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Less waste, more money

Transfer station panel: Changes needed to cut costs, boost income

By Jason Bogdan

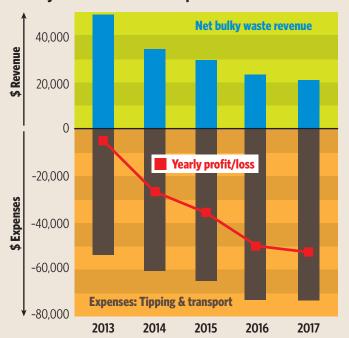
The East Haddam Transfer Station Committee presented the findings of its research to the Board of Selectmen last month, providing recommendations that could decrease the waste management facility's overhead by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

This new committee was formed at the request of First Selectman Emmett J. Lyman in an effort to boost the amount of recycling at the transfer station, on Nichols Road in Moodus. The group has been meeting twice a month since mid-January.

Committee chairman Robert Morsch provided the selectmen with research that included a comparison of East Haddam's transfer-station costs with those of other Middlesex County towns, including factors such as permit and bag fees, whether garbage pickup is mandatory, and whether carters are permitted, among other findings.

Using Portland's 2017–18 budget as an exam-

East Haddam transfer station bulky waste revenues and expenses



Source: East Haddam Transfer Station Committee analysis, 2018

ple, that town's residents will pay \$252,335 in taxes based on transfer station operation, town-required garbage bags, and use permits. East Haddam's proposed budget for 2018–19, meanwhile, will leave \$575,673 to be paid by the public after the transfer station's \$40,000 gross revenue is taken in consideration. "Why we pay \$63.26 per person for our transfer station and Portland pays \$26.56 per

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Residents air concerns over budget

By Danielle Faipler

Residents met in the auditorium of Nathan Hale-Ray High School Tuesday, April 10, to discuss concerns about the town's budget for the 2018–19 fiscal year, which will raise taxes by approximately 1.8 percent.

The combined town and school budget currently totals \$31,562,517, a 2.5 percent increase from the 2017–18 fiscal year.

This figure includes:

- The general government budget, \$2,660,403, which represents an increase of 5.5 percent
- Public works budget, \$1,929,934, a decrease of 3.5 percent
- Capital reserves, capital projects and other funds, \$1,521,732, an increase of 52 percent
- Debt service, \$1,767,688, a decrease of 0.2 percent
- The board of education budget, \$20,039,232, an increase of 1.3 percent

The proposed mill rate is 29.66, a 0.08 percent increase from the 2017–18 fiscal year, with \$25,842,424 to be raised by taxes.

Approximately 30 residents attended the public hearing, which was followed by a Board of Finance meeting to move the proposed budget to a town meeting.

Residents expressed concerns about the proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, schools Superintendent Brian Reas, and Board of Education Chairman Bryan Perry.

As presented, the budget focuses on reducing staffing costs in the building and fire departments, a combined reduction of \$42,486, and reduction in staffing costs in the town's library system, a total reduction of \$34,605, which are the result of savings in each department.

Residents' concerns emerged in questions about staffing in the fire department as well as projects in the town's public works department. However, the *Continued on page EH9*

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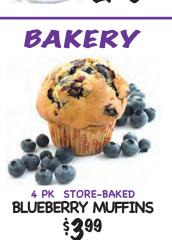




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Answers to frequently asked questions about the libraries

By Michael Gilroy Your Friendly Neighborhood Library Director

With the town libraries making headlines, I thought it might be helpful to answer some frequently asked questions about the East Haddam Library System:

Who owns the libraries?

Both libraries are operated by the Town of East Haddam. The town employs the staff, provides 80 percent of the funding, and handles repairs and maintenance. Prior to 2013, the libraries were operated by private endowments. However, the town has been providing the majority of library funding for decades (with the rest of the funds coming from trust funds, endowments, donations, and service fees).

The Rathbun Library building was transferred to the town in 2013. Due to various complications, the EHFPL building was unable to be transferred at that time. After five long years of meetings, the attorney general's office, and the probate court – EHFPL's endowment is now in a position to transfer the building to the town.

Is the town buying the EHFPL Building?

No. The building is being offered to the town for free. As previously mentioned, the town already operates and funds both libraries. Transferring the building will incur no additional cost and will have no impact on taxes, the budget, or the capital plan. A town meeting will be held to decide if the building will be accepted. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and vote. The date for this meeting is to be announced — please check the town or library website for updates.

Are there any upgrades needed to the current library facilities?

Neither library is 100 percent-handicap accessible. The Rathbun has a handicap access lift that can bring patrons to the main floor of the library, but \$25,000

in upgrades are needed to make the main floor fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. East Haddam is one of six Connecticut municipalities that does not have at least partial ADA compliance at the library. Eventually, these issues will have to be addressed.

