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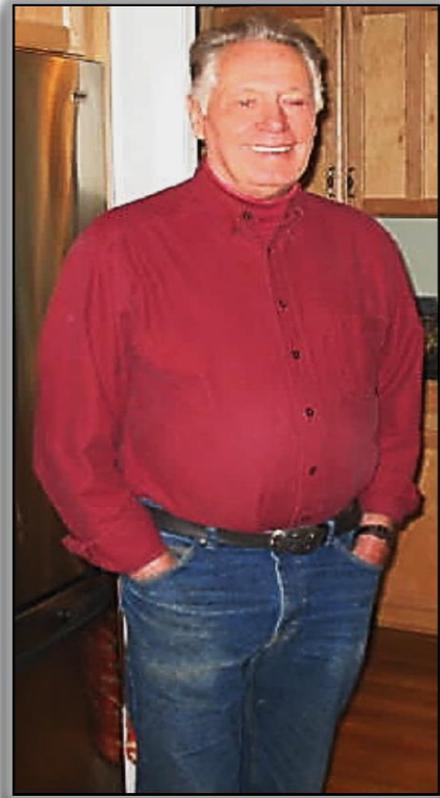


TOWN OF
CANTON_{CT}

Canton, Canton Center, North Canton & Collinsville

Town of Canton Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Emil J. Huyghebaert



It is with much gratitude and respect that the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Annual Report is dedicated to Emil Huyghebaert in recognition of his considerable public service and contributions to our Canton community.

Emil was a part of the Canton Community for a wonderful 54 years before passing away in August of 2014. He was a member and usher of St. Patrick's Church in Collinsville, a volunteer at the Collinsville Historical Museum, a member of the Ethics Committee for the Town of Canton and worked countless hours at the polls during the elections.

In addition to his contributions to the Town of Canton, Emil had a long dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, serving for over 30 years. Collinsville was very fortunate to have had him as Scoutmaster of Troop 77.

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**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 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 7:01p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Sarah Faulkner moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate an additional \$54,644 from the undesignated fund balance to the Board of Education Capital Improvement Account entitled Replacement of Canton Intermediate School Roof Top Heating Units, for the purpose of funding the replacement of two roof top heating units at the Canton Intermediate School?

Leslee Hill seconded.

Kevin Case, Superintendent of Schools, explained that 2 heating units at Canton Intermediate School failed in March 2014. The cost to replace both of them is \$54,644. Money was not budgeted for them in FY2013-2014. This was an unforeseen circumstance. The budget for FY2014-2015 was already developed and in front of the Board of Finance at the time. The work would be done in the summer in preparation for this next winter season.

Comments:

Richard Barlow – 321 Cherry Brook Road
Leslee Hill – 91 Andrew Drive

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was called for by the moderator. The results were inconclusive; therefore, a hand vote was called for by the moderator.

The motion vote passed with a vote of 11 yes – 9 no – 1 abstain.

Leslee Hill made a motion to adjourn.

Sarah Faulkner seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record 7/10/14

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Canton, Connecticut

Republican Primary

August 12, 2014

1 Governor Vote for One	2 Lieutenant Governor Vote for One	3 Comptroller Vote for One
<input type="radio"/> 1A Thomas C. Foley*	<input type="radio"/> 2A Penny Bacchiocchi*	<input type="radio"/> 3A Sharon J. McLaughlin*
<input type="radio"/> 1B John P. McKinney	<input type="radio"/> 2B Heather Somers	<input type="radio"/> 3B Angel Cadena
1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C David M. Walker	3C

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Assistant Town Clerk, Christopher O'Herron, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on

“Shall the Town of Canton appropriate an additional \$24,300 from the undesignated fund balance to the Board of Education Special Revenue Account?”

Leslee Hill seconded the motion.

Kevin Case, Superintendent of Schools, explained that the \$24,300 in question was billed by the Board of Education to the City of Hartford for special education costs associated with the CHOICE program. That amount has been paid by the City of Hartford to the Town of Canton, and the Board of Education is now asking the Town of Canton for reimbursement of said funds.

There were no comments from the public.

A voice vote was called for by the moderator.

The motion passed unanimously.

Leslee Hill made a motion to adjourn.

David Gilchrist seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Christopher J. O'Herron, Assistant Town Clerk

Received for record _____

Christopher J. O'Herron
Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, 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

Shall the Town of Canton create the part time position of Technical Support Specialist and fund the position by transferring funds in the amount of \$14,600 from the Consultant line item in the Information Technologies Department to a Full Time Salary line item within the same Department?

Seconded by David Gilchrist.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that the Town of Canton has been struggling to provide sufficient IT services to its departments. This move will create a full time, salaried position that will serve both Town departments and the Library.

Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed the history of IT services in Canton. In the recent past, when we outsourced the function, we did not have satisfactory results. Passage of this motion will move the arrangement back to an in-house, employee position.

There were no comments from the public

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

2. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on

Shall the Town of Canton create the position of Supervisor Dispatch by transitioning one of the existing Dispatcher positions to a Supervisor Dispatch position?

Seconded by Tom Sevigny.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that the position was created within the Dispatch contract for possible future use. It provides a key person within Dispatch for oversight and training. It is not an increase in staff.

Mr. Skinner explained that an existing position will be raised to the level of supervisor. Total additional cost to the line item will be \$4000 which is already within the budget's line item.

Chief of Police Arciero commented that the passage of this motion is a morale/career boost for the department and increases its professional obligation.

There were no comments from the public

The motion passed unanimously: YES 13 & NO 0.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

Received for record September 25, 2014

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, 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

Shall the Town of Canton transfer \$58,771.17 from the undesignated fund balance to the EMS Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of funding Fiscal Year 2013-2014 deficits in the EMS budget?

Seconded by David Gilchrist.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that the EMS is funded through a Special Revenue Fund which must balance out at the end of each fiscal year. In FY2013-2014 there were higher expenses due to:

- An increased number of transports
- Increased medical expenses
- A decrease in recovery of cost through billing

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

2. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and take action on

Shall the Town of Canton modify Ordinance Chapter 40 Article V entitled "Exemption for Veterans and Surviving Spouses" by adding a municipal option pursuant to Public Act 13-224 to provide an additional property tax relief exemption for veterans who are 100% disabled?

Seconded by Tom Sevigny.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that PA13-224 gave each municipality the opportunity to modify the veteran's tax relief ordinance to provide additional support to those vets who are 100% disabled.

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sevigny...Seconded by David Gilchrist.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

Received for record October 9, 2014

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CANTON
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2014

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Canton, Connecticut, was held at the Canton High School Auditorium, 76 Simonds Avenue in Canton, Connecticut, on the 22nd day of October 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

David Leff was chosen as moderator of the meeting and Linda Smith acted as clerk.

In the absence of objection the reading of the notice of the meeting was waived. The notice was published in The Hartford Courant on October 14, 2014, and is recorded in these records immediately preceding these minutes.

Item 1. (Municipal Highway Garage)

The Moderator called for the presentation of the resolution warned under item 1 of the notice appropriating \$4,780,000 for municipal highway garage site acquisition and construction. In the absence of objection the reading of the full text of the resolution into the minutes was waived, copies of the resolution having been made available to those in attendance.

Richard Barlow moved the resolution for adoption, which motion was seconded by Tom Sevigny. A copy of the full text of the resolution is recorded following these minutes.

The Moderator stated that since the Selectmen of the Town on their own initiative, had designated this item for submission to the voters in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes, it will be necessary to order a referendum on the resolution and adjourn this meeting after a reasonable discussion.

Mr. Barlow reviewed the history of the highway garage project and the role of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee. The reports of the Board of Selectmen and Board of finance were discussed which recommended the project appropriation and borrowing authorization. The report of the Planning and Zoning Commission was discussed which approved the proposed project pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Peter Reynolds, chairman of the PMBC, reviewed the list of projects completed by the PMBC and the charge given to it by the Board of Selectmen regarding the municipal highway garage. He reviewed the Plan of Conservation and Development's recommendation that the garage be relocated and the evaluation process that was given to the various sites which were considered over the years. This evaluation process has been comprehensive, detailed and has addressed all the issues which have been raised as a result of two prior failed referenda.

David Stein, from Silver/Petrucci and Associates, presented the plan they developed in conjunction with Town officials. His power point presentation follows these minutes.

Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed how we came to prioritize this project and its tax impact to residents should it pass at referendum. His power point presentation follows these minutes.

The Moderator then stated that the meeting was open for discussion of the foregoing resolution. Questions and comments were made by:

David Sinish-Dyer Ave
Aldo Bombassei-Bart Drive
John Sharp-Allen Place
Robert Oswald-Torrington Ave
Tim Healy-Bidwell Farm Road
Dave Hudon-Gildersleeve Ave
Glen Korner-East Mountain Rd
Tony Graves-High Valley Drive
Chris Budnick-Orchard Hill
John Bahre-Bunker Hill Road
Deborah Brodeur-Colony Road
Steve Roberto-Tanglewood Drive
Amanda Roberto-Tanglewood Drive
Tom Richardson-Freedom Drive
Larry Litton-Pheasant Hill Road
Chris Melite-Sunrise Drive
Bob Bessel-South Street
Tom Shannon-Mills Lane
Guerry Dotson-Torrington Ave

Upon voice vote, the Moderator declared that the town meeting was adjourned to a referendum vote and that the resolution would be placed upon the ballots under the headings as set out in the Notice of the Special Town Meeting. Voters approving a resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No”. Application for absentee ballots should be made to the Town Clerk’s office. Electors shall vote on the question at their respective polling places. Persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the following polling place: 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT, between the hours of 6am and 8pm.

The town meeting adjourned at 9:17pm for a referendum vote on the resolution under item 1 of the Notice.

Linda Smith, Canton Town Clerk

Attachment: Bond Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN MEETING
APPROPRIATING \$4,780,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF THE SITE FOR AND DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY GARAGE; AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE
APPROPRIATION
OCTOBER 22, 2014**

RESOLVED,

1. That the Town of Canton appropriate FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,780,000) for costs in connection with the acquisition of the site for and design, construction and equipping of an approximately 19,000 square foot municipal highway garage to be located on an approximately 4.75 acre parcel of land now or formerly owned by Canton Commerce Associates LLC, known as 325 Commerce Drive in Canton, and related work, improvements, equipment and appurtenances. It is contemplated that the project will include garage bays, a mechanic's bay, a wash bay, office space, a lunch room, locker space, an exterior refueling area and a salt shed. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition, design and construction costs, appurtenances, equipment, materials, testing and inspection costs, surveying, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Permanent Municipal Building Committee shall determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.
2. That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,780,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
3. That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes and the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the temporary notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,780,000). The temporary notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the temporary notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
4. That the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes.

5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

7. That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to construct and complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

November 4, 2014
Canton election Results:

Question #1 (State Constitution Amendment)

Yes 1945

No 2293

Question #2 (Canton Highway Garage – 325 Commerce Drive)

Yes 1806

No 2515

Governor

2535 Foley/Somers

1823 Malloy/Wyman

47 Visconti/Harris

5 Pelto/Murphy (Write In)

Rep in Congress

2099 Greenberg

2178 Esty

38 Pistone

State Senator

2863 Witkos

1513 Osborne

State Rep

3404 LeGeyt

Secretary of the State

2344 Lumaj

1810 Merrill

100 DeRosa

Treasurer

2538 Herbst

1712 Nappier

1 Maurer (Write In)

Comptroller

1893 Lembo

2218 McLaughlin

76 Maurer

Attorney General

1964 Westby

2167 Jepsen

113 Fournier

Judge of Probate

3047 Becker

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, 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 incorporate the duties of the Emergency Management Director into the Chief of Police position and increase the salary of the Chief of Police \$12,000 by transferring \$12,000 from the undesignated fund to the Supervisor Salary line item within the Administration Section of the Police Department budget?

Seconded by David Gilchrist.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that after the departure of the full time Fire Marshall/EM Director, they felt the best way to provide services at the lowest possible cost would be to put the Emergency Management Services under the direction of the Police Chief. This is a common activity in the Farmington Valley. The duties of the Fire Marshall will convert to a part time position.

Comment/Questions:

Gordon Geick-Birch Knoll Road

There being no further discussion or public input, the motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote.

David Gilchrist made a motion to adjourn. David Sinish Seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record November 13, 2014

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, 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 approve the part-time position of Animal Control Officer and transfer \$18,000 from the Animal Control Officer line item to a part-time hourly line item within the Police – Animal Control Department budget?

Seconded by David Gilchrist.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that the position of Animal Control Officer, once shared as a contractor position with the Town of Avon, has now changed. The ACO position is now a part time position in Avon. We are looking to make the position a part time, on-demand position.

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Town Hall Auditorium, 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Town 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.

The Moderator reminded the audience that in accordance with the Town Charter, no binding votes will be taken.

Richard Barlow dedicated the FY2013-2014 to Mr. Richard Ohanesian. Mr. Ohanesian was a member of the Board of Finance for sixteen years from 1995 to 2003 and from 2005 until 2013. As an active member of the Board, Richard served as the Chairman for two consecutive terms. Under his leadership the Town continued to enhance and expand many town programs while at the same time control annual tax increases. During his tenure, the Town participated in many capital projects including major school expansions, construction of a new police station, bonding for major road improvements and roof replacements, upgrades to the swimming pool at Mills Pond and construction of a new track and field with parking lot improvements at the Canton High School. Richard was known for fiscal conservatism and he had the ability to focus on the long term impacts of issues presented to the Board of Finance. He promoted strong fiscal controls and enhanced management practices that kept pace with ever expanding public financial standards. His thoughtful and balanced approach benefited the Town by allowing the controlled expansion of Town and education services while maintaining a low tax impact on our citizens. Under his leadership, the Town was able to increase the value of its unallocated reserve funds in a very challenging economic climate which was a key factor in obtaining a favorable bond rating. At the same time, the Town was able to purchase open space including the Cannon Preserve and Carpenter property, thereby retaining the rural character of Canton for future generations.

