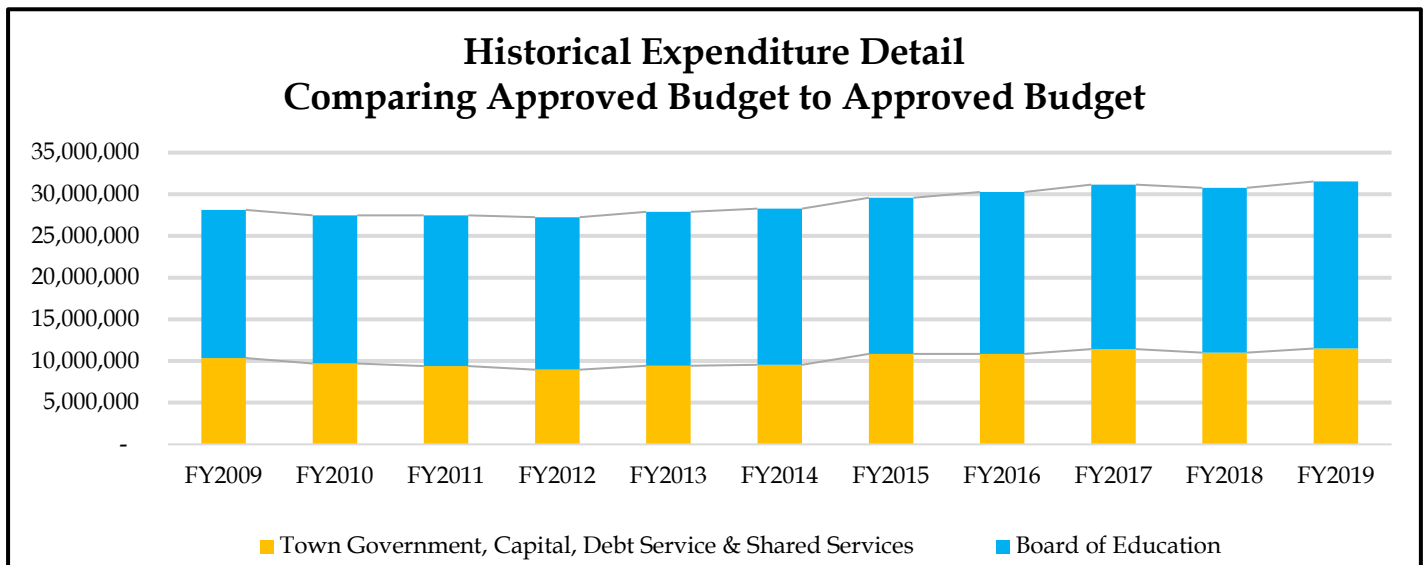
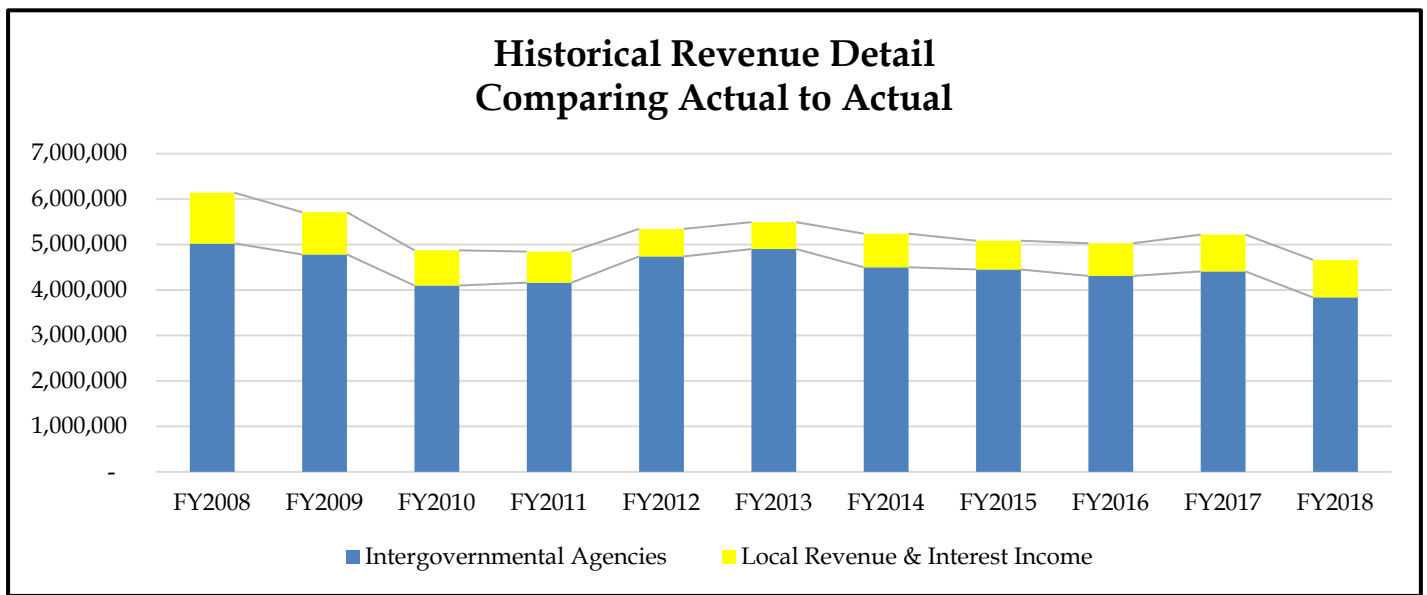
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Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Revenue Detail

