

TOWN OF CANTON



ANNUAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

Incorporated 1806
Canton, Canton Center, North Canton & Collinsville

TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

This Annual Report is dedicated to Sam Humphrey.



DEDICATION

When Samuel S. Humphrey retired from the Air Force with the rank of Lt. Col., he returned to his hometown of Canton and began what would amount to 38 years of dedicated civic and public service. He was elected to the Board of Finance and served as the board's chairman for four years. He was then elected to the Board of Selectman for six years. Sam served as the First Selectman for the Town from 1983 to 1987, during which time he oversaw the Town's adoption of its charter form of government. Sam eventually returned to the Board of Finance where he served for 18 years.

Mr. Humphrey was a member of the North Canton Volunteer Fire Department and served for 24 years as a fireman and fire policeman. He was Chairman of two Historic District Study Committees (Canton Center and Collinsville) and served on the Republican Town Committee for 36 years. Sam served Canton as a Justice of Peace for 34 years and taught math and physics at Canton High School. He was selected into the Canton High School Wall of Fame in 2004 for outstanding leadership, scholarship and civic responsibility.

Sam's commitment to the Town of Canton is only a part of his legacy. May his memory serve as an inspiration to all of us to dedicate ourselves in some manner to public service.

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TOWN MEETING

A detailed pencil sketch of a gavel, showing the head and handle, resting on a rectangular wooden block. The drawing uses fine lines and shading to create a sense of texture and depth.

LEGAL NOTICES

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ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2008**

A Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 7PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study for Hydro Power of the Upper and Lower dams.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 20th day of June 2008.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 20, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 24, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 26, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on July 2, 2008.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2008**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

David Gilchrist moved that the meeting consider and take action on an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study for Hydro Power of the Upper and Lower dams. Vicki Arel seconded the motion.

Richard Barlow, First Selectman, explained the proposed project to reestablish the river's hydro units to working condition. Six hundred to eight hundred homes can be powered off the dam. The appropriation would fund a consultant to prepare a study determining the costs and return on investment of putting the facilities on line and preparing the necessary paperwork. Reestablishing this 'green' source of energy is a lengthy project that will take years to accomplish.

Discussion:

Fred Fletcher (Main Street) commented that he is in favor of this project.

David Gilchrist made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study for Hydro Power of the Upper and Lower dams. Shirley Krompegal seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn. David Gilchrist seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Linda Smith
Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith
Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record July 3, 2008

**TOWN OF CANTON
NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY DISTRICT (MULTI-TOWN) OFFICE**

DEAR TOWN CLERK:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Republican Party will be held in your town on August 12, 2008 for nomination to each office indicated below.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates of the Republican Party for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate:

<u>OFFICE (including district)</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
State Senator-8 th District	Kevin D. Witkos	15 High Ledge Rd Canton, CT 06019
State Representative-17 th District	Tom Harrison	51 Briar Hill Rd Avon, CT 06001

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the enrolled members of the Republican Party who have filed candidacies for primary in conformity with the General Statutes and state party rules, as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate:

<u>OFFICE (including district)</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
State Senator-8 th District	Moira Wertheimer	58 Massaco St Simsbury, CT 06070
State Representative-17 th District	Timothy LeGeyt	135 West Rd Canton, CT 06019

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 23rd day of June, 2008
Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of the State

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the Republican Party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 12, 2008. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT.

Absentee Ballots will be counted at 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT.
Date at Canton, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2008
Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

At a Primary of the Republican Party in the Town of Canton legally warned and held on August 12, 2008, the following candidates received the number of voters shown respectively, for nomination to the office indicated:

<i>STATE SENATOR: 8th Senatorial District</i>	<i>Canton Results</i>	<i>Total District*</i>
<i>Kevin D. Witkos</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>2180</i>
<i>Moira Wertheimer</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>769</i>

<i>STATE REPRESENTATIVE: 17th Assembly District</i>	<i>Canton Results</i>	<i>Total District*</i>
<i>Tom Harrison</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>578</i>
<i>Timothy LeGeyt</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>632</i>

*Total District as reported by the Associated Press

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2008**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the position of Development Technician and create a new administrative position entitled Assistant Planner?
2. Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the positions of Administrative Assistant and Administrative Services Coordinator and create a new position entitled Executive Assistant?

Copies of the proposed job descriptions for Assistant Planner and Executive Assistant are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office in the Canton Town Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at the Canton Public Library Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed job descriptions also can be down loaded from the Town's internet at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 25th day of August, 2008.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on August 25, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on August 27, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on August 28, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on September 3, 2008.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2008**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Lorinda Pane, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question: Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the position of Development Technician and create a new administrative position entitled Assistant Planner? Shirley Krompegal seconded the motion.

Discussion: Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the need for the position and how the department requirements have changed over time. Staffing shortages, current needs and an overall savings to the town led him to recommend the change.

Neil Pade, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained the needs of his department and how this position would better serve the commissions and residents of the Town. Stephen Veillette, Mohawk Drive, asked about the difficulty of filling such a position. Mark Quattro, High Valley Drive, asked how this position would affect Zoning Enforcement. The motion vote passed by a vote of 25 YES-0 NO.

Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question: Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the positions of Administrative Assistant and Administrative Services Coordinator and create a new position entitled Executive Assistant? Mary Tomolonius seconded the motion.

Discussion: Robert Skinner spoke of the staffing shortages in the office of the CAO. A short time ago there were three full time people in the office and now there is only one. The responsibilities of the two jobs being eliminated can be divided between existing staff and the new position. Additional level responsibilities are being added to the Executive Assistant position as well as taking on the task of recording secretary for the Board of Selectmen, thus justifying a salary of \$44K-\$52K.

Mark Quattro commended the CAO and BOS for this creative solution to the Town's needs. As a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, he stated that the Chamber was behind this move.

The motion vote passed by a vote of 25 YES-0 NO.

Mark Quattro made a motion to adjourn. Mary Tomolonius seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record September 4, 2008

STATE ELECTION
November 4, 2008

The Electors of the Town of Canton are hereby warned to meet at their polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.
- II. To vote on the following questions for the approval or disapproval of a proposed Constitutional Convention and proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:
 1. Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?
 2. Shall the constitution of the state be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in the primary for such regular election?

The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT. Absentee Ballots will be counted at the same location.

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut, this 20th day of October, 2008.

Linda Smith
Town Clerk of Canton

ELECTION RESULTS
November 4, 2008

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

	<u>Canton Results</u>
Barack Obama	3412
John McCain	2472
Ralph Nader	87

UNITED STATES HOUSE DISTRICT #5

	<u>Canton Results</u>
Chris Murphy	3281
David Cappiello	2199
Harold Burbank II	111
Thomas Winn	49

STATE SENATE DISTRICT #8

	<u>Canton Results</u>
Kevin Witkos	3599
Arthur House	2084

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT #17

	<u>Canton Results</u>
Tim LeGeyt	3450
Brett Eisenlohr	2162

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

	<u>Canton Results</u>
Elizabeth Fournier	2814
John Miner Jr.	2488

QUESTION #1

Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?

	<u>Canton Results</u>
YES	1207
NO	3355

QUESTION #2

Shall the constitution of the state be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in the primary for such regular election?

	<u>Canton Results</u>
YES	3519
NO	1787

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Administrative Assistant to the Senior Services Coordinator?
2. Shall the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Department of Public Works Clerk?
3. Shall the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Office of the Chief Administrator Clerk?
4. Shall the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Fire Department Clerk?
5. Shall the Town Amend Ordinance #228 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing a Program of Property Tax Relief" by increasing the maximum allowable income and the available tax credits.

Copies of the amended ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing A Program of Property Tax Relief" and the proposed job descriptions for the Administrative Assistant to the Senior Services Coordinator, Department of Public Works Clerk, Office of the Chief Administrator Clerk and Fire Department Clerk are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Canton Public Library during normal business hours. The proposed amended ordinance and job descriptions can also be viewed on the Town's website at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 19th day of November, 2008
Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on November 19, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on November 21, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on November 26, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on December 3, 2008.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on four motions:

That the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Administrative Assistant to the Senior Services Coordinator (seconded by Tim LeGeyt);

That the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Department of Public Works Clerk (seconded by David Gilchrist);

That the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Office of the Chief Administrator Clerk (seconded by Tim LeGeyt); and,

That the Town of Canton create a new part time position entitled Fire Department Clerk (seconded by David Gilchrist).

Richard Barlow introduced CAO Robert Skinner to provide details. With the Senior Services Coordinator's retirement in January, the Town was looking for another approach to provide better services to the Town's seniors. It was determined that breaking the position into two part time positions, each with 15-19 hours, would best suit the needs of the Town. The Senior Services Administrative Assistant would be paid less than the new part time Senior Services Coordinator thus saving the Town money. Having two people in the position would also enable cross training and filling in when one was out. The department would fall beneath the Park and Recreation department, whose department head would be responsible for the budget and writing grants. This would free up the two part time positions for dedicated work to the seniors, providing them with better, more direct, service.

The Public Works Clerk, Chief Administrator Clerk, and Fire Dept Clerk would be staffed with a current employee from the Tax office and records clerk. Savings will be seen due to the elimination of the Administrative Services position earlier this year. The small amount of hours dedicated to these positions (Public Works – 4 hours) (Fire Dept Clerk – 4 hours) (Chief Administrator clerk – 10 hours) have made a significant and efficient difference in the department's clerical/administrative work.

Comments: Fred Fletcher-Main Street- inquired about a large scale personnel readjustment plan before the next budget cycle and would economic conditions lead to smaller number of employees.

Dante D'Addeo-Highfields Drive-Suggested the Town start a program of detailed budget review to see where cuts can be made.

Art Blondin-Orchard Hill Road-Chairman of the Commission on Aging-12% of the population in Canton is over 65. We need to make sure we do things to make it more desirable to be in Canton.

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

Continued:

Carrie Sinish Moved the Question. David Sinish Seconded. The Motion PASSED with a vote of 32 YES / 0 NO

Richard Barlow moved the Town Amend Ordinance #228 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing a Program of Property Tax Relief" by increasing the maximum allowable income and the available tax credits. The Motion was Seconded by Art Blondin.

David Gilchrist made a motion to further amend ordinance #228 to add the following sentence as the third sentence in section 2 "*This seven year requirement will not apply to any resident who previously applied for and received a tax credit under any previous version of this ordinance.*" The Motion was Seconded by Dick Barlow.

Dick Barlow thanked the committee for their service and recommendations. He explained that the revision would increase residency and the amount of credit allowed. The Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen support the revised ordinance. The purpose of the additional sentence in section 2 is to grandfather those individuals who have previously applied for and qualified for tax relief under the existing ordinance, but would fail to qualify now because of the 7 year tax payer requirement.

Comments: David Sinish-Dyer Ave- wanted clarification on residency and wanted to know how many people now receive the benefit.

Steve Irwin-Timber Lane-wanted a definition of disabled.

Fred Fletcher-Main Street-wanted clarification on property jointly owned.

Violet Danila-Collins Road-wanted clarification regarding assets

David Sinish Moved the Question. Carrie Sinish Seconded. The Town Clerk read the motion as amended. The Amendment to the Motion passed with a vote of 33 YES / 1 NO

The Motion as amended passed with a vote of 33 YES / 0 NO

There being no further business, Dick Barlow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Gilchrist.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record December 4, 2008

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that the Annual Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to discuss:

TO HOLD A DISCUSSION on the Town of Canton Hydro Electric Project.

In accordance with the Town Charter, no votes will be taken.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 20th day of January, 2009.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 20, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on January 28, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THIS MEETING WAS POSTPONED TO 02/19/2009

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. or immediately following the Annual Town Meeting in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$2,999.00 for the purposes of purchasing Emergency Medical Training? The Town Charter requires town meeting approval when matching funds are utilized.
2. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$284.05 for the purposes of purchasing Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Reporting Software? The Town Charter requires town meeting approval when matching funds are utilized.
3. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 7-148cc, adopt a multi-town agreement which provides the terms and conditions by which towns shall share the use and responsibility of certain trail maintenance equipment? The equipment is being purchased by funds awarded through a State of Connecticut Regional Performance Incentive Grant.
4. Shall the Town of Canton discontinue as a road a portion of a previous temporary cul-de-sac adjacent to property identified on the Assessor's map as Map #4-3 Lot #102-A and known as 11 Queens Peak Road and transfer such discontinued temporary cul-de-sac, an area of .066 acres to Mansour Developers, Inc. the owner of Property identified on the Assessor's Map #4-3 Lot #102A?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 20th day of January, 2009
Board of Selectmen

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on January 28, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow
Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THIS MEETING WAS POSTPONED TO 02/19/2009

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that the Annual Town Meeting will be commenced on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to discuss:

TO HOLD A DISCUSSION on the Town of Canton Hydro Electric Project.

In accordance with the Town Charter, no votes will be taken.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 28th day of January, 2009.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 28, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on February 3, 2009, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on February 13, 2009, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on February 19, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT, TO HOLD A DISCUSSION on the Town of Canton Hydro Electric Project.

James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice. In accordance with the Town Charter, no votes were taken.

Richard Barlow, First Selectman, discussed the historical aspects of the Collins company dams. Both the Upper and Lower dams are owned by the State of Connecticut. The Upper dam is in the center of Collinsville and was originally built in the 1830s. It was used for water power for the Collins Company. In the 1930s it was used to general electricity. The Lower dam is located on the Avon/Burlington town line. Both were constructed by the Collins Company. Later ownership was by the Hartford Electric Light Company who pulled the generators out of the buildings. In the 1960a the State of Connecticut took over ownership and it is now under the control of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Ken Wassall, Town Engineer, presented a power point presentation/tour of the facilities including:

- Upper Collins Company Powerhouse
- Upper Collins Company Dam
- Upper Dam – Power Canal Weir
- Upper Powerhouse Release Gates
- Upper Powerhouse Intel Control
- Upper Powerhouse Tailrace Area
- Upper Dam Sluice Gates on CT179
- CT179 Sluice Gate Controls
- Lower Collins Company Powerhouse
- Lower Powerhouse Bar Rack & Bypass
- Lower Collins Company Dam
- Lower Powerhouse Interior
- Lower Powerhouse Turbine Shaft
- Lower Powerhouse Bridge Crane
- Lower Dam Power Canal Gatehouse
- Lower Powerhouse Tailrace Area

Questions/Comments came from:

Fred Krompegal-East Hill Road, David Kubas-East Hill Road, Maggie Schofield-Thayer Ave and Fred Fletcher-Main Street

Mr. Wassall encouraged anyone to contact him at the Town Hall for any questions they may have in the future. A *Canton Hydropower Project* handout is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Barlow addressed the fiscal aspects of the project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is in charge of permit licensing. Summitt Hydropower LLC got a permit in 2001 to go ahead with the project but the State of Connecticut can't lease to a private individual.

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

Continued:

The delay of legislation to reverse this stopped them from moving forward with the project. Their permit was later revoked. The Canton Board of Selectmen looked into the feasibility of the project and filed a letter with FERC. Both Avon and Burlington are supportive of the project. An attorney familiar with FERC licensing procedure came forward and gave the BOS a proposal to do a study of the project. This was supported by the Board of Finance. A preliminary license was filed on behalf of the Town in August of 2008. In January 2009 we received that preliminary license. The U.S. Congress can step in and accelerate the process by issuing the license on their own. Congressman Chris Murphy has submitted legislation to allow the final license to be awarded to the Town. The fall of 2010 is the soonest we can expect it.

The cost of the project will run from \$8-10 million. This includes refurbishing, new equipment, dredging of the area and fish ladders. The National Park Service is reviewing its wild and scenic designation. We will request that the dam areas be excluded from the study.

The project will create a revenue stream of over \$700,000, netting the Town about \$100,000. This is a 50-100 year legacy project that can last a lifetime. Money is available from both State and Federal grants and loans. The Town of Canton needs to decide at some point if they want to go forward with the project. A bill was submitted to the Connecticut legislature by Senator Witkos and Representative LeGeyt regarding the feasibility of the project.