The Moderator then yielded the floor to Mr. Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, to:

HOLD A DISCUSSION on rehabilitation options for Town Bridge Road Bridge over the Farmington River [Bridge No. 05222] as specified in the Preliminary Structure Report dated November 2014 and prepared by TranSystems Corporation. A copy of the report is available on the Town Web Site at www.townofcantonct.org and at the Town Clerk's Office and the Canton Public Library.

Mr. Skinner reviewed the recent history of the bridge's condition and lowered weight limit. Beginning in 2008 the Board of Selectmen began looking at the options for the bridge. In 2010 we were awarded a \$6,683,232 Federal grant, 20% of which needed to be paid for by the Town (\$1,336,646). We applied for, and received, a \$200K STEEP grant which will go towards that Town share. A Town referendum in November 2010 accepted the grant and permitted fund balance to pay for the remainder of the Town share. We then went to an RFP process and hired Transystems as consultants on the project.

Brian McGovern, Project Manager from Transystems Corp, used a PowerPoint presentation to outline the bridge options. He discussed:

- Project Timeline
- Project Goals
- Existing Bridge Description

- Existing Bridge Conditions
- Alternatives
 - Alternate N (Do Nothing)
 - Alternate 1A
 - Alternate 1B
 - Alternate 1C
 - Alternate 2
- Cost Comparison
- Cost Effective Option
- Alternate 1B Summary & Rehabilitation Plan

Mike Marzi, representative from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Office of Rights of Way, discussed the process of establishing easements on properties and the taking of land. The Alternative chosen by the Town will determine the extent of the process. If Alternate 1B were chosen, temporary easements, which would be extinguished after construction, would be established.

Before opening up the discussion to the audience, the Moderator commented that one of the things that make Town Bridge special is that it is a wholly made Connecticut product. It was made by Berlin Iron Works in Berlin CT.

Discussion:

Dexter Cheney: 19 Town Bridge Road

Kathy Munroe: 17 Town Bridge Road

Anthony Newman: 5 Whirling Dun

Ken Bierut: 5 Wickhams Fancy

David Sinish: 20 Dyer Ave

David Hudon: 48 Gildersleeve Ave

Eric Jackson: 137 Main Street

Fred Schott: 51 Wickhams Fancy

Davida Greacen: 31 Country Lane

Rachel Baugher: 24 Country Lane

Bob Bessell: 4 South Street

John Benoit: 131 Torrington Ave

Kelly Hagymasi: 26 Country Lane

Additional comments were made by Mr. Skinner and Mr. McGovern that the cost estimates presented at the meeting were construction costs only. Additional design and oversight costs would need to be added in.

Because these grants have already been accepted at referendum (Nov 2010) the next step would be getting a Board of Selectmen recommendation of which Alternative to proceed with, getting final DOT approvals on that recommendation and beginning the restoration/construction/repair work. The consensus in preliminary discussions is option 1B.

Ken Humphrey made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bessell seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record 1/22/2015

TOWN OF CANTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 4, 2015

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, 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.

There being no objection, the reading of the resolution was waived.

Richard Barlow moved that the meeting consider and act upon the following resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$950,000 for costs in connection with the acquisition of a ladder truck and related equipment for use by the Town of Canton Volunteer Fire & EMS Department. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, equipment, testing and inspection costs, consultant fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 to finance the appropriation for the project, and to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of grants; to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes and temporary notes, and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes and temporary notes; to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes and temporary notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years and to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes and temporary notes; and

(c) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Chief Administrative Officer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Seconded by Richard Hutchings

Discussion:

Craig Robbins, Deputy Chief of Fire/EMS, explained that Ladder Truck #2 failed inspection in October 2014. The replacement of parts and cost to fix the truck is approximately \$155,000. The truck is 17 years old, has all original parts, and any replacement parts that need to be replaced would be difficult to obtain from the manufacturer, a company which has been sold off to other companies two times since the initial purchase. They have no specific truck in mind for purchase at this time.

The Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Craig Robbins.
Seconded by Glenn Powell.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2015**

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Middle/High School Auditorium, 76 Simonds Ave, Canton, CT.

David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Board of Finance Chairman Brian First made the following motion:
“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,834,299 BE APPROVED?”

Seconded by Tom Sevigny

The moderator called for explanations of the budget.

Brian First summarized the budget mailer that was mailed to every household and is attached to these minutes:

- The grand list had very small growth this past year
- In order to keep up with expenses, we want to have a health grand list and continued growth
- We prefer to increase our commercial tax base
- Promote responsible growth fitting with the character of our town
- The budget process (which included the BOS, BOE & BOF) was explained
- Overall tax increase which is proposed is 2.21% with an annual tax increase of \$150 for the average Canton home

Leslee Hill, Chairwoman of the Board of Education, summarized the BOE proposal:

- .82% increase budget proposal
- The proposal meets all of the BOE contractual obligations and maintains District guideline class sizes
- Savings which have been realized and new initiatives were outlined
- The recently adopted 5 year strategic plan puts forth the mission and vision of the District and drive the goal setting which in turn drives the budget priorities
- Full day kindergarten is the most highly demanded new initiative
- STEM curriculum is another initiative of this budget proposal
- Open Choice grants and PTO generosity will fund some of the STEM needs
- Personnel costs are the largest driver of the budget
- There is a commitment to maintain the buildings-CIP costs are included in the operating budget

Robert Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, summarized the BOS proposal:

- 3.34% increase budget proposal
- Emphasis by the BOS is on the Town’s infrastructure, roads in particular
- CIP increased 22% and includes roads, EMS vehicle, and snowplow
- Operating budget increased 1.39% and includes salaries/benefits and a decrease in the cost of health insurance/pension

- Efficiencies were found in the Transfer Station. It will be open only 3 days per week beginning Jan 2016, freeing up 16 man hours per week to work in other high demand areas of DPW. The cost of the fee is expected to go down.
- The greatest emphasis continues to be pavement management. 19% of the BOS budget will be dedicated to pavement management.
- Overall the budget reflects the need to maintain the Town's infrastructure while being efficient in general operations

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Paper/secret ballot voting commenced.

The motion passed with the following vote results:

Yes	153
No	7
Abstain	1

There being no further business the motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Smith
Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record May 12, 2015

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate funds from the undesignated fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of replacement windows at the Canton Middle/High School?

Leslee Hill seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow explained that this is a Board of Education project that was brought to the Board of Finance for consideration. In lieu of including it in the recent bonding package, the BOF decided to fund the project through the undesignated fund balance.

Kevin Case, Superintendent of Schools, explained that the windows in the Canton Middle/High School are as old as the building (from the 1970s) and are not energy efficient. The project has the possibility of being funded through a state grant at 39.6%. The application for the grant will be filed by June 30, 2015 and, if approved, work will be done in the summer of 2016.

Questions/Comments:

John Huyghebaert-162 Hill Street

There being no further comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Diane Boorjian made a motion to adjourn.

Tom Sevigny seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record 6/11/15

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 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 7:00p.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

Shall the Town of Canton adopt the Ordinance entitled “Ordinance Establishing Polling Places for the Town of Canton” which establishes the Canton Middle/High School as the location of regular elections as defined in Section 9-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Canton Community Center as the location for all other elections and referenda?

Seconded by Ben Holden

Discussion:

Mr. Barlow spoke about the background of making the polling place more handicapped accessible and to comply with ADA requirements. Circumstances have recently come about which make it possible to make it possible to move the polling place from its historical home. The first is the computerization of Registrar of Voter records giving easy access to those records outside of the Town Hall. The second is a law recently passed by the State of Connecticut which closes all public schools on the November election day.

Comments by the public:

- Richard Barlow – 321 Cherry Brook Road
- Ben Holden – 20 Boulder Ridge

The motion vote was 10 yes – 2 no

There being no further business before the Special Town Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
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PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

TOWN OF CANTON
PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2015

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman

David W. Gilchrist
Stephen J. Roberto

Lowell Humphrey
Thomas Sevigny

BOARD OF FINANCE

Brian D. First, Chairman

Bill Canny
Kenneth S. Humphrey
Mary B. Tomolonius

Richard Eickenhorst
Elizabeth Kandrysawtz

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Leslee B. Hill, Chairman

Julie Ausere
David Briggs
Dana L. Kosior
Jack Powell

Peg Berry
Ana Cavanaugh
Laurie McKenna
Helen Treacy

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Robert Skinner
Christopher Arciero
Amy O'Toole
Lisa Theroux
Harry DerAsadourian
Linda Smith
George Wallace
Neil Pade
Robert Martin
Sarah McCusker
Joshua Medeiros
William Rich
Tim Tharau
Claire Cote

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools
Business Manager

Kevin D. Case
Anna Robbins

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
PROPERTY TAXES				
Current year tax collections	\$ 30,861,929	\$ 30,861,929	\$ 31,036,073	174,144
Prior year tax collections	224,000	224,000	476,802	252,802
Tax interest and liens	130,000	130,000	220,856	90,856
Total property taxes	<u>31,215,929</u>	<u>31,215,929</u>	<u>31,733,732</u>	<u>517,803</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES				
State miscellaneous	1,200	1,200	-	(1,200)
Town aid road	244,987	244,987	245,255	268
Equalized cost-sharing	15,800	15,800	15,800	-
Transportation	3,457,436	3,457,436	3,385,315	(72,121)
Special education excess cost	42,093	42,093	45,142	3,049
Municipal Revenue Sharing	-	-	-	-
Mashantucket Pequot grant	22,289	22,289	24,270	1,981
FEMA grant proceeds	-	-	10,319	10,319
State PILOT - elderly supplement	61,000	61,000	62,443	1,443
State PILOT - disabled	750	750	948	198
State PILOT - veterans	2,000	2,000	2,757	757
State PILOT - State property	25,911	25,911	31,365	5,454
State PILOT - manufacturing	7,518	7,518	7,518	-
Housing Authority	10,000	10,000	13,047	3,047
Total intergovernmental revenues	<u>3,890,984</u>	<u>3,890,984</u>	<u>3,844,180</u>	<u>(46,804)</u>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Telecom tax	30,000	30,000	27,304	(2,696)
BOE tuition fees	115,000	115,000	192,583	77,583
Hunting and fishing licenses	100	100	94	(6)
Town clerk miscellaneous permits and licenses	10,000	10,000	9,808	(192)
Dog licenses	1,300	1,300	1,333	33
Fire Marshall permits and fire reports	600	600	550	(50)
Building licenses and permits	130,000	130,000	137,452	7,452
Land use licenses and permits	2,700	2,700	2,241	(459)
Zoning License & Fees	10,000	10,000	1,950	(8,050)
Zoning applications	4,000	4,000	11,619	7,619
Aquifer Protection applications	-	-	1,100	1,100
Planning applications	1,000	1,000	250	(750)
ZBA appeal fee	600	600	500	(100)
Inland wetlands	-	-	1,340	1,340
Newsletter advertising	6,000	6,000	2,860	(3,140)
BOE facilities rental	-	-	-	-
BOE miscellaneous revenue	-	-	4,979	4,979
Town clerk conveyance tax	250,000	250,000	206,701	(43,299)
Tax and town clerk printing services	10,000	10,000	10,232	232
Assessor printing and duplicating services	-	-	270	270
Bad check fees	100	100	309	209

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (Concluded)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (Continued)				
Police printing and duplicating services	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 672	\$ (28)
Private duty - administration	30,000	30,000	79,635	49,635
Police gun permits	5,000	5,000	4,760	(240)
Police raffle tickets	100	100	50	(50)
Alarm registration fees	-	-	300	300
Vendor permits	200	200	475	275
Traffic fines	3,000	3,000	5,250	2,250
False alarm fines			1,550	1,550
Police Miscellaneous	-	-	2,025	2,025
Dog Licenses/Shelter	11,280	11,280	11,560	280
Dog adoption fee	50	50	15	(35)
Rental town property	10,000	10,000	11,990	1,990
AT&T tower	20,700	20,700	20,700	-
BOS miscellaneous revenue	1,000	1,000	16,942	15,942
Dial-a-Ride tickets	1,000	1,000	1,668	668
Swimming pool fees	32,000	32,000	29,535	(2,466)
Pool daily attendance fee	7,500	7,500	6,858	(642)
Building printing and duplicating services	-	-	50	50
Land use printing and duplicating services	200	200	201	1
Land use fines	-	-	75	75
Planning & Zoning comm regulations services	250	250	-	(250)
Inland wetland agency regulation	2,500	2,500	2,693	193
Library printing and duplicating services	13,000	13,000	11,408	(1,592)
Total charges for services	<u>709,880</u>	<u>709,880</u>	<u>821,887</u>	<u>112,007</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>11,895</u>	<u>(2,205)</u>
Total revenues	<u>35,830,893</u>	<u>35,830,893</u>	<u>36,411,693</u>	<u>580,800</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of fund balance	-	724,291	-	(724,291)
BondpPremium	-	-	137,485	137,485
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>724,291</u>	<u>137,485</u>	<u>(586,806)</u>
Total revenues and other other financing sources	<u>\$ 35,830,893</u>	<u>\$ 36,555,184</u>	<u>\$ 36,549,178</u>	<u>\$ (6,006)</u>

