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## HONORING VENTURE SMITH



### Descendants, guests discuss area resident, author of slave narrative

Venture Smith Day festivities took place Saturday, September 12, at Smith's gravesite at the First Congregational Church. This year's program featured three guest speakers and stories from town historian Karl Stofko. Many of Smith's descendants were in attendance. Born around 1729 as the son of a west African king, Smith was enslaved at 7 years old and brought to colonial America. He logged, farmed, fished, and crewed on a whaler to purchase his own freedom and that of his family. In 1798 his famous pamphlet *A Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Venture, a native of Africa* was published. He owned a 134-acre farm in Haddam Neck. **Above:** Stofko looks on at left while ninth-generation Smith descendant Susi Ryan addresses attendees. *Photos by Honora Myers.*



**Left:** Guest speaker Tevin Jourdain, junior historian and GIS specialist at Heritage Consultants, prepares to speak about discoveries at an excavation at Smith's former farm site in Stonington.

**Right:** James Starks, Venture Smith's oldest living descendant, traveled with family from Warwick, R.I., for the event.



## Land trust, resident honored by Rockfall

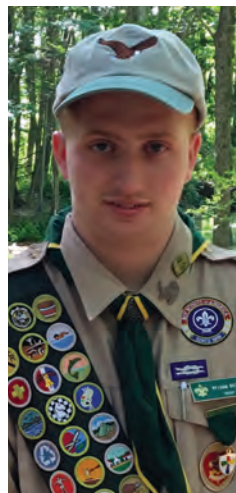
An East Haddam organization and a town resident are among those being honored by the Rockfall Foundation, a nonprofit environmental organization, on October 8 at a virtual ceremony.

The East Haddam Land Trust has been awarded a Tom ODell Distinguished Service Award, which honors long-term accomplishments in environmental conservation and preservation. The foundation will also present Nathan Botting of East Haddam with a certificate of appreciation for his expansion of the trail system at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School.

The East Haddam Land Trust is receiving the award for more than 40 years of dedication to preserving land for the public benefit. It was one of the first land trusts in the region, has preserved over 700 acres to date, and last year earned the prestigious accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance.

Over six years as a middle school student and Boy Scout, Nathan Botting cleared trails, created maps and signage, built bridges and benches, and identified trees for educational and recreational use by students and the public.

In addition to the local awardees,  
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Nathan Botting.

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Selectwomen discuss reopening plan for facilities

By Danielle Faipler

The East Haddam Board of Selectmen met Wednesday, September 16 for a regular meeting at the Municipal Office Building Complex.

Selectwomen Theresa Govert and Carleen Quinn ran the meeting as First Selectman Rob Smith was absent.

The selectwomen reviewed the town’s reopening plan. Currently the Municipal Office Building is open to the public as well as board and commission meetings with social restrictions including capacity limits and RSVP requirements.

The East Haddam Senior Center may be reopening in some form on September 21; however, the town was still awaiting confirmation as of the Wednesday meeting.

More details about the reopening, including the services and programs that will be offered, will be published on the East Haddam town web site, [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org).

The town’s library buildings are also planning to open back up to the public once Plexiglas sneeze guards are installed. However, at the time this article was written, East Haddam Library Director Michael Gilroy was hesitant to give a firm reopening date.

“The staff and I miss seeing everyone and are excited to reopen the buildings once it is safe to do so,” wrote Gilroy in an email.

Once the buildings have reopened, the libraries will align customer service with the state-mandated health and safety guidelines. Visitors will be required

to wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols.

Gilroy added that capacity limits will be in place and visitors will be asked to spend no more than 30 minutes in the library. Computer access will also be restricted to 30-minute intervals as the number of computers has been reduced to comply with social distancing requirements.

Other services such as faxing, copying, printing and more will resume as normal, with equipment and other high-touch surfaces being disinfected regularly.

There is an amnesty on all overdue materials through the month of October, but the library will ask for a donation in lieu of charging late fees for overdue materials.

Curbside pick-up and delivery services will remain available and library programs for adults, teens, children, and families will continue to be held remotely.

Additional information about library reopening operations will be available on the East Haddam Library System web site, [www.EastHaddamLibrarySystem.org](http://www.EastHaddamLibrarySystem.org).

