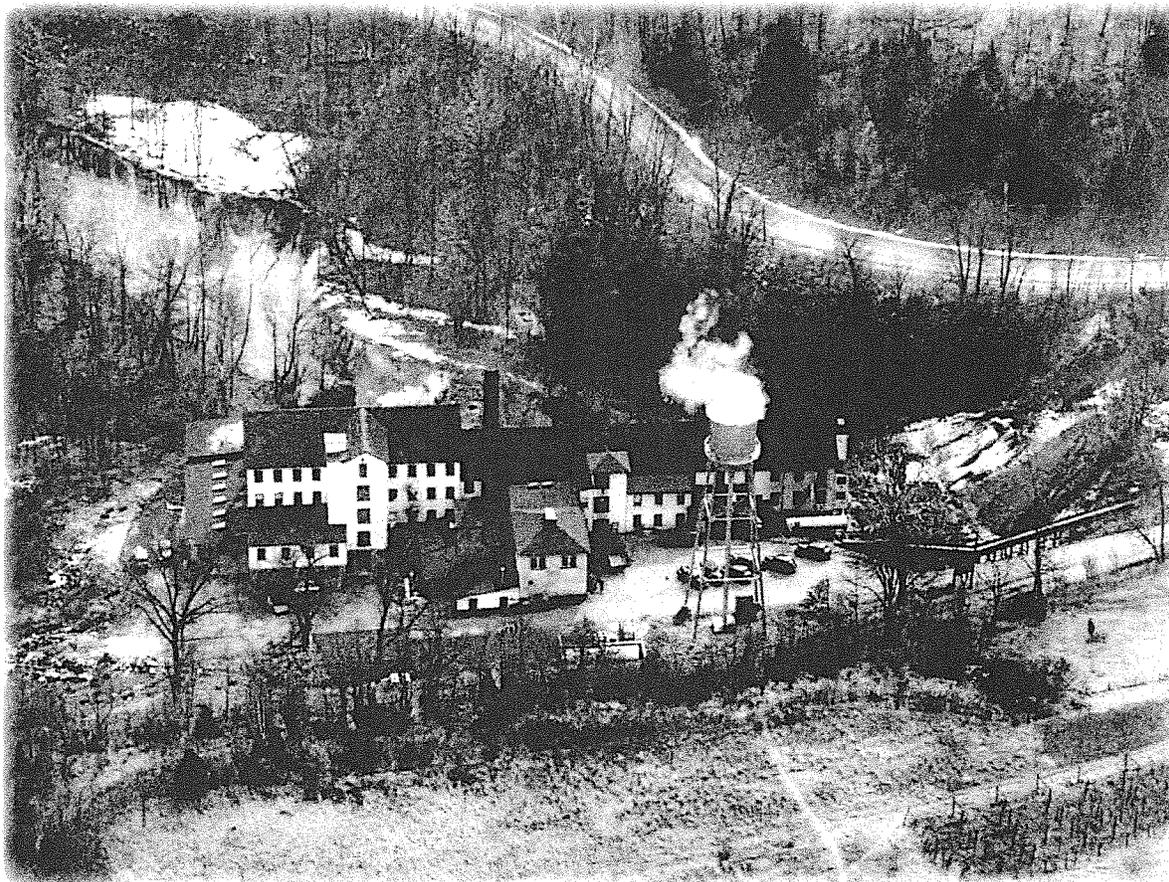
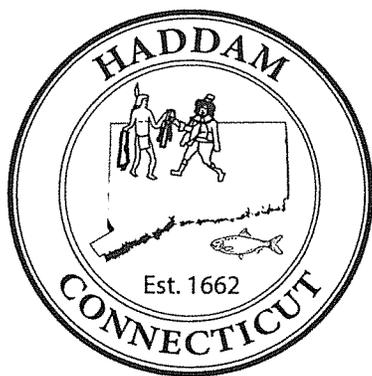


TOWN OF HADDAM

ANNUAL REPORT



July 2013 — June 2014



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Please Note: The Charter of the Town of Haddam gives the board of finance responsibility for compiling and publishing the Annual Report; however, it does not give the board 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.

Front photo top: The old Frissell Manufacturing Company mill ("Frismar") circa 1934 with intact steaming water tower and penstock (sluiceway to the right) which powered the old mill. The company was a leader in textile braiding and dyeing and produced a variety of textiles used for industrial belting, gun cartridges, elastic webbing and cords. In 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began remediation of the Higganum cove/manufacturing superfund site.

Lower photos: Along with the EPA remediation team, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Town Planner Liz Glidden and First Selectman Melissa Schlag have been involved in coordination and planning.

Since our administration took office mid-November 2013, we have focused on innovation and transformation in Haddam during our short seven months in office. Sean Donlan, Robert Duval and I have been working extremely hard to tighten up our budgeting practices and have started numerous exciting projects around town.

Environment

On the environmental front, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began remediation planning of the Higganum Cove superfund site, with the hope it will become a safer and more usable connection to the Connecticut River. Most of the cleanup should be complete by Fall 2015.

In Tylerville, the town is continuing to support the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) with its ongoing investigation and study of the pollution in that area.

Energy and SolarizeCT

The newly appointed Energy Task Force has cleared the way for a record-breaking SolarizeCT campaign and, as a result, Haddam will be greener and cleaner with solar panels blanketing Haddam's roofs and lawns. Over the next year, the task force will be investigating everything from street lighting to the energy efficiency of all municipal buildings as well as looking at the feasibility of installing solar panels on town buildings to reduce our high electric bills.

Budget and ECS

The budget process this year was more detailed than ever before. We managed to root out waste and renegotiated existing contracts from phones, to insurance, to trash management. In the process, we saved over \$600,000, a reduction of almost 10% over the previous year's town operating budget.

In January 2014, I began educating our legislators about Haddam's unfair Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant funding. We lobbied the state during the legislative session to rectify the fact that we are the tenth worst ECS-funded town in the state. Our ECS funding has not been adjusted since the closure of Connecticut Yankee Power Plant. Having our fair share of the ECS funding would bring our mill rate down by 2 mills, allowing us to once again be competitive with our neighboring municipalities.

Transfer Station and Infrastructure

Since our costs were so high in comparison with other municipalities, we focused on reorganizing and streamlining the way we handle our household waste. We now haul our own trash and recycling to the appropriate locations and, with the help of the Public Works Department and newly formed Transfer Station Task Force, Haddam is now offering more recycling options and cost effective ways of handling the town's waste and recycling, saving us over \$250,000 annually.

On the infrastructure front, we are finally tackling a few projects that have been postponed for many years, the McTigh Road and Park Road projects, as well as the Dish Mill Bridge project, are finally underway. Our Public Works crew has been diligently resurfacing some of the worst roads in town.

Haddam's Board of Selectmen is committed to working towards a bright and sustainable future for Haddam!

Meeting attendance: First Selectman Melissa Schlag 24 of 24, Sean Donlan 28 of 30, Robert Duval 30 of 30, First Selectman Paul DeStefano 6 of 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Schlag,
First Selectman

The Probate Court remains very busy. As most of you know, there is now a regional court, which serves the following eight towns in addition to Haddam; Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The total population of these towns is over 62,000 citizens. The court is now a full time court which is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It is located on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, at 302 Main Street.

The statewide consolidations have been a financial success which has saved the taxpayers more than 12 million dollars, over the past three fiscal years and those savings will continue. Despite the increase in size, the court's budget has not increased over the last three and a half years.

Most people understand that we handle all aspects of decedent estates, however the court also handles a variety of other matters. One of those items that the court spends a substantial amount of its time on is children's matters. Many times, the child's parents are unable or unwilling to care for their children and frequently it is the child's grandparents who apply to the Court for guidance. Grandparents, or other relatives, are usually appointed to take care of the child under the Courts supervision. If the parent or parents become capable and willing to take care of the child, their guardianship rights can be restored. There is usually an investigation by the Department of Children and Families. These can be difficult matters but the Court's focus is always on what is in the best interest of the child. We have also had the pleasure of approving adoptions which is always an uplifting event.

The legislature adopted extensive new rules for Probate Court proceedings in 2013. These new rules are now fully integrated into the Court's proceedings. The purpose of these new rules was to simplify the process and to make it more consistent with other court procedures. Additionally, there are new forms which are consistent with these rules, and are available on line at www.ctprobate.gov. Most of these new forms can be filled out online for the convenience of the public. One of the major changes is that someone filing documents with the Court must certify that they have sent copies to all the other interested parties. Another significant change is that the prior, somewhat confusing, Final Account form has now been replaced with a simpler Financial Report.

We open approximately one thousand new matters of all types, per year. Some of these matters require hearings and some do not.

In addition to the normal duties of a Probate Judge, I am on the Executive Committee of the Probate Court Assembly. The Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss the rules and policies of the probate courts. I continue to be a member of the National College of Probate Judges and attend at least one of its two conferences per year, so that I can be aware of national trends and procedures in Probate Courts.

Thanks to the efforts of Chief Clerk Valerie Shickel, and the other clerks and assistant clerks, Sharon Tiezzi, Marjorie Calltharp, Stella Beaudoin, Helene Yates, Peggy Schroeder, and Jackie Craco the court continues to operate smoothly and efficiently.

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:

*September 10, 2013 - Democratic and Republican Primary

*November 5, 2013 - Municipal Election

*May 6, 2014 - Regional #17 Haddam/Killingworth School Budget Referendum

The Registrars held a Regional #17 Haddam/Killingworth Senior High School registration at the Haddam/Killingworth High School in April 2014 with 32 high school seniors registering to vote in Haddam.

The Registrars and Deputy Registrars also attended 2 required conferences and 3 county meetings during the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2014 our voter registrations were as follows:

District	Democratic	Republican	Unaffiliated	Other	Total
#001 Haddam Firehouse	860	644	1307	20	2831
#002 Central Office	747	552	1235	14	2548
#003 Haddam Neck	84	81	116	0	281
TOTAL	1,691	1,277	2,658	34	5,660

*For election and referendum results, please contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Skarsten and Saralyn Twomey
Haddam Registrars of Voters

Board of Finance

David Kapitulik, Chairman

The Board of Finance consists of six regular members and three Alternate members. The regular members from July 2013 to October 2013 were: Chair Deborah Olsen, Vice Chairman David Kapitulik, Marjorie DeBold, Harlan Fredericksen, Lucille Silvestrini (Secretary), and Diane Stock. The three Alternate members were: Peter Arseneault Joseph Centofanti, and Cheryl Haase.

