

**ANNUAL REPORT
for the
TOWN OF HADDAM**



Fiscal Year July 2011 – June 2012

~~~Celebrating Our 350th Anniversary~~~
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<p><i>Please Note: The Charter of the Town of Haddam gives the Board of Finance responsibility for compiling and publishing the Annual Report. It does not, however, give the Board any authorization to see that reports of various agencies and departments are either submitted when requested or that the reports include all of the information required by the Charter or State Statutes. The reports are entered into the Annual Report substantially as submitted. All reports received are included in this Report. Thank you to all who have participated!</i></p>	

The 2011-2012 fiscal year tested our administrative vigilance and discipline like no other in recent memory. The weak economy, lack of building activity, eroding per capita income, and escalating cost of services challenged our efforts to provide the quality of life expected by our citizens. Thankfully, throughout it all, we did make some significant advances to our agenda.

We completed the remediation and closure of our old landfill and constructed a new state of the art transfer station. In so doing, we were able to negotiate extremely beneficial bond interest and payment terms, thus lessening the impact of the expenditure by spreading the cost over an extended timeframe. We also took the opportunity to apply for the Town's first Moody's Investors Service rating with the hopes of establishing a financial baseline for future infrastructure and capital needs. We were pleased to receive a Moody's rating of Aa3, which reflects the town's satisfactory financial operations, stable tax base with above-average wealth indices, and manageable debt burden.

The correction and enhancement of our infrastructure continues to be one of our top priorities. This year we were able to stabilize a potential collapse of a major retaining wall, repair critical culverts, and step up our road maintenance program. We hope to address the Tylerville water and Higganum sewer issues in the coming year with assistance from State grants, public-private program funding, and the possible use of additional bonding if the market remains competitive. If we are fortunate enough to bring these two initiatives to a conclusion in a fiscally efficient manner, we will be able to set the stage for a village oriented economic development plan to help offset some of the residential tax burden.

Overall, the Selectmen are pleased with the progress of our plans for the 2011-2012 year, having enhanced consumer, senior, youth, animal control, transit, emergency operations, and recreational services within budgeted guidelines. We will continue to proactively pursue solutions to the nagging issues that put a drain on town resources and continue to seek out more efficient methods to administer town needs. Thank you for your support.

**Meetings Attendance: First Selectman Paul DeStefano – 36 of 36; Selectman Robert Duval – 35 of 36; Selectman Peter Arseneault July 1, 2011 to November 16, 2011 – 12 of 12; Selectman Sean Donlan 12-7-11 to 6-30-12 - 18 of 23
Staff: Alice Zanelli 23 of 36, Bette Dybick – 2, Georgia Emanuel – 8.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul DeStefano,
First Selectman**

District Probate Court

Terrance D. Lomme, Judge of Probate - Saybrook District

The Saybrook Probate Court is situated in the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. The Honorable Terrance Lomme is the Presiding Judge and Valerie Shickel is the Chief Clerk. There are also eight clerks comprising the Saybrook District Probate Court. Attendance at the quarterly probate assembly meetings is optional; however, there are yearly mandatory educational requirements, which the judge and all of the clerks within the Probate Court system must fulfill. Additionally, Judge Lomme is on the Probate Court Assembly Executive Committee, which meets monthly.

The funding for the Probate Court is based on the Memorandum of Understanding amongst the participating nine towns, which was dated January 12, 2011. The Court uses the funds provided by the nine towns for its normal operating expenses such as utilities, postage, office supplies, etc. In December 2011, the Saybrook Probate Court District facilitated the statewide Probate Clerks Association holiday dinner and educational meeting featuring the Honorable Terrance Lomme as the guest speaker.

The last 18 months have been a very busy time for the Probate Court. As most of you know, there is now a regional court, which serves nine towns. This merger was part of a state wide effort that reduced the number of probate courts from 117 to 54. The new Saybrook District serves the towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The total population of these towns is over 60,000 citizens. As you can imagine, merging nine courts was not a simple matter, but with the help and cooperation of the former judges and the significant effort of the clerks, we were successful in completing the task. The Court is now a full time court and is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It is on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

As a result of the mergers statewide, the Probate Court Administration was able to return \$3.7 million to the state in its first year. The projection for [calendar year] 2012 is to be under budget by an additional \$2.1 million.

Most people understand that we handle all aspects of decedents' estates; however, the Court also handles a variety of other matters including determining the necessity to appoint conservators and reviewing the conservator's accountings, appointing guardians of minors and adults with intellectual disabilities, trusts and trust accountings, custody matters, removal of parental rights, and adoptions. We have opened over one thousand new matters of all types since January 2011. Some of these matters require hearings and some do not. As a result, I hold, on average, 15 hearings per week. In addition to the normal duties of a probate judge, I was fortunate to be nominated to the Executive Committee of the Probate Court Assembly. The Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss the rules and policies of the probate courts. I have also joined the national College of Probate Judges, so that I can be aware of national trends and procedures in probate courts.

District Probate Court, cont.

Thanks to the efforts of the Chief Clerk Valerie Shickel and the other clerks and assistant clerk Sharon Tiezzi, Marjorie Calltharp, Stella Beaudoin, Helene Yates, [Margaret] Peggy Schroeder, Gloria Amatrudo, Jackie Craco, and heather Graves, the Court has successfully completed the merger and operates smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance D. Lomme, Judge
Saybrook Probate Court District

Registrars of Voters

Raymond Skarsten and Saralyn Twomey, Haddam Registrars of Voters

The Town of Haddam had the following elections and referenda:

November 8, 2011	Municipal Election
April 24, 2012	Republican Presidential Primary
May 8, 2012	RSD #17 School Budget Referendum

This was one less referendum and one less voting session than in the previous fiscal year. [Ed. Note: See results in Town Clerk report]

We also had a Municipal Election Audit on 12/1/2011, which was successfully completed. [Ed. Note: See results in Town Clerk report]

The Registrars held a Haddam/Killingworth Senior High School registration session at the H/K High School in April 2012 with 59 high school seniors registering to vote in Haddam.

The Registrars and Deputy Registrars also attended two required conferences during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Skarsten and Saralyn Twomey
Haddam Registrars of Voters

Board of Finance

Deborah L. Olsen, Chair

The Board of Finance consists of six regular members and three Alternate members. The regular members from July 2011 to November 2011 were: Chair Deborah Olsen, Vice Chairman Edward Schwing, Harlan Fredericksen, David Kapitullik, Joseph Rossi, and Lucille Silvestrini. The three Alternate members were: Joseph Centofanti, Cheryl Haase and Diane Stock. The regular members from December 2011 to June 2012 were: Chair Deborah Olsen, Vice Chairman David Kapitullik, Marjorie DeBold, Harlan Fredericksen, Lucille Silvestrini, and Diane Stock. The three Alternate members were: Peter Arseneault Joseph Centofanti, and Cheryl Haase.

The tax rate was set at 28.23 mils for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. The Board continuously attempts to balance the funding needs of all agencies, revenues received, and the effect/burden on the taxpayers. The Board of Finance is charged under the *Charter of the Town of Haddam*, Section 9-2 to devote attention to four main areas: 1-preparation of the next years' budget, 2-managing and monitoring of the current budget, 3-long range capital planning in conjunction with the Long Range Capital Planning Committee, and 4-Monitoring the school district budget.

Taxpayers are invited and encouraged to attend all Board of Finance meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month except August when no meeting is usually scheduled. Minutes of the Board of Finance meetings are on file and are available at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Office Building as well as on the Town's website.

Meetings Attendance: There were 11 Regular Meetings, 6 Budget Meetings, and 1 Special Meeting during the fiscal year. Attendance at the Regular Meetings was as follows: Olsen-11/11, Schwing-3/4, Kapitullik-11/11, DeBold-7/7, Fredericksen-11/11, Silvestrini-10/11, Stock-10/11, Arseneault-5/7, Centofanti-10/11, Haase-7/11, Staff: Georgia Emanuel, Financial Coordinator-10/11, Barbara Galloway, Secretary-11/11. Attendance at the Budget Meetings was as follows: Olsen-6/6, Kapitullik-5/6, DeBold-6/6, Fredericksen-6/6, Silvestrini-5/6, Stock-5/6, Arseneault-6/6, Centofanti-5/6, Haase-4/6, Staff: Emanuel-6/6, Galloway-6/6. Attendance at the Special Meeting was as follows: Olsen-1/1, Kapitullik-1/1, DeBold-1/1, Fredericksen-1/1, Silvestrini-1/1, Stock-1/1, Arseneault-1/1, Centofanti-1/1, Haase-1/1, Staff: Emanuel-1/1, Galloway-1/1.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Olsen
Chair

The Grand List for October 1, 2011 resulted in a total net figure of \$897,304,580 after adjustments from the Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). This was an increase from 2010 (also post-BAA adjustments) of \$6,971,472.

Over the past year we have continued to work on issues resulting from the revaluation and mapping conversion clean up. Due to the nature of the conversion from very old fly-over type maps to a digitized mapping system, there are many corrections to be researched and implemented and we are continuously working on updates and modifications. A link to the GIS mapping has been added to the Assessor's page on the town web site. We are working with the GIS mapping company, Tighe & Bond, on some new enhancements to both the printed maps and the maps available on the web site, which should be in effect later in 2012.

For taxpayers who qualify, there are various state and local programs available that offer tax assistance. These programs include elderly/homeowners, veterans, additional veterans, 100% disabled and blind which are administered through the Assessor's Office.

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by so that we may explain any of these programs and help to determine which program you might qualify for.

As in the past, we will make every effort to keep you informed of all the activities and programs in the Assessor's Office. We will make this information available through our web site www.haddam.org, *Haddam Bulletin*, *Haddam Events*, and the local newspapers.

We are very proud of what we do and remain grateful for the continuing support of our awesome co-workers and the residents of this great town. We will be persistent in keeping the lines of communications open between us and strive to preserve fairness and equity, which is an essential component of our jobs.