The town is also in the process of amending an

ordinance to impose a speed limit for watercraft on Lake Hayward. The town has received an approved draft of the language, which has been forwarded to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

The board will continue to discuss the matter at a later board meeting. The draft ordinance will be presented to the public during a public hearing and must be voted on by the town during a town meeting.

HONOR ROLL

Correction

Ethan Cummiskey of Moodus was named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List at the University of Connecticut. Ethan is enrolled in the honors program majoring in civil engineering. This was reported incorrectly in the September 10 issue.

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Communication from the Board of Finance  
Cost and Funding for the Repair of the 2018 Storm Damage  
The East Haddam Board of Finance is committed to providing transparency on all financial matters for the Town. We welcome your questions or ideas for future Communication topics. We encourage you to email us at [BOF@easthaddam.org](mailto:BOF@easthaddam.org) with your ideas, feedback or suggestions.  
Natural calamities such as bad storms can be a problem for the homeowner. They can be even a bigger problem for municipalities. The September 25, 2018 Storm is an example of just such a calamity for a municipality like East Haddam. The Town of East Haddam is still engaged in completing the significant road, bridge and storm water drainage repair/restoration due to the damage from the September 2018 Storm. Along with the work comes the expense. The latest estimated cost to complete the corrective work totals \$2.7 million. Fortunately, the federal government has an agency that can provide funding and guidance to towns such as East Haddam to help them through the various disasters that towns can encounter. That agency is known by the acronym FEMA.  
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is an agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, initially created under President Jimmy Carter by Presidential Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978 and implemented by two Executive Orders on April 1, 1979. The agency’s primary purpose is to coordinate the response to a disaster that has occurred in the United States and which overwhelms the resources of local and state authorities. The governor of the state in which the disaster occurs must declare a state of emergency and formally request from the President that FEMA and the federal government respond to the disaster.  
There were several areas in Town that were hit hard by the Storm as follows:  
• Neptune Avenue—culvert and road completely washed out.  
• Hemlock Valley Road—washed out and was close to falling into the Brook  
• Paved and Gravel Roads—Roads and storm water drainage washed out  
Immediately, the Town’s Department of Public Works (DPW) started making emergency repairs to damaged areas and at the same time the Town applied for funding from FEMA. East Haddam’s Finance Director has been working with FEMA representatives to understand the rules and to complete the applications for reimbursement. FEMA will reimburse the Town for up to 75% of the repair/restoration costs. However, FEMA will not reimburse East Haddam until the work has been satisfactorily completed and the financial accounting has been approved.  
The repairs and restoration for the damage done by the 2018 Storm has been split by FEMA into three projects as follows:  
• Emergency Work such as making roads passable and clearing blocked storm water drainage.  
• Repairs and Restoration to the paved and gravel roads and their storm water drainage. This project includes the restoration of Hemlock Valley Road.  
• Restoration of the washed-out culvert and road for Neptune Avenue.  
The Emergency Work was completed shortly after the Storm. The repair work for the paved and gravel roads is 50% complete. The reconstruction of Hemlock Valley Road was completed last month. The reconstruction work for Neptune Avenue is expected to start soon and be completed by the end of this year. The Neptune Avenue work by contract is expected to cost \$830K. To-date \$1M has been spent on these three projects for the engineering and construction costs.  
The Board of Finance (BoF) has used the estimated total cost with the expected reimbursement to set aside capital funding in the 2019-2020 Budget for the three projects. Capital funding keeps going into the following years until the work is finished or the funding runs out. Therefore, the BoF does not expect any further tax increases due to the completion of the three projects.  
As part of the FEMA rules for reimbursement, the Town will not receive any funding from FEMA until all work is completed and all accounting is completed and approved. The Town just recently submitted for reimbursement for the Emergency Work Project. Funds should be received from FEMA by the end of this year. The Breakdown of the Finances for the Emergency Work Project is as follows:  
Total Expended Cost \$60,172.05  
Federal Share \$45,129.04  
Town Share \$15,043.01  
The reimbursement funds for the other two projects will likely not be received until much later in 2021. Meanwhile, in order to keep costs down, the Town, in the short term, is using savings and budgeted funds to pay for the work completed. Throughout all of this repair and restoration effort, the Town’s role is to be the Owner and Manager of these Repair and Restoration Projects. The Town is also to pay 25% of the cost. The Town’s share of the cost includes direct funding and in-kind funding. In-kind funding is covered by the labor and materials that the Town has provided to complete the repair/restoration work.  
Without the assistance from FEMA, the funding of these projects would have needed the approval of the Town’s citizens and would have likely caused a tax increase which would be spread over the future years until the debt is retired.



