Town of East Haddam

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2019

Gillette Castle, photo by George Fellner

DEDICATIONS

Laura Truncali Corbett

Laura was dedicated to the students of Nathan Hale-Ray High School as a Guidance Counselor, student council advisor, class advisor and Tribes leader for over seven years.

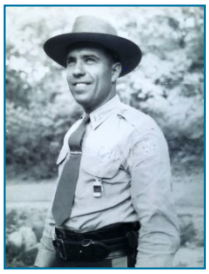
John C. Gibson

John served on the East Haddam Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission and the 2004 School Building Committee.

Mary P. Halish

Mary was a graduate of Nathan Hale High School. She received a "Connecticut Treasure Award" from Governor Jodi Rell for running the East Haddam Food Bank.

Wesley Arthur Holmes



Wesley served as East Haddam's first Resident State Trooper.

Hermine Julia Jezek

Judy served as a Registrar of Voters. She was a charter member of the East Haddam Lions.

Robert Mather

Bob served on the East Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Association, as an Election Moderator, Board of Education Member and Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

Cynthia Mello

Cynthia served as the Assistant Principal and Principal of East Haddam Elementary School.

Cornelia Paardenkooper

Cornelia "Corrie" served as the Town of East Haddam Health Director.

Roger Snell

Roger was a long-time member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and a lifetime member of the East Haddam Historical Society. Roger was a graduate of Nathan Hale High School class of 1951.

Sophie Soja

Sophie served as Director of the East Haddam Food Bank for many years. She was an active member of Saint Bridget Church.

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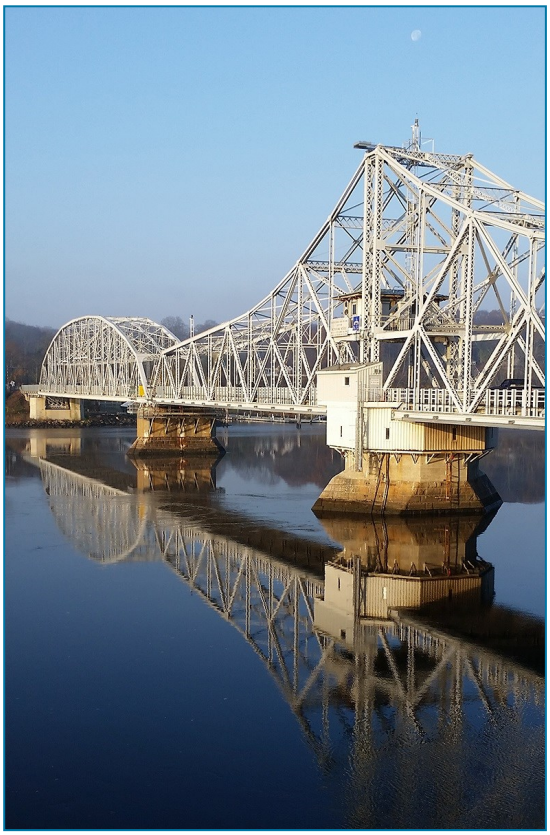

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BOARD OF FINANCE

The role of the Board of Finance is to consider the town's finances from an overall viewpoint. The Connecticut General Statutes give the Board specific responsibility for:

- Preparing the town budget.
- Setting the property tax rate.
- Approving deficiency and special appropriations and transfers between appropriations.
- Determining how town financial records are to be kept.
- Arranging for an annual audit of the town accounts.
- Publishing the annual report.

The Board is presenting this year's Annual Report in a new condensed format eliminating the cost of printing information that is readily available on the town's website (www.easthaddam.org). We invite citizens to use the town's website to find out about town information.

The Board strives to keep our citizens informed of the town's finances. The Communications Subcommittee has published a series of articles in the *East Haddam News* on a variety of financial topics. These articles and other financial reports may also be found on the town's website

The Board takes a long-term approach toward the vision of our community. We have made great progress preparing written financial policies to include budget, fund management, investment, debt management, cash and capital. Formalized financial policies are a key component in our goal of obtaining the highest bond rating of AAA, we are currently the second highest at AA+.

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

William DiCristofaro
Chairman

Goodspeed Opera House, photo by George Fellner

EAST HADDAM BY THE NUMBERS	
Population [1]	9,072
Registered Voters (June 30, 2019)	6,717
Median Age [1]	49 years
Median Income [1]	$78,117
Households [1]	3,597
Median Home Value [1]	$268,800
Grand List (October 1, 2018)	$878,682,740
Mill Rate (July 1, 2019)	30.44
Bond (Credit) Rating Standard & Poor's	AA+
Miles of Town Road Paved Dirt	 120 14
# of Town Employees (excludes seasonal) Part-Time Full-Time	 37 45
# of BOE Employees (excludes seasonal and substitutes) Part-Time Full-Time	 28 186
2019 General Fund Revenues	$31,566,874
2019 General Fund Expenditures	$31,472,091
Outstanding Debt (June 30, 2019)	$25,295,496
Authorized Debt (not issued at June 30, 2019)	$3,529,649
2019 Debt Service as a % of 2019 General Fund Expenditures	5.6%
Unassigned General Fund Balance as a % of 2020 General Fund Budget (June 30, 2019)	14.8%
Per Capita Outstanding Debt (June 30, 2019)	$2,788
[1] profiles.ct.data.org (2013-2017)	

ASSESSOR

The Assessor is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing all taxable and non-taxable property located in town. Connecticut law requires the town to list and value all real estate, motor vehicle and personal property. This is an annual cycle with an assessment date of October 1.

It is the Assessor's responsibility to insure all values are properly and uniformly made and that the grand list is a true and accurate report of all taxable and tax-exempt property in the municipality.

Assessed values in the state of Connecticut are based on 70% of fair market value. All Connecticut towns are required to perform a State-mandated revaluation every five years. The town successfully completed its last revaluation on the 2017 Grand List.

The Assessor's office is responsible for:

- Updating ownership of real estate upon transfer of title.
- Adjusting motor vehicle accounts.
- Maintaining tax relief programs for the elderly, disabled, blind, farmers and veterans.
- Maintaining the Renters Rebate program.
- Applying the PA 490 statute to preserve farm and forest land.

THE NET TAXABLE 2018 GRAND LIST	
Real Estate	$774,180,623
Personal Property	74,017,130
Motor Vehicle	30,484,987
Total Taxable Grand List	**$878,682,740**
0.01% increase over 2017	

2018 GRAND LIST COMBINED TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

Top Ten Taxpayers	Net Assessment	% of 2018 Grand List*
Connecticut Light Power Co.	$21,853,950	2.%
Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC	3,151,780	.36%
RMD Land Development LLC	2,804,730	.32%
Banner Country Club Corp.	2,228,370	.25%
Healthcare Holdings LLC	2,092,790	.24%
Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ	1,776,530	.20%
Goodspeed Real Estate LLC	1,725,920	.20%
Wildwood Inc.	1,430,170	.16%
Main Street Forty LLC	1,411,810	.16%
Fox Hopyard Realty LLC	1,384,970	.16%
Total Top Ten Net Assessment	$39,861,020	4.54%

*Based on Net 2018 Grand List as reported on the M13 to the State of Connecticut.