John Bosco and John Tabak were elected as Regular Members and Joanne Nesti was elected as an Alternate to the Board in November 2013 and Ms. Olsen, Ms. Stock, and Mr. Arseneault each chose not to run. Ms. Silvestrini resigned from the Board in March 2014. Mr. Centofanti resigned from his Alternate position and accepted the Full Member position in April 2014. James Bucko was appointed as an Alternate to the Board in April 2014.

The Regular members in June 2014 are: Chair David Kapitulik, Vice Chairman Harlan Fredericksen, John Bosco, Marjorie DeBold, Joseph Centofanti, and John Tabak. The Alternate Members in June 2014 were: James Bucko, Cheryl Haase, and Joanne Nesti.

The tax rate was set at 29.48 mills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. 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 posted on the Town's website.

Meetings Attendance:

From July 2013 through November 2013, there were 3 Regular Meetings, 0 Special Meetings, and 0 Budget Meetings held with attendance as follows: Chair Deborah Olsen 3/3, Vice Chairman David Kapitulik 3/3, Marjorie DeBold 3/3, Harlan Fredericksen 2/3, Lucille Silvestrini 3/3, Diane Stock 3/3, and Alternates Peter Arseneault 3/3, Joseph Centofanti 3/3, and Cheryl Haase 2/3.

From December 2013 to June 2014, there were 6 Regular Meetings, 0 Special Meetings and 10 Budget and Budget-related Meetings held. Attendance at the Regular Meetings as follows: Chairman David Kapitulik 5/6, Vice Chairman Harlan Fredericksen 5/6, John Bosco 5/6, Joseph Centofanti 2/2, Marjorie DeBold 6/6, Lucille Silvestrini 2/2, John Tabak 5/6 and Alternates James Bucko 1/1, Joseph Centofanti 3/4, Cheryl Haase 6/6, and Joanne Nesti 6/6.

Attendance at Budget Meetings as follows: Kapitulik 8/10, Fredericksen 9/10, Bosco 9/10, Centofanti 5/5, DeBold 9/10, Tabak 10/10 and Alternates: Bucko 1/1, Centofanti 5/5, Haase 7/10, and Nesti 10/10.

Respectfully submitted,
David Kapitulik, Chairman

Assessor's Office

Marilyn R. Baumann, CCMail, Assessor

The Grand List for October 1, 2013 resulted in a total net figure of \$905,164,703 after adjustments from the Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). This was an increase from 2012 (also post-BAA adjustments) of \$5,319,426.

Nearly ninety percent of the Grand List increase was due to continuing activity with new construction, additions and alterations to real estate.

We have continued the process of preparing for the next state-mandated revaluation, which will be effective with the October 1, 2015 Grand List. In 2010 we conducted a full revaluation with inspections of all properties in town. The firm of Vision Government Solutions, Inc. (formerly Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc.) has been awarded the contract by the Town of Haddam to assist in the revaluation project. The 2015 revaluation will be an update of statistics and will utilize "data mailers" sent to all property owners along with inspections of properties, which have sold and those with outstanding building permits.

Sales questionnaires will also be sent to new owners of properties to provide information regarding the details of the sales. This information will include questions such as: was the property on the open market; was the sale a foreclosed property or proceeding of a bankruptcy; was the sale purchased from an adjoining property owner; was personal property included in the sale, etc. The intention of these questions is to determine the validity of the sale and determine if there were any extenuating circumstances that would affect value. This information will be a significant component of the data we will analyze for the revaluation.

The cooperation of all property owners is greatly appreciated and is extremely important to making this a successful revaluation.

Since Haddam's last revaluation in 2010 changing economic conditions have caused inequities to develop, which means that some properties may have become overvalued or undervalued when compared to similar properties. The revaluation returns properties to current market values and their fair-share basis.

The ultimate goal of the revaluation is to establish uniformity in property valuation, to assure that all property owners are paying only their fair share, and to value all properties by the same standard at the same point in time. It is extremely important that all property owners cooperate as best they can with our appraisers, data collectors and members of the Assessor's staff in order make this a successful revaluation. Our objective always is to provide taxpayers with a high-quality revaluation with minimal intrusion.

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 and other publications.

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 dedication and thoroughness in all aspects of her position and never-ending support and assistance day-to-day.

We both look forward to another year of serving the fine citizens of Haddam and we appreciate your support. Anytime we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at 860-345-8531.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn R. Baumann, CCMail, Assessor

Board of Assessment Appeals

Jo Ann Woickelman, Chair

The Board of Assessment Appeals consists of Judy Goldfarb, Lisa Lawrence and Jo Ann R. Woickelman, Chairman.

The Board meets twice during the fiscal year for hearings, in September for motor vehicle appeals and in March for real property, personal property and supplemental motor vehicle appeals.

In September of 2013, seven motor vehicle appeals were heard. During the March, 2014 hearing seven real property and two personal property appeals were heard. All board members attended both meetings.

On January 20, 2014, Haddam held a BAA Workshop with 29 attendees. This is the first time a workshop was held locally. The workshop was put together by Marilyn R. Baumann, Assessor and Jo Ann R. Woickelman.

The Board has a nominal line item in the town budget of \$10.00 and uses supplies from the Assessors' office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann R. Woickelman
Chairman

Office of the Tax Collector

Kristin Battistoni, Tax Collector

Taxes Collected for the 2012 Grand List: \$26,300,284.73. The breakdown is: \$26,230,234.54 from tax, \$69,249.44 from interest, \$340 from liens and \$460.75 from fees.

Total Collected from the 2011-1997 Grand Lists \$310,446.24. The breakdown is: \$235,382.23 from tax, \$70,489.12 from interest, \$2,165.52 from liens and \$2,409.37 from fees. Taxes are collectable for fifteen years.

The above numbers represent a collection rate 100% of on the adjusted 2012 Grand List Levy of with the mill rate set at 29.48. The Board of Finance had approved a collection rate of 98.5%.

I have completed my training to become a certified Connecticut Tax Collector. I will receive my certification November of 2014. Thank you to Linda Walczak for all of her help this past year.

Respectfully submitted
Kristin Battistoni
Haddam Tax Collector

**TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED, COLLECTED AND OUTSTANDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Grand List Year	Balance Uncollected July 1, 2013	Current Levy	Lawful Additions	Corrections Deductions	Transfers to Suspense	Balance To Be Collected	Taxes	Collections			Total	Balance Uncollected June 30, 2014
								Interest	Lien Fees			
2012	\$	26,596,017	\$ 18,704	\$ 112,671	\$	\$ 26,502,050	\$ 26,201,284	\$ 69,249	\$ 801	\$	\$ 26,271,334	300,766
2011	265,055		465	3,712		261,808	139,681	28,066	2,821		170,568	122,127
2010	147,426		-	85	26,934	120,407	55,420	17,879	973		74,272	64,987
2009	76,903		566	82	14,225	63,162	22,979	11,687	192		34,858	40,183
2008	38,749		-	79	7,695	30,975	9,398	6,972	48		16,418	21,577
2007	18,954		-	78	7,578	11,298	8	387	48		443	11,290
2006	15,561		-	-	7,287	8,274	570	17	24		611	7,704
2005	559,198		-	-	9,328	549,870					-	549,870
2004	13,006		-	-	8,089	4,917					-	4,917
2003	11,694		-	-	7,032	4,662					-	4,662
2002	9,556		-	-	6,794	2,762					-	2,762
2001	12,550		-	-	7,509	5,041					-	5,041
2000	14,715		-	-	10,696	4,019					-	4,019
1999	13,435		-	-	9,766	3,669					-	3,669
1998	13,222		-	-	9,611	3,611					-	3,611
1997	12,155		-	12,155		-					-	-
Totals	\$ 1,222,179	\$ 26,596,017	\$ 19,735	\$ 128,862	\$ 132,544	\$ 1,074,476	\$ 26,429,340	\$ 134,257	\$ 4,907	\$	\$ 26,568,504	\$ 1,147,186

Reduce by
refund balance

Town Meetings

August 15, 2013

Voted to appoint the following to the Haddam Killingworth Recreation Authority for the fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014: Anthony Sledzik, Robert Fitzgerald, William Bowles, Robert Fitzgerald, and Lisa Weise.

Voted to approve an ordinance to accept a permanent drainage, detention basin and fire tank water storage easement on 1564-1575 Saybrook Road.

October 10, 2013

Voted to transfer \$42,983 from Line Item #84-80000 Contingency to Line Item #21-09500 Insurance Anthem Blue Cross.

Voted to reallocate Capital Plan Funds in the 2013-2014 budget from line item #17-90-200-12-1004 HVFD Plymovent Station #2 and #3 - \$25,000.00. Line Item #17-90-200-13-10008 HFVD Replace Boiler at Station #1.

May 6, 2014

Regional District #17 School Budget Referendum: Adopted Regional School District #17 Education Budget of \$40,028,420.02 for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. Haddam - Yes - 449 No -536 Killingworth - Yes -362 No-131 = Total Yes - 672 No - 546 - Budget passed.

May 21, 2014

Voted to approve the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30-2015 in the amount of \$29,871,222.00. Voted to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan. Voted to carry forward the previously approved Capital Plan projects: \$12,533. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purchase or lease of a roll off truck.