Some of the issues we need to address:

- Firm up cost estimates
- Who shall run it? Privatize project or use existing staff?
- Tax benefits
- Task force needed to move forward

Questions/Comments came from:

David Kubas-East Hill Road
Kent Jamison-Hanson Road
Fred Krompegal-East Hill road
Roger Clarke-Sunset Terrace
Rob Sigman-West road
David Leff-The Green
David Madigan-Robin Drive

There being no further discussion, the Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:57 .pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record February 20, 2009

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. or immediately following the Annual Town Meeting in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$2,999.00 for the purposes of purchasing Emergency Medical Training? The Town Charter requires town meeting approval when matching funds are utilized.
2. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$284.05 for the purposes of purchasing Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Reporting Software? The Town Charter requires town meeting approval when matching funds are utilized.
3. Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 7-148cc, adopt a multi-town agreement which provides the terms and conditions by which towns shall share the use and responsibility of certain trail maintenance equipment? The equipment is being purchased by funds awarded through a State of Connecticut Regional Performance Incentive Grant.
4. Shall the Town of Canton discontinue as a road a portion of a previous temporary cul-de-sac adjacent to property identified on the Assessor's map as Map #4-3 Lot #102-A and known as 11 Queens Peak Road and transfer such discontinued temporary cul-de-sac, an area of .066 acres to Mansour Developers, Inc. the owner of Property identified on the Assessor's Map #4-3 Lot #102A?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 28th day of January, 2009
Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 28, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on February 3, 2009, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on February 13, 2009, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on February 19, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow
Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT.

James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

I. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$2,999.00 for the purposes of purchasing Emergency Medical Training? Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

Richard Barlow made a motion to amend the previous motion to add that Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, be authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Canton, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health necessary to accept the Emergency Medical Services Grant in the amount of \$2,999.00 to be utilized for the purchase of Emergency Medical Training. Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

Bob Skinner, CAO, explained the background of the grant and match by the Town. These funds will be utilized by the Fire Department to train instructors who will then train other Canton volunteers.

There being no further discussion, the amendment to the motion PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

There being no further discussion, the motion as amended PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

II. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Charter Section 9-3(i)(2), accept an Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grant awarded by the Department of Public Health in the amount of \$284.05 for the purposes of purchasing Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Reporting Software? Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

Richard Barlow made a motion to amend the previous motion to add that Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, be authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Canton, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health necessary to accept the Emergency Medical Services Grant in the amount of \$284.05 to be utilized for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Reporting Software. Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

There being no discussion, the amendment to the motion PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

There being no discussion, the motion as amended PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

Continued:

III. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Shall the Town of Canton, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 7-148cc, adopt a multi-town agreement which provides the terms and conditions by which towns shall share the use and responsibility of certain trail maintenance equipment? Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

Bob Skinner, CAO, explained that multiple area towns, including Canton, received a \$216,000 grant to purchase three pieces of machinery that will be shared among the towns to maintain the bike trail. There would be a multi-town agreement that would govern this equipment. It would be housed and serviced by Avon. Each Town would contribute to the maintenance of the equipment. A warranty will be purchased with the grant. This shared services situation makes financial sense for each town.

Questions/Comments were made by:

David Leff-The Green

Richard Barlow-Cherry Brook Road

Fred Fletcher-Main Street

Larry Penoncello-Thompson Hill Road

There being no further discussion, the motion PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

IV. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Shall the Town of Canton discontinue as a road a portion of a previous temporary cul-de-sac adjacent to property identified on the Assessor's map as Map #4-3 Lot #102-A and known as 11 Queens Peak Road and transfer such discontinued temporary cul-de-sac, an area of .066 acres to Mansour Developers, Inc. the owner of Property identified on the Assessor's Map #4-3 Lot #102A? Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt.

Richard Barlow discussed the benefit to the Town of the transfer:

- It has no value
- It is a liability to the Town of Canton
- It is not an approved building lot
- The Town is not receiving any tax dollars from it

Questions/Comments were made by: Rob Sigman-West Road

There being no further discussion, the motion PASSED by a vote of 15/0.

Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn. Timothy LeGeyt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith

Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith

Town Clerk

Received for record February 20, 2009

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton rescind ordinance #174 entitled "Conflict of Interest" and adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Code of Ethics and Appointed Board of Ethics" which creates an ethics code and a five member board to oversee ethical complaints and code compliance?
2. Shall the Town of Canton rescind amendment to ordinance #49 as approved at a town meeting on October 23, 1985, which amendment exempted owners, tenants and occupants of property abutting Route 44 from the requirement of removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 20 feet of Route 44? The rescission of this amendment would make owners, tenants and occupants of property abutting Route 44 responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 20 feet of Route 44.
3. Shall the Town of Canton approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Fund Account #1011590-59100 entitled "Rails to Trails" for the purpose of funding preliminary engineering costs for phase three of the Rails to Trails project?
4. Shall the Town of Canton rescind amendment to ordinance #118 adopted by town meeting on December 3, 1992 which increased the membership of the Economic Development Agency from five to seven? If adopted, the Economic Development Agency would consist of five members.
5. Shall the Town of Canton approve an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Waiving Property Taxes Due In the Amount of Five Dollars or Less" which waives any property tax in the amount of \$5.00 or less due on the Grand List of October 1, 2008 and thereafter?

Copies of proposed new and rescinded ordinances are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and the Canton Public Library during normal business hours and can be viewed at the Town's web site at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 1st day of April, 2009
Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 2, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 9, 2009, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in The Valley Press, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 9, 2009, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on April 15, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow
Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

1. Richard Barlow moved that the Town of Canton rescind ordinance #174 entitled "Conflict of Interest" and adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Code of Ethics and Appointed Board of Ethics" which creates an ethics code and a five member board to oversee ethical complaints and code compliance. Seconded by Shirley Krompegal

Discussion and comments were made by: Lowell Humphrey-19 Canton Valley Circle. Mr. Humphrey read a statement into the record and made a motion to amend Section 4D(11) to read, "No finding of a violation of the Code shall be made except upon the affirmative vote of five (5) Board members that proof beyond a reasonable doubt exists;" and, Section 4E(1) to read "If the Board determines the respondent has, in fact, violated the provisions of this Code, it shall file a memorandum of decision which shall include a recommendation for action with the Board of Selectmen and the appropriate agency, if any. The Board of Selectmen shall consider and act only on the recommendation for action as submitted by the Board of Ethics and the affirmative vote of five (5) members of the Board of Selectmen is required to adopt the recommendation for action. If the recommendation for action is against a sitting selectman then four (4) votes of the Board of Selectmen are required to adopt. The authority affected will report back within 30 days to the Board the action taken or lack of action and the reasons therefore. In the case of a Consultant, it shall also be filed with the contracting agency. The recommended action may include:

- (a) Reprimand and public censure;
- (b) Termination, suspension of compensation for elected positions, or suspension of employment for not more than 90 days without pay;
- (c) Termination of contractual status and/or debarment or suspension from being a contractor or subcontractor under Town contracts;
- (d) A civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 per violation;
- (e) Restitution of any pecuniary benefits received because of the violation committed."

Seconded by Linda Smith

Discussion and comments were made by: David Sinish-Dyer Avenue, Barb Checksfield-Robin Drive, Edith Offenhartz-Lawton Road, Richard Barlow-First Selectman and Robert Skinner-Chief Administrative Officer

The amendment vote was 19 YES/26 NO. The Amendment Failed.

Further discussion and comments on the original motion were made by: Rich Hutchings-East Hill Road, David Leff-The Green, David Sinish-Dyer Avenue, Linda Scarchuck-Timber Lane, Richard Barlow-First Selectman and Robert Skinner-Chief Administrative Officer

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

Continued:

David Leff made a motion to amend (1) the definition of "Gift" to mean anything greater than five dollars (\$5.00) in value received in any one calendar year from any one individual or entity to the extent that consideration of equal or greater value is not received. A Gift includes, but is not limited to, (a) entertainment, food, beverage, travel and lodging to the extent that the value thereof exceeds five dollars (\$5.00) for any one occasion; and (b) loans that are at less than a rate available to the general public; and (2) to strike the last bullet of the definition that reads "Gifts less than fifty dollars \$50.00 in value tendered on gift-giving occasions generally recognized by the public." Seconded by Rich Hutchings

Discussion and comments were made by: Howard Bahre-Albany Turnpike and Bill Arnone-Shingle Mill Drive

The amendment vote was 27 YES/16 NO. The Amendment Passed.

Further discussion and comments were made by: Tucker Herbold-High Valley Drive, Ben Holden-Boulder Ridge, Richard Barlow-First Selectman and Robert Skinner-Chief Administrative Officer

Ben Holden made a motion to amend the definition of "Employee" to strike the phrase "or any other financial benefit, including but not limited to retirement benefits or stipends paid to volunteer firemen" Seconded by Rich Hutchings

The amendment vote was 20 YES/15 NO. The Amendment Passed.

The question was called and the motion as amended twice was Passed by a vote of 42 YES/0 NO.

2. Richard Barlow moved that the Town of Canton rescind amendment to ordinance #49 as approved at a town meeting on October 23, 1985, which amendment exempted owners, tenants and occupants of property abutting Route 44 from the requirement of removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 20 feet of Route 44. Seconded by Ben Holden

Comments were made by: Richard Barlow-First Selectman, Mark Lowell-Gildersleeve Ave, Howard Bahre-Albany Turnpike, Bill Baer-Mohawk Drive, Marc Cerniglia-Ellsworth Lane, Dan Towle-East Hill Road, Jean Bouchard-Lawton Road, Gretchen Swibold-Cherry Brook Road and David Gilchrist-Lawton Road

The question was called and the motion was Passed by a vote of 33 YES/7 NO.

3. Richard Barlow moved that the Town of Canton approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Fund Account #1011590-59100 entitled "Rails to Trails" for the purpose of funding preliminary engineering costs for phase three of the Rails to Trails project. Seconded by David Sinish

Comments were made by: Susan Mather-West Road

The question was called and the motion was Passed by a vote of 53 YES/0 NO.

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

Continued:

4. Richard Barlow moved that the Town of Canton rescind amendment to ordinance #118 adopted by town meeting on December 3, 1992 which increased the membership of the Economic Development Agency from five to seven. Seconded by Shirley Krompegal

Comments were made by: Richard Barlow-First Selectman

The question was called and the motion was Passed by a vote of 41 YES/ 0 NO.

5. Richard Barlow moved that the Town of Canton approve an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Waiving Property Taxes Due In the Amount of Five Dollars or Less" which waives any property tax in the amount of \$5.00 or less due on the Grand List of October 1, 2008 and thereafter. Seconded by David Gilchrist

Comments were made by: Richard Barlow-First Selectman, David Sinish-Dyer Avenue, Karen Fillian-Gildersleeve Avenue, Robert Skinner-Chief Administrative Officer

The question was called and the motion was Passed by a vote of 43 YES/ 0 NO.

There being no further business, Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record April 16, 2009

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2009**

The annual town budget meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton, Connecticut will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT for the purpose of discussing and voting on the Board of Finance recommended budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010.

“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,619,772 BE APPROVED?”

BUDGET SUMMARY	Audited Actual FY 2007/08	Revised Budget FY 2008/09	Proposed Budget FY 2009/10
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 28,054,531	\$ 28,574,291	\$ 28,202,180
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 494,907	\$ 344,650	\$ 282,550
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 3,927,508	\$ 3,909,539	\$ 3,842,428
Local Department Revenue	\$ 747,536	\$ 486,465	\$ 473,105
Investment Income	\$ 344,986	\$ 190,000	\$ 160,000
Use of Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 642,084	\$ 659,509
Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total - General Fund Revenues	\$ 33,569,468	\$ 34,147,029	\$ 33,619,772
 EXPENDITURES			
Board of Selectmen	\$ 9,587,946	\$ 9,298,686	\$ 9,019,611
Board of Education	\$ 20,874,872	\$ 22,021,023	\$ 22,283,811
Board of Finance	\$ 2,427,379	\$ 2,825,485	\$ 2,316,350
Total - General Fund Expenditures	\$ 32,890,197	\$ 34,145,194	\$ 33,619,772

Richard Ohanesian
Chairman, Board of Finance

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 29, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 5, 2009, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 5, 2009, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on May 11, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow
Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2009**

The annual budget meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton, Connecticut was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT for the purpose of discussing and voting on the Board of Finance recommended budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010.

Arthur E. Fournier, Jr., Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,619,772 BE APPROVED?” Budget consideration and discussion was moved and seconded.

Dick Ohanesian, Chairman of the Board of Finance, recognized the difficult economic times and the fact that both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education had made hard decisions. He referred to the Board of Finance mailer and the reduction in revenues in the areas of license/permit fees, Town aid to roads and intergovernmental revenue. The BOF did not make any further cuts to the BOS’s 3% reduction in spending while they did cut the BOE’s budget by another \$195K in order to come to a bottom line of no tax increases. Considering the revaluation of homes done this year, the new mill rate is projected to be 25.64. Over the next two years, the BOF will be looking to the State and Federal governments for aid. Mr. Ohanesian felt that the budget presented was an excellent one in a tough economic time. It was a responsible one and preserved what had been built up. All boards will have a difficult task going forward.

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman, presented the General Government portion of the budget noting that this year going forward would be a difficult cycle for the Board of Selectmen. The BOS understands that citizens expect a lean and conservative budget and they were able to develop a 3% reduction in spending. Not all areas were cut, however, with key initiatives being made in the areas of Fire and EMS volunteers, the Park and Recreation account and employee liability. Reductions and savings were found in the areas of: curbside tipping fees, a part time position at the Transfer Station, 2 vacancies at the Police Department, snow removal, open space, regional partnerships and capitol improvement. Mr. Barlow felt that the budget presented by the BOS was a lean one that is doable and he is pleased the BOS could contribute to a 0% tax increase.

Lou Daniels, Chairman of the Board of Education, explained the Education portion of the budget. He stated that Canton has a high achieving/great school district and despite the tough economic times, we as a community will come through this stronger. The budget presented by the BOE:

- preserves class sizes according to Board policy;
- adds participation fees for sports programs and will be looking to expand this in the future beyond sports;
- has planted a seed with the unions that they may need to go back to them for concessions;
- freezes salaries for FY 2009-2010 for the senior leadership group;
- provides for no new additions and some staff reductions.

The Board of Education supports this budget and feels there will be better days ahead.

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2009**

Continued:

Kevin Case, Superintendent of Schools, further elaborated on the details of the BOE budget noting:

- this was a painful budget process and reductions were made in areas we wouldn't otherwise make;
- maintaining class size was important;
- the budget reflects special education support for 18 students out of district;
- a 10% reduction in instructional supplies;
- a \$90K reduction in the technology plan;
- software licenses and programs will continue to be supported;
- a participation fee in sports will be expanded to other areas;
- the addition of a second grade teacher to meet BOE class size requirements;
- staffing reductions were done where it was possible;
- the enrichment program at CIS was cut to ½ teacher;
- a reduction of 10 paraeducators in the district;
- reduction of a special education teacher at CBPS by ½ teacher;
- the maintenance and custodial supervisor will be cut from .7 to .5;
- the reduction of one FTE from the maintenance staff.

Overall, spending will be up 1.19% or \$262,788.

The Moderator then opened the meeting up for discussion. Comments were made by:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ken Humphrey	250 East Hill Road
Sam Humphrey	96 Barbourtown Road
Robert Sigman	45 West Road
Peter O'Meara	72 Bart Drive
George Thimot	103 West Mountain Road

There being no further comments, the motion to call the question was made and seconded.

According to Town Charter 3-9, the vote was taken by secret ballot.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,619,772 was passed by a vote of: 106 Yes / 13 No

There being no further business, Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lou Daniels. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record May 12, 2009

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton adopt an ordinance entitled "OPEB Trust Ordinance," which ordinance: (a) creates a trust for Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") as permitted by Section 7-450(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes; (b) establishes the Canton Board of Finance as the OPEB Board; (c) appoints the Town Treasurer as Trustee of the OPEB Trust; and (d) authorizes and directs the OPEB Board, the Trustee, and the Town's Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a Trust Agreement to govern the administration, management and investment of the OPEB Trust and its assets? A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and the Canton Public Library during normal business hours, and it can also be viewed at the Town's website (www.townofcantonct.org).
2. Shall the Town of Canton accept from the Department of Environmental Protection a Farmington River Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of creating a master plan for the Upper Collinsville Mill Pond, including a feasibility study for removal of sediments from the impoundment area? The Town will match the grant with \$8,000 of in-kind services provided by Town staff.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 8th day of June, 2009
Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 8, 2009, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 11, 2009, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 11, 2009, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on June 17, 2009.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT.