Reuben Cone House—1755—Main Street

Counting House—Landing Hill Road

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals conducted three public hearings in fiscal year 2019—one in September and two in March. The results of the hearings are to the right.

Number of Appeals	Number of Assessment Adjustments	$ Value of Assessment Adjustments
28	22	($501,145)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

East Haddam is a very special place, unique in its blend of rural charm and sophistication. From the endless beauty of its woodlands, lakes and riverfront to its artistic community and its world-class theatre, there is nothing quite like East Haddam anywhere else. The story I have been told so often is "I came here quite by accident, for some other reason, loved what I saw, thought about it and bought a house. I plan to stay forever".

We officially moved into our New/Old Municipal Offices in May of 2018. The past year has seen us coming to terms with a new location and new approaches to serving the public. Our new facility has made it possible to do a much better job of serving you; we are no longer cramped for space, working elbow to elbow with little opportunity for privacy. Now we have meeting rooms with up to date equipment and fixtures. We can record meetings and make them available online to the public. We have audio systems to ensure that the attendees at a meeting know what is going on. Movies or slide presentations can be easily accommodated. One of the great pleasures of being where we are is the reaction of visitors. Many attended school here; they are the most appreciative, moving from place to place, pleased with what we saved (especially the Murals) and delighted with how we have adapted the building to a new use. Having the Municipal Offices and the Superintendent's Offices as well as the Police Department all located in one building makes working together far easier.

The financial goals and achievements of the Town of East Haddam continue to be a testament to our thoughtful and frugal use of revenues and your tax dollars. Our Finance Department, with the guidance of the Board of Finance has continued an unending and enviable success story. Our AA+ bond rating as well as exceptional outcomes to our annual audits speak clearly to our success. We have learned that an early start is the key to creating a fair and equitable budget. This year we started earlier then ever, December 10, 2018. At that meeting the *Citizens' Guide to the Budget Process* was presented and public input was accepted. Both the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen presented outlines of their goals for the upcoming year. During the following months the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education held workshops to review every detail of their budgets. Each department was required to start from zero and to then justify their proposed expenditures. Newspaper articles in the *East Haddam News* ensured that the public understood the process and terminology. The public was repeatedly invited to attend and comment at the workshops. In March the results were turned over to the Board of Finance, which then repeated the process reviewing the combined budget. On April 10th a Public Hearing was held for the budget, on April 24th the annual Budget Meeting was held and on May 7th the Budget was approved. Notable in this budget was the creation of a new School Resource Officer position to help to ensure the safety of our schools. Creating a fair and effective budget is a time consuming and difficult process. It involves endless hours by countless staff members and volunteers. They all deserve our gratitude. The budget represents your tax dollars at work; you need to remain aware of how they are being used and remain attentive to how well they are being used.

On May 25th we dedicated a stone bench along the Heritage Park path in memory of a very special member of our community. Jack Herman was the founder and lifelong proprietor of Nathan Hale Pharmacy. Throughout his life Jack never missed an opportunity to lend a helping hand. His thoughtfulness was a cornerstone for our town and his customers. Going forward this bench will offer respite for the weary and a reminder, to all who pass, of a truly caring and generous friend.

This is New England, not a place where Mother Nature is endlessly gentle, but even allowing for that, the past year has been exceptional. The end of a three-year drought ushered in a plague of gypsy moths that were then followed by the invasive emerald ash borer. The net result has been a massive die off of trees. Mother Nature then concluded that she could do more. On September 25th we experienced a terrific downpour, well over six inches of rain in a matter of a few hours. The damage, statewide, was about 6.2 million dollars; East Haddam's share was 3.7 million. The storm damage was sufficient for FEMA to become involved and in January, following an in depth survey, FEMA announced that they would cover 75% of the costs for repairs. These repairs will hopefully be completed by June of 2020. The insect damage to trees will not be included and will be at our own expense.

On a more positive note our seemingly endless rebuilding of Route 82 and Bone Mill Road were completed just before Christmas. Two way traffic on Route 82 with no stoplights and Bone Mill Road back to its magical self and with a beautiful new wooden bridge. Who could have asked for a better Christmas present?

Thank you for trusting in my leadership for the past year. Serving you has been a very special privilege. I especially want to thank all of our dedicated and energetic employees and volunteers. Their commitment and endless efforts are what makes East Haddam so great.

Emmett J. Lyman
First Selectman

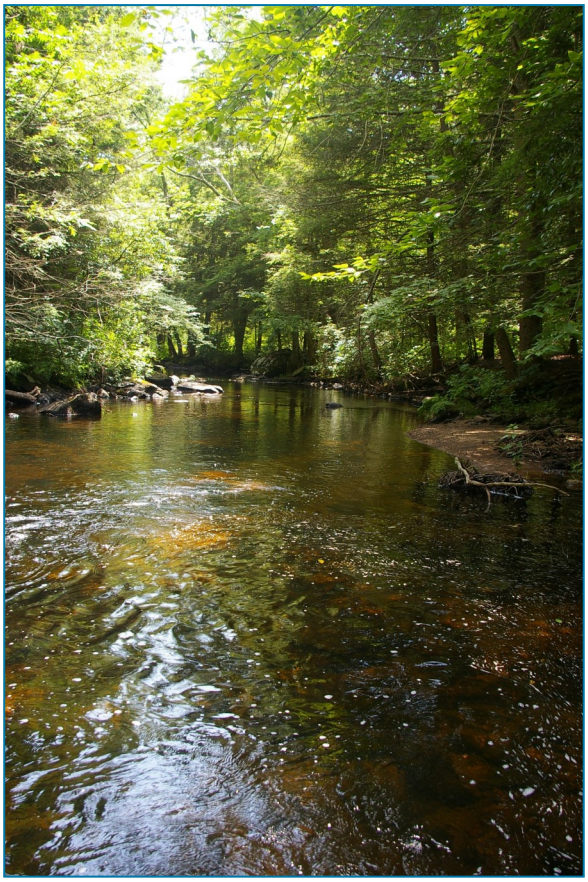
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE (Tax Collector)

The Collector of Revenue's office is responsible for the annual billing and collection of real estate, motor vehicle and personal property taxes; as well as the annual billing and collection of sewer usage fees.

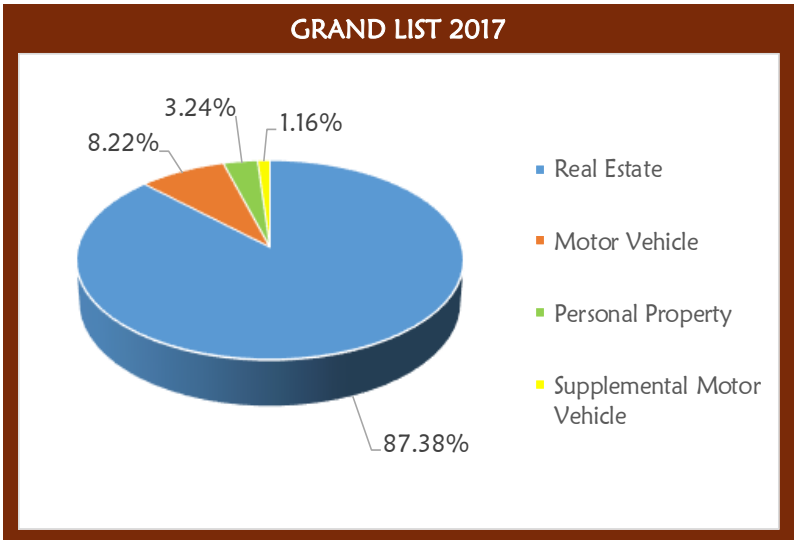
All taxable property levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2017, became due and payable on July 1, 2018. The last day on which to pay without penalty was August 1, 2018. Real estate and personal property taxes over $100 are paid in two equal installments. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment.