| DESCRIPTION | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | | | 2018-2019 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | ACTUAL | FINAL BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE Over/ (Under) | BUDGET |
| Taxes | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 25,176,071 | \$ 25,390,957 | \$ 25,608,133 | \$ 217,176 | \$ 25,842,424 |
| Interest and Penalties | 165,517 | 140,000 | 180,978 | 40,978 | 150,000 |
| Other Taxes | 15,099 | 7,190 | 12,637 | 5,447 | 10,570 |
| Total Taxes | 25,356,687 | 25,538,147 | 25,801,748 | 263,601 | 26,002,994 |
| State and Federal Agencies | | | | | |
| Chester Assessor Agreement | 50,044 | 51,545 | 39,225 | (12,320) | 51,545 |
| Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants | | | | | |
| PILOT State Property | 8,423 | 23,049 | 7,709 | (15,340) | 18,370 |
| Casino Funds | 27,046 | 27,066 | 27,051 | (15) | 27,015 |
| Town Aid Road Fund Grant | 331,211 | 331,211 | 325,382 | (5,829) | 331,211 |
| Local Capital Improvements Program | - | 161,316 | 160,883 | (433) | 161,316 |
| Municipal Revenue Sales Tax Sharing | 186,418 | 268,344 | - | (268,344) | 1,696 |
| Education Grants | | | | | |
| Adult Education | 5,551 | 5,604 | 5,891 | 287 | 5,491 |
| Education Cost Sharing Grant | 3,731,058 | 2,977,200 | 3,205,233 | 228,033 | 3,592,596 |
| Emergency Management Grant | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | - | 4,100 |
| Miscellaneous Allotments | - | 25,000 | 56,440 | 31,440 | 2,500 |
| Tax Relief Veterans, Elderly and Disabled | 67,077 | 40,898 | 6,018 | (34,880) | 6,300 |
| Total State and Federal Agencies | 4,410,928 | 3,915,333 | 3,837,932 | (77,401) | 4,202,140 |
| Investment and Interest Income | | | | | |
| Investment Income | 24,232 | 31,256 | 55,846 | 24,590 | 24,500 |
| Total Investment and Interest Income | 24,232 | 31,256 | 55,846 | 24,590 | 24,500 |
| Local Revenues | | | | | |
| Assessor Fees | 325 | 300 | 293 | (7) | 300 |
| Building Department Permit Fees | 131,267 | 110,000 | 104,105 | (5,895) | 120,000 |
| Cemeteries | 1,463 | 2,360 | 1,732 | (628) | 1,750 |
| Fire Marshal Permit Fees | 170 | 200 | 60 | (140) | 200 |
| Historic District Commission Permit Fees | 50 | 300 | 195 | (105) | 300 |
| Land Use Permit Fees | 17,280 | 20,000 | 23,774 | 3,774 | 15,000 |
| Libraries | | | | | |
| Library Endowment and Trust Income | 55,682 | 57,500 | 54,881 | (2,619) | 54,825 |
| Library Fees and Fines | 7,975 | 6,500 | 9,003 | 2,503 | 6,500 |
| Library Grants | 265 | - | - | - | - |
| Library Receipts-Gifts/Donations | 13,066 | 9,000 | 7,983 | (1,017) | 9,000 |
| Miscellaneous and Other | 75,420 | 25,000 | 36,056 | 11,056 | 25,000 |
| PILOT Goodspeed Opera House | 29,552 | 29,469 | 29,784 | 315 | 29,969 |
| Police Special Duty | 43,456 | 24,000 | 102,323 | 78,323 | 25,000 |
| Rent | 19,631 | 20,000 | 21,986 | 1,986 | 20,000 |
| Telecommunication Taxes | 27,433 | 26,800 | 22,520 | (4,280) | 26,800 |
| Town Clerk | | | | | |
| Town Clerk Conveyance Tax | 112,780 | 100,000 | 115,945 | 15,945 | 100,000 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 183,602 | 160,000 | 171,239 | 11,239 | 179,000 |
| Town Clerk License Fees | 21,675 | 22,000 | 17,903 | (4,097) | 21,000 |
| Transfer Station Fees | 38,342 | 40,000 | 50,736 | 10,736 | 42,000 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees | 1,170 | 1,000 | 1,300 | 300 | 1,000 |
| Total Local Revenues | 780,604 | 654,429 | 771,818 | 117,389 | 677,644 |

