

Town of East Haddam



Class of 2020

Graduation held on August 10, 2020

Class of 2021

Graduation held on June 11, 2021



ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2021

DEDICATIONS

William Delehanty, Sr.

Bill served the town as Chairman of the Board of Education and Secretary of the Elementary School Building Committee.



Paul Maxwell

Paul served the town as a member of the Board Finance and as Board Chairman.



Susan Downs

Susan served the town as a member of the Agriculture Commission.



Marie Miller

Marie worked at the Rathbun Free Memorial Library.



George Drenga

George served the town as a voting site monitor.



Sharon Palmer

Sharon worked as a teacher for the East Haddam school system.



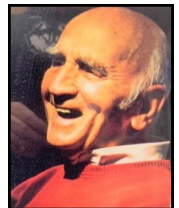
Leona Gowac

Leona worked in the East Haddam school system cafeteria for many years until her retirement.



Anthony Persutti

Anthony worked as a teacher for the East Haddam school system.



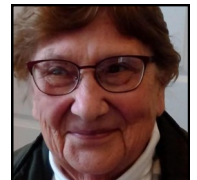
Richard Haslam

Richard served as an elected constable for the town from 1972 to 1984.



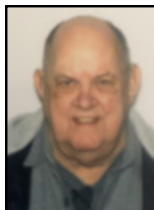
Dorothy (Dot) Parker

Dot served the town as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary



Harold Johnson

Harold served the town as a constable and a volunteer firefighter.



James (Jamie) Shugrue

Jamie worked for the town Public Works Department for 33 years and was an honorary member of the Fire Department.



Gregory Lauria

Greg served the town as a member of the Board of Finance and as Board secretary.



David Sloan

David served the town as a member of the Elderly Tax Relief Study Committee.



Carol Loiko

Caroled worked as a paraprofessional for the East Haddam school system for over 30 years.



Thomas (TJ) Tarbox

TJ served the town as a member of the Conservation Commission.



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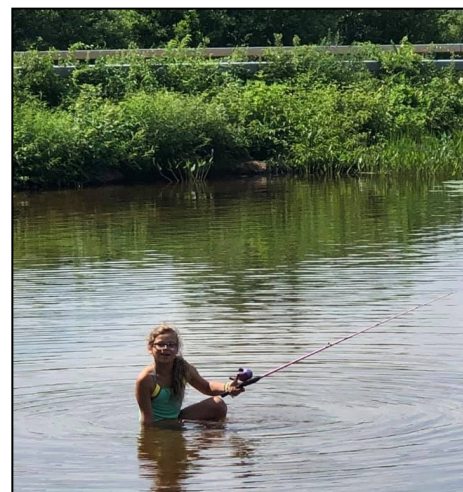
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*Parks and Recreation Fall Soccer 2020
Jaxson Barber and Eli Wilkins*



*Parks and Recreation Fishing at
Town Beach Zac Velikaneye and
Silas Belcher*



*Parks and Recreation Fishing at
Town Beach Autumn Landry*

BOARD OF FINANCE

The **Board of Finance** operates as set forth in the State of Connecticut General Statutes. Responsibilities of the Board include the annual budget of the Town, as well as necessary budget transfers and other supplemental appropriations, setting the mill rate and publication of the Annual Report. Additionally the Board selects the independent auditor, arranges the annual audit and works closely with the Boards of Selectmen and Education in financial matters.

To the right is a snapshot of statistical data. Please note that certain statistics specifically meet established Board policies, such as:

- ☞ The Debt Management Policy states that the town will strive to maintain its debt as a percentage of the operating budget below 10%, and with an ideal target between 2% to 8%. At June 30, 2021, the debt service was 9.4%.
- ☞ The Debt Management Policy states that the ratio of debt to the Full Grand List should be below 3%. At June 30, 2021 this ratio was 1.98%.
- ☞ Fund Balance Policy is that the Unassigned General Fund Balance should be between 8% to 15% of budgeted expenditures. At June 30, 2021, the undesignated fund balance was 16.8%.

The Town of East Haddam's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2020 was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and applicable legal requirements. A certificate of achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our comprehensive annual financial reports will continue to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program requirements and we will submit to the GFOA each year to determine eligibility. This is exciting news because this was the first time that our town produced this report and received this award.

We continue making great progress preparing written financial policies. Formalized financial policies are a key component with the bond rating agencies when the town issues debt. In December we issued and refunded (refinanced) debt. As part of the debt issuance process a ratings review was conducted by Standard and Poor's—we sustained our AA+ rating. A key reason we sustained this rating was largely due to the continued implementation of financial policies.

The December debt service transaction included refinancing the USDA loan for the Municipal Office Complex, refinancing the 2010 bond for open space and the 4-8 middle school, as well as new debt for the remainder of the four major capital projects. This transaction was very successful! The combined net interest rate for all of these transactions is 1.7%. In addition the investors paid a premium to purchase our debt of approximately \$3 million. This enabled us to pay down our principal balance reducing our total debt and it covered the cost of the debt issuance. The estimated savings in debt service is over \$2 million. The Board of Finance policy requires that refinancing should only occur if the net present value savings is 2% or greater, the USDA refinancing savings was 16.66% and the 2010 bond refinancing savings was 13.15%. The refinancing savings far exceeded policy.

The Board strives to keep our citizens informed of the town's finances. We invite you to visit the town's website www.easthaddam.org to learn more about the town's financial information.

William DiCristofaro
Chairman

EAST HADDAM BY THE NUMBERS	
Population ¹	8,997
Registered Voters (June 30, 2021)	6,874
Median Age ²	48.2 years
Median Income ²	\$98,928
Number of Households ²	3,640
Median Home Value ²	\$287,300
Grand List (October 1, 2020)	\$903,786,404
Mill Rate (July 1, 2021)	30.44
Bond (Credit) Rating Standard & Poor's	AA+
Miles of Town Road Paved Dirt	120 14
# of Town Employees (excludes seasonal) Full Time Equivalent= 40 hours per week	56.5
# of BOE Employees (excludes seasonal and substitutes) Full Time Equivalent= 40 hours per week	207.3
2021 General Fund Revenues	\$34,258,816
2021 General Fund Expenditures	\$33,994,245
2021 Outstanding Debt	\$25,255,000
Authorized Debt (not issued at June 30, 2021)	\$2,374,649
2021 Debt Service as a % of 2021 General Fund Expenditures	7.67%
2021 Debt Service as a % of the full Grand List	1.98%
Unassigned General Fund Balance (June 30, 2021) as a % of 2021 General Fund Expenditures	16.8%
Per Capita Outstanding Debt (June 30, 2021)	\$2,474
¹ Connecticut State Department of Health ² profiles.ct.data.org (2021)	

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.

THE NET TAXABLE 2020 GRAND LIST	
Real Estate	\$780,712,200
Personal Property	40,681,964
Motor Vehicle	82,290,180
Total Taxable Grand List	\$903,684,344
1.0 % increase over 2019	

It is the Assessor's responsibility to ensure 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 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.

2020 GRAND LIST COMBINED TOP TEN TAXPAYERS		
Top Ten Taxpayers	Net Assessment	% of 2020 Grand List*
Connecticut Light & Power Co.	\$31,537,140	3.66%
Fox Hopyard Golf Club LLC	3,064,080	.34%
RMD Properties LLC	2,519,480	.28%
Banner Country Club Corp.	2,228,370	.25%
Healthcare Holdings LLC	2,092,790	.23%
Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ	1,776,530	.20%
Wildwood Inc.	1,655,850	.18%
RMD Land Development LLC	1,473,780	.16%
Fox Hopyard Realty LLC	1,384,970	.15%
Senior Housing Corp. of East Haddam	1,327,960	.15%
Total Top Ten Net Assessment	\$49,060,050	5.43%
*Based on Net 2020 Grand List as reported to the State of Connecticut.		



Damage from Tropical Storm ISAIAS on August 5, 2020

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The **Board of Assessment Appeals** conducted two public hearings in fiscal year 2021—one in September and one in March. Of the 18 applications received 13 were real estate and five automobiles. The results of the hearings are to the right.