The Collector of Revenue's office is responsible for pursuing the collection of all delinquent taxes and placing liens on all unpaid real estate and sewer usage properties.

Many taxpayers have found our online payment option helpful. During the fiscal year 2018-2019 we collected $1,009,430.38 in online payments. Please visit our website at www.easthaddam.org to make a payment, view tax bills or to print IRS payment records.



Eightmile River Chapel Farm Preserve



GRAND LIST 2017 ENDING BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2019				
Type of Accounts	Number of Accounts	Beginning Balance	Uncollected Taxes	Collection Rate
Real Estate	5,494	$22,736,231.45	$201,371.89	99.11%
Personal Property	516	$843,300.20	$11,224.80	98.67%
Motor Vehicle	10,711	$2,137,767.98	$32,505.28	98.48%
Supplemental Motor Vehicle	1,612	$302,047.79	$18,349.27	93.93%
GRAND TOTAL	**18,333**	**$26,019,347.42**	**$263,451.24**	**98.99%**

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)				
Types of Accounts	Number of Accounts	Beginning Balance	Uncollected Taxes	Collection Rates
Sewer Usage	102	$171,687.50	$11,275.00	93.43%

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The East Haddam Conservation Commission (EHCC) continued to keep the 21 miles of trails on the town's 16 open space properties cleared, which was a continuous challenge due to some difficult weather events. This was accomplished by the tireless efforts of the Commission's member volunteers and through collaborations with other organizations as well as citizen volunteers from East Haddam. Although the EHCC lost a long-term permanent member of the Commission who moved out of town, we acquired a new alternate member and have created interest in other potential members through our outreach and promotion activities.

One of our outreach and promotion activities is our submission of EHCC articles in the East Haddam Events Magazine. During the period covered in this report, EHCC articles covered our September 2018 Stewardship Saturday event, invasive species and the benefits of planting native plants, the partnership with East Haddam Youth and Family Services on their "Choosing Wellness" campaign, and the inclusion of much of East Haddam in the Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area.

It is because much of East Haddam falls within the Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area (IBA) that IBA signs, which were paid for by a partnership grant through the East Haddam Land Trust, were installed at the town open space properties located within the IBA. In addition, there was the planting of native pollinator shrubs around part of the edge of the parking lot at the very popular Hatch Lot Reserve. Additionally, gravel and/or stone was laid over various trail wet spots, and most notably, volunteers started building a 200 foot-long bridge over Hemlock Valley Brook at Rose Farm Reserve. The bridge will connect two sections of that property.

Significantly, using a grant of $8,300 from the National Park Service, the building of an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) trail is being built on the Patrell Preserve. The bulk of the funds will be used for the trail and purchasing native plantings for the side of the trail but there is also the need for signage, paving the parking lot and other things to address on the trail itself. The Boy Scouts, Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed group and Franklin Academy and Three Rivers College students have provided some assistance. The town's Public Works employees have been doing the construction of the path. This trail will allow people with physical disabilities to use the trail to access a portion of the Eightmile River, including fishing off the impressive bridge that crosses the river. A grand opening ceremony is planned for the path upon its completion in 2020.

Foot Bridge over the Eightmile River—
Chapel Farm Preserve—Goodwin Trail

Rose Farm Preserve

The EHCC collaborated with the Boy Scouts on an Eagle Scout project, town residents on a Stewardship Saturday event, the East Haddam Land Trust and the Eightmile Wild and Scenic Watershed Committee and Franklin Academy on the Patrell Preserve ADA trail, and with East Haddam Youth and Family Services on their "Choose Wellness" campaign. These collaborations benefit the EHCC as well as the collaborating organization and support EHCC's initiative to promote volunteer activism.

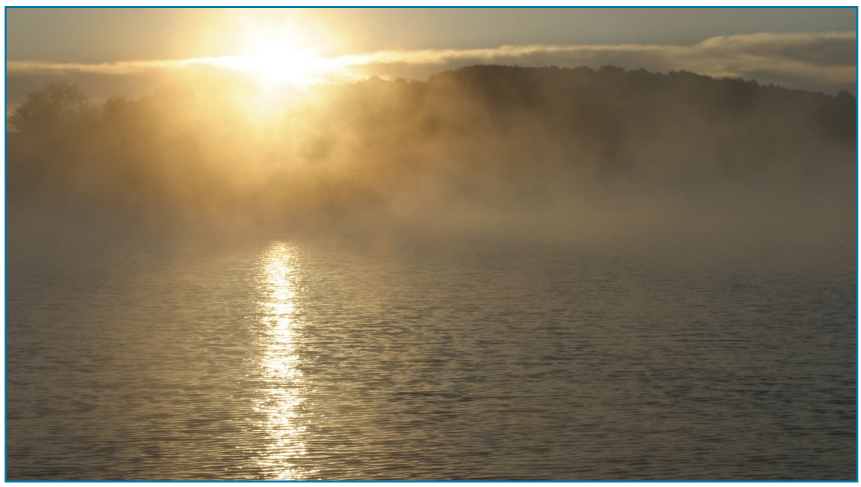
Finally, to increase our capacity for managing the beautiful properties in East Haddam, the EHCC decided to implement a "Stewardship Saturday" event twice a year. This event invites the public to participate in stewarding a town-owned open space property. Training is provided as well as a free lunch. The hope is that the activity will spark interest in the EHCC and in becoming a steward for one of our properties or even to become a future commission member of the EHCC.

EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) had 752 requests for emergency medical services (EMS) from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This was an increase of 11.5% from the previous year. EHAA responded to 585 of these calls. There were 167 calls that went to mutual aid (MA), requiring the services to be provided by ambulances from out of town. The MA rate was 22.21% an increase of 7.89%.

The organization recognized during the previous year that the MA rate had increased over the previous several years. There has been a notable increase in the demand for EMS services and like so many volunteer organizations, the volunteer participation has declined. Changes were necessary to improve the emergency services responses to the community. The organization hired a staffing agency to work with our volunteers. This has resulted in an improvement in MA rates (less than 10%) and more rapid response time (less than 4 minutes) towards the end of the fiscal year.

Training, recruitment and community services continues. We are fortunate to have the support of the Town of East Haddam and the East Haddam Fire Department as we strive to provide the emergency medical services to our community.



Moodus Reservoir, photo by George Fellner

Chapman Falls, photo by George Fellner

East Haddam Visitor's guide at the Big E

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The East Haddam Fire Department has dedicated thousands of hours of paid and volunteer service while responding to 454 calls from the public; preserving property and removing persons from harm's way. The firefighters have logged thousands of hours of training and hundreds of hours of community service. The Department has a roster of 55 members. The Department is at its highest level of female members at eight (and we are proud that trend is continuing).