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Revenue Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | | | 2018-2019 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | ACTUAL | FINAL BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE Over/ (Under) | BUDGET |
| Transfers and Other Funding Sources | | | | | |
| Albert E. Purple Fund | 298,504 | 298,504 | 309,376 | 10,872 | 309,976 |
| Helen Cone Fund | 19,180 | 19,000 | 21,209 | 2,209 | 19,000 |
| Palmer Fund | 30,542 | 30,542 | 31,263 | 721 | 31,263 |
| Ray School Corporation | 203,858 | 195,000 | 203,779 | 8,779 | 195,000 |
| Reliance on Fund Balance | - | 100,000 | - | (100,000) | 100,000 |
| Total Transfers and Other Funding Sources | 552,085 | 643,046 | 565,627 | (77,419) | 655,239 |
| Grand Total Revenues | \$ 31,124,535 | \$ 30,782,211 | \$ 31,032,971 | \$ 250,760 | \$ 31,562,517 |



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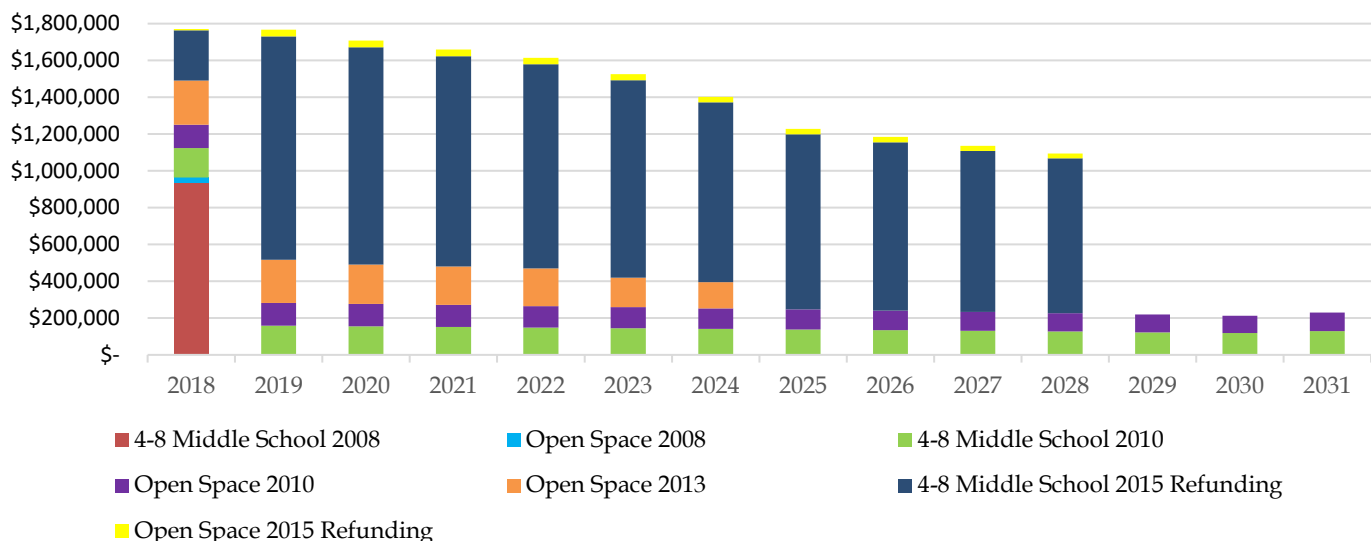
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Expenditure Detail