I remain ever-grateful to Assistant Assessor Tammy Anderson for her thoroughness in all aspects of her position and never-ending support and assistance day-to-day.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn R. Baumann, CCMAII, Assessor

Board of Assessment Appeals

Diane Clowes, Chair

The Board of Assessment Appeals consists of Diane Clowes, Chair, JoAnn Woickelman, and Lisa Lawrence.

The Board of Assessment Appeals met twice for hearings during the fiscal year - in September for the Motor Vehicle appeals and in March for the Real Property, Personal property, and Supplemental Motor Vehicle appeals. All three Board Members attended these hearings.

In addition, the Board Members met in February to install Board of Assessment Appeals letters, forms, and database into the Assessor's computer system, thereby creating a more professional and efficient delivery of Board of Assessment Appeals services to Haddam residents. The Town-budgeted funds were used for envelopes, paper, and postage.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Clowes
Chair

Office of the Tax Collector

Kristin Battistoni, Tax Collector

Taxes Collected for the 2010 Grand List: \$24,873,623.40
Regular Back Taxes Collected: \$255,368.39
Interest, Liens and Fees Collected: \$192,417.23
Insufficient Funds \$-30,525.10
Total Collections: \$25,290,883.92

The above numbers represent a collection rate of 99% on the adjusted 2010 Grand List Levy of \$25,185,196.00 with the mil rate set at 28.23. The Board of Finance had approved a budget of \$25,210,169.00 with a collection rate of 99%.

The Tax Office function is to collect taxes based on the assessment set for property in the form of real estate, motor vehicles and business equipment set on October 1, 2010. This represents the 2010 Grand List. Our software company not only offers technical support, but also prints and mails our bills. The following represents the number of accounts we printed bills for: Motor Vehicles -10,033, Motor Vehicle Supplements - 1,375, Real Estate- 4,403, and Personal Property - 421. Motor vehicles are bundled into club billing, which cuts down on the number of bills mailed.

I would like to thank former Tax Collector Mary Nork for helping me in the transition to becoming your Tax Collector. I would also like to thank Assistant Tax Collector Linda Walczak for helping me through these first few months. Her

Tax Collector, cont.

understanding of Connecticut State Statutes and her familiarity with all the residents from Haddam, Higganum, and Haddam Neck has been invaluable. I have begun my four class State certification program. I have completed my first course and will begin the second later in September. I look forward to meeting more residents and fulfilling my obligations to the Town. Thank you for putting your trust in me.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Battistoni
Haddam Tax Collector

Town Clerk

Ann Huffstetter, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETINGS

August 23, 2011

Voted to appoint the following to the Haddam Killingworth Recreation Authority for the fiscal Year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012: Anthony Sledzik, Robert Fitzgerald, William Bowles, and Lisa Weise.

Voted to accept Foxglove Circle as a Town Road.

Voted to accept Larkspur Lane as a Town Road.

Voted to transfer \$24,827.85 from Contingency to State Police Resident Trooper services for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. This covers the billing from the State of Connecticut.

November 8, 2011 Municipal Election

First Selectman		Sworn In
Republican	Paul DeStefano	11/13/2011
Selectman		
Democratic	Sean Donlan	11/10/2011
Republican	Bob Duval	11/18/2011
Treasurer		
Republican	Robin Munster	11/13/2011
Tax Collector		
Republican	Kristin Battistoni	11/13/2011
Board of Finance		
Democratic	Marjorie DeBold	11/10/2011
Republican	Harlan Fredericksen	11/13/2011
Board of Finance Alternate		
Republican	Joseph Centofanti	12/7/2011
Board of Assessment Appeals		
Republican	JoAnn Woickelman	11/18/2011
Planning and Zoning Commission		
Republican	Jamin Laurenza	11/10/2011

<i>Town Clerk, cont.</i>		
Republican	Art Kohs	11/13/2011
Republican	Steve Bull	11/21/2011
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate		
Republican	Edward Wallor	11/13/2011
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Democratic	Thomas Berchulski	11/16/2011
Republican	Margo Chase-Wells	11/13/2011
Republican	Jen O'Neal	11/21/2011
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate		
Democratic	Mary Hickish	11/9/2011
Board of Education		
Democratic	Amy Jacques-Purdy	12/5/2011
Republican	Becky Valenti	11/13/2011
Republican	Sue Twachtman	11/17/2011

November 15, 2011

Voted to approve the sale of 15,465 square feet easement on property owned by the Town of Haddam located on Tax Map 62 lot 7, on Cedar Lake Road to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for Route 9 culvert rehabilitation #6683.

January 17, 2012

Voted to accept the Annual Town Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

February 16, 2012

Voted to ratify the action of the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials to become a Council of Governments (COG). They will be called "Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments."

April 24, 2012 – Republican Primary for Office of President of the United States

Candidate	
Newt Gingrich	29
Ron Paul	41
Mitt Romney	132
Rick Santorum	18
Uncommitted	4

May 8, 2012

Regional District #17 School Budget Referendum: Shall we adopt Regional School District #17 Education Budget \$38,894,732.84 for the fiscal year July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013
Haddam - Yes - 385 No -379 Killingworth - Yes -287 No-167 = Total Yes – 672 No – 546 -
Budget passed.

Town Clerk, cont.

May 23, 2012

Voted to approve the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30-2013 in the amount of \$28,518,130.00. Voted to approve the Capital Improvement Plan of \$718,103. Voted to approve the Capital Appropriations Project in the amount of \$265,874. Voted to appropriate \$125,000 from unallocated CNR Balance to the HVFD engine 6-13 appropriation.

	<u>STATISTICS</u>
ADMINISTRATOR'S DEED	4
AFFIDAVIT	9
AGREEMENTS	9
ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE	90
CEMETERY DEEDS	1
CERTIFICATE	1
CERTIFICATE OF DEVISE	6
CHANGE OF NAME	12
COLLATERAL/CONDITIONAL AST	5
COMMITTEE DEEDS	1
CONSERVATOR'S DEED	2
EASEMENTS	7
EXECUTOR'S DEED	9
FIDUCIARY'S DEED	1
FORECLOSURE	8
FOREST FARM & OPEN SPACE	1
JUDGMENT LIEN	33
LEASE/NOTICE OF LEASE	8
LIENS	2
LIS PENDENS	38
MECHANIC'S LIEN	2
MORTGAGE DEEDS	473
MORTGAGE MODIFICATIONS	15
NOTARY	24
NOTICE	3
ORDER	4
PARTIAL REL. MORTGAGE	14
PERMIT	2
POWER OF ATTORNEY	17
PROBATE CERTIFICATE	26

Town Clerk, cont.

Statistics, cont.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS	82
RELEASE OF LIENS	51
RELEASE OF MORTGAGE	515
RELEASE OF TAX LIENS	39
SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT	42
TAX LIENS	30
TAX CERTIFICATE	27
Tax WARRANT	1
TRADE NAME	31
UCC	8
VARIANCES	4
VETERANS DISCHARGES	9
WARRANTY DEED	86
BIRTHS	57
DEATH	38
MARRIAGE	111
DOG LICENSES	1,050
KENNEL LICENSES	8
LIQUOR PERMITS	6
MAPS	28
<u>STASTICS, cont.</u>	
SPORTMANS LICENSES	558
TRANSFER STATION PASSES	2,297

Respectfully submitted,
Ann P Huffstetler
Town Clerk

Planning and Zoning Commission

Walter Zilahy, Chairman

Over the past year the Commission has updated and reviewed the Zoning Regulations. Specifically the Commission sought to clarify the Regulations and expand the list of uses allowed in the Districts. In the next year the Commission plans to review the Village District, consider Design Guidelines, revise the Site Plan and Special Permit Review Process and work with a number of organizations to attract appropriate development to the commerce areas in town. This year the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments was formed that merges the two Regional Planning Areas of Midstate and CREPA.

Planning & Zoning Commission, cont.

Meetings Attendance

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Steven Bull	6/8	12/12
Stasia DeMichele	8/8	7/12
Mal Gorin (Chair)	5/8	
Gordon Hard	7/8	
Michael Legace	6/8	11/12
Wayne LePard	8/8	12/12
Walter Zilahy (Chair/Vice Chair)	7/8	12/12
John Bosco	8/8	8/12
Art Kohs	4/8	8/12
Jamin Laurenza (Vice Chair)	5/8	12/12
Ed Wallor		12/12
Bill Winakor		9/11
Liz Glidden (Town Planner)	8/8	8/12
Bunny Batzner (Recording Secretary)	8/8	12/12

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Zilahy, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robin Munster, Chair

Meetings Attendance: (there were 5 Meetings held during the fiscal year)

Robin Munster, Chair	4/5
David Papallo, Vice Chair	5/5
Thomas Berchulski	5/5
Thomas Danaher	1/2
Margo Chase-Wells	2/3
Jennifer Maule-O'Neal	2/3
John Calhoun, Alt.	2/2
Mary Hickish, Alt.	1/3
Helen Reeve, Alt.	4/5
Kenneth Wendt, Alt.	5/5
Elizabeth Glidden, Town Planner	1/5
James Puska, ZEO	1/5
Steven Byrne, Esq., Counsel	1/5
Bunny Batzner, Recording Clerk	4/5

Wetlands Commission

Mark Stephens, Chairman

The Haddam Wetlands Commission is a state-mandated appointed local board which serves to carry out the regulations of the CT Inland Wetland and Watercourses Act (Sec.22a-36 through Sec.22a-45 of the CT General Statutes).

The Haddam Wetlands Commission meets on the second Monday of each month in Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. In October it meets on the following Tuesday due to Columbus Day.

It met for 11 regular meetings and 2 site walk meetings covering 3 properties.

Membership (with attendance record) is:

Chris Alexy	(2 of 8)
Paul Best	(8 of 11)
Jeremy DeCarli	(1 of 1)
Dan Iwanicki	(10 of 11)
Joe Laurenza, Alt.	(7 of 11)
Robin Maule	(2 of 4)
Diane Sikorsky	(0 of 6)
Joe Stephens	(9 of 11)
Mark Stephens	(10 of 11)
Tom Worthley	(7 of 11)

The Commission received 14 permit applications, approved 14 permits, and denied 0 permits. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer approved 11 permits.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stephens
Chair

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Samuel D. Crum, Chairman

In August Of 2011 the Capital Planning Committee (CPC) requested scheduled information from all Town agencies regarding their capital requests, exceeding \$5000 in expenditure, for the five year period 2012-17. A letter from First Selectman Paul DeStefano was sent to each agency chairman requesting this information on the format provided by the CPC.