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectmen	\$ 43,020	\$ 45,036	\$ 45,036	\$ -
Chief Administrator	242,889	237,922	237,922	-
Election	26,849	26,849	24,117	(2,732)
Probate court	2,719	2,719	2,719	-
Town counsel	80,000	48,561	48,561	-
Town clerk	123,961	129,947	127,291	(2,656)
Contingency	75,798	-	-	-
Information Technologies	103,126	104,584	104,584	-
Total general government	<u>698,362</u>	<u>595,618</u>	<u>590,230</u>	<u>(5,388)</u>
FINANCE				
Board of Finance	41,850	41,850	41,351	(499)
Finance	204,341	204,820	204,820	-
Assessor	129,935	127,656	127,656	-
Tax collector	91,216	86,019	86,019	-
Total finance	<u>467,342</u>	<u>460,345</u>	<u>459,846</u>	<u>(499)</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	1,844,538	1,813,167	1,813,167	-
Service incentive	34,100	34,100	33,900	(200)
Fire services	279,082	272,730	272,730	-
Fire marshal	83,352	56,310	56,310	-
Emergency services	37,136	37,136	37,136	-
Total public safety	<u>2,278,208</u>	<u>2,213,443</u>	<u>2,213,243</u>	<u>(200)</u>
PUBLIC WORKS				
Town hall	276,586	279,150	279,150	-
Park department	91,112	91,112	89,701	(1,411)
General highway	1,025,559	1,212,490	1,212,490	-
Town garage	33,880	37,455	37,455	-
Grange	5,880	5,880	5,207	(673)
Utilities	207,000	200,079	200,079	-
Community center	99,303	76,494	76,494	-
Total public works	<u>1,739,320</u>	<u>1,902,660</u>	<u>1,900,576</u>	<u>(2,084)</u>

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (Concluded)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
HUMAN SERVICES				
Community Agencies	\$ 78,544	\$ 77,602	\$ 75,592	\$ (2,010)
Senior/Social services	159,787	164,439	164,439	-
Park and recreation	203,992	203,933	203,933	-
Library	587,298	568,721	568,721	-
Total human services	<u>1,029,621</u>	<u>1,014,695</u>	<u>1,012,685</u>	<u>(2,010)</u>
INSURANCE	<u>266,566</u>	<u>266,566</u>	<u>264,850</u>	<u>(1,716)</u>
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Building official	57,385	46,595	46,595	-
Town planner	269,204	249,003	249,003	-
Total planning and development	<u>326,589</u>	<u>295,598</u>	<u>295,598</u>	<u>-</u>
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>1,935,135</u>	<u>2,004,216</u>	<u>2,004,216</u>	<u>-</u>
EDUCATION	<u>24,278,656</u>	<u>24,154,447</u>	<u>24,150,247</u>	<u>(4,200)</u>
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	925,000	925,000	925,000	-
Interest	425,689	425,689	391,369	(34,320)
Total debt service	<u>1,350,689</u>	<u>1,350,689</u>	<u>1,316,369</u>	<u>(34,320)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>34,370,488</u>	<u>34,258,277</u>	<u>34,207,859</u>	<u>(50,418)</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers out:				
Emergency Services Fund	36,666	107,366	107,366	-
Youth Services Bureau	14,300	14,300	14,300	-
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	1,409,439	2,051,030	2,051,030	-
Cafeteria Fund	-	124,209	124,209	-
Total other financing uses	<u>1,460,405</u>	<u>2,296,905</u>	<u>2,296,905</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 35,830,893</u>	<u>\$ 36,555,182</u>	<u>\$ 36,504,764</u>	<u>\$ (50,418)</u>

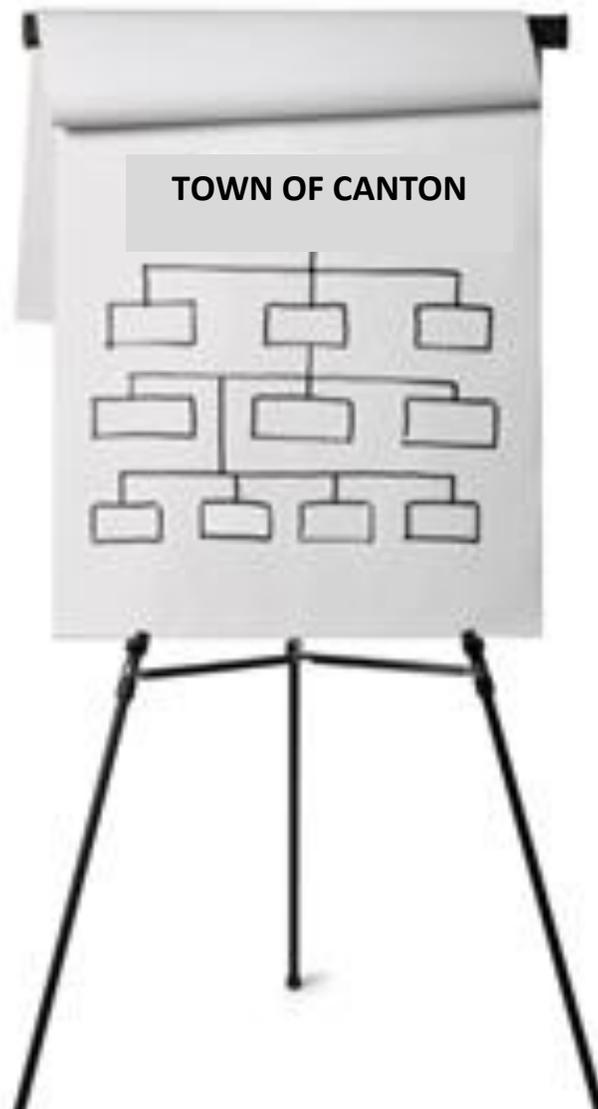
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED, COLLECTED AND OUTSTANDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Grand List Year	Balance Uncollected June 30, 2014	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers To Suspense	Balance To Be Collected	Collections		Balance Uncollected June 30, 2015
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest and Lien Fees	
1998	\$ 28,958	-	\$ -	\$ 28,958	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1999	17,467	-	-	-	-	17,467	-	-	17,467
2000	18,039	-	-	-	-	18,039	-	-	18,039
2001	18,634	-	-	-	-	18,634	-	-	18,634
2002	19,644	-	-	-	-	19,644	-	-	19,644
2003	21,627	-	-	-	-	21,627	-	-	21,627
2004	21,768	-	-	-	-	21,768	-	-	21,768
2005	25,577	-	-	-	-	25,577	425	466	25,152
2006	29,637	-	-	-	-	29,637	3,110	3,896	26,527
2007	36,215	-	-	-	-	36,215	8,986	6,841	27,229
2008	64,657	-	-	-	-	63,080	30,534	14,693	32,546
2009	85,297	-	-	-	-	83,693	33,720	24,207	49,973
2010	63,580	-	-	-	-	61,904	36,080	18,217	54,297
2011	154,424	-	71	3,276	623	150,596	61,018	27,475	88,493
2012	339,344	-	1,024	6,126	899	333,343	201,700	44,560	246,260
Suspense Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,968	8,810	13,778
Total prior years	944,868	-	1,095	43,157	1,522	901,284	380,541	148,740	529,281
2013	-	31,314,580	56,728	85,523	5,673	31,280,112	30,984,321	81,863	31,066,184
Total	\$ 944,868	\$ 31,314,580	\$ 57,823	\$ 128,680	\$ 7,195	\$ 32,181,396	\$ 31,364,862	\$ 230,603	\$ 31,595,465
									\$ 821,502

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

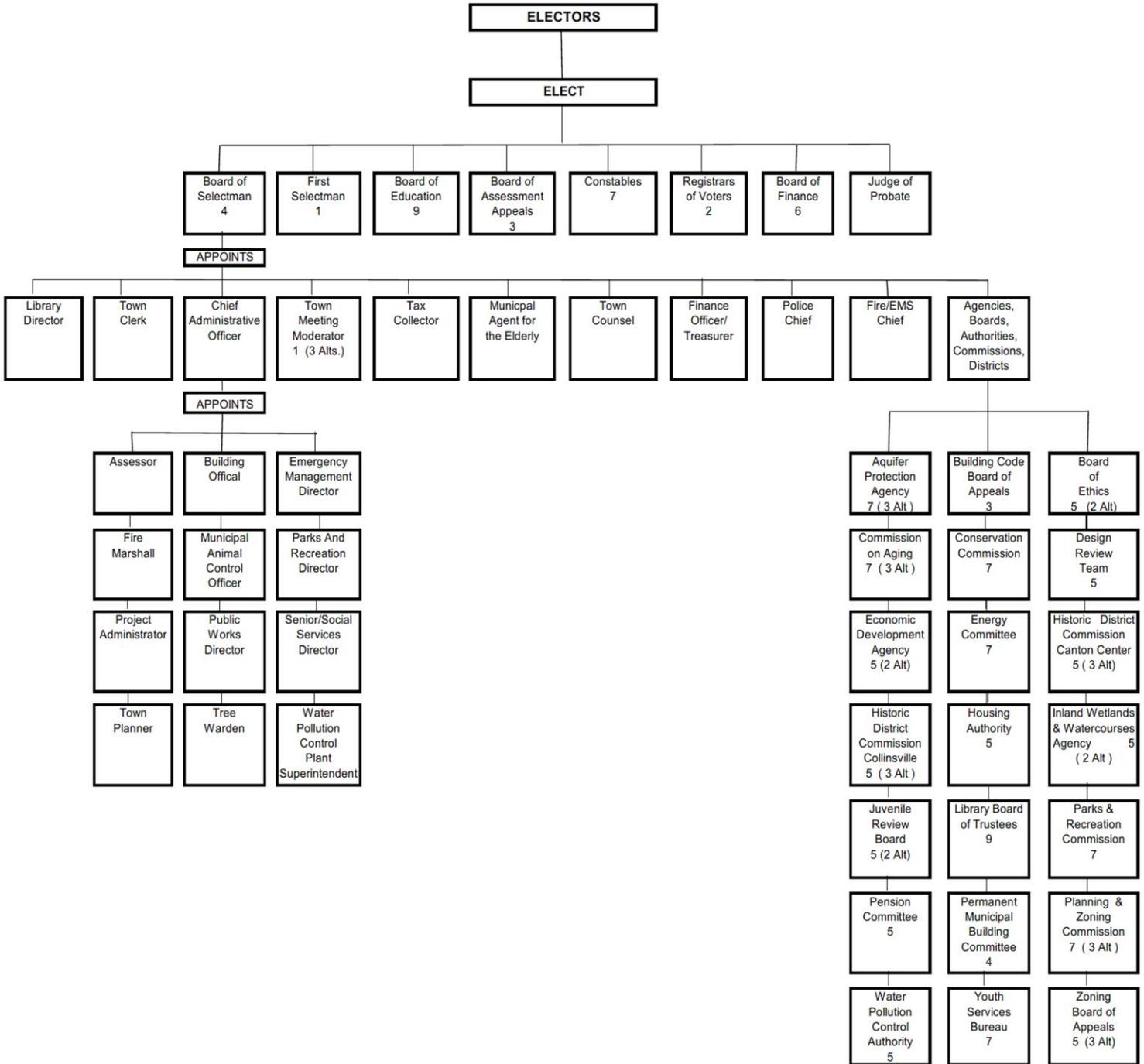
Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2006	\$ 23,946,672	\$ 23,671,042	98.85%	\$ 253,862	\$ 23,924,904	99.91%
2007	26,157,302	25,878,675	98.93%	253,475	26,132,150	99.90%
2008	27,750,623	27,484,464	99.04%	239,632	27,724,096	99.90%
2009	28,640,303	28,315,851	98.87%	297,223	28,613,074	99.90%
2010	28,383,440	28,060,523	98.86%	288,794	28,349,317	99.88%
2011	29,069,980	28,696,728	98.72%	321,675	29,018,403	99.82%
2012	29,535,976	29,182,732	98.80%	325,721	29,508,453	99.91%
2013	29,937,828	29,614,732	98.92%	229,641	29,844,373	99.69%
2014	30,598,767	30,259,423	98.89%	189,910	30,449,333	99.51%
2015	31,314,580	30,984,321	98.95%		30,984,321	98.95%

Source: Town of Canton, Office of the Tax Collector.



ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

TOWN OF CANTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Town of Canton Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015



ANNUAL REPORT

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office is responsible for the preparation of the Town's annual Grand List. This year the Grand List was \$1,103,048,233. The Grand List is a complete listing of all properties in town, their 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 the July tax bills. The Town is required to recalibrate all real estate assessments once every five years to 70% of their fair market value. This was last completed in 2013. The overall 2014 Grand List increased by \$6,648,343 or .6%.

Listed below are the three categories that make up the Grand List. The amounts reported are prior to any adjustments made by the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Real Estate Increased \$5,162,910 to \$975,884,990 or .53%. Contributing to this increase was the completion of several new single family homes.

Personal Property increased \$852,760 to \$44,243,510 or 1.96%. 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 increased \$632,673 to \$82,919,733 or .77%. Included in this figure are all motor vehicles registered and garaged in Canton on October 1st of each year and vehicles are valued using the NADA Pricing Guide.