June 16, 2014

Approved an Ordinance:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN MEETING OF HADDAM THAT:

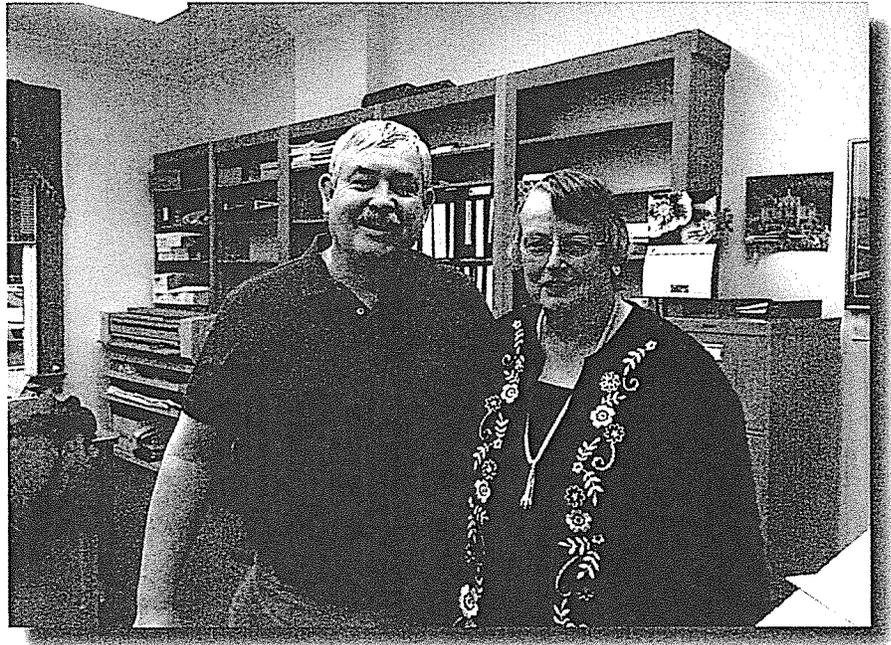
(A) Section 4 of FEES FOR PROCESSING shall be amended with the following addition:

(B) For all Class 1 renewable energy systems as defined in the Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-1(a) (26), the building permit fee shall be waived.

Section 1. Purpose:

It is the purpose of this regulation to reduce the cost of solar PV system installations and promote the use of renewable energy. This Ordinance seeks to:

- (1) Provide property owners and business owners with flexibility in satisfying their on-site energy needs.
- (2) Reduce overall energy demands within the Municipality and promote energy efficiency.
- (3) Streamline the permitting process for rooftop solar PV systems by updating regulations and administrative procedures related to rooftop solar PV permitting and fees.



New Town Clerk Scott Brookes and retiring Town Clerk Ann Huffstetler. Ann Huffstetler served as town clerk for 33 years and was one of the first town clerks to be certified in Connecticut.

(4) Support the Municipality's conservation and sustainability goals.

Section 2. Applicability:

(1) This Ordinance applies to solar PV systems modified, upgraded or installed after the effective date of the Ordinance.

(2) This Ordinance is effective as of date of adoption unless another date is otherwise specified.

Section 3. Permit Fee:

For all Class 1 renewable energy systems as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, the building permit fee shall be waived.

Section 4. Licensing:

For solar energy work, our Municipality does not require any community-specific licenses over and above current State of Connecticut licensing requirements defined by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Brookes
Town Clerk

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November 5, 2013 - Municipal Elections

First Selectman			Sworn In
Democratic	Melissa Schlag	1,351	11/16/2013
Republican	Paul DeStefano	1,178	
Selectmen			
Democratic	Sean Donlan	1,579	11/7/2013
Republican	Bob Duval	1,436	11/12/2013
Town Clerk			
Democratic	Scott R. Brookes	1,127	11/16/2013
Republican	Cheryl Haase	954	
Petitioning Candidate	Dawn Tarbetsky	455	
Treasurer			
Republican	Robin Munster	1,779	11/7/2013
Tax Collector			
Republican	Kristin Battistoni	1,789	11/7/2013
Board of Finance			
Republican	Joe Centofanti	1,106	
Republican	John Tabak	1,193	11/12/2013
Democratic Party	John Bosco	1,227	11/14/2013
Democratic Party	Dan Dachelet	1,137	
Board of Finance Alternate			
Petitioning Candidate	Joanne Nesti	1,417	11/20/2013
Board of Assessment Appeals			
Republican	Lisa Lawrence	1,882	11/16/2013
Democratic	Judith Goldfarb	1,459	11/7/2013
Planning and Zoning Commission			
Republican	Wayne LePard	1,431	11/14/2013
Republican	Stasia DeMichele	1,346	11/13/2013
Democratic	Michael Lagace	1,356	11/16/2013
Democratic	Carmelo Rosa	1,384	11/21/2013
Democratic	Don Giboski	1,219	
Democratic	Walter Zilahy	1,274	
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate			
Democratic	Raul DeBrigard	1,602	11/20/2013
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Republican	Dave Papallo, Jr.	1,139	
Republican	Robin Munster	1,405	11/7/2013
Democratic Party	Marge DeBold	1,548	11/7/2013
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate			
Republican	Kenneth Wendt	1,548	
Democratic	Helen Reeve	1,532	11/20/2013
Board of Education			
Republican	Kathy Brown	1,491	11/12/2013
Republican	Chet Harris	1,280	
Republican	Brian Gamache	1,502	11/20/2013
Democratic	Dan Chase	1,429	11/26/2013

Planning and Zoning Commission

Jamin Laurenza, Chairman
Liz Glidden, Town Planner

Over the past year the Commission has updated and reviewed the Zoning Regulations, and reviewed the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD). The Commission included additional uses within the zoning code to promote new business in town and added several new uses to the commercial district including microbreweries, medical marijuana producers and dog kennels. The Commission continues to direct appropriate development to the Village District and revised the regulations for the Higganum Village District to include design guidelines for the Village. The Commission also hosted a public presentation on affordable housing in Haddam and will be working with a consultant to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment for the Town. This study will review the types and costs of available housing in Haddam and how the Town can encourage more affordable housing types. In the next year the Commission will investigate creating a Tylerville Business District to encourage responsible development there. All meetings are open to the public and there is a public comment period at the beginning of every meeting. This year the Commission held public

hearings on: 2 Subdivisions, 2 Site Plan Reviews, 6 Special Permits, and 4 Board of Selectman Referrals in accordance with CGS 8-24.

Attendance for 2013-2014 Fiscal Year (Note: some Commission members changed with the 2013 election):

Steve Bull - 13/15
Stasia DeMichele - 0/15
Art Kohs - 8/15
Michael Lagace - 12/15
Jamin Laurenza - 11/15
Wayne LePard - 13/15
Carmello Rosa - 12/12
Robert Braren - 6/10
Raul de Brigard - 9/12
Ed Wallor - 15/15
John Bosco - 2/3
Bill Winakor - 2/3
Walt Zilahy - 3/3
Bunny Batzner (Secretary) - 18/18
Liz Glidden (Town Planner) - 18/18

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Glidden, Town Planner



Photo: Melissa Schlag

Town Planner Liz Glidden and the Planning and Zoning Commission sample beer from a local brewery at a meeting in January 2013

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robin Munster, Chair

There were no significant activities, projects or issues addressed by the Board during this fiscal year.

Meetings Attendance

Thomas Berchulski - 2/4
Margo Chase-Wells - 4/4
Marjorie DeBold - 2/2
Robin Munster - 4/4
Jen O'Neal - 3/4
David Papallo - 1/2
Mary Hickish, Alt. - 2/4
Helen Reeve, Alt. - 2/4
Ken Wendt, Alt. - 3/4

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Munster
Chair

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).

It 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 9 regular meetings and 1 site walk meeting at 2 locations.

Membership (with attendance record):

Paul Best (9 of 11)
Jeremy DeCarli (7 of 11)
Mal Gorin (2 of 7)
Dan Iwanicki (9 of 11)
Joe Laurenza (5 of 11)
Robin Maule (8 of 11)
Joe Stephens (9 of 11)
Mark Stephens (9 of 11)
Tom Worthley (7 of 11)

The Commission received 11 permit applications, approved 10 permits, and denied 0 permits. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer approved 4 permits.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stephens
Chair

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Samuel D. Crum, Jr., Chairman

The Capital Planning Committee (CPC) requested in August of 2013 information from all town agencies regarding their capital expenditure requests that exceeded \$5,000 for the five year period 2014-2019. A letter from Haddam's First Selectman was sent to each agency chair requesting this information in the format provided by 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 available information, the CPC formulated a Town of Haddam Capital Plan for the period 2014-2019, prioritizing and filtering all agency requests.

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance were presented with a draft of the five (5)-year Capital Plan in late March of 2014. CPC Committee members met with the Board of Selectmen 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 cheerful and positive attitude providing much needed assistance.

Meeting Attendance: Jack Calhoun, 5/6; Sam Crum, 6/6; Irwin Knafel, 3/6; Jack Murphy 4/6; and Joanne Nesti 5/6.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel D. Crum, Jr.
Chairman

Senior Center/Haddam Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Mark P. Lundgren, Municipal Agent/ Senior Center Manager

The Municipal Agent position is authorized by State statute with every town having an agent. The Agent's major responsibility is one of directing seniors in need to others with specific expertise for help. In Haddam a few more things have been added. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for appointing me to a second two year term in January.

The most visible duty I have is the management of the Senior Center located at 923 Saybrook Road (phone 860-345-2480). The Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. The Center is also home to our subsidized weekday lunch program. All a senior needs to do is call 860-345-8300 the day before between 10am and noon to reserve a meal. The Center is also open from 10am to 1pm on Tuesday and Thursday for lunch.

In most towns the State Renters' Rebate Program is administered by the Assessor's office; in Haddam the Municipal Agent is responsible for its administration. This set up works well as other programs can be administered at the same time like the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and various utility help programs.

I have been honored to serve for two years as the secretary of the Committee on Aging. Chaired by Ms. Gloria Maynard, the committee has been especially busy. This year the monumental project of

creating a senior services pamphlet was completed and distributed. This will be an ongoing project with regular refinement and updating. Tax relief for the elderly will be revisited in the coming months.

Two organizations formed last year have continued growing successfully; they are AHA! (Alliance of Haddam Artists) and the Ukuladies (a Ukulele band). This year saw the start of Haddam Bicycle Cruisers (find on face book) with over forty enthusiasts involved. All of these organizations are open to all.