| DESCRIPTION | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | | | 2018-2019 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| | ACTUAL | FINAL BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE (Over)/ Under | BUDGET |
| General Government | | | | | |
| Assessor | \$ 125,874 | \$ 132,161 | \$ 131,031 | \$ 1,130 | \$ 132,366 |
| Building Maintenance and Operation | 20,096 | 21,786 | 19,721 | 2,065 | 22,900 |
| Central Services | 94,770 | 104,930 | 96,668 | 8,262 | 15,745 |
| Election and Registrars | 45,780 | 52,000 | 38,676 | 13,324 | 52,700 |
| Finance Office | 65,860 | 67,673 | 65,714 | 1,959 | 67,603 |
| Land Use (Planning and Zoning) | 145,751 | 144,679 | 126,278 | 18,401 | 137,714 |
| Municipal Office Complex | 17,510 | 108,400 | 103,658 | 4,742 | 311,861 |
| Probate Court | 10,703 | 12,115 | 12,115 | - | 12,688 |
| Selectmen | 147,803 | 157,985 | 155,431 | 2,554 | 161,678 |
| Tax Collector | 94,365 | 90,747 | 87,289 | 3,458 | 92,294 |
| Town Clerk | 226,354 | 222,573 | 218,138 | 4,435 | 229,715 |
| Fringe Benefits | 861,918 | 902,579 | 894,929 | 7,650 | 910,992 |
| Insurance | 230,160 | 230,131 | 220,286 | 9,845 | 239,981 |
| Legal Services | 66,375 | 63,000 | 92,120 | (29,120) | 63,000 |
| Agriculture Commission | - | 250 | - | 250 | 1,000 |
| Board of Assessment Appeals | 1,299 | 3,340 | 2,722 | 618 | 4,510 |
| Board of Finance | 43,756 | 134,150 | 55,418 | 78,732 | 134,150 |
| Conservation Commission | 15,232 | 15,250 | 14,093 | 1,157 | 14,000 |
| Economic Development Commission | 6,713 | 47,650 | 30,224 | 17,426 | 49,750 |
| Historic District Commission | 936 | 1,130 | 628 | 502 | 1,136 |
| Open Space Committee | 3,002 | 6,450 | 352 | 6,098 | 3,250 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 764 | 2,400 | 742 | 1,658 | 1,370 |
| Total General Government | 2,225,021 | 2,521,379 | 2,366,233 | 155,146 | 2,660,403 |
| Public Safety | | | | | |
| Building Department | 114,131 | 120,493 | 81,819 | 38,674 | 95,876 |
| Emergency Management | 97,429 | 98,165 | 98,066 | 99 | 103,054 |
| Fire Department | 302,974 | 283,170 | 282,706 | 464 | 273,409 |
| Fire Marshal | 28,473 | 35,196 | 30,929 | 4,267 | 35,181 |
| Paramedic Services | 9,126 | 9,126 | 9,126 | - | 9,126 |
| Police Officers | 376,435 | 383,766 | 417,702 | (33,936) | 391,969 |
| Resident Troopers | 159,795 | 198,485 | 181,861 | 16,624 | 193,500 |
| Total Public Safety | 1,088,363 | 1,128,401 | 1,102,209 | 26,192 | 1,102,115 |
| Public Works | | | | | |
| Public Works | 1,049,290 | 1,073,901 | 1,076,883 | (2,982) | 1,094,138 |
| Snow Removal | 260,238 | 266,652 | 256,802 | 9,850 | 266,652 |
| Town Garage Maintenance | 55,664 | 59,197 | 61,006 | (1,809) | 38,800 |
| Transfer Station | 582,096 | 600,320 | 603,495 | (3,175) | 530,344 |
| Total Public Works | 1,947,288 | 2,000,070 | 1,998,186 | 1,884 | 1,929,934 |
| Health and Social Services | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 8,790 | 10,170 | 10,140 | 30 | 10,000 |
| Health District | 95,908 | 99,952 | 99,812 | 140 | 105,190 |
| Human Services | 2,900 | 4,920 | 3,320 | 1,600 | 3,920 |
| Senior Services | 129,213 | 139,245 | 133,529 | 5,716 | 134,257 |
| Youth and Family Services | 193,117 | 197,304 | 197,304 | - | 199,920 |
| YFS Early Childhood Council | 6,250 | 7,000 | 7,000 | - | 7,500 |
| Total Health and Social Services | 436,178 | 458,591 | 451,105 | 7,486 | 460,787 |