In preparation of the Grand List, tax maps are kept current. Extensive fieldwork is completed to update our records for building changes. This office is also responsible for the administration of the veterans, blind and disabled exemption programs and the State and Town elderly tax relief program. This year a total of \$245,576.73 was granted in elderly tax relief to 121 property owners.

**TOWN OF CANTON
TOP TEN TAXPAYERS
2014 GRAND LIST**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
1.	W/S Peak Properties LLC	Retail Shopping Center	\$ 35,982,810
2.	C L & P	Public Utility	\$17,110,040
3.	Wakefern Food Corp	Supermarket	\$5,925,210
4.	Kohls	Retail	\$5,290,760
5.	New Horizons Inc.	Health Care Facility	\$5,127,460
6.	Connecticut Water Company	Public Utility	\$4,520,220
7.	Boulder Ridge Association LTD	Apartments	\$4,338,100
8.	Henry J. Bahre.	Retail Center	\$2,941,550
9.	Collinsville Savings Bank.	Bank	\$2,847,240
10.	CVS	Retail	<u>\$2,779,450</u>
	TOTAL		\$86,862,840
	% Of Grand List		7.87%

2014 GRAND LIST

<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net Grand List</u>
1,103,048,233	2,238,710	1,100,809,523

Percent of Grand List by Class

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Real Estate	88.54%	88.47%
Motor Vehicle	7.5%	7.51%
Personal Property	3.96%	4.02%

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 2014-2015, the APA held four (4) regular meetings.

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 two (2) alternates.

The APA holds regular quarterly meetings and special meetings on an as-needed basis 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

David Sinish - Chairman

As required by State law, the Board of Assessment Appeals held one meeting during the month of March to hear appeals concerning the Grand List of October 1, 2014. Any property owner who felt the assessment of their property due to the Revaluation was inaccurate could appeal to the Board.

A total of one (1) appeals were heard (1 Real Estate, 0 Personal Property, and 0 Motor Vehicle).

The result of these appeals were:

Real Estate	0 Granted	1 Denied
Personal Property	0 Granted	0 Denied
Motor Vehicles	0 Granted	0 Denied

Final Grand List after the Board of Assessment Appeals was no change.

<u>Gross</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net</u>
1,103,048,233	2,238,710	1,100,809,523

Board of Assessment Appeals Members

Arnold Goldman
David Sinish, Chairman
Carol York

BOARD OF ETHICS

Again, as with FY 2013-2014, FY 2014-2015 has been an inactive year for the Board of Ethics, but we on the Board are ready to respond when asked.

The Board received two (2) letters of recusal from Canton officials removing themselves from the possibility of a conflict of interest concerning business decisions that their Commissions or Boards were considering.

During this reporting period, there was one regular meeting in which we were pleased to meet our newest appointed regular member, Ryan O'Donnell. He filled the vacancy left by the death of one of our charter members, Emil Huyghebaert. Eleven regular meetings were cancelled. There are two alternate position vacancies yet to be filled.

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. The Board of Ethics meeting schedule, meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the town of Canton website: www.townofcantonct.org . 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, performing the duties of the office on a part-time basis, conducted a total of 753 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/ Permit Statistics Fiscal Year 2014-2015

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value of Permits</u>
Addition/Alteration	140	\$3,512,550
Deck	9	\$78,500
Demolition	5	\$29,687
Electrical	165	\$460,514
Garage/Shed	10	\$231,672
HVAC/Woodstove	216	\$1,200,804
Commercial	13	\$1,043,138
New Residential	10	\$3,076,876
Plumbing	77	\$193,580
Pool	5	\$104,000
Roofing/Siding	47	\$2,169,415
Foundation	3	\$40,000
Total	700	\$12,140,474

Total Value of Permits and Permit Fees

<u>July-June 2014-2015</u>		<u>July-June 2013-2014</u>	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Permit Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Permit Fees</u>
\$12,140,474	\$125,814	\$10,634,294	\$165,356

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Canton Chamber of Commerce represents and supports the Canton business community for the purpose of helping to ensure the growth and success of its members. The Chamber is a volunteer network of local business, professional and government leadership working together to advance the economic and civic development of the business community. Pooling the skills, talents and resources of each individual to drive and support business opportunity and improvement, the Chamber is vital and growing. Membership has increased by over 30% to 250 since 2003, the year the Chamber opened its first office in Canton at 220 Albany Turnpike.

The Chamber's 2013 strategic planning process led to a redefinition of its mission: "The mission of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is to *"Advocate for its members and Advance their Success"*. Implementation of this new direction was launched with focus on five major initiatives: Advocacy, Outreach, Education, Marketing and Membership. The Chamber actively participates and advocates for its members with government boards and commissions; and it played an active role during the Zoning Commission's recent rewrite and finalization of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development update and the changes to the Sign Regulations.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce fulfills its mission through the commitment and efforts of its volunteer leaders. Its officers, directors, committee chairs and committee members—over 50 dedicated business people and professionals—endorse the Chamber's goals and strive to make it a vital organization that benefits the entire town. The Chamber strives to build greater awareness of each member business within its customer and client community.

Active Canton Chamber of Commerce members subscribe to the objectives and purpose of the Chamber. Individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, non-profits and other entities that conduct business are eligible for membership. Like-minded persons and non-profit organizations that do not conduct business are eligible for Associate membership.

The Canton Chamber's website, CantonChamberOfCommerce.com, was recently redesigned and is Canton's most comprehensive and complete directory of local businesses, products and services. Shopping is simplified for those who want to buy locally, strengthen Canton's economic vitality, provide jobs and lessen the Town's reliance on residential taxes—thereby enhancing the quality of life of our community. Unlike static and cumbersome telephone company classified directories, the Chamber website is a dynamic and invaluable resource, constantly being updated to include current events and information, new Chamber member announcements and changes to members' listings.

Visit the Chamber at CantonChamberOfCommerce.com; call the Executive Director or Office Manager at 860-693-0405; or visit the Chamber's centrally located office in Canton Village, Building 1, 220 Albany Turnpike.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission functions under the authority of Chapter 149 of the Town of Canton Code. The primary functions of the Conservation Commission are to conduct research into the utilization of land areas of the municipality, prepare maps and publications, inventory natural resources and keeps an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas. It may from time to time recommend to the planning commission plans and programs for the development and use of such areas. It may make recommendations to zoning commissions, planning commissions, inland wetlands agencies and other municipal agencies on proposed land use changes and manage municipally-owned open space.

After the discharge of the Town of Canton Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission, the Conservation Commission took up the lead role for the community in identifying, evaluating and recommending pieces of land for acquisition.

The Conservation Commission met twelve (12) times in 2014-2015. It consists of five members and meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission holds site-walks as needed. All meetings are open to the public.

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 no regular meetings or special meetings, and processed no applications for review of buildings and site plans.

As of April of 2014, the DRT has been unable to attain a quorum to conduct business. The town is presently in the process of developing form based codes and specific design standards for Collinsville and three (3) areas of Route 44 based on public input on a Design Charrette held in June, 2014. Once completed, these standards will supplement the DRT process.

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.

The purpose of Canton's EDA is to:

- Conduct research into the economic conditions and trends of the Town,
- Make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of the Town regarding actions to improve economic conditions and development, and
- Seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development.

The Canton Economic Development Agency continued to execute its three year plan which had the following components:

- Build public awareness about the need for commercial development.
- Work with the town to implement the plan of conservation and development.
- Construct a powerful marketing campaign aimed at attracting appropriate businesses to town.
- Help existing Canton businesses improve their economic viability and create opportunities to expand in Canton.

We applied for and received a \$10,000 grant to hire a marketing/planning consultant to help size the market and develop a targeted marketing system to promote the town as the place to do business. The grant essentially doubled the town's buying power, allowing us to hire a top notch consulting firm. Their engagement began on August 17.

The EDA is a volunteer agency appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist businesses and plan for the economic well-being of the Town. The EDA held ten (10) regular and seven (7) special meetings during this fiscal year.

The EDA is comprised of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Library Community Center. Members of the local business community and the general public are welcome to attend.

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 Finance Department processes accounts payable weekly and payroll bi-weekly. In 2014-15 the department accounted for 6,306 separate expenditures, 1,144 deposits, 3,312 journal entries and payroll, benefit and tax records for 240 employees during the year.

The Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2013-14 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 15th consecutive year.

TOWN FINANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2014-15 totaled \$35,830,893.

The mil rate was 28.56.

The Town's credit rating is AAA.

The Town achieved a collection rate of 99.05% on the current levy.

The Town's Outstanding Bonds at June 30, 2015 totaled \$22,253,077.

The Town's actual expenditures were \$36,504,764 and actual revenues totaled \$36,549,178.

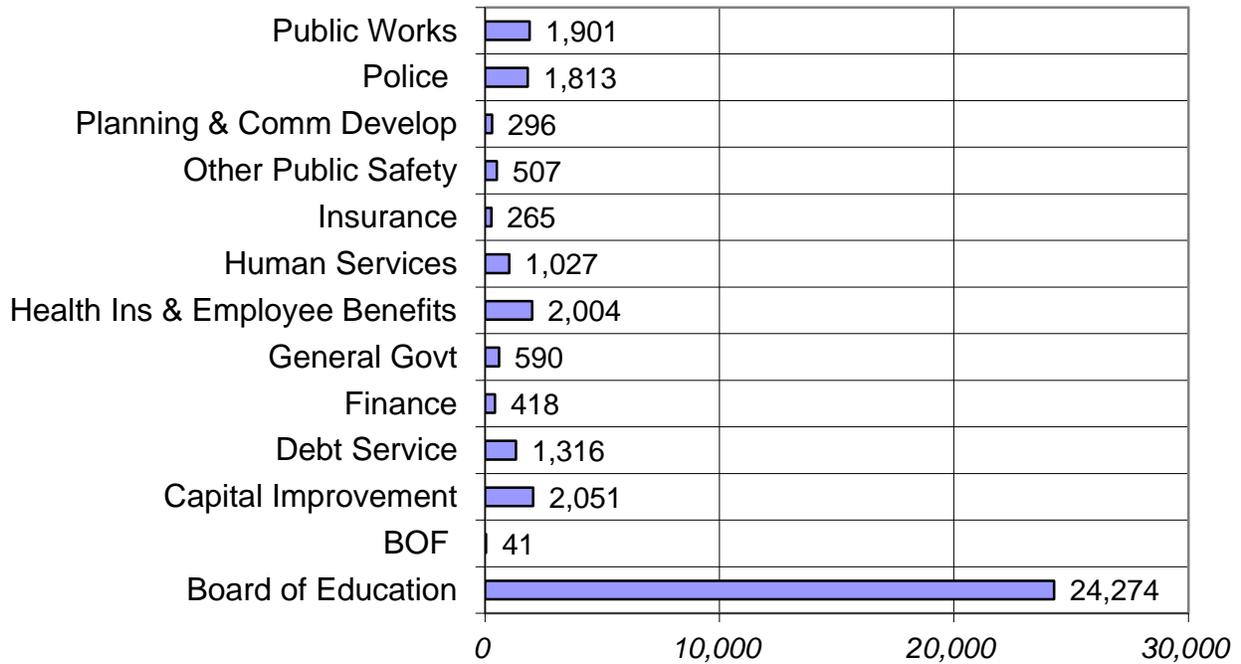
The comparative actual information, by function and funding source for the fiscal year is presented here. A detailed statement of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available on the web at www.townofcantonct.org.

BONDS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 (in thousands)

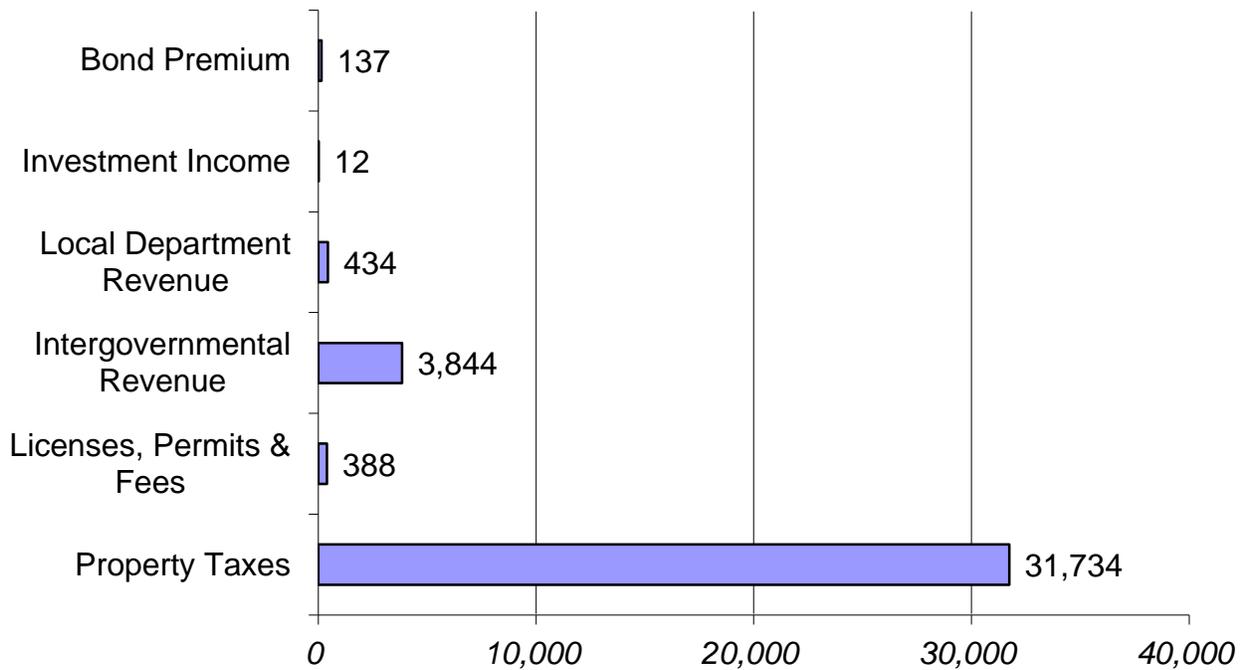
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
School Construction – Refinance	10/15/24	\$ 5,855
Capital Projects – Aug 2013	08/15/33	\$ 6,505
Capital Projects – June 2015	06/01/35	\$ 5,600
	Total Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$17,960</u>

Amy O'Toole,
Finance Officer/Treasurer

FY 2014-15 Expenditures by Function (in thousands)



FY 2014-15 Revenues by Source (in thousands)



FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of the Fire Marshal is responsible for the following services to the Town of Canton:

- Conduct fire and life safety code inspections in accordance with the Connecticut General Statute 29-305 and the Connecticut Fire Safety Code.
- Investigate all fires within the Town of Canton in accordance with CGS 29-302.
- Review plans for new construction and existing building renovations/alterations for compliance of the Connecticut Fire Safety codes.
- In compliance with Connecticut Regulations grant permits for open burning and blasting.
- Provided fire prevention and code enforcement education to the residents and business owners of the Town of Canton.