Throughout the year the following events took place and/or groups met at the Center, most two to four times a month: AHA!, Bingo, Club 60, Committee on Aging, Concerts, Exercise Class, Field Excursions, Health Discussions, Knitting Group, Tai Chi, UkuLadies and Wood Carvers. A monthly calendar is published with meetings and events scheduled.

The Center is also a designated heating or cooling center and opens for extended hours as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Lundgren
Haddam Senior Center Manager

Haddam Club 60

Gloria Maynard, President

Haddam Club 60 once again had a successful year in 2013/2014. Meetings are held at the Senior Center on the first and third Monday of each month September through June at one o'clock. The Club, with 100 dues paying members, continued to grow this year. Average attendance at meetings varied from 35 to 40 members. June 16th, the final meeting of the year, members attended the senior picnic sponsored by the Committee on Aging.

Funding from the Town of Haddam was used as follows:

1. Holiday Party
2. Mystery Trip (to Cape Cod to visit the Cape Cod Museum, Sandwich Glass, and Jelly Factory)
3. Boat Cruise on the Connecticut River on the River Quest.

Treasurer Mary Ellen Larson had the financial records audited in May (auditor's report dated May 5, 2014 was completed by Douglas J. Pierce).

Special projects included food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a scholarship.

The Executive Board met twice during the year.

Some of the invited Speakers included: a representative speaking about Identity Theft, Artist Barbara Gish, Superintendent of RSD #17 Howard Thiery, and various entertainers. Haddam Club 60 will resume meeting on September 8 with newly elected President Beth Hartke and newly elected Vice President Ann Huffstetler. Sue Ruddy will continue as Secretary and Mary Ellen Larson as Treasurer. I wish Beth and Ann success as they assume their new duties as officers of Haddam Club 60.

Club 60 is a place where you will find great programs, trips, and socialization with other seniors.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Maynard
President, 2013-2014

Haddam Committee on Aging

Gloria Maynard, Chairman

The Committee on Aging met monthly throughout the year on Mondays at 10:30 AM at the Haddam Senior Center. The average attendance was 10 members.

Per Committee on Aging By laws, new members were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to meet the required number of 12. Appointed as new members are Jackie Crysler, Marge DeBold, Susan DeCarli, Beth Hartke, Mary Lou Heger, Susan Ruffy, and Robert Waller. Standing members of the committee include Gloria Maynard, Mark Lundgren, Helen Marica, Gloria Reiss, and Adele Vynalek. At the suggestion of the Committee, the following members were made Honorary members: Mary Arrigoni, Merle Brookes, Geri Marek, and Ed Vallera.



Committee on Aging meeting at the Senior Center

Town funding was used for the following:

- A Senior Picnic for senior from Haddam, Higganum, and Haddam Neck
- An Informational Brochure

Projects undertaken by the Committee:

- By Laws were reviewed and updated
- Informational Brochure of Helpful information
- Senior Picnic proceeds from the raffle (\$172) were donated to the Haddam Fuel Bank (please note: out of town guests at the picnic paid \$12 each to attend).

Projected Projects:

- Tax Relief for the Elderly
- Senior Ambassadors
- Senior Picnic

Meetings Attendance: Jackie Crysler 3/3, Marge DeBold 3/3, Susan DeCarli 2/3, Beth Hartke 3/3, Mary Lou Heger 3/3, Mark Lundgren 3/3, Helen Marica 2/3, Gloria Maynard 3/3, Gloria Reiss 3/3, Susan Ruffy 3/3, Adele Vynalek 3/3, Robert Waller 2/3, Candy Casale 3/3, and Honorary Members: Mary Arrigoni 2/3, Merle Brookes 0/3, Geri Marek 1/3, Ed Vallera 1/3

The Committee on Aging Meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Maynard
Chairman

The Veterans' Museum is used to display military artifacts, war memorabilia, and other items associated with the town's 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, 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 Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the Pumpkin Run.

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 Veteran's Memorial Walk which was started in 2004 is continuing to be expanded. 18 new bricks were installed this year. The 4"X 8" pavers are engraved with the person's name, rank, branch of service and the time in which they served. Anyone can 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.

Committee Members

Richard Annino - 345-4802
Ken Vallera - 345-9124
Jamie Kuchyt - 345-9110
Teresa Kuchyt - 345-9110
Nate Meyers - 345-2291
Steve Abbatello
Harold Edman

Robert Kadrle - 345-8998
Malcolm Meyers - 345-2291
Art Wiknik - 345-8619
James Annino - 860-953-0708 Mike Zanelli - 345-8245
Jen Tower
Jeff Hartke
Bethany Meyer

Ronald P. Annino, Committee Chairman - 345-4451

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald P. Annino
Chairman

Haddam Parade Committee

Ronald P. Annino, Chairman

In the last fiscal year the Parade Committee held the Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 26th. 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 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 for 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ronald P. Annino

Chairman

Health District

Thad King, Director of Health – Chatham Health District

[Note: This report cites statistics inclusive of all towns serviced by the Chatham Health District.]

Board of Health

Thad D. King, Director of Health

Peter Hughes, Chairman

Mark Walter, Vice Chairman

Melissa Schlag (November 2013-Present)

Candace Casale (July 2013-November 2013)

Andrew Tierney

Susan Bransfield

Kate Morris

Gregg Schuster

Blyse Soby

Dick Edmonds

The Board conducted six regularly scheduled meetings, five special meetings, and one public hearing, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. 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 www.chathamhealth.org. In addition, the Personnel Policy and Budget Committee conducted two meetings, the Community Health Committee conducted three meetings, and the Environmental Health Committee three meetings.

Funding

Revenues	
Municipal	\$ 613,249
State/Federal	\$ 133,472
Fees	\$ 168,657
Interest	\$ 16
Regional	\$ 7,765
Total	\$ 923,159
Expenditures	\$ 964,559
Fund Balance	\$ - 41,400

Services

Environmental Permits/Applications:	
Septic Systems (New and Repaired)	193
Permits to Discharge	648
Water Supply Wells	173
Soil Testing-Lots	192
Site Plan Reviews	84
B-100a and Eng. Plan Reviews	467
Food Service Permits	250
Environmental Inspections:	
Day Care	6
Campgrounds	1
Housing Code - heat/water supply/plumbing	38
Investigation of EBL > 10 mg/dl	4
Lead Paint Inspection	0
Public Health Complaints	62
Food Service Establishments	267
Temporary Food Service Events	156

Community Health Programs

Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations	1675
Community Health Education Events	14
Breast Cancer Outreach Contacts	1015
Referrals for Screening	89
Total Reportable Disease Reports	742
Select Disease Reporting: (Rate/100,000)	
Hepatitis C	132
Chlamydia	108
Lyme	342
Flu (A & B)	85
Communicable Disease Case Work	30
Total Services	6,106

Respectfully submitted,
 Thad King
 Director of Health - Chatham Health District

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 continues to recommend that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) establish a Water Pollution Control Authority and begin the process of designing a suitable public sewer system for Higganum Center. Coupling this system with public water was also discussed and requires further review. While spear-headed by other Boards, Commissions and Town staff, bringing clean 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 a non-residential tax base and reducing the burden of taxes on residential property owners without adversely affecting the character of the Town.

EDC has also recommended to the BOS that the Town establish a Local Bidder's Preference Ordinance which will be a benefit to local contractors, suppliers or service providers when bidding on Town contracts.

We continue to assist current businesses and encourage new ones at every opportunity. We will continue to work with business community as well as Land Use Boards and Commissions to guide responsible development within the Town.

Over the past year, Haddam has seen new businesses open and existing businesses expand, and we look forward to continuing this trend.

In 2014, EDC continued to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Haddam become a member Town of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (CPACE), which will provide an affordable way for businesses to make their buildings more energy efficient and sustainable by upgrading systems and assemblies. Participation by business Owners is voluntary, but has proven effective in many of our surrounding communities.

We continue to support other groups in town and remain committed to assisting any effort which improves the quality of life and responsible economic development goals of the community.

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

The Commission had 12 meetings scheduled for the year; seven meetings were held. Attendance is based on seven meetings.

Heather Batzner - 6/7

Michael Fortuna - 6/7

Joe Bergin - 5/7

Peter Gillespie - 3/7

Dan Dachelet - 3/7

Edward Vynalek - 5/7

Barbara Fernandez - 4/7

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk - 7/7

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Fortuna
Chairman

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 State and Town Regulations, economic development and coordination with other agencies such as DOT, DPH and DEEP.

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.

The Land Use Office staff includes Liz Glidden, Town Planner, Jim Puska, Part Time Wetlands and Zoning Officer and Maureen Tary, Administrative Coordinator.

This year the PZC was awarded the Home Economic Grant for \$20,000 to assess the town housing needs and create an Incentive Housing Zone for Mixed Income Housing. The Land Use Department also worked closely with DEEP and EPA to promote the clean up of Higganum Cove. The bridge project at the intersection of 154 and 81 is expected to begin in 2015 and the Land Use Department has been active in sidewalk redesign and staging for the project.

A good deal of work that is done in the land use office is setting the stage for future years. Some of the projects we continue to work on are addressing the ground water contamination in Tylerville, creating housing diversity for empty nesters and singles, and repurposing some of the historic structures, such as the jail and the Scovil Hoe buildings. Other ongoing activities include bond maintenance, collaboration with DOT on various road improvements, working with the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments and other neighboring Towns towards common goals and partnership. The Town has also worked with the federal and local agencies to preserve a number of parcels of land. In the past year the Land Use Office has processed all the permits for the Chatham Health District, the Fire Marshal, ZBA, PZC, Wetlands and the following Zoning Permits:

New Homes	7
Accessory Structures & Additions	84
Subdivision	4
Site Plan Review	2
Special Permit	6
Driveway Bond	10
Driveway Permit	10
E&S Bond	9
DEEP State Fee	91
Change of Zone/Zoning Map	1

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Glidden
Town Planner

Conservation Commission

Gail Kalison Reynolds, Chairman

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.

Accomplishments for the fiscal year 2013-2014:

- 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
- Completed the bike rack project, through purchase and installation of a bike rack at Hi-Way Package Store in Higganum Center, to promote exercise and lowering of fossil fuel use
- Researched the viability of a Right to Farm ordinance.