What would it take to make the libraries ADA compliant?

Complete accessibility for EHFPL would be around \$265,000; for Rathbun it would be around \$236,000. These figures come from an access study completed by local architect George Fellner. The studies are available on the East Haddam Library System website under the Library Board page, or at the circulation desk of either library.

Are there other solutions?

Yes. The Library Board is actively investigating other avenues for accessibility, including ADA compliant expansions of one or both buildings, or a new facility that would incorporate the materials and resources from both libraries. These solutions will take many years to come to fruition.

The Library Board's current focus is on maintaining the services and buildings we have.

How do our libraries compare to other towns?

According to an annual report compiled by the CT State Library, *Statistics for CT Public Libraries*, our libraries are doing very well — especially when you factor in our size and budget. We spend less on two libraries than most towns do on one. This is true in terms of percentage, per capita, and raw numbers. Circulation, service usage, and program attendance are excellent when compared to other towns of similar size, wealth, and budget.

It's true that towns like Essex and Old Lyme invest more money in their libraries — and receive a different level of service as a result. The unavoidable

truth is, towns that spend more, get more in return. However, I truly believe that we have the world's greatest staff and that our customer service is second to none. What we lack in funding, we more than make up for in small-town charm, grateful library users, and helpful librarians.

Why should I visit the library?

More than 4,000 East Haddam residents have library cards, and many residents without library cards still attend library programs and use library services. If you haven't stopped by in a while, I think you'll be surprised at all the libraries have to offer. Save money by canceling cable and checking out new movies and TV shows from the library. Instead of purchasing expensive ink cartridges to print a few pages, use the libraries. If you're wasting money on books and movies that you're only using once, save some money and rent from the library instead — or better yet, help your neighbors and donate your lightly-used books and DVDs.

If you want to take a day trip, the library has free and discount passes to a lot of local attractions & museums, including the Yale Peabody Museum, Mystic Seaport, The Connecticut Science Center, and more. The libraries also have free computer access and free wi-fi, which are great for job searching, social networking, or even gaming. Best of all, the libraries are a great place to meet with friends and neighbors.

The best way to experience the libraries is to visit, and judge for yourself. If you're one of our regular patrons, thank you so much for your support. Keep giving the staff your requests — our job is to get you the materials and services you want. There's something for everyone at your local library. For more details please, call the libraries (EHFPL 860-873-8248; Rathbun 860-873-8210), visit us online, or stop by and visit.

Michael Gilroy is the director of the East Haddam Library System.









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FROM EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Narcan can be a vital part of treating drug overdoses. And you can help.

Drug overdoses are an increasingly critical problem in the United States. In Connecticut alone, more than 1,000 adults and adolescents died last year, and in the first two months of 2018, each week more than 150 people have been treated in emergency rooms and by first responders (80 such weekly patients in Middlesex

Narcan is a kit that allows easy administration of a safe and effective drug, Naloxone, that can reverse the effects of a drug overdose. To prevent death, however, Narcan must be administered no later than 1 to 3 hours after the overdose. Thus, it is critically important that treatment take place as quickly as possible. To that end, Connecticut encourages habitual drug users to carry Narcan with them at all times.

No one knows how many people actually comply with this suggestion nor how many have been treated and saved by willing bystanders. Clearly not enough — many, perhaps most, victims rely upon ambulance crews and emergency rooms to have ready supplies on hand. Studies that have compared treatment by trained personnel to that provided by bystanders indicate that the odds of recovery are much greater when the drug is administered by professionals. (It is also true, however, that any treatment - even if by bystanders — is better than none at all.)

The problem, of course, is the cost. Each Narcan kit today can be purchased wholesale for about \$70. Unfortunately, the kit is designed for one-time use only, and it has an effective shelf-life of just two years. Therefore, Narcan supplies must be continuously replenished to keep up with the need.

To address the supply problem, the East Haddam Ambulance Association has set up a special savings account at the Liberty Bank in Moodus that accepts donations to cover the costs of Narcan kits for the East Haddam community. A generous donation has been provided by an anonymous resident as a startup. The donor's specific goal is to enable town members who have suffered an opioid overdose to have a "second chance."

To contribute additional tax-deductible amounts to this account, other community members are invited to send money to Lynn Woodward, Treasurer, East Haddam Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 17, Moodus, CT 06469. Any questions can be directed to her at 860-873-1800.

Residents can also help by immediately calling 911 if they even just suspect a case of drug overdose. A ready supply of Narcan and quick action by residents can make a difference in fighting the current opioid epidemic.

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Transfer station

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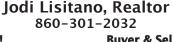
person should be alarming to all East Haddam taxpayers," read the document.