Paul Balavender, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

1. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Adoption of an ordinance entitled "OPEB Trust Ordinance," which ordinance: (a) creates a trust for Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") as permitted by Section 7-450(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes; (b) establishes the Canton Board of Finance as the OPEB Board; (c) appoints the Town Treasurer as Trustee of the OPEB Trust; and (d) authorizes and directs the OPEB Board, the Trustee, and the Town's Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a Trust Agreement to govern the administration, management and investment of the OPEB Trust and its assets. Seconded by Shirley Krompegal

Discussion: Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the necessity of this ordinance as required by the Government Accounting Standards Bureau (GASB). No new benefits are required or being created by this ordinance.

There being no public comment, David Gilchrist made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Jim Keane. The motion passed with a vote of 9 YES/0 NO.

2. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on: Accepting from the Department of Environmental Protection a Farmington River Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of creating a master plan for the Upper Collinsville Mill Pond, including a feasibility study for removal of sediments from the impoundment area. The Town will match the grant with \$8,000 of in-kind services provided by Town staff. Seconded by Shirley Krompegal

Discussion: Richard Barlow, First Selectman, explained that the grant would be used for a study of the Upper Collinsville Mill Pond area that would include a shoreline inventory, wetlands mapping, an aquatic and sediment review, a toxic materials determination, a historic assessment, a recreational questionnaire and a management plan to move forward. It would quantify what can be done to improve this natural resource.

There being no public comment, Shirley Krompegal made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Jim Keane. The motion passed with a vote of 11 YES/0 NO.

Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn. David Gilchrist seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith
Town Clerk

Received for record June 18, 2009

TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

PRINCIPAL



OFFICIALS

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2009**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman

Marc E. Cerniglia
Shirley C. Krompegal

David W. Gilchrist
Mary B. Tomolonius

BOARD OF FINANCE

Richard Ohanesian, Chairman

Kathleen C. Corkum
Richard W. Eickenhorst
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kyra Sheehan
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Chief Administrative Officer
Chief of Police
Finance Officer/Treasurer
Tax Collector
Assessor
Town Clerk
Town Engineer
Director of Planning and Community Development
Director of Public Works
Library Director
Parks and Recreation Director
Building Official
Fire Marshal/Director of Emergency Management

Robert Skinner
Lowell F. Humphrey
Amy O'Toole
Lisa Theroux
Harry DerAsadourian
Linda Smith
R. Kenneth Wassall
Neil Pade
Walter Legeyt
Robert Simon
John R. Bennett
Francis Jasmin
Adam Libros

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools
Business Manager

Kevin D. Case
Jerry Domanico

TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL REPORT
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 28,574,291	\$ 28,574,291	\$ 28,602,409	\$ 28,118
Intergovernmental	3,909,539	3,909,539	3,984,034	74,495
Charges for services	831,115	831,115	879,452	48,337
Investment income	190,000	190,000	147,664	(42,336)
Total revenues	<u>33,504,945</u>	<u>33,504,945</u>	<u>33,613,559</u>	<u>108,614</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	757,023	745,470	682,893	(62,577)
Finance	440,203	443,616	419,322	(24,294)
Public safety	2,145,415	2,151,655	2,017,828	(133,827)
Public works	2,505,638	2,487,317	2,351,908	(135,409)
Human services	866,216	876,820	840,420	(36,400)
Insurance	248,502	248,502	233,676	(14,826)
Planning and development	309,441	326,558	284,061	(42,497)
Fringe benefits	1,395,507	1,408,007	1,359,350	(48,657)
Education	22,021,023	22,021,023	21,640,464	(380,559)
Debt service	2,352,775	2,352,775	2,352,756	(19)
Total expenditures	<u>33,041,743</u>	<u>33,061,743</u>	<u>32,182,678</u>	<u>(879,065)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	463,202	443,202	1,430,881	987,679
OTHER FINANCING (SOURCES) USES				
Appropriation of fund balance	600,000	652,084	-	(652,084)
Transfers out	(1,061,367)	(1,093,451)	(793,451)	300,000
Total other financing sources uses	<u>(461,367)</u>	<u>(441,367)</u>	<u>(793,451)</u>	<u>(352,084)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 1,835</u>	<u>\$ 1,835</u>	637,430	<u>\$ 635,595</u>
Fund balance - beginning			<u>4,300,542</u>	
Fund balance - ending			<u>\$ 4,937,972</u>	

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Over (Under)</u>
PROPERTY TAXES				
Current year tax collections	\$ 28,304,291	\$ 28,304,291	\$ 28,254,745	\$ (49,546)
Prior year tax collections	150,000	150,000	176,888	26,888
Tax interest and liens	120,000	120,000	170,776	50,776
Total property taxes	28,574,291	28,574,291	28,602,409	28,118
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES				
State miscellaneous	1,750	1,750	1,785	35
Town aid road - paved	127,071	127,071	122,420	(4,651)
Town aid road - unpaved	2,000	2,000	7,352	5,352
Equalized cost-sharing	3,348,790	3,348,790	3,386,267	37,477
Transportation	98,174	98,174	108,360	10,186
Mashantucket Pequot grant	44,244	44,244	47,291	3,047
FEMA grant proceeds	-	-	4,569	4,569
Education for the Blind	-	-	6,992	6,992
School construction bond - principal	197,913	197,913	197,913	-
School construction bond - interest	21,543	21,543	21,543	-
State of CT DEP - Open Space	-	-	-	-
State PILOT - elderly freeze	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
State PILOT - elderly supplement	28,500	28,500	38,000	9,500
State PILOT - disabled	250	250	693	443
State PILOT - veterans	1,500	1,500	2,130	630
State PILOT - State property	13,804	13,804	13,851	47
State PILOT - manufacturing	10,000	10,000	11,405	1,405
Housing Authority	10,000	10,000	9,463	(537)
Total intergovernmental revenues	3,909,539	3,909,539	3,984,034	74,495
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Telecom tax	50,000	50,000	57,798	7,798
BOE tuition fees	128,000	128,000	164,982	36,982
Hunting and fishing licenses	400	400	288	(112)
Town clerk misc. permits & licenses	6,000	6,000	7,033	1,033
Dog licenses	1,050	1,050	1,186	136
F/M permits and fire reports	500	500	736	236
Building licenses and permits	150,000	150,000	101,870	(48,130)
Land use licenses and permits	1,500	1,500	683	(817)
Zoning applications	4,000	4,000	4,869	869
Aquifer Protection applications	-	-	2,500	2,500
Planning applications	1,000	1,000	1,770	770

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (Cont.)				
ZBA appeal fee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	\$ (200)
Inland wetlands	1,200	1,200	915	(285)
Town clerk conveyance tax	200,000	200,000	191,202	(8,798)
Tax and town clerk printing services	9,000	9,000	8,783	(217)
Transfer station	165,000	165,000	175,332	10,332
Assessor printing & duplicating services	250	250	652	402
Bad check fees	500	500	794	294
Police printing & duplicating services	800	800	1,104	304
Private duty - administration	1,500	1,500	11,295	9,795
Police gun permits	245	245	1,715	1,470
Police raffle tickets	50	50	70	20
Vendor permits	50	50	50	-
Traffic fines	600	600	4,760	4,160
Rental town property	3,000	3,000	5,390	2,390
AT&T tower	23,500	23,500	25,040	1,540
BOS miscellaneous revenue	1,000	1,000	27,097	26,097
C.R.R.R. transportation revenue	25,000	25,000	22,856	(2,144)
Collect solid waste fees	-	-	2,000	2,000
Dial-a-Ride tickets	1,000	1,000	1,012	12
Swimming pool fees	25,600	25,600	24,455	(1,145)
Pool daily attendance fee	5,000	5,000	6,304	1,304
Bldg printing & duplicating services	-	-	35	35
Land use printing & duplicating services	1,000	1,000	1,214	214
Zoning comm regulations services	100	100	-	(100)
Planning comm regulation	50	50	-	(50)
Inland wetland agency regulation	20	20	-	(20)
Land records town clerk	8,000	8,000	6,435	(1,565)
Library printing & duplicating services	2,200	2,200	1,857	(343)
Library income	13,000	13,000	14,570	1,570
Total charges for services	831,115	831,115	879,452	48,337
INVESTMENT INCOME	190,000	190,000	147,664	(42,336)
Total revenues	33,504,945	33,504,945	33,613,559	108,614
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Appropriation of fund balance	600,000	652,084	-	(652,084)
Total other financing sources	600,000	652,084	-	(652,084)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 34,104,945	\$ 34,157,029	\$ 33,613,559	\$ (543,470)

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Over (Under)</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectmen	\$ 44,120	\$ 44,120	\$ 40,089	\$ (4,031)
Chief Administrator	223,681	203,610	186,223	(17,387)
Election	24,510	28,610	22,779	(5,831)
Probate court	6,400	6,400	6,400	-
Town counsel	131,750	215,896	215,896	-
Town clerk	137,232	139,312	122,959	(16,353)
Expenses, donations and contributions	2,400	800	800	-
Contingency	144,500	62,000	43,025	(18,975)
Information Technologies	42,430	44,722	44,722	-
Total general government	757,023	745,470	682,893	(62,577)
FINANCE				
Board of Finance	42,710	42,710	41,003	(1,707)
Finance	188,050	190,727	184,171	(6,556)
Assessor	122,939	122,939	114,007	(8,932)
Tax collector	82,204	82,940	79,691	(3,249)
Board of Tax Review	4,300	4,300	450	(3,850)
Total finance	440,203	443,616	419,322	(24,294)
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	1,778,261	1,783,932	1,675,490	(108,442)
Service incentive	28,415	28,415	26,014	(2,401)
Fire services	214,667	213,562	194,747	(18,815)
Fire marshal	81,230	82,904	79,210	(3,694)
Emergency services	42,842	42,842	42,367	(475)
Total public safety	2,145,415	2,151,655	2,017,828	(133,827)
PUBLIC WORKS				
Town hall	222,631	227,215	200,979	(26,236)
Town engineer	113,311	136,843	128,425	(8,418)
Park Department	82,244	85,583	82,733	(2,850)
General highway	1,072,508	1,163,534	1,163,534	-
Town garage	38,270	41,270	36,666	(4,604)
Transfer station	558,152	409,682	354,806	(54,876)
Utilities	181,800	181,800	181,401	(399)
Community center	236,722	241,390	203,364	(38,026)
Total public works	2,505,638	2,487,317	2,351,908	(135,409)

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

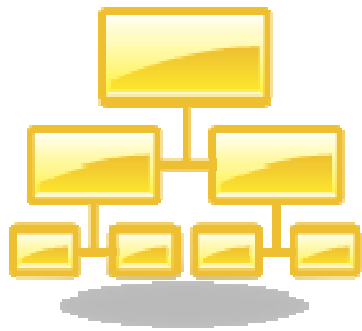
	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Over (Under)</u>
HUMAN SERVICES				
Health district	41,837	41,837	41,836	(1)
Farmington Valley VNA	23,250	23,250	22,161	(1,089)
Social Services	21,988	21,988	21,196	(792)
Senior Services	98,455	99,836	84,376	(15,460)
Park and recreation	177,067	178,307	160,679	(17,628)
Library	503,619	511,602	510,172	(1,430)
Total human services	866,216	876,820	840,420	(36,400)
INSURANCE	\$ 248,502	\$ 248,502	\$ 233,676	\$ (14,826)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Building official	91,240	93,216	92,468	(748)
Town planner	201,101	214,540	180,199	(34,341)
Zoning Commission	4,200	5,902	5,902	-
Planning Commission	3,100	3,100	1,656	(1,444)
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,000	2,000	1,150	(850)
Design review team commission	1,500	1,500	341	(1,159)
Economic development	1,800	1,800	100	(1,700)
Inland wetlands	3,300	3,300	1,756	(1,544)
Open space preservation and acquisitions	75	75	-	(75)
Canton Center Historic District	425	425	247	(178)
Collinsville Historic District	700	700	242	(458)
Total planning and development	309,441	326,558	284,061	(42,497)
FRINGE BENEFITS	1,395,507	1,408,007	1,359,350	(48,657)
EDUCATION	22,021,023	22,021,023	21,640,464	(380,559)
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	1,760,000	1,760,000	1,760,000	-
Interest	592,775	592,775	592,756	(19)
Total debt service	2,352,775	2,352,775	2,352,756	(19)
Total expenditures	33,041,743	33,061,743	32,182,678	(879,065)
OTHER FINANCING USES: Transfers out:				
Emergency Services Fund	37,767	37,767	37,767	-
Park & Rec Special Revenue Fund	-	22,084	22,084	-
Dog Control Fund	19,000	19,000	19,000	-
Youth Services Bureau	4,400	4,400	4,400	-
BOF Contingency	300,000	300,000	-	(300,000)
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	700,200	710,200	710,200	-
Total other financing uses	1,061,367	1,093,451	793,451	(300,000)
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 34,103,110	\$ 34,155,194	\$ 32,976,129	\$ (1,179,065)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JUNE 30, 2009

Grand List Year	Balance		Lawful Corrections		Transfers	Balance	Collections			Balance
	Uncollected 06/30/08	Current Levy	Additions	Deductions	To Suspense	To Be Collected	Taxes	Interest and Lien Fees	Total	Uncollected June 30, 2009
1992	\$ 26,084	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,084	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1993	26,336	-	-	-	-	26,336	-	-	-	26,336
1994	26,336	-	-	-	-	26,336	-	-	-	26,336
1995	26,848	-	272	-	-	27,120	217	-	217	26,903
1996	27,432	-	-	-	-	27,432	-	-	-	27,432
1997	27,643	-	-	-	-	27,643	(711)	-	(711)	28,354
1998	28,790	-	25	-	-	28,815	(168)	498	330	28,983
1999	17,344	-	38	-	-	17,382	(123)	-	(123)	17,505
2000	19,472	-	-	-	-	19,472	941	603	1,544	18,531
2001	23,855	-	-	-	-	23,855	4,205	1,918	6,123	19,650
2002	22,344	-	-	-	-	22,344	-	1,343	1,343	22,344
2003	38,808	-	-	-	541	38,267	11,438	6,455	17,893	26,829
2004	57,219	-	-	97	2,449	54,673	22,376	12,741	35,117	32,297
2005	112,402	-	-	534	5,205	106,663	55,633	21,044	76,677	51,030
2006	266,130	-	1,225	16,072	13,075	238,208	134,957	40,318	175,275	103,251
Suspense Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,741	4,373	8,114	-
Total prior years	747,043	-	1,560	42,787	21,270	684,546	232,506	89,293	321,799	455,781
2007	-	28,640,303	84,546	99,481	23,482	28,601,886	28,273,607	85,588	28,359,195	328,279
TOTAL	\$747,043	\$28,640,303	\$86,106	\$142,268	\$44,752	\$29,286,432	\$28,506,113	\$174,881	\$28,680,995	\$784,060