The Fire Department, under the guidance of the Board of Fire Commissioners, has maintained three Firehouses, 18 pieces of apparatus and all of the thousands of pieces of personal protective equipment, other vital equipment and supplies necessary to meet the OSHA and NFPA annual requirements for the safe operation of the Department. The Department undergoes rigorous annual testing of the membership, through medical checkups, live burns and extensive training and equipment testing for pumps, ladders, hose, SCBA flow and air quality testing.

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

The Department took delivery of a new fire rescue boat in fiscal year 2019. This new boat will enable the Department to provide fire rescues on the three lakes and the Connecticut River.

The Officers and membership of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department would like to express our thanks for the constant support and consideration we receive from the citizens of the community. We serve you with pride in our accomplishments, a plan for the future and most importantly, provide our citizens with the professionalism both expected and deserved.

East Haddam sponsored Firefighter I live burn training

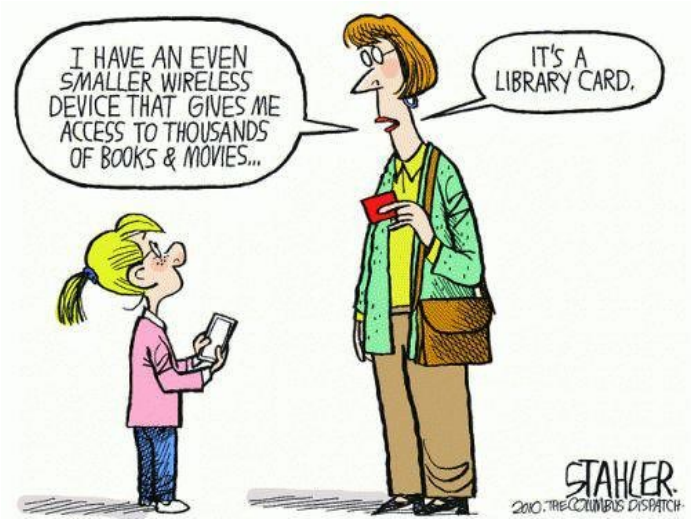
CALLS FOR SERVICE	
Description	Quantity
Aircraft Emergency	1
Rescue	3
Appliance Fire	5
Good Intent	21
Chimney Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	4
Haz-Mat Incident	5
Brush Fire	5
Marine Rescue	6
Carbon Monoxide Emergency	12
Structure Fire	10
Powerline Incidents	21
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43
Fire Alarms	62
Assist EMS	255

PLEASE HELP US TO LOCATE YOUR HOME BY INSTALLING YOUR ASSIGNED HOUSE NUMBER TO YOUR MAILBOX OR POLE NEAR THE STREET.

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS EVERY YEAR.

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

The East Haddam Free Public Library (EHFPL) and Rathbun Free Memorial Library (Rathbun) offer citizens the opportunity to borrow thousands of books, audio/video materials and digital items for free. Through the Library System's website patrons can browse, renew, or reserve items. Membership in LION Consortium, composed of over 30 partner libraries, gives citizens access to millions of materials. The libraries also provide internet and PC access for patrons to search for jobs, complete assignments for work/school or keep in touch with friends and family. It teaches patrons who are unfamiliar with digital age technology how to use these resources.



FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- New library cards issued—681.
- Loaned movie circulation increased by 2,250.
- Loaned book circulation increased by 2,666.
- 10% Increase in Circulation, an average of 201 loans each day.
- Teen participation in programs more than doubled, due in part to Dungeons & Dragons.
- People entering the libraries increased by 3,759.
- 11% Increase in Library Visits, an average of 125 visitors each day.

Baby Time at the Rathbun Library

Teen Event at EHFPL

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BY THE NUMBERS	
Service	Number of Transactions
Numbers of citizens that are registered library card holders	5,276
Library collection (books, movies, periodicals and more)	42,968
Total loaned items (books, movies, etc.)	60,162
Loaned movie circulation	17,399
Number of people entering the library	37,423
Attendance at events, classes and workshops	4,842
Number of people using computers	10,500
Description	**Revenue Received**
Gifts and donations	$5,501
Library Services Fees (photocopies, faxes, over dues, etc.)	$7,988
Private library trust and endowments	$56,510

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The mission of the East Haddam School District is to develop a community of life-long learners who are prepared to become independent, creative and productive citizens for our diverse and ever-changing global society.

The 2018-2019 school year was an exciting time here at East Haddam Public Schools. Our students continue to grow academically as demonstrated by another year of increases in our Math SAT average where the State of Connecticut, as a whole, experienced a slight decline. Students and teachers were an integral part in improving our community of learning. Students from the elementary school to the high school were instrumental in the development of a strategic plan that was approved by the Board of Education as the 2018-2019 school year came to a close. We continued to see growth in our students' creativity in all parts of the school district. In elementary school, our students in classes like STEM, Media Center, and Art lead their own learning by choosing and facilitating their projects, their creations, and their great ideas. Students at the middle school supported each other with the Wingman Program, where students help every student know that there is a person there when they need it (a wingman). One look at the convention style display of middle school genius hour projects and you would know that students are creating and inspiring. The high school was actively engaged in supporting our students with a new class that improved student readiness for the SAT's. Additionally, the high school altered their schedule to allow for more time for students to work independently or to catch up.

We are very proud of our students and we know that their success is only possible because we are a community school system where many hands do the lifting from within the walls of the schools to the community around the schools. The Board o Finance and Board of Selectmen continue to be very helpful in supporting the needs of the school district, as demonstrated at the end of the school year with securing financing for the replacement of the high school driveway and the high school roof. We recognize the community's collaboration in several aspects is a big part of the district's success.

Brian S. Reas
Superintendent of Schools

1st grade students celebrating 100th day of school

Class of 2019 Senior Project expo

Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas addressing the Graduating Class of 2019

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Class of 2019

Samantha Leigh Amenta
Chase Duncan Angell- MacKenzie
Nicola-Izabela Bafumi
Alexis Hanlin Behilo
Jenna Marie Denise Bellows
Christopher Garrett Birdsey
Nicholas Francis Bonadies
Jackson Mark Bottaro
Jenna Kathryn Brasile
Alexandra Trinity Burke
Patrick Robert Burns
Christopher Thomas Cappitella
Sierra Marie Cazassa
MadisonSusanChupas
Jacey Lynn Clarke
Cody Robert Claussen
Susan Marie Cormier
Thomas Lord Cromwell
Teagan James D'Addeo
Brendan Sean Dalton
Kayla Marie DelloIacono
Christopher Michael DeMarco
Jayden Isaac Dorr
Melissa Marie Essency
Adam Michael Floyd
Morgan Elisabeth Fuhrmann
Autumn Marie Garofola
Alexander Lawrence Gerrish
Trinity Zofia Giersz
Jonathan Elli Gieseler
Christopher Michael Gionta
Sarah Elizabeth Haentjens
Cody James Hallock
Mason Alexander Hollis
Zachary Richard Horeczy
Carly Good Houle
Trent Jeffrey Michael Hughson
Jenavieve Rose Jankowski
Cameron Gabriel Jirowetz
Gabriel Justus Kaupp
Theodore Robert Kuderko
Jack Estuardo Lavarreda
Hannah Elizabeth Lemke
Garret Christopher Leyland
Emma Rose Libera
Anna Elizabeth Link
Aiden Jeffrey Lucas
Jaxon Robert Lucas
Ryan William Malone
Isaac Rhys Manfull
Shayna Rose Moffatt
Connor William Molkenthin
Shawn Michael Parent
Matthew Jacob Parker
Tory Ann Parker
Benjamin David Pattavina
Hannah Marie Powell
Skyler Anne Rapuano
Aexander Michael Ricard
Jack Frasier Rogerson
Samuel Robert Ruhe
Jenavieve Paige Ryan
Clifford Thomas Saunders
Chase Ronald Savo
Amelia Kate Serra
Nicholas Anthony Sherman
Emily Mariah Sienna
Dylan Michael Smith
Samantha Beatrice Soucier
Madison Elizabeth Torrance
Haddie Ann Walters
Charlotte Neve White
Veronica Anne Wilson
Madison Samantha Zuckerman