Recommendations to improve the situation include purchasing a garbage truck and containers to haul the trash. With that alone, savings should be

approximately \$100,000. Adding a gate to guide traffic and restrict access to the transfer station's upper level of the transfer station would ensure the town is being paid according to the fee schedule. A mandatory nocost sticker is also proposed so that visitors would provide proof of residency, curbing illegal and excess

The committee warns that while East Haddam has been able to use the current waste-management system for several years, the high costs will keep getting higher. The state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) may also make it a requirement for towns to have 60 percent of all waste being recycled, based on its goal of reaching that amount by 2024. East Haddam is far behind that target, with only one-quarter of all waste being recycled.

Morsch strongly suggested that East Haddam citizens consider the idea of slightly changing their daily trash routine to increase recycling, which will save a lot of money in the future. In the meantime, the committee soon plans to present a concise budget proposal as well as further ideas to upgrade the facility.



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Transition Program prepares students for working world

By Mikayla Alger

The room smelled like tuna and flour puffed up in the air as students made cat treats. Deborah Olsen-MacDonald's classroom at Nathan Hale-Ray High School was filled with activity and good smells. Students in the Transition Program and Daily Living Skills classroom were making dog treats, cat treats and birdseed ornaments. The sale of the homemade animal treats would benefit East Haddam Animal Control.

The Transition Program at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, sponsored by the East Haddam Board of Education, prepares students for life after high school. Students learn the skills to live independently and work in the community. Several times a year, students plan and organize fundraisers to benefit local organizations in East Haddam. In addition, students have opportunity to work at various businesses in town. Students are taught different skills at each job and learn how to be successful at work.

The program helps teach personal skills, such as



Members of the Transition Program present a check for \$107 to East Haddam Animal Control Officer Michael Olzacki.

being friendly with coworkers and communicating with supervisors, as well as work skills like filling out job applications and time sheets. Students earn money through the Transition Program, then set up bank accounts, deposit paychecks at the bank, and review

their balances. The money they earn is used to shop for ingredients for lunch — which they then prepare back at school — and for activities throughout the year.

The students are currently helping seniors and people with disabilities at their homes in East Haddam with storm cleanup, picking up branches and sticks in peoples' yards. If you are interested in having the students clean up your yard, please refer to the contact information below. There is no charge for this service, but keep in mind that the students do not have the means to haul away the brush.

Olsen-MacDonald invites East Haddam businesses to have students from the Transition Program work at their location at no cost. The students work between one to three hours per day, up to three school days a week, depending on the needs of the business. The students are accompanied by a job coach. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Olsen-MacDonald at 860-873-5065, ext. 342, or via email at Deborah.

MacDonald@easthaddamschools.org.

Mikayla Alger, an East Haddam resident, is a student in the Transition Program.

Letters to the Editor

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Six more commonly used budget terms defined

Fifth in a series of articles by the Board of Finance

The East Haddam Board of Finance (BoF) is responsible for the oversight and submittal to the citizens of the annual town budget. The annual town budget includes the Board of Education budget and the town government budget. The preparation of the annual town budget is the result of a process that starts with a tri-board meeting of the boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen. The process continues from the tri-board meeting with a series of meetings, workshops and public hearings. The conclusion of the process is the budget referendum.

One of the areas where the BoF believes it can help the budget development process be more effective is by helping to make sure that the discussions in the meetings, workshops and public hearings are clear and understandable for the citizens in attendance. Consequently, the BoF has written a series of articles to be printed in the East Haddam News. The purpose of this series is to explain the financial terms commonly used in the budget meetings. This

week we are printing the fifth article in the series, explaining the meaning of six additional financial terms. They are:

- 1. Bond Anticipation Note: A short-term interest-bearing security issued in anticipation of bond proceeds to be received at a later date. The note is retired from proceeds of the bonds to which it is related.
- **2. Bonded Indebtedness:** A debt that is secured by an issued bond with the monies received to be used for governmental purposes. Source: Black's Law Dictionary
- 3. Capital Improvement Program: The long-range capital improvement program is a comprehensive list of projects and facilities needed to carry out the public service program. Capital improvement refers to the initial construction or acquisition of, and future additions to, the physical facilities required by the municipality to render public services. Examples of capital improvements are parks, parking lots, playgrounds, sewer plants,

schools, public buildings and street lighting systems. The capital budget sets up a specific five-year program for the most immediate portions of the capital improvement program. Source: Handbook for Connecticut Boards of Finance

- 4. Assigned Fund Balance: Amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. Source: Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Fact Sheet
- 5. Unassigned Fund Balance: Amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are typically reported only in the general fund. Source: Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Fact Sheet
- **6. PILOT:** Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Payment that a property owner who is not subject to taxation makes to government to compensate it for services that the property owner receives that normally are financed through property taxes.

TOWN CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 24

7 p.m. Annual town budget meeting, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

7 p.m. Board of Finance, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

7:15 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Thursday, April 26

7 p.m. Municipal Office Building Committee, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

7 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd.