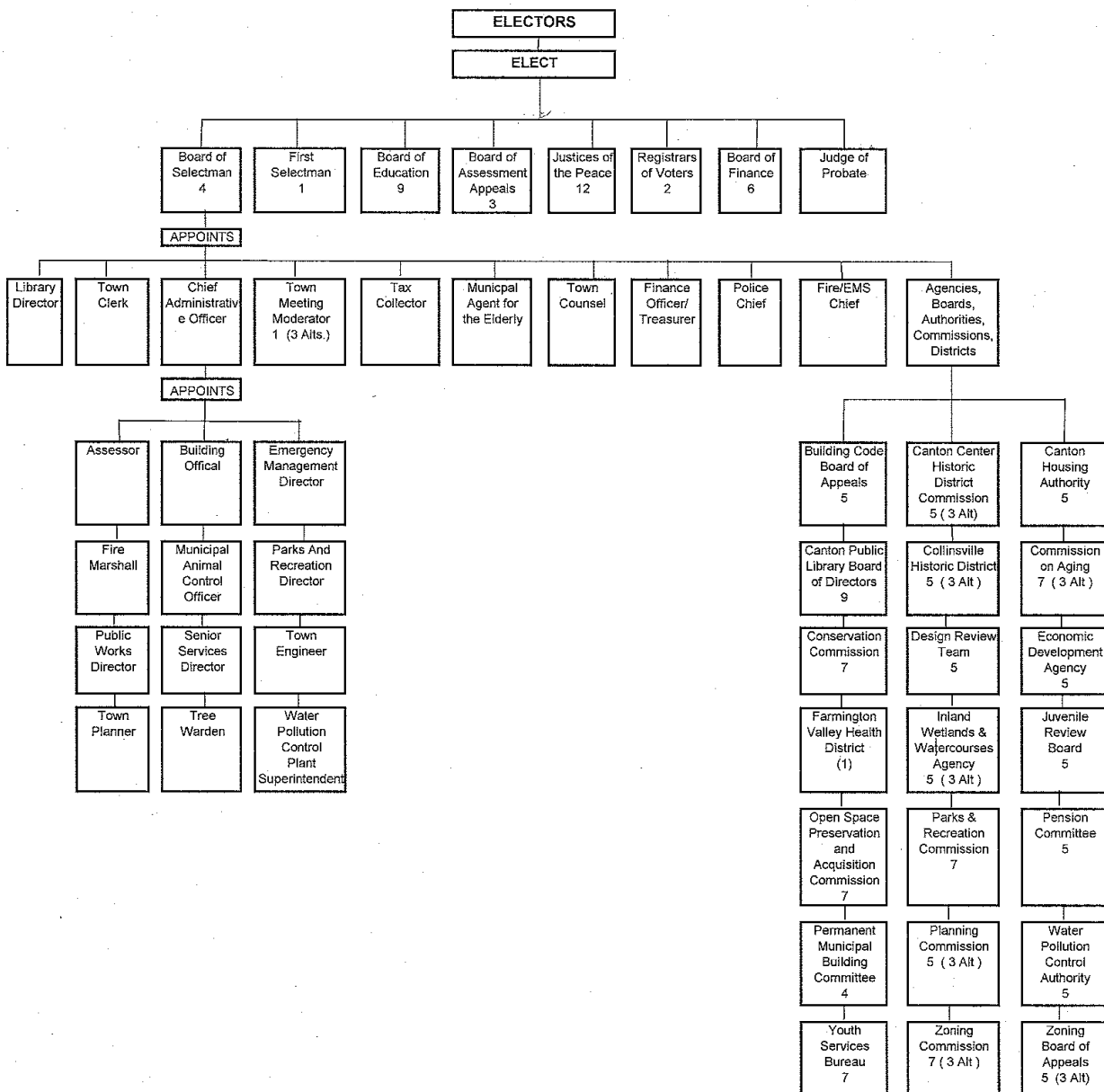
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ASSESSORS OFFICE

The Assessors Office is responsible for the preparation of the Towns annual Grand List, which this year exceeded 1.1 billion dollars. The Grand List is a complete listing of all properties in town, its ownership and assessed value as of October 1st each year. This information is then used by the Board of Finance to help determine the mill rate and in preparing tax bills. The overall increase in this year's Grand List was 18.9% or \$178,076,455.

The three categories that make up the Grand List are:

Real Estate increased \$185,525,780 to \$1,001,750,760 or 22.7%. The main cause for this year's increase was due to the Revaluation effective October 1, 2008. Our last Revaluation occurred in 2003. Though the real estate market has shown some decline since its peak, values are still greater than they were in 2003. An average home in Canton has a value of \$360,000. These new assessments along with a revised mill rate are used to determine property taxes for July 2009.

Personal Property decreased -\$1,123,760 to \$40,666,340 or 2.7%. Items that make up personal property include business furniture, fixtures, office equipment, computers, leased equipment, industrial and construction equipment, utility poles, pipes, cables and conduits. Personal Property is assessed each year at 70% of its value.

Motor Vehicles decreased -\$6,325,565 to \$73,166,615 or -8%. This change is attributed to the economic climate and the downturn of sales in motor vehicles. Fewer vehicles were replaced causing the overall Motor Vehicle Grand List to decrease in value. Included in this figure are all motor vehicles registered in the state of Connecticut that are garaged in Canton as of October 1, totaled 10,299 vehicles. The average value for a car garaged in Canton is \$11,400. Vehicles are assessed each year at 70% of market value.

Exempt Properties amounted to \$68,645,740. Included within this group were:

Town of Canton	\$49,961,580
State of Connecticut	\$ 4,836,580
Other	\$13,847,580

In preparation of the Grand List, tax maps are kept current. Extensive fieldwork is completed to update our records for ownership and building changes. This office is also responsible for the administration of the State and Town elderly tax relief programs, veterans, blind and disabled exemption programs.

2008 GRAND LIST:

<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net Grand List</u>
\$1,115,583,715	\$1,836,850	\$1,113,746,865

<u>PERCENTAGE OF GRAND LIST BY CLASS:</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Real Estate	89.9%	87%
Motor Vehicle	6.5%	8.4%
Personal Property	3.6%	4.6%

As always, we are ready to explain and review individual assessments with each property owner.

Harry DerAsadourian
Assessor

AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

The Aquifer Protection Agency (“APA”) is a registration and permitting agency charged by the State of Connecticut to review, evaluate, and take action on existing and proposed regulated activities potentially having an adverse environmental impact on public drinking ground water supplies.

During fiscal year 2008-2009, the APA held eleven (11) regular/ special meetings, and processed seventeen (17) registrations for permission to continue regulated business activities within the Aquifer Protection Area boundaries.

The APA has an Authorized Agent who reports to the Agency the status of and compliance with all permits and registrations issued under its authority and to also acts as the APA’s enforcement officer.

The APA operates with seven (7) regular members and three (3) alternates.

The APA holds their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:20 p.m. in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT. All meetings are open to the public.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

As required by State law, the Board of Assessment Appeals held meetings during the month of March 2009 to hear appeals concerning the Grand List of October 1, 2008. Any property owner who felt the assessment of their property was inaccurate could appeal to the Board.

A total of 69 appeals were heard - (69 Real Estate, Personal Property, and 0 Motor Vehicle). The result of these appeals was:

Real Estate	19 Granted	50 Denied
Personal Property	0 Granted	0 Denied
Motor Vehicles	0 Granted	0 Denied

FINAL GRAND LIST AFTER THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:

Gross	\$1,112,782,685
Exemptions	\$1,836,850
Net	\$1,110,945,835

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT MEMBERS

George Thimot
Paul Volovski
Carol York

Paul Volovski
Chairman

BOARD OF ETHICS

On April 23, 2009, the Town of Canton enacted Ordinance #230, a code of ethics that created standards for ethical conduct of public officials, officers, employees and consultants of the town of Canton. The ordinance also created the Board of Ethics that is an appointed body of citizens responsible for administering the code.

The Board of Ethics is responsible for: (1) advising public officials, officers, employees and consultants of the town who seek guidance about ethical issues connected with their service to the town; (2) evaluating ethical issues and concerns initiated by a complaint of a citizen of the town and (3) rendering decisions regarding compliance with the code.

These procedures are designed to guide public officials, officers, employees, consultants and Canton residents of the process to be followed if they seek advice or question the conduct of those in or affiliated with town government.

The Board of Ethics meets at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue unless scheduled otherwise. Board meeting agendas, minutes are posted on the Town of Canton website at www.townofcantonct.org under the sidebar 'Boards, Commissions & Committees' > Board of Ethics. The public is welcome to attend.

David R. Kubas, Chairman
Canton Board of Ethics

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth the need, duties, requirements and conditions for the Building Department. Chapter 541, part 1a of the CGS also states that all towns, cities and boroughs in the State of Connecticut shall use this code as their Building Code. This department is responsible for issuing all building and associated permits. Plan review, various inspections and the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy or Completion are among the duties of the office. The Building Official also issues driveway permits, inspects driveway aprons and is the Coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Building Official conducted a total of 1,022 inspections. The Building Department will continue in its efforts to provide customer service and promote safety and general welfare in the construction environment while enforcing the building codes.

Building/Renovation Permit Statistics

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value of Permits</u>
Addition/Alteration	101	\$2,606,441
Deck	17	\$161,610
Demolition	4	\$96,500
Electrical	160	\$541,718
Garage/Shed	24	\$242,380
HVAC/Woodstoves	242	\$912,916
New Commercial	13	\$749,720
New Residential	7	\$1,756,006
Plumbing	68	\$106,926
Pool	9	\$139,900
Roofing/Siding	47	\$384,356
Foundation	14	\$20,000
Total	706	\$7,718,473

Total Value of Permits and Permit Fees

July- June 2008-2009	
Value	Permit Fees
\$7,718,473	\$108,773

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The purpose of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is to advance the economic civic, cultural and social interests of the business community in Canton. A voluntary association of business, professional and government leaders working together to advance the economic and civic development of the business Community, the Chamber is a network of local leadership. Pooling the skills, talents and resources of each individual to drive and support continued business opportunity and community improvement, the Chamber is vital and growing. Membership has increased by nearly 50% to almost 300 since the Chamber's independence from the MetroHartford Chamber and opening of our Canton office mid-2003.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce fulfills its mission through the commitment and efforts of its volunteer leaders—its officers, directors, committee chairs and members—comprised of over 40 dedicated business people and professionals who endorse its goals and strive to make it a vital organization benefiting the wider community. This valuable service and experience helps members in other responsibilities and is recognized by their customers and clients.

Your Chamber supports and assists other Canton organizations sharing common goals for community improvement. Canton Schools, Canton Town Government, Canton Police Department, Gifts for Canton, League of Women Voters, Rotary Club of Avon-Canton, Focus on Canton, Sam Collins Day, to name only a few, have established mutually beneficial relationships with the Chamber. The Chamber has supported a broad range of organizations and people working together to improve Canton's quality of life.

Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other entity subscribing to the objects and purposes of the Chamber that conducts business is eligible for regular membership, and any person or non-profit entity whom or which does not conduct business is eligible for associate membership

The Canton Chamber's website, www.CantonChamberofCommerce.com, is Canton's most comprehensive and complete directory of businesses, products and services. Unlike static and cumbersome telephone company classified directories, the website is dynamic, constantly being updated to include new Chamber members and changes to current members' listings.

Visit the Chamber at www.CantonChamberofCommerce.com

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

The current Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) began employment with the Town of Canton at the start of the fiscal year on July 7, 2008. One of the first tasks was to evaluate existing positions and fill vacancies. As a result there were several department changes over the course of the year. The Administrative Services Coordinator position was eliminated. The Executive Assistant to the CAO position was created along with the Assistant Planner position. The full time Senior Services Coordinator position was divided into two part-time positions. This restructuring allowed for additional and/or enhanced services to the Land Use Department, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Senior Services. As with all reorganizations, new job descriptions had to be drafted and the hiring and selection process had to be completed. The CAO has also overseen a number of union contract negotiations and the police union pension arbitration.

The CAO drafted the new Ethics Code. The Ethics code created regulations and standards for the ethical conduct of all municipal employees, officials and consultants. As stated in the ethics code, the purpose of the code is to have all public officials to “be impartial and responsive to the public interest; that public office and employment should not be used for personal gain or advantage; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its municipal government”. The CAO’s office has overseen disbursement of the code and execution of acknowledgment forms.

In an effort to increase communications with the public, the CAO’s office created the combined town-wide newsletter known as the Canton Connection. The newsletter is coordinated and edited by the CAO Executive Assistant, Michelle Schroder. The newsletter which includes information on town employees and volunteers, upcoming events, Park & Recreation programs and many other informative topics is distributed to every household and posted on the town web page. The cost of the newsletter is partially off-set from the cost of the advertisements from local businesses which appear in the newsletter.

The Town’s Purchase and Bid policies were revised. Through a review of similar town’s policies and a cooperative effort by town staff, a new updated policy was presented to and adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Thereafter, purchase order worksheets were created and procedures within the finance department were adopted to ensure that all town staff followed the policies. The policy requires that any item over \$250.00 go through a competitive purchase process. Adoption of these policies has saved the town thousands of dollars and will continue to do so in the future.

Consistent with the economic conditions, the CAO presented a budget to the Board of Selectmen that recommended a 1% decrease in expenditures. The CAO then worked with the Board to adopt a final budget that included a 3% reduction in spending. Despite the reduction in spending, the budget addressed issues such as funding employee separation costs and incentives for emergency service volunteers. At the end of the fiscal year almost \$500,000 of unspent funds from the Board of Selectmen budget was returned to fund balance.

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The CAO worked on a number of regional initiatives over the past fiscal year. An agreement for shared information technology services with the town of Simsbury was approved. The agreement has resulted in more accessible services and possible cost savings through combined purchasing. The Town has also made arrangements with Burlington officials to share road sweeping and catch basin cleaning services. Town officials have also made arrangements to share Burlington's salt shed which has helped alleviate a significant issue, since the town only has the ability to locally store enough salt for two storms. The CAO has also worked with Simsbury and Avon officials to evaluate the possibility of regionalizing police and fire dispatching.

I look forward to working with town staff, Boards and Commission Members and the public to meet the challenges that lay ahead.

CANTON COMMISSION ON AGING

The Canton Commission on Aging offers programs and services which address the needs and interests of Canton older adults (*generally* defined to be residents 55 years or older) and disabled. The Senior Services office provides current information on local, regional and statewide resources and coordinates increasingly diverse programs to serve residents with varying backgrounds and needs.

During the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the diverse programs offered previously were maintained and expanded on. Continued programs include the "In the News" current events group, and Cooking with Elaine, both of which had increased participation. The 60+ Card Group found new members, and the newer Bridge Group has been meeting regularly with an increased membership as well. The intergenerational "Days of Our Lives" collaborative program with the Canton Intermediate School had both a fall and spring session. Senior Services continues to evaluate and adapt programming based on the wants & needs of residents. Because of this, a handful of new programs were offered including: Tai Chi for Osteoporosis & Falls Prevention, a 55+ Book Club, and Wii Bowling which have all proved to be enjoyable for a growing group of seniors.

Senior Services was awarded a grant for \$18,435 from the state DOT for regional elderly and disabled transportation. Senior Services is able to offer expanded transportation services, in large part, because these funds have been made available to us. Dial-A-Ride services for elderly and disabled are funded partially with this grant money so as to provide transportation Monday through Friday, as are joint trips with Simsbury. Several educational excursions were held to places around Connecticut such a New Britian Rockcats game, a tour of the Coast Guard Academy, trips to Stew Leonards & Footprints Shoe Store, a live taping of "Better CT" and several others. Senior Services continues to coordinate Medical Transportation for elderly & disabled residents of Canton and who have appointments & procedures outside Dial A Ride's service area, and provides ongoing transportation for dialysis patients to local hospitals and clinics. Collaboration between Senior Services and the League of Women Voters continues and is looking to grow more in an effort to provide transportation to town meetings and polls for voting.

On-going programs continue to service, educate and entertain the community of elderly & disabled. Morning walking group, computer and internet classes, Cooking with Elaine, CHOICES Medicare Counseling, health and wellness classes, AARP safe driving classes, blood pressure screenings, flu shot clinics, skin screening, hearing screening, foot care clinic, potluck luncheons, bereavement group, handwork group, 911 Senior Cell Phone program, Vial of Life, weekly AARP tax counseling and filing sessions on site in Canton, the Canton Seniors club, various card groups and the In the News: Fact and Opinion discussion group on current affairs are some of the programs held on a regular basis. Educational programs and recreational offerings such as the annual picnic with Avon and a 4-Town regional event (the Italian-themed "Progressive Lunch") for seniors which Canton planned with Avon, Simsbury, and Farmington were among larger community events.

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In addition there were many one-time only educational and recreational events held on diverse topics ranging from informational programs such as Heart Health workshops, *Cardiac Diagnostics, Nutrition and Exercise*; Stand Strong Series, including presentations on *Falls Prevention* and *Use It or Lose It Memory Loss*; entertainment by local high school & middle school bands, free Italian Ice from Rita's in Farmington, a "Senior Prom" that was sponsored by the Collins Chapter of the National Honors Society & other groups, a presentation by Representative LeGeyt & CL&P with free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, as well as updates from the Police Department on scams & fraud and twice-weekly hot lunch programs with an average attendance each day of 50-65 people.