Number of Appeals	Number of Assessment Adjustments	\$ Value of Assessment Adjustments
18	9	(\$154,700)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Working with Chatham Health District, Nutmeg Pharmacy and many volunteers, hundreds of people became fully vaccinated at clinics held at the Senior Center and the Municipal Office Complex. Unfortunately, the fiscal year 2021 ended with the citizens still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The initial downward curve of infections in the Spring ceased and the numbers are again on the rise due to the Delta variant. We are approximately 500 days into the pandemic, and although some functions of your town government had to be modified, fortunately, the impact to citizens was minimal. This was possible because we are in the larger Municipal Office Building.

Described below are some of the town staffs' accomplishments.

- ⌘ A generator has been installed at the Grange so that the Food Bank food stock won't spoil should we lose power.
- ⌘ At the Transfer Station, we have partially redesigned the operation and have added self-contained compactors for recycling and municipal solid waste. This will provide backup facilities for trash if the large compactor fails.
- ⌘ A new heating and cooling system was installed at the East Haddam Free Public Library.
- ⌘ The town has ordered a new \$1,000,000 "Quint" fire truck. This multi-function ladder truck/engine will replace two fire trucks. This was possible due to a \$904 thousand grant from FEMA.
- ⌘ Contractors completed the Neptune Avenue bridge construction in May.
- ⌘ In the Spring, several new gardeners rented plots at the East Haddam Community Garden located at the Harris property.
- ⌘ The budget process was very tedious and was delayed because of COVID restrictions and the inability to hold meetings in person.
- ⌘ Most of the gravel roads were finally repaired from the flooding damage that occurred in 2018. Ackley Road was totally rebuilt, including new drainage. This work was partially funded through a donation from Consumer Reports. FEMA is covering most of the cost of these repairs.
- ⌘ Parks and Receptions programs resumed initially on a limited basis but managed to slowly come back to a full range of programs. Senior Center and Library Services programs have followed suit.
- ⌘ Just before the end of the fiscal year, the contract was awarded for the new tennis court at the Municipal Office Complex as the finances were confirmed.
- ⌘ Several hundred dead and dying trees were removed by arborists and Public Works staff. Public Works personnel prepared roads for paving in and around the Elementary School.



- ⌘ Many meetings were conducted regarding the Village Revitalization project at the former Town Offices site on Main Street.
- ⌘ Understandable, the Swing Bridge rebuilding project, coming in 2022, has also preoccupied many of the citizens and businesses in East Haddam. Meetings on this \$58 M are continuing to minimize the impact to citizens and businesses.
- ⌘ Energy savings projects were done at the Public Works Garage, the Grange and Company 1 and 2 Fire Houses resulting in substantial energy cost savings to the town in three years or less.
- ⌘ The town and Cynthia Varricchio, Finance Director, were awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

As always, the diligent work of our staff and volunteers is what makes the town function and what makes East Haddam such a great place to live. Thank you to them for making this a very successful year despite all the problems created by COVID-19.

Robert R. Smith
First Selectman



Ackley Road after the construction.

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, 2019, became due and payable on July 1, 2020. The last day on which to pay without penalty was August 3, 2020. 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 2020-2021 we collected \$1.8 million in online payments. Please visit our website at www.easthaddam.org to make a payment, view tax bills or to print IRS payment records.

In fiscal year 2021, Tax Collector Denise Dill became the first Town of East Haddam staff member to earn the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Certified Connecticut Municipal Official (CCMO). The CCMO training program includes training to each municipal official on how to work collaboratively, solve problems, building partnerships and work across political and organizational boundaries. This program encourages municipal offices to expand their knowledge and enhance leadership skills through education.

GRAND LIST 2018 ENDING BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Type of Accounts	Number of Accounts	Beginning Balance	Uncollected Taxes	Collection Rate
Real Estate	5,900	\$25,542,733.22	\$182,540.09	99.22%
Personal Property	481	1,234,223.65	8,328.77	99.34%
Motor Vehicle	10,543	2,298,249.45	31,411.66	98.63%
Supplemental Motor Vehicle	1,510	301,563.11	16,211.15	94.62%
GRAND TOTAL	18,434	\$27,396,769.43	\$238,491.67	99.13

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)

Types of Accounts	Number of Accounts	Beginning Balance	Uncollected Taxes	Collection Rates
Sewer Usage	102	\$180,705.00	\$5,423.62	97.00%

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The East Haddam Conservation Commission (EHCC) continues to press forward with our outreach and promotion activities, mostly through the initiation of a Conservation Conversation column in East Haddam News, which began in October 2020. There were articles on recycling, the New England Cottontail, native garden plants, horseback riding on our Town trails, and the Lena and Urbanik Reserves. We also included articles in Events Magazine seeking volunteers to monitor our Town reserves, one on the Spotted Lanternfly, and on the history of the Lefebvre property.

In August, we presented Aiden Behilo with a Certificate of Appreciation at his Eagle Scout ceremony for his 2020 project which involved significant improvements to Davison Memorial Walking Park. And because of the popularity of Ethan Kerr's "Find the Chairs" Adirondack chair Eagle Scout project, we extended it into 2021. That

project brought many new hikers into East Haddam, resulting in our receiving scores of comments about how much fun participants had in the quest to find the chairs and discover new places to hike.

The ADA path at Patrell Preserve is now complete and, with assistance from a matching grant from the Eightmile Wild & Scenic Committee, we purchased and installed plantings along the path as well as plant identifier markers that can be read at wheelchair height. A COVID restricted opening ceremony is planned for October 2021.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will hold a scavenger hunt in October 2021. It will require hikers to find four (4) pink tagged trails on our Town properties that have also been marked with a special symbol, creating awareness of the disease while encouraging donations to a breast cancer charity and giving another reason for people to explore our many wonderful trails.

EAST HADDAM AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The **East Haddam Ambulance Association** (EHAA) celebrates another successful year of providing emergency medical services to the community of East Haddam. The EHAA is a non-profit association that is assigned the Primary Service Area (PSA) for East Haddam and operates three emergency vehicles. There were 830 requests for emergency ambulance service this past fiscal year, a significant increase from 700 the previous year. There were 42 calls for first ambulance mutual aid (coverage needed from another town) for a rate of 5%, meeting the goal of <10%. EHAA also responds to calls to the surrounding towns. The average response time continues to decrease from five minutes the previous year to just three and one-half minutes this year. The length of the calls also decreased from 74 to 64 minutes.



The EHAA is staffed with Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). We would like to thank everyone who participates in our efforts to deliver rapid, quality services to the East Haddam community. This team response includes our dedicated volunteers, per diem staff, staffing agency, the Fire and Police Departments, and the town employees.

What you can do to help:

- ☞ If you have an emergency **CALL 911**. Stay on the line and answer the dispatcher's questions. Turn your outside lights on if it is dark. Secure all of your animals so they do not panic with the activity.
- ☞ We distribute free packets of the "Vial of Life" that gives you a place to record your medical information that is necessary when you have an emergency. You can find the packets at the local pharmacies and the Senior Center. Keep these up to date and on your refrigerator as that information can be helpful to EMTs and the hospital.
- ☞ Identify your homes with reflective number signs that are visible from the road so that we can find you in an emergency. The Fire Department makes these signs.
- ☞ Get vaccinated for the flu and covid, wear masks when in public, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer and social distance to prevent the spread of infections.
- ☞ The EHAA is seeking volunteers and provides tuition reimbursement, pay per call and tax abatement incentives. Courses are held in locations throughout Connecticut. We are also hiring for per diem positions. Anyone who is interested in more information can contact us at easthaddamambulance.org or call the office at 860-873-2185.

*Pictured below:
COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Senior Center
in a partnership with Nutmeg Pharmacy*



*Senior Center Director Brad Parker with
Kevin Machi former manager of Nutmeg Pharmacy*



Kevin Machi administering a COVID vaccine



*Jessica McAllister Manager of Nutmeg Pharmacy
with Greg McKenna owner of Nutmeg Pharmacy*

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The **East Haddam Fire Department** is composed of 55 fire personnel which includes firefighters, fire police personnel and R-1 responders. The department also has seven career staff (two full-time/five part-time) firefighter/EMT's. The department has responded to a total of 537 calls from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 year, which included structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and medical calls just to name a few. The calls are broken down by type on the right of this page. The department is proud to have (6) six new volunteer firefighter candidates that are currently in the screening process. The department also conducts a minimum of three drills per month. Training is paramount in the fire department so that when an actual emergency call is dispatched all personnel are effective in their skill set.