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Expenditure Detail (continued)

| DESCRIPTION | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | | | 2018-2019 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | ACTUAL | FINAL BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE (Over)/ Under | BUDGET |
| Culture and Recreation | | | | | |
| Lakes Association | 18,324 | 20,000 | 15,562 | 4,438 | 20,000 |
| Public Libraries | 364,435 | 364,255 | 358,062 | 6,193 | 318,775 |
| Recreation Commission | 107,078 | 121,795 | 124,579 | (2,784) | 121,910 |
| Town Greens | 56,209 | 57,283 | 59,442 | (2,159) | 58,189 |
| Total Culture and Recreation | 546,046 | 563,333 | 557,645 | 5,688 | 518,874 |
| Debt Service | | | | | |
| Principal and Interest | 1,805,522 | 1,771,388 | 1,771,824 | (436) | 1,767,688 |
| Total Debt Service | 1,805,522 | 1,771,388 | 1,771,824 | (436) | 1,767,688 |
| Total Town Government | 8,048,418 | 8,443,161 | 8,247,202 | 195,959 | 8,439,801 |
| Education | 19,653,492 | 19,779,902 | 19,758,120 | 21,782 | 20,039,232 |
| Capital Projects, Reserves & Other Funds | | | | | |
| Transfer to Ambulance Reserves | 40,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | 25,000 |
| Transfer to Education Capital Reserves | 139,452 | 104,410 | 104,410 | - | 100,000 |
| Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserves | 75,910 | 75,910 | 75,910 | - | 75,910 |
| Transfer to Lakes Reserves | 5,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Transfer to Revaluation Reserve | 40,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | 20,000 |
| Transfer to Capital Projects Savings | 392,973 | 426,598 | 426,598 | - | 430,298 |
| Capital Projects General Fund Support | 526,395 | - | - | - | 494,223 |
| Transfer State Grants to Capital Improvements | 687,646 | 735,185 | 735,185 | - | 756,599 |
| Transfer to Animal Control Special Rev. Fund | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Transfer to Shared Services | 1,158,874 | 1,131,454 | 1,131,454 | - | 1,131,454 |
| Total Capital Improvements | 3,116,250 | 2,563,557 | 2,563,557 | - | 3,083,484 |
| Grand Total Expenditures | \$ 30,818,160 | \$ 30,786,620 | \$ 30,568,879 | \$ 217,741 | \$ 31,562,517 |

Authorized and Issued Debt-Annual Debt Service Principal and Interest as of June 30, 2018



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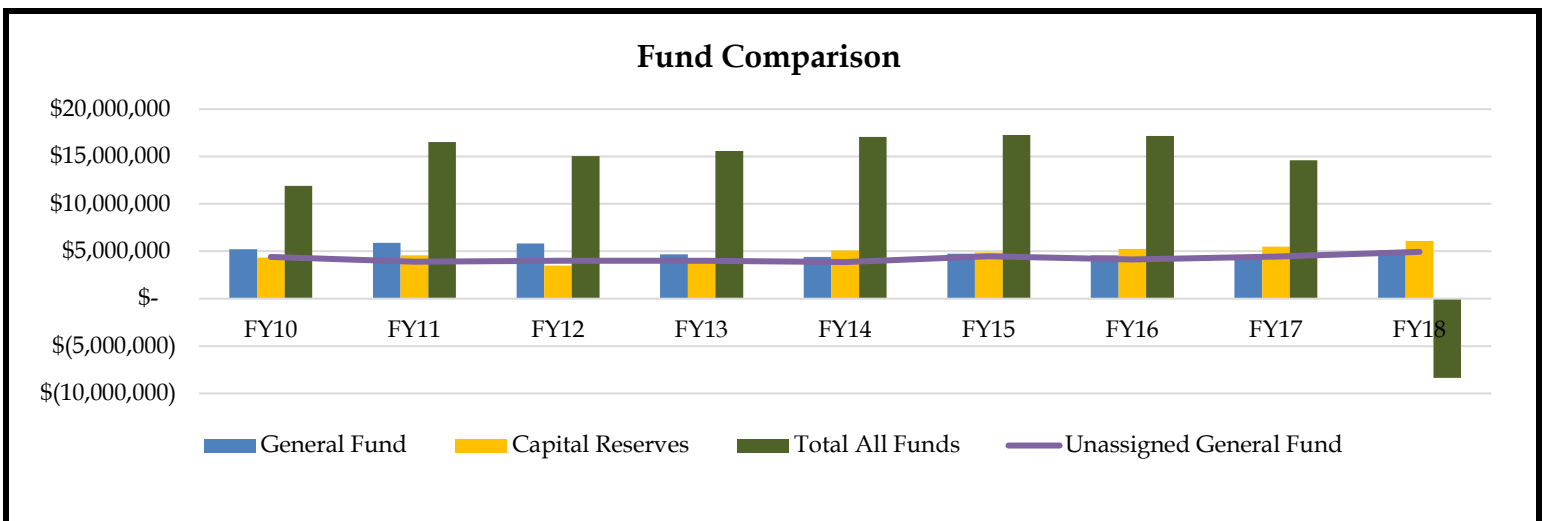
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2018