EAST HADDAM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The East Haddam Youth and Family Services (EHYFS) is responsible for the planning, evaluation, coordination and implementation of resources and services for East Haddam youth and families through multiple prevention, intervention and outreach programs in

collaboration with local, regional, state and federal partners. We envision a community where all members feel connected and valued and where the entire community supports the well-being of its citizens. We believe that healthy growth and development are fostered when adolescents have developed a sense of competency, a feeling of connectedness to others, a belief in their control over their fate and stable identity. Our program aims to give young people the chance to build skills, exercise leadership, form relationships with caring adults, and help their communities while creating and enhancing opportunities that advance the quality of life for all of East Haddam's citizens.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided information, referrals, advocacy and assistance to town residents.
- Provided case management services by meeting with residents as needed to monitor progress and complete applications and re-determinations.
- Assisted residents by providing them information to connect them to other resources that may be able to assist them in areas of need that are beyond our local abilities.
- Provided assistance to residents to avoid electrical service shut off, to include setting up payment plans and enrolling them in budget programs with the provider.
- Collaborated with and referred many to local, regional and state agencies to include but not limited to: East Haddam—Food Bank, School District, Library System, Police, faith/business communities, parent/youth groups and Senior Services as well as 211, American Red Cross, Middlesex Hospital, Middlesex County Youth Service Bureaus, Crisis Hotline, Connecticut Local Administrators of Social Services, Community Health Center, Community Health Resources, Salvation Army, Social Security Administration, State Department of Social Services, State Department of Veterans' Affairs, Statewide Legal Aid, River Valley Services, Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services, Rushford, Gilead Community Services and Community Renewal Team.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FISCAL YEAR 2019 (*duplicated—counts number of service slots, not individuals)

Description	Quantity	Additional Information
Youth and Family Programs		
Afterschool Homework Help Sessions	29	Average 15* students/session
Youth Leadership Meetings	26	Average 10* youth/meeting
Family Programs	10	Average 100* adults and children/program
School-based Drug/Alcohol Educational Presentations	9	Presentations offered
Summer Youth Programs	2	
Community Programs—Events/Presentations	11	Average 15* attendees/program
Holiday Campaign	44	44 families and 93 children/youth
Counseling Program—Counseling Sessions	813	Number of clients 72(unduplicated)
Juvenile Review Board—Board Sessions	52	Number of students 22(unduplicated)
Truancy Program (new unfunded State mandate) Meetings	12	Number of clients 2 (unduplicated)
Social Services—Interventions	57	Number of clients 33 (unduplicated)
Food Bank Oversight—Weekly Usage	120	Families with children (unduplicated)
Holiday Baskets	174	Families without children (unduplicated) Thanksgiving 88/Christmas 86
East Haddam Local Prevention Counsel	19	Coalition Meetings/Trainings/Conference
	7	Presentations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Haddam **Economic Development Commission** continues to promote and develop the economic resources of the town, consistent with the town's historic character, quality of life and natural environment. Promotion efforts focus on the tourism industry and visitor services to compliment East Haddam's attractions and recreational opportunities. The updated and comprehensive East Haddam Visitor's Guide was provided to major venues outside of town to broaden our reach, beyond the local, this year such as the newly opened Visitors Centers along the I95 corridor in Westbrook and Stonington and at September's Big E in Springfield.

East Haddam Visitor's guide at the Connecticut Welcome Center located in Westbrook

The EDC and the East Haddam Business Association (EHBA) have continued to work on ways to partner in key areas. We share the common goal of driving commerce and economic development. The Business of the Month is one program developed out of these meetings. A different nominated business receives this honor monthly. The criteria being that the nominated business be a driving force in our community through either revitalization, community commitment or assisting in multiple business development.

The EDC along with the EHBA sponsored the annual Celebrate East Haddam Fall Fest. By all reports, the town saw significant increases in tourism and commerce. The EDC worked together with Connecticut Landmarks to get the two historical properties, The Amasa Day House and the Palmer Warner House, open for the weekend as well. The goal is to continue to develop this yearly festival to be even more inclusive of all businesses who want to participate and further drive tourism commerce for East Haddam.

Another collaboration the EDC is proud of is with our sister town, Haddam and also Chester, Deep River and Essex. Meeting together monthly, the economic development partners are combining ideas and resources to continue our goals of creating the "DownRiver" staycation idea and bring that to emerging markets to all parts of Connecticut and beyond.

Celebrate East Haddam

With an eye to continued commitment for our existing businesses and growth of new businesses for the town of East Haddam, the EDC will be working on areas to improve and educate. Areas of work include reviewing options for improvement in our health department, zoning issues; making some areas more business compatible and participating in the EHBA Business Expo to provide education and information on the processes of becoming a local business. With an ever present goal to increase commerce while keeping the unique rural quality of East Haddam, the EDC is looking forward to continuing its work for the community.

Amasa Day House

ELECTIONS/REGISTRARS

The Registrars of Voters supported Democratic and Republican primaries on August 14, 2018, a midterm election on November 6, 2018, and a budget referendum on May 7, 2019.

Out of 6,619 registered voters, 4,702 voted in the November 6, 2018 election, resulting in a voter turnout of 71% in East Haddam, compared to 66% turnout statewide. This was a little more than the midterm election in 2014 when East Haddam's voter turnout was 63% compared to 55% statewide. Voter participation was much less at the May 7, 2019 budget referendum when only 574 people voted. This compared to the May 8, 2018 budget referendum when 721 people, including eight property owners, cast their votes. In June 2017, voter participation was much higher - 1,532 people voted and the budget was rejected, and then approved in July 2017, when 1,258 people voted.

Registrars recruited and trained poll workers for elections and referendums and ensured Moderators (who are in charge of elections) were current in their certifications. Both Registrars of Voters are certified as mandated by the State, and maintain their certification by keeping their Moderator certification up to date and regularly attending conferences given by the Secretary of the State in collaboration with the Registrar of Voters Association of CT.

We registered voters from mail-in, in person - including Election Day registration in November - and on-line applications and ensured our voter list was current with information received from the Secretary of State's office, DMV and Town Clerk. We conducted the yearly Canvass to update our voter list, verified signatures for petitions, published notices for upcoming voting events, and registered seniors at Nathan Hale-Ray HS. Our office hours are Tuesdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

As of June 30, 2019, there were 6,717 registered voters in East Haddam—Unaffiliated 2,917, Democratic 1961, Republican 1718, Independent 109, Libertarian 11, Green Party 1.

