

RESOLUTION

I hereby Certify that at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of East Hampton duly called and held on September 12, 2017 at 20 East High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424, the following resolution was duly adopted in conformity with the charter and bylaws of said corporation and is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED that Michael Maniscalco, the Town Manager of the Town of East Hampton, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services of the State of Connecticut.

September 13, 2017
Date

SEAL

Certifying Official

Sandra M. Wieleba
Typed Name

Town Clerk
Title

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

County of _____

Personally appeared before me this _____ day of _____, 20____,

Town Clerk, Sandra M. Wieleba, of the Town of East Hampton, and made oath that the above is a true copy from the records of the Corporation.

Expiration Date of Notary Public (if applicable)

Notary Public of Office of the Court (Attorney)

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Tax Sale Criteria

1. A list of the top 50 delinquent taxpayers as of 8/30/2017 was pulled as a starting point.
2. The taxpayers with the highest balances that were not currently making payments to the Marshal are included on the list.
3. Excluded are taxpayer's that have been making payments to the Marshal as well as making significant payments in the office.
4. All vacant land parcels with numerous years of back taxes owed are on the list.
5. Properties owing four or more years of delinquent taxes and or an amount in excess of \$6,000 as of 8/30/2017 are on the list.

Listed below is CGS 12-155 through 12-159b that give the Collector and the Town the rights and permissions to hold a tax sale.

[Sec. 12-155. Demand and levy for the collection of taxes and water or sanitation charges.](#)

[Sec. 12-156. Sale of equity or particular estate under tax levy.](#)

[Sec. 12-157. Method of selling real estate for taxes.](#)

[Sec. 12-158. Form of collector's deed. Liability of municipalities for breach of warranty.](#)

[Sec. 12-159. Collector's deed as evidence. Irregularities.](#)

[Sec. 12-159a. Court orders in actions to contest validity of collector's deed or to enjoin tax sale.](#)

[Sec. 12-159b. Time for action contesting validity of collector's deed.](#)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Biondi Associates	147,849.66	28 Bevin Blvd., 32 Barton Hill, 2 Starr Place	SU, RE, PP Also DBA Starr Place
Keegan, Thomas & Michelle	120,201.14	245 Old West High St.	RE, MV, PP
Rader, Keith & Lisa	106,589.06	183 White Birch Rd.	RE, PP, Also DBA White Birch Farm Stables
Mercedes Zee Corporation, LLC	87,150.26	13 Summit St.	RE, SU
Sgoff Enterprises, LLC	76,868.73	100 Main St.	RE Possible contamination
Brookside Industrial Park	66,360.80	Skinner St.	RE 2 parcels, vacant land
Hyjek, Gloria	55,077.59	139 Hog Hill Rd	RE, MV
Bohan, Mary & Michael	50,328.72	4 Sunset Dr.	RE, SU
Bush, Judith	48,965.91	60 Long Crossing Rd.	RE, MV
Slack, Clarence	48,293.65	28 Tartia Rd.	RE Recently passed away, daughter might put the house on the market
Petanovitch, Ronald & Gail	47,501.47	20 Summit St.	RE, SU, MV made small payments
Boulanger, Susan	46,126.09	57 Middle Haddam Rd.	RE, MV
Shelberg, Richard & Patricia	44,934.96	9 Coughlin Rd.	RE, MV, PP
Choma, William	44,691.22	19 Mohawk Trl., 20 Namonee Trl.	RE, SU
Swanton, Frederick	41,988.36	40 Colchester Ave.	RE, MV, SU
Giedraitis, Edward & Andrew	40,954.92	6 West Lane	RE, SU
Waters, Randy	40,909.09	12 Clark Hill Rd.	RE, SU, MV - RE goes back to GL 2006
Johnson, Samuel, Campbell, Charles	37,085.59	209 West High St.	RE
Mazzcor LLC	36,199.47	97, 109, 117 Colchester Ave.	RE property boundaries issue with Kensington family
Basso, Harry	34,782.95	Haddam Neck Rd. Rear	RE vacant land goes back to GL 2005
Worden, Carol	32,574.01	27 Stevenson Rd., Meek Point Rd.	RE
Landry, Joseph, Ronald, Laura	32,556.40	55 North Main St.	RE goes back to GL 2009
Adnuk Holding LLC	30,754.97	204 East High St.	RE, SU
Kraft, Nancy	28,541.86	21 Meeks Point	RE
Saltus, Harold	24,735.46	4 Oakum Dock Rd., Middletown Ave	RE, MV
Lakeshore LLC	24,675.33	151 East High St.	RE, MV
Lavigne, Lavigne, Dennis & Susan	23,846.24	193 Lake Dr.	RE
Ouellette, Edward	23,188.54	21 Ridgeview Dr.	RE goes back to GL 2008
Johnson, Melvin & Ann	22,950.51	87 Gadpouch Rd.	RE, MV
Oconnell, Ryan	22,227.28	61 Clark Hill Rd.	RE
Kutsukos, Anastasia	20,822.18	Flatbrook Rd.	RE, PP vacant land
JMAR Properties	19,142.37	12 Niles St., 13 Niles St., Niles St.	RE
Ordonez, Amy	18,169.81	116 Main St.	RE, SU
Markovitz, Irena	17,413.00	Candlewood Dr., Mott Hill Rd.	RE, SU, MV vacant land goes back to GL of 2009
House, Stanley & Hideko	15,469.85	200 West High St., Middle Haddam Rd.	RE, MV
Caron, Richard & Lois	15,302.19	Emerson Rd., Mark Twain Dr.	RE, SU, MV vacant land
Brophy, Michael	14,938.40	101 West High St.	RE
Hubert, Benjamin	13,810.50	12 Hayes Rd.	RE, SU, MV
Comstock Ridge LLC	12,452.68	Comstock Trail	RE vacant land goes back to GL 2005, several parcels
Old School Masonry LLC	11,663.13	29 Skinner St.	RE
Cavanaugh, Roy & Shirley	10,966.20	Pine Brook Rd.	RE, MV vacant land goes back to GL 2005
Peszynski, Mark & Beth	10,337.14	Old Marlborough Rd.	RE, SU, MV vacant land
Jensen, Kristyn & Michael	10,000.06	112 Mountainview Rd.	RE goes back to GL 2010 (might own trailer and not land)
Angelico Family LLC	9,786.08	NO Main St.	RE, SU land area that boats pull up to be docked on
Dickenson, Melissa	8,424.46	Namonee Trl., 4 Wangonk Trl.	RE, SU, MV
Poe, Jeffrey	5,270.89	21 Waterview Circle	RE, MV goes back to GL 2010
Gillette Sterling	3,606.33	Haddam Neck Rd. Rear	vacant land owes 15 years goes back to GL 2001