P&Z, not Govert, owes apology

Thank you for your coverage of the discussion between the Planning and Zoning Commission and Selectwoman Theresa Govert. It was helpful to be able to read what she actually said and to see that her speech did not make reference to East Haddam P&Z or any of its members. Rather, she cited well documented ways in which the state as a whole must work toward equity.

The article, however, skipped over a great deal that was worthy of coverage. Fortunately, a video of the meeting is available here <https://tinyurl.com/ehpandz> , and I encourage everyone to watch it.

Commissioners said mind boggling things: “I don’t think there’s no Black people here because we’re keeping them out. I think they’re really not that interested in rural living.”

“Will Smith could buy a house anywhere in Connecticut. Nothing’s stopping him.”

“Our job is to maintain property values for people who invested their life fortune in their house and don’t want to see a shack built right next to them.”

“You don’t know squat!” One described a successful Black man, adding “You listen to him and he’s talking about his father, and his grandfather, and his mother. He has an intact family.”

They kept insisting that Govert had called them racist, which, as your article demonstrates, she did not. Then they proceeded to talk about Black people in highly stereotypical and unflattering ways.

Equally disturbing is what they did not talk about. “I’ve never seen a law or planning regulation

geared toward excluding a group,” one member insisted. Govert referred to the plethora of research available on how zoning intersects with segregation and offered to share it. She didn’t get any takers. Scholarship on the racial consequences of local zoning is decades old and widely cited in the popular press. Yet the commissioners seemed completely clueless about it. And they had no interest in even learning. The meeting’s sole purpose seemed to be for the commissioners to make peevish demands of Govert for an apology.

The commissioners kept stating how knowledgeable they are, while displaying no clue about the biggest issue in contemporary zoning – and for that matter, no clue about how to conduct a meeting with basic courtesy. It’s Govert who deserves an apology. The people of East Haddam do as well.

Candice Nero  
East Haddam

In response to P&Z article

I am writing in response to the article entitled “Zoning Board Objects After Remarks by Official at Vigil,” published in your September 3, 2020 issue. The author of the article, Danielle Faipier, clearly describes the meeting on August 25, to which the Board of Selectmen was invited, in order for the Planning and Zoning Commission to “discuss remarks” by Selectwoman Theresa Govert given at the vigil held in June on the steps of Municipal Office Building. I attended this vigil and was very impressed with the passion and thoughtfulness of Theresa Govert’s remarks, and the extensive research she had done on her topic, as were other members of the audience.

As noted in the article, however, apparently the Planning and Zoning board were offended by Selectwoman Govert’s remarks, because they believed that she called them all racists. She clearly did nothing of the kind, as she pointed out by quoting from her speech, which was explicitly about “the larger state of segregation in Connecticut” and the need for all of us “to examine the implicit biases we have.” The rest of the article describes the fifty-minute discussion about the concerns of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Selectwoman Govert’s thoughtful and detailed response to those concerns, but the article in no way captures the rudeness, willful ignorance, and contempt shown by the way in which the Planning and Zoning board conducted themselves during the meeting. In order to fully appreciate their startling, offensive, and unprofessional attack on Selectwoman Govert, one must view the video of this meeting.

In the video, members clearly show their biases in their comments, while refusing to even consider the vast amount of research available to support Selectwoman Govert’s excellent speech. It is important to note that she had provided copies of the speech to each member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, although it appears that none of them had taken the time to read and understand what she had written, or, if they had, they chose to ignore and/or willfully misunderstand what they read.

The comments by members of the Planning and Zoning Commission were egregiously rude, ignorant, and contemptuous, with one member even stooping to telling Selectwoman Govert, after asking her age, that she didn’t “know squat.” This stunningly rude form of addressing others may well be the way in which this official speaks in his daily life, which is in itself outrageous, but to speak to an elected official in a formal meeting in this revolting manner indicates that this person has no place on a board representing his town.