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.

Member Attendance at the 8 Meetings held:

Walter Bragoni - 5/8	Deborah Umba – 2/8	Respectfully submitted, Gail Kalison Reynolds Chair
Ian Gibson-1/2	Tom Worthley – 6/8	
Mardi Hanson -8/8	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk – 8/8	
Gail Reynolds, Chairman – 8/8		

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

Jim Mandolfo, Secretary

Robert McGarry, Chief Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department

Sam Baber, Chief Haddam Volunteer Fire Company

Christian Michalowski, Company Representative Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department

John Boothroyd, 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 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.

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

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company

Sam Baber, Chief

For the fiscal year 2013-2014, once again the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to over 500 calls. We had a total of 530 emergency calls. A breakdown of the types of calls and the numbers are as follows: 135 Fire (structure, brush, car, etc.), 299 Medical calls, 83 Motor Vehicle accidents, 2 Marine calls, and 11 Community Service, etc calls. Our volume over the past few years is increasing.

Training continues to be a high priority in the Company. Currently, we have 49 members; of those members 39 are certified to State level Firefighter I or II. In addition, we also have 24 medically trained members (either at the EMT or MRT level). This medical number also includes 2 members of the Junior Fire Department. We continue to provide mutual aid assistance to South Fire District, Durham, Killingworth, East Haddam and Chester as well as any other town when requested.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company is actively seeking new members and is open to anyone willing to join us. If you provide us with your time and willingness to make a difference, we will provide all the training 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.

Our Junior Fire Department is doing very well. They currently have 7 members between the ages of 14 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 are also active in fundraising events which bring funds to their organization to use for operating and training. This year, we sent 4 Junior members to the State Fire Academy for a one week Cadet training program and all four successfully completed that course and were honored with certificates at a graduation ceremony. This program is a one week stay at the Fire Academy in Windsor Locks where the members are taught the basic firefighting skills needed. They then demonstrate those skills in an evolution at the graduation, showcasing the skills they have learned. 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 already have the basic skills needed when they decide to join the Senior department.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Women's Auxiliary continues to provide support to the Fire Company in many different ways. They help at Company functions and activities such as the Children's Christmas Party as well as providing refreshments to the Fire Company at prolonged or major events.

The Fire Company is grateful to all the residents, businesses and other civic organizations for your support throughout the year. With this support, we can confidently provide the professional emergency response that everyone deserves.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Baber, Chief

Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department

Robert W. McGarry, Chief

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 59 calls as detailed below.

Type	Total
Fire	15
Medical	35
Vehicle Accident	7
Marine	0
Other	2
Total	59

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 one new member this year.

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

Respectfully submitted:
R. W. McGarry, Chief

Animal Control Officer

Daun Kowalski, Animal Control Officer

Program Narrative:

The Animal Control budget provides for one part time Animal Control Officer (ACO).

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Accomplishments/Achievements:

To provide tax payers and pet owners with assistance in solving any animal related problems they have in the most effective and timely manner as possible. I sought out advice and suggestions from other area ACOs and created some new adoption applications. I requested and received low-income pet sterilization applications from the state and offered them to residents as needed.

Functions:

- Pick up roaming/lost dogs
- Provide advice/guidance to residents on barking, roaming and nuisance animals
- Provide advice/guidance to residents on wildlife nuisance issues (with assistance from the DEEP)
- Advertise and find homes for impounded unclaimed animals
- Hold a rabies clinic in June
- Issue citations, as necessary
- Pick up injured/sick animals and seek medical treatment
- Ensure that dogs and cats are rabies vaccinated

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Goals and Objectives:

I am working toward becoming a nationally certified ACO.

I will be requesting more training money this year to complete my certification.

Respectfully submitted,
Daun Kowalski
Animal Control Officer

Fire Marshal

William Robbins, Fire Marshal

This past year saw a changing of the guard in the Haddam Fire Marshal's office.

Scott R. Brookes had served as Fire Marshal for twenty-two years and retired to assume the duties of Town Clerk. Scott served the town very well and we wish him well in his new "career".

The Fire Marshal's responsibility is to enforce the Connecticut State Fire Code as well as investigate all fires that may occur in town. The Fire Code requires inspection of all civic and commercial buildings in town including schools, daycare centers, assisted living facilities and residential buildings of more than two families. The Fire Marshal works together with the Building Official and is required to sign off on all commercial building permits and Certificates of Occupancy.

I would like to acknowledge and thank James McDonald of Killingworth and John Kananowicz of East Haddam, who assist as Deputy Fire Marshals when called upon. Also, Scott Brookes is remaining in service as a Deputy Fire Marshal.

The Fire Marshal also serves as the Open Burning Official and is responsible for field inspection of burning sites and issuance of permits. I would like to acknowledge and thank James Saucier, Dan Sullivan and Robert Lenois of the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, who assist me when called upon. We are all trained and certified by the Connecticut DEEP to issue Open Burning Permits.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Joe Zaiantz, who has served as Burning Official in Haddam Neck for many years.

The Fire Marshal is also tasked with submitting monthly NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) Reports to the State Fire Marshal. This information goes into a state and national database for research and analysis of fire and EMS incidents.

In addition to the day to day work, all certified Fire Marshals must maintain their certification by attending 90 hours of continuing education training over a three year cycle.

Please remember that all families should have an escape plan from their home in the event of fire and remember "Smoke Detectors Save Lives".

Respectfully submitted,
William Robbins
Fire Marshal

Building Department

Fernand Tremblay, Building Official

The functions and activity within the Building Department during the 2013-2014 fiscal year are as follows:

New Dwellings – 25	In ground and above Swimming Pools – 11
Additions – 27	Heating – 156
Alterations – 39	Plumbing – 64
Garages – 25	Electrical – 209

Repair/Replacement – 17
 Demolition – 8
 Commercial Buildings – (Additions) – 6
 Commercial Alterations – 14
 Commercial Addition - 6
 Masonry /Chimney/Stoves - 57
 Shed-11
 Barns-2
 Deck – 30
 Other: 4
 Porch – 2
 Re-roofing –31
 Solar Systems/Panels- 23

Fiscal Totals

Permits Issued – 845
 Inspections – 1063
 Permit Reviews – 276
 Certificates of Occupancy – 44
 Permit Fees - \$120,087.00
 Valuations of Permits - \$13,535,706.06
 State Training Fees - \$3,753.90

Department Purchases/Payments using funding from the town included:

1. Equipment & Supplies: Magazine subscriptions, equipment, forms for office, new office equipment
2. Professional Development: Building Official seminars, Fred Pryor membership for office assistant.
3. Dues and Membership: Meetings through the State, Associations fees.
4. Required Publications: Books for new codes that Fern has to have, forms for office
5. Supplemental Payroll.
6. Contractual Services: Mutual aid Building Official to fill for vacation etc. to do inspections
7. Mileage: Compensation for completing building inspections with the Building Official's privately owned vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,
 Fern Tremblay
 Building Official

Public Works Department

Philip Goff, Assistant Director

The Public Works Dept. employs nine (9) full-time employees, including an assistant director, a part-time secretary, and two part-time transfer station employees.

The Public Works Department 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;

Public Works, cont.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
 Philip Goff

Haddam Public Health, Inc. (HPH) is a non-profit, town-funded agency, directed by a twelve-member board. HPH has two employees: Candace Casale, RN, BSN, Public Health Coordinator – full time, and Andrea Herlth, Office Assistant – part time.

During this past year, Ms. Casale spent approximately 75% of her time in direct contact with clients or their families either in person or on the telephone. These contacts included service referrals/coordination, bereavement visits, and caregiver support.

Ms. Casale conducts blood pressure screening clinics at the Haddam Senior Center every other month from September to June (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Residents are also welcome to have their blood pressure taken at our office (11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam). A total of one hundred blood pressures were taken.

HPH maintains an Emergency Food Bank for town residents, who find themselves in an emergency situation and without food for short periods of time. The Food Bank is stocked by food drives sponsored by local schools, Churches, day care centers, youth & civic organizations, and individual donors. The Food Bank was used eighty three times. A total of 5,454 food items were distributed. At Thanksgiving, seventy six households received food baskets and at Christmas, seventy eight households were helped.

HPH has an Emergency Fuel Bank that assisted thirty two households with heating oil, electricity, propane, gas, or wood. Many generous donations were received to support the program.

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

HPH recruited and scheduled volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program through May 30th of 2014. The Program provides hot meals and social contact for homebound residents each weekday in addition to frozen meals delivered for weekend use, if desired. Our drivers delivered meals daily through May 30th. CW Resources manages the elderly nutrition program and decided to contract their own drivers effective June 1, 2014. Unfortunately, this eliminated the "personal" contact and the safety check components of the program.

Flu Clinics – one clinic was held at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse #1 in Higganum. Sixty flu shots were given to senior citizens.

HPH runs a durable medical equipment loan closet, which includes such items as walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, shower seats and benches, etc.. A total of fifty three individuals made use of the loan closet during this year, and sixty three items were loaned out.

There were five (5) regularly scheduled HPH meetings during 2013-2014.

The Members of the HPH Board of Directors are:

Noreen Carlson	Pat Strom	
Ginny Evensen	Mary Todzia	
Kim Gionfriddo	Karen Warner, MD	Beverly Granat
Barbara White	Laura Porter	
JoAnn Woickelman	Claudette Sirois	
Joseph Zaiantz, DMD		

The HPH Board Members are thankful to the many people and organizations who donate their time and money in support of HPH's Programs. We are pleased to be able to provide a wide range of quality services for the residents of Haddam/Higganum/Haddam Neck. We encourage anyone with questions about or may be in need of our services to call the HPH office at (860) 345-4621.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Zaiantz, DMD, President

Board of Directors

Mark Torello, Chair, Higganum
Joan Reed Wilson, Vice Chair, Higganum
Lorraine Taylor, Secretary, Higganum
Scott Monroe, Treasurer, Middletown
Hilary Kumnick, Killingworth
Rebecca Loew, Killingworth
Carol Dupuis Higganum
Bernard McNulty, Higganum
Howard Thiery, Higganum

Staff

Deborah Kelly, Executive Director (40 hours/week)
Kathryn Glendon, MPH, CHES, Director of Programs (40 hours/week)
Rachael Leombruno, LMFT Director of Clinical Services (25 hours/week)
Cynthia Capetta, Early Childhood Council Coordinator (10 hours/week)
Ann O'Mara, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper (40 hours/week)

In addition to paid staff there are three Masters level interns and two undergrad interns. We also have a Masters level consultant who provides clinical services in our office.