The Office of the Fire Marshal conducted 6 fire investigations to determine the cause and origin of the fires. The office conducted 280 inspections for compliance of the fire safety code. The main goal of the inspection is to provide the residents and business owners with safer buildings. The Fire Marshal position became part-time. This office will continue in its efforts to provide fire and life safety presentations to residents, schools and businesses within the Town of Canton.

FIRST SELECTMEN AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

One of the primary priorities for fiscal year 2014/2015 was maintaining the Town's infrastructure, especially its roads through the Town's Pavement Management Program. During the fiscal year, the Town completed numerous road projects including reconstructing Andrew Drive, High Valley Drive, Case Street and Gracey Road. Each of these road projects included more than just putting down new pavement, but also included rebuilding the base of the road and putting in new drainage. A complete list of all the roads that were improved along with the actual cost of each improvement can be found on the town web site at www.townofcantonct.org.

The Town also changed the method in which it was contracting for large road projects. At the beginning of the construction season the Town bids all the components of building a road, which includes everything from replacing catch basins to laying pipe, all of which is bid as a unit price. The Town then uses these unit prices when constructing roads thereby eliminating the need for a general contractor, along with the overhead and profit normally associated with large road projects. Essentially the Town steps in and oversees the project in lieu of a general contractor. This concept would not be possible without the hard work and expertise of the Town's Director of Public Works, Robert Martin and the Town's Project Administrator, George Wallace.

Unfortunately, despite the hard work of all the employees of DPW, they are still housed in the undersized, dated Public Works facility. In the summer of 2014, the Board of Selectmen approved constructing a new modern Public Works Facility at 325 Commerce Drive. The facility was to be designed and constructed under a design/build process which helped lower the price. Also, the facility was smaller than what was previously proposed. Despite these changes, funding for the public works facility was not approved at a referendum held in November 2014. Even without proper facilities, the Department still manages to plow the roads in tough winters and maintain the Town's infrastructure.

Town officials continue to pursue redevelopment of the hydro-electric facilities on the Farmington River. In the Summer of 2014, Congress passed and President Obama signed, the Collinsville Renewable Energy Act which authorized the prior FERC license to be transferred directly to the Town in lieu of having to go through a lengthy permitting process. Although the Town was unable to come to terms with two developers in 2014, through a competitive proposal process in the spring of 2015, the Town was able to agree to terms on a non-binding letter of intent with a new developer, Canton Hydro, LLC. The Town continues to work on several agreements regarding the hydro project including a comprehensive development agreement and a lease with the State of Connecticut.

The Town is working with the Department of Transportation to rehabilitate Town Bridge Road Bridge over the Farmington River. The rehabilitation of the historic bridge is being primarily funded through a 5.34 million dollar federal grant. One of the first steps in the project is to perform a type study which reviews all the design options for rehabilitating the bridge. In January 2015, the Board of Selectmen requested that State and Federal officials adopt a design that would keep the bridge essentially in its current form, thereby protecting the historical nature of the bridge but would strengthen the bridge so that the current weight limitations could be

lifted and the bridge would last for many years to come. The bridge rehabilitation is not anticipated to be completed for several years.

In the fall and winter of 2014, the Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved plans for the Collinsville Streetscape Project. The improvements, which include new sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, signage and paving were constructed in the spring and summer of 2015. Anyone who has visited Collinsville on a weekend realizes that its many unique features are making it a destination for many individuals.

Along with overseeing all the above projects, the Chief Administrative Officer continues to perform the general administrative functions of the Town. In February 2015, the Chief Administrative Officer delivered a general government budget for fiscal year 2015/2016 to the Board of Selectmen that called for an increase of 4.8% primarily due to substantial increases in capital expenditures, especially pavement management. The Chief Administrator's Office also oversaw numerous hiring of personnel and the reorganization of several positions including the Emergency Management Director, Fire Marshal and Animal Control Officer.

Much recognition and appreciation must be given to the CAO Executive Assistant Claudia Nardi and the CAO Clerk Kerri Kazlauskas. Not only are they the driving force behind the day to day operations of the office but they are also the creative power that puts together and publishes the Town Newsletter and develops such programs as the Town Hall coat drives.

INLAND WETLAND & 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 2014-2015, the IWWA held ten (10) regular meetings, four (4) site walks, and one (1) special meeting. They processed twelve (12) applications, held one (1) public hearing, one (1) Jurisdictional Determination.

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 wetlands agent issued twelve (12) authorized agent approvals under this authority during the fiscal year.

The IWWA operates with five (5) regular members. The IWWA holds its 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 DEPARTMENT

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; Conservation Commission; Aquifer Protection Agency; Canton Center Historic District Commission; Collinsville Historic District Commission; Design Review Team and Temporary Plan of Conservation and Development Update Committee. 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 45 applications and or referrals as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals (6); Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (14); Aquifer Protection Agency (7); Design Review Team (0); and Planning and Zoning Commission (18).

Also, this year the Assistant Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer continued the process of consistently enforcing regulatory approvals of Land Use Commissions, as well as overseeing general compliance with the regulations. During this past year, the position has: overseen 254 compliance inspections; issued 150 permits (32 signs, 12 IWWA Authorizations, 5 liquor, 77 Zoning Permits, 23 Minor Site Plan Modifications, and one Certificate of Zoning Compliance); issued 21 notices of violations; issued 1 cease and desist order, issued two municipal citations and, resolved 4 Zoning and Wetlands related issues without issuing a notice of violation.

During this year the Land Use Office initiated and participated in several key land use projects including but not limited to:

- Assisted the Plan Implementation Committee in the facilitation, monitoring, and documentation the first years efforts to implement the 2014-2024 POCD (adopted May, 2014);
- Initiated a comprehensive rewrite of the Town Subdivision Regulations inclusive of the development of public improvement and emergency response standards;
- Collinsville Streetscape Design - Worked with the Project Administrator to finalize, design, manage construction and public input, and seek reimbursement under a \$387,000 DECD grant;
- Following a Design Regulation Charrette in the summer of 2014, finalized working draft of a Form Based Code for future application to Route 44 and Collinsville;
- Following a comprehensive rewrite of the Town Zoning Regulations (adopted May 2014) pursued additional revisions and edits to improve town's regulatory standards;

- Provided guidance, direction, leadership and support throughout the process of consolidating Boards and Commissions;
- Participate/ assist in facilitating the development of the Canton Main Street Program;
- Re-strategized with its members the direction of the Canton EDA;
- Pursued and attained grant funding to, and conducted, a marketing and branding charrette with the Canton EDA;
- Continued participation in the development and implementation of a Safe Routes to School Program and bike to school day;
- Updated the Town's Standard Zoning Enforcement Procedures;
- Facilitated the Conservation Commissions role as the Town's Agricultural Commission and took initial steps towards the development of a Farmland Preservation Plan;
- Initiated the development of a Natural Resources Inventory and Open Space Plan;
- Spent a considerable amount of time speaking at neighborhood meetings and meeting with neighborhood interests groups, developer's and media regarding Satan's Kingdom proposal;
- Finalized the Cannon Property Trail working with two potential Eagle Scout candidates on public service projects;
- Prepared, submitted, and received an electric vehicle charging station grant from DEEP;
- Continued annual Bike-Ped count program along the Farmington River Rail Trail;
- Obtained and installed decorative Collinsville Business District signage on behalf of merchants;

Major Objectives:

- * Serve all residents of the Town of Canton as efficiently and cost effectively as possible – **ongoing**;
- * Increase the level of service provided not only to the general public but to the Land Use Commissions and regulatory process - **ongoing**;
- * Update the Aquifer Protection Program by increasing staff training, conducting a registered facility visitation program, perform compliance monitoring of registered facilities, identify non-registered facilities, and ensure BMPs are prescribed and followed – **ongoing**;
- * To deliver to the town an updated set of Subdivision regulations that are innovative and unique in how it considers the physical environment, open space, neighborhood design and quality of life principles and further implements components of the 2014-2024 POCD – **ongoing**;
- * To develop an effective communication plan for rail trail/ bike-ped connections (perhaps through a signage/ directional/ access plan) in partnership with the PD and DPW;
- * Further enhance the level at which other departments participate in/ provide their expertise to development reviews;
- * To ensure that the 2014-2024 POCD does not become a shelf-weight, and do what is practical to pursue its integration into the culture of Town decision making; and work with Collinsville Businesses to develop standardized temporary signage that would allow them some of the much desired temporary promotional signage, while reducing zoning violations.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It is the mission of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department to offer a wide range of recreational opportunities and to provide safe, attractive and well maintained facilities in an effort to enhance the quality of life for all Canton residents.

The Parks and Recreation Department main office is located in the Canton Community Center. The department is overseen by the Parks and Recreation Commission, a full time Parks and Recreation Director and a full time Recreation Supervisor. There are approximately 60 seasonal employees including aquatics staff, summer camp staff, and maintenance as well as dozens of contracted instructors throughout the year.

Canton Parks and Recreation offers over 150 programs throughout the year for all ages and ability levels. During the summer season the department runs a popular Explorers Day Camp, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Dusky Dolphins Swim Team, and a variety of sports and enrichment camps. The department enhanced its summer camp offerings in 2015 by adding brand new Tiny Tots Pre-School Camp, Teen Adventure Camp and a Counselor in Training Program to reach more ages and interests. During the school year the department offers activities for toddlers through seniors at the Canton Community Center, Cherry Brook Elementary and Canton Intermediate School. Activities include Acrofitness, T-ball, Hoops Basketball, After School Mad Science, Winter Ski Bus, Zumba, Adult Volleyball and Basketball to name a few. New in 2015 the department added popular School Vacation Camps in both February and April. In addition, the department has bolstered its community special event offerings to now include annual Family Fitness Day, Spook-A-Palooza: Halloween Carnival, Turkey Shoot Basketball Contest, Holiday House Lights Contest, Canton Family Ice Skating Day, Dive In Movie Night at the Pool, Teen Night, Sundae Funday, Pooch Plunge and Parents Night Out; a monthly special event that allows parents to go off and enjoy a night on their own, while trained Parks and Recreation staff supervise fun activities at the Community Center. These events are in addition to long standing popular events including the Summer Concert Series, Breakfast with Santa, and an Easter Egg-Stravaganza.

Information on department programs and events are released seasonally in the Canton Connection, through press releases in local papers, and up to date information is available at the Parks and Recreation website www.cantonrec.org. The website also includes registration capabilities to allow you to register from the convenience of your home with a credit card, an e-mail system to keep you informed of department happenings, and a facility guide to allow you to view schedules.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department provides oversight of town park facilities and athletic fields. Mills Pond Park is the town's primary recreation facility. The 40 acre park holds Mills Pond Pool, a 50 meter Olympic swimming pool, a smaller wading pool, a playscape, skate park, 2 full sized basketball courts, 4 tennis courts, and a multi-use field that hosts a range of sporting activities including baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. In addition to Mills Pond, Parks and Recreation schedules and provides oversight to the care of the Canton Community Center gardens, Bicentennial Park, Dyer Field, Canton Green, and Millennium Fields.

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded \$500,000 from the Steap Grant which has been allocated to several important park projects. The majority of the projects have been completed in 2015; this includes a brand new pool house, resurfaced tennis and basketball courts and fence repairs. Future projects include a new skate park and the development of a Master Park Plan.

Looking ahead, the Parks and Recreation Department plans to complete all outstanding Steap Grant projects including the skate park and parks master plan. In addition, the department is working with residents to explore

the possibility of a dog park here in Canton. A long standing objective includes the development of new fields through the Lawton property.

Parks and Recreation impacts the entire community, from taking a stroll on The Farmington River Walk, to enrolling your child in tee-ball, taking a Yoga program, or enjoying a family picnic in the park to the backdrop of our summer concerts. Our slogan is “Connecting Community through Parks, Programs, and People”. We always encourage individuals to come forward with new program ideas or ways the Parks and Recreation Department can improve the lives of Canton residents.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) 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 PZC 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 PZC and Zoning Board of Appeals.

In Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the PZC held twelve (12) regular meetings, no special meetings, one (1) site walk, processed sixteen (16) applications and two (2) requests for referrals.

The PZC is comprised of seven (7) regular members and two (2) 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.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Canton Police Department is committed to excellence in law enforcement and dedicated to the people, traditions, and diversity of our Town. Canton Police Department personnel remain devoted to protecting lives, property, and the rights of all people and to maintain order and to impartially enforce the law. In partnership with our community, we provide professional and ethical law enforcement services and protection of public safety. Canton was recognized as the 13th Safest Town in Connecticut.

Canton Police Department personnel strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens, while working to improve quality of life. It is our mission to improve the quality of life for all Canton residents, visitors and businesses. Department personnel recognize the importance of the key values such as integrity, professionalism, and quality customer service in order to gain and maintain the confidence of the community.

The following are some of the highlights from the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.

PERSONNEL:

- The current staffing of the Canton Police Department as of June 30, 2015 was: Chief of Police, Captain, four patrol Sergeants, one Detective, eight Patrol Officers, four fulltime Dispatchers, three part-time Dispatchers, and an Administrative Secretary.
- This fiscal year the Canton Police Department's Patrol force remained unchanged as there were no retirements, no new hires nor separations from service. A new CPD Dispatcher was hired in January.
- In January, Off. Gompper was assigned to the North Central Municipal Accident Reconstruction Squad (NCMARS).
- In February, Dispatcher Micheal Roy was named as the Dispatch Supervisor (newly created position). In October, Chief Arciero attended the annual National International Association of Chiefs of Police convention in Florida.

ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

The major administrative activities that were accomplished during this fiscal year:

- Chief Arciero continued as the lead role as the chief administrative oversight to the nine (9) North Central Municipal Police Department's Accident Reconstruction team. Implemented Regional Sharing agreement with other Capitol Region NCMARS Units.
- Chief Arciero was named as the Town's Emergency Management Director.
- Canton trained its second Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). In addition, the CERT participated in its first annual food drive for the Canton Food Bank.

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS:

The major Community Policing Programs that were instituted/upgraded during this fiscal year:

- Canton Police revamped the policies, practices and procedures for the Town's Juvenile Review Board.
- Continued to participate in many charitable/social assistance events: Ride to School, Walk for Hunger, Bagging for Hunger, Toy Drive, Food Drive, Special Olympics Torch Run, School Wellness Seminars,

‘CIS Magic-Job Shadowing, College Internship Programs, Child ID Safety events, Safety talks at day care facilities, Youth Services Bureau meetings, Senior TRIAD, CPD Building tours, and submission of articles for the Canton Connections and Senior Scribe.

- Used the Canton Community Health Fund Grant to purchase Child ID safety kits.

OPERATIONS: ACTIVITY INCIDENT DATA:

- Canton Police Department implemented the new State mandates for compiling data on racial profiling at motor vehicle stops. In addition, in May, Canton Police Department hosted a regional training session with the authors of the state report on ‘Fair and Impartial Policing’.
- Canton Police Officers participated in two (2) federally funded grant programs for highway safety (Distracted Driving and High Risk Rural Road Speed Enforcement). In addition, Canton Police Officer participated in the annual State DOT Seatbelt WAVE campaign.
- Canton was also the recipient of JAG Violent Crime Prevention Grant funds that were used for equipment purchases.
- Canton Police Officers and Detective investigated, secured search and arrest warrants, and solved some significant burglary/larceny investigations involving multiple suspects in series of burglaries/larcenies in Canton and surrounding towns.
- Canton Police Officers participated in security assessment of major town buildings and training for town employees on safety and security protocols.
- Canton Police Officers participated in ‘Code Red’ emergency response drills at all Canton Public Schools. They also conducted a canine sweep of the Canton High and Middle schools with other area police departments.

On a daily basis our Officers and Dispatchers continue to work very hard to reach the goal of providing the best coverage possible as they respond to the public safety needs of our Town.

For additional information about the Canton Police Department, its mission and programs, please contact Chief Christopher Arciero at 860-693-7872 or carciero@townofcantonct.org.

In closing, Chief Arciero extends his thanks and praise to the dedicated and professional employees of the Canton Police Department for their continued commitment to the provision of law enforcement and public safety services to all residents, visitors, and businesses to the Canton Community.

- During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, there were 9600 incidents recorded which including the following:
 - 28 Domestic Disturbances/Family Offense Cases (Down 23)
 - During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, there were 9600 incidents recorded which including the following:
 - 81 Larceny/Theft Investigations (Up 4)
 - 794 Medical calls were responded as first responders (Up 98)
 - 1646 Motor Vehicle (MV) Stops (Down 111)
 - 360 MV accident investigations (Up 44)
 - 46 Driving Under the Influence cases (Down 34)
 - 61 Fraud cases investigated (Up 27)

- 6 Sex Offense Investigation cases (Down 1)
- 3 Death Investigations (Up 1)
- 17 Missing Person cases (Up 3)
- 188 Suspicious Circumstances/Persons/Vehicles (Down 81)

The Canton Police Department is committed to excellence in law enforcement and dedicated to the people, traditions, and diversity of our Town. Canton Police Department personnel remain devoted to protecting lives, property, and the rights of all people and to maintain order and to impartially enforce the law. In partnership with our community, we provide professional and ethical law enforcement services and protection of public safety.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 2015 fiscal year was a time of transition for the Canton Public Library. There was a great deal of staff turnover. Several library assistants left us for other opportunities. Allyssa Bruce, our first Teen Services librarian, left us for full-time employment and was replaced by Tim Guay. Head of Technical Services Adam Delaura left and Mary Elizabeth Morrill took his place. Finally, Library Director Robert Simon retired after seven years of service to the library, and was replaced by Sarah McCusker, former Head of Technical Services, who returned to Canton after several years at the Windsor Public Library.

For most of the year, the library is open 54 hours per week; during July and August we are open for a half-day Saturday, making our summer hours 50 hours per week. The library of the 21st century is open for business 24/7, though, and even when the library is not physically open, patrons can search our catalog; place holds; access ebooks, audiobooks, and other downloadable media; consult databases; and much more from our “virtual library” at www.cantonpubliclibrary.org. Use of these “virtual” library services continues to grow; in FY15 our downloadable media circulation was up by 16% and our website visits were up by 15%.

In June 2014 we, along with the 29 other libraries in our consortium, migrated computer systems, from SirsiDynix’s Workflows system to Innovative Interfaces’ Sierra system. As with any major systems project, the migration process was not as smooth as we might have hoped and we spent much of FY2015 working out kinks in the system, both at a local and consortial level. One very noticeable issue was that our automated statistics collection seems very different with the new system; circulation numbers dropped across the consortium. While a small drop is not surprising given the improving economic indicators in our area (library use tends to correlate with the economy: when the economy gets worse library use increases, and vice versa), the drop was well beyond what we would have expected. Unfortunately, the consortium was never able to reach a conclusion about why the statistics differ so much compared to our old system. However, we are cautiously optimistic about the future: our June 2015 monthly circulation was nearly 9% higher than June 2014. We hope, now that we are over a year post-migration and are comparing numbers from the same system, that our circulation numbers will stabilize. Our FY15 circulation was 151,529, compared to 160,233 in FY14, but we do not consider this to be an accurate comparison.

One benefit of the new Sierra software has been an entirely new system for how the consortium libraries share materials. It is now easier than ever for Canton residents to request items from other libraries and have them sent here. During FY15 we borrowed 14,282 items from other libraries – a huge increase over FY14’s 5,953 items. In that same time period we lent 17,584 items to other libraries (up from 5,403 a year earlier). Patrons across the consortium are able to get their requests much more quickly, although the increase in volume has also led to a proportional increase in staff work.

While we spent several months of the year without a teen services librarian before hiring a replacement following Allyssa Bruce’s departure, FY 2015 marked our first complete fiscal year since hiring that position. The impact of the teen services librarian is undeniable: in a single year, our program attendance by teens nearly doubled, going from 608 in FY14 to 1,112 in FY15. The Teen Zone has become a bustling area of activity, particularly in the after-school hours. We are very excited for what the future holds in this area.

We continued to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages. Over the course of the year, our staff presented 415 programs that attracted an audience of 10,188 people. From musical storytimes for babies to seminars on retirement investing, from book discussion groups to crafting classes, the library truly offers something for everyone.

In November 2014, the Friends of the Library celebrated their 50th anniversary. Members organized a luncheon with honored guest Ruth Hart, who served as Canton's librarian from 1942 to 1944 and then founded the Friends of the Library in 1964. Over the last 50 years the Friends have donated more than \$250,000 to the library and we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Looking ahead, we have ambitious plans for the coming year and beyond. Among other things, we hope to work with the Library Board of Trustees to develop a strategic plan; modernize and enhance our online presence and digital resources; work collaboratively with other organizations to increase our outreach in the community; and start the process of rethinking and improving our physical space to more efficiently meet the needs of our patrons.

The Canton Public Library is an exciting and dynamic place. It is a privilege for all of us to provide the people of our community with reading material, information, technological assistance, entertainment, and a community gathering place.

Sarah McCusker
Library Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Highway

The highway department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 71.2 miles of improved and unimproved roads within the Town of Canton. This busy winter season challenged the department to keep the roads clean and safe. The highway department responded to 18 full and 17 partial staff winter storm events up from a seasonal average of 14. Following the town pavement management program, the highway department along with several contractors performed \$3,045,548 of roadway improvements this past year (see attached list). The roadway improvements consisted of several repair strategies that included reclaiming and paving of Andrew Drive, Case Street, Foxcroft Lane, Gracey Road, High Valley Drive, Indian Hill Road, Powder Mill Road, and Ramp Road. Thin overlay paving was also performed on Bahre Corner Road, Barbourtown Road, Dyer Cemetery Road, Hilltop Drive, Indian Hill Road (lower section), and Wright Road. Crack sealing was performed on 15 town roads. Engineering work was completed on East Hill Road with major road repairs to follow in late summer 2015. To access information on roadwork please go to the Pavement Management Program link <http://townofcantonct.org/content/19178/19240/19707/default.aspx> located on the town website. The highway department also spent several weeks during the summer working with the Cherry Brook Primary School PTO to help build the new playground. The department also responded to numerous requests from residents to perform drainage, tree work, and road improvements throughout the year. The department did an exemplary job dealing with a long stormy winter season and numerous emergency call-ins throughout the year, successfully keeping the town's roads open and safe. Highway Foreman Richard Lassen retired after 35 years of service. His leadership and dedication to the department was an enduring quality. Thomas Richardson was promoted to Highway Foreman. Tom did an excellent job managing a long snowy winter season and continued to prove his strong commitment and dedication to the department supervising the numerous road repair projects conducted this season.

Parks

The parks department is responsible for 110+ acres of maintenance and improvements to all town fields, greens, parks, pool, athletic fields, building and grounds including all school campuses. The staff continued the use of excellent cultural practices, including Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices and last resort pesticide use. This management practice has shown excellent results in both field quality and lowering maintenance costs. This year illustrated the department's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving the Farmington River Trail including an emphasis on trail safety by adding new benches, signage and overseeing repairs to the trail surface behind the WPCA/DPW section of the trail. The town pool continues to be maintained at a high level by the department including performing all the winterizing duties at the pool helping to save costs. This past year new decking around the pool was installed along with a new pump building and bath house. New LED lighting was started at Mills Pond Park. Painting was also conducted on the Parks Building on Simonds Avenue and the Gazebo on the town green. The department also continued to maintain the landscaping at the town's buildings and parks and recreational facilities to provide a consistent appearance. This growing department continues to add new services to accurately reflect the needs of the community. The parks department goals are to improve the quality of each facility while reducing maintenance costs.

Building Maintenance

The building maintenance department is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of 86,765 square feet of building space at the Town Hall, Library/Community Center, Collinsville Fire Station, Public Works and Police Station. During this past year, the department responded to 521 service calls along with their regular duties. The department managed the replacement of all exterior lighting at the Police Department with new LED lights that will help lower energy costs. New entryway canopies were installed at the Community Center/ Library. The department supervised the bathroom renovations at the Collinsville Fire Station. Three outside air controllers were also added to town hall hot water boiler that adjusts the boiler temperature to the outside air helping to cut down on fuel usage. The year also saw continuing support from the department involving maintenance/repair work at the North Canton Fire Station, and Cherry Brook Grange. The division's commitment to perform at a high level this past year was very evident in keeping the buildings clean and well maintained.

Transfer Station

The transfer station staff had another excellent year assisting the town residents who bring their trash and recyclables to the facility. The transfer station sells over thirteen hundred permits per year. The facility serves as the primary trash and recycling option for more than 1/3 of Canton's households. The recycling rate for the year turned out to be 28%, a small increase over the previous year. The transfer station special revenue fund was created and implemented in 2013 to finance the operating budget for the facility. The revenue generated through the selling of permits, tokens, and recycling rebates stays in the fund to pay out the operational expenditures and future upgrades to the facility. Upgrades to the electronic recycling program were scheduled to begin on July 1, 2015 with fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent, and other mercury containing lamps being added to this no-fee service. A new mattress recycling service was added in late spring allowing for no-fee disposal of clean mattresses and box springs. This year the town held two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection dates with the Towns of Simsbury, Avon and Granby. By sharing this service, the town has been able to provide an addition collection date and still maintain a lower cost than what was charged previously by the MDC. The credit card swipe option and acceptance of personal checks instituted last year allowing residents to purchase tokens and pay for loads on-site continues to be a popular service that residents have taken advantage of in record numbers. This busy departments goal is to continue making strides to improve trash and recycling services for our community.