The Canton Senior Scribe continues to be utilized as the major form of communication and has close to 1000 subscribers. In an effort to "go green" as much as possible, the publication is now being sent out three times a year. The publication is packed with Senior & Community events, as well as pertinent information from the other town departments. The *eScribe*, an electronic publication that was introduced in January 2008 has become a heavy supplement to the Scribe, with an increased and expanded subscribership. The *eScribe* is sent out to subscribers every 2 weeks and not only includes changes to the Scribe, but also important information that needs to be communicated to older adults & persons with disabilities in a timely way (whether it be a weather cancellation of the office, a road closing or even freebie raffle giveaways and concerts). This publication is sent out to anyone who is interested in what is happening through Senior Services, as well as in and around the community and continues to be enthusiastically welcomed by persons living locally, as well as some out of state! The *eScribe* is an innovative way to connect persons of all ages in the community, and seems to appeal to the Baby Boomer generation, persons who may not be able to get out to the Center as much, and to those who continue to work & want to stay "in the know".

With respect to staffing & department structure: Mary Eichhorn Fletcher resigned as Senior Services Coordinator before the new year & offered her expertise & experience to lend support in an Administrative Assistant capacity. In an effort to ensure that the office is covered in case of any absences, Senior Services was consolidated within the Parks & Recreation Department, with John Bennett as Department Head. Claire Cote MSW was hired at 19 hours a week as Senior Services Coordinator and Mary Eichhorn Fletcher stayed on at 19 hours a week as Administrative Assistant until she resigned in May 2009. By the time FY 08-09 closed, the town was in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant. With the new two-person structure, Senior Services outgrew the office & was set-up in the former Craft Room.

Looking forward to 2009-2010 the Canton Commission on Aging will continue to diversify and expand existing services and programs. As the baby boom generation begins to "retire" and look for new ways to connect to and stay active in their community, it is especially hoped they will become more aware of what Senior Services has to offer to them and others. Therefore, a particular effort will be continued to not only communicate with those who utilize services on a regular basis, but also to expand programming & services to accommodate the interests and needs of disabled residents, as well as the enormous active-aging population of Canton.

DESIGN REVIEW TEAM

Officially appointed in 2006, the Design Review Team (DRT) meets at regularly scheduled meetings to review site development applications submitted or proposed to be submitted to the Zoning process. The Canton DRT works to positively impact the future development of the community from a perspective of aesthetics and design considerations. Many recommendations are made through the DRT review process to enhance and/ or preserve the character of the town.

The DRT functions to assist businesses with the design aspects of the zoning approval process in advance of the public hearing, with the intent of saving applicants time and money. Design Review provides a mechanism for designs to be developed with Town input prior to the submission of a final site design by an applicant. The early review of building and site design is strongly encouraged to occur prior to the filing of an application before much design money has been spent. The DRT collaborates with applicants using the standards and guidance represented in Section 69 of the Canton Zoning Regulations.

The Design Review Team held 7 regular/special meetings and processed 7 applications for review of buildings, playgrounds, sheds and a carwash.

The DRT in 2008-2009 reviewed its regulations and proposed potential updates to the Zoning Commission for consideration in the on-going rewrite project. The DRT in 2009-2010 will look at the potential creation of develop design overlays for specific areas of the town in accordance with the empowering ordinance.

The DRT consists of five (5) members who meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM at the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue. The members include an architect, a landscape architect, two members who have education, training or experience in a design oriented field, and a member of the Zoning Commission. The Land Use office provides technical and professional support services to the DRT. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the DRT.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The mission of Canton's Economic Development Agency (EDA) is to foster and support economic development, provide educational resources to business enterprises, and to stimulate Canton's economic vitality while enhancing its essential character.

In 2008-2009 the EDA had trouble making a quorum for several meetings. At a Special Town Meeting in April of 2009, the Ordinance #118 was revised reducing the membership of the EDA from seven to five members. At the same time two new members were appointed which enabled the agency to properly meet.

The Economic Development Agency held 3 regular/special meetings during this fiscal year to discuss goals and objectives for the town, the annual Economic Development Forum, website reconstruction, development of promotional materials, and networking practices.

The Economic Development Agency is comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Library Community Center. Members of the local business community and the general public are welcome to attend.

TOWN ENGINEER

The Town Engineer provides engineering and land surveying services for the construction and maintenance of the Town's civil works. This effort is undertaken, with the assistance of the Director of Public Works, in support of the Highway Department's efforts to upgrade and maintain the roads, bridges, and storm water drainage with the community. To a more limited degree, engineering assistance is made available to other Town Boards, Commissions, and Agencies on an as needed basis under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Town Engineer assists in the preparation of the technical portion of grant requests to the State and Federal Government to obtain funds that may be available to offset the cost to the local taxpayer for the maintenance and construction of public works within the community.

The Town Engineer has been assigned as staff for the Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC) for the STEAP funded Highway Garage Replacement Study (ConnDOT 23-124). Upon the completion of the cleanup of the existing Highway Garage site, the Town Engineer has assisted the PMBC in reviewing over sixty parcels for the potential for hosting the replacement Highway Garage as part of its site selection process which is on-going.

With the issuance of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Preliminary Permit, the Town Engineer was assigned as staff to the Temporary Hydro Project Advisory Committee. The Committee is in the process of preparing a request for proposals from qualified consultants to assist the Committee in its efforts to determine the feasibility of re-activating the Upper and Lower Collins Company Dams on the Farmington River to generate hydroelectric power. If determined to be feasible, the project has the potential to generate clean renewable power.

Significant time and effort was spent monitoring the completion of construction of proposed public roads in development projects approved by the Planning Commission. Projects that were successfully completed include Garrett Road, Commerce Drive, Smith Way, Red Fox Run, Bart Drive, Cobb Road, Livingston Road, and Wind Mill Lane. The roadways were accepted into the Town's road network.

With the downturn in the economy the number and scope of development proposals that were reviewed for the Planning Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency, and the Zoning Commission dropped significantly. Typical was the approved Lowe's Home Center proposal on Albany Turnpike near the Simsbury - Avon town line which was cancelled prior to construction.

The Town Engineer acts as the administrator of the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Small Cities Grant Program. The Loan Program is funded from a competitive Conn Dept of Economic and Community Development grant from Federal funds from US HUD. The Loan Program provides for low or deferred interest loans to allow low to moderate income homeowners to make home repairs. As the loan funds are repaid, they are reinvested into the community.

TOWN ENGINEER

The construction of the 1st phase of improvements to the Canton Housing Authority's 21 Dowd Avenue Senior Housing facility made possible by a \$550,000 Small Cities grant was started in FY 2008-2009. It is expected that this work will be completed in FY 2009-2010.

The Town's application for Phase 3 of the Farmington River Trail (ConnDOT 23-125) was selected through a competitive process to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$1,800,000 with the balance of the estimated \$2,200,000 project cost to be funded from Federal STP-urban and local monies. The successful application reflected the combined efforts of the Town's elected officials and staff. It is anticipated that construction will begin in FY 2009-2010 with completion in FY 2010-2011. As in Phase 1 and 2, the Town Engineer has been selected to administer the construction of Phase 3.

A grant application was prepared for the rehabilitation of Town Bridge over the Farmington River. The application was submitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) for funding under the Local Bridge Program. It is anticipated that ConnDOT will determine the project's funding eligibility in FY 2009-2010. If the project is funded, it represents the opportunity to rehabilitate a bridge of historic significance such that it may have a second century of service to the Town.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC. TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL REPORT

The Farmington Valley VNA has continued its steadfast commitment to the residents of Canton by providing a comprehensive variety of home health care, hospice services and illness prevention programs to residents of all ages. Despite growing financial and regulatory challenges associated with the delivery of health care, the Farmington Valley VNA is proud to be one of the few remaining traditional and non-profit visiting nurse associations which is not owned or operated by a hospital or larger health care system. This important distinction assures Canton residents that community needs remain a true priority and that funding is utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

Having celebrated its 100th anniversary of community service last year, the FV-VNA is prepared to begin another century of compassionate, high quality delivery of health care services to local residents. Throughout the years, the FV-VNA's mission of caring for any individual, regardless of ability to pay or other hardship, has remained intact and unwavering. Our organization carries out this mission on a daily basis and serves as the community's foundation of compassion. So many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Preschool vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following an illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and the special support needed when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home ~ these are just a few examples of the way the Farmington Valley VNA has benefited local residents of all ages.

Services available to Canton residents through the FV-VNA's home care program include:

- * Skilled Nursing
- * Physical Therapy
- * Occupational Therapy
- * Speech Therapy
- * Medical Social Services
- * Home Health Aide Services
- * Private Duty Aide Services
- * Intravenous Therapy
- * Nutritional Counseling
- * Companion and Homemaker Services
- * Telemonitoring

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management and digital photography for more accurate and timely treatment, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing, early rehabilitation programs after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and contemporary remote telemonitoring of patients' cardiac and respiratory status.

The FV-VNA's outstanding home Hospice Program has also continued to support many individuals and families who are dealing with a life limiting illness. Highly trained and compassionate staff has made a positive difference in the quality of many patients' lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this special program. Many of our own friends and neighbors have been helped. Significant growth has occurred in the Hospice Program, largely due to more wide spread acceptance of Hospice care intervention with non-cancer diagnoses such as Alzheimer's disease, and end stage cardiac and respiratory conditions.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to be unique in that it operates a distinct and separate Community Programs Department with the goals of illness prevention, health promotion and education. Due to lack of funding and the need to reduce expenses, many home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to cost and realignment of service priorities. Community Programs remain a cornerstone of the FV-VNA, particularly due to its historic roots as a public health nursing organization. Many services are offered which focus on maintaining healthy lifestyles, illness prevention and health education. Over 3000 Canton residents attended one or more community wellness programs last year. Most programs are offered at little or no cost thanks to funding from the Town of Canton which includes:

- * Blood Pressure Screenings
- * Foot Care Clinics
- * Wellness Walking Programs
- * Vision and Hearing Testing
- * Tuberculosis Screenings
- * Flu/Pneumonia Clinics
- * Health Screenings for Businesses and Groups
- * Health Care Education Programs
- * Ear Assessment/Irrigation Programs
- * CPR, AED & First Aid Courses for groups

As a local, free standing, non-profit organization, continued financial support from community residents, area businesses and service organizations is critical for the FV-VNA's future survival. Reimbursement from State, Federal and private insurance payers is remaining flat in the upcoming year, and will actually be decreased from Medicare, despite increases in many operating costs. The Farmington Valley VNA is very pleased to be an integral and vital part of Canton's community.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 651-3539 or visit our updated website at www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department has the responsibility of administering the Town’s finances and accounting for all Town funds, except those of the Board of Education. Detailed statements of this accounting appear in the Town’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. The Finance Officer prepares monthly reports for the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance. In addition, the medical self insurance account is reviewed and reconciled and the Town budget is developed and administered with the Chief Administrative Officer. The finance office handles the daily Treasury operations and manages cash and debt obligations.

The Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2007-08 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 9th consecutive year.

TOWN FINANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

The Town’s adopted General Fund budget for 2008-09 totaled \$34,103,110.

The mil rate was 30.43.

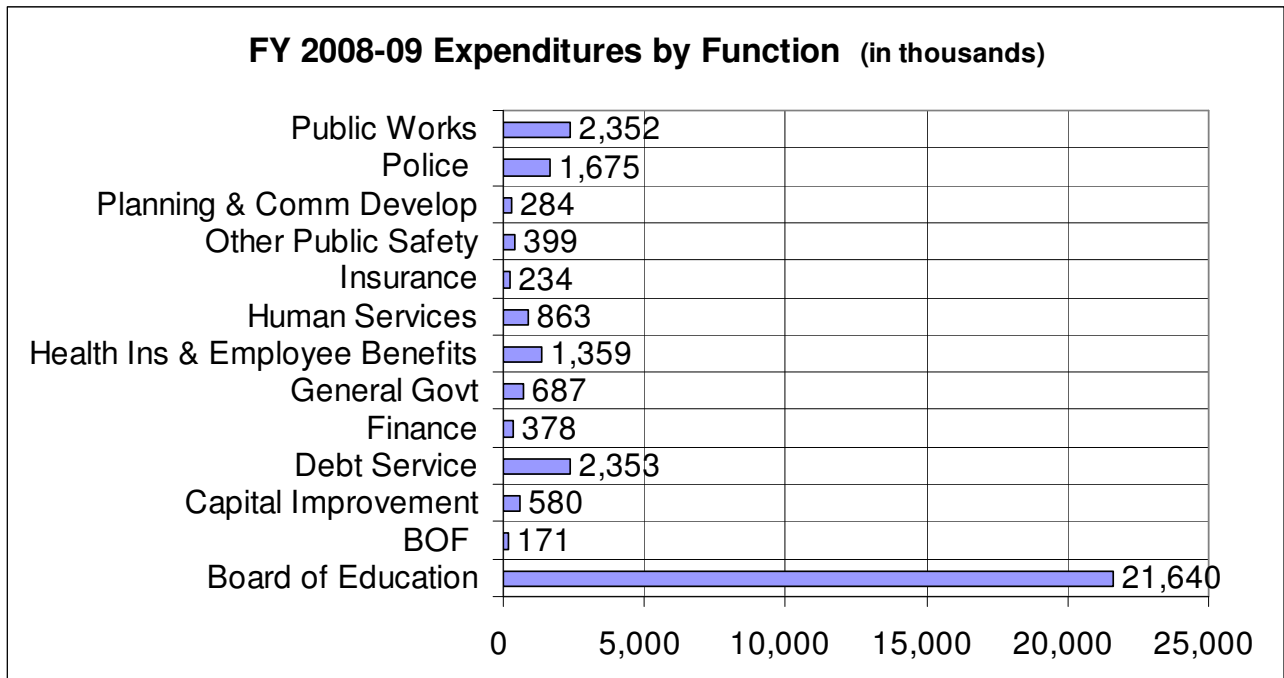
The Town’s credit rating was maintained by Moody’s Investor Services as an A1.

The Town achieved a collection rate of 98.87% on the current levy.

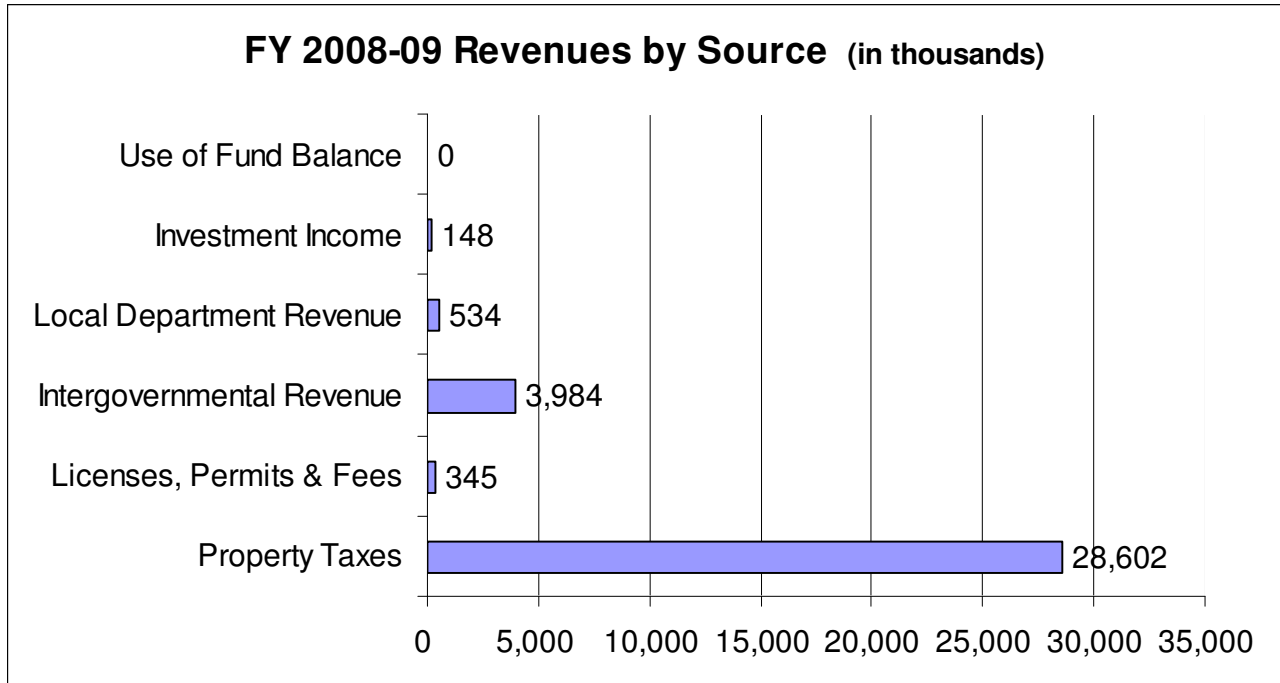
The Town’s bond indebtedness at June 30, 2009 totaled \$17,613,925.