Introduction

Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc. (YFS), has completed their 20th year of service to youth and their families residing in Haddam and Killingworth. The agency has expanded its programs and services to meet the needs of our growing communities. Collaboration with Regional School District 17, and other youth serving agencies in both Haddam and Killingworth is ongoing to identify the needs of Haddam and Killingworth youth and avoid duplication of service. The primary office is located at 91 Little City Road in Higganum on the second floor. In addition, we have an office at the Killingworth Town Hall. 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.

Office Locations

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

Our Mission

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

Population Served

- Total Population/ 7,653 Haddam*
- Total Population/ 6,653 Killingworth*

Youth Under the Age of 18

- 1733 in Haddam*
- 1648 in Killingworth*

*CERC Town Profile 2013

Program	Number Served
Individual Group or Family Counseling	160
Juvenile Review Board	7
Financial Assistance/Case Management	18
Short term Interventions	735
Holiday Giving Program	97
Backpack Program	33
Prevention Education /Open House/All Schools	500
Underage Drinking Education/Skit	500
GIVE HKMS (Middle School Leadership Group)	33
Youth in Action HKHS	35
Middle and High School Girls program	19
Moms and Tots	10
educational programs for 4th and 5th grade girls and their parent/guardian	30
Community Read Initiative	210
Pancake Breakfast	200
Impact Speaker for High School Juniors and Seniors	325
Alternative activities for high school youth	393
HKHS Risky Behavior Presentation	200
Healthy Communities Healthy Kids Coalition	215
Education for local Law Enforcement/ Underage Drinking Initiative	45
Education for local school staff/ Underage Drinking Initiative	35
Education Community Event	14
Drug Take Back community Event	60
Family Dinner Night	150
Neighborhood Gathering/ Community Education	15
Community Education/ Substance abuse prevention	30
Education/Community Event Internet Safety	175
Merchant Training Underage Drinking Initiative	5
Collaboration with local Drivers Education Class	18
Advisor Advisee Program/high school youth	22
Collaboration with local congregational leaders	8
Mini Grants Awards Presentation	15
Asset Mapping	120
Presentation to Middle School staff/Search Institute Survey	40
Administration of Search Institute Survey - youth grades 7-12	914

Scope of Services

Interventions: Family counseling, individual counseling, group counseling, after school groups, groups that promote positive youth development, and a juvenile review board. Information and referral services are also provided.

Positive Youth Development: Community service opportunities for students, after school groups, groups for high school students during their lunch activity period, Moms and Tots held at the Killing-

worth Library, parent education, resource library for parents, relationship building activities for youth and their parents/caregivers, Special programs in response to needs of the community.

Annual Programs: HKHS Street Fest, Summer Program for Teens, Haddam River Days, planning and execution of the United Way Day of Caring which serves residents of both Haddam and Killingworth, the annual Pumpkin Run, annual fundraising raffle event, annual Back-to-School Backpack Program, annual Summer Program, and the Holiday Giving Program. The agency also serves as a Salvation Army Service Unit for the Town of Haddam (distributing funds for needy residents).

Fundraising Events: Annual Pumpkin Run (managed by the Hartford Marathon Foundation), Annual Fundraising Raffle Event, (2014 was our second year to host a raffle event) the Annual Spring and End of Year Fundraising Appeal.

Healthy Communities Healthy Kids Coalition (formerly the Prevention Council): This is a community coalition working to prevent and reduce substance abuse, other risky behavior, and, promote the wellness of our community. Activities include community wide events twice per year, member attendance at the Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America Annual Conference in Washington DC, Youth In Action, a group of high school students committed to community service and prevention, stipend for a SADD advisor at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, collaboration with Regional School District 17 to bring prevention related assemblies to students, community presentations/education, and collaboration with other youth serving organizations. The Middlesex United Way has supported the coalition's efforts to implement the Developmental Assets Model in the Haddam-Killingworth community (www.search-institute.org).

Collaborations: Collaborations include those with the business community, child protection teams, civic organizations, court services, health professionals, legislators, other non-profit organizations, other youth service bureaus, parent groups, law enforcement, regional action councils, religious communities, schools and other youth serving organizations, state agencies, systems of care, and local government.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kelly, Executive Director
Mark Torello, Executive Board Chairman

Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc

Rudy Durinick, President

The Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc., (HVAS), was very busy during the 2013 calendar year responding to over 550 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 in town respond to this important mailing. By being a member of HVAS, you are supporting your HVAS 911 team and our mission to provide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to our town on a 24/7 basis.

HVAS focused a great deal on recruiting new members in the past year and welcomed approximately 10 new members into its ranks. These members include active medical members, probationary members and thirds. We look forward to continuing to work on both recruitment and retention.

This past year, HVAS enjoyed increased public awareness in our community through various means including: publication of informational articles in the Haddam Bulletin, participation in the annual Touch a Truck event, continued distribution of HVAS' free "File of Life", 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.

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 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 over 20 highly trained EMS personnel who take duty hours during the 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 our 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,
Rudy Durinick
President/Chief of Service

Haddam Park & Recreation Commission

Craig Anderson, 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.

Improvements over the past year include installation of a free standing storage building to service the soccer field at Great Hill, reconfiguration of the existing handicap accessible Playscape, and work initiated for its expansion. Pending projects include construction of a basketball court at Great Hill, completion of the expansion of the Playscape and installation of a well and reconstruction of the vehicular access way at the Brickyard. The Commission also administers the 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 Haddam's Middlesex "Over 40" Softball Association team.

In September 2013, the Commission took over the traditional concert festivities at the Higganum Green as part of "Haddam River Days". Renamed "Family Fun Night", an overflow crowd enjoyed a concert and dancing, inflatable activities for the kids and great food and snacks made available by various civic and political groups. The event was a huge success and the Commission looks forward to offering Family Fun Night for many years to come!

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Anderson
Chairman

Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority

Frank J. Sparks, Director of Recreation

Introduction

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is embarking on its 39th year of service to the HK communities. Support and participation in our programs continues to grow. During the past year, we have provided over 150 various programs and activities for infants through senior citizens.

One of the vital programs this department sponsors is a school age child care. Hundreds of families utilize the HK After School Program, holiday camps, school vacation camps and the Summer Camp. Families are secure with the knowledge that their 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.

We have completed two years of offering on-line registration to the community, thus making it easy to register for most of our programs any time of the day. Thousands of patrons have participated in the wide range of activities and programs offered through our department. This added option of registering for programs has been well received by the public.

Meetings Attendance July 2013 – June 2014:

Dan Colonia – Chairman – 8/9
Robert Fitzgerald – Vice Chairman – 7/9
William Bowles – Treasurer – 8/9
William Burley – 4/9
Robert Grasso – 4/9
Tony Sledzik – 8/9
Lisa Wiese – 8/9

Staff:

Frank Sparks, Director of Recreation
Robyne Brennan, Assistant Director of Recreation
Jennifer Saglio, Director of Child Care
Sheila Benoit, Administrative Assistant

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. Within the park we have eight different trees, which are recognized as either an unusual species or as one of the largest recorded within Connecticut. Field Park is open to the general public during day-light hours 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 860-345-2627.

Last year our Secretary, Bob Cushing, passed away after battling cancer. Bob was a dedicated and energetic member of the board who spent countless hours working to improve the park. He was a lifelong friend to me personally, and his advice, which I sought out often, was always excellent.

The following is the attendance of the Board of Directors for the Village Park Society of Haddam July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Our By-laws require at least four (4) meetings a year. This year there were 5 meetings.

Attendance:

Scott Brookes, 5/5, Stuart Brookes 3/5, Harvey Clew 4/5, Carl Conrad 5/5, Tom Zupan 4/5, Charlie Pytlik 3/5, David Neal 3/5, Kristin Battistoni 4/5, Malcolm Meyer 2/5, Shelley Brookes 2/5 and Vic Marek 2/5.

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 part time employees

The fiscal year 2013-2014 recorded a circulation of 17,675 adult books, 14,595 youth and children's books and 29,079 DVD's, audio books and compact discs. The library has reference materials and periodicals available for public use. Patrons may request materials not available in Brainerd Library from other libraries in the state through LION and ReQuest. The library also shares its resources with other state libraries through LION and ReQuest.

The library offers passes for local museums and parks. The passes provide free or reduced admission. The Friends of the Library provides these passes each year. There were 39,677 visitors to the library this year. There are now 6,636 registered borrowers, an increase of 245 patrons.

CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

There were two summer reading programs - DIG INTO READING for Pre-K to 4th grade students and BENEATH THE SURFACE for students in 5th grade and up. Two hundred forty children participated. To celebrate the completion of the programs in July, there was a Marvelous Mutts show, dogs that performed impressive tricks and stunts on the grassy area of the new library property.

During the year children had a visit and stories with Santa and Mrs. Claus, sang with Margie, met the Snakes of Connecticut and attended a program called Creature Teachers. These are just a few of the special events for young children.

A ZOMBIFICATION WORKSHOP with special effects makeup artist, Caroline Wilcox was held before Halloween for teens. A BEADING WITH LAURIE class for teens used washers, nail polish and beads to make necklaces.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Dr. Michael Kane, a homeopathic physician spoke on "Enhancing Immunity", Sarah Eiseman presented a program on how to access OverDrive E-Books for free, The Kerry Boys sang, Amber Diaz taught people how to take better pictures with their digital cameras and "Dr. Uke" taught folks how to play the ukulele. These are but a few of the special events for adults.