Our polling place for elections and referendums is the Municipal Office Complex gym at 1 Plains Road, Moodus.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

East Haddam Emergency Management is responsible for preparing the town to respond to large scale emergencies or disasters. Coordinating the response to these emergency events within our community is a dynamic and challenging process. Over the past year, the Team activated for three major storms that effected the town with several road closures and/or major power outages. The team coordinated the response between Eversource and public works to ensure the roads were cleared and power was restored as quickly as possible.

Devil's Hopyard, photo by George Fellner

The town is very fortunate to maintain the second largest volunteer Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) within the State of CT. This team is prepared to respond when needed and over the past year, volunteers have assisted in the Emergency Operations Center, manning showers and opened warming / cooling centers for residents. Additionally, they have attended training in shelter management, first aid, weather emergencies, pet safety, and traffic control.

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

To get ongoing information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website (www.easthaddam.org), join our East Haddam Emergency Management Facebook page or subscribe to our Twitter feed—@ehaddamemgmgt.

LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING AND BUILDING

The Land Use, Planning and Zoning and Building areas saw a slight increase in the number of permits pulled in all departments. Throughout the year our inspectors and administrators approved and inspected permits for residential, commercial, zoning, and wetlands projects throughout the town. These inspections included site work, erosion and sediment control, building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, structural, and compliance investigations. In addition to numerous additions, garages, and renovations, the fiscal year saw the permitting of 21 new single family homes, cottages, and commercial buildings, which shows a slight increase from last fiscal year.

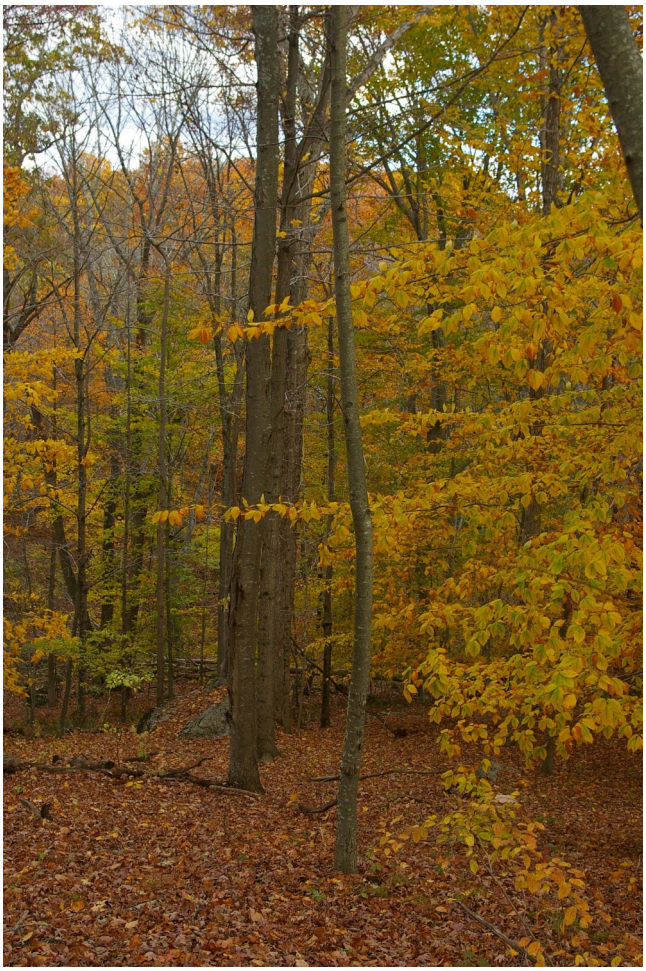
The Planning and Zoning Commission continues to provide guidance on both private and municipal projects to assure that they adhere to the Connecticut General Statutes, Town Zoning Regulations and the guidelines of the Plan of Conservation and Development when applicable.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission heard applications for structures, decks, docks, wetlands crossings, retaining walls, and various shoreline maintenance projects and provided guidance on how to complete these in a way that protects the lakes and other environmental assets of the town.

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard a total of eight appeals. In hearing these appeals, the board is charged with taking into consideration the conservation of the public health, safety, welfare convenience, and property values of the residences and businesses of the town.

FY 2018-2019 BY THE NUMBERS	
Permit Applications	
Description	**Quantity**
Building	355
Electrical	225
Mechanical	262
Plumbing	62
Land Use Applications	
Description	**Quantity**
Planning and Zoning	13
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses	19
Zoning Board of Appeals	8
Zoning Permits	88

Cattle at Millington Beefalo Farm



Zeleznicky Preserve
Sarah Baker Road

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The RiverCOG is one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected/executive officials of its 17 member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell), serving as Chairperson, Lauren Gister (Chester) as Vice-Chairperson, Ed Bailey (Middlefield) as Secretary, and Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Treasurer. First Selectwomen Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Water Lily at Daniels Road Pond

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began a regional transit study looking at ways of better integrating operations of 9 Town Transit and MAT.
- Continued corridor studies along Routes 81 & 66.
- Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a Federal BUILD grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge.
- Initiated an update to our website, rivercog.org.
- Began hosting and staffing of the non-profit Lower Connecticut River Land Trust.
- Preliminary work on Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- Hosted inaugural Repair Café and Compost Bin/ Rain Barrel sales.
- LOTCIP projects:
  - Millbrook Road, Middletown, construction, $2.4 million.
  - Higganum Road, Durham, construction, $2.6 million.
  - Coles Road, Cromwell, final design, 2.4 million.
  - Candlewood Hill Road Haddam, committed, $2.9 million.
  - Main Street, Chester, committed, $2.4 million.
- Other projects:
  - Main Street Middletown intersections, construction, $3.9 million.
  - Arrigoni Bridge approach spans, design, $52.5 million.
  - Route 9 closed circuit tv, design, $9.2 million
  - Completed a new regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The East Haddam Open Space Committee was not directly involved with the purchase of any Open Space in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, they did assist the State of Connecticut in the purchase of the Hand property which consist of 264 acres off of Mitchell Hill Road. This parcel was added to the existing 861 acres of Devil's Hopyard State Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Pickleball in the Municipal Office Complex

The 2018-2019 fiscal year brought improved programming and increased opportunities for community-wide learning and engagement. We were thrilled to add Introduction to Cooking and Sewing, Kidscapades, Sizzling Science, the production of the Great Gatsby with our summer drama club, 30+ Men's Basketball League, 18+ Men's Basketball, Youth Open gym, indoor corn hole, swim lessons at the Town Beach, cheerleading club, Crochet Club and Pickle Ball. Perhaps our greatest joy was working with families of special needs children within our community. Together we created seasonal family friendly events that promoted team building, acceptance and inclusion. We are fortunate to live in a town where the children from pre-school through high school are taught to respect and care for one another. This was evident during the family kickball events, that were filled with lots of laughter, love and support. Both events were attended by over 60 people, many asking when the next event was going to be scheduled as they all had so much fun. We also continued to increase collaboration between senior citizens and youth with Project Jingles, an initiative to spread holiday cheer to our youngest residents.