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission

LIBRARY CALENDAR

EHFPL: East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd., Moodus.

Rathbun: Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St., East Haddam.

Thursday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

2 to 3 p.m. Rathbun Book Club, Rathbun. Check online or call for this month's pick.

Friday, April 20

6 to 8 p.m. East Haddam Art League Spring Art Show opening, Rathbun. Stop by and see world-class works by local artists.

Saturday, April 21

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Library Open House, Rathbun and EHFPL. See what your local libraries have to offer.

Monday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

Wednesday, April 25

10:30 a.m. Baby Time, Rathbun.

3 to 6 p.m. Scanning for Wall of Honor, EHFPL.

6 to 8 p.m. Teen Write Club, EHFPL. Ages 10 and up. Discuss ideas, get feedback on your projects, do fun writing exercises, and enjoy free pizza.

Thursday, April 26

10:30 a.m. Story Time, Rathbun.

3 to 6 p.m. Scanning for Wall of Honor, Rathbun.

6:30 p.m. Friends of Rathbun, Rathbun.



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Turkey dinner at Westchester Congregational Church April 21

The Westchester Congregational Church will host a Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings on Saturday, April 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, on the corner of Route 149 and Cemetery Road in the Westchester section of Colchester, across from the Day Pond State Park sign. All are welcome.

The menu will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert along with coffee, tea or punch.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors (over 62) and \$6 for children (10 and under). Take-out dinners will also be available. All proceeds benefit the church's general fund.

You may contact Evelyn at 860.537.1919 for more information or email westcongchurch@gmail.com. The church's website is westchestercongchurch.org.

Belltown antique engine, tractor meet April 29

The Belltown Antique Car Club of East Hampton will host its 44th Annual Belltown Antique Engine & Tractor Meet on Sunday, April 29, at its new location, Danaher Field, nearby the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds. The show will focus on the display and demonstration of antique engines and working scale replicas. Vintage tractors will also be featured, some lovingly restored. Trophies will be awarded near the end of the show.

This outdoor event will include a flea market catering to the antique engine hobby and offering general merchandise as well. Food service will be provided by the East Hampton Lions Club as part of their community fund raising efforts. The show is held rain or shine, field conditions permitting, and will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. General admission is \$4 and children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult. Spectator parking is free.

For exhibitor and vendor information, contact Peter Christianson, 860-267-8394, or Jim Way, 860-267-4626. For general show information, visit www. belltownantiquecarclub.org.

Community Lions English Tea Party set for May 12

The Community Lions' fun and delicious English Tea Party will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 31 Main St.

This year's theme is "The Royal Wedding." What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday with your mom, sister, aunt, daughter or friend!

Tickets are \$25. For more information, check the Community Lions' website at ehcl.org.

To reserve a seat, call or email Diane at ddvp40@ aol.com or 860-434-5611.

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Jim Celio



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> Elaine Muszynski 860-575-2864

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Upcoming and ongoing

June 25 to 29: Vacation Bible School at Valley Bible Church, 220 Turkey Hill Road, Haddam, from June 25 to 29 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. This free event is for children age 4 to grade 6 (grade completed in June 2018). The day includes singing, crafts, games, bible stories and snacktime. Register online at www.valley-bibleefc.org/vbs or call 860-345-8932.

Through May 13: *Nature in Black & White,* an exhibit of original artwork running through May 13 at Spectrum Gallery, 61 Main St., Centerbrook. A six-week show that highlights the detail and beauty found in nature when artists limit their palettes to grays, whites and black. For more information call 860-767-0742 or visit spectrumartgallery.org.

Through June 21: Will Rogers Follies, the Broadway hit, at the Goodspeed, 6 Main St. Shake hands with the heartwarming humorist who spun a rope, poked fun at headlines and never met a man he didn't like. Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. with select performances at 2 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. (with select performances at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets available through the Box Office (860-873-8668) or at goodspeed.org.

Thursday, April 19

No school for spring vacation.

Friday, April 20

6 to 8 p.m. East Haddam Art League Spring Show opening, Rathbun Library, 36 Main St. Refreshments; meet the artists.

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Saturday, April 21

8:30 p.m. The Locomotives perform live at La Vita Gustosa, 9 Main St.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plowing into Spring, Blue Slope Country Museum, 138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, Conn. Plowing demonstrations by horses, donkeys, and oxen. Antique farming equipment on display. For information, contact erapson@vt.edu, colethewonderdog@comcast.net, or text Linda at 860-919-2239. Sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Draft Horse Association. In case of heavy rain, event will be cancelled; check draft horse association's Facebook page for notice of cancellation.