All information was processed and reviewed by the committee. All agencies were invited to present their requests before the CPC to clarify and articulate their plans. With all information available, the CPC compiled a Town of Haddam Capital Plan, prioritizing and filtering all the agency requests.

Capital Planning Committee, cont.

A five (5) year Capital Plan for 2012-17 was presented by the CPC to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance in April of 2012. All committee members met with the Board of Finance during the budgetary process, to review and answer any questions concerning the various requests.

Once again, the committee would like to thank Bette Dybick for her positive attitude, consistent and much needed assistance.

There were nine meetings held during this fiscal year.

Meetings Attendance: John Calhoun 7/9, Samuel Crum 9/9, Irwin Knafel 5/9, John Murphy 6/9, Joanne Nesti 9/9

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel D. Crum, Jr.
Chairman

Haddam Senior Center

Mark P. Lundgren, Manager

It has been my sincere honor to be serving as the Manager of the Haddam Senior Center since August 1, 2011.

The Senior Center is located in the "Old School House" at 923 Saybrook Road. Now in its twelfth year, the location was originally meant to be temporary with parking being a restricting factor.

Daily and weekly activities include Aerobic Exercise, Tai Chi, Wood Carvers, Will Bowling, Dominoes, Bingo, Puzzles, Card Games, and tending the Flower Gardens. We plan to add a Ukulele Band soon. Monthly activities include an instate Trip and Lunch, the "Lunch with Haddam Seniors Concert Series", and health-related discussions led by Middlesex Hospital staff.

The Center appreciates the financial aid the Town provides along with donations from residents, as it allows for some top-notch trips and entertainment. This aid also helps with daily activities and special events.

Haddam Seniors in-turn have taken measurable steps to save taxpayer monies. A heating/cooling setback thermostat has been installed along with actually using the ceiling fans. Power-consuming units are turned off when not in use. Water quality is regularly tested and is fine, allowing the costly water cooler/heater to be removed.

We are especially proud of the partnership established with Regional School District 17 students. From Haddam Elementary School, we had Mrs. Fosie's 3rd grade class visit us (we provided the bus) and we visited them. The Middle

Senior Center, cont.

School made two visits. The first was a concert by a large number of members of the band. Their versatility from African Drumming to Classical Winds was amazing. Thank you, Mr. Tozzo and your students. Then Ms. Molnar's 8th grade class joined us for a day in June. A half-dozen activities from knitting to digital photography and Ping Pong, in addition to lunch, filled the day. Later, the class presented us with a pictorial history of the day. We hope they return.

We continue to collect "Boxtops for Education" for our schools. All of these events advance our desire for multi-generation activities.

It's been a good year at the Center and it could not have been a success without our volunteers. The "signature event" of the year was the three-day 350th Anniversary Art Show in May, with many volunteers and over fifty local artists showing their talents. A special "thanks" to Mrs. Kathy Sullivan for heading it up!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Lundgren
Haddam Senior Center Manager

Haddam Club 60

Gloria Maynard, President

Haddam Club 60 once again had a successful year. Club 60 had 94 paying members [Ed. Note: the 2011-12 Membership Roster includes 53 Higganum residents, 26 Haddam residents, 8 Killingworth residents, 7 Middletown residents, and 1 Chester resident] with an average of 40 members attending meetings. We

meet on the first and third Mondays of each month, September through June at the Haddam Senior Center on Route 154 in Haddam at 1:00 PM. The first meeting is a Business Meeting and the second meeting is an entertainment Meeting.

Funding from the Town of Haddam was used as follows:

1. Holiday Party
2. Mystery Trip to Chapel in the Pines, New Hampshire
3. Boat Cruise down the Connecticut River on the Riverboat Queen

Treasurer Mary Ellen Larson had the financial records audited in March. The Audit Report is below:

Haddam Club 60 Audit

A review of the Treasurer's records of the Haddam Club 60 was conducted on March 19, 2012.

Haddam Club 60, cont.

The Treasurer's records were well organized and current. Bank balances reflected in the Treasurer's report of March 5, 2012 were in agreement with, or reconciled to, the corresponding bank records. Check register, bank records, and a sampling of receipts supporting distributions were reviewed, and no unusual items were identified. With the exception of a \$500 scholarship disbursement, there appeared to be no significant payments.

There are some items that are not under the control of the Treasurer, and were not reviewed:

- 1. The Town of Haddam provides funding for various events annually. Requests for payments are submitted to the Town, and the disbursements are made by the Town,**
- 2. Funds collected as deposits or payments for Club 60 trips do not pass through the Treasurer. The mechanism whereby these funds are applied to the costs of the trips is unknown.**

**Respectfully,
Douglas J. Pierce [Auditor]**

Travel trips were successful. Those members who choose to partake in the trips enjoy them.

Haddam Club 60 will resume meetings on September 10, 2012. We look forward to another successful year where every member counts. Haddam Club 60 welcomes new members. Members do not have to attend all meetings.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Maynard
President**

Haddam Veterans' Museum

Ronald Annino, Chairman

The Veterans' Museum is used to display military artifacts, war memorabilia, and other items associated with the towns past Memorial Days and veterans. Again, as in past years the displays have been expanded as new items were donated to the museum.

The museum at this time has no formal hours of operation; however, groups or individuals interested in touring the museum are encouraged to contact any of the committee members whose phone numbers are listed below to schedule a time and date. The committee has opened in the past for as little as one person,

Haddam Veterans' Museum, cont.

so please don't hesitate to call. Tours of the museum were conducted for children from the Haddam Elementary School and other individuals and groups this year. The museum was also opened this year in conjunction with the visit from Wreaths Across America which drew a large number of people.

The majority of the museum budget is for utilities. In addition to the utilities there are line items for the maintenance of the security and water treatment systems and for museum supplies. The committee this year had to make a special request for \$2000.00 in additional funds to purchase nine pavers for the Veteran's Walk. *The pavers are to honor eight soldiers that lost their lives in the Revolutionary War and one from the Civil War.* These individuals came to light after researching old records from the past.

The Veteran's Memorial Walk which was started in 2004 is continuing to be expanded. The 4"X 8" pavers are engraved with the person's name, rank, branch of service and the time in which they served. Anyone may purchase a brick to honor a friend, loved one, deceased veteran or family member who has been honorably discharged or is currently serving in the U.S. military. The veterans need not have enlisted from town, nor be a resident of the town. This is not a fund raiser so the bricks are sold for cost. Anyone seeking additional information on this matter is encouraged to contact any of the committee members listed below or Town Hall. As this is an ongoing project, there is no cutoff date to place an order. The installation of the pavers and the bricks is being performed by committee members and other volunteers.

The committee also maintains the display of historical memorabilia of the town's war dead, veterans, and past Memorial Day parades. The display is on permanent display at the town hall. Also on display are the War Dead Flags used in the Memorial Day parade. The flags hang above the main entry way of the town hall.

The committee does not conduct regularly scheduled meetings during the year. However, we do meet as needed during the year to plan activities, discuss issues concerning the museum, and to discuss the budget.

Veterans' Museum, cont.

Parade/Veterans' Museum Committee Members

Richard Annino - 345-4802
Ken Vallera - 345-9124
Jamie Kuchyt - 345-9110
Teresa Kuchyt - 345-9110
Mike Zanelli - 345-8245
Jen Tower

Robert Kadrie - 345-8998
Malcolm Meyers - 345-2291
Art Wiknik - 345-8619
James Annino - 860-953-0708
Richard Zanelli - 345-8342
Nate Meyers - 345-2291

Parade Committee Chairman

Ronald P. Annino - 345-4451

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald P. Annino
Chairman

Parades Committee

Ronald P. Annino, Chairman

In the last fiscal year the Parade Committee held the Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 28th. The service was well attended by veterans, other marchers and the general public.

Some of the expenditures from the committee's budget this year consisted of refreshments for Memorial Day and cash prizes for the winners of the Memorial Day Essay Contest held at the HK Middle School. Monies were also used to maintain the Higganum Center Green. The green is maintained by committee members at no cost to the town.

The largest expenditure from the committee's budget this year was \$2,500.00 for new flags. This cost represents approximately a five year supply of flags. The committee and volunteers replaced the flags on the graves of over 500 veterans buried in the town's cemeteries this year. The flags are replaced annually and on an as needed basis when required. The flags on the town greens are also replaced when necessary. In addition, Committee members raise and lower the flags at the

Town Hall, Fire Department and on the town greens when required by state and federal mandates.

The committee does not conduct regularly scheduled meetings during the year. However, they do meet several times during the year to plan the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day activities and to discuss the budget. Other items discussed are improvements and maintenance of the Higganum Green and the replacement and maintenance of the flags on the town's greens and in the cemeteries.

Parades, cont.

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Health District

Thad King, Director of Health – Chatham Health District

Board of Health

Peter Hughes, Chairman
Mark Walter, Vice Chairman
Candace Casale, Treasurer
Susan Bransfield
Kate Morris
Gregg Schuster
Blyse Soby
Dick Edmonds
Andrew Tierney

Thad King, Director of Health

The Board conducted twelve regular monthly meetings, two special meetings, and two public hearings, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Minutes of those meetings are on file at the office of the Director of Health and with the Town Clerk of each member town and at <http://www.chathamhealth.org>.

Health District, cont.