Administrative

The administration division provides organizational support and oversight to the entire department to effectively manage the diverse infrastructure and related capital improvement programs consistent with town policy, industry standards, and regulatory agency requirements. This past year part-time Administrative Assistant Heather Maroon's hours were increased allowing more time to take on extra responsibilities for the administrative division of the department. Heather has provided improved over site for employee certifications, licenses and mandated training. Building Maintenance Custodian Dimitrios Papachristos, assumed the vacant position of Maintainer II in the Highway division. Dimitri's hard work and strong commitment to the new position was very evident in his successful transition to highway maintainer. Douglas Clement was hired to take on the vacant Building Maintenance Custodian position. Doug has proven to be a great addition to the

department. The Canton Public Works Department's motto is "Serving the Community with Pride". The department's goal is to search for improved ways to perform their jobs.

Name	From	To	Length (linear feet)	Width	PCI	Actual Cost	Assigned Resources	Repair Strategy	Date Completed
Andrew Drive	West Simsbury Road	High Valley Drive	6,085	26	57	\$ 506,171.11	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim, Mill & Overlay w/drainage	Fall/2014
Bahre Corner Road	Lawton Road	East Hill Road	7,409	18	72	\$ 15,494.83	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Fall/2014
Barbourtown Road	Bunker Hill Road	Wright Road	9,564	18	71	\$ 74,991.17	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Fall/2014
Case Street	Windmill Lane	400' N of Ridge Road	3,177	21	48	\$ 349,995.16	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Arterial/Collector)	Fall/2014
Case Street	Cherry Brook Road	Windmill Lane	4,826	24	57	\$ 33,195.53	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Arterial/Collector)	In - Progress
Blueberry Lane	High Valley Drive	Cul De Sac	903	26	82	\$ 993.30	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Breezy Hill Road	2600' N of Indian Hills Road	Indian Hills Road	2,148	19	48	\$ 2,040.60	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Canton Springs Road	Old Railroad Road	Dartmouth Road	1,963	26	87	\$ 1,864.85	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal w Full/Depth Patch	Summer/2014
Center Street	Bridge Street	Huckleberry Hill Road	1,458	26	75	\$ 1,385.10	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Crown Point	Canton Springs Road	Cul De Sac	1,999	26	99	\$ 1,699.15	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Colony Road	East Hill Road	Cul De Sac	1,707	26	51	\$ 1,450.95	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Dyer Cemetery Road	Albany Turnpike	Albany Turnpike	1,503	20	82	\$ 34,473.19	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Summer/2014
East Hill Road	Bahre Corner Road	Albany Turnpike	5,838	24	77	\$ 19,198.25	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay w/drainage	In - Progress
East Hill Road	North Mountain Road	East Mountain Road	5,227	19	58	\$ 13,565.40	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Arterial/Collector) w/drainage	In - Progress
East Hill Road	East Mountain Road	Bahre Corner Road	2,572	19	59	\$ 10,824.50	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Arterial/Collector) w/drainage	In - Progress
Forest Lane	Old Albany Avenue	Town Line	2,533	20	84	\$ 2,153.05	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Foxcroft Lane	520' N of Wright Road	Robin Drive	802	25	89	\$ 80,351.87	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local) w/drainage	Summer/2014
Garrett Road	Hoffman Road N	Hoffman Road S	2,712	26	85	\$ 2,305.20	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Gracey Road	Sexton Hollow Road	Dry Bridge Road	8,930	28	59	\$ 868,437.20	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local)	Fall/2014
Hanson Road	Hanson Road	1,000' West of Bunker Hill Road	250	26	95	\$ 18,753.28	Vendor	Reconstruct Cross Culvert	In - Progress
Highfield Drive	East Hill Road	Cul De Sac	792	20	67	\$ 871.20	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
High Valley Drive	Cherry Brook Road	Andrew Drive	5,896	26	52	\$ 327,533.08	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local) Mill & Overlay w/drainage	Fall/2014
Hilltop Drive	East Hill Road	Sexton Hollow Road	1,966	26	82	\$ 40,554.33	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Fall/2014
Indian Hill Road	Albany Turnpike	West Mountain Road	2,807	24	90	\$ 45,720.70	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Summer/2014
Indian Hill Road	West Mountain Road	Spaulding Road	2,520	26	55	\$ 74,493.48	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (local) w/drainage	In - Progress
Powder Mill Road	Town Bridge Road	1581' N of Town Bridge Road	1,581	16	57	\$ 87,702.95	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local)	In - Progress
Queens Peak Road	Cul De Sac	300' E of Ellsworth Lane	705	26	99	\$ 440.00	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Ramp Road	Powder Mill Road	Transfer Station	2,417	24	58	\$ 106,589.24	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local) w/drainage	Summer/2014
Sexton Hollow Road	#65 Sexton Hollow Road	#65 Sexton Hollow Road	600	27	65	\$ 53,426.78	Vendor	Drainage	Fall/2014
Simonds Avenue	Dyer Avenue	East Hill Road	2,609	26	78	\$ 2,217.65	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Thayer Avenue	Maple Avenue	Atwater Road	1,636	18	77	\$ 8,085.03	Vendor/DPW	Reclaim (Local) w/drainage	In - Progress
Thompson Hill Road	Albany Turnpike	Thompson Hill Road (Loop)	3,263	27	53	\$ 2,773.55	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Westwood Drive	High Valley Drive	Cul De Sac	1,482	26	77	\$ 1,407.90	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Wright Road	Barkhamsted Town Line	Cherry Brook Road	11,106	22	83	\$ 9,440.10	Vendor	Crack Seal	Summer/2014
Wright Road	Barkhamsted Town Line	Cherry Brook Road	11,106	22	83	\$ 231,603.78	Vendor/DPW	Thin Overlay	Fall/2014
Full Dept. Patching/Misc. Drainage						\$ 11,338.61			
Testing and Engineering Services						\$ 2,005.92			
Totals			122,092	23.12	Miles	\$ 3,045,547.99			

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES/COMMISSION ON AGING

The Senior and Social Services Department offers services, programs and other resources to residents of Canton to help them achieve self-sufficiency maintain economic well-being and adjust to different circumstances and events in their lives. The department provides current information on local, regional and statewide resources and coordinates increasingly diverse programs to serve residents with varying backgrounds and needs.

The department is responsible for the administration of social services to residents experiencing financial, physical and psychosocial hardships. This is facilitated primarily through case management- the process through which a social worker assesses an individual's or family's needs, advises on the various options available, and help clients achieve the maximum level of self-determination.

One division of the department is the active Canton Senior Center, which is open Monday through Friday between 9am-4:30pm. The department is responsible for coordinating Senior Center programs, special events and health and wellness campaigns, serving the continually growing and diverse needs and interests of older adults (defined to be residents 55 years or older).

During the Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Senior Center programs offered previously were maintained and expanded. Programs that continued included the "In the News" current events group, the 60+ Card Group (which includes both Set-back & Pinochle players) with new members, and the Bridge Group now meets regularly with an increased membership of two full tables. A group of 8-12 women play Mah Jongg every week as well.

The intergenerational "Days of Our Lives" collaborative program with the Canton Intermediate School had a spring session. Senior & Social Services continues to evaluate and adapt programming based on the wants & needs of residents. Because of this, many people attended Tai Chi for Long Life.

"Women of the Fiber", a group of about 25-30 women from Farmington Valley towns (and others) of varying ages and backgrounds who meet and socialize while working on individual projects and group ones as well (knitting, tatting, quilting, crocheting, etc.) continued to meet regularly on Monday evenings at the Senior Center as well.

On-going programs continue to provide socialization, educate and entertain Canton's seniors and adults with disabilities: Dial-a-Ride transportation five days a week, an informal morning walking group, Cooking with Elaine, CHOICES Medicare Counseling, health and wellness presentations, AARP safe driving classes, blood pressure screenings, flu clinics, hearing screening, foot care clinic (provided now by a local podiatrist Dr. Lindsay), potluck luncheons, bereavement support, 911 Senior Cell Phone program, Vial of Life, AARP income tax counseling and filing assistance on-site in Canton, the Canton Seniors club, various card groups (at least three) and the In the News: Fact and Opinion discussion group on current affairs. Educational presentations (including guest speakers) and recreational offerings such as the annual picnic with Avon (and supported by the Avon-Canton Rotary,) and several other collaborative events with the Avon Senior Center are offered for the entertainment of residents.

In addition there were many one-time only educational and recreational events with diverse topics ranging from informational programs, entertainment by local high school & middle school bands, free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Other important and ongoing programs included the twice-weekly CRT hot lunch program (with an average attendance each day of 50-65 people,) the daily Dial-A Ride service and out-of-town medical transportation to meet the needs of many of Canton's residents.

Representative special events this past year included:

- *On Thursday, July 17th, Canton Senior Center hosted the annual “Rotary Club Senior Picnic”. The Rotary Club of Avon-Canton provided food, with the immense support of ShopRite of Canton (with Chuck Joseph, Owner, being a Rotary member), and served food to the 150 Avon and Canton Seniors who were in attendance.*
- *On Friday, August 22nd, SENIOR JOB BANK local Coordinator Gary Miller came to speak with the “Lunch Bunch” before lunch about the SJB and how it can assist with fall clean-up; transportation and other needs that folks may have.*
- *On Wednesday August 27th Kristen, RD from ShopRite came around during lunch to pass out information on vitamins to the “Lunch Bunch”, illustrating how vitamins, or a lack thereof in your system, can affect everything from mood to movement as you get older. She provided some information and tips on how to incorporate a variety of foods to get the full effect of some vitamins. Kristen held a “Cooking for Wellness with Kristen” series through the Senior Center.*
- *On Tuesday, October 7th, Canton Senior Center hosted the annual OKTOBERFEST 2014 celebration. This was a highly successful event with over 100 people in attendance, and even a Senior from Canton who is originally from Germany leading a traditional sing along with Frank ☺*
- *On Monday October 20th a group of Physical Therapy students from UHARTT presented on Parkinson’s Disease. In attendance were both Canton residents living with the disease as well as caregivers and the feedback from attendees and presenters was positive on both ends.*
- *On Monday October 27th the Senior Center hosted a “Spooky Potluck”. Attendees brought dishes to share, as usual, and were encouraged to dress up in costumes (which a few did)☺. Goodie bags were provided for all by Governor’s House, and painted pumpkins from the Kids Care Club at CIS adorned the room as decorations- attendees brought them home as well to decorate their own homes for the Halloween festivities. Non-alcoholic beer and wine were served during the lovely meal of delicious food, and a visit from a SCARY Ghoul & her Dr. Danger friend was made, who provided candy to all the attendees (a Volunteer of the Senior Center showed up in costume).*
- *On Wednesday November 5th the Center hosted a presentation by the Physical Therapy students of University of Hartford. The students presented to our Wii Bowling group and others about the importance of physical activity and the relationship between being physically active and staying mentally healthy.*
- *On Monday November 10th, Canton & Avon Senior Centers, along with the Avon Senior Organization, sponsored a Veteran’s Day event that was hosted by Avon Senior Center. The event had approximately 100 people in attendance and featured lunch and entertainment. In attendance was the Avon VFW who presented the colors as well as honored those MIA/POW. Rebecca Stone attended and represented Canton for the event.*
- *On Monday November 17th the Canton Senior Center hosted a Lunch & Learn event that was supported by the Canton TRIAD Program, and Collinsville Savings Society. The event was entitled “Fierce with Finances” and featured speaker Fred Tedesco, the Security Officer for Connecticut Mutual Holding Co (that owns CSS & other banking institutions) who talked and educated the 35 folks in attendance about debit/credit card fraud, perpetrators who single out older adults and scams to look for, internet safety, what financial institutions are doing to protect you, shredding documents and dumpster diving, etc. Lunch was provided by CSS and paper goods were provided by Cherry Brook HCC.*