Sunday, April 22

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family Fun Day, Diana's Field, Banningwood Preserve, 19 Town Street, Lyme. Come celebrate Earth Day during this community event. A half-mile walk from the parking area will bring you to Diana's Field and a host of family-friendly activities. Live birds of prey presentation (11:15 a.m.), ecology walk (beginning at 12:30), "bug discovery" at Roaring Brook. Arts, crafts, and games in the field. Pack a picnic and bring a blanket. Follow Lyme Land Trust on Facebook and Instagram for updates and cancellations. Information at lymelandtrust.org.

5 to 6 p.m. Harvest House dinner. St. Stephen's Parish Hall, 31 Main St. Information: www.ststeves.org/transform/harvest-house/

Wednesday, April 25

7 p.m. Celtic prayer service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 31 Main St. Open to the public; all are welcome. Lasts ½ hour. Quiet and meditative Wednesday prayer service offers an opportunity to sit and be still with God. Information: www.ststeves.org/

event/celtic-prayer-service/.

Thursday, April 26

6 p.m. Listening for God, St. Stephen's Church, 31 Main St. Participants will practice reclaiming attention, focusing, and learning to watch and listen for God in their lives and in the surrounding world. Information: www.ststeves.org/event/listening-for-god/.

Friday, April 27

7 p.m. What is Autism? A community conversation, Grange Hall, Town St. Hosted by the East Haddam Library System. The program is open to the public and will be an opportunity to learn more about autism. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Haddam Drug Takeback, Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Rd. Bring your expired, unused and unwanted pills or patches for disposal. Liquids, needles or sharps cannot be accepted. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Coordinated by the East Haddam police, state troopers, and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrate East Haddam 2018, Heritage Park, 15 Great Hillwood Rd. Hosted by the East Haddam Business Association; formerly known as "Taste of East Haddam." Free admission. Live music, children's activities and bounce house, food vendors and fresh local fare. Meet and greet local business owners; learn about special programs, promotions, and local summer events. Donations at the entrance will benefit local charities. Rain date Sunday, April 29. Vendor spaces \$25, email ehbamembers@gmail.com for more info and to request a vendor registration form.

2 p.m. Clutter Control: Downsizing Your Stuff with David Downs. Lyme Public Library, 482 Hamburg Rd., Lyme. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lyme Public Library.

Sunday, April 29

44th Annual Belltown Antique Engine & Tractor Show sponsored by the Belltown Antique Car Club. New Location: Danaher Field (across from the Haddam Neck Fire Station, near the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds), 73 Rock Landing Rd. in Haddam Neck (east side of Conn. River, off Rte. 151). Show opens at 8 a.m. and runs to 3 p.m. Antique stationary engines, working scale engine replicas and vintage tractors will be displayed and demonstrated. Event also includes a flea market. General admission \$4, children under 12 free. Info at www. belltownantiquecarclub.org.

5 to 6 p.m. Harvest House dinner. St. Stephen's Parish Hall, 31 Main St. Information: www.ststeves. org/transform/harvest-house/

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Budget hearing

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education budget generated the most debate and question.

"I'm for an educated population, I support that, I do however think it's time to take a reasonable look at what we spend on education, and what we have for it," said resident Joan Dill during the hearing. "We are not a top-performing school system in the state, but we spend a lot more than our neighboring towns, and I don't know if we can continue to justify that as we go forward."

Dill said the cost of education may drive some senior residents, who have fixed incomes, out of town because they will be unable to pay their taxes.

Residents continued to discuss the education budget during the board of finance meeting held immediately after the hearing, especially in light of decreasing enrollment.

"Where is the fairness in this town? I know we love our kids, but we also have people in this town who are struggling," said Dill.

According to the Board of Education's proposed budget presentation, available on the town's web site, privatizing the district would cost approximately \$13,444 per pupil, and would not include programs and services such as special education, transportation, magnet school tuition or vocational transpor-

Currently, the cost per pupil in the public school system is \$17,753, and includes those programs and

"The education budget is a big nut, but it's im-

portant to educate our kids. The attractiveness of the town is directly proportional to the quality of the school system ... So we have to have a quality school system, at the same time with a budget that doesn't break the bank," said Todd Gelston, a member of the board of finance.

The board of education budget seeks to continue to develop its world language program, as well as science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs in order to produce globally-conscious and competitive students.

According to the board of education's proposed budget, available on the East Haddam town website, there is a projected 13.9 percent decrease in special education. Salaries account for a 1.3 percent increase, and the cost of benefits is projected to increase 6 percent. Additionally, there is a projected increase of 14.3 percent in magnet school tuition for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

"The board has done a terrific job looking at efficiencies ... that allow us to keep costs low. Our increase in the last seven years has averaged less than 1 percent. This is a 1.3 percent increase for the board of education, which is continuing to make more efficient what we do with what we have," said Reas after the meeting.

The general government budget reflects approximately 0.08 percent of the total budget and will focus on moving forward with the town's capital improvement plan as well as providing local services to residents.