The Town’s actual expenditures were \$32,976,129 and actual revenues totaled \$33,613,559.

The comparative actual information, by function and funding source for the fiscal year is presented here. A detailed statement of the Town’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available on the web at www.townofcantonct.org.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT



BONDS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2009 (in thousands)

<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
Cherry Brook School	10/15/12	\$ 1,210
CHS & CIS	10/15/24	\$ 4,236
CHS & CIS	05/01/23	\$ 9,700
Library	08/01/14	\$ 1,407
Police	11/01/11	\$ 636
Total Outstanding Bonds		<u>\$17,189</u>

* Includes Principal and Interest to maturity

Amy O'Toole
Finance Officer/Treasurer

FIRE MARSHAL / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Offices of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management are responsible for the following services to the community:

- Conduct fire and life safety code inspections in accordance with CGS §29-305 and the Connecticut Fire Safety Code.
- Investigate all fires within the Town of Canton in accordance with CGS §29-302.
- Plan review for new construction and existing building renovations/alterations
- Issue permits for open burning and blasting.
- Provide fire and life safety prevention education to the public and business owners.
- Continued development of the town's Emergency Operations Plan
- Emergency preparedness and planning for the town's residents
- Oversight of the Emergency Operations Center

The following are highlights during FY 2008-2009:

- Several fire investigations, which include:
 1. 15 Canton Springs Road 07/20/08 (complete loss)
 2. 2-4 Dyer Ave 03/02/09 (room and contents, significant damage second floor)
 3. 512 Dowd Ave 03/31/09 (room and contents, significant damage second floor)
- Statewide Tactical On-Scene Channel System radios were placed into service. The Town of Canton is a custodial owner for the State of CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS).
- Installed two new radios in the Emergency Operations Center
- Received training for the new WebEOC software program sponsored by the State of CT DEMHS.
- Implemented the use of FIREHOUSE Software to start reporting fire call information to the State of CT Department of Public Safety's Office of Education and Data Management. This now brings the Town of Canton compliant with the National Fire Incident Reporting System.
- Attended several meetings regarding regional emergency dispatching.
- Conducted a townwide shelter review with the American Red Cross.
- Prepared for the H1N1 flu virus with meetings with Town officials and officials from the Farmington Valley Health District.

Fire Marshal/Director Adam Libros wishes to extend his gratitude towards Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Goeben and Deputy Police Chief/Deputy Director of Emergency Management Don Hull for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 70.65 miles of improved and unimproved roads, the maintenance and improvements of all fields, greens, parks within the Town of Canton and all fields utilized by the Board of Education.

In fiscal year 2008-2009 the Highway Department chip sealed 9.72 miles of road, replaced 14 catch basin tops on Robin Drive in preparation of Galasso Materials pulverizing the existing asphalt and regrading and repaving Robin Drive and part of Foxcroft Lane. The Highway Department dealt with breakdowns of the road sweeper and we had New Hartford loan us their sweeper to help out. The roadside mower was also breaking down making it very difficult to get the mowing done. The Highway Crew repaired the bridge deck on West Mountain Road and Galasso Materials paved over the deck. Galasso Materials also paved Ramp Road which corrected drainage issues. The Highway Crew continued working around town repairing damaged curbing and driveway lips. This year the Crew tried and was successful sweeping up heavy deposits of leaves around town. The Director of Public Works was assisted by the Superintendent of WPCA setting up computer programs for road and vehicle maintenance. The Highway Crew dealt with 17 major snow and ice storms and responded to 30 different call-ins for road conditions. The Highway Department continues to use straight treated road salt and only after delivery problems was sand used to stretch out material. In December the Director of Public Works was given the responsibility of the Janitorial Staff and the Building Maintenance for Town Hall, Police Department and the Library and Community Center. After a long and busy winter the Director of Public Works spoke to the road superintendent of the Town of Burlington and exchanged services. The Town of Burlington brought their catch basin cleaning truck and cleaned all catch basins in town. In return the Town of Canton sent Dan Manyak and the sweeper to sweep the Burlington streets. The Highway Crew straightened and repaired guide rails posts on Bahre Corner Road. The Crew refurbished the front lawn at the Police Department, weeded, trimmed and mulched all beds at Town Hall, Police Department and the Library and Community Center.

Parks Department – The Parks Crew continued to prepare and maintain parks, greens and Board of Education fields. Again this year turn was installed on Bowdin Field for soccer. The Crew installed combination soccer and football goals at Mills Pond for football home games. The Board of Education also purchased a riding paint machine which was a big help and time saver with all fields being used. Fall clean-ups were done and Mills Pond was cleared and kept open for skating. The football goals were removed from Mills Pond to be relocated at West Field.

Highway Garage – Director of Public Works implemented a Maintenance Program for all equipment and vehicles on the computer and repair forms are now completed for all repairs. There were numerous breakdowns making winter snow removal a battle.

Building Maintenance – The Janitorial Staff was busy with general cleaning and additional projects at Town Hall and Library. In the Town Hall the Office of The Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Assistant were moved upstairs needing a new doorway to connect the two offices. The Office of The First Selectman moved downstairs. The Senior Services Coordinator at the library needed a bigger office, telephone lines were moved and a build-out of the craft room was done for new office space.

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (“IWWA”) is a permitting agency charged by the State of Connecticut to review, evaluate, and take action on proposed regulated activities potentially having an adverse environmental impact on wetlands and/or watercourses.

During fiscal year 2008-2009, the IWWA held twenty six (26) regular meetings, site walks, and special meetings and processed 26 applications.

The IWWA has an Authorized Agent who is allowed to permit minor activities in upland review areas but not within wetlands or watercourses themselves. The Authorized Agent reports to the Agency all permits issued under its authority at regular meetings and also acts as the IWWA’s enforcement officer. The recently created Assistant Planner position has assumed the role of Authorized Agent. Over the past year, the Authorized Agent has taken a more active role in determining when an application needs to be received by the Agency, or if it can be handled administratively in the coming year.

The IWWA is in the process of updating its application fees as well as reviewing wetlands regulations to include recent amendments passed by the legislature. Additionally, the IWWA has found itself increasingly involved in enforcement issues (e.g., dealing with violations of permit conditions).

The IWWA operates with five (5) regular members and three (3) alternates.

The IWWA holds their regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission holds special meetings/site-walks as needed. All meetings are open to the public.

LAND USE OFFICE

Description of Department Functions and Services:

The Land Use Office assists the Town land use and development commissions to adopt plans, policies, regulations and programs to promote the sound long-range development, general welfare and safety of the community. This includes the preservation of property values, conservation of natural resources, and preservation of historic resources, in balance with the development of a strong economic base. These changes are guided by the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, Zoning Regulations, Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations. The Commissions served by the Land Use Office include the: Planning Commission; Zoning Commission; Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency; Zoning Board of Appeals; Economic Development Agency; Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission; Conservation Commission; Aquifer Protection Agency; Canton Center Historic District Commission; Collinsville Historic District Commission; and, Design Review Team. The Land Use Office also manages a public help desk that provides guidance to developers, private citizens and other interested parties in regard to land use and development policies and regulations in pursuit of improving the future sound development of the Town.

Commission Achievements:

The Land Use Commissions processed a total of 98 applications and or referrals as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals (9); Zoning Commission (28); Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency (26); Planning Commission (18); and Aquifer Protection Agency (17).

Changes this year included the hiring of an Assistant Planner/ Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer who has begun the process of competently and consistently enforcing regulatory approvals of Land Use Commissions as well as overseeing general compliance with the regulations. Since being filled, the position has: overseen 207 compliance inspections; issued 87 permits (9 signs, 6 home occupations, 9 IWWA Authorizations, and 63 Certificates of Zoning Compliance); issued 10 notices of violations; issued 3 cease and desist orders (1 lifted, 1 turned over to Town Attorney); and, resolved 14 Zoning and Wetlands related issues without issuing a notice of violation.

In addition, full time staff liaison services have been improved and are now being provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency, Conservation Commission, and Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission in addition to the boards previously being served.

The Zoning Commission also approved a long needed update to all application forms as well as began finalizing the adoption of standardized zoning enforcement procedures. The Economic Development Agency has also been re-established and is diligently working on goals and initiative for the next fiscal year. The Wetlands Agency, Planning Commission & Zoning Commission also began working on an update of the town's fee schedule.

LAND USE OFFICE

Major Objectives:

- * Serve all residents of the Town of Canton as efficiently and cost effectively as possible;
- * Increase the level of service provided not only to the general public but to the Land Use Commissions and regulatory process;
- * Deliver an update to the Zoning Regulations;
- * Begin the process of reviewing Subdivision and Wetlands Regulations for future updates;
- * Develop electronic mapping capabilities for use by all town agency's;
- * Develop a Zoning Map reflective of the new regulations, in an electronic format that can be easily modified and made available to the public;
- * Revise fees required to process applications to the Land Use Commission so that they are more closely related to the costs incurred by the town in processing those applications;
- * Following Zoning, continue the updating of all standard forms and procedures for the remaining land use commissions;
- * Begin putting the appropriate pieces in motion for the next POCD update; and
- * Provide the framework and guidance necessary for the growth of the town (including residential and non-residential development), while balancing the need to conserve and preserve significant cultural and natural resources of the town.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Canton Public Library is to be a community information center that employs trained staff and offers a variety of collections, services, programs, and equipment to which Canton residents of all ages can turn for support of lifelong reading, learning, and personal enrichment.

During the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, the Canton Public Library served the residents of this community by loaning 184,152 print and audiovisual items. This represents a 9% increase over FY 2007-08's loans and marks the highest annual circulation in the library's history. Our staff placed 11,810 item reserves for patrons. We issued 747 library cards to new borrowers and renewed 711 cards for existing borrowers, thereby giving us total of 4,504 cardholders on June 30, 2009. Patron visits to the library were estimated at over 100,000.

We added 8,297 items to our collection and removed 10,801. These additions and subtractions resulted in a collection of 75,888 barcoded items on June 30, 2009.

Like modern public libraries everywhere, much of our work involves matching individuals with collection items and information. Our resourceful staff answered 21,062 information questions and borrowed 3,808 items from other libraries to satisfy the reading and research needs of Canton residents. Thanks to budgeted purchases, we were able to increase the number of computers on which the public accesses the Internet and information databases from 12 to 15, and 5 printers were available on which users could make print-outs for a nominal fee. In total, our public-access computers were used 19,891 times. In addition, our public word processor was used 156 times. We brought library materials to homebound Canton residents through a total of 41 home deliveries, and our reference staff assisted local residents by proctoring 9 academic and professional examinations.

In an effort to extend the influence of the library out beyond the items sitting on the shelves, our staff organized 230 special programs to educate and entertain the residents of Canton, young and old. These included dozens of book discussion classes for all ages; summer reading programs and weekly story times for children; "meet the author" events; appearances by musicians, singers, and other performers; movies; craft workshops; and informative lectures on such varied topics as bonsai, digital photography, knitting, voluntary simplicity, sled dogs, interviewing and job search strategies, the Farmington Canal, and more. Our Children's Room staff welcomed the students of Canton's schools and preschools for tours and lessons in library usage, and they visited many local classrooms to talk about the library, upcoming programs, and the summer reading club. In all, 164 programs were presented for children and 66 were produced for adults and teens. Attendance at programs totaled 7,297. Our "artist-in-residence" Art Chouinard continued to paint his stunning landscapes and seascapes in the library one day each month, and we showcased exhibits of collectibles and artwork throughout the building all through the year.

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Other highlights of FY 2008-09 included the following:

- The Library Board of Trustees adopted a long-range plan that will guide the development of library collections, services, and programs for the next 5 years. Achievement of its ambitious goals is already underway.
- Our staff began to catalog the collection of the Margaret H. Perry Local History Room so that its many treasures would be accessible to historians, students, and library visitors.
- Our library card was completely redesigned. The new card features a picture of our handsome building and offers the borrower an option of using either a standard-size card or a key ring card. We urge Canton residents to trade in their old blue library cards for the new cards.
- We instituted patron-placed holds. Now, a borrower in one of our network's libraries can place holds on items in another network library and then have them delivered to his or her hometown library by the State Library's delivery van system.
- Six (6) new computers, 3 new monitors, and 3 new printers (including 1 color printer) were purchased and installed – some in staff offices, others on the public floor. For the first time, a color printer was installed at the Reference Desk for use by patrons, and 3 new computer workstations were set up for public use.
- Our website was completely redesigned. The new site, still located at www.cantonpubliclibrary.org, sports an up-to-date look, offers more information than its predecessor, and is designed to be more user-friendly.
- An attractive color brochure explaining the library -- its hours, loan periods, fine rates, public services, website address, etc. -- was produced and placed in various spots around town for free pick-up by Canton residents.
- "People counters" were installed at each of the library's 3 entrances/exits to compute an exact count of visitors to the library, replacing the earlier custom of sampling and estimating.
- All adult and children's oversize books were labeled with special spine stickers and identified in the computer catalog as located in special oversize shelves.
- Printed receipts showing titles borrowed and dates due replaced the former system of the staff stamping dates due on grid cards glued inside each book and audiovisual item.

Our staff continued to maintain high standards of customer service and goodwill throughout the year. Several members were active in professional organizations and attended classes to sharpen their professional skills. The Library Board of Trustees continued to act responsibly by adopting operating policies, approving our annual budget request to the town, and advocating within the community on the library's behalf. And what would we do without our wonderful Friends of the Canton Public Library? This small but energetic band of area residents worked throughout the year to raise funds to supplement the library's operating budget and to promote public awareness of the library's materials, services, and programs. The Friends' annual booksale in September 2008 was highly profitable. Also, they sponsored a table at Sam Collins Day 2008, organized another crossword puzzle tournament in April 2009, and treated library visitors to coffee and home baked goodies every Monday morning. For the second year, The Friends purchased a one-year subscription to the online information database *Learning Express Library*, which allows Canton residents to take practice academic and job tests and receive graded results.

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The Friends went on to purchase *The Hartford Courant Historical* database, which allows Canton residents to find major *Courant* articles from 1923 to 1984, the years not included in the State Library's database collection available at www.iconn.org. Thank you, Friends of the Library! The entire town owes you a debt of gratitude for your hard work and useful gifts.

The library was the fortunate recipient of many donations of money and collection items from individuals and groups during FY 2008-09. Some were memorials to Canton residents, while others were gifts intended to strengthen our collection. To every donor, we extend sincere thanks.

The Canton Public Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday (Labor Day to June 30) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday (November 1 to March 31) from 1 to 4 p.m. How can we be of service to you?

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION COMMISSION

The Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission (OSPAC) functions under the authority of Town Ordinance #222. The OSPAC is in its sixth year of serving the citizens of Canton.

The primary functions of the OSPAC is to identify open space areas that meet the standards of Ordinance #222, discuss potential purchases in fee simple or of development rights with the owner(s), analyze those open space areas as outlined in Ordinance #222, and recommend the acquisition of such areas that are of significant quality and/or size and location for acquisition to the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission spends considerable time analyzing the appropriateness of various properties for preservation as open space and then discussing with land owners the benefits of donating or selling the land or its development rights to the Town or to a charitable organization for open space preservation purposes.

The OSPAC carries out its delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with assistance of the Land Use Office, the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen, public meetings as appropriate, and the publication of informational literature. The Assistant Planner provides direct staff support to the Commission at and between meetings.

During 2008-2009 the Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission held eight (8) meetings to discuss state grants, funding options, open space management plans, real estate, and referrals.