50 TOWNS

Your Home, Income, Household, Politics, Education

How does your town measure up against others in the region? Are property values where you live going up or are they sliding? Have people been moving more than they used to in your town, or are neighborhoods remaining stable? Is your town affordable, based on your income and your property taxes?

Are incomes where you live on the rise, have they stagnated, or are they actually sinking? How does the median income in your town compare with other communities? What percentage of people where you live struggle with poverty? Do many people where you live work at home?

Is your town heavily Democratic or heavily Republican or more in-between? Where does it fall on the political spectrum compared with other communities in the region?

Are there lots of kids in your town? What percentage of households have children? And how well do local students do on standardized tests? How about the educational attainment of the adults in your town, do they have a higher or lower percentage of college degrees compared with other communities?

We took a look at just a few of the many data points that can help sketch snapshots, town by town. If one overarching theme emerges, it is that our region is undergoing a lot of change. Some communities that have been stable for years remain so, but others are facing more profound challenges.



TOWN BY TOWN

By NANCY SCHOEFFLER Data compiled by STEPHEN BUSEMEYER Illustrations by JEAN TUTTLE

Housing Values Slip

The percentage change column shows the severity of the loss of median value from 2010 to 2015.

Town	2010	2015	% Change
1. Avon	\$421,100	\$376,500	-10.6
2. Essex	427,800	370,600	-13.4
3. Old Saybrook	415,500	369,300	-11.1
4. Westbrook	358,000	356,700	-0.4
5. Glastonbury	349,100	346,300	-0.8
6. Cheshire	357,700	337,800	-6.1
7. Chester	325,300	330,400	1.2
8. Simsbury	350,500	328,600	-6.2
9. Farmington	339,900	327,600	-3.6
10. Burlington	335,900	317,200	-5.6
11. West Hartford	317,400	313,500	-1.2
12. Haddam	331,700	313,300	-5.4
13. Somers	337,500	308,500	-8.6
14. Suffield	330,900	301,600	-8.9
15. Canton	344,300	299,200	-13.1
16. Hebron	328,800	298,000	-9.4
17. Marlborough	313,600	295,800	-5.7
18. Bolton	297,800	293,100	-1.6
19. Granby	306,000	289,500	-5.4
20. Berlin	297,300	287,600	-3.3
21. East Haddam	313,400	285,000	-9.1
22. East Granby	276,800	283,500	2.4
23. Tolland	295,700	281,100	-4.9
24. South Windsor	276,100	276,300	0.07
25. Southington	279,600	270,300	-3.3
26. Deep River	319,000	249,300	-15.3
27. Wallingford	279,100	262,700	-5.9
28. Rocky Hill	275,100	260,200	-5.4
29. Portland	285,200	260,000	-8.8
30. East Hampton	283,200	258,700	-8.7
31. Coventry	256,500	256,700	0.08
32. Ellington	276,300	256,000	-7.3
33. Wethersfield	270,200	249,300	-7.7
34. Cromwell	251,000	245,600	-2.2
35. Mansfield	254,200	242,200	-4.7
36. Newington	237,500	228,600	-3.7
37. Middletown	239,700	226,800	-5.4
38. Windsor	236,500	223,100	-5.7
39. East Windsor	217,000	212,100	-2.3
40. Bloomfield	223,200	207,900	-6.9
41. Vernon	221,700	206,000	-7.1
42. Plainville	211,100	199,300	-5.6
43. Windsor Locks	213,500	195,800	-8.3
44. Bristol	218,900	194,600	-11.1
45. Manchester	214,500	187,800	-12.4
46. Enfield	210,700	186,900	-11.3
47. Meriden	208,200	179,000	-14
48. East Hartford	193,000	165,400	-14.3
49. Hartford	188,000	161,400	-14.1
50. New Britain	175,800	159,900	-9

Median Household Income

And how it changed in each town from 2010 to 2015.

Town	2010	2015	% Change
1. Avon	\$105,116	\$123,894	17.9
2. Burlington	115,341	113,472	-1.6
3. Simsbury	113,224	113,355	0.1
4. Tolland	99,764	110,593	10.9
5. Glastonbury	102,482	109,018	6.4
6. Marlborough	108,232	108,698	0.4
7. Cheshire	107,936	106,489	-1.3
8. Hebron	108,444	105,104	-3.1
9. Granby	97,500	102,671	5.3
10. Haddam	86,179	99,866	15.9
11. Suffield	90,023	99,707	10.8
12. South Windsor	88,350	97,389	10.2
13. Bolton	89,432	97,019	8.5
14. East Hampton	88,281	96,299	9.1
15. Somers	98,977	95,605	-3.4
16. Farmington	85,417	91,712	7.4
17. Portland	86,661	90,417	4.3
18. Coventry	86,244	90,309	4.7
19. Berlin	86,211	87,810	1.9
20. Canton	87,643	87,326	-0.4
21. West Hartford	78,530	86,569	10.2
22. Essex	87,480	86,376	-1.3
23. Ellington	81,582	85,545	4.9
24. Southington	77,673	82,704	6.5
25. East Haddam	82,695	82,117	-0.7
26. Cromwell	82,012	82,081	0.1
27. Windsor	78,695	81,982	4.2
28. Rocky Hill	72,417	81,576	12.6
29. Newington	69,085	79,960	15.7
30. Chester	80,185	78,750	-1.8
31. Westbrook	61,069	78,346	28.3
32. Wethersfield	71,284	77,195	8.3
33. East Windsor	64,301	74,798	16.3
34. Wallingford	71,317	74,060	3.8
35. Bloomfield	68,372	72,684	6.3
36. East Granby	77,596	72,684	-6.3
37. Old Saybrook	79,985	71,796	-10.2
38. Deep River	65,250	69,395	6.4
39. Windsor Locks	59,369	68,944	16.1
40. Enfield	67,402	67,377	0
41. Middletown	67,655	63,691	-5.9
42. Manchester	61,571	63,158	2.6
43. Bristol	58,537	61,478	5
44. Mansfield	65,839	60,263	-8.5
45. Vernon	61,103	59,961	-1.9
46. Plainville	63,447	58,500	-7.8
47. Meriden	53,873	54,988	1.3
48. East Hartford	48,613	48,369	-0.5
49. New Britain	39,706	40,457	1.9
50. Hartford	28,970	30,630	5.7