Our popular Music on the River Concert Series continues to thrive as weekly summer concerts saw upwards of 1,000 attendees. In addition to our unparalleled venue on the lawn of the Goodspeed Opera House, we believe what truly sets us apart from most "town green" concerts are the culturally diverse programs we offer and the innovative and award-winning talent gracing our stage. We continue to strive to make this series one of the best in Connecticut.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Programs offered increased by 96%.
- Program registrations increased by 64%.
- Program revenue increased by 53%.

FY 2018-2019 BY THE NUMBERS		
Programs	FY2018-2019	FY2017-2018
Offered	49	25
Registrations	2,698	1,642
Revenue	$122,259	$80,082

Town Beach at Moodus Reservoir

We were able to add a number of park benches and tables to Nichols Field, the Town Beach, and the East Haddam Dog Park. Our popular skatepark was seal coated to preserve it for years to come. We also saw the finalization of plans for athletic fields behind the Municipal Office Complex. Should we deem additional field space is necessary in the future, this plan will assist us in the grant application process.

The Parks and Recreation Department proudly continues to provide safe and attractive parks and facilities for residents to enjoy. We look forward to expanding our programs to meet the needs of our residents in 2020!

Family Kickball Event

PUBLIC WORKS

The devoted staff in the Public Works Department provided quality and professional public service to the residents of East Haddam and distinguished themselves in fiscal year 2019 with many accomplishments.

The Transfer Station continues to serve the public in an orderly and efficient manner. The total combined tonnage of municipal solid waste and bulky waste handled at the Transfer Station totaled 4,010.5 tons. This is a 4.2% decrease from fiscal year 2018. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 920.41 tons. This is a 20.7% decrease from last year. With the improved effort of every resident, the town can increase recycling and save the town in disposal fees.

We also continue to assist other departments throughout the year including the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation, Agriculture Commission, and the Conservation Commission.

Overall, the winter of 2018-2019 was average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 22 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on November 15, 2018 and the final storm occurred on March 23, 2019. Total snowfall for the year was approximately 23 inches. The highway department responded in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe.

Damage to Neptune Bridge from the September 2018 flooding event

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Petticoat Lane was fully reclaimed, graded and paved with three inches of hot mix asphalt.
- Repairs are underway due to the damage sustained during the September 2018 flooding event.
- Construction has begun for the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge over the Moodus River. Dayton Construction Company, Inc. of Watertown, CT has been contracted for construction. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted to conduct construction inspection services. The bridge replacement is part of the Federal Local Bridge Program.
- Construction has begun for the replacement of the Foxtown Road Bridge over the Eightmile River. Schultz Corporation of Terryville, CT has been contracted for construction. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT have been contracted for the construction inspection services. The bridge replacement is part of the Federal Local Bridge Program.
- The repair of Bone Mill Road Bridge is complete. Trademark Construction, LLC of Bristol, CT was contracted for construction. WMC Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT was contracted for the construction inspection services. The bridge replacement is part of the Local Bridge Program.
- Annual maintenance of 119 miles of town roads was completed in accordance with a schedule of regular work. This program includes sweeping, street line painting and traffic marking, mowing, traffic sign replacement, grading of more than 15 miles of unpaved roads, tree trimming, pothole patching and cleaning of approximately 1,700 catch basins.

Hadlyme North School, photo by George Fellner

REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL

The Regional Animal Control Department provides East Haddam and East Hampton residents with assistance in handling many animal related issues. A difficult challenge for the Animal Control Officers is returning lost dogs to their rightful owners. Dog owners can assist Animal Control by insuring their dogs are wearing identification tags and have been properly licensed. All canine owners are reminded that dogs are to be licensed during the month of June at the Town Clerk's Office. Residents that fail to register their dog may face fines up to $75.

Owners are also reminded that dogs are not allowed to be a "nuisance" which includes excessive barking or other behavior that causes a disturbance to a neighbor or others. Additionally, dogs must be under the control of the owner and are not allowed to roam freely off the owner's property.

For fiscal year 2019 the Regional Animal Control Officers responded to 954 complaints. Service includes general calls and complaints to include barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife and domestic animal bites.

As a reminder to residents, the Animal Control Officers handle issues relating to dogs, cats, domestic livestock and any wild animal contact with a human or domestic animals.

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/EAST HADDAM POLICE

The Resident State Trooper and East Haddam Police provide a number of services to the residents of East Haddam including routine police coverage, marine patrol during the summer months, coverage for sporting events, school functions, parades, DARE program and other events as requested by local residents and civic organizations. Additionally our police department continues to sponsor the Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy Drive.

The East Haddam Police provide free fingerprinting to town residents. The mission of our department is to enhance the overall security and quality of life by promoting a partnership between the community and law enforcement.

The East Haddam police continue to partner with the East Haddam Youth and Family Services to administer the Drug Free Communities Grant. Additionally, East Haddam Officers serve on the East Haddam Juvenile Review Board and the Local Prevention Council.

Salmon River Launch, photo by George Fellner

CRIME STATISTICS	
Description	Quantity
Alarms	274
Assist Citizen	281
Burglary	1
Calls for Service	7,639
Criminal Impersonation	1
Criminal Mischief	9
Disturbances	31
Domestics	15
DWI	19
Harassment/Threats	3
K-9 Calls for Service	26
Larceny	45
Medical Assists	129
Missing Persons	6
Narcotics Investigations	8
Sex Offense/Assault	5
Traffic Accident	95
Trespassing	1
Untimely Death	11
Warrants	3
Weapons Offense	9
Traffic Stops	1,425

SENIOR SERVICES/COMMISSION ON AGING

The Senior Services Department and the Commission on Aging work together to promote the health, safety and wellbeing of the town's senior community. Many programs were provided throughout the year that enhance the quality of life for our seniors. The Commission members and Department staff continue to participate in regional meetings to meet our goal of continual quality improvement of our services and programs. Our attendance numbers continue to increase. During fiscal year 2019 there were 24,654 sign-ins in comparison to 11,914 for the fiscal year 2013. The Senior Center (Center) offers a wide range of recreational and educational programs on a weekly basis.

High School Straight from the Heart Group who put on the Senior Center Senior Prom

The Center is also a resource for Medicare counseling, benefits screening, tax preparation, financial planning, fuel assistance and AARP driving classes. The Center promotes "good health" screenings (blood pressure checks, hearing and vision assessments), educational seminars regarding wellness (dangers of stress, coping with chronic illnesses, Medical Directives, healthy eating, flu shots etc.) and monthly appointments with a massage therapist. Four times a year the Center hosts a Blood Drive.

New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart, New Britain Bees outing

Senior Center members assisting with the Santa letters

The Meals on Wheels Program (MOW) and the the Senior Center Café combined served over 7,000 meals to seniors this past year. A special thank you goes to all the groups and individuals who donated to support the senior meals program.

Dot Parker assisting Girl Scouts

Intergenerational programs are important to the seniors. This past year, we were fortunate to have the company of high school students several times throughout the year. They assisted our seniors with their projects and activities. Every spring, we appreciate the efforts of the Vo-Ag students who beautify the Senior Center grounds. The Leos Club and the Straight from the Heart Club are also very helpful throughout the year with a variety of programs. The school music department also comes several times during the year to entertain the seniors. It is only because of the hundreds of volunteers that the Center is able to provide such a well-rounded array of activities and programs. This past year Barbara Boluck and Stu Palmer were named "Seniors of the Year" in recognition of all of their volunteer efforts. Much gratitude goes out to all who volunteer at the Center.