As you might remember from last year, the department was heavily involved with grant writing. Career Lieutenant Eric Kolasinski and Fire Police auxiliary Steve Dorfman put in a significant amount of time writing a grant to purchase a new Ladder truck also known as a Quint. Just after the end of this fiscal year the town was awarded a \$905,000 grant from FEMA to purchase this specialized equipment. The Quint has an expected delivery date of late January 2022.

The department saw the resignation of Fire Commissioners Jennifer Spencer and Howard Bogue, as well as the resignations of Part-time Career Firefighters Shane Ferwerda, Josh Adams, and Kevin Fifield. I would like to thank these men and women on the tremendous job they did to better our town and department. I wish them luck in future endeavors.

The department would like to welcome newly appointed fire commissioners Tim Reynolds as well as Craig Mansfield. Both individuals have multiple years in public service that include emergency management, law enforcement, firefighting, EMS, and major public safety leadership roles. These individuals will certainly be an asset to the department in its continued progress into the future.

The department would also like to announce their slate of officers that were nominated this past June:

- Chief of Department, Brian J. Auld
- Deputy Chief, Ray Swol (promoted from Captain/EMT)
- Captain Kevin Ruty (promoted from Lieutenant)
- Captain Neil Mosig
- Captain Kyle Mosig
- Fire Police Captain, Bob Bennett
- Lieutenant Jerry Boynton
- Lieutenant Nicole Dombroski (promoted from Firefighter)
- Lieutenant Matt Swol (promoted from Firefighter)
- Lieutenant Amber Tremblay (promoted from Firefighter/EMT)

Special thanks to former Deputy Chief Shawn Daigle who stepped down as Deputy Chief this past election. Chief Daigle was instrumental in the success of the department and held multiple leadership and committee membership capacities over his more than 20 years with the department. Chief Daigle will be spending more time with family but will thankfully remain a member of the department.

The department continues to make great progress in its recruitment of personnel, continuing education, and equipment updates. The department would like to thank the citizens of East Haddam for their continued support.

CALLS FOR SERVICE	
Description	Quantity
Aircraft Accident	1
Brush Fire	24
Carbon Monoxide	16
Chimney Fire	6
Electrical Pole Fire	22
Fire/Smoke Alarms	84
Good Intent/Public Service	8
Hazmat	2
Marine Rescue	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	44
Mutual Aid	6
Outside Fire	4
Outside Smoke Investigation	11
R-1 EMS	284
Structure Fire	15
Vehicle Fire	4
Total	537

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) provide important services to citizens including access to computers, one-on-one assistance with digital age technology, educational programs for all ages, and access to books and materials. The libraries offered curbside service/delivery during the Summer of 2020 and reopened to the public in September 2020 after new safety measures and protocols were implemented. The libraries offered online library card registration, digital materials, virtual programs, take-home kits and more COVID-safe service options through the year—including a socially distant visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus for Family Night. More than half of the new library cards issued were issued online for the first time in library history.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌀 Library card registration—498
- 🌀 Online card registration—251
- 🌀 Digital programs offered—114
- 🌀 Total items requested online—6,685
- 🌀 Circulation during curbside delivery—5,442
- 🌀 Items loaned to other Libraries—6,142
- 🌀 Items borrowed from other Libraries—4,882
- 🌀 Most popular book—*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- 🌀 Most popular film—*Frozen 2*



Socially distant visit with Santa and his friends from the fire department

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Service	Number of Transactions
Numbers of citizens that are registered library card holders	4,395
Physical items in the Library collection (books, movies, periodicals and more)	38,894
Total loaned physical items	39,666
Total loaned digital content (eBooks, etc.)	10,339
Total Circulation	50,005
Number of events (online and in-person)	146
Attendance at events (online and in-person)	1,314
Description	Revenue Received
Gifts and donations	\$7,775
Library Services Fees (photocopies, faxes, over dues, etc.)	\$3,205
Private library trust and endowments	\$63,393



Rathbun Library with new sneeze guard protection



EHPL with new sneeze guard protection

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.

Thank you for reading the East Haddam Public Schools section of the Annual Report. East Haddam Public Schools offered five days a week of in person learning to all of its students for the school year of 2020-2021. For this very unique year, this offering was in sharp contrast to better than over 95% of Connecticut school districts. Our staff became efficient in the process of contact tracing and experts in social distancing to combat the impact of COVID-19 on our school system. We proved that our students and our staff are tremendously adaptable and resilient.

The year was one of shifting to doing more of some activities and less of others. Our field trips, club activities, and athletic events were decreased significantly from the years before. Field trips were attended in a virtual format whenever possible. The athletic seasons were shortened and spectators were limited for most events. In contrast, students and teachers significantly increased their use of technology to learn. Communications about health, symptoms, and overall well-being were at an all time high. Our students were outside for mask breaks, learning opportunities, and many other types of gatherings. The culminating event for the school year was the high school graduation in the soccer field. It was a beautiful sight and an example of something we learned from this unique time that we should keep for the future.

Our learning communities continued to focus our students on the transferable skills of the Effective Communicator, Informed Thinker, Problem Solver, Self-Directed Learner, and a Responsible Citizen as we adapted to the situational landscape. This year elevated the need for these transferable skills as students were asked to work more independently and through a new median of online learning.

Architects were hired to initiate the athletic complex project at the high school. The masonry at the elementary school was cleaned, repointed and sealed. As we head into the 2021-2022 school year with more exterior improvements at the elementary school planned and hopes for a new track in the near future, the district continues to plan to improve our infrastructure.

East Haddam Public Schools was successful as a direct result of the dedication of the staff, the determination of the leadership, and the strength of cooperation from the community at large.

Brian S. Reas
Superintendent of Schools



Student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic



Middle school promotion ceremony—June 2021



Grade 3 celebration—June 2021

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Nathan Hale-Ray High School Class of 2021

Altmann, Amanda Marie
Ballek, Lenora Rose
Bavedas, Nora Susan
Behilo, Aidan Han Sheng
Belcher, Anastasia Alfina
Belisle, Emmaline Elizabeth
Betts, Richard Paul
Bourgeois, Evan Jacob
Burns, Declan James
Butler, Camron Steven
Caffrey, Bryce Michael
Cameron, Isabelle Olivia
Cappitella, Emily Nicole
Carbo, Jared Michael
Carlson, Shane Jordan
Carta, Alyssa Rene
Carta, Joseph Anthony
Champlin, Kayleigh Mary
Clarke, Aiden Jon
Close, Griffin Patrick
Conroy, Matthew Aidan
Corey, Logan Nicholas
Coronis, Nicolina Cristina
Cutler, Faith Audrey
Dargenio, Lacey Mackenzie
Darrow, Mya Qian
Dean, Maliya Patience
Dedman, Jack Edward
DeMarco, Christopher Michael
Desiata, Alexis Rose
Devenney, Luke Philip
DiMartino, Gavin James
DiMartino, Nathan Michael
DiMartino, Victoria Theresa

DiStefano, Gabriel Michael
Doiron, Emma Irene
Dorr, Spencer Harlen
Dudchik, Anthony Thomas
Espinosa, Hunter Kyle
Espinosa, Logan Timothy
Ezer, Reagan Elizabeth
Fay, Cailey Nicole
Gendron, Robert Matthew
Gerrish, Julia Emma
Gilchrist, Emily Marie
Goff, Brianne Victoria
Gordon, Hailee Elizabeth
Hitriz, Sage Austin
Holbrook, Samantha Blakely
Hollis, Gabriel Emerson
Ibbotson, Brianna Leigh
Jaturarat, Sonja
Kelly, Abigail Joyce
Kobrock, Carlee Ann
Kulaga, Ross Thomas
LaCasse, Michael Mitchell
Lake, Aaron James
Lauria, Joseph David
Lauria, Matthew Gregory
Leibowitz, Hannah Sophia
Lisitano, Cody Sebastian
Long, Geoffrey Mark
Manfull, Thomas Wyn
Marella, Mimi
Martel, Grace Elizabeth
Martel, Ryan Paul
Matthews, Arlo Brinsdon
McQuarrie, Daniel Jaiden