Staying Put, Or Moving Around

From high to low, the percentage of residents who lived in the same house for more than 5 years.

Town	2015	2015	Town	2015
1. Burlington	95.6%	92.3	27. Ellington	89.9
2. Bolton	94.9	92.1	28. Simsbury	89.9
3. Deep River	94.8	91.8	29. Farmington	89.8
4. Hebron	94.7	91.7	30. Windsor	89.7
5. Southington	94.1	91.6	31. Newington	89.5
6. Marlborough	94	91.3	32. Old Saybrook	89.4
7. East Hampton	93.7	91.2	33. Bristol	89.3
8. Canton	93.4	90.8	34. West Hartford	89.3
9. Wethersfield	93.1	90.7	35. Windsor Locks	88.9
10. Tolland	92.9	90.4	36. Meriden	88.5
11. Essex	92.6	90.3	37. East Hartford	87.8
12. Haddam	92.5	89.9	38. Somers	87.3
13. Wallingford	92.5	89.9	39. East Granby	87.2
14. Berlin	92.3	89.9	40. Enfield	86.9
15. Portland	92.1	89.8	41. Chester	86.8
16. Cromwell	91.8	89.6	42. East Windsor	86.6
17. Glastonbury	91.7	89.7	43. Suffield	85.8
18. East Haddam	91.6	89.5	44. New Britain	85.6
19. Granby	91.3	89.4	45. Manchester	84.1
20. South Windsor	91.2	89.3	46. Vernon	82.9
21. Cheshire	90.8	89.3	47. Rocky Hill	82.7
22. Bloomfield	90.7	89.3	48. Middletown	81.4
23. Plainville	90.4	88.5	49. Hartford	78.5
24. Westbrook	90.3	87.3	50. Mansfield	66.8

No Place Like Home

Home values are always a significant measure of a community, and Avon topped our list of 50 communities with the highest median home value in 2015 — \$376,500. The nine on our list that followed were Essex, Old Saybrook, West Hartford, Glastonbury, Cheshire, Chester, Simsbury, Farmington and Burlington.

In all but four of the 50 towns we looked at, median home values fell from 2010 to 2015 — some quite sharply, yet another sign that the recovery from the recession has proceeded slowly in central Connecticut. Decreases in median home value included 10.6 percent in Avon; about 11 percent in Bristol, Old Saybrook and Enfield; 12 percent in Manchester; 13 percent in Canton and Essex; 14 percent in Meriden, Hartford and East Hartford; and 15 percent in Deep River. The fortunate four towns that enjoyed rising home values in that period were East Granby, Chester, Coventry and South Windsor, albeit very modest hikes ranging from 2.4 percent to 0.07 percent.

Another indicator of neighborhood stability is the percentage of people who live in the same house over time. Among the 50 towns we researched, in 2015 the percentage who had remained in the same house for more than a year was the highest in Burlington (95.6 percent), followed by Bolton (94.9 percent), Deep River (94.8 percent) and Hebron (94.7 percent). Those with the lowest percentage of people staying put for at least a year were Mansfield at 66.8 percent — no surprise, given the presence of UConn's mobile student body — followed by Hartford (76.6 percent), Middletown (61.6 percent) and Rocky Hill (60.9 percent) — all communities with many rental properties.

Dollar Signs

Median household income is, of course, a good measure of the financial health of a community, and in our group of 50, Avon tops the list at \$123,894, followed by Burlington, Simsbury, Tolland, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Cheshire,



Hebron and Granby—all with a median household income in 2015 above \$100,000.

What is almost more intriguing, though, is how median household income has changed, from 2010 to 2015. Topping the list is Westbrook, with a 28.3 percent jump in median income, though the income itself was at \$61,069 in 2010 and increased to \$78,346, which ranks the town 20th on this measure among the 50 communities. Second in percentage gain in median household income is Avon—up \$123,894, followed by East Windsor (up 16.3 percent to \$74,798), Windsor Locks (up 16.1 percent to \$68,944), Haddam (up 15.9 percent to \$99,866) and Newington (up 15.7 percent to \$79,960).

Living In Poverty

From low to high, the percentage of residents living in poverty.