- *On December 26th, we held the 6th annual Winter Wonderland holiday event. This year brought together around 70 people for a good time with friends, family, music, and of course food. The multipurpose room was transformed into a warm and cozy atmosphere with lights, gingerbread houses, pinecones and gold red and green spread throughout. The delicious menu came from area agencies that were generous enough to sponsor portions. In house we prepared the tossed salad as well as the mixed vegetables. The aroma of the food, the sounds of Jeff Weiselberg on the keyboard, the event was enjoyed by all.*
- *February 13th in conjunction with Avon Senior Center, "Love your Neighbor" was a huge success!! With upwards of 80 people in attendance, the Canton Community Nursery School joined us to sing songs and recite poems.*
- *The annual "Spring Fling" event in Avon at the Senior Center was on Friday 3/20/15. This featured a delicious menu of chicken, fish, salad, dessert and some wonderful entertainment. This was collaboration between Avon and Canton Senior Centers and featured sponsorship and volunteerism from a number of community partners, including: governor's house; united healthcare; the residence at Brookside. Over 80 people were in attendance.*
- *The Days of Our Lives intergenerational interviewing program started up again on April 10th and will run through the end of May with the 6th grade "Talented and Gifted" students of the Canton Intermediate School. 14 pairs (14 adults & 16 students) will meet together over the course of the next handful of weeks to learn more about each other. The students independently write up biographies about the adult with whom they have been working and present this to them on the last session of the program. This program has been running for many years (over 15) through the Canton Senior Center and is one that the Senior & Social Services Department happily supports.*
- *On Tuesday, April 28th the Canton Senior & Social Services Department sponsored and hosted its annual FRIENDS & VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON. Annually, the department chooses a theme (this year it was Astronomy, as the event fell on National Astronomy Day, and hosts a luncheon to thank all those individuals and entities within and associated with the town of Canton who assist the department in assisting Canton residents in the way we do. Every member of the Board of Selectman, including the First Selectman was invited, as well as the Chief Administrative Officer, and several Department Heads with whom the SASS office works with regularly, or had worked with on a more intense level over the past year were invited (Police, Finance, Fire/EMS, Town Planner, Health District) as well as Members of the BoE, Canton residents and community partners. About 80 people were in attendance; Cherry Brook Healthcare Center provided a delicious menu of food, and over \$200 in raffle prizes (gift cards) were provided over the course of the event and the Canton Jazz Combo entertained for the whole time. Flowers were provided to Rebecca Stevenson for all her coordination and work throughout the year (CBHCC), and the Canton Aging Ally Award (and flowers) was provided to Louise Kleckowski for "DIPLOMATIC AND FAIR LEADERSHIP, IN SUPPORT OF ACTIVE POSITIVE AGING"; Louise is the president of the Senior Club (for the past 10 years) and is helpful in many SC activities, events, and within her residential community. This was the 2nd annual award given out; in 2014 it was presented to Tom Scavone for his support of lifelong appreciation of music.*
- *AARP Income Tax Prep Volunteers have been working hard over the past several weeks (February-April) right up until Tax Day on 4/15. MANY THANKS to Bob Brown, Lori Kluessendorf and Dick Sanger, all Canton residents, for all the hard work and follow-up and coordination- this group of incredible folks assisted in completing and filing 113 Income Tax documents this year!!! SASS is so much honored to host this program that helps folks of all ages to file their income tax, free of charge.*
- *The Days of Our Lives intergenerational interviewing program ended on Friday May 29th with the 6th grade "Talented and Gifted" students of the Canton Intermediate School. 14 pairs (14 adults & 16 students) met together over the course several weeks to learn more about each other. The students*

independently wrote up biographies about the adult with whom they have been working and presented this to them on the last session of the program. This program has been running for many years (over 15) through the Canton Senior Center and is one that the Senior & Social Services Department happily supports and was recently featured in the VALLEY LIFE PUBLICATIONS.

- *On Friday May 1st Jennifer Holt, Director of Operations for PETS ON WHEELS had a table set up with resources on how to adopt and keep a pet, even if you are living on a fixed income.*
- *On Thursday May 14th Simsbury Senior Center hosted a dinner/movie event focused on LGBT Older Adults. The movie was BEGINNERS.*
- *Make your own Sundae meet and greet with Nicole Carrasquillo on Monday, June 8th.*
- *Senior Cabaret with John Mastrionni happened on Thursday, June 11th.*
- *On Thursday, June 18th the Farmington Valley Health District in collaboration with the Canton Senior Center began the “Matter of Balance” workshop, an 8 week workshop focusing on fall prevention. The workshop is designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. The workshop met its maximum participation of 15 people committed for the entire 8 weeks.*
- *The LGBT Moveable Senior Center met at the Canton Senior Center for a Dinner, Movie, & Discussion on Wednesday, June 24th to watch “TransAmerica”.*
- *The Last Potluck for the Canton Senior Center too place on Monday, June 29th.*

The Canton Senior Scribe continues to be utilized as the major form of communication and has close to 900 subscribers. In an effort to “go green” as much as possible, the publication is now being sent out three times a year, as opposed to four. The publication is packed with Senior & Community events, as well as pertinent information from the other town departments.

The Senior Scribe is mailed only within the state of Connecticut, with primary subscribers being Canton residents. Including events in publications such as the Hartford Courant -Towns section, 55+ publications, the Valley Press, the Canton LIFE, and the Patch.com for Canton have all helped to communicate what is happening through Senior and Social Services as well.

Looking forward to 2015-2016, the Senior and Social Services, with the support of the Canton Commission on Aging will continue to diversify and expand existing services and programs.

We continue to be cognizant of the upcoming “baby boomer as senior population” and as more baby boomers “retire” and look for new ways to connect to and stay active in their community, it is hoped they will become more aware of what Senior & Social Services has to offer to them. Our goal is to communicate with those who utilize services on a regular basis, and also expand programming & services to accommodate the interests and needs of adults with disabilities and the active-aging population of Canton.

Each year, the Social Services Department provides thousands of units of service to Canton individuals and families through various programs which include: Financial Assistance, Medical Assistance, Short-term Assessment, Fuel Assistance, the Holiday Gift Program, Emergency Shelter, Private Funds, Eviction Assistance, and Information and Referral Services. In addition, we offer elderly and disabled residents many services through the Senior Center and the Dial-A-Ride program.

As a social services office, Claire continued to expand her involvement in the welfare of Canton residents. Many were assisted with financial help and others with help to live safely in their homes. September 2014 was the start of the energy assistance application period and approximately 209 Canton households received state monetary assistance for heat. In addition, funds from the following sources assisted approximately 263 Canton residents in staying warm: Canton Fuel Bank (\$ 44,462.21); The Collins Fund assisted to the tune of

(\$3,112.24) with oil and Focus on Canton was an immense help with heating oil/elements, assisting with almost \$4,000 in assistance (\$3,503.68) to help neighbors stay warm. Oil assistance was also provided through the Salvation Army (\$350.00), and through social services funds (\$530.04). Senior & Social Services also applied for and received grant funding through United Way EFSP (Emergency Food & Shelter Program) in the amount of \$1,177.00 to help Canton residents who needed a bit of mortgage/rent help. Senior & Social Services helped two households, and a total of four people using these monies.

Senior & Social Services applied again and was awarded an increased amount of grant monies (\$20,464) from the state DOT for regional elderly and disabled transportation. Dial-A-Ride services for the elderly and for adults with disabilities are funded partially with this grant money so that we are able to provide transportation Monday through Friday, and joint trips with Simsbury. Transportation services effective the previous July in 2011, were modified to be on a membership basis, with riders paying an annual membership fee rather than buying tickets for each ride streamlined use for riders. Effective July 1, 2012, was the inception of the \$10.00 punch-pass, making Dial a Ride services more accessible to less-frequent users/riders. This punch-pass was available for 10 one-way trips and can only be purchased through the Senior & Social Services office. The number of total “out” trips using these monies for recreational purposes was significantly decreased because of an increased need for medical transportation for Canton eligible residents. Senior & Social Services continues to coordinate Medical Transportation for Canton’s elderly residents and adults with disabilities who have appointments & procedures outside the Dial-A-Ride service area, and provides ongoing transportation for dialysis patients to local hospitals and clinics.

Senior & Social Services also successfully applied for section 5310 grant funding through CRCOG for the purchase of a new Dial a Ride van in year 2015/16. This is a matching grant program where the state of CT will assist with 80% of the purchase price for a wheelchair accessible van and the town must pay 20%. Claire and Dean Martel of Martel Transportation worked diligently together to put together the specs of the new Chevy unit that will replace the 2006 van the town currently owns.

In 2014-2015 Canton Senior & Social Services welcomed two Social Work Student Interns.

Lauren Bourque of Canton, who was attending the University of New Haven, finished up her internship hours through the Senior & Social Services department after interning over the winter break with the Canton Police Department. Lauren assisted in the office over the winter break and got the 2015 CERT training organized. She was a delight to have in the office and assisted during many changes in the office.

Elliot Rogers, who is attending Gordon College, worked with Senior & Social Services over the summer of 2014. Elliot assisted administratively and in providing intake services for the Canton Food Bank in his time with Senior & Social Services. He was also the point person for the Farmers Market Food Voucher program that was administered between July, August and September 2014. Elliot filled a supportive role within the Senior Center, coordinating men’s’ groups and the beginning of our now very popular Wii Bowling Team.

The Internship program is very important to the Senior and Social Services department insomuch as the number of programs and services offered through this department are so plentiful that it is necessary to have interns. These two interns put in over 1,000 hours between the two semesters they were with the Department, saving the town of Canton well over \$22,000 this year.

Having these Interns assist the office was appreciated even more in the past year as the town worked diligently to hire a Senior Center Coordinator. This position was created and passed through the Board of Selectman’s budget for fy2014/15 at 16 hours. The hiring process started immediately in July 2014 and by November

Rebecca Stone of Madison CT started on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Rebecca helped sustain many of the ongoing programs currently run through the Senior Center and assisted in ensuring the success of the few annual events in the time she worked for Senior & Social Services. Rebecca resigned and her last day was March 20, 2015.

Nicole Carrasquillo started June 8, 2015. Nicole resides in Burlington, CT and is in graduate school to attain her Masters' degree in social work. Nicole has interned in the past at Avon Senior Center, has a background in Massage Therapy and a keen interest in working with older adults. We are very enthusiastic to have her join our team.

Senior and Social Services continues to play a role in the Emergency Preparedness of the town of Canton and is planning on, in collaboration with the Department of Emergency Management, creating a Community Emergency Response Team in town. This is a group of volunteers who assist emergency personnel who may be 'stretched' during large community events and natural disasters. The recommendation of the formation of this group came out of the After Storm Assessment of the October 2011 storm and sheltering operations. A second training took place in February 2015 and 17 were 'graduated' from the training; most of these Graduates chose to join the current team which bodes approximately 30 Members now.

This office will continue to provide programs and events that increase well-being of all Canton residents, while working with them to increase self-sustainability, self-esteem and their ability to be active members of their community here in Canton.

TAX COLLECTOR

The Town's Tax Collector is appointed by the Board of Selectman. The office is staffed by two employees, one full time Tax Collector and one Part-time Tax Assistant. They are responsible for the billing, collection and accounting of the real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes, as well as the sewer use and sewer assessment bills. All of these practices are in accordance with the Connecticut General State Statutes, the Town Charter and various local ordinances.

The tax office is also responsible for the collection of parking tickets and false alarm penalties. We always provide our taxpayers with information and assistance in a prompt, courteous and professional manner. The office takes pride in making these interactions as efficient, educational and as customer friendly as possible.

When real estate, sewer use and sewer connection charges are unpaid, liens must be filed on the land records. After payment has been made, the liens are released. When motor vehicle taxes are not paid on time, the Tax Collector, by State Statute, provides the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) a list of taxpayers who are delinquent and the DMV stops these people from registering or renewing any and all registrations until they provide proof that they have paid taxes in full to the Town of Canton.

For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Canton's tax collection rate is 101.7% of the budgeted tax revenue.

List of the top 10 delinquent tax and sewer accounts as of June 30, 2015 follows:

TAX ACCOUNTS

TAX ACCOUNTS					
	Property Owner	Total Taxes Outstanding as of 6-30-15		Property Owner	Total Taxes Outstanding as of 6-30-15
1	Cadle Properties Property: 51 Albany Turnpike Type: Business - Mitchell VW is on this site	\$ 341,519.25	6	Dubois, David R Property: 147 Main St. Type: Multi Family Home	\$ 21,734.14
2	Hinman, Lois C & John Property: 175 Albany Turnpike Type: Business - Previous Flower shop site	\$ 67,248.18	7	Lockwood, Dewey J & Janet C Property: 30 Center St Type: Multi Family Home	\$ 21,293.34
3	Ronald C. Smith Realty LLC Property: 315 Albany Turnpike Type: Business	\$ 44,220.60	8	Watsul Associates LLC Property: 298 Albany Turnpike Type: Commercial	\$21,149.21
4	Woolford, Robert Julian Property: 81 West Simsbury Road Type: Residential Home	\$ 27,287.95	9	Higham, Delphin Property: 40 Sexton Hollow Road Type: Residential	\$15,594.86
5	H & B Realty Associates LLC Property: 95 Albany Turnpike Type: Commercial	\$24,199.14	10	Lentz, Pamela Property: 14 Woodchuck Hill Road Type: Residential	\$ 14,204.28

SEWER ACCOUNTS

	Property Owner	Total Sewer Use Outstanding as of 6-30-15		Property Owner	Total Sewer Use Outstanding as of 6-30-15
1	WATSUL ASSOCIATES LLC Property: 298 Albany Turnpike Type: Multi Family	\$ 6,596.00	6	Gueret, Michel L. Property: 6 Old Line Lane Type: Residential	\$ 2,165.00
2	Benson, Bret A and Nancy G Property: 20 Maple Ave Type: Residential	\$ 5,057.32	7	Chin, Shiu Lin Property: 5 Dowd Ave & 220 Albany Tp. Type: Residential	\$ 2,037.05
3	Quintal, Phillip Property: 28 North & 8 East St Type: Residential	\$ 4,785.00	8	Sherman, Crystal Property: 4 Riverbend Lane Type: Residential	\$ 1,501.80
4	Lockwood, Dewey J & Janet C Property: 30 Center St Type: Multi Family	\$ 3,190.00	9	Walters, Kurt F & Mia F Property: 29 Atwater Road Type: Residential	\$ 1,429.03
5	W/S Peak Canton Properties LLC Property: 110 Albany Turnpike Type: Commercial	\$ 2,811.75	10	Franklin, Quiana Property: 50 East