BOOK CLUBS

The library now has three book clubs. The Nutmeg Book Club, for students in grades 4 – 6, discusses a Nutmeg prize winning book each month. The Healthy Exchange Book Club is for adults who read and discuss books about health, nutrition, fitness, and emotional wellness. The Brainerd Library Book Club is also for adults. The members choose contemporary fiction books to read and discuss. All clubs have animated discussions about the books they read.

FUND RAISING

The TOUCH A TRUCK program was held in July on Higganum Green. Local organizations that use large equipment displayed trucks for the youngsters in the community to explore close up. A fire truck, a police car, an ambulance, a garbage truck and other large vehicles were available.

The TASTE OF HADDAM was held in April. It was well attended. Restaurants and local package stores in Haddam and other local towns brought food and drink samples to the library for tasting. Adults from the community came to the library for good food and conversation in a peaceful, pleasant environment. There was a silent auction of donations from many local stores and business which was very successful.

The first ANNUAL APPEAL to encourage community support the library occurred in December. This broad base of support will be necessary to add additional programs and services for the community. A letter was sent to every household and over \$5,000 was raised.

In June 2013, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of the 916 Saybrook Road property, which surrounds the existing library space. This property includes 3.3 acres of land and a contemporary house. The space could be used for additional parking, expansion of library facilities or additional space for programs.

The Community Room floor has been repaired and is again available for use for library programs and by local community groups. The floor is now sturdy and beautiful.

TRUSTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE: There were 10 meetings during the year. Virginia Evensen 10/10, Betsy Clifford 10/10, Diane Klare 10/10, Mary Karkutt-Kulak 9/10, Vivek Badami 7/10, Mike Jordan 5/10, Raul deBrigard 9/10, Jaime Beckman 9/10, Emily Smith 5/5, BJ Noonan 9/10, Paul Geraghty 4/10. Emily Smith retired from the Board at the end of March. Diane Klare retired from the Board at the end of June. The Board extends a THANK YOU to both women for their work on behalf of the Brainerd Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Muhlbach
Library Director

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 and Lindamae Peck were in attendance at our annual meeting held on 5/6/2014.

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

All monies received from the Town of Haddam have been used to assist with Raintree Landscaping's mowing fee of \$7,350 per season. We also have other mowing fees that total \$975 for the season as well as additional maintenance fees. This year, the monies were also used to assist with the removal of three trees totaling \$7,200.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy LePard, President

Haddam Historical Society

Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director

The Mission of the Haddam Historical Society (HHS) is to preserve, collect, interpret and promote the history and heritage of Haddam for present and future generations. The society offers a variety of annual programs, events and activities to share local history with the community and out of town visitors. HHS provides quality educational programs to over 800 school students from local school districts and offers a summer program which highlights life in early 19th Century Haddam. Our community based history programs, which appeal to all ages and focus on specific local events, people or industry, are extremely popular and help develop a strong respect for local history and foster hometown pride.

Our collections inventory is an integral part of the Haddam Historical Society and important to the Town of Haddam. We actively collect and preserve objects, manuscripts and items related to Haddam and its associated villages. In 2012 we developed our first large scale exhibit to celebrate the town's 350th anniversary which featured images and objects from the archives never seen before. Our collections continue to grow and the staff and volunteers use museum best practices to catalogue, archive and store these important and irreplaceable items. The society strives to share our town's heritage with residents and visitors alike.

The success of the "350" Traveling Exhibit has encouraged the society to create and produce additional exhibits focusing on Haddam's important past to share with the greater community. Our col-

lections are used by local high school students, scholars, authors and researchers as well as residents seeking information about their town. These objects help tell the story of the community's heritage and the important lessons of the past, and help residents gain a better understanding of Haddam's cultural heritage. The variety of collection objects range from important documents such as 18th century account records to large pieces of furniture like the old post office desk from the Haddam Post Office. We have a large variety of collections from Cutaway Harrow wine and cider presses made in Higganum in the 19th century to visitor souvenirs from Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Plant. The collection is expansive, all-encompassing and growing.

The funds received from the Town were used to assist with collections care and helped properly preserve these unique documents and objects for generations to come. Funding was used to help offset the fixed costs in maintaining the collection as well as the purchase of archival storage supplies and technology, which would digitize historic photographs. Digitizing images would make them electronically accessible to researchers/residents/students and could be displayed on our website or used in town wide exhibits. Historic photographs are fragile and the less they are handled the longer they last. Digitizing them would help in their long term preservation. Maintaining a sound environment with proper humidity and temperature controls is of the utmost importance in preserving and maintaining museum collections. Serious fluctuation in temperatures and moisture can severely deteriorate and damage not only paper archives, but historic furniture, wood, metal, textiles and other materials. In addition providing a pest free, clean and environmentally sensitive and secure housing for the collections is also vital in the long-term sustainability of the collections. We believe our collections are important to all citizens of Haddam both present and future.

The Town funding received, \$2,500, was approximately 25% of the overall Collections Budget, which is only one portion of the HHS Annual Budget.

2013 Collections Budget (based on the HHS Approved 2013 Budget)

Museum Maintenance and Upkeep:	\$600 (\$150 town funds)
Electricity:	\$850 (\$210.50 town funds)
Oil:	\$4,156 (\$1039 town funds)
Security:	\$800 (\$200 town funds)
Office site Storage (climate controlled)	\$2,599 (\$650 town funds)
Insurance:	\$504 (Museum Collections policy \$150,000 coverage) (\$126 town funds)
Archival supplies and software:	\$502 (Museum standard and approved) (\$125 town funds)
Total:	\$10,000 (of which \$2,500 was town funds)

The Haddam Historical Society accomplished many things in 2013 including successfully completing the Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (StEPs) sponsored by Connecticut Humanities, the Connecticut League of History Organizations and American Association for State and Local History. The intensive two-year programs focused on six critical areas and offered us the opportunity to benchmark our work against nationally recognized standards. We achieved silver certificates in Audience, Mission, Vision & Governance and Management. We are currently working on achieving silver certificates in Interpretation, Stewardship of Collections and Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes. We have updated our strategic plan, improved way-finding signage and updated policies and procedures. Participation in the program has been extremely beneficial to the society by educating staff, volunteers and the governing body of museum standards, increasing HHS credibility, and providing clear direction for future improvement and long-term sustainability.

In 2013 the museum installed central air conditioning for the protection of our collections and the comfort of our visitors. The society also received a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council to

install way-finding signage along Route 154. The east elevation of the museum was painted by volunteers.

We had a successful 40th Annual Connecticut Spring Antiques Show with a triumphant return to the Hartford Armory after an 11-year absence. The society continued to host annual events including Winter Woolies, Janteenth Night, volunteer thank you party, and Founders' Day Dinner. Programs included a talk on G. Fox in the 1950s, a boat trip on the CT River to celebrate the Swing Bridge's 100th Anniversary, and our first Arm Chair Chat with long-time residents. HHS worked with other local organizations to host walks of Higganum Cove and the Haddam Neck Quarries.

Staff prepared a traveling exhibit on the 100th Anniversary of the Swing Bridge and had a companion display at the museum with additional historic photographs and items from the collection.

Events in 2013 included a fundraising Lobster Bake and our Spirits of Higganum Historic House Tour. We participated in the State's Open House Day and Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day. In the fall the scholarship committee hosted an antiques appraisal fair. HHS continues community outreach at such events as the Higganum Farmers Market, Town Wide Tag Sale and the Haddam Neck Fair. Sarah Neal, our Education Coordinator continues our strong school programs with the 5th and 3rd grades. She has also developed a number of home-school and scout programs which have earned high praise. The summer camp program celebrated its 8th year and continues to be filled to capacity. Unfortunately, due to transportation issues, RSD #17 no longer participates in the award winning 2nd and 4th grade programs, which is a real loss for our community students. In June we awarded our first high school scholarship to graduating senior Gabriela Narowska.

HHS participated in a number of workshops and discussions about Venture Smith Homestead and Tourism Place-making. Director Elizabeth Malloy conducted an adult education class in Middletown on Haddam History. The society continued the "Get Lost" campaign for the second year and remains active in area history consortiums. In December we hosted a holiday open house. These are just a few of the highlights from 2013.

2014 has been an active year as well. In January we had a college intern help develop a school program focused on Venture Smith and upgraded our web site to include a Venture Smith section. In February the society hosted our first "arm-chair chat" with long-time residents of Haddam Neck. We are currently scheduling similar talks for Haddam and Higganum in the fall. The 41st Connecticut Spring Antiques Show returned to the Hartford Armory for a successful run and the society is thrilled to host our first book series in 2014 "History and Human Rights Perspectives on Connecticut: Sagas, Scandals, Spirits and Slavery."

Haddam Historical Society Board Member Attendance

8/10 Myra Aronow [Haddam]
6/10 Jack Calhoun [Higganum]
1/1 Marijean Conrad [Haddam] (elected to board in May 2014)
8/10 Sue DeCarli [Higganum]
2/5 Stephanie Denkowicz [Haddam] (joined board in January 2014)
2/4 Anne Farrow Taylor (resigned from board in November 2013)
10/10 Gloria Gorton [Higganum]
1/1 Marrison Lehmacher (resigned from board in August 2013)
9/10 Dianne McHutchison [Haddam Neck]
9/10 David Neal, Secretary [Haddam]

9/9 Joanne Nesti (term up in May 2014)
5/9 Robert Reynolds (term up in May 2014)
1/1 Emily Smith [Haddam] (elected to board May 2014)
10/10 Terry Smith, President [Higganum]
8/10 Charlotte Stetson [Higganum]
5/10 Kathleen Sullivan, Vice President [Higganum]
1/1 Donna Torza [Haddam] (elected to board in May 2014)

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG)

RiverCOG is the first re-designated and merged region in the evolving reorganization of Connecticut's nine Regional Planning Organizations. RiverCOG is governed by the 17 chief elected officials of its member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. RiverCOG program focuses on weaving together the goals and programs of the member municipalities within collective guidance provided by the RiverCOG board under the authority of the State Plan of Conservation and Development and Connecticut Statutes. These efforts are supported by RiverCOG staff with extensive knowledge in federal, state, regional, and local land use and transportation planning, environmental stewardship, economic growth, housing, and agriculture, human services, waste management, housing, energy, mapping, and demographics. The following is a quick synopsis of the RiverCOG work program over the last year. Additional details are available at our website: www.rivercog.org.