As part of the town's capital improvement plan, 0.06 percent of the total budget, the town hopes to restore funding to projects that were reduced during the 2017-18 fiscal year due to issues in state funding.

These projects include the town's Plan of Conservation and Development, reclamation of Petticoat Lane, purchasing a roll-off truck for the transfer station, which attributed to projected decreases in the public-works budget, and sewer treatment plant.

"It's been a well-thought out process, and the result is a responsible budget. The Board of Finance attempted to keep the mill rate stable. We also tried to make the process more available to the public by holding budget workshops," said Board of Finance member Tracey Gionta, who hopes the budget passes during the first referendum, one of the finance board's goals for the budget.

The budget was moved to the town meeting, which will be held April 24 at 8 p.m., at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town St.

After the town meeting, the budget will go to a referendum for a vote.



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LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING **EAST HADDAM**

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 for the following purposes, to

Item 1. To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,562,517 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut, are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by paper ballots or voting machine 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 ballots or voting machine ballot labels will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on

Item 2. To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 8, 2018.

Dated at East Haddam, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2018

Emmett J. Lyman Susan C. Link Robert R. Smith **Board of Selectmen**

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TOWN OF EAST HADDAM 2018-2019 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

	2016-2017	2017	-2018 JUN 30		2018-2019	
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Assessor	\$ 125,874	\$ 132,161	\$ 132,161	\$ 132,366	\$ 205	0.2
Building Maintenance and Operations	20,096	21,786	21,786	22,900	1,114	5.1
Elections/Registrars	45,780	52,000	67,673	52,700	700	1.3
Finance Office	65,860	67,673	144,679	67,603	(70)	0.0
Land Use Office Municipal Office Complex/Central Services	145,751 93,668	144,679 190,445	190,445	137,714 311,861	(6,965) 121,416	63.8
Regional Probate Court	10,703	12,115	157,985	12,688	573	0.09
Selectmen	147,803	157,985	90,747	161,678	3,693	2.39
Tax Collector	94,365	90,747	222,574	92,294	1,547	1.79
Town Clerk	226,354	222,574	22,885	229,715	7,141	3.2
Town Office Building	18,612	22,885	45,780	15,745	(7,140)	-31.2
Fringe Benefits	861,918	902,579	892,579	910,992	8,413	0.9
Risk Management (Insurance) Legal Services	230,160 66,430	230,131 63,000	230,131 73,000	239,981 63,000	9,850	4.3° 0.0°
Agriculture Commission	00,430	250	250	1,000	750	300.0
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,299	3,340	1,329	4,510	1,170	35.0
Board of Finance	43,756	134,150	75,000	134,150	-	0.0
Conservation Commission	15,231	15,250	15,250	14,000	(1,250)	-8.2
Economic Development Commission	6,713	47,650	20,000	49,750	2,100	4.4
Historic District Commission	936	1,130	1,139	1,136	6	0.69
Open Space Committee Zoning Board of Appeals	3,002 764	6,450 2,400	6,450 2,400	3,250 1,370	(3,200)	-49.6°
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,225,074	2,521,379	2,426,358	2,660,403	139,023	5.55
PUBLIC SAFETY Rullding Department	144454	400-482	00.00	05.075	201 mars	na ie
Building Department Emergency Management/911 Services	114,131 97,428	120,493 98,165	80,867 98,165	95,876 103,054	(24,617) 4,889	-20,49 5.09
Fire Department (Career)	128,033	134,128	134,128	116,259	(17,869)	-13.39
Fire Department (Volunteer)	174,941	149,042	149,042	157,150	8,108	5.49
Fire Marshal	28,472	35,196	34,196	35,181	(15)	0.09
Paramedic Services	9,126	9,126	9,126	9,126	,	0.09
Police Officers	376,435	383,766	383,766	391,969	8,203	2.19
Resident State Troopers	159,795	198,485	178,485	193,500	(4,985)	-2,59
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,088,361	1,128,401	1,067,775	1,102,115	(26,285)	-2.39
PUBLIC WORKS	1000					
General Highways	1,049,288	1,073,901	1,073,901	1,094,138	20,237	1.99
Snow Removal	260,238	266,652	266,652	266,652		0.0
Town Garage Maintenance	55,664	59,197	59,197	38,800	(20,397)	-34.59
Transfer Station	582,096	600,320	600,320	530,344	(69,976)	-11.79
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,947,286	2,000,070	2,000,070	1,929,934	(70,136)	-3.59
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1					
Cemeteries	8,790	10,170	10,170	10,000	(170)	-1.79
Chatham Health District	95,908	99,952	99,952	105,190	5,238	5.25
Human Services	2,900	4,920	4,920	3,920	(1,000)	-20.35
Senior Services	129,213	139,245	139,245	134,257	(4,988)	-3.69
Youth and Family Services	193,117	197,304	197,304	199,920	2,616	1.39
YFS Early Childhood Council	6,250	7,000	7,000	7,500 460,787	500	7.19
TOTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	436,178	458,591	458,591	460,787	2,196	0.59
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1 7 . 3	1.55		11 (5)		
Lakes Association	18,324	20,000	20,000	20,000		0.09
East Haddam Public Library System	364,435	364,255	354,255	318,775	(45,480)	12.59
Recreation Commission	107,078	121,795	121,795	121,910	115	0.19
Town Greens, Grounds and Fields TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	56,208 546,045	57,283 563,333	57,283 553,333	58,189 518,874	906	-7.99
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DEBT SERVICE	1 1 AP VAN	7 774 500	2 247 446	4 700 666	15 700	2.50
Principal and Interest TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,805,522 1,805,522	1,771,388	1,771,388	1,767,688 1,767,688	(3,700)	-0.29
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TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	8,048,467	8,443,162	8,277,515	8,439,801	(3,360)	-0.049
EDUCATION	19,653,492	19,779,902	19,779,902	20,039,232	259,330	1.319
INTERFUND TRANSFERS						
Reserves	1 60.7			11000		
Ambulance	392,973	426,598	426,598	430,298	3,700	0.99
Lakes	40,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	5,000	25,09
Revaluation	5,000	(9)				n/
Fire Equipment	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	0.0
Education	75,910	75,910	75,910	75,910		0.0
Capital Projects Savings	139,452	100,000	100,000	100,000		0.0
Capital Projects General Fund Support	526,395			756,599	756,599	n
State Grants	687,646	735,185	735,185	494,223	(240,962)	-32.8
Animal Control Special Revenue Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	(240,502)	0.0
Shared Services	1,158,874	1,131,454	1,131,454	1,131,454		0.0
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	3,116,250	2,559,147	2,559,147	\$ 3,083,484	\$ 524,337	20.59