Funding:

Revenues		
	Municipal	\$ 582,304
	State/Federal	\$ 198,145
	Fees	\$ 145,502
	Interest	\$ 148
	Total	\$ 926,099
Expenditures		\$ 955,943
Fund Balance		<u>\$ - 29,844</u>

Services:

Environmental Permits/Applications:

Septic Systems	233
Water Supply Wells	156
Soil Testing-Lots	212
Site Plan Review	150
B-100a and Eng. Plan Review	487
Food Service	<u>391</u>

Environmental Inspections:

Day Care	3
Campgrounds	1
Housing Code - heat, water supply, plumbing	20
Investigation of EBL > 10 mg/dl	3
Lead Paint Inspection	1
Public Health Complaints	72
Food Service Establishments	194
Temporary Food Service Events	<u>138</u>

Health District, cont.

Community Health Programs

Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations	1562
Community Health Education Events	17
Attendance at Health Education Events	341
Total Reportable Diseases	508
Select Disease Reporting:	
Hepatitis C	91
Chlamydia	106
Tickborne	125
(Lyme/Ehrlichia/Babesiosis/Rocky Mtn. Spotted Fever)	(91/15/17/2)
Communicable Disease Case Work	48
Breast Cancer Awareness Events - Public Contacted	<u>2308</u>
Total Services	6797

Respectfully submitted,
Thad King
Director of Health
Chatham Health District

Economic Development Commission

Michael P. Fortuna, Chairman

Activities

The Economic Development Commission [EDC] is, by Town Charter, charged with researching economic trends and making recommendations concerning actions to improve the Town's economic conditions and development.

Over the past year, the EDC has been involved with a number of initiatives to further the goal of sustaining and developing the Town's tax-base. Much of the commission's focus over the past year has been on the two village centers, Higganum and Tylerville, as they provide the broadest opportunities for economic development within already established business and service centers. Infrastructure remains the biggest impediment to economic development, and as such remains a focus of the Commission.

EDC has commissioned an updated study for a public sewer system for Higganum Center. This study, most recently updated in October of this year, has been presented to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, as well as various Business and Stakeholder Groups throughout Town. It includes several options for

Economic Development Commission, cont.

the treatment and discharge of sewer wastewaters and is considered by EDC to be vital to responsible development of Higganum. While spearheaded by other Boards, Commissions and Town staff, bringing water to Tylerville Center is considered vital to the responsible development of the Tylerville section of Town. These infrastructure upgrades will provide the necessary platform for increasing tax base and reducing the burden of taxes on residential properties; without adversely affecting the character of the Town.

Earlier this year EDC drafted and recommended to the BOS that the Town establish a Local Bidder's Preference Ordinance to assist local contractors bidding on Town projects. We hope to see this go into effect in the coming year.

We continue to assist current businesses and encourage new ones at every opportunity, and have heard proposals regarding several parcels in Town. We will continue to work with these businesses as well as Land Use Boards and Commission to guide responsible development within the Town.

Other initiatives throughout the year included providing assistance to the Garden Club for the "Welcome to Haddam" signs at key locations in Town, exploring opportunities for improved visibility for the Library Book Drop in Higganum Center, establishing a program to clean-up the three brooks in Higganum to improve visibility, working with the Town Planner and P&Z on zoning improvements to Tylerville and working with local groups to improve the quality of life in Haddam. EDC was also able to fund, and install Holiday Decorations at the Lampposts in Higganum.

We encourage citizens, the business community and other Boards and Commissions to contact EDC if there are projects or initiatives they feel should be pursued. EDC meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center in Higganum Center.

Meetings Attendance: (there were 7 Meetings held during the fiscal year)

Michael Fortuna, Chair	6/7
Heather Batzner	7/7
Joseph Bergin	5/7
Dan Dachalet	4/7
Barbara Fernandez	4/7
Peter Gillespie	5/7
Edward Vynalek	7/7
Tom Gidius, Economic Dev't. Coordinator	7/7
Bunny Batzner, Recording Clerk	7/7

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Fortuna
Chairman

Land Use Department

By Liz Glidden, Town Planner

The role of the Land Use Department is to ensure that development occurs in a method that is fair, legal and in harmony with the Plan of Conservation and Development and the Town Regulations. Our scope of work goes much deeper when you consider infrastructure development with roads and utilities, property development laws, interpretation of the State and Town Regulations, coordination with other agencies such as DOT, DPH and DEEP, and the general welfare and economic viability of the Town.

The Land Use Department serves as staff to the following Town Commissions; Wetlands Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Economic Development Commission, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Health permits for well, septic, and food establishments are also issued through the Land Use Department by the Chatham Health District.

In the last year the Town Planner, who serves as the Director to this Department has worked closely with a number of State Agencies towards extending the public water main from Chester to Tylerville and to advance sewers in the Village of Higganum. Several applications for grants have been drafted to the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and to the Small Town Economic Assistance Program. The Town Planner is also assisting State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management in its revision of the State POCD as it pertains to Haddam. Other ongoing activities include bond maintenance, collaboration with the Salmon River Watershed Partnership, involvement with pending lawsuits, working with the

Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments, the Regional Planning Agency and the Gateway Commission and review of all subdivision applications and coordination between review agencies for most permit types.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Glidden
Town Planner

Conservation Commission

Gail Kalison Reynolds, Chair

The Conservation Commission promotes preservation-minded management of Haddam's natural resources and open spaces, maintains inventories of Town natural resources and open spaces, leverages natural resource expertise to other Town boards and commissions, and educates and informs residents on conservation matters and issues.

Conservation Commission, conf.

Conservation Accomplishments for the fiscal year 2011-2012:

- Continued to progress Haddam's Open Space Plan, based on geographic information systems.
- Continued to identify and map all conservation easements granted to the Town of Haddam.
- Purchased and installed a bike rack on the Higganum Green.
- Reviewed Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development and made recommendations to Town Planner for updates.
- Supported the designation of the Menunketesuck-Cockaponset Regional Greenway, which runs from Westbrook to Haddam.
- Provided electronic trail representations of five previously unmapped Haddam trails to the Haddam Trails group for inclusion on their website.
- Nominated Commissioner Thomas Worthley for the annual Connecticut Land Conservation Council conservation award for his cooperative forest management project between the University of Connecticut and Regional District 17. Mr. Worthley's project won the award.

The Conservation Commission welcomes citizen input and participation. The Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the final Wednesday of each month at the Haddam Community Center.

Residents interested in joining the Conservation Commission may contact any of the Commission members or the First Selectman for additional information. Conservation Commission participation offers an excellent way for Town residents to constructively contribute to the community and work to maintain the rural character and high quality of life found in Haddam.

Meetings Attendance

Walter Bragoni - 3/9
Mardi Hanson - 7/9
Gail Reynolds, Chairman - 9/9
Deborah Umba - 4/9
Tom Worthley - 7/9
Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk - 9/9

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Kallison Reynolds
Chair

Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Scott Larson, President

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is comprised of the two Fire Companies that serve the Town of Haddam. The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company serves the Town of Haddam on the west side of the Connecticut River. The Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department serves the Town of Haddam on the east side of the Connecticut River.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Department is led by a Board of Directors. The current Directors are:

Scott Larson, President
Randy Spencer, Treasurer
Marcus Nanfito, Secretary
Robert McGarry, Chief Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department
Gary Klare, Chief Haddam Volunteer Fire Company
Christian Michalowski, Company Representative Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department
Richard Annino, Company Representative Haddam Volunteer Fire Company

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors is the administrative liaison between the Fire Companies and the Town of Haddam. The Board of Directors also has administrative charge of all property and apparatus of the Fire Companies. The Board of Directors is the policy making authority for both Fire Companies and is charged with preparing the annual department budgets including the 5 year and 20 year plan.

The newly elected Board of Directors has started projects including the review and revision of the current By-Laws that govern the Board of Directors, the creation and implementation of Standard Operating Guidelines (S.O.G.s) for administrative processes within the Department, and the collaboration with the

Fire Companies and the Town Officials aimed at recruiting and retention of Volunteer Firefighters for each Fire Company.

Every year the number of emergency calls the Fire Companies responds to increases as does the administrative requirements to manage the Companies. On the flip-side, the number of active members in each Company is decreasing disproportionately to the town's need to ensure adequate emergency response to the citizens. This situation is dictating that the Board commission a committee to actively review current recruitment and retention strategies while reviewing options for different recruiting and retention strategies – including incentives for volunteers. There is a substantial risk that with a continued decrease in volunteers, the Fire Companies may not be able to sustain their current level of service with purely volunteer responders. We have seen this happen with the Town's ambulance service, but we do not want to see it happen with the Fire Companies as there would be a large economic burden placed on the town to hire and compensate emergency responders to staff our firehouses.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, cont.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, Inc and all of its members would like to thank the Residents, Business and Town Officials in the Town of Haddam for their continued support. We look forward to serving you in the future.

There were 8 Board Meetings during the fiscal year.

Meeting Attendance:

Scott Larson	8/8
Randy Spencer	1/8
Marcus Nanfito	7/8
Bob McGarry	5/8
Gary Klare	6/8
Christian Michalowski	1/8
Richard Annino	6/8
Jack Di Mauro	2/8
Jim Mandolfo	7/8

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Larson
President, Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company

Gary Klare, Chief

For the fiscal year 2011-2012, we once again had a busy year for the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company. We responded to 539 emergency calls for the 2011 fiscal year. A breakdown of the types of calls and the numbers are as follows:

103 Fire (Structure, Brush, Car), 306 Medical calls, 66 Motor Vehicle accidents, 6 Marine calls and 58 Community Service, etc calls. Our volume over the past few years is consistently between 500 and 575 calls per year, about a call and a half per day. Our medical calls continue to be our biggest response, running at 57% of our total calls.

Training continues to be a large priority for the Company. We continue to encourage members to further their training in both the fire and medical fields by taking related training courses. We had a large number of members complete courses this year. We placed 8 members through the State Firefighter I class, 6 members through the Firefighter II class, 3 members received certification as Fire Service Instructors and 2 members became EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). We now have 38 members certified to State Level Firefighter I or II. In addition, we also have 25 medically trained members (either at the EMT or MRT level). We also provide mutual aid assistance to South Fire District in Middletown,

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, cont.

Durham, Killingworth, East Haddam and Chester as well as any other town when requested. We had a fairly active year for mutual aid response.