| | General | Reserve for Capital Projects | Bonded Capital Projects | A.E. Purple Fund | Nonmajor Governmental Funds* | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 8,104,872 | \$ 6,385,575 | \$ - | \$ 103,600 | \$ 165,683 | \$ 14,759,730 |
| Investments | - | - | - | 7,149,070 | 1,010,690 | 8,159,760 |
| Receivables, net | 584,072 | 15,512 | 67,081 | - | 125,937 | 792,602 |
| Due from other funds | 297,038 | - | 2,695,900 | - | 357,001 | 3,349,939 |
| Prepaid | - | - | - | - | 4,153 | 4,153 |
| Total Assets | \$ 8,985,982 | \$ 6,401,087 | \$ 2,762,981 | \$ 7,252,670 | \$ 1,663,464 | \$ 27,066,184 |
| LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Accounts and other payables | \$ 545,521 | \$ 37,846 | \$ 424,003 | \$ - | \$ 46,358 | \$ 1,053,728 |
| Due to other funds | 3,052,901 | 276,842 | - | - | 15,807 | 3,345,550 |
| Unearned revenue | 9,298 | - | 143,914 | - | 213,975 | 367,187 |
| Bond anticipation notes payable | - | - | 19,200,000 | - | - | 19,200,000 |
| Total liabilities | 3,607,720 | 314,688 | 19,767,917 | - | 276,140 | 23,966,465 |
| Deferred inflows of resources: | | | | | | |
| Unavailable revenue - property taxes | 272,175 | - | - | - | - | 272,175 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | 272,175 | - | - | - | - | 272,175 |
| Fund balances: | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - | 400,000 | 43,946 | 443,946 |
| Restricted | - | - | - | 6,852,670 | 1,154,751 | 8,007,421 |
| Committed | - | 6,086,399 | - | - | 48,126 | 6,134,525 |
| Assigned | 164,554 | - | - | - | 150,509 | 315,063 |
| Unassigned | 4,941,533 | - | (17,004,936) | - | (10,008) | (12,073,411) |
| Total fund balances | 5,106,087 | 6,086,399 | (17,004,936) | 7,252,670 | 1,387,324 | 2,827,544 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance | \$ 8,985,982 | \$ 6,401,087 | \$ 2,762,981 | \$ 7,252,670 | \$ 1,663,464 | \$ 27,066,184 |

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

The Bonded Capital Projects Fund has a deficit of \$17,004,936 due to the timing of projects and will be funded by future bonding.



FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

General Information

The Finance office is responsible for the accounting and safekeeping of all funds for the town and Board of Education. 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 First Selectman, 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 2017-2018 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, 2018 with unqualified audit opinion.
- Produced for the seventh year a *Citizens' 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

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, 2018

| Grand List | Uncollected | Current | Assessor's Additions | Less: | Less: | Adjusted Taxes Collectible | Refunds | Taxes | Collections | | Uncollected Taxes 30-Jun-18 |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Taxes 1-Jul-17 | Year Levy | | Assessor's Deductions | Transfers to Suspense | | | | Interest Liens and Other Fees | Total | |
| 2016 | \$ - | \$ 25,538,545 | \$ 33,644 | \$ 59,307 | \$ 31,675 | \$ 25,488,028 | \$ 6,821 | \$ 25,241,194 | \$ 88,499 | \$ 25,329,693 | \$ 246,834 |
| 2015 | 350,384 | - | 1,513 | 3,857 | 16,662 | 333,332 | 1,954 | 273,189 | 63,457 | 336,646 | 60,143 |
| 2014 | 80,782 | - | - | 1,634 | 6,820 | 72,962 | 634 | 68,275 | 19,540 | 87,815 | 4,687 |
| 2013 | 9,442 | - | - | - | 760 | 8,682 | - | 4,173 | 1,730 | 5,903 | 4,509 |
| 2012 | 615 | - | - | - | 77 | 538 | - | 538 | 462 | 1,000 | - |
| | <u>\$ 441,223</u> | <u>\$ 25,538,545</u> | <u>\$ 35,157</u> | <u>\$ 64,798</u> | <u>\$ 55,994</u> | <u>\$ 25,903,542</u> | <u>\$ 9,409</u> | <u>\$ 25,587,369</u> | <u>\$ 173,688</u> | <u>\$ 25,761,057</u> | <u>\$ 316,173</u> |