We look forward to another year of serving our seniors and making our town a great place to call home.

SHARED SERVICES

The Shared Services Department represents the consolidation of facilities, finance and technology for the town and Board of Education at a lower cost to the East Haddam taxpayers while delivering quality services to citizens and staff. 2018-2019 accomplishments include:

Facilities:

- Elementary school sound system installed in gym with financial support of PTO to enhance performances.
- Elementary school underground oil tank removed and replaced.
- High school fire alarm system upgraded.
- High school stair treads replaced.
- High school gymnasium repainted.
- Middle school playground project installed with Consumer Reports funding and Public Works site work.
- Middle school driveway was crack filled, resealed, with line painting.
- Elementary school gym floor completely renovated (sanded down, repainted and finished).
- Elementary school art room renovated.
- Grange Hall chimney repaired and repointed.
- Town Beach outbuilding repaired and repainted.
- Heritage Park solar lighting installed.
- Cemetery signs installed.

Finance:

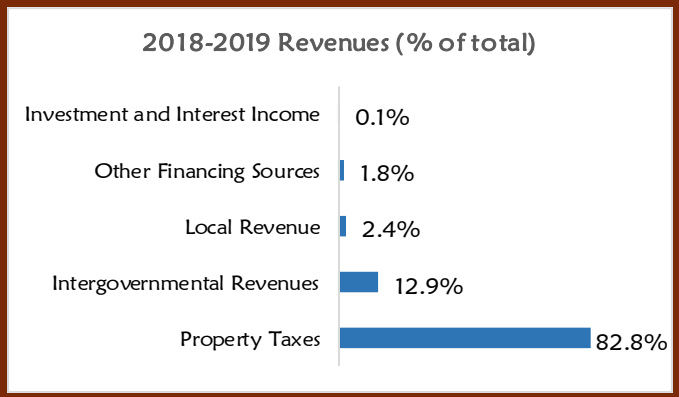
- The annual town audit was completed with an unqualified audit opinion. An unqualified opinion is an independent auditor's judgment that an organizations's financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- Produced two *Citizens' Guide sto the Budget.*
- The town's General Fund, the chief operating fund of the town, finished the fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of $4,979,266 or 14.8% of the fiscal year 2020 budgeted expenses. Board of Finance fund balance policy has an established range of 8% to 15%.
- 2018-2019 year end results for revenue and expenditures are reflected in the charts below.

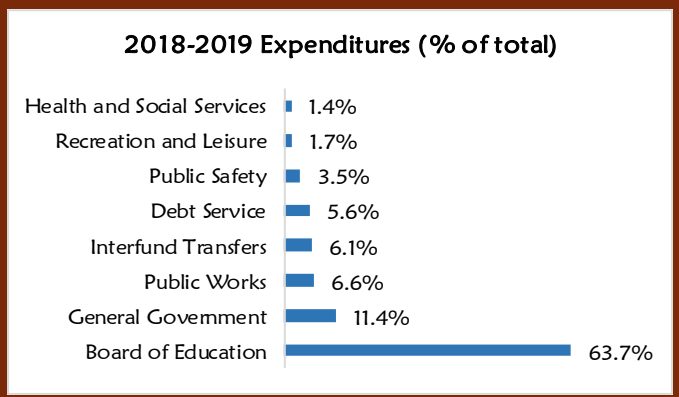
Technology:

- Continued developing data warehouse to support increased data-based decision making.
- Continued to transition to mobile classroom computers to increase student access.
- Supported over 250 staff members, over 1,000 students, 1,000 Desktop/mobile computers, and various other networks based equipment.
- Deployed iPads for Kindergarten and first grade to support earlier access to technology.
- Updated high school manufacturing lab to allow students access to the latest CAD and 3D design programs.
- Installed new desktops in the Career Tech Ed lab at the high school. This aided us to realign with our strategy of saving costs by going with one platform for all desktop and laptop devices.
- Setup 5 Promethean interactive displays in middle school classrooms to test out our change in vendors for our switch from smartboards and projectors.
- Started implementing Chromebook strategy in the high school to allow all students access to Chromebooks throughout the school day for constant use.
- Upgraded police computers to Windows 10 with new all in ones.
- Put out to bid and implemented new copiers for the school district, part of the town and the libraries.

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR RESULTS

Please see the town's website: www.easthaddam.org for more financial information.





TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is one of the most visited offices in the Municipal Office Complex. It serves as the center for permanent records for the residents of the community and its government. The town's most important documents are trusted to the Town Clerk. Documentation regarding the birth of a child, the death of a loved one, or the purchase or sale of your home comes through the Clerk's Office. In FY2018/2019 the Clerk's Office recorded 75 births (including one home birth), 102 marriages, and 88 deaths.

Military discharges, notary public services and registrations, liquor, burial and cremation permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions are the responsibilities of the Clerk. We also issue various licenses such as dog, sporting and marriage licenses. We endeavor to serve all of our customers with efficiency and professionalism. The Town Clerk's Office plays a major role for elections and referendums. The functions and fees of the Office of Town Clerk are dictated by State Statute.

Riverview Cemetery – Main Street
"mortal wound on his head by the falling of a weight from the Bell"

FISCAL YEAR 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Promoted dog licensing via the "Top dog" contest in coordination with the middle school and the Animal Control Officer via the rabies clinic.
- Received a $4,500 Historic Preservation Program grant which was used to conserve nine volumes of audit reports.
- The Town Clerk continues to provide recording secretarial services to the Board of Finance and is one of the two administrators of the Town's website.
- Two primaries, a gubernatorial election, one referendum and eight Town Meetings were held.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Service	Number of Transactions	Revenue Received
Land Recordings*	1,921	$117,109
Land Records Copies	9,160	$9,160
Online Copies	2,379	$2,379
Sports Licenses*	736	$7,827
Dog Licenses*	1,071	$9,919
Marriage Licenses*	81	$4,050
Notary Services	360	-
Maps Filed	31	$670
Conveyance Tax Collected*	183	$411,189
Vital Records	1,238	$11,155
Legally Noticed Meetings Held.	408	n/a

*indicates revenue is shared with the State of Connecticut.

EAST HADDAM'S TOP DOGS

1st Place	2nd Place
Paisley Jane	Klondike
Paisley Jane belongs to the Kraszewski family	Klondike belongs to the Farretti family

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The East Haddam **Water Pollution Control Authority** operates and maintains the East Haddam Village sewer treatment plant and collection system. The 2018-2019 fiscal year was the 19th year of full operations of the system. The flows averaged 14,000 gallons per day, which is just over 25% of the system's capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 34,000 gallons per day or 62% of the system's capacity.

I-Park, Site-Responsive Art Biennale Andrew Ranville Sauna Island
Photo by Nancy Pinne

Bashan Cemetery, next to the Moodus Reservoir

Town of East Haddam
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Municipal Office Complex
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Fax - Finance Office/Selectmen's Office: 860-873-5025
Fax - Building Department/Chatham Health/Land Use Office: 860-873-1565

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to Noon

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