Melendez, Kevin Manuel
Miner, Jack Parker
Morris, Ryan Michael
Parker, Jacquelyn Carole
Peckham, Lauren Veronika
Peoples, Sachi Olivia
Polanco, Irving Daniel
Polanco, Melanie Elisa
Pramberger, Quinn Thomas
Puia, Audrey Eryn
Ricard, Zachary Hayden
Riley, Daniel Howard
Scameheorn, Sean David
Sherman, Patrick William
Siani, Ryan Hall
Smith, Abigail Kileigh
Smith, Colby Raymond
Sodergren, John Arno
Sparks, Avery Lyn
Stricker, Jessica Ellen
Strid, Mackenzie Jean
Sullivan, Griffin William
Swinson, Brandon Christopher
Taylor, Emma Rose
Thiele, Ethan Christopher
Torrealba, Giovanni Ricardo
Tozier, Sarah Catherine
VanValkenburg, Timothy James
Watkins, Camron William
Westerman, Vincent
Wordell, Justin Michael
Wytas, Samuel Paul

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 and 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 is 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 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ Provided information, referrals, advocacy and assistance to town residents
- ☞ 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; liaison to Salvation Army
- ☞ Provided assistance and advocacy for residents to address food, rent, heating, electricity and homeless issues
- ☞ Provided social service case management services.
- ☞ Provided mental health and drug/alcohol counseling services to HS and MS youth and their families
- ☞ Juvenile Review Board to divert MS and HS youthful offenders from Criminal Justice System.
- ☞ Provided positive youth development programs for HS and MS age youth.
- ☞ Administered Federal grant to support the work of the EH Local Prevention Council.
- ☞ Oversight and administrative support to the EH Food Bank
- ☞ Collaborated with regional mental health and drug/alcohol treatment providers.
- ☞ Partnerships with EH police, schools, town departments, faith and civic organizations, parent and youth groups.
- ☞ On-going in-person and virtual presentations, webinars, informational materials, etc. for the community throughout COVID-19 shutdown. Topics included, but not limited to mental health, substance use, general health and well-being, parenting, etc.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FISCAL YEAR 2020 (*duplicated—counts number of service slots, not individuals)

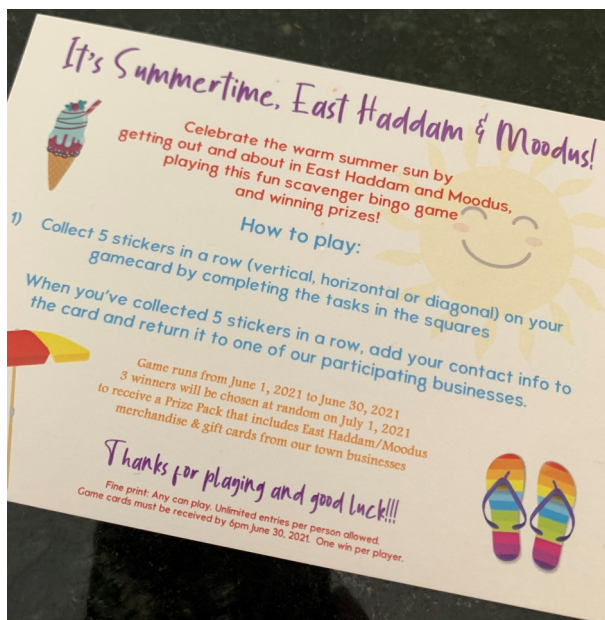
Description	Quantity	Additional Information
Youth and Family Programs		
☞ Youth Leadership Meetings	14	Average 10 youth/meeting
☞ Family Programs	3	Average of 8 attendees
☞ School-based Drug/Alcohol Educational Presentations	2	Presentations offered (80 attended)
☞ Youth Programs	6	Average of 25 youth attended
Community Programs	7	Average 28 attendees/program
Community Events	3	850 attendees
Social Media Posts to disseminate information	134	55,833 views
Holiday Campaign	1	49 families and 99 children/youth
Counseling Program—Counseling Sessions	84	Number of clients 23 (unduplicated)
Juvenile Review Board—Board Sessions	136	Number of students 9 (unduplicated)
Truancy Program Meetings (new unfunded State mandate)	8	Number of clients 2 (unduplicated)
Social Services—Interventions	122	Number of clients 32 (unduplicated)
Food Bank Oversight	133	Families (consisting of 160 adults, 80 children and 68 senior citizens)
Holiday Baskets	165	Thanksgiving 92/Christmas 73
East Haddam Local Prevention Counsel	14	Coalition Meetings/Trainings/Conference
	8	Presentations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Fiscal year 2020-2021 was a strong year for the East Haddam **Economic Development Commission** (EDC). The EDC area of focus included working with the economic development committees of other towns.

We worked on the EDC's vision for the updated Plan of Development and Conservation. We assisted individual businesses as an advocate for expansion with our tax abatement program. We continued to keep a strong eye to developing tourism along the lower Connecticut River. We met with the towns of Haddam, Chester, Deep River and Essex to work in collaboration to maximize opportunities we share by being a Connecticut River town. East Haddam continues to be a featured community on the ExploreCTShoreline.com.

This year the EDC had to pivot a bit with the rest of the business community due to COVID and health safety measures. So we got a little creative. As the weather warmed, we brought out a Summer Scavenger Bingo Game to get people out into the community and visiting our local businesses. Over 500 Bingo Cards were turned back in to draw three lucky winners of a generous prize pack offered by the participating businesses.



The EDC and the East Haddam Business Association continued its alliance, hosting work sessions on ways to partner in key areas where we share the common goal of driving commerce and economic development. In particular, The Business of the Month program was developed out of these meetings with a different nominated business receiving this honor monthly or bi-monthly. The criteria that the nominated business be a driving force in our community through either revitalization, community commitment or assisting in multiple business development has been in place.

EDC has also started a conversation this year with our planning and zoning officials in looking at ways our

zoning in commercial areas in town can better serve our town. We have been in discussion on how we can change to a more mixed-use model and create more village and walkable centers of commerce.

The EDC sponsored the annual Celebrate East Haddam Fall Fest last October. Always held on the weekend before Columbus Day weekend, this past year it tripled in size with 12 individual signature events and many supporting businesses. By all reports the town saw significant increases in tourism and commerce. The goal is to continue to develop this festival every year to be even more inclusive of all businesses who want to participate and to further drive tourism commerce for East Haddam.

Another project EDC is spearheading in conjunction with CT Landmarks is a bike trail on Town Street. The CT Trails Assistance Program provides a grant for the design and public outreach part of the project while we help with some engineering. Our hope is that the town sees this project and collaboration with CT Landmarks as an additional and welcomed asset.

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 in 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.

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission Presents:

EAST HADDAM EATS!

\$500 in total gift card winnings to food and drink establishments in East Haddam!

Ask for an entry form when picking up your order or at your table at these participating establishments:

La Vita	Da Vinci
Gelston House	Village Pizza
Town Tavern	On the Rocks
Corvo	Higher Grounds
Moodus BBQ	Two Wrasslin Cats

Enter to win from December 1st to December 31st.

Five \$100 Gift Card Prize Package Drawing
Monday, January 4th, 2021

#EastHaddamEats

Questions can be directed to: Irene Haines, edcadmin@easthaddam.org

ELECTIONS/REGISTRARS

The **Registrars of Voters** supported four voting events in the 2020-2021 fiscal year: Republican and Democratic Presidential Primaries on August 11, 2020, a Presidential Election on November 3, 2020, and a Budget Referendum on June 6, 2021. Due to the public health crisis Absentee Ballot access was expanded to include Covid-19 precaution as a reason to get an Absentee Ballot. This resulted in 31% of votes in the Presidential Election being cast by Absentee Ballot in East Haddam.

Out of 7,032 registered voters, 5,865 voted in the November 3, 2020 election, resulting in a voter participation rate of 83.4% in our town. This was higher than the previous Presidential election in 2016, when 5,176 people voted out of 6,564 for a participation rate of 78.85%.