RiverCOG provides coordinated local and regional involvement for effective planning practices and land use strategies; assisting member municipalities, as requested, with updates to their Plans of Conservation and Development, regulations, site plan reviews and other land use matters. Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Commission (RPC) reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines. The RPC is also working on the outline and outreach methods for the RiverCOG Plan of Conservation and Development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month.

RiverCOG also provides inclusive and cohesive transportation planning, through its partner organization, the River Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO). This year, RiverMPO received its official re-designation from the Governor, making it one of the first MPOs in the United States to formally re-designate and merge two MPO organizations. The responsibility of RiverMPO is to enact and foster the planning requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation; a complex process of public outreach and long range planning for transportation improvements in the region.

RiverCOG works with municipal economic development commissions and coordinators, the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and other local chambers of commerce, the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis, as well as state and local business groups to promote strategic and sustainable regional economic growth.

RiverCOG worked over the past year in several key areas in environmental analysis. A strategic planning document in progress is "The Lower CT River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange Natural

Resource Based Strategic Conservation Plan, A GIS Overlay Analysis". Over the last year, RiverCOG has been working to collect and catalogue regional datasets: CAMA data, census and other statistical information. RiverCOG has partnered with the University of Connecticut Data Center to gather regional census data and assemble analysis of regional trends and collective statistics.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) collections and recycling programs for the lower nine communities of RiverCOG cooperatively are held at Dump Road in Essex with satellite collections available to the 17 towns in other locations. A total of 2,336 vehicles representing 2,796 households brought in 55,920 pounds of hazardous waste. RiverCOG staff also work with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and CTDEEP to organize recycling and paper shredding events. These programs divert household hazardous waste, including paint, pesticides, and other flammable or corrosive materials from the general waste stream, and foster current best practices in recycling.

In the area of emergency management, RiverCOG continues as administrator of state and federal Homeland Security funds for the 30 towns of DEMHS Region 2.

As Fiduciary Agent, RiverCOG is responsible for oversight of all Region 2 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds. Over the last year, RiverCOG successfully completed 10 separate Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans (NHMPs) throughout the region; 1 collaborative plan which covers the northern eight towns of the region, and 9 individual plans, 1 for each of the southern towns.

RiverCOG hosts various regional initiatives and commissions through meeting space or staff support including: the Gateway Commission, the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, and other groups as space and time permits. RiverCOG has begun to supplement existing shared service programs by evaluating other opportunities for shared cost savings and services between two or more member towns in the areas of on-line permitting, animal control, pavement management software, cooperative purchasing, energy and other programs. The River COG board continued an annual "dues" schedule at the same rate as last year while programs and opportunities continue to expand for the new organization. RiverCOG staff is attentive to grant opportunities that will benefit the region.

Current officers for River COG are Cathy Iino (Killingworth), serving as Chairperson, Dick Smith (Deep River) as Vice-Chairperson, Susan Bransfield (Portland) as Secretary, and Ed Meehan (Chester) as Treasurer. RiverCOG welcomes Paula Fernald as the new Financial Administrator for RiverCOG. Paula takes over for Dorothy Papp, who is repurposing her time in a new part-time career. Dorothy's positive and insightful financial skills were a valuable contribution to RiverCOG through a complicated merger process.

The Executive Director is currently vacant due to the unexpected passing of RiverCOG Executive Director, Linda Krause. Linda is greatly missed and her legacy to promote the friendly collaboration between our member towns and the value of our region will continue on through the enthusiastic work of the agency, its staff and the region's board, and committees. Jean Davies, Deputy Director is working as Interim Director until the position of Executive Director is filled. As always, we welcome visitors and inquiries about specific topics of regional concern. RiverCOG and RiverMPO meet monthly on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9AM. Please contact us at (860-581-8554) or e-mail us (info@rivercog.org) if you think we might be able to help you.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Snyder
Office Manager

**TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	<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	\$ 26,383,359	\$ 26,383,359	\$ 26,438,038	\$ 54,679
Elderly tax abatement	(95,000)	(95,000)		95,000
Interest and lien fees	125,000	125,000	142,734	17,734
Telecommunications property tax grant	23,000	23,000	25,033	2,033
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>26,436,359</u>	<u>26,436,359</u>	<u>26,605,805</u>	<u>169,446</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Education cost-sharing	1,802,413	1,802,413	1,802,413	-
Tax relief for elderly	46,000	46,000	47,264	1,264
Veterans' exemption	6,000	6,000	5,478	(522)
Mashantucket Pequot grant	23,466	23,466	20,344	(3,122)
Local capital improvement grant	75,033	75,033	71,670	(3,363)
Revenue Sharing Grant			47,431	47,431
PILOT, State-owned real property	54,735	54,735	63,832	9,097
Miscellaneous state and federal	38,000	38,000	7,035	(30,965)
Total intergovernmental	<u>2,045,647</u>	<u>2,045,647</u>	<u>2,065,467</u>	<u>19,820</u>
Charges for Services:				
Licenses and permits	277,600	277,600	277,574	(26)
Recording fees	65,000	65,000	66,025	1,025
Miscellaneous	52,500	52,500	110,977	58,477
Land use state fees			50	50
Town clerk state fees	12,000	12,000	3,914	(8,086)
Total charges for services	<u>407,100</u>	<u>407,100</u>	<u>458,540</u>	<u>51,440</u>
Interest Income	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>21,079</u>	<u>(11,921)</u>
Total revenues	<u>28,922,106</u>	<u>28,922,106</u>	<u>29,150,891</u>	<u>228,785</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance		700,000		(700,000)
Proceeds from sale of property			19,500	19,500
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>(680,500)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 28,922,106</u>	<u>\$ 29,622,106</u>	<u>\$ 29,170,391</u>	<u>\$ (451,715)</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, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 295,919	\$ 295,919	\$ 281,033	\$ 14,886
Probate court	2,660	2,660	2,660	-
Elections	48,170	49,170	40,262	8,908
Board of finance	43,400	43,520	43,520	-
Assessor	111,377	111,377	111,201	176
Board of tax review	10	160	160	-
Tax collector's office	90,124	90,124	88,235	1,889
Treasurer's office	13,537	13,537	13,424	113
Town counsel	126,250	126,250	50,026	76,224
Town clerk	99,084	99,084	97,707	1,377
Town hall	9,113	9,113	7,922	1,191
Town office building	26,315	26,315	21,203	5,112
Town office building annex	6,304	6,304	4,100	2,204
Planning and zoning	7,438	7,438	5,688	1,750
Zoning board of appeals	90	90	90	-
Engineering department	50,000	50,000	24,451	25,549
Wetlands	60	60	55	5
Central services	198,116	198,116	178,624	19,492
Insurance and other benefits	959,081	959,081	897,343	61,738
Senior center	49,430	49,430	44,139	5,291
Youth center	8,770	8,770	7,597	1,173
Veterans Museum	9,586	9,586	6,843	2,743
Parades	1,425	1,425	420	1,005
Health director/food inspector	71,103	71,103	71,103	-
Economic development	4,500	4,500	2,840	1,660
Land use offices	159,553	159,553	152,817	6,736
Conservation	3,010	3,010	2,902	108
Contingency	100,000	97,371		97,371
Total general government	<u>2,494,425</u>	<u>2,493,066</u>	<u>2,156,365</u>	<u>336,701</u>
Public Safety:				
Fire protection	356,758	356,758	308,502	48,256
Police	307,372	308,731	308,632	99
Animal control	20,188	20,188	15,914	4,274
Emergency management	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Fire marshal	18,354	18,354	17,557	797
Dispatch services	115,583	115,583	115,583	-
Abandoned vehicles	10	10		10
Building department	109,970	109,970	108,431	1,539
Total public safety	<u>929,235</u>	<u>930,594</u>	<u>875,619</u>	<u>54,975</u>
Public Works:				
General labor	620,708	620,708	604,336	16,372
General maintenance	557,000	557,000	555,913	1,087
Street lighting	45,000	45,000	36,127	8,873
Town garage	58,895	58,895	54,299	4,596
Snow and ice removal	325,000	325,000	363,965	(38,965)
Fire hydrants	2,000	2,000	1,629	371
Solid waste disposal	583,700	548,700	442,340	106,360
Tree maintenance	35,000	35,000	34,300	700
Total public works	<u>2,227,303</u>	<u>2,192,303</u>	<u>2,092,909</u>	<u>99,394</u>

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, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Health and Welfare:				
Public health	\$ 78,386	\$ 78,386	\$ 78,376	\$ 10
Social services	78,500	78,500	78,500	-
Transportation for the elderly	44,264	44,264	38,156	6,108
Water pollution & control	10,000	10,000	4,781	5,219
Haddam volunteer ambulance	97,500	97,500	97,500	-
Total health and welfare	<u>308,650</u>	<u>308,650</u>	<u>297,313</u>	<u>11,337</u>
Culture and Recreation:				
Haddam park and recreation commission	63,686	63,686	51,919	11,767
Regional recreational authority	104,111	104,111	104,111	-
Higganum athletic association	10,062	10,062	9,491	571
Village parks society	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Middlesex county water	500	500	500	-
Brainerd memorial library	339,000	339,000	339,000	-
Haddam River Days	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Farmers Market	10	10	10	10
Haddam Historical Society	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Higganum Cemetery Association	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Total culture and recreation	<u>530,869</u>	<u>530,869</u>	<u>518,521</u>	<u>12,348</u>
Education	<u>21,414,633</u>	<u>21,414,633</u>	<u>21,414,633</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service	<u>49,921</u>	<u>49,921</u>	<u>49,921</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	27,955,036	27,920,036	27,405,281	514,755
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfer out	<u>967,070</u>	<u>1,702,070</u>	<u>1,667,070</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 28,922,106</u>	<u>\$ 29,622,106</u>	<u>\$ 29,072,351</u>	<u>\$ 549,755</u>