One of the goals for the coming year will be to work with the Land Use Office to finalize an Open Space Management Plan and comprehensive inventory of existing lands that has been set aside or preserved as open space in one form or another. This will be an important tool to assist the Commission as they evaluate additional opportunities to add valuable lands to this inventory. Additional opportunities to preserve land will also be pursued. As opportunities arise, the Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission will pursue, and when appropriate, recommend that the Town apply for grants and loans from private, state and federal groups and agencies to preserve open space.

The Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission is comprised of seven (7) members and meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Library Community Center. The public is welcome to attend all meetings.

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all Canton residents by providing a comprehensive program of recreational opportunities for all ages, ability levels, in safe, attractive, well-maintained, well-managed parks and recreation facilities. The department continues to tailor its programs to meet the expanding, long-term needs of the community through public education about the value and importance of recreational activities.

These activities include swimming lessons, cooking and language classes, family fun day, outdoor concerts and movies. We offer bus trips to visit various destinations including: New York City, Patriot Place, Wrentham, Ma., Maine and Naragansett, Rhode Island. Other events offered include competitive sports and adult drop-in activities.

The Parks and Recreation department's program offerings include activities for children of all ages, families, adults and senior citizens. Parents and their young children can take part in parent and pre-school swimming lessons, or participate in a parent/tot gymnastics program, music and movement class or even ice-skating lessons. In the summer, kids can attend Sunshine or Explorers Camp at Mills Pond Park, take swimming lessons at our town pool, or participate in a variety of sports or arts camps. Our Fall and Spring arts classes, our After School Mad Science program and Tennis lessons have been some of our most popular offerings. In addition, cheerleading became very popular this past year. The participants now cheer during half-time at high school football and basketball games. Last winter, over 100 younger children participated in "Rec. Hoops", a basketball program for kids in kindergarten through second grade. We also offered crafts for kids, with children creating Holiday Gingerbread houses and Cookie centerpieces.

Programs for adults include: Pre-Natal Yoga, Mat Pilates, Drop-in Men's Basketball, Co-ed Volleyball, Meditation and Stress reduction, Cooking classes, Tai Chi, Tennis Lessons and Boating safety. Classes are also offered in art and finances. Outdoor summer concerts are always a popular event in Canton. Special events are annual community favorites and include Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Tree Lighting, Easter Egg Hunt, and a 7th and 8th grade pool party/ social for incoming students. Some combined senior citizen programs are: "EVERYbody's" fitness and water aerobics, grandparent's ice cream social, senior picnic, and bingo. The department adapts many programs and activities to include special needs participants of all ages.

Maintaining quality Parks and Recreation facilities as well as open space remains a top priority

It is the policy of the department not to deny any child the opportunity to participate in a program due to financial hardship. We also make every attempt to work out a payment schedule with parents who cannot pay the entire fee at one time and we have a limited number of scholarships available. It is the ultimate goal of the department to involve as many residents of the Canton community in some type of recreation and leisure time activity, whether as a participant or a spectator. The result will benefit the members of the community, visitors, neighbors, and friends as the quality of life in Canton continues to grow. Another goal is to continue to increase community awareness of parks and recreation activities throughout the community, as well as continue to provide high quality customer service.

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The Parks and Recreation Department staff includes the Director, and Recreation Program Supervisor. The director handles all of the day-to-day operations of the department. Recreation program supervisor, Darrien Lynn, is responsible for planning a well-rounded selection of diverse program offerings, as well as promotions, scheduling and registrations. The seven member Parks and Recreation Commission assists the parks and recreation staff by being the eyes and ears of the department and is responsible for setting broad based parks and recreation policy.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is responsible for policy making to facilitate orderly growth and development in Canton through the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and through review of and approval of subdivisions. By Town Ordinance and State Statute, the Planning Commission is the local agency that carries out the statutory provisions in Connecticut for the subdivision of land and the development and maintenance of the POCD in such a way as to: promote the health and welfare of citizens; protect land values; natural resources; water quality; and, avoid congestion, safety hazards, land erosion and overtaxing of the Town's public facilities.

To facilitate appropriate development and land use, the Planning Commission will monitor the 2003 POCD to determine if and when amendments to the Plan are necessary. Working with other land use commissions and the Land Use Office, the Planning Commission coordinates activities toward meeting the goals of the POCD through the development review and municipal improvement processes. Copies of the POCD are available for distribution and sale to citizens, developers and their representatives.

In 2008-2009 the Planning Commission held eight (8) regular/ special/ site walk meetings and processed eighteen (18) applications and or referrals.

Goals for the coming year include the evaluation of the Subdivision Regulations for potential rewriting for incorporation of updated planning techniques and regulatory changes that may further refine and improve the development process and reduce impacts on the natural environment and community. Additionally, the POCD is required to be updated every ten years. The Land Use Office will begin preparing for that update process in the coming year.

The Planning Commission carries out its delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with the assistance of the Town Planner, Land Use Coordinator, and Town Engineer. The Planning Commission is comprised of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members. The Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission invites input from those who come to show their interest in Canton's future.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Canton Police Department strives to provide professional, innovative and progressive police services to the residents and visitors to the Town of Canton. It is the goal of the Canton Police Department to work with the community to preserve life, enforce the law and to provide quality police services.

The Canton Police Department operates under the direction of the Chief of Police. Staffing at the Police Department consists of a Deputy Chief of Police, four patrol Sergeants, one Detective, 7 Patrol Officers, four Dispatchers, three Part-time Dispatchers and an Administrative Secretary.

During the Fiscal Year 2008/09 there were 11,599 incidents recorded which included the following:

- 55 Arrest Warrants being served
- 53 Domestic Disturbances / Family Offense cases
- 122 Larceny / Theft Investigations
- Officers responded as first responders to 635 Medical Calls
- Conducted 2,762 Motor Vehicle Stops
- Investigated 351 Motor Vehicle Accidents, of which 40 were with injuries
- 37 Driving Under the Influence cases
- Investigated 27 Fraud cases
- 10 Stolen Vehicles
- 7 Sex Offense Investigation Cases
- 5 Death Investigation
- 29 Narcotic/Drug Investigation

Canton Police Officers respond to all medical calls in Town as first responders. All officers are trained as Medical Response Technicians (MRT) or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The police vehicles are equipped with advanced medical bags and Automated External Defibrillators.

The Canton Police Department officers participated in and sponsored community programs that consisted of child Amber Alert Identification sessions, child safety seat inspections and installations, Sam Collins Day, and the annual Holiday Gift and Food Drive.

During this fiscal year the Department went through several personnel changes and reductions in staffing. The officers and dispatchers have worked and continue to work very hard in providing the best coverage possible to respond to meet the public safety needs for the Town.



CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

45 River Road (Route 179)

Canton, CT 06019

Phone: 860-693-0221

Fax: 860-693-8493

John D. Murphy Jr.
Chief of Police

Donald B. Hull
Deputy Chief of Police

TAX COLLECTOR

The tax office is responsible for the collection of property taxes, sewer use and assessment fees and parking tickets. Please see the tax collector's report for taxes and sewers collection breakdown for the fiscal year 7/1/08 – 6/30/09.

The approved budget for this fiscal year allowed us to staff the office with one full time employee, Tax Collector and one part-time employee, Assistant.

We ended the year with an outstanding tax balance to \$781,446.55 which is an increase from last year of \$34,000. \$377,143 of this amount outstanding is from one distressed property in Canton. A list of the top 10 delinquent accounts as of June 30, 2009 follows:

Cadle Properties 51 Albany Turnpike	\$377,143
Murtagh, John 118 Case Street	\$ 20,916
91 Albany Turnpike, LLC 91 Albany Turnpike	\$ 17,893
Simmer of Canton, LLC 110 Albany Turnpike	\$ 17,381
150 Commerce Associates, LLC 150 Commerce Drive	\$ 16,827
Richardson, Thomas A. 12A Freedom Drive	\$ 15,109
Murray, Dean and Anne M 177 High Valley Drive	\$ 13,916
Grecula Ernest 2 Woodland Drive	\$ 11,600
Griffin, Donald J 683 Cherry Brook Road	\$ 11,658
465 Albany Turnpike, LLC 465 Albany Turnpike	\$ 10,702
Woolford, Robert Julian 81 West Simsbury Road	\$ 9,293

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Top Ten Taxpayers

1. W/S Peak Canton Properties LLC	Retail Shopping Center	33,539,420
2. C L & P	Public Utility	12,530,360
3. Kohls	Retail	7,382,260
4. Shaw's	Supermarket	6,211,800
5. New Horizons Inc	Health Care Facility	5,218,200
6. Henry Bahre et al	Retail Center	4,127,860
7. Connecticut Water Company	Public Utility	3,638,830
8. Takapa Group LLC	Land Developer	3,307,500
9. Collinsville Savings Society	Bank	2,885,120
10. Maple Glen Associates	Apartments	2,345,190
	Total	81,186,540

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for safekeeping Town records that include land records, maps and surveys, vital records (birth, death, marriage, civil union), election and referendum results, justices of the peace appointments, dog licenses, sport licenses (hunting, fishing, trapping), military discharges, town ordinances, meeting minutes & agendas, trade name certificates, notary public appointments, transfer station permits, Dial-A-Ride tickets and liquor licenses. The public may have access to a majority of these records during regular business hours.

Significant department activities during the fiscal year include:

- In the summer of 2008, we received a \$7000 grant from the Connecticut State Library as part of the Historic Documents Preservation Grant program. With these funds we were able to remove the 'cage' area of the Town Clerk vault and install a high density moveable aisle filing system which houses the Town's vital records and meeting minutes. Current storage of vital records and meeting minutes was quickly nearing capacity. With these new shelves we were able to almost double the capacity in the same square footage. The high density shelving was an effective solution to this problem.
- We continued the process of Ordinance Codification, funded through the CIP, to organize and make available on the website all of the Town's local laws.
- The Town Clerk served as staff support to the Charter Revision Committee. The group began the meeting process in February 2008. The final draft proposal is expected to go to the voters on the November 2009 ballot.
- A Backfile Conversion process of land records was completed. Over the course of the last 2½ years, the Town Clerk's office has placed the scanned documents of 211 volumes worth of land records on the computer system. We hope to have the software in place soon to access these images from the internet.
- The Department of Environmental Protection provided the Town of Canton with a touch-screen computer system for the purpose of computerizing sporting licenses. On December 1, 2008, we started issuing computerized 2009 sport licenses.
- On November 12, 2008, same-sex marriages became legal in the State of Connecticut. Justices of the Peace were kept up to date and addendums to their ceremony procedures were distributed.
- The November 4, 2008, Presidential Election went very smoothly despite record number of voters that came to the polls. A total of 5993 people (including Presidential Ballots) voted in Canton (5494 in person and 499 by absentee ballot).
- The Town Clerk's office began accepting credit cards payments in January of 2009.

Department goals for the fiscal year of 2009-2010 include:

- Work with the Tax Department to cross train the Assistant Town Clerk and the Tax Clerk so that there can be coverage in both offices during absences.
- Develop a training program for FOI requirements that can be given to Town Hall staff.
- Become trained as the backup administrator for the MUNIS Financial System.

TOWN CLERK

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conveyance Tax	156	\$132,131.40
Recording Land Records	2145	\$58,211.00
St of CT Historical Preservation		\$4290.00
Town Clerk Historical Preservation		\$2145.00
Town of Canton-Land Preservation		\$6435.00
St of CT-Land Preservation		\$55,770.00
Town Clerk Land Preservation		\$2145.00
Maps	78	\$860.00
Copies	1662	\$8711.44
St of CT DEP	317	\$6123.00
Sport Licenses-Town of Canton		\$288.00
Miscellaneous	99	\$424.74
Vitals	725	\$6388.00
Marriage/CU Licenses St of CT	38	\$722.00
Dog Licenses-Town of Canton	1192	\$1185.50
Dog Licenses-St of CT	1179	\$9495.00
Notary Fees	22	\$220.00
Dial A Ride	58	\$1012.46
Transfer Station	2918	\$175,403.50
TOTALS		\$471,961.04

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The staff of the Canton WPCF is pleased to provide the following annual report on the objectives and activities of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) staff.

The Canton Water Pollution Control Facility operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The WPCF staff operate and maintain 3 sewage-pumping stations and approximately 23 miles of sanitary sewers. The mission of WPCF staff is to operate these facilities in a cost effective and efficient manner while maintaining them in a manner to preserve their long-term asset value.

This past year the facility treated over 253 million gallons of wastewater, equating to a flow of approximately 695 thousand gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by the NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removals of 94 % for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 95% for Total suspended solids. The facility continues to receive very positive inspection reports from the CT Department of Environmental Protection.

Three well trained and experienced personnel including a Superintendent, a Chief Operator and Operator III staff the plant. Plant staff are certified and licensed in both treatment plant and collection system operation and maintenance. Two of the staff is also certified in Laboratory analysis. Staff continually participates in continuing education to stay abreast of the ever-changing rules and regulations in the environmental field.

An addition to staff this year is Victoria Arel who functions as the Administrative Assistant supporting the Superintendent and operational staff. Victoria also serves as the Fats Oils and Grease Coordinator working to ensure all Food Preparation Establishments comply with the DEP General Permit for the discharge of Fats, Oils, and Grease from Food Preparation Establishments.

WPCF staff continues to identify and undertake projects that are addressing both the needs of the infrastructure and process capabilities of the facility. With the assistance of the Canton Public works Department we were able to rehabilitate both Sand filters realizing a large savings.

Final Paving was completed on Dowd Avenue, the new Sand Filter was installed and placed into service. Phase I of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) project was completed. Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) were installed on the Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) Effluent Pumps, and Automated Algae Sweep Brush units were installed on the Secondary clarifiers.

The WPCA is also moving forward on Phase II of the SCADA project which will allow for remote operation and communication of three off site sewage pumping stations and upgrade of the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Future projects include upgrades to the Town Bridge Pump station, Dyer Farms Pump station and re roofing of the Admin and Digester building.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

We are awaiting a decision on the request to re rate the capacity of the facility from .8 MGD to .95 MGD. The many improvements made over the past few years have served to free up capacity within the collection system and treatment works.

The Water Pollution Control Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Library Community center at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to attend.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is: to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement or decision made by the official charged with the enforcement of the Zoning Regulations as adopted under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes; to hear and decided all matters including special exceptions as may be duly authorized by the Zoning Regulations; and to determine and vary the application of the zoning regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent and with due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, convenience, welfare and property values solely with respect to a parcel of land where a literal enforcement of the regulations would result in exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship so that substantial justice will be done and the public safety and welfare is secured.

The Zoning Board of Appeals carries out its usual delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with the aid of the Land Use Coordinator and the Assistant Planner/ Zoning Enforcement Officer

The Zoning Board of Appeals held 8 regular/special meetings and processed 9 applications for appeal of Zoning Regulations, Cease and Desist orders and violations from the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Department of Motor Vehicle Applications.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has five (5) members and three (3) alternate members. The concurring vote of four (4) members is necessary to grant a variance and to overturn an action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Zoning Board of appeals meets the second Monday of each month at the Library Community Center at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

ZONING COMMISSION

The Zoning Commission is a regulatory decision making board whose purpose is to promote health and welfare of citizens, protect land values, natural resources and water quality; and avoid congestion, safety hazards, land erosion and overtaxing of public facilities. The Zoning Commission is responsible for establishing the means of orderly growth and development through the interpretation and enforcement of the Canton Zoning Regulations and the implementation of appropriate Goals, Policies and Recommendations of the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

The Zoning Commission also has a subcommittee of its membership that is aggressively working towards the completion of the comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Regulations. Combined with the sub-committee, Zoning held thirty five (35) meetings (more than doubling the number of meetings from the prior year) and processed twenty eight (28) applications for a variety of site plans, site plan amendments, special exception uses and zoning amendments.

The Zoning Commission carries out its usual delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with the aid of the Land Use Coordinator and the Town Planner. Approvals of the Zoning Commission are monitored and enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Enforcement Officer also oversees and enforces general compliance with the zoning regulations, and reports monthly to the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Commission is comprised of seven (7) regular members and three (3) alternate members. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, at the Library Community Center. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission welcomes input from town residents and property owners for all public hearings.