Despite the unusual conditions surrounding the 2020 Presidential Election, the town staff, and the people of East Haddam rose to the challenge. Our poll workers, both new and experienced, worked hard and supported each other, and our voters were exemplary.

Registrars recruited and trained poll workers for the election and ensured that Moderators, who oversee

elections, were current in their certifications. Both Registrars of Voters are certified as mandated by the State and are also certified Moderators. The Registrars regularly attend two annual conferences given by the Secretary of the State in collaboration with the Registrar of Voters Association of CT (ROVAC). This year both the Fall and Spring conferences were held remotely instead of in person.

We registered voters from mail-in, in person - including Election Day registration in November - and on-line applications. Information received from the Secretary of State's office, DMV and Town Clerk help us to ensure that our voter list is current. Despite the general government shutdown, the registrars conducted the yearly Canvass, another way we keep our voter list up to date. Office hours are generally Tuesdays from 11 am to 3 pm, or by appointment. Our office is located in the Municipal Office Complex, not far from the gym.

As of June 30, 2021, there were 6,874 registered voters in East Haddam.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

East Haddam's **Emergency Management** is responsible for preparing the town to respond to large scale emergencies or disasters. During the 2020-21 fiscal year, Emergency Management activated the EOC for two weather events, one being Tropical Storm Isaias. Both storms affected the town, but Isaias caused significant damage to some areas of town, causing over 85 road closures and several days of power outages throughout town. The team coordinated the response between Eversource and Public Works to ensure the roads were cleared for emergency responders and power was restored as quickly as possible. Additionally, Emergency Management worked closely with the Finance Department to track all costs related to Storm Isaias. This allowed the town to submit for federal funding which will cover much of the town's response cost to the storm.

Additionally, Emergency Management continued to work closely with the Chatham Health District and the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to coordinate the town's Covid-19 response.

CERT members attended virtual training to ensure the team remains prepared to respond when needed. Volunteers assisted in the Emergency Operations Center by staffing showers and opening charging/cooling centers for several days during Tropical Storm Isaias. East Haddam CERT continues to look for volunteers. If you are interested, please call 860-873-5103 or email EHaddamEmgMgt@easthaddam.org.

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 button "***Emergency Notification Program***" on the bottom of the main page of the website or for more information you can call 860-873-5103 or email easthaddamalerts@easthaddam.org.



Damage from Tropical Storm ISAIAS on August 5, 2020

To get ongoing information related to East Haddam Emergency Management, please check the town website at www.easthaddam.org or join our East Haddam Emergency Management Facebook page.

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 nine 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 17 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 2019-2020 BY THE NUMBERS	
Permit Applications	
Description	Quantity
Building	367
Commercial	1
Electrical	281
Mechanical	130
New Homes	14
Plumbing	127
Land Use Applications	
Description	Quantity
Planning and Zoning	20
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses	20
Zoning Board of Appeals	17
Zoning Permits	88



*Parks and Recreation Spring Soccer
Kayla Dunn and Emily Chaplinsky*



*Parks and Recreation NSA Baseball Camp
Austin Laban and Tyler Kolek*

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



Lefebvre Reserve

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The East Haddam **Open Space Committee** was not directly involved with the purchase of any Open Space in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. An open space grant for a 124 acre parcel was applied for in June of 2020 and is an ongoing project for now.



Patrell ADA Path

FISCAL YEAR 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Creation of the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (for adoption in FY22);
- Update of the Regional Natural Mitigation Plan for 15 municipalities;
- Upheld our legacy of legislative engagement, providing more bill testimony than ever, aided by remote session access;
- Reviewed 39 land use referrals through the Regional Planning Committee for our region and adjacent towns;
- Continue to house the non-profit Gateway Commission which serves the eight lower river towns as the guardian of ecological and visual values of the Lower Connecticut River region;
- Education, abatement and monitoring of invasive species in the Connecticut River;
- Helped secure Federal funding for creation of a Connecticut River Watershed Program to address Hydrilla in the river;
- Acted as the fiduciary for Region 2 of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security through grants provided by the federal government;
- Hosting of the non-profit Lower Connecticut River Land Trust while it participates in a Land Trust Advancement initiative through the Connecticut Land Conservation Council;
- Held household hazardous waste collections and paper-shredding events while navigating new COVID safety protocols;
- Hosted Connecticut's only Regional Agriculture Council, responding to zoning issues and applying for farm grants;
- Served as the area's Metropolitan Planning Organization, involved in transportation related projects through State and Federal funding. The Route 66 Corridor Study and a regional transit study were completed, along with MPO quadrennial certification review with commendations. Transportation improvement, public participation and unified planning work programs were adopted. Work began on completing the region's bike and pedestrian plan and draft regional transportation safety and locally coordinated human services transportation plans were created.
- Began work on a Regional Housing Plan that will serve 13 municipalities and provide compliance with Connecticut State Statute Section 830-j;
- Hosted compost bin/rain barrel sales, and composting and recycling virtual workshops;
- Developed a corridor study for a connector trail between the Air Line and Farmington Canal Trails;
- Continued working with CT DOT on LOTCIP and other types of transportation projects throughout the region.

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 our residents, no matter your age!

The 2020-21 fiscal year presented many challenges regarding COVID-19. Despite this we have so much to be proud of. Unlike many neighboring towns, we successfully held summer day camp in July/August 2020 and opened the Town Beach. It was difficult with many safety guidelines to navigate, but it was worth every bit of hard work and most importantly without a single case of COVID amongst our campers and staff. Unfortunately, we were not able to offer field trips as usual. However, we are super fortunate to have the gem of Cave Hill in our town and visited there twice...thanks to East Haddam Youth and Family Services who sponsored the trips for all campers. We also opened the Town Beach, a feat many towns were unable to accomplish.

Despite the worldwide pandemic, our department safely and successfully offered improved programming and increased opportunities for community wide learning and



engagement. We were thrilled to add new programs including our popular Activity To Go Kits (season-themed kits with all the supplies needed to complete 2 craft projects and 2 treats, plus puzzles and coloring pages), American Red Cross CPR/First Aid for Babysitters, and the Learning Lab (to assist our school system staff's children with remote learning as they taught our students in person). We were also happy to see some familiar faces return to our gym after a long hiatus. Our Gentle Yoga and Boot Camp programs continued throughout 2020-21 by offering classes via Zoom and Facebook Live. In addition, we got a little creative with our programs to ensure opportunities to fellowship with one another while allowing for plenty of social distance and many safety protocols. These programs included youth soccer, youth basketball, boating certification classes, swim lessons, youth running clubs, 18+ Basketball, 18+ Pickleball, and agility and strengthening workouts for our youth.

We continued to increase collaboration between a variety of community organizations and businesses

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Programs/Activities Offered	49	79	118
Participants	2,698	1435	2117
Revenue	\$122,259	\$69,643	\$141,251

From 2019-2020 to 2020-2021

- 🌀 50% growth in programs/activities offered.
- 🌀 48% growth in number of participants
- 🌀 103% increase in revenues

From 2018-2019 to 2020-2021

- 🌀 140% growth in programs
- 🌀 22% decrease in participants (attributed to no after care or field trips for summer day camp participants and limited programming due to closed gyms during COVID June 2020-November 2020)
- 🌀 16% increase in revenues

including the East Haddam Senior Center (pickleball clinics), East Haddam Basketball Club (clinics), East Haddam Moodus Little League (winter/spring baseball clinics), and East Haddam Youth and Family Services (Family Bingo, Visits with Santa at Heritage Park), and Nathan Hale-Ray High School's Straight from the Heart and Youth Helping Youth Clubs (Project Jingles, an initiative to spread holiday cheer to our youngest residents), Nutmeg Pharmacy (sponsored Noises Sports Academy 2021) and Shagbark Lumber (sponsored our youth soccer and basketball programs). We were able to offer the Noises Sports Academy once again this summer. This camp is led by our high school athletic coaches and high school student-athletes. This collaboration raised over \$20,000 for our athletic programs since its inception. Once again, proving that together we are better!