Suspense collections:

| | | | |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2016 | 862 | 128 | 990 |
| 2015 | 4,151 | 1,010 | 5,161 |
| 2014 | 1,905 | 802 | 2,707 |
| 2013 | 1,698 | 1,095 | 2,793 |
| 2012 | 427 | 430 | 857 |
| 2011 | 106 | 126 | 232 |
| 2010 | 78 | 95 | 173 |
| 2009 | 90 | 119 | 209 |
| 2008 | 90 | 132 | 222 |
| 2007 | 51 | 9 | 60 |
| 2006 | - | - | - |
| 2005 | - | - | - |
| 2004 | 185 | 403 | 588 |
| 2003 | 396 | 934 | 1,330 |
| 2002 | - | - | - |
| | <u>\$ 25,597,408</u> | <u>\$ 178,971</u> | <u>\$ 25,776,379</u> |

Respectfully submitted, Denise Dill
Tax Collector

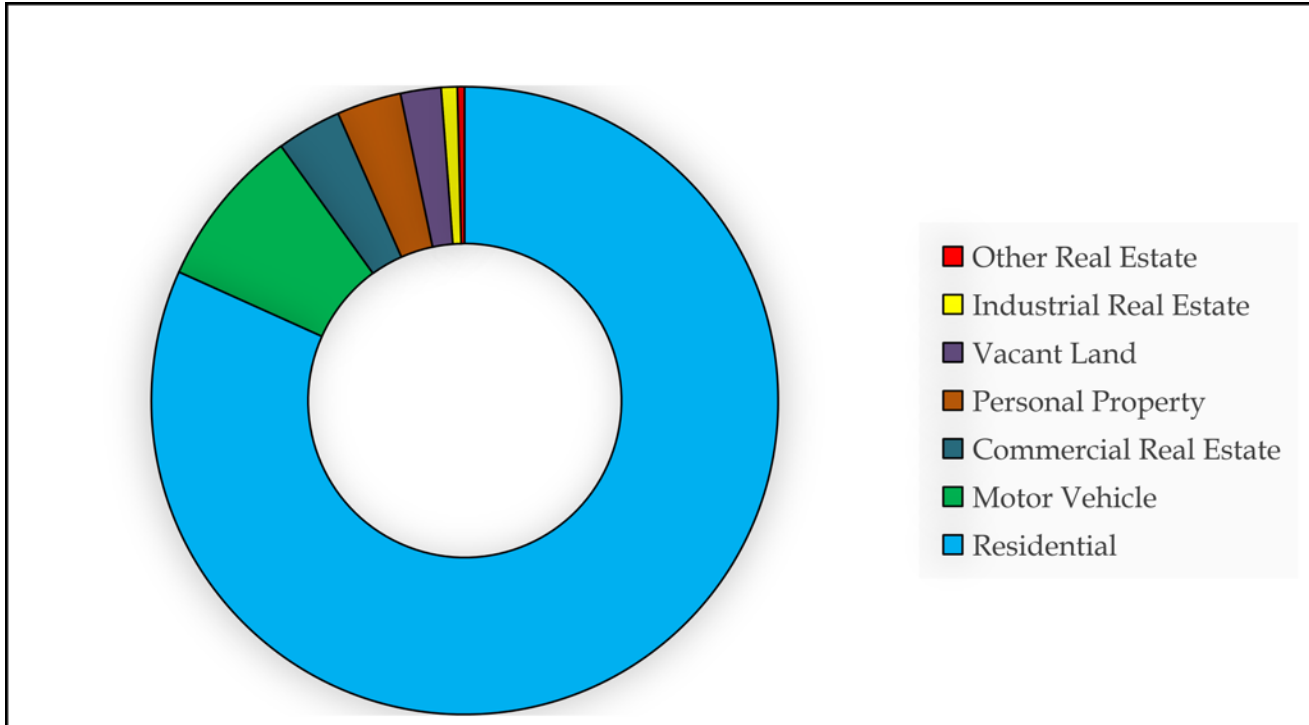
ASSESSOR'S REPORT

| 2017 Grand List Annual Report | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | REAL ESTATE | |
| | Grand List 2016 | Grand List 2017 |
| Gross | \$ 770,555,250 | \$ 775,779,320 |
| Exemptions: | | |
| Veteran's | 1,045,000 | 1,025,000 |
| Veteran's Additional | 192,630 | 181,000 |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 474,500 | 466,500 |
| Blind | 6,000 | 3,000 |
| Disability | 21,000 | 22,000 |
| Disability Non Reimbursable | 4,393,120 | 327,680 |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement | 1,260,664 | 1,291,736 |
| Other | 1,030,202 | 1,016,502 |
| Net | \$ 762,132,134 | \$ 771,445,902 |
| | PERSONAL PROPERTY | |
| | Grand List 2016 | Grand List 2017 |
| Gross | \$ 25,669,490 | \$ 29,301,370 |
| Exemptions: | | |
| Farm & Mechanics | 368,110 | 357,390 |
| Manufacturers | 380,710 | 313,530 |
| Miscellaneous | 11,260 | 11,350 |
| Other | 217,340 | 216,150 |
| Net | \$ 24,692,070 | \$ 28,402,950 |
| | MOTOR VEHICLES | |
| | Grand List 2016 | Grand List 2017 |
| Gross | \$ 72,013,410 | \$ 73,098,640 |
| Exemptions: | | |
| Veteran's | 127,570 | 130,930 |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 46,910 | 51,530 |
| Disability | 3,000 | 4,000 |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement | 176,792 | 216,967 |
| Other | 376,470 | 291,150 |
| Net | \$ 71,282,668 | \$ 72,404,063 |
| | TOTAL | |
| | Grand List 2016 | Grand List 2017 |
| Gross | \$ 868,238,150 | \$ 878,179,330 |
| Exemptions: | | |
| Veteran's | 1,172,570 | 1,155,930 |
| Veteran's Additional | 192,630 | 181,000 |
| Veteran's Additional Reimbursement | 521,410 | 518,030 |
| Blind | 6,000 | 3,000 |
| Disability | 24,000 | 26,000 |
| Disability Non Reimbursable | 4,393,120 | 327,680 |
| Fire and Ambulance Abatement | 1,437,456 | 1,508,703 |
| Farm & Mechanics | 368,110 | 357,390 |
| Manufacturers | 380,710 | 313,530 |
| Miscellaneous | 11,260 | 11,350 |
| Other | 1,624,012 | 1,523,802 |
| Net | \$ 858,106,872 | \$ 872,252,915 |

| Historic Mill Rates | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Grand List Year | Mill Rate |
| 2017* | 29.66 |
| 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 2017 Gross Assessment by Category