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of June 30, 2009

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (Elected)</u>		
R Carol York	PO Box 602, Canton 06019	11/22/2011
D George Thimot, Jr.	103 West Mountain Road	11/22/2011
R Paul Volovski	66 Lawton Road	11/17/2009
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>		
Meeting Schedule: Every second & fourth Thursday – 7:00 p.m.		
D Kyra Sheehan	142 North Mountain Road	11/22/2011
D Susan M. Eisner-Saidel	3 Westview Drive	11/22/2011
R Susan Crowe	111 West Road	11/22/2011
R Jonathan Webb	80 Dartmouth Drive	11/22/2011
R Leslee B. Hill	91 Andrew Drive	11/17/2009
R Beth Kandrysawtz	35 Hanson Road	11/17/2009
D Carlene Rhea (Vice-Chair)	248 Wright Road	11/17/2009
D Patricia White	81 Dyer Avenue	11/17/2009
R Louis M. Daniels (Chair)	10 Greystone	11/17/2009
<u>BOARD OF FINANCE</u>		
Meeting Schedule: Every third Monday – 7:30 p.m.		
D Kathleen Corkum	PO Box 159, Canton 06019	11/22/2011
R Samuel S. Humphrey	PO Box 150, Canton Center 06020	11/22/2011
R Brian D. First	85 High Valley Drive	11/17/2009
D Michael D'Apice	8 Elizabeth Road	11/17/2009
D Richard Eickenhorst	7 Shingle Mill Drive	11/17/2009
R Richard Ohanesian (Chair)	1 Whitney Lane	11/17/2009

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of June 30, 2009

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>		
Meeting Schedule: Every first & third Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.		
R Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman	321 Cherry Brook Road	11/17/2009
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road	11/17/2009
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road	11/17/2009
R Shirley C. Krompegal	277 East Hill Road	11/17/2009
R Marc E. Cerniglia	39 Ellsworth Lane	11/17/2009

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

R Charles Whitney	PO Box 216, Canton, CT 06019
R Christopher Winsor	10 West Simsbury Road
U Russell Richardson, Jr.	77 Barbourtown Road

CANTON BOARD OF ETHICS

(5 Regular members, no more than 2 of whom shall be of the same party)
 (2 Alternates who shall not be of the same party) (See Ordinance #230 for terms)
 Meeting Schedule: TBD

REGULAR MEMBERS

D Edith Offenhartz	70 Lawton Road	6/30/2011
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(4) VACANCIES

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

(2) VACANCIES

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of June 30, 2009

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
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CANTON CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(5 Regular members, 2 in district- 4 year term) , (3 Alternate Members, 1 in district - 4 year term)

Meeting Schedule: Every first Wednesday - 7:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEMBERS

D Nora Hillman-Goeler	133 Morgan Road	1/1/2013
D Kim Bowen (In)	144 Cherry Brook Road	1/1/2012

VACANCY (In)

R Sandra Bridgman	PO Box 137, Canton Center 06020	1/1/2013
D Marianne H. Burbank	84 North Mountain Road	1/1/2011

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

(3) VACANCIES

CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

(5 Regular members - 4 year term)

Meeting Schedule: Every third Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. - 21 Dowd Ave., Community Building

REGULAR MEMBERS

R Dale B. Munroe	PO Box 440, Collinsville, 06022	12/31/2011
D William B. Cooper	11 Boulder Ridge	12/31/2011
D Sarah Cheney	19 Town Bridge Road, Collinsville	12/31/2012
U David Fisher	30 Gracey Road	12/31/2009
D Leah Jadovich	21 Dowd Ave, Apt. 24	12/31/2009

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of June 30, 2009

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>		
(Term - 4 years) Meeting Schedule: Every second Wednesday - 7:15 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
U Kelly Conway	96 West Mountain Road	7/1/2012
D Karen Koch Berger	15 Orchard Hill Road	7/1/2012
D Patricia McGarry (Vice Chair)	50 East Hill Road Unit 6A	7/1/2012
U Richard Matos	5 Drake Lane	7/1/2010
D Lee Foley (Chair)	77 Indian Hill Road	7/1/2013
D Bonita Hansen	24 Canton Hollow	7/1/2010
D Marjorie Clarke	45 Sunset Terrace	7/1/2009
R Kathleen Woolam (Sec.)	70 Simonds Avenue	7/1/2010
D David A. Owen	92 East Hill Road, Canton	7/1/2010
Friends of the Library		
D Carol Merritt (Pres)	51 Country Lane	
<u>CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE</u>		
R Richard J. Barlow	321 Cherry Brook Road, Canton	
<u>CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT</u>		
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road	10/15/2011

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION</u>		
D Frederick L. Fletcher, Jr. (Sec)	157 Main Street	
D Paul Balavender	98 Andrew Drive	
R James Lotstein	101 Fiddlehead Way	
R W. Garrett Miller, Jr. (Vice Chair)	7 East Hill Road	
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road	
R Anthony B. Ludovico	P.O. Box 117, Canton Ctr. 06020	
D Arthur E. Fournier, Jr. (Chair)	16 Country Lane	
D Peter Reynolds	4 Deer Run Road	
D David P. Sinish	20 Dyer Avenue	
<u>CHIEF OF FIRE/EMS</u>		
Richard Hutchings	4 Market Street, Collinsville	
<u>COLLINSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every second Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
R Kathleen R. Woolam	70 Simmonds Avenue	6/30/2011
D Eric Jackson	137 Main Street	6/30/2012
D Walter Kendra	16 South Street	6/30/2012
D Kent McCoy	6 Center Street	6/30/2009
D David K. Leff (Chair)	4 The Green	6/30/2010
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
U Stephen Veillette	6 Mohawk Drive	6/30/2012
D Mary Ellen Cosker	20 Atwater Road	6/30/2009
D Sylvia Cancela	49 Sunset Terrace	6/30/2010

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>COMMISSION ON AGING</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every first Monday - 12:00 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
R Dorothea E. Murray	74 Lawton Rd	1/1/2011
D Maureen Wallison	11 Canton Valley Circle	1/1/2012
R Lorraine MacDonald	5 Oxbow Lane	1/1/2012
D Lawrence Soliani	121 Dowd Avenue, Unit #55	1/1/2009
D Arthur H. Blondin (Chair)	9 Orchard Hill Road	1/1/2010
R Lynn Miner	15 Olson Road	1/1/2012
U Linda Nelson	30 Camille Lane	1/1/2010
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
R Evelyn Kubas	82 East Hill Road	1/1/2013
U Michie Hesselbrock	185 Breezy Hill Road, Collinsville	1/1/2013
 <u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term) Meeting Schedule: Every second Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
U Alis Ohlheiser	126 Robin Road	7/1/2012
D Maureen Flynn	PO Box 377, Collinsville 06022	7/1/2009
U James Davis (Chair)	22 Westwood Drive	7/1/2009
D Jay Kaplan	71 Gracey Road	7/1/2009
D Sara Faulkner	25 Dyer Avenue	7/1/2010
U Wendy Madigan	166 Robin Drive	7/1/2010
VACANCY		

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DECD Central Tourism Representative

D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	n/a
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DESIGN REVIEW TEAM

Meeting Schedule: Every fourth Tuesday- 5:30 p.m.

(5 Regular Members - 4 year term), 1 Must be a Zoning Committee member

D Peter Clarke	15 Gildersleeve Avenue	7/1/2013
U Frank Mairano	60 Dyer Avenue	4/1/2008
R Gary Hath (Chair)	2 Tanglewood Drive	4/1/2009
U James Harris	8 Pheasant Hill Road	4/1/2010
D Joel Fried	PO Box 1189	4/1/2011

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(7 Regular members - 4 year term), Meeting Schedule: Every second Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEMBERS

R Anthony Trelli	711 Timber Lane	7/1/2012
D Anne Raftery	130 Main Street, 4D., Collinsville, 06019	7/1/2012
D Joseph F. Danajovits (Chair)	59 Indian Hill Road, Canton	7/1/2009
U Michele Dube	14 Wright Road	7/1/2009

(3) VACANCIES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Adam Libros	4 Market Street, Collinsville
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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE</u>		
Meeting Schedule: Every third Monday - 7:00 p.m.		
D William Roberts	58 Country Lane, Collinsville	n/a
VACANCY (Alternate)	58 Country Lane, Collinsville	n/a
<u>INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY</u>		
(5 Regular Members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate Members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every second Thursday- 7:00 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
U Jennifer R. Helfrich	18 Washburn Road	12/31/2010
D David Shepard	7 Pond View Drive	12/31/2011
D Robert Oswald (Chair)	138 Torrington Avenue	12/31/2011
U Edwin Evonsion	PO Box 312, No. Canton 06059	12/31/2009
U Michael Mischak	10 River Street	12/31/2009
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
(3) VACANCIES		
<u>JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		Meeting Schedule: Every third Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
D Tracy Whittingslow	42 Thompson Hill Road	6/30/2011
D Ruth Small (Chair)	315 East Hill Road	6/30/2011
U Elizabeth Taylor Huey	22 Hoffmann Road	6/30/2009
R Dan Jacobs	22 Lovely Street	6/30/2009
R William Sarmuk	37 Breezy Hill Road	6/30/2009
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
R Lee Brown-Egan	8 Noja Trail	6/30/2009
VACANCY		

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MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

(2 year term-must be a member of the Commission on Aging/appointed by CEO)

Claire Cote	3/18/2011
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OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION COMMISSION

7 Regular Members = 4 years

Director of Canton Land Conservation Trust; 1 Conservation Commission member; 1 Expertise within the development community member

Meeting Schedule: Every first Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

D Charlie DeWeese	263 Wright Road	12/31/2011
D Jay Kaplan	71 Gracey Road	12/31/2009
U Michael Puzzo	107 West Mountain Road	12/31/2009
D Andrew Pidgeon	10 Uplands Drive	12/1/2009
D Hedy L. Barton	PO Box 325, N Canton 06059	12/31/2009
U William Spatcher, Jr. (Chair)	17 Pond Road	12/31/2010

VACANCY

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

(7 Regular members - 4 year term), Meeting Schedule: Every third Monday - 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEMBERS

D Rebecca Andrews (Vice Chair)	7 Mills Lane	7/1/2012
D Christine Welcome (Chair)	4 Whitney Lane	7/1/2009
U Beverly Wallace-Hammond	7 Gemstone Drive	7/1/2009
U Andrea O'Neil	89 Indian Hill Road	7/1/2010
R Todd Q. Jacobs	21 East Hill Road	7/1/2011

(2) VACANCIES

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>PENSION COMMITTEE</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Quarterly- second Wednesday Feb., May, Aug., Nov., - 7:00 p.m.		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
R A. Joseph Boures (Chair)	15 Wilder's Pass	1/1/2012
R Mark T. Daley	3 Freeland Farms Drive	1/1/2012
D Joseph Vacca (Vice Chair)	101 High Valley	1/1/2009
R Michael "Ken" Griffin	51 Queens Peak	1/1/2011
R Daniel Towle	310 East Hill Road	1/1/2011

PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(4 regular members - 4 year term)

REGULAR MEMBERS

D Ronald L. Dymicki	5 Sugar Camp Road	7/1/2012
U David Madigan	PO Box 52, Canton Center 06020	7/1/2012
D Peter Reynolds (Chair)	4 Deer Run Road	7/1/2010
R Karen Berry	40 East Mountain Road	7/1/2010

PLAINVILLE AREA CABLE TELE. ADVISORY COUNCIL

(2 Regular Members), Meeting Schedule: Last Monday 4:00 p.m. except July, Aug., Dec.

REGULAR MEMBERS

(2) VACANCIES

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every first Monday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
D Rosemary Aldridge (Chair)	223 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	4/1/2011
VACANCY (R John (Jack) Lilliendahl)	268 Barbourtown Road	3/31/2012
U Michael DiPinto	260 Ratlum Road, New Hartford, 06057	4/1/2011
(2) VACANCIES		
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
R Bruce Mortimer	11 Center Street	3/31/2012
(2) VACANCIES		
<u>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</u>		
Democrate - Elizabeth Fournier	16 Country Lane	Elected
Deputy - Rich Constrastano	22 Colony Road	Elected
Republican - John (Jack) Miner	15 Olson Road	Elected
Deputy - Anne Raftery	130 Main Street, 4D, Collinsville	Elected
<u>TEMPORARY HYDRO PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>		
R Candace B. Langlois	51 Dyer Avenue, Canton	4/29/2011
D Nancy Miller	17 Dyer Avenue, Canton	4/29/2011
U David Madigan	PO Box 52, 166 Robin Drive, Canton Center	4/29/2011
R Matthew L. Stone	50 East Hill Road, 6C, Canton	4/29/2011
D Arthur E. Fournier, Jr.	16 Country Lane, Collinsville	4/29/2011
(Avon Rep.) Martin Kaplan	22 Cottonwood Drive, Avon, CT 06001	
(Avon Rep.) Adam Lazinsk	88 Deepwood Drive, Avon, CT 06001	

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>TEMPORARY FIRE/EMS RETENTION & RECRUITMENT STUDY COMMITTEE</u>		
R Richard Ohanesian	1 Whitney Lane	12/1/2009
U Richard Hutchings	PO Box 71, Collinsville 06022	12/1/2009
R Shirley C. Krompegal	277 East Hill Road	12/1/2009
D William Volovski	47 Gildersleeve Avenue	12/1/2009
D Linda Scarchuk	703 Timber Lane	12/1/2009
R Gerry Holland	8 Shingle Mill Drive	12/1/2009
R Steve Salcedo	10 Westwood Drive	12/1/2009
R Harold Freytag	175 Case Street	12/1/2009
<u>TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF STUDY</u>		
D Richard Eickenhorst	7 Shingle Mill Drive	12/1/2009
R Jean Bouchard	39 Lawton Road	12/1/2009
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road	12/1/2009
R Jonathan Webb	80 Dartmouth Drive	12/1/2009
D Maureen Wallison	11 Canton Valley Circle	12/1/2009
<u>TOWN MEETING MODERATORS</u>		
(1 Moderator - 2 year term)		
D James Bixler	16 Sunrise Drive	11/1/2009
ALTERNATE MEMBERS (up to 3 alternate Moderators - 2 year term)		
Paul Balavender	98 Andrew Drive	11/1/2009
R Lorinda M. Pane	5 Olson Road	11/1/2009
VACANCY		

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<u>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term), Meeting Schedule: Every second Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
L Matthew Stone	50 East Hill Road #6C	7/1/2012
D Stuart Greacen	31 Country Lane	7/1/2012
D Robert Suttmiller (Chair)	PO Box 275, Collinsville 06022	7/1/2009
U Matthew Schoenhardt	38 High Street	7/1/2011
VACANCY		
<u>WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE</u>		
U Alis Ohlheiser	126 Robin Drive	n/a
D David K. Leff	4 The Green	n/a
<u>YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term), 1 member must be 18-21 yrs. Old		
Meeting Schedule: Every fourth Thursday - 6:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
VACANCY Youth Member		
D Peter Black	612 Cherry Brook Road	7/1/2010
U Stan Krzanowski	625 Cherry Broo Road	7/1/2013
U Clinton Montgomery	8 Whirling Dun	7/1/2010
D Salin Miller Low	12 Meadowview Court	7/1/2010
D Glenn Barger	8 Pond Road	7/1/2013
D Sue E. Saidel	3 Westview Drive	7/1/2010

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every second Monday 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Jay Eustace	394 Cherry Brook Road	1/3/2012
U Robert Sigman	45 West Road	1/3/2012
R Paul Volovski (Chair)	66 Lawton Road	1/3/2009
D Anthony DeVito	20 Allen Place	1/3/2010
R Robert Brainard, Jr.	151 Wright Road	1/3/2011
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
D Peter Stein	PO Box 148, Canton Center 06020	1/1/2011
(2) VACANCIES		
<u>ZONING COMMISSION</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term), (3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every third Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Mark Podesla	8 Queens Peak Road	1/3/2012
D Peter Clarke	15 Gildersleeve Avenue	1/3/2012
R Kathy Hooker	35 Maple Avenue	1/3/2013
D Jay Weintraub, Chair	3 Uplands Drive	1/3/2013
D Sandra Trionfini	14 Case Street	1/3/2010
VACANCY		
R Philip Pane	5 Olson Road	1/3/2013
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
R Jeffrey E. Johnson	160 East Hill Road	1/3/2009
D Richard E. Narowski	PO Box 417, N. Canton 06059	1/3/2011
VACANCY		