Town	2010	2015	% Change
1. Chester	11	0	-11
2. Hebron	0.8	0	-0.8
3. Canton	3.1	0.7	-2.4
4. Marlborough	0.7	0.7	0
5. Tolland	0.8	1.2	0.4
6. Cheshire	1.5	1.4	-0.1
7. Cromwell	1.3	1.4	0.1
8. East Granby	1.4	1.4	0
9. Essex	0.9	1.4	0.5
10. Granby	0.6	1.4	0.8
11. Mansfield	6.6	1.6	-5
12. South Windsor	0.7	1.7	1
13. Avon	3.9	-1.8	-2.1
14. Burlington	0.8	1.8	1
15. East Hampton	1.9	1.8	-0.1
16. Bolton	1.1	2	0.9
17. Coventry	3.6	2.1	-1.5
18. Simsbury	1.5	2.1	0.6
19. Ellington	2	2.4	0.4
20. Glastonbury	2.6	2.4	-0.2
21. Portland	3.9	2.4	-1.5
22. Newington	2.5	2.5	0
23. Farmington	3.9	2.6	-1.3
24. Southington	2.9	2.6	-0.3
25. East Haddam	3.2	2.7	-0.5
26. Wethersfield	2.8	2.7	-0.1
27. East Windsor	4	2.8	-1.2
28. Suffield	1.6	2.9	1.3
29. Somers	2.3	3.1	0.8
30. Deep River	3	3.2	0.2
31. Berlin	4.2	3.5	-0.7
32. Wallingford	5.6	4	-1.6
33. Windsor Locks	5.8	4	-1.8
34. Bloomfield	3	4.1	1.1
35. Westbrook	2.1	4.1	2
36. Rocky Hill	1.8	4.4	2.6
37. Windsor	2.2	4.5	2.3
38. Old Saybrook	3.3	4.8	1.5
39. Enfield	4.1	5.2	1.1
40. West Hartford	3.5	5.7	2.2
41. Plainville	4.3	6	1.7
42. Haddam	0.6	7.3	6.7
43. Vernon	5.8	7.8	2
44. Bristol	5.7	8.1	2.4
45. Manchester	5.5	8.7	3.2
46. Middletown	6.1	9.2	3.1
47. Meriden	10.8	10.7	-0.1
48. East Hartford	12.6	12.7	0.1
49. New Britain	17	19.1	2.1
50. Hartford	29	30.5	1.5%

2015-16 Test Scores

From high to low, the percentage of local students scoring at Level 3 or above on the Smarter Balance English Language Arts (ELA) and Math tests.

District	ELA	Math
1. Avon	81.1%	75.2%
2. Simsbury	80.5%	67.6%
3. Glastonbury	79.3%	74.6%
4. Farmington	78.6%	72.5%
5. Chester	78.5%	69.2%
6. Cheshire	78.4%	64.8%
7. Bolton	78.0%	65.5%
8. Mansfield	78.0%	70.3%
9. Granby	77.6%	64.1%
10. Essex	77.1%	68.2%
11. South Windsor	76.7%	69.6%
12. Portland	75.6%	63.2%
13. Canton	74.3%	66.6%
14. Westbrook	74.2%	63.0%
15. Ellington	73.6%	64.6%
16. Marlborough	73.5%	74.3%
17. Haddam (Regional District 17)	73.4%	60.8%
18. Coventry	72.2%	55.2%
19. West Hartford	71.2%	57.9%
20. East Granby	71.1%	65.8%
21. Tolland	70.7%	66.5%
22. Burlington (Regional District 10)	69.9%	58.7%
23. Old Saybrook	68.7%	54.4%
24. Berlin	68.7%	53.4%
25. Suffield	68.3%	50.1%
26. Rocky Hill	67.8%	56.8%
27. Somers	67.6%	53.2%
28. East Haddam	66.7%	48.8%
29. Wethersfield	66.5%	58.4%
30. Southington	66.1%	56.7%
31. Cromwell	64.3%	46.0%
32. Hebron	63.9%	58.9%
33. Deep River	62.8%	51.8%
34. Plainville	58.0%	43.1%
35. Newington	57.8%	50.8%
36. East Hampton	57.3%	44.3%
37. Wallingford	56.9%	46.6%
38. Enfield	56.5%	39.9%
39. Bristol	53.7%	38.5%
40. Middletown	52.1%	36.7%
41. East Windsor	49.1%	31.6%
42. Bloomfield	48.8%	25.7%
43. Windsor Locks	48.5%	37.0%
44. Windsor	45.7%	39.1%
45. Vernon	44.5%	33.1%
46. Manchester	40.3%	29.6%
47. Meriden	40.2%	25.7%
48. East Hartford	31.8%	17.0%
49. Hartford	25.8%	15.9%
50. New Britain	22.3%	12.6%

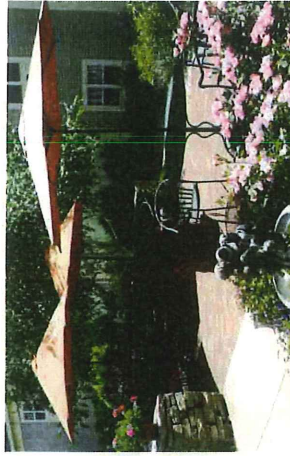


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Britain, at nearly 14 percent, followed by Hartford, East Hartford, West Hartford, Vernon and Wethersfield. Take a look at the chart to see where your town falls.

Some of those tax-challenged towns and cities also face the highest percentage of families who have lived for more than a year below the poverty level. Hartford at 30.5 percent, New Britain at 19.1 percent, East Hartford at 12.7 percent and Meriden at 10.7 percent.

Towns with the most significant increases in percentage of families living for more than a year in poverty from 2010 to 2015 were Haddam, Manchester, Middletown, Rocky Hill, Bristol, Windsor and West Hartford.

At the other end of the spectrum are two towns that showed 0 percent of families living below the poverty level in 2015 — Chester and Hebron — and two towns with fewer than 1 percent — Canton and Marlborough.

And 19 of the towns and cities studied enjoyed a decrease in the percentage of families in poverty over that five-year period: Mansfield, Canton, Avon, Windsor Locks, Wallingford, Coventry, Portland, Farmington, East Windsor, Chester, Hebron, Berlin, East Haddam, Southington, Glastonbury, Cheshire, East Hampton, Wethersfield and Meriden.