I am still shocked almost a week after viewing this video, and I can only hope that the level of outrage caused by the way in which commission members conducted themselves in this meeting is enough to lead to change in the Planning and Zoning Commission. I understand that the members of all our boards in town are volunteers, and I am grateful to those who serve so willingly, but in this particular case, surely, we can do better.

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East Haddam Land Trust plans 2021 calendar

From the East Haddam Land Trust

The East Haddam Land Trust is planning an exciting new calendar for 2021. It will revolve around photographs taken by young and old, land trust members and East Haddam residents documenting East Haddam’s natural world: the plant and animal life from the soil through the sky found on land trust and town preserves and throughout East Haddam.

It will only be as good as the pictures you submit, so the land trust encourages everyone to take and send remarkable shots. The photo submission requirements are outlined below.

These new calendars will first be distributed to EHLT members. The remaining calendars may be collected at town libraries and various locations in December 2020.

Photo Calendar Rules: This contest is open only to amateur photographers (photography is not a principal source of income) who live in East Haddam. Entries must be submitted before October 15, 2020. Photos must be taken in East Haddam. Drone photos are welcome. All photos are welcome—from closeups of flowers to landscape-scale photos. Submissions may be submitted in color or black and white.

All submissions must be emailed to [calendarphoto@ehlt.org](mailto:calendarphoto@ehlt.org) and include name, age, the location where the photo was taken, a brief description of the photo, approximate date of the photo, and contact phone number.

Winning photos will be incorporated into the 2021 EHLT calendar.

All photographs remain the property of the land trust. While photographers retain complete copyright over their entries, the Land Trust retains a royalty-free right of use, display, and reproduction of the photos for purposes of publication in all media including, but not limited to: website use, social media, exhibitions, slideshows, and other items for fund-raising. In such use, every attempt will be made to credit the photographer.

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be deemed ineligible and disqualified. The land trust and judges reserve the right to change the category placement of any entry as well as the right to amend these rules or prizes as deemed reasonably necessary.

We have established the following age categories: 3 to 10 years old; 11 to 18; 19 to 65; 66 and over. We hope to select three photos from each category. The committee will give priority to photos taken on EHLT properties and from all four seasons.

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**The Tax office is for the collection of taxes only.** Questions pertaining to assessments or adjustments must be addressed to the Assessor. 860-873-5026 or assessor@easthaddam.org

Denise Dill, CCMC  
Tax Collector

## TOWN OF EAST HADDAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The East Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office Building, Meeting Room #2 to hear the following:

Appeal #1126 – 11 Phelps Road, Melissa Altmann (owner), George Fellner, AIA (agent), requesting a variance to Section 10.2.3.2 of the East Haddam Zoning Regulations to allow an 888 sq/ft accessory dwelling unit in an existing structure on 2.027 acres where 2.5 acres are required. Assessor's Map 03, Lot 46.

At this hearing interested persons shall be heard and correspondence received.

Physical attendance at this meeting will be limited to 12 people including commission members, applicants, staff, and members of the public. Commission members, applicants, and staff total 8 which allows for 4 members of the public to attend in person. In order to attend this meeting in person you must RSVP to Nancy Talbot in the Land Use Office at 860-873-5031 by 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. These spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis via the RSVP process.

You can access the YouTube Live link from the Town's website: [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org).

You can view supporting documents on the official East Haddam web page, [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org), go to the calendar on the bottom right corner, click the meeting date, and open the appropriate application.

Questions or comments before the meeting or during the meeting can be sent via to the following email: [jventres@easthaddam.org](mailto:jventres@easthaddam.org)

Dated at East Haddam, CT this 17th day of September, 2020.  
J. Gregory Daigle, Chairman

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Legal Notice is hereby given, that the East Haddam Sewer Usage Fee for the October 1, 2020 Grand List is due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector, on October 1, 2020. If the above payment is not made on or before November 2, 2020 the fee becomes delinquent and is subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month (18% per year) from the installment due date. Minimum interest shall be no less than \$2.00 per tax bill, per installment. Checks should be made payable to: EAST HADDAM TAX COLLECTOR. Payments postmarked after November 2, 2020 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to interest as stated above. Payments may be made in person, online at easthaddam.org (there is a fee for all credit/debit and e-check payments) or by mail. Mail to: P.O. Box 403, Moodus, CT 06469-0403 Office hours are Mon, Wed and Thurs, 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Tues, 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Fri, from 9:00AM until Noon. All bills must be paid in full except those over \$4,250.00, which may be made in two installments, October 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.