Comparative Grand Lists-Net Taxable

| Item | Grand List Year 2016 | Grand List Year 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 762,132,134 | \$ 771,445,902 | \$ 9,313,768 |
| Personal Property | 24,692,070 | 28,402,950 | 3,710,880 |
| Motor Vehicle | 71,282,668 | 72,404,063 | 1,121,395 |
| Total | \$ 858,106,872 | \$ 872,252,915 | \$ 14,146,043 |

Tax Revenue Comparison

| Item | Grand List Year 2015 | Grand List Year 2016 | Grand List Year 2017 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net List | \$ 856,750,959 | \$ 858,106,872 | \$ 872,252,915 |
| Mill Rate | 0.02935 | 0.02958 | 0.02966 |
| Grand List Tax Revenue | \$ 25,145,641 | \$ 25,379,613 | \$ 25,871,016 |

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Net Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

| # | v | Primary Activities | 10/1/2017 Assessed Value | # of Accounts |
|-------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Connecticut Light & Power Company | Public Utility | \$19,969,110 | 1 |
| 2 | Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC | Recreational | 3,236,800 | 2 |
| 3 | RMD Land Development LLC | Real Estate | 2,308,430 | 12 |
| 4 | Banner Country Club Corp. | Recreational | 2,228,370 | 1 |
| 5 | Healthcare Holdings LLC | Nursing and Rehabilitation | 2,092,790 | 1 |
| 6 | Goodspeed Real Estate LLC (former Banner Lodge Enterprises) | Real Estate | 1,851,850 | 16 |
| 7 | Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ | Real Estate | 1,776,530 | 8 |
| 8 | Main Street Forty LLC | Real Estate | 1,411,810 | 10 |
| 9 | Fox Hopyard Realty LLC | Real Estate | 1,350,270 | 36 |
| 10 | Senior Housing Corp. of East Haddam | Real Estate | 1,327,960 | 2 |
| Total | | | \$37,553,920 | |

Important Dates

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| 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 |
| 2017 | Year of last revaluation |
| 2022 | Year of next revaluation |

Filing Dates

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

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Mill rate | 29.66 |
| Tax Bill | (.02966 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. 2017 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,300 for a single person, \$43,000 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. 2017 income requirements are as follows: applicants must have a total income which does not exceed \$35,300 for a single person, \$43,000 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 1st to September 30th). A cancelled plate receipt must be provided to the Assessor's office as well as a second document such as a bill of sale, transfer of title, out of state registration, trade-in papers or cancellation of insurance.

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