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TOWN OF EAST HADDAM 2018-2019 ESTIMATED REVENUES SUMMARY

	2016-2017	2017-2018 JUN 30			2018-2019	
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	BUDGET	S CHANGE	% CHANGE
20024	1					
TAXES	# DE 170 074	f 35 200 057	£ 25.300.053	£ 25042.424	* ****	4.0
Property Taxes	\$ 25,176,074	\$ 25,390,957		\$ 25,842,424	\$ 451,467 10,000	1.8
Interest and Penalties	165,517	140,000	165,000	150,000		7.1
Tax Collection Fees	373	500	500	7,500	7,000.00	1400.09
Suspense Airplane Pilot	12,946 1,780	5,000 1,690	1,960	1,200 1,870	(3,800.00)	-76.09 10.79
TOTAL TAXES	25,356,690	25,538,147	25,566,417	26,002,994	464,847	1.89
	1					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES	50.017	54.546	41,545	F4 F4F		0.0
Chester Assessor Agreement	50,044	51,545	41,545	51,545		0.0
Connecticut Statutory Formula Grants	0.422	22.040	7,700	10 370	74.570	20.2
PILOT State Property	8,423	23,049	7,709	18,370	(4,679)	20.3
Casino Funds	27,046	27,066	27,015	27,015	(51)	-0.2
Town Aid Road Fund Grant	331,211	331,211	162,691	331,211		0.0
Local Capital Improvements Program	05.63	161,316	161,316	161,316		0.0
Municipal Revenue Sales Tax Sharing	186,418	268,344	1,696	1,696	(266,648)	-99.4
Education Grants						
Adult Education	5,551	5,604	5,604	5,491	(113)	-2.0
Education Cost Sharing	3,731,058	1,988,441	3,203,033	3,592,596	1,604,155	80.7
Special Education Grant	0.00	988,759			(988,759)	n
Emergency Management Grant	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100		0,0
Miscellaneous Allotments	1	25,000		2,500	(22,500)	-90.0
Tax Relief	10.00	Jan Carrier				
Circuit Breaker	60,765	34,265	1.6		(34,265)	n,
Disability	483	675	342	709	34	5.0
Veterans	5,829	5,958	5,476	5,591	(367)	-6.2
TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES	4,410,928	3,915,333	3,620,527	4,202,140	286,807	7.3
MUTCHAFAIT AND MITTERS INCOME						
INVESTMENT AND INTEREST INCOME Investment Income	24,232	31,256	47,771	24,500	(6,756)	-21.6
TOTAL INVESTMENT AND INTEREST INCOME	24,232	31,256	47,771	24,500	(6,756)	-21.6
	2.,,200		30000	7.7,200	(4,122)	
LOCAL REVENUES						
Assessor (Printing and Duplicating Fees)	325	300	267	300		0.0
Building Department Permit Fees	131,267	110,000	106,040	120,000	10,000	9.1
Cemeteries	1,463	2.360	1,170	1,750	(610)	-25.8
Fire Marshal Permit Fees	170	200	90	200	(010)	0.0
Historic District Commission Permit Fees	50	300	225	300		0.0
Land Use Permit Fees				100000000000000000000000000000000000000	/F 000V	-25.0