We continue with our concentrated recruitment efforts for new members and we are here for any resident willing to join us. Our facility is used to host state and local training school classes throughout the year. We recently hosted an Open House/Recruitment Night In June with the hope of expanding our ranks. The night turned up 6 new prospective members. If you are willing and able to give us some of your time and have the willingness to make a difference, we will provide all the training necessary for you. In particular, we have an increasing need for daytime firefighters. Membership packets are available for pick up at the Firehouse on any Monday night. See any member and they can get the information for you. Once your application is received, you will be contacted for an interview, at which time the requirements of the HVFC will be fully explained to you.

Our Junior Fire Department is doing very well. They have 7 members between the age of 15 and 18. With the help and guidance of their Senior advisors, they receive training in basic firefighting, how to respond to an emergency call and what to do once they arrive, community service and medical training/certification. They periodically host fundraising events which bring funds to their organization to use for operating and training. The Junior program is open to Town residents interested in firefighting. The benefit to the Fire Company is that when the members reach the age of 18, they have the basic skills needed when they decide to join the Senior department.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Women's Auxillary continues to provide support to the Fire Company in many different ways. They assist us in larger events (fires, prolonged events, etc.) by providing refreshments to the Fire Company members and also at Company functions such as Chowder preparation and sale at the Memorial Day parade as well as the Children's Christmas Party.

In closing, we, the Officers and members of the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, would like to thank all the residents, businesses and other civic organizations in Town for your continued support throughout the year. With this support, we can confidently provide the professional emergency response that everyone deserves. We encourage all residents to stay safe throughout the year and to be assured we are a 911 call away from helping you if you need it.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Klare
Chief

Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department

Robert W. McGarry, Chief

During this year the Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 53 calls as detailed below.

Type	Total
Fire	19
Medical	27
Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Marine	0
Other	6

Additionally, the department provided medical and fire standby for the Haddam Neck Fair and medical standby at the Belltown Antique Car Show. The department added three new members this year.

As always the department thanks town residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted:
R. W. McGarry
Chief

Fire Marshal

Scott R. Brookes, Fire Marshal

The Fire Marshal's responsibilities include investigating fires to determine cause and origin, and inspections of all commercial buildings in the town including schools, nursery schools, day care centers, and homes for the aged. Further, the Fire Marshal inspects all blasting sites and issues permits for the use, transportation, and storage of explosives. Included in this category would be the inspection of any commercial fireworks and licensed shooters of same. Additional duties include witnessing the installation of underground storage tanks, and doing plan reviews on proposed commercial buildings. Fire marshals also must attend ninety hours of continuing education training over a three-year continuous cycle. This training helps to keep us up-to-date on fire code changes, new technology, investigative techniques and even terrorism.

In closing, I would urge all residents to preplan with your family an escape route from your house in case of fire, and to change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott R. Brookes
Fire Marshal

Building Department

Fernand Tremblay, Building Official

Statistics

New Dwellings – 22
Additions – 24
Alterations – 43
Garages – 20
In ground and above Swimming Pools –11
Heating – 128
Plumbing – 68
Electrical – 148
Repair/Replacement – 8
Demolition – 4
Commercial Buildings – Alterations and Additions) - 33
Masonry /Chimney/Stoves - 53
Shed-10
Barns-7
Deck – 15
Other: 8
Porch - 4

Fiscal Totals

Permits Issued – 621
Inspections – 967
Permit Reviews – 220
Certificates of Occupancy – 66
Permit Fees - \$72,121.41
Valuations of Permits - \$8,751,006.50
State Training Fees - \$2,386.33

Regarding the 2011-2012 Building Department Budget, the funding from the town was used as follows:

- 1. Equipment & Supplies: Magazine subscriptions, equipment for Fern to do his job, shirts, camera, safety glasses**
- 2. Professional Development: Seminar that Fern has to go to keep up for the Building Official**
- 3. Dues and Membership: Meetings thru the State that Fern has to go to, Associations fees**
- 4. Required Publications: Books for new codes that Fern has to have**
- 5. Supplemental Payroll: Money to pay for someone to be in office when Diane is on vacation etc.**
- 6. Contractual Services: Building Official to fill in for Fern when he is on vacation etc. to do inspections**
- 7. Mileage: Money for Fern for Mileage for doing inspection's with his car.**

Building Department, cont.

The Building Official also serves as the Chairman of the Safety Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Fern Tremblay
Building Official

Public Works Department

Philip Goff, Assistant Director

The Public Works Dept. employs eight (8) full-time employees, including an assistant director, a part-time secretary, and a part-time transfer station employee.

The Public Works Dept. maintains all town-owned roads. Maintenance includes but is not limited to: reconstruction and resurfacing of roadways; maintaining, repairing, and improving bridges; cleaning and maintaining drains; roadside sweeping and mowing, brush removal and snow and ice removal; and maintaining and operating the transfer station.

A few things to remember: 1) There is a **NO PARKING** ban on roads during the winter months; 2) Town ordinance **prohibits** pushing or placing snow in town highways; 3) Please remember **not** to place leaves or other debris in roadways; and 4) Please remember that you need a windshield pass, which may be purchased for \$50 at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Office Building, in order to access the Transfer Station.

Bulky Waste vouchers are available in the Town Clerk's Office at a cost of \$10 each or a book of 12 for \$100 (limit two loads per day).

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip Goff

Haddam Public Health

Joseph Zaiantz, DMD, President

Haddam Public Health, Inc. (HPH) is a non-profit, town-funded agency, directed by a 12-member Board of directors. HPH has two employees: Candace Casale, RN, BSN, Public Health Coordinator (30 hours per week) and Maria Zanelli, Administrative Assistant (8 hours per week).

During the past year, Ms. Casale made 7-8 outreach contacts per day to clients. These contacts included homebound meal screenings, bereavement visits, caregiver support, as well as general outreach visits.

Haddam Public Health, cont.

Ms. Casale conducts blood pressure screening clinics at our office at 11 Jail Hill Road. Ms. Casale also does blood pressure screenings every other month at the Senior Center from September to June from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All blood pressure clinics are free, open to the public, and are wheelchair accessible. A total of 115 blood pressures were taken.

HPH maintains an Emergency Food Bank for town residents who find themselves, in an emergency situation, without food for short periods of time. The Food bank is stocked by food drives sponsored by local schools, churches, day care centers, youth and civic organizations, as well as by individual donors. The Food Bank was used 151 times by 50 different families, a total of 79 adults and 42 children. A total of 6,406 food items were distributed. In addition to the regular usage, food baskets were delivered at holiday times: 70 at Thanksgiving and 70 at Christmas.

HPH has an Emergency Fuel Bank from which 37 households were assisted with heating oil, electricity, propane gas, and wood. Many generous donations were received to support the program.

This year, we continued participating in the Higganum Village farmers' Market on the third Friday of each month. This increased our visibility in town, allowed us to make some new acquaintances, and gave people important information about our agency and the following health issues: Lyme Disease, sun safety, and proper hand washing. Health-related brochures were given out at this time.

Sports physicals were offered in August. 15 physicals were given by Dr. Karen Warner, MD, with the help of Ms. Casale and several Board members.

HPH recruits and scheduled drivers for the Meals-on-Wheels program, which provides hot meals and social contact for homebound residents each weekday, plus frozen meals delivered for weekend use, if desired. An average of 7 meals is delivered daily.

Flu Clinics – one clinic was held, which drew 64 senior citizens.

HPH runs a loan closet of durable medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), which was used by 38 individuals during the past year. 51 items were loaned out.

There were 5 regularly scheduled HPH meetings during 2011-2012. The HPH Board of Directors consists of: Claudette Sirois, Joe Zientz, Mary Todzia, Beverly Granat, Karen Warner, Ginny Evensen, Laura Porter, Kim Gionfiddo, Nancy Safer (resigned), JoAnn Woickleman, Barbara White, Patricia Mitchill (resigned), Pat Strom, and Noreen Carlson.

Haddam Public Health, cont.

The HPH Board Members are thankful for all of the many volunteers who give of their time throughout the year. We are pleased to be able to provide a wide range of services for the residents of this town, and encourage anyone with questions about or a need for any of these services, to call the HPH office at (860) 345-4621.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Zalentz, DMD
President

Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc.

Cheryl B. Chandler, Executive Director
Mark Torello, Chairman of the Executive Board

Our Mission

YFS is committed to enhancing child and youth development, enriching families, and promoting healthy Haddam and Killingworth communities.

Killingworth, CT. Mandated by Connecticut General Statute section 10-19m, a Youth Service Bureau (YSB) is an agency that is designed for planning, evaluation, coordination, and implementation of a network of resources and opportunities for children, youth, and their families. In addition, YSBs are responsible for the provision of services and programs for all youth to develop positively and to function as responsible members of their communities. The organization continues to expand its programs and services to meet the needs of our growing communities. Collaboration with over 100 other organizations including Regional School District 17, is ongoing to identify the needs of Haddam and Killingworth youth and their families and avoid duplication of service. The agency is supported by the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, state and federal grants, the State Department of Education, private and corporate donations; proceeds from fundraising events; and other grants from private foundations. Grant funds are designated for certain programs as outlined in the goals and objectives of each grant.

<i>Youth & Family Services, cont.</i>		
YFS-HK BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Name	Town	Number of Meetings attended
Mark Torello, Chair	Higganum	4
Joan Reed Wilson, JD, Vice Chair	Killingworth	0
Lorraine Taylor APRN, Secretary	Higganum	4
Scott Monroe, Treasurer	Haddam	3
Zachariah Carmichael, Haddam Killingworth High School Student Representative	Killingworth	4
Rachel Taylor, Haddam-Killingworth High School Student Representative	Higganum	4
Rebecca Loew, PhD	Killingworth	4
Bernard McNulty, III, MD	Higganum	3
Howard J. Thiery, III	West Hartford	2
Mindy Otis, PhD	Higganum	3
Raymond Galloway	Haddam	1

*Board meets every two months, or otherwise, as needed

STAFF		
Name	Position	Work Hours/Week
Cheryl Chandler, BSW	Executive Director	40
Rachael Leombruno, LMFT	Clinical Program Coordinator	25
Ellen Cecchini, LMFT	Clinician	6
Ann O'Mara	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	40
Kathryn Glendon, BS	Prevention Coordinator	40

*Total staff =3.75 FTE

Clinical Consultation, on a monthly basis, is provided by Kathleen Laundy, PsyD, LMFT, LCSW.