As for facility improvements, we are awaiting installation of our volleyball net system, completion of the tennis court renovation (with 4 pickleball courts), new doors at the East Haddam Town Beach, and new stairs at Nichols Field. The Town Beach also received a sprucing up in the way of painting of the pavilion and bathroom facilities. Like many, some of our projects have taken a bit longer than anticipated due to the challenge of backordered supplies/equipment and labor shortages. The Parks and Recreation Department proudly continues to provide safe and attractive parks and facilities for residents to enjoy. We look forward to completing these projects and planning additional improvements for 2021-22 as well as expanding our programs to meet the needs of our residents in 2022.

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 2021 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 4,264.28 tons. This was an increase of .87% from fiscal year 2020 and was probably COVID related. Recycling tonnage for the year totaled 894.12 tons. This is a 2.37% decrease from fiscal year 2020. With improved effort of every resident, the Town can and needs to increase recycling and save the town on disposal fees.

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

Overall, the winter of 2019-2020 was below average in terms of snowfall, resources committed and number of storms. There were 11 winter storm events during the year. The first storm occurred on December 16th and the final plowable storm occurred on February 18th. DPW responded in a highly responsive manner to keep the roads safe. There were also many sanding events through the rest of the winter.

The replacement of Neptune Road box culvert over the Neptune Brook is complete. Loureiro Corporation of Plainville, CT was contracted for construction and WMC

Consulting Engineers of Newington, CT was contracted for inspection services. The culvert replacement on Neptune Avenue was one of the many locations that DPW either replaced or repaired infrastructure from the devastating September 2018 flooding event.

Drainage upgrades and the addition of thousands of tons of superior processed stone continues to improve the Town's large number of gravel roads. The Highway Department resurfaced Stockburger Road and Red Mill Lane with bituminous concrete in late summer. Site work and paving was performed at the Patrell Preserve completing an ADA compliant walking path and parking lot. The walking track at Heritage Park was overhauled and overlaid with stone dust. The Highway Department, working with contracted arborists, successfully removed over 650 hazardous trees on town property and in the town's rights-of-way.

W.F. Palmer, Rae Palmer, Joe Williams, Robbie Road, and Algonquin Trail were prepped with new drainage and asphalt overlays for the rubberized chip seal that was applied in the next fiscal year. A major embankment stabilization project was completed by the crew on Hemlock Valley. Annual maintenance of 119 miles of town road was completed in accordance with a schedule of regular work. This maintenance 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 1,110 catch basins.

Pictured below:

Damage from Tropical Storm ISAIAS on August 5, 2020



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 2021 the Regional Animal Control Officers responded to 955 calls, 15 bites, 8 infractions, 14 impounds and 86 wildlife calls. Service includes general calls and complaints to include barking, roaming, lost dogs, wildlife and domestic animal bites. Two new animal control officers were hired to provide coverage.

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.



Damage from Tropical Storm ISAIAS on August 5, 2020

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER/EAST HADDAM POLICE

The **Resident State Trooper and East Haddam Police** located in the Municipal Office Complex is a full-service police department. It is supervised and supported by the Connecticut State Police and is responsible as the initial law enforcement agency for the Town of East Haddam.

Community services provided by the East Haddam police include, but are not limited to youth services, Juvenile Review Board, Stuff-A-Cruiser, a Prescription Drug Drop-box Program, and support of a number of additional community policing initiatives.

The East Haddam Police work with the East Haddam Board of Education to provide school safety assessments.



Halloween at the elementary school with Officer Dave

CRIME STATISTICS Calendar Year 2021	
Description	Quantity
Alarms	296
Assault	2
Assist Citizen	419
Burglary	4
Calls for Service	8,635
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbances	39
DUI	35
Larceny	21
Medical Assists	93
Narcotics Investigations	15
Traffic Accident	87
Traffic Stops	873

SENIOR SERVICES/COMMISSION ON AGING

The Senior Services Department and the Commission on Aging work together to assure the health, safety and wellness of our senior population. This was a very difficult task this year as our country experienced the worst pandemic, we have seen in 100 years.

Although the center was closed to the public during most of the year the senior services staff was still able to serve many of the needs of our seniors using COVID precautions and restrictions. We were able to help 267 people with Medicare counseling and benefits screenings, Tax Preparation and Fuel Assistance. During the pandemic the center served 3,232 meals to homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program. The center also instituted a drive-thru brown bag lunch program for seniors free of charge. The center staff served 6,431 brown bag lunches to the seniors. The senior center staff also coordinated in conjunction with Nutmeg Pharmacy a weekly COVID vaccination program which lasted for 3 months. Over 6,000 shots were given through this program.

The two high points of this pandemic year were the following: In April the center held a drive-thru birthday celebration for two of its elderly members. Sophie Blaschik turned 99 and Doris Brown turned 104. A happy time was had by all who attended. In June the center had a free outdoor picnic to celebrate the opening of the center. The picnic was attended by 115 people. A huge "Thank you!" to Nutmeg Pharmacy for covering the cost of the picnic.

The senior center staff consist of Brad Parker, Director and Patricia Puia, Assistant Director. The Commission on Aging members are as follows: Joe Sina, Jovita Cozean, Barbara Davis, Jo Golec, Maureen Gillis, June Guertin, Elaine Flaherty and alternates, MaryEllen Klinck and Suzanne Bostelman.



Drive thru birthday celebration for Sophie Blaschik's 99th birthday (front seat) and Doris Brown/s 104th birthday (back seat) in April 2021 driven by Bruce Dutch



Free outdoor picnic to celebrate the opening of the Senior Center in June 2021 sponsored by Nutmeg Pharmacy.

SHARED SERVICES

The Department represents the consolidation of facilities, finance and technology for the town and the Board of Education at a lower cost to the East Haddam taxpayers while delivering quality services to citizens, students and staff. The 2021-2021 accomplishments include:

Facilities

- ☞ East Haddam Free Public Library—HVAC units installed.
- ☞ Grange Hall—new standby generator installed.
- ☞ Transfer Station—six new compacting dumpsters installed.
- ☞ High school—Tech Ed space expanded.
- ☞ Middle school—driveway renovations.
- ☞ Middle school—phase 2 of playground installed.
- ☞ Elementary school—exterior renovations, brick replacement, washing and sealing

Finance

- ☞ The annual town audit was completed with an unqualified audit opinion. An unqualified opinion is an independent auditor’s judgment that an organization’s financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- ☞ Produced the town’s first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to provide greater financial information to our citizens which received the Government Financial Officers Association Excellence Award.
- ☞ Produced three *Citizens’ Guides to the Budget*.
- ☞ The town’s General Fund, the chief operating fund of the town, finished the fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$5,704,710 or 16.8% of the General Fund budgetary expenditures and other financing uses. This represents an increase/decrease of \$176,786 in unassigned fund balance. Board of Finance fund balance policy has an established range of 8% to 15%.
- ☞ General Fund 2020-2021 audited year-end results for revenue and expenditures are reflected in the charts to the right.

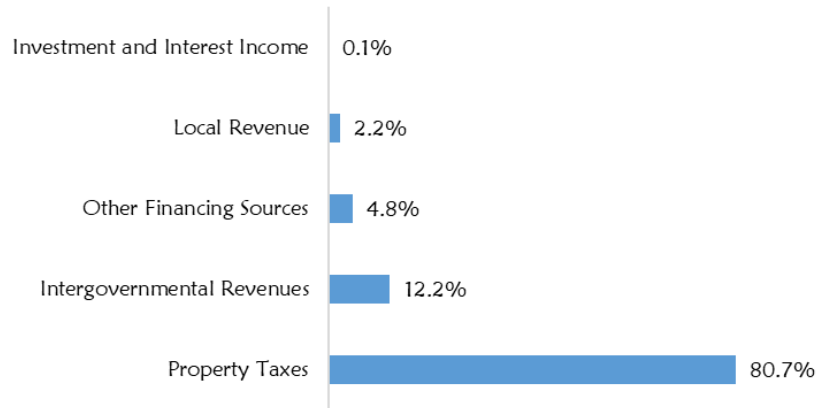
Technology

- ☞ Supported over 250 staff members, over 950 students, 1,200 desktop/mobile computers and various other network based equipment.
- ☞ Maintained Chromebooks for students Pre-K to Grade 12 for one-to-one use.
- ☞ Updated Chromebooks for grades 4, 6, 9 and 10.
- ☞ Installed video conferencing system in Meeting Room 3 at the Municipal Office Complex.