	17,280	20,000	19,056	15,000	(5,000)	-23.0
Libraries	55.500	57.500	57 100	54 025	10 6761	19
Library Endowment & Trust Income	55,682	57,500	57,400	54,825	(2,675)	-4.7
Library Fees and Fines	7,975	6,500	7,122	6,500		0.0
Library Grants	265	2	2.00	3.25		0.
Library Receipts-Gifts, Donations	13,066	9,000	9,000	9,000		0.0
Other Revenues	75,420	25,000	45,203	25,000	200	0.0
PILOT Goodspeed Opera House	29,552	29,469	29,784	29,969	500	1.7
Police Special Duty	43,456	24,000	37,500	25,000	1,000	4.2
Rents	19,631	20,000	18,738	20,000	-	0.0
Telecommunication Taxes	27,433	26,800	26,800	26,800	-	0.0
Town Clerk		100				0.0
Licenses (Hunting/Animal)	21,675	22,000	21,675	21,000	(1,000)	-4.5
Town Clerk Fees	183,276	160,000	203,892	179,000	19,000	11.9
Conveyance Tax	112,780	100,000	97,959	100,000		0.0
Transfer Station Fees	38,342	40,000	48,948	42,000	2,000	5.0
Zoning Board of Appeals Permit Fees	1,170	1,000	900	1,000	1.75	0.0
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	780,278	654,429	731,769	677,644	23,215	3.5
TRANSFERS/OTHER FUNDING SOURCES						
	200 504	200 504	200 504	200.075	11 472	3.8
Albert E. Purple Fund	298,504	298,504	298,504	309,976	11,472	
Helon Cone Fund	19,180	19,000	19,000	19,000	-20	0.0
Palmer Fund	30,542	30,542	30,542	31,263	721	2.4
Ray School Corporation	203,858	195,000	195,000	195,000		0.0
Reliance on Fund Balance	F24 571	100,000	100,000	100,000	3	0.0
TOTAL TRANS./OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	552,084	643,046	643,046	655,239	12,193	1.9
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 31,124,212	\$ 30,782,211	\$ 30,609,530	\$ 31,562,517	\$ 780,307	2.5
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MILL RATE CALCULATION		
Expense Total	\$	31,562,517
Less Tax Interest, Penalties, Suspense, Collection Fees and Airplane		(160,570)
Less Intergovernmental Agencies		(4,202,140)
Less Interest Income		(24,500)
Less Local Revenues		(677,644)
Less Transfers and Other Funding Sources		(655,239)
Required Taxes	\$	25,842,424
Net Taxable Grand List Adjusted for Uncollected Taxes	5	871,380,752
Divided by 1,000	\$	871,381
Mill Rate		29.66
Current Mill Rate		29.58
Mill Rate Increase		0.08

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Oak desk with computer drawer. Great shape! \$150 or best offer. Call Bob at 860-873-3383. [D19]

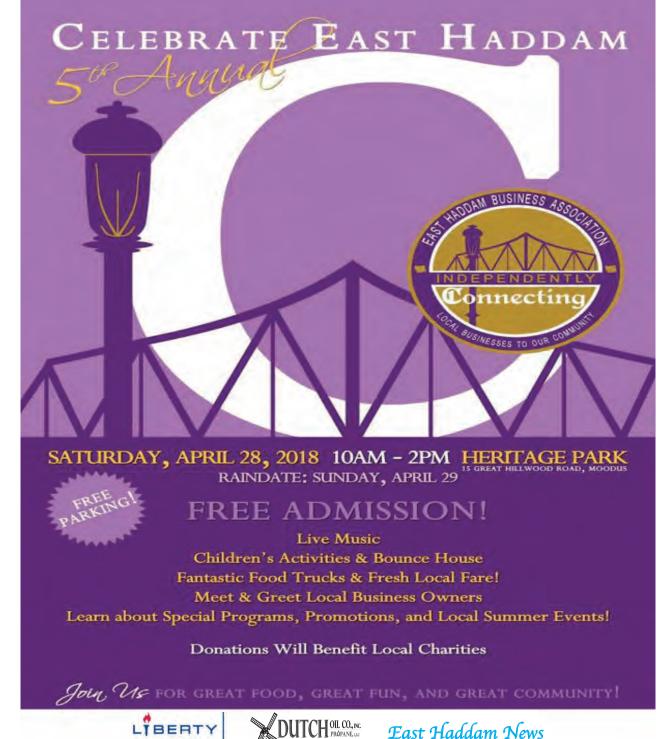
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