Office Locations: 91 Little City Road; Higganum, CT (Primary Location) and 323 Route 81; Killingworth, CT 06419 (Killingworth Town Office Building/Satellite)

Population Served

- Total Population/ 8,336 Haddam*
- Total Population/ 6,671 Killingworth*

*CERC Town Profile 2012

Youth & Family Services, cont

Explanation of how funding from Haddam was used: The funding from Haddam was used for the general operation of the agency to provide a wide scope of services including, individual, family and group counseling for youth and their families on a sliding scale fee. During the 2011/2012 FY there were 85 clients served by the clinical program for a total of 642.50 client contact hours and 186.65 case management hours. Other programs include; positive youth development programs, Haddam-Killingworth Early Childhood Council (serving birth to age 5), community outreach and education, prevention programs for youth and their families, A Juvenile Review Board (diverts first time offenders from Juvenile Court), management of the Healthy Communities- Healthy Kids Coalition. Fundraising goals continue to be increased by the Board of Directors. Additional counseling hours are leverage through the use of Master's level interns. The Executive Director seeks grants on an ongoing basis in an attempt to garner additional funds for the organization.

The purpose of the Juvenile Review Board is to divert first time juvenile offenders from juvenile court. 10 cases were heard in the FY 2011/2012.

Juvenile Review Board of Haddam-Killingworth	
Name	Town
Lisa Alexy, Community Member	Higganum
Cheryl Chandler, BSW, Executive Director, YFS	Higganum
Tfc Jim Connelly, Haddam Resident Trooper	Haddam
Neil English, Assistant Principal Haddam Killingworth Middle School	Killingworth
Ray Galloway, Community Member	Haddam
Juvenile Review Board of Haddam-Killingworth, cont.	
Carol Kniss, MSW, State Department of Children and Families/Juvenile Court Liaison	Middletown
Stacey Lafferty, Esq., Community Member	Killingworth
Rachael Leombruno, LMFT, YFS	Higganum
James Johnson, PhD	Higganum
Pamela Johnson Community Member	Higganum
Matthew Kowalski, Juvenile Probation Officer	Middletown
Tfc Enrico Milardo, Haddam Resident Trooper	Killingworth
Linda Rice, Community Member	Haddam
Tfc Matthew Ward, K'worth Res. Trooper	Killingworth

Youth & Family Services, cont

Accomplishments

Rachael Leombruno, LMFT, Director of Clinical Programs, successfully participated in the Field Trial Study for the publishing of the new Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-V. Along with hundreds of other clinical professionals around the country, Rachael worked with subjects using a computer program to create more definitive methods of symptomatic measurements for diagnosing disorders in the mental health field. She will be published in the soon to be released DSM-V

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded the Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc. a grant in the amount of \$48,258 for the Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids Coalition to prevent underage drinking through the Sober Truth on Prevention Underage Drinking Act (STOP ACT) grant program.

Continuation application for the Drug Free Communities Support Program has been approved for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$125,000.

Numbers Served

18 Programs (parent education, life skills classes, alcohol and other drug education, and conflict resolution) serving a total of 317 individuals

11 major events serving 3,205 individuals

85 Clients receiving individual, family, or group therapy

23 Youth were served in the Summer Program for Youth

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl B. Chandler, Executive Director
Mark Torello, Executive Board Chairman

Haddam Ambulance Services:
Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.

Scott Stoppa, President

The Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc., (HVAS), was very busy during the 2011 calendar year responding to over 600 calls. As of the writing of this report, our call volume continues to increase as HVAS responds to numerous requests for medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and fire standbys.

It is our goal to make every household in our community a member of the Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service. Our funding sources include membership dues, fund raising contributions and insurance payments. Many townspeople have sent in their memberships, for which we thank you, however, typically less than half of the households and businesses in town respond to this

HAS: Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Services, cont.

important mailing. By being a member of HVAS, your membership includes emergency medical services for you, your family and guests from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 NOT covered by insurance. (Paramedic or Lifestar Services are not covered under this membership). Most importantly you are supporting your HVAS 911 team and our mission to provide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to our town on a 24/7 basis.

This past year, HVAS enjoyed increased public awareness in our community through various means including: continued distribution of HVAS' free "File of Life" folder, which provides medical information to a responder in an emergency, sponsorship of a Little League team and the awarding of scholarships to two deserving graduating high school seniors pursuing the medical field. In addition, HVAS continued to provide outreach and public relations to the town by participating in the Memorial Day Parade, SADD Drill, Farmer's Market, Senior Center and River Days by providing demonstrations to our residents and local groups about HVAS' services.

Even though HVAS is not a town agency, the Town of Haddam provides financial assistance by contracting emergency medical staffing, which utilizes HVAS's ambulances, equipment and supplies at HVAS's headquarters during critical daytime hours when volunteers are unavailable. From all of us at HVAS we sincerely thank you the townspeople and our town leaders for recognizing the importance of providing rapid emergency ambulance services to our town when our volunteers are not available.

HVAS has 18 highly trained EMS personnel who take duty hours 365 days a year including holidays and weekends. HVAS medical members train monthly and attend special recertification courses. HVAS also benefits from the work of its Auxiliary, a dedicated group of individuals who assist the service in non-medical areas, thereby allowing our technicians to devote more time to training and other duties.

HVAS always welcomes new members to join our team and we can be reached at our Business Office at (860) 345-2500 or by visiting our website at www.haddamambulance.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott L. Stoppa
President/Chief of Service

Haddam Park & Recreation Commission

William Bowles, Chairman

The Park and Recreation Commission is a five- (5) member body that generally is charged with the development, organization and supervision of recreational programs that are supported by the Town and such other power and duties as may be delegated at a Town Meeting. The Commission meets monthly.

The primary function of the Commission is to oversee the use, maintenance and improvement of the Town's recreational facilities at Great Hill Athletic Complex on Jail Hill Road and the Brickyard ball field on Dublin Hill Road. Over the recent years, there have been capital improvements at each facility designed for the safety of the player participants and those who attend the games. These improvements will continue including projected expansion of the Playscape and installation of a new free standing storage building to service the soccer field at Great Hill and further upgrading and improvements at the Brickyard. The Commission also administers the yearly contracts for maintenance of the facilities including lawn cutting, fertilization and other landscaping necessities.

Groups having permitted use of the facilities include the Haddam Little League, the Haddam-Killingworth Soccer Club, the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department, the Haddam-Killingworth Youth Lacrosse Association and the Town of Haddam "Over 40" Softball Association.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Bowles
Chairman

Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority

Frank J. Sparks, Executive Director

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is beginning its 36th year of service to our communities. Our goal is to provide a comprehensive year-round recreational program which meets the needs of the individuals in the community. In doing so, we have provided over 125 various programs and activities for patrons of all ages this year.

With the ongoing efforts of 4 full-time employees, over 145 part-time employees, plus numerous volunteers; we strive to carry out our mission which is to provide positive recreational experiences which contribute to the individual's physical, social, emotional, creative, cultural, and educational growth and development in order to enrich the quality of life.

One of the vital programs we offer is our school age child care which includes the HK After School Program, holiday camps, school vacation camps and the Summer Camp. Hundreds of families are secure with the knowledge that their

Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, cont.

children are safe and sound in a state-licensed Child Care Program staffed by certified professionals.

Continued use of the Regional School District #17 facilities has been instrumental in our ability to provide reasonably priced programs. We look forward to providing a wider range of program offerings as the region and towns complete facility upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank J. Sparks
Director of Recreation
and
Robyne Brennan
Assistant Director of Recreation

Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority Meetings Attendance

Bill Bowles	7/7
Bill Burley	0/7
Dan Colonia	7/7
Robert Fitzgerald	5/7
Rob Grasso	5/7
Tony Sledzik	6/7
Lisa Wiese	5/7

Notes: July cancelled; August cancelled; November/December meetings combined; March cancelled; June cancelled. Bill Burley joined the Authority in July 2012.

Local facilities used for our activities included HKHS Pool, HKHS Field House/Auxiliary Gym, HKHS Cafeteria, HKHS Classrooms/Media Center, HKHS Auditorium, HKHS Fields, Old Middle School Fields/Tennis Courts, Old Middle School Classrooms, Old Middle School Gym, New Middle School Cafeteria, New Middle School Gym/Fitness Room, New Middle School Soccer Fields, Burr Elementary School, Haddam Elementary School, Killingworth Elementary School, Sheldon Park, Killingworth Firehouse, Higganum Green, Great Hill Soccer Field. Excursions taken and other activities held included Tanglewood, the Bronx Zoo, Six Flags Discount Tickets, Lake Compounce Discount Tickets, Horseback Riding at Dream Meadow farm, Horseback Riding Camp, A Merry Nix Floral Arrangement (at Town & Country), and Golf at Miner Hills.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank J. Sparks
Director of Recreation

Village Parks Society of Haddam, Inc.

Scott R. Brookes, President

The Village Parks Society is a volunteer non-profit organization responsible for managing Field Park, Kelsey Park and Meeting House Green, "as a pleasure ground for the people of Haddam". Field Park, which is located behind the Town Office Building, is a beautiful 10-acre park and arboretum. Field Park is open during daylight hours to the general public with no admission charge. Picnics, nature walks, horseshoes and other leisure activities are welcome. Groups may reserve the park by writing to Village Parks, P.O. Box 272, Haddam, CT 06438.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Town of Haddam for their continued financial assistance. We would also like to acknowledge the many donations we received during our annual membership drive. If any resident of Haddam wishes to become a member or volunteer some time to help us maintain the park, I invite you to contact me at 345-2627.

Last year and again this year we had both Field Park and Meeting House Green brush-hogged to remove much of the existing underbrush. We removed a lot of brush and dead trees on our spring and fall cleanup days. We continue to spray our hemlock trees in hopes of keeping them healthy.