A Bit More About Ourselves

Just because we were curious, we looked into the numbers of people who work at home (making no assumptions about whether they might be doing so in their pajamas). In our group of 50 towns, Essex topped that list with 8.4 percent, followed by Marlborough, Bolton, Suffield and Portland, each with 7 percent or more. The five towns where fewer than 2 percent of

However, a whopping 15 of the 50 communities we looked at saw a decline in median household income from 2010 to 2015: Old Saybrook, Mansfield, Plainville, East Granby, Somers, Hebron, Vernon, Chester, Burlington, Cheshire, Essex, East Haddam, East Hartford, Canton and Enfield.

Another measure of how well a community stacks up is in property tax affordability. We calculated the property taxes on each town's median-valued home as a percentage of that town's median household income — offering, in essence, a glimpse of how easily residents can afford the property taxes where they live. The towns where property taxes as a percentage of median household income are the lowest are Windsor Locks, followed by Somers, East Hampton, Suffield, Enfield, Windsor and Tolland.

Towns and cities challenged by the highest property taxes as a percentage of household income are New

Educated Adults

From high to low, the percentage of adults over 25 with a bachelor's degree or more.

Town	2015	Town	2015	Town	2015
1. Avon	69.3%	14. Haddam	51%	27. Newington	39.3%
2. Simsbury	65%	15. Hebron	50.2%	28. East Hampton	39.2%
3. Glastonbury	61.9%	16. East Granby	47.8%	29. Windsor	39%
4. West Hartford	61%	17. Rocky Hill	46.6%	30. Berlin	38.6%
5. Farmington	56.2%	18. Burlington	45.1%	31. Manchester	38.4%
6. Granby	55.6%	19. Old Saybrook	44.8%	32. Deep River	38.2%
7. Essex	53.9%	20. Tolland	44.3%	33. East Haddam	37.3%
8. Marlborough	53.9%	21. Portland	42.8%	34. Coventry	36.8%
9. Cheshire	52.8%	22. Ellington	42.1%	35. Southington	36.5%
10. Canton	52.1%	23. Wethersfield	42.1%	36. Wallingford	36.2%
11. Bolton	51.8%	24. Cromwell	41.9%	37. Middletown	36.1%
12. Mansfield	51.7%	25. Chester	41.1%	38. Westbrook	36.1%
13. South Windsor	51.2%	26. Suffield	39.4%	39. Vernon	34%
				40. Bloomfield	33.6%
				41. East Windsor	27.7%
				42. Somers	27.5%
				43. Plainville	27.4%
				44. Bristol	24.9%
				45. Windsor Locks	23.3%
				46. Enfield	23.1%
				47. Meriden	19.5%
				48. East Hartford	19.3%
				49. New Britain	18.8%
				50. Hartford	15.7%

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Work At Home

From high to low, the percentage of residents who work at home.

Town	2015
1. Essex	8.4%
2. Marlborough	7.9%
3. Bolton	7.1%
4. Suffield	7.1%
5. Portland	7%
6. Avon	6.7%
7. Burlington	6.7%
8. Glastonbury	6.6%
9. Chester	6.2%
10. Cheshire	6.1%
11. Granby	6.1%
12. Canton	6%
13. Deep River	6%
14. East Granby	6%
15. Old Saybrook	6%
16. Simsbury	5.9%
17. East Hampton	5.2%
18. Hebron	5%
19. Tolland	5.2%
20. South Windsor	5%
21. Vernon	4.8%
22. Somers	4.7%
23. Southington	4.7%
24. East Haddam	4.5%
25. Farmington	4.9%
26. Cromwell	4.2%
27. Ellington	4.2%
28. Mansfield	4.2%
29. West Hartford	4.2%
30. Wallingford	3.9%
31. Windsor	3.9%
32. Berlin	3.8%
33. Westbrook	4%
34. Haddam	4%
35. Enfield	4%
36. Middletown	3.3%
37. Bristol	3.1%
38. Wethersfield	3.1%
39. Hartford	3%
40. Coventry	2.8%
41. Manchester	2.7%
42. Newington	2.7%
43. Meriden	2.6%
44. Rocky Hill	2.4%
45. Bloomfield	2%
46. East Hartford	1.9%
47. New Britain	1.8%
48. East Windsor	1.7%
49. Plainville	1.4%
50. Windsor Locks	1.1%

Property Tax Affordability

From low to high, the tax paid on a home of median value, as a percentage of median household income

Town	Tax
1. Windsor Locks	5.30%
2. Somers	5.47%
3. East Hampton	5.54%
4. Suffield	5.97%
5. Enfield	6.00%
6. Windsor	6.08%
7. Tolland	6.14%
8. East Windsor	6.18%
9. Burlington	6.21%
10. Coventry	6.28%
11. Avon	6.28%
12. Ellington	6.39%
13. Farmington	6.45%
14. Essex	6.48%
15. Marlborough	6.51%
16. Portland	6.54%
17. Cromwell	6.57%
18. Southington	6.78%
19. Haddam	6.85%
20. Rocky Hill	6.92%
21. Cheshire	6.93%
22. Old Saybrook	6.93%
23. Wallingford	6.93%
24. Berlin	7.06%
25. Hebron	7.07%
26. East Haddam	7.13%
27. Canton	7.14%
28. Newington	7.15%
29. Granby	7.29%
30. Bloomfield	7.33%
31. Westbrook	7.37%
32. South Windsor	7.42%
33. Deep River	7.50%
34. Chester	7.51%
35. Simsbury	7.53%
36. Plainville	7.53%
37. Bolton	7.93%
38. Bristol	7.98%
39. Glastonbury	8.09%
40. Manchester	8.26%
41. Middletown	8.30%
42. Mansfield	8.40%
43. East Granby	8.49%
44. Meriden	8.60%
45. Wethersfield	8.71%
46. Vernon	9.15%
47. West Hartford	10.02%
48. East Hartford	10.98%
49. Hartford	12.61%
50. New Britain	13.97%

Married With Children

From high to low, the percentage of married households with children under 18.