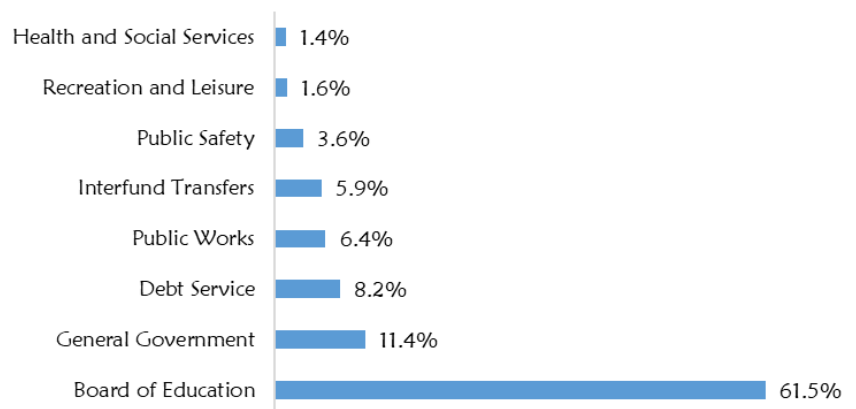
- ☞ Continued to develop a data warehouse to include PSAT and SAT data.
- ☞ Transitioned high school over to a VOIP based telephone system.
- ☞ Per the refresh cycle, updated wireless network at the high school.
- ☞ Transitioned from onsite exchange to Gmail for Board of Education staff and Office 365 for town staff.
- ☞ Implemented health notification system which allowed parents to communicate with their school more effectively for any potential COVID symptoms.
- ☞ Implemented iReady for Grade K-3 Student progress and diagnostic testing software

For greater financial information, we invite you to visit the Town’s website at: www.easthaddam.org

2019-2020 Revenues (% of total)



2019-2020 Expenditures (% of total)



TOWN CLERK

The **Town Clerk's Office** The Clerk's Office serves as the center for permanent records for the residents of the community and its government.

Property recordings have greatly increased, with mortgage rates at historic lows, many of our residents have taken advantage of cost saving opportunities and refinanced. The current real estate market and COVID, in general, have resulted in an increased workload in the Clerk's office. On-line accessibility to land records via www.uslandrecords.com has enabled our customer base to do much of their work from home.

Responding to one executive order after another, the Clerk's Office has adapted. New absentee ballot eligibility rules for the August Presidential Preference primary and the November Presidential Election re-invented our election process:

August 11, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary

Democratic 730 absentee ballots issued

Republican 176 absentee ballots issued

November 3, 2020 Presidential Election

1,984 absentee ballots issued

In fiscal year 2020-2021 the Clerk's Office recorded 65 births, 99 marriages and 110 deaths. With beautiful wedding venues, 94 of the 99 marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk's Office.

Military discharges, notary public registrations, liquor, burial and cremation permits, trade name certificates, meeting schedules, notices, agendas and minutes of the numerous boards and commissions are also Town Clerk

EAST HADDAM'S TOP DOGS

1st Place—Martin



Martin is owned by the Gembel Family

2nd Place—Ripple



Ripple is owned by the Steeves/Krouse Family

responsibilities. Notarial services are provided free of charge. We issue various licenses such as dog, sport and marriage. We endeavor to serve all customers with efficiency, courtesy and professionalism. The functions and fees of the Office of Town Clerk are dictated by State Statute. The Clerk's Office promoted dog licensing via the "Top dog" contest in coordination with the Middle School. The Clerk managed a Historic Document Preservation Grant expanding on-line land record availability and provided recording secretarial services to the Board of Finance. The Clerk is also an administrator of the Town's website.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Service	Number processed	Revenue Received	Town Revenue	State Revenue	Additional Information
Land Recordings*	2,639	254,925	100,311	154,614	
Land records copies	15,871	-	-	-	
In person		5,045	5,045	-	\$1.00 per page in office
Online		10,826	10,826	-	\$2.00 per page online
Sports licenses*	638	6,951	274	6,667	Included free licenses issued (not included in last year's figures)
Dog Licenses*	887	8,772	2,948	5,844	
Marriage Licenses*	664	4,700	1,504	3,196	
Notary Services	412	-	-	-	
Maps Filed	50	1,040	1,040	-	4815-4865
Conveyance Tax	858	842,084	210,521	631,563	
Vital Records issued		13,700	13,700	-	Issuance of a vital statistic is \$20.00
Burial and cremation	487				
Birth, marriage or death certificates	673				Cremation and burial permits are \$5.00

*indicates revenue is shared with the State of Connecticut

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 2020-2021 fiscal year was the 21st year of full operations of the system. Due to COVID the average flows are down 4,000 to 5,000 gallons per day. The flows averaged 9,500 gallons per day, which is just over 17% of the system's capacity. Peak daily flows reached as high as 29,000 gallons per day or 53% of the system's capacity.

TOWN MEETINGS

Respectfully Submitted by Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk

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First Selectman

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August 6, 2020


Debra Denette
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RE: Declaration of Civil Preparedness Emergency

Dear Ms. Denette:

Due to the severe weather conditions affecting the State and the Town of East Haddam, and the civil preparedness proclamation issued by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on August 5, 2020 stating that all of Connecticut was directly affected by Tropical Storm Isaias, which included close to 700,000 power outages, hundreds of closed roads and thousands of downed trees and utility lines creating hazardous road travel greatly reducing the ability of emergency personnel to respond to calls for service; I am hereby proclaiming a state of civil preparedness emergency, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-22a.

I am filing this declaration with you under my hand and seal on the 6th day of August, 2020.


Robert R. Smith
First Selectman

TIME: 16:10

Witness: Jennifer Spencer

Equal Opportunity Employer

TOWN MEETINGS

Democratic Primary August 11, 2020

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 am at the Municipal Office Complex, Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the polls open for a Republican Primary for State Offices. The polls were closed at 8:00 pm The Moderator announced the following at 8:19 pm:

Office	Candidate	8/11 Vote Count*	Per Governor's Order 7MMM	Total
Nomination for President	Joe Biden	646	25	671
Nomination for President	Bernie Sanders	123	6	129
Nomination for President	Tulsi Gabbard	11	-	11
Nomination for President	Uncommitted	18	-	18
		798	31	829

*798 ballots were cast, including absentee ballots
 251 ballots were cash in person, fed through voting tabulator
 547 ballots were mail in ballots pursuant to executive order 7QQ and were fed through the voting tabulator
 Pursuant to Governor's executive order, 7MMM ballots postmarked prior to the close of polls were counted.

Republican Primary August 11, 2020

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 am at the Municipal Office Complex, Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the polls open for a Republican Primary for State Offices. The polls were closed at 8:00 pm Lucy Salicrup announced the following at 8:17 pm:

Office	Candidate	8/11 Vote Count	Per Governor's Order 7MMM	Total
Nomination for President	Donald J. Trump	382	13	395
Nomination for President	Roque "Rocky" DeLaFuente	28	2	30
Nomination for President	Uncommitted	36	2	38
Representative in Congress	Thomas Glimer*	64	8	**72
Representative in Congress	Justin Anderson	348	8	*356
		858	33	891

*Indicates party-endorsed candidate
 446 ballots were cast and counted on 8/11/20
 351 ballots were cast in person, fed through voting tabulator
 95 ballots were mail in ballots pursuant to executive order 7QQ and were fed through the voting tabulator
 18 ballots were postmarked by 08/11/20 and received by 08/13/20 and counted pursuant to Governor's executive order, 7MMM
 **A Recanvass was held on Saturday, August 13, 2020 as the Statewide Plurality of votes between Thomas Glimer and Justin Anderson was less than one half of one percent. The vote count remained unchanged following the recount.