Our By-laws require at least four (4) meetings a year. This year there were 5 meetings. The following is the attendance of the Board of Directors for the Village Park Society of Haddam from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012: Scott Brookes 5/5, Stuart Brookes 3/5, Harvey Clew 2/5, Carl Conrad 4/5, Bob Cushing 5/5, Malcolm Meyer 4/5, Eleanor Rogerson 4/5, Tom Zupan 3/5, Charlie Pytlík 5/5, David Neal 4/5.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott R. Brookes
President

Brainerd Memorial Library

Cynthia Muhlbach, Library Director

Library hours:

Tuesday – Thursday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (July & August 4:00 pm)
Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm (July & August 1:00 pm)

Library Director: Cindy Muhlbach, MLS Staff: 11 employees

The fiscal year 2011-2012 recorded a circulation of 20,215 adult books, 17,409 youth and children's books and 31,420 DVD's, audio books and compact discs. This is a significant increase from last year in all areas. The library has reference materials and periodicals available for public use. It is possible to request

Brainerd Memorial Library, cont.

materials not available in the library from other libraries in the state through LION and ReQuest. The library also shares its resources with other local libraries through LION and ReQuest. There are passes for many local museums, other tourist attractions and state parks available at no cost. These were used 256 times. There were 46,959 visitors to the library this year. There are 6,134 registered borrowers.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Throughout the year the library offers many different types of programs for the community. In August there were 4 different Story Time for Children programs, one Music with Margie program and the Ice Cream Social and Papillion program held to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading program. This was attended by 63 children and 35 adults.

Movies are offered to the community at no charge throughout the year.

In September, there was session on "Couponing" that had 29 attendees.

In October there was a basic program for using G mail for non-users. In March there was a program on using Facebook. Programs on downloading e-books were also offered.

In November the library offered two \$25 gift certificates to local markets to encourage people to use the library. People received a chance ticket for signing up for a new card, attending a program, liking us on FACEBOOK, filling out a library survey or joining Friends of the Library for the 2012 year. 33 people attended a program on bats in March.

Cupcake decorating workshops have been offered several times during the year. These events are well attended.

The COFFEE HOUSE SERIES has hosted several different music groups throughout the year. The Kerry Boys in October, the Whiskey Boys in November, and the Universal Remote in March performed for patrons. These programs are open to everyone. Twenty or more people attended these events.

TOUCH A TRUCK was an outside program held in the spring. An ambulance, a garbage truck, a police car, farm equipment and fire trucks were parked on Higganum Green and children were allowed to touch them, and sit in them. It was fun for everyone.

The TASTE OF HADDAM was held in April and was well attended. Restaurants and local package stores in Haddam and other local towns brought samples for tasting. This was an enjoyable adult evening project that raised money for the library. There was a silent auction of donations from many local stores and business which was very successful.

Brainerd Memorial Library, cont.

There were 11 meetings during the year.

Trustees' Meetings Attendance: Jeanne Messick 10/11, Virginia Evensen 10/11, Betsy Clifford 10/11, Diane Klare 9/11, Mary Karkutt-Kulak 10/11, Vivek Badami 10/11, Mike Jordan 5/11, Raul deBrigard 8/11, Peter Aduskevich 7/11, Bruce Ricker 9/11, Melissa Cavrell 4/11, Mary Carrellas 7/8 (Mary resigned from the board of trustees in May).

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Muhlbach
Library Director

Haddam River Days

Dawn Tarbetsky, Chair

Haddam River Days is a two-day town event that this year celebrated its 15-year anniversary along with the Town of Haddam 350th Anniversary. Our current members include: Dawn Tarbetsky, Alice Zanelli, Lori Marica Daniels, Tina Fagan, John Fernandes, Mike Reynolds, Ray Whitehead, Joe Wilhelm, Paul Crete, Cecilia Hemsley, and Scott & Jackie Miller.

Our event took place on Friday, September 7th and Saturday, September 8th. Friday evening, we had a free concert on the Higganum Green. Saturday, our event started with a parade that was organized by the 350th Committee and that began on Walkley Hill Road and concluded at Haddam Meadows State Park. Due to weather conditions, our fireworks were postponed to Sunday evening, when we filled the skies with a spectacular display. We support local artisans, musicians, crafters, businesses, and organizations.

Through the dedication of our volunteers and their hard work, this event has been successful and been enjoyed by all who attended. This event is funded 100% on donations. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and participants!

Our estimated expenses for this event:

Sanitation - \$300
Safety Lighting - \$800
DEP Permits - \$1,500
Educational Demonstrations - \$1,600
Rental Equipment - \$1,200
Entertainment/DJ - \$1,000
Fireworks - \$7,000
Food and Beverages - \$400

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Tarbetsky
Chair

Higganum Village Farmers' Market

Gail Kalison Reynolds, Market Manager

Higganum Village Farmers' Market's Mission

- **Build a sense of community through a lively neighborhood experience in Higganum Center that reflects our agricultural heritage**
- **Support local businesses (farmers, artisans, merchants appropriate for farmers' market)**
- **Collaborate with town government in a public/private partnership**
- **Make high-quality, farm-fresh foods and products available on a weekly basis**
- **Promote supply chain efficiency by eliminating packaging and transportation costs passed on to consumers by large chain stores**

The market is held every Friday from June through October on the Higganum Green from 3:30 through 6:30 p.m. Special winter markets were held immediately before Thanksgiving 2010 and Christmas 2010 in the Community Center.

Accomplishments for the fiscal year 2011-2012:

- **Obtained grant from State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture to lessen dependence on town funds.**
- **Allowed only Connecticut-grown produce to be sold.**
- **Required all participating vendors to comply with State of Connecticut regulations and carry product and liability insurance.**
- **Featured as many Haddam farmers and artisans as possible.**
- **Hosted special events of interest at the Farmers' Market, such as Hiking In Haddam, to spotlight energy efficiency, recycling, and conservation.**
- **Provided local entertainers during market hours.**
- **Put on two winter markets, before Thanksgiving and Christmas 2011, to give consumers the option to purchase local produce and artisanal crafts for their holiday celebrations.**
- **Hosted multiple community groups (e.g., Historical Society, Youth and Family Services, Haddam Public Health) for different theme weeks.**
- **Revamped the market web site, www.higganumvillagemarketfarmers.org and supported the presence on Facebook.**

Originally founded by the Higganum Vision Group, the Higganum Farmers' Market became independent in 2010.

Higganum Village Farmers' Market, cont.

The Higganum Village Farmers' Market welcomes citizen input and participation. Volunteers may contact the Market through the website or Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Kallson Reynolds, Market Manager

Deborah Umba, Project Manager
Christine Kehrley, Treasurer
Linda Fleming, Secretary
Gail Hanson
Ian Gibson, Agricultural Consultant

Higganum Cemetery Association, Inc.

Nancy LePard, President

Officers:

Nancy LePard, President
Diane Andrews, Vice President
Diane LePard, Treasurer
Lindamae Peck, Secretary

Board Members:

Wayne LePard
Hollis Burr
Audrey Lundgren

The officers and members listed above with the exception of Audrey Lundgren were in attendance at our annual meeting held on 3/3/2012.

The subcommittee of Diane Andrews, Hollis Burr and Nancy LePard researched our current prices for plots and perpetual care throughout Middlesex County and made a recommendation to increase our fees that was accepted by the remaining board members via a telephone conference in July 2011.

There were phone conferences in May/June 2012 between board members to decide how to handle specific plots that owners would like to return to the Association because they have moved away or will not have any use for them.

There is an ongoing review by our finance committee made up of Diane LePard, Wayne LePard and Diane Andrews, who continually make recommendations to the Board of Directors, as needed, in the handling or changing of our finances and budget needs.

Higganum Cemetery Association, cont.

All monies received from the Town of Haddam have been used to pay Raintree Landscaping's mowing fees, which are \$1,225 a month. We also have other mowing fees that total \$975 for the season as well as other maintenance fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy LePard, President

Haddam's 350th Anniversary Steering Committee

Richard A. Prescott, Chairman

The 350th Anniversary Steering Committee was organized in response to citizen interest to plan activities and events in commemoration of the town's 350th anniversary. With Ed Schwing as Chair the first meeting was held in October 2010 with monthly meetings thereafter until January 2013. The first few meetings were devoted to discussing and planning of various types of commemorative

events to be held, a 350th logo, funding, an anniversary booklet, and commemorative items.

The decision was made not to have only one or two events during the year but to recognize the anniversary by having various activities throughout the entire year. To accomplish this end the decision was made to coordinate, as permitted, with town clubs and groups and their already existing events and programs so as to not duplicate effort. The 350th Committee would compliment these events with tied-in anniversary activities to provide additional publicity noting the 350th year. In addition, special events and projects would be directly sponsored, planned and coordinated by the 350th Committee.

The first official undertaking was support for the creation of a portable "traveling" exhibit to be developed and built by the Haddam Historical Society. This exhibit was shown at schools, churches, town events and offices, and special 350th events throughout the year. It will be permanently housed either at the town office building or the Thankful Arnold House with the Haddam Historical Society. A 350th Logo was much discussed and eventually designed by Melissa Schlag-Proulx. After Committee approval, the logo was used on all official 350th Anniversary commemorative items. Funding was two-fold: The town of Haddam's Board of Finance was approached with a funding request which resulted in their approval of \$3000 as seed money for the 350th Committee. In addition the 350th Committee approved the purchase of commemorative items for sale during the course of the year with profits going back to the Committee to offset costs during the year. These items, all with the official logo, were: a 2012 calendar designed by the Haddam Historical Society and approved by the Committee, T-Shirts, baseball caps, and coffee cups. Later in the year, a CD of the 350th Anniversary Parade was also developed and sold. In addition Kenyon Labs, a company based in Higganum, funded the purchase of Mucket T-Shirts

with sale proceeds going to the Committee. Much discussion was given to the planning and printing of a special commemorative booklet. A special glossy publication would have been preferred. However, when total costs and time in creating it were finally reviewed, it was agreed to devote, with the editor's approval, the entire July issue of the "Haddam Bulletin" to 350th Anniversary subjects and historical articles and topics. Such an approach saved the Committee money and insured that every household in Haddam would have a copy.