Town	2015
1. Tolland	33.9%
2. Hebron	32.8%
3. Burlington	32.1%
4. Marlborough	31%
5. Avon	30.2%
6. Simsbury	29.7%
7. Granby	28.7%
8. Suffield	27.3%
9. Glastonbury	27.1%
10. South Windsor	27.1%
11. Ellington	26.8%
12. Cheshire	25.9%
13. East Haddam	25.5%
14. East Hampton	25.4%
15. Berlin	25%
16. Canton	24.9%
17. Coventry	24.8%
18. Farmington	24.3%
19. Portland	23.4%
20. Bolton	23.2%
21. Somers	23.2%
22. West Hartford	23.1%
23. Southington	23%
24. East Granby	22.8%
25. Cromwell	22.2%
26. Wethersfield	22.2%
27. Haddam	20.1%
28. Windsor	20%
29. Rocky Hill	19%
30. Deep River	18.8%
31. East Windsor	18.4%
32. Wallingford	18.4%
33. Windsor Locks	18.3%
34. Newington	18.1%
35. Enfield	17.8%
36. Manchester	17.8%
37. Old Saybrook	17.8%
38. Chester	17.2%
39. Bristol	16.8%
40. Essex	16.8%
41. Mansfield	15.2%
42. Middletown	14.4%
43. Westbrook	14.4%
44. East Hartford	13.7%
45. Plainville	13.6%
46. New Britain	13.1%
47. Vernon	12.8%
48. Meriden	12.5%
49. Bloomfield	9.1%
50. Hartford	8.6%



27 percent or higher. ("Mayberry" isn't on our list.)

Naturally, we also wondered how those kids are doing in school. The towns with the top scores on the Smarter Balance language test in 2016 are Avon, Simsbury, Glastonbury, Farmington, Chester, Cheshire, Bolton and Mansfield. Top scorers on the math test are Avon, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Farmington, Mansfield, South Windsor, Chester and Essex.

Those results overlap quite a bit with the ranking of the towns by percentage of adults age 25 and older who hold a bachelor's degree or higher. At the top is Avon, at 69.3 percent, which knocked Simsbury (at the top spot five years earlier) into second. Following them in 2015 are Glastonbury, West Hartford, Farmington, Granby, Essex.

Marlborough, Cheshire, Canton, Bolton, Mansfield, South Windsor, Haddam and Hebron, all above 50 percent.

As for political views in the 50 towns and cities, Hartford tops the list for the highest percentage of Democrats, at 69.4 percent, followed by Bloomfield, New Britain, East Hartford and Windsor. On the Republican side of the aisle, Somers was at the top, at 33.1 percent, followed by Granby, Avon, Old Saybrook, Simsbury and Canton, all above 30 percent. But more than 35 percent of registered voters in 48 of our 50 communities are unaffiliated.

residents work at home are Windsor Locks, Plainville, East Windsor, New Britain and East Hartford.

The towns with the highest percentage of households that include a married couple with children under 18—that is, younger traditional families—are Tolland, Hebron, Burlington, Marlborough, Avon, Simsbury, Granby, Suffield, Glastonbury and South Windsor, all at

Political Persuasion

Of the 50 communities studied, the 20 most Democratic and the 20 most Republican, by percentage of residents.

Democrats

1. Hartford	69.37%	11. Wethersfield	39.06%
2. Bloomfield	60.56%	12. Chester	38.89%
3. New Britain	51.34%	13. Rocky Hill	37.90%
4. East Hartford	48.32%	14. Bristol	37.81%
5. Windsor	48.24%	15. South Windsor	36.00%
6. West Hartford	46.60%	16. Berlin	35.24%
7. Middletown	46.25%	17. Portland	35.14%
8. Mansfield	43.67%	18. Meriden	34.67%
9. Manchester	41.14%	19. Enfield	34.26%
10. Newington	40.42%	20. Deep River	34.03%

Republicans

1. Somers	33.08%	11. Westbrook	28.44%
2. Granby	32.44%	12. East Granby	27.93%
3. Avon	32.12%	13. Marlborough	27.53%
4. Old Saybrook	30.73%	14. Ellington	27.02%
5. Simsbury	30.39%	15. Glastonbury	26.99%
6. Canton	30.25%	16. Hebron	26.15%
7. Burlington	29.80%	17. Cheshire	25.94%
8. Suffield	29.36%	18. Farmington	25.67%
9. Bolton	29.26%	19. Berlin	25.63%
10. Essex	28.84%	20. Southington	25.62%

Notes

* "House tax as a percentage of income" was calculated with a number of steps. First, each town's current property tax rate, in mills (\$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value) was taken from the state Office of Policy and Management's annual Fiscal Indicators report. The median value of owner-occupied units was taken from U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates. In most Connecticut towns, the tax rate is based on 70 percent of the assessed value of the residence, so that median home value was multiplied by 0.7 (except in the case of Hartford, which taxes property based on 32.21 percent of its assessed value) and multiplied that result by the tax rate, in mills, to come up with an "average tax bill" for each town. That figure was divided by the median household income, giving a result of house tax as a percentage of household income.

The Census data are based on 5-year surveys, so 2010 numbers include surveys and measurements made from 2006-2010, and 2015 numbers include surveys and measurements made from 2011-2015.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Birdseye aerial of Bridge No. 02018 Route 66 (East High Street) over Pocotopaug Creek looking southward. Pocotopaug Lake is visible at the bottom of the photo (Bing).