TOWN MEETINGS

General Election November 3, 2020

Moderator Edward C. Blaschik declared the Polls open on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6 am at the Municipal Office Complex gymnasium for purposes of conduct the Presidential (General) Election. The polls were declared closed at 8:00 pm. The following results were announced at 8:38 pm:

2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS EAST HADDAM ONLY

Office	Party	Candidate	In-person	Absentee	Total	
President	Democratic	Biden and Harris	1,567	1,395	2,962	
	Republican	Trump and Pence	2,277	423	2,700	
	Libertarian	Jorgensen and Cohen	70	15	85	
	Green	Hawkins and Walker	14	10	24	
	Write in	Carroll and Patel		-	-	-
		Simmons and Roze		-	-	-
		Klojzy and LeMay		-	-	-
		West and Tidball		1	-	1
		Weinstein and Weinstein		-	-	-
		Wells and Wells		-	-	-
		Simmons and Dow		-	-	-
		DeLaFuente and Richardson		-	-	-
		Howard and Howard		-	-	-
Charles and Wallace		-	-	-		
Representative in Congress	Democratic	Joe Courtney	1,596	1,366	2,962	
	Republican	Justin Anderson	2,185	416	2,601	
	Working Families	Joe Courtney	*	*	*	
	Libertarian	Daniel Real	40	11	51	
	Green Party	Cassandra Martineau	22	21	43	
State Senator	Democratic	Norm Needleman	1,518	1,296	2,814	
	Republican	Brendan Saunders	2,237	483	2,800	
	Independent	Norm Needleman	*	*	*	
State Representative	Democratic	Judd Melon	1,244	1,082	2,326	
	Republican	Irene M. Haines	2,529	679	3,208	
	Independent	Lance Lusignan	49	19	68	
	Working Families	Judd Melon	*	*	*	
Registrar of Voters	Democratic	Martha C. Hansen	1,475	1,259	2,734	
	Republican	Lucy Salicrup	2,255	482	2,737	

7,806 electors eligible to vote

5,780 voters checked as voting, including 54 Election Day Registration Ballots and 1,855 Absentee Ballots

*included in Democratic in person totals

TOWN MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting November 4, 2020

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex on Town Street, East Haddam. Ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman, Rob Smith motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bob Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Irene Haines motioned to close nominations, Kevin Staehly seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Mrs. Haines motioned to accept the call as read, Theresa Govert provided the second. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1: Mrs. Haines motioned, Mr. Staehly seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to approve the written agreement with Clark Gates LLC for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 and that Robert R. Smith is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment.

Mrs. Haines advised that the application has moved through the system, and this action is the final step. Mr. Smith noted that the financial impact to the average taxpayer is between \$1.00 and \$2.00 annually.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to approve the written agreement with Clark Gates LLC for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 and that Robert R. Smith is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #2: Mr. Casner motioned, Mrs. Haines seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act

upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to approve the written agreement with Staehly Tree Farm and Staehly Farm Winery for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 and that Robert R. Smith is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Tax Assessment.

Mr. Smith echoed previous comments. Carleen Quinn thanked the businesses for investing in East Haddam and making the Commitment to remain in and improve the Town. Mr. Kevin Staehly added that there really is not a cost to the Town, as the property being abated did not generate the tax revenue prior to the improvement, making it a wash. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to approve written agreement with Staehly Tree Farm and Staehly Farm Winery for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 and that Robert R. Smith is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Tax Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Casner at 8:06 pm. The motion carried unanimously.



Special Town Meeting May 25, 2021

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on Town Street. Forty-five (45) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward C. Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Brad Parker motioned to close nominations, Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Mr. Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1: Is to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$36,950,274, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut, are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$36,950,274, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2021–2022 be approved?

The vote by paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels will be conducted at the Municipal Office Complex, Moodus, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination – see item 2).

Mrs. Denette opened the floor for discussion:

Linda Stuhlman noted her frustration with the secrecy and lack of transparency regarding this budget, specifically regarding staff wage increases. She also expressed frustration that the Board of Finance did not provide ample consideration of the concerns brought forward at the budget public hearing on May 12. She encouraged people to be eliminated in favor of needs.

Mr. DiCristofaro, chairman of the Board of Finance, addressed the multiple opportunities the public had regarding their workshops. He also stated that with the current First Selectman not running, it should have taken the political football out of the discussion. The Board was in agreement that the salary for the First Selectman is not in line with the duties.

Kim Dodge also spoke against budgetary increases in a COVID world. She noted that inflation is running **rampant** and is likely to get worse. She noted that the budget has increased 10 mills in the last 10 years. She stated that asking the people who have less to pay more is really sad.

Diane Rhodes stated that the raises discussed here, in addition to the annual 2.25% are outrageous. She encouraged level spending.

Mrs. Denette thanked all for the discussion regarding the budget. She advised that she will have absentee ballots available commencing tomorrow morning and pursuant to the Governor's executive order 12B the concern of COVID is a permissible reason to vote absentee ballot for the referendum and pursuant to this order the

Clerk's Office is permitted to mail the ballot. The ballot drop box will be unlocked tomorrow morning for the receipt of applications and completed ballots.

Item #2: Mr. Parker motioned, Mrs. Dodge provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be opened at 6:00 a.m. in the morning to conduct the budget referendum on June 8, 2021.

Mrs. Denette solicited discussion and/or questions. Mrs. Dodge spoke in favor of opening the polls at 6:00 am. There was no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion to open the polls at 6:00 am. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3: Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by First Selectman Rob Smith that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$935.00 from the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service under CFDA: 15:962-Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Assistance, for native plantings along the ADA accessible trail on the Patrell Preserve (revenue account 26541-43000 and expense account 26541990-54010). Opportunity for questions or comments was presented, nothing was discussed. The motion accepting the grant in the amount of \$935.00 from the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service under CFDA: 15:962-Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Assistance, for native plantings along the ADA accessible trail on the Patrell Preserve (revenue account 26541-43000 and expense account 26541990-54010) carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4: Mr. Dutch motioned, Jiffy Spencer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the American Library Association for a Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries initiative grant (revenue account 28345-43000 and expense account 28345033-53010). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote without discussion.

Item #5: Michael Werner motioned, Ms. Spencer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Peach Pit Foundation/Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the East Haddam Library System (revenue account 28345-43000 and expense account 28345033-53010). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote without discussion.

Item #6: Mr. Smith motioned, Ms. Spencer provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a 48-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade to include

TOWN MEETINGS

A/C upgrades at the East Haddam Public Works facility.

At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Smith explained that energy saving fixtures and upgrades that will be undertaken at the expense of the Utility Company. Resulting savings will be applied to the upgrades for forty-eight months. Following that period, the town will recognize the savings in utility costs.

Following a period for questions and comments with nothing noted, the Moderator called for a vote. The legislative body approved a 48-month agreement on behalf of the Town with Energy Resources for a comprehensive energy efficient facility upgrade to include A/C upgrades at the East Haddam Public Works facility via unanimous voice vote.

Item #7: Mr. Blaschik motioned, Ms. Spencer seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Opportunity for question and comment was offered with nothing noted. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #8: Motion by Michael Werner, seconded by Ms. Spencer that the legislative body herein assembled consider and accept the Annual Town report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

It was noted that copies were available. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on acceptance of the Annual Town report as presented. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #9: Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Blaschik that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to amend the 2020-2021 budget to reduce interest expense (10548990-58320) by \$34,069 and to increase

the transfer to Capital Project Savings Reserve Fund (10549010-58010) by \$34,069. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote to amend the 2020-2021 budget to reduce interest expense (10548990-58320) by \$34,069 and to increase the transfer to Capital Project Savings Reserve Fund (10549010-58010) by \$34,069. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Motion by Bruce Dutch at 8:31 pm seconded by Tracey Gionta to adjourn to referendum to be held on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 am. The motion carried unanimously.



Referendum Results June 8, 2021

Moderator Ernest Malavasi declared the polls open at 6:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Office Complex gymnasium on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 with the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$36,950,274, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2021–2022 be approved?

Yes	274
No	1,242

1,516 total votes were cast, thirteen (13) by absentee ballot and 23 by property owners

The Moderator declared the referendum failed at 8:04 pm.



Parks and Recreation Coach Sarah Anderson's Youth Fitness Class



Parks and Recreation Youth Running Club with Mr. Pernal and Mr. Quinn Summer 2020



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