Denise Dill, CCMC  
Tax Collector

## TOWN OF EAST HADDAM INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION

The East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission, at a regular meeting of September 15, 2020 took the following action:

Approved - #W20-07 – 269 EH Colchester Turnpike (Moodus Reservoir), Philip Juliano, beach improvement in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 67, Lot 06.

Approved w/Conditions - #W20-10 – 143 Mill Road, William Chilton, remove existing mill building, construct a guest house, and construct a new septic system in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 21, Lot 2.

Approved w/Conditions - #W20-11 – 149 Bogel Road, Charles Kauffman, construction of a new single family home in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 48, Lot 63.

Dated at East Haddam, CT this 17th day of September, 2020  
Randolph Dill, Chairman



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# Goodspeed announces 2021 season

Goodspeed Musicals Executive Director Michael Gennaro announced programming for the Tony Award-winning theater's 2021 season. "As we prepare for the 2021 season, safety is our priority. We continue to spend countless hours researching, planning and talking with state officials and leaders in the healthcare community to ensure that when we reopen, it will be as safe as possible for our audience, staff and performers" he said. "Based on everything we know to date," he continued, "the goal is to safely reopen The Goodspeed in June 2021."

Goodspeed Musicals will open in 2021 with a two-show season that begins with the long-overdue and much-anticipated production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific." This musical theatre classic, based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, will be directed by Rob Ruggiero ("Show Boat," "Carousel," "Oliver!"). With Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, South Pacific will run June 11 - August 22, 2021.

In the fall Goodspeed will produce the World Premiere of "Anne of Green Gables," based on the beloved novel by L.M. Montgomery. The new folk-rock musical

with multi-generational appeal features book and lyrics by Matte O'Brien and music by Matt Vinson; it will be directed by Jenn Thompson ("The Music Man," "Oklahoma!" and "Bye Bye Birdie"). It is a fresh and exciting musical that not only illustrates Goodspeed's long-standing commitment to new musicals, but also has a very bright future beyond Goodspeed. It will run September 10 - November 14, 2021.

Exclusively for 2021, audiences will have the option to attend a live performance or watch from the comfort of their own home. "We all know that it will take time to get comfortable going out in public again, especially to a theater" Gennaro said. "To make things easier, we have made special arrangements with the unions representing the actors, directors, choreographers and designers to allow us to record our shows and make them available for members, subscribers and single ticket buyers to watch online," he said.

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# CORVO BAR AND GRILL OPENS



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A wooden bridge built by East Haddam Land Trust volunteers over Roaring Brook in Sheepskin Hollow Preserve.

Awards

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Margaret Miner of Roxbury will also receive a Tom ODell Distinguished Service Award. ARTFARM and Chantal Foster from the Middlesex Land Trust will also receive certificates of appreciation.

“A tremendous amount of good work [is] being done by dedicated individuals and organizations in the Lower Connecticut River Valley,” says Tony Marino, Executive Director of The Rockfall Foundation. “Our hope is that by bringing the community together to celebrate their successes, we can continue building awareness of our wonderful natural resources and further support a healthy future for all.”

The awardees will be honored at an October 8th awards & grants celebration at 7 p.m. The free, virtual event is open to the public; pre-registration is required at [www.rockfallfoundation.org](http://www.rockfallfoundation.org). The celebration will feature videos highlighting accomplishments of the environmental champions. Recipients of the foundation’s annual environmental grants program will also be featured, including videos from UConn’s AdaptCT program and Valley Shore YMCA’s Farm-to-Table Camp.

Non-commercial classifieds are free: We will run them for four weeks or until you tell us to stop. Email them to: [Editor@easthaddamnews.org](mailto:Editor@easthaddamnews.org).

For sale

- 15’ tandem kayak**, Old Town Loon \$700. 860-886-3019 or 860-537-3694. (10/22)
- 2001 Audi TT sports car** with just under 88k miles in great condition. 1.8 liter turbo. Convertible two door Roadster. New tires. New convertible top. New battery. \$3,500. Call 860-930-5514 for info. (10/22)
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- Free Kohler & Campbell upright piano.** Maple finish in excellent condition. 860-227-5948. (10/1)
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