Aerial photo of Bridge No. 02018 and surrounding area (Google)



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected 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 Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme), serving as Chairperson, Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton) as Vice-Chairperson, Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Secretary, and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) as Treasurer. First Selectwoman Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell) serve, join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2017 was an unexpectedly eventful year for RiverCOG. We welcomed a new staff planner, Jon Curtis. Curtis joined us from Philadelphia, where he worked at the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and earned a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Curtis was hired to lead the creation of RiverCOG's first Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

Nevertheless, USDOT had other plans for Jon Curtis. His first project was coordinating RiverCOG's response to a proposed regulation that would force the reorganization of the nation's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) along irrelevant geographies. Coming only two years after the successful merger of RiverCOG's predecessor MPOs, RiverCOG was in a unique position to use its experience with an organizational merger to inform USDOT on its proposed regulation and help the nation's other 404 MPOs estimate the costs associated with a regulation that would mandate MPO mergers and dissolutions. The information provided by RiverCOG to USDOT was successful in delaying the implementation date of the regulation to allow for a legislative fix for the issues the regulation would create, particularly in Connecticut. The delayed regulation was finalized in January and was subsequently repealed by Congress and the President this past spring. In October 2016, RiverCOG was awarded an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Coordination by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for its work on the USDOT MPO reform regulatory process.

RiverCOG was also significantly involved in the NEC Future environmental assessment of the North East Corridor rail line from Washington, DC to Boston, MA. The final environmental impact study identified a preferred alternative that included a new 50-mile rail bypass from Old Saybrook, CT to Kenyon, RI. This bypass would cross the Connecticut River, and its unique estuary, landing in the middle of the Old Lyme historic district. The bypass would eventually veer north of New London, stopping at a new Mystic / New London station in Stonington. RiverCOG supported the efforts of Old Lyme to ensure that the Federal Railroad Administration understood the potential impact of this proposal to the affected towns and to have them remove any recommendations until a comprehensive study of the impacts could be done with the involvement of the states, towns, and members of the public. The final Record of Decision for NEC Future removed the proposed bypass and instead recommended a rail capacity study from New Haven to Providence to be run by the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of legislative engagement with the state and federal government on the behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2017 we held our annual legislative COG meeting at the Capitol in Hartford with the region's legislators. RiverCOG staff attended a number of hearings on proposed legislation and provided testimony on bills regarding highway tolls, COG transportation investment planning, and a municipal option for property transfer fee for open space preservation.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2017 included:

- Creation of a regional inland flooding model to be used by municipalities to predict potential areas of flooding risk
- Comprehensive ridership count of bus passengers on all runs operated by 9 Town Transit and Middletown Area Transit
- Creation of a new four year regional Transportation Investment Plan (TIP) for federal highway and transit funding
- Completion of a Case Statement and Shared Services Study for the regions land trusts, cooperating via RiverCOG's Land Trust Exchange
- Kicked off public outreach and research for a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- Started an implementation phase of the GrowSmart economic growth strategy focused on investigating the establishment of a regional development agency
- Partnering with the Connecticut Tourism Coalition to further efforts to more effectively capitalize on tourism in the RiverCOG region

RiverCOG also worked to further regional services and sharing including exploring ways of using staff to provide shared municipal land use services. RiverCOG hosted conversations regarding regionalization of transit services, building officials, and health districts. RiverCOG supported municipal advocacy against a CT Department of Health proposal to regionalize town health departments and directors, providing input on the impacts of such proposal.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines, as well as, municipal plans of conservation and development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC is working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. This plan will be a regional land use policy document that guides regional efforts. The Regional Plan is expected to be completed in 2018.

RiverCOG acts as the fiduciary agent for Region 2 of the State's emergency planning efforts through grants provided by the Federal government through the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is charged with developing, administering, and coordinating a comprehensive and integrated statewide emergency management and homeland security program that encompasses all human-made and natural hazards, and includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery components to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Fiduciary duties include substantial financial record organization, certification of vendors and service providers, reviewing vendor quotes, paying vendor invoices, attendance at monthly REPT meetings, administration and collection of Memorandums of Agreement from the 30 member towns for each of numerous overlapping grants, and preparing specific deliverables that are required by DEMHS in order to received RiverCOG's funding allocation for the

fiduciary responsibilities. When requested, staff of the agency will also provide ancillary mapping services when required.

RiverCOG hosts the Connecticut River Gateway Commission which, for 44 years, has served the RiverCOG towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook as the guardian of the "natural and traditional riverway scene". Working with the eight town Planning & Zoning Commissions, Zoning Boards of Appeal and town staff, Gateway oversees a scenic protection program comprised of (1) acquisition of scenic and conservation easements and land, and (2) the administration of a program of development management within the Gateway Conservation Zone, located from the banks of the river up to the first ridge of river hillsides. The land acquisition program is aimed at preserving undeveloped, visible hillsides from visually compromising development while the development management program is conducted in order to manage the visibility of development through the adoption of zoning standards that are then adopted into each of the eight member town's local zoning regulations. Major initiatives undertaken by Gateway during the fiscal year included participation in the successful effort to have the aforementioned "Kenyon Bypass" section of a proposed Federal Rail Administration effort to upgrade the Northeast Corridor removed from proposed plans, participation in an ongoing land preservation effort in the Haddam Neck area of Haddam and participation and a multi-government level project to eradicate the invasive vegetation phragmites in the highly visible and protected marshes of Lords Cove off the RiverCOG town of Lyme. The member towns each have two members appointed by the Boards of Selectmen, while the region has two representatives appointed by RiverCOG. The last seat is filled by a representative of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including: the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Land Trust Exchange, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, and other groups as space and time permits.

RiverCOG also investigated moving to Haddam during the fiscal year. Lease discussions for the Haddam property were not completed in time to allow for a move by the end of RiverCOG's lease for its current office space in Essex. RiverCOG chose to instead remain in its current offices for an additional year.



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KRISTY MERRIFIELD, CCMC
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September 8, 2017

To: The East Hampton Town Council,

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BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY AUGUST, 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee held a meeting on August 3. A second restaurant week is scheduled for 9/11-9/17/17. Trivia night will take place 10/2, EH250 Festival in the Village will take place 10/7, and the Gala will be held 11/5 (tickets are \$55/person).

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on August 17th. The members discussed the Art Purchase Award for the High School; a gathering at Epoch Arts on August 27th; Wade Russo's presentation; the planning for the Open Studio event; and the 250th Anniversary Open Air Festival.