The first official 350th event was held on January 21, 2012 in the Town Hall with the first showing of the traveling exhibit. A reception was also held with refreshments. In April a Taste of Haddam was held at the Brainerd Memorial Library. On the weekend of May 19th the Haddam Senior Center sponsored an Art Show with showings by Haddam artists and crafts people. This was a well attended and successful event. On Haddam's officially recognized birth date, May 20, the Haddam Historical Society sponsored a Haddam 350th Celebration at the Thankful Arnold House with a reception and a historical reenactment. These events were followed by a procession up the hill to Field Park where the official town proclamation was presented by First Selectman Paul DeStefano. In July the Haddam Lion's Car Show was held with a booth for the 350th Committee. Brainerd Library sponsored its annual Ice Cream Social on July 31st. The "Haddam Bulletin's" July issue was devoted exclusively to the 350th Anniversary and was mailed to every household in the town. The Haddam Neck Fair devoted space for 350th activities. Richard Prescott replaced Ed Schwing as committee chair. Ed had to step down because of the press of business requirements.

The annual Haddam River Days at the beginning of September had a major 350th theme with the participation of a group of Revolutionary War Re-enactors. Funds for their participation were provided by Haddam River Days Committee, Brainerd Memorial Library, The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut, and the 350th Steering Committee. To compliment Haddam River Days the 350th planned and conducted its signature event of the year, the 350th Anniversary Parade. There were slightly over 50 participating units which marched the mile and one-half long parade route ending on the grounds of Haddam Meadows State Park, site of Haddam River Days activities. Many state and local dignitaries participated along with many town groups and organizations. Over 1000 people viewed the parade. At the end of the parade First Selectman DeStefano read a proclamation from Governor Malloy recognizing the town's 350th Anniversary. Later in the month the annual Higganum Congregational Church's Gladys Mae Peck Memorial Organ Concert was devoted in its entirety to historical music and original compositions, with a reception following.

Haddam 350th Anniversary, cont.

In conjunction with the annual 5K Pumpkin Race on October 28, Higganum Grange sponsored and conducted a Scarecrow Contest on October 26-29 with scarecrows built by businesses and community groups in Higganum Center and every lamp post therein. On November 11 Haddam Congregational Church conducted a recreation of a church service from the 1760's with an actual sermon from that time. A church supper followed. The annual ecumenical Thanksgiving church service was conducted on November 20 at the Valley Bible Church. In December a Country Christmas celebration was held on the Green and the old firehouse with vendors and community groups from town. The last official 350th event was held on January 5, 2013 at the Town Hall for the public viewing of materials being placed in the official 350th Time Capsule. This capsule will be placed in the town vault.

Special thanks are extended to the Haddam Historical Society for all the staff time and effort in supporting and promoting 350th Anniversary events. Special thanks also to the editor and staff of the "Haddam Bulletin" for all the print space devoted to Anniversary activities and projects as well as providing almost 100 percent of its publicity. Various town officials and employees are also thanked for their time and support.

And lastly a huge thank you to all individuals and community groups who participated, over the last two years, in the planning, organizing and implementing of events, projects and programs which made this celebration a success.

While many individuals worked at various times on the 350th Committee in representing their respective groups and organizations for specific events, there were a few individuals who as volunteer members worked directly and actively on the Committee for a majority of the Committee's life span. They played a part in insuring that all the year's events received support. They attended committee meetings, sold commemorative items at many events and programs, and provided their respective personal expertise as needed to insure the success of the year long effort in celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the Town. These committee members are: Debbie Hager, Lisa Malloy, Sarah Neal, Ed Schwing, Carole Prescott, Richard Prescott, JoAnn Woickelman, who served as treasurer, Dawn Tarbetsky, Sharon Kapitulik, Alice Zanelli, Marge DeBold, Ed Rosado and Cindy Muhlbach. We acknowledge their time and effort and deeply thank them all.

May the Town of Haddam enjoy another 350 years!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Prescott
Chair

TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Taxes, Interest and Lien Fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 25,055,527	\$ 25,055,527	\$ 25,065,712	\$ 10,185
Elderly tax abatement	(85,000)	(85,000)		85,000
Interest and lien fees	150,000	150,000	189,006	39,006
Telecommunications property tax grant	25,000	25,000	27,359	2,359
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>25,145,527</u>	<u>25,145,527</u>	<u>25,282,077</u>	<u>136,550</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Education cost-sharing	1,728,610	1,728,610	1,728,610	-
Tax relief for elderly	45,000	45,000	45,210	210
Veterans' exemption	5,000	5,000	5,120	120
Mashantucket Pequot grant	20,148	20,148	22,702	2,554
Local capital improvement grant	73,487	73,487	147,941	74,454
Revenue Sharing Grant	64,642	64,642	69,511	4,869
PILOT, state owned real property	129,814	129,814	129,867	53
Miscellaneous state and federal	25,000	25,000	48,675	23,675
Total intergovernmental	<u>2,091,701</u>	<u>2,091,701</u>	<u>2,197,636</u>	<u>105,935</u>
Charges for Services:				
Licenses and permits	221,600	221,600	259,393	37,793
Recording fees	75,000	75,000	58,139	(16,861)
Miscellaneous	85,200	85,200	109,817	24,617
Total charges for services	<u>381,800</u>	<u>381,800</u>	<u>427,349</u>	<u>45,549</u>
Interest Income:	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>25,454</u>	<u>(9,546)</u>
Total revenues	<u>27,654,028</u>	<u>27,654,028</u>	<u>27,932,516</u>	<u>278,488</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers in	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 27,764,028</u>	<u>\$ 27,764,028</u>	<u>\$ 28,042,516</u>	<u>\$ 278,488</u>

TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 267,839	\$ 268,035	\$ 268,025	\$ 10
Probate court	2,660	2,660	2,660	-
Elections	45,420	45,420	35,338	10,082
Board of finance	43,410	43,410	43,238	172
Assessor	113,053	115,412	114,636	776
Board of tax review	10	10		10
Tax collector's office	86,406	86,685	86,685	-
Treasurer's office	13,152	13,152	12,929	223
Town counsel	136,010	136,010	118,805	17,205
Town clerk	119,569	119,569	111,923	7,646
Town hall	9,250	9,250	6,267	2,983
Town office building	31,209	31,209	23,195	8,014
Town office building annex	7,110	7,110	4,826	2,284
Planning and zoning	5,550	5,550	5,340	210
Zoning board of appeals	95	95	90	5
Engineering department	50,000	50,000	48,740	1,260
Wetlands	60	60	50	10
Central services	166,314	166,314	157,244	9,070
Insurance and other benefits	1,064,583	1,064,583	1,046,874	17,709
Long range capital planning	200	200	146	54
Senior center	51,669	51,669	44,754	6,915
Youth center	7,819	7,819	7,661	158
Veterans Museum	8,855	8,855	6,471	2,384
Parades	3,825	3,825	3,501	324
Health director/food inspector	65,621	65,621	65,621	-
Economic development	10,600	10,600	5,696	4,904
Land use offices	177,563	177,563	158,689	18,874
Conservation	2,760	2,760	2,340	420
Contingency	100,000	72,256		27,744
Total general government	<u>2,590,612</u>	<u>2,565,702</u>	<u>2,381,744</u>	<u>183,958</u>
Public Safety:				
Fire protection	304,358	304,358	217,383	86,975
Police	296,593	296,593	296,075	518
Animal control	16,004	22,004	20,501	1,503
Emergency management	1,010	1,010	969	41
Homeland Security	10	10		10
Fire marshal	17,919	17,919	17,919	-
Dispatch services	107,380	107,380	107,367	13
Abandoned vehicles	600	600		600
Building department	106,307	106,307	104,964	1,343
Total public safety	<u>850,181</u>	<u>856,181</u>	<u>765,178</u>	<u>91,003</u>
Public Works:				
General labor	604,456	521,507	521,507	-
General maintenance	547,000	539,928	539,928	-
Street lighting	45,000	38,641	38,641	-
Town garage	57,710	53,374	53,374	-
Snow and ice removal	325,000	262,446	262,446	-
Fire hydrants	10			-
Solid waste disposal	617,245	599,445	599,445	-
Tree maintenance	25,010	25,000	25,000	-
Total public works	<u>2,221,431</u>	<u>2,040,341</u>	<u>2,040,341</u>	<u>-</u>

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TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Health and Welfare:				
Public health	\$ 74,329	\$ 74,329	\$ 74,329	\$ -
Social services	75,379	75,379	75,379	-
Transportation for the elderly	41,192	41,192	39,542	1,650
Water pollution & control	12,000	12,000	4,897	7,103
Haddam volunteer ambulance	135,000	135,000	135,000	-
Total public health and welfare	<u>337,900</u>	<u>337,900</u>	<u>329,147</u>	<u>8,753</u>
Culture and Recreation:				
Haddam park and recreation commission	58,904	58,904	55,132	3,772
Regional recreational authority	95,691	95,691	94,227	1,464
Higganum athletic association	7,400	7,400	6,968	432
Village parks society	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Little league	10	10		10
Middlesex county water	500	500	500	-
Brainerd memorial library	325,893	325,893	325,893	-
Haddam River Days	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Farmers Market	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
Higganum Cemetery Association	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Haddam 35th Anniversary	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Total culture and recreation	<u>503,198</u>	<u>503,198</u>	<u>497,520</u>	<u>5,678</u>
Education	<u>20,225,683</u>	<u>20,225,683</u>	<u>20,170,062</u>	<u>55,621</u>
Debt Service	<u>49,921</u>	<u>49,921</u>	<u>49,921</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>26,778,926</u>	<u>26,578,926</u>	<u>26,233,913</u>	<u>345,013</u>
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfer out	<u>985,102</u>	<u>1,185,102</u>	<u>1,185,102</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 27,764,028</u>	<u>\$ 27,764,028</u>	<u>\$ 27,419,015</u>	<u>\$ 345,013</u>