Board of Finance

On Monday August 14th, at a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance, presentations and discussion were had in regard to the Town Hall and Police Station proposed project. In a 4-2 vote, the Board passed a motion to recommend an appropriation for the acquisition of a parcel of land off of East High Street near its intersection with Lake Vista Drive in East Hampton, and the construction thereon of a Town Hall and Police Station including Board of Education Offices and a Community Room; and the authorization of Bonds and Notes to finance the appropriation.

The August 21st Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was cancelled.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting August 28. Work on 13 Watrous is mostly complete. Some quotes were received for installation of a residential well at 4 Starr Place (this would be part of the STEAP Grant for 13 Watrous). A special meeting will be held to discuss this further once the homeowner approves the well on his property. There will be enough money left in the grant for site remediation. However, an extension on the grant will be obtained as there will not be enough time. This was verbally approved by the State already. It was noted that the focus group for the Village Center was disbanded by the founder.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting August 1. They discussed the upcoming green/electric car show at Sears Park on Saturday, September 9 from 12 – 4. Also discussed were efforts to work with the Town Facilities Building Committee to secure efficiency in that building as plans are made and Eversource energy credits and how they can be used in the community.

Commission on Aging

No meeting

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held a meeting August 10. Plans were approved for a single-family home at 59 Spellman Point and seawall reconstruction at 8 West Point. The commission put forth a recommendation that P&Z Official DeCarli investigate the feasibility of requiring individual erosion & sedimentation control bonds on construction projects as these are causing runoff issues around the lake. A proposal to change the upland review area around the lake from 100' to 200' was discussed; a liaison will go to the Inlands Wetlands Agency to discuss at the end of the month. It was noted that the catch basins around the lake need cleaning; Mr. Hall was asked to speak to Public Works about this.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on August 17th. A plan review for ECO Coffee Shop was approved. A sign for Yellow Marigold Massage required additional information and the item was tabled. Tom Adams was voted in as the new Chairman and Mike Chicoine was voted in as the new Vice Chairman.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on August 15. The EDC decided to distribute territories amongst members. When a new business opens in that territory, a member will go visit and talk about the EDC and how they can help. American Distilling is this month's spotlight business. An inaugural business networking event is to take place at the Bevin House on 8/23.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a regular meeting August 14. The old ladder truck was placed on a government auction site. A bid was received but later rescinded and a second bid did not meet the reserve; the issue is back in Mr. Jylkka's hands as of the date of the meeting. The fire at St. Clements and the zoning of the building was discussed with the Fire Marshal & Deputy Fire Marshal. As of the meeting date they were still waiting on a report from the state to determine cause & origin. The hours that the Fire Marshal's office work was also discussed. Mr. Salafia will speak to the Town Council about how to proceed when that office's work starts piling up.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting August 17. There are some items left on the interior and exterior punch lists but work is almost complete. Downes will be leaving the building. The blue water issue is ongoing with the State DPH. Plastic PEX piping has been routed in the kitchen and a water fountain on a trial; if this solves the copper issue it is possible that it can be used in the rest of the building where potable water is needed. Naming and/or renaming the High School was discussed as this is part of the resolution of the Committee. They voted to turn that responsibility over to the Board of

Education. The Committee also voted to pay the Town for the Fire Marshal's fees that were incurred due to inspections and other work at the High School.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on August 30. No applications were approved; all presented were continued to the next meeting or slated for field agent approval. There was discussion on a proposed upland review change for the lake; a public hearing will be held, most likely in October, regarding this change. An issue of enforcement was discussed for 21 Day Pt. Rd., the situation is being actively monitored. It seems there is unpermitted activity happening at the lake. The Agency voted to recommend to P&Z that Jeremy DeCarli be given authority to require erosion & sedimentation control bonds on individual contractors/properties as these have been failing during construction projects, causing more issues with the lake.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting and a workshop on August 7. The plan to join the LION consortium was discussed; the migration will happen by January 2018. The library's 120th anniversary also falls in that month so a celebration may occur. The community conversations are ongoing.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Town Council appointed Chris Hanson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The board discussed the Seamster Park fundraising progress, the status of summer and fall programming and field use regulations.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning met on August 2nd.

Public Hearing: Application of Town of East Hampton – Special Permit for a Municipal Fueling Station, 5 Gildersleeve Drive, Map 06/Block 6/Lot 1. – Approved.

8-24 Review: Police Department Town Hall Complex, 0000 East High Street, Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. – Approved to move project forward.

Application of Edgewater Hill Properties, LLC – 130 East High Street, MUDD Site Plan Phase 1 – Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5B. – Approved.

Application of Main St Venture, LLC, 3 Main St, for a Text Amendment for PO/R Zone – Continued to next meeting as a Public Hearing.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee held a meeting on August 16 in which upcoming dates for approvals by the Town Council were discussed. Public relations and the upcoming public forum were discussed. At their meeting on August 23rd the upcoming public forum plans were finalized. It was noted that the booth and flyers handed out at the fireworks display was a success. During the public forum on 8/29, Chair Gollenberg moderated a Q&A with the public and a panel made up of presenters, Town Manager Maniscalco, Finance Director Jylkka, Police Chief Cox and Architect Tony Amenta.

Water Development Task Force

The Water Development Task Force met on August 22nd. The members met with Tighe and Bond regarding the expectations for the interconnection study.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority met on August 1st. A review of the public water systems were reviewed. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the sewer system throughout town and the interconnected towns. Sewer use fees recommendations and a summary were revisited prior to setting the public hearing date. The public hearing will be held on September 5th. The WPCA offices have been having phone system issues and will get quotes from vendors.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 14th. Only 1 application was presented: Application of Paul & Winifred Cerreta of 39 Cobalt Rd., to reduce front setback from 50' to 24' to construct a new single family home. Map 5/Block 1/Lot 7B. Vote: 3-Yes; 1-No. The motion did not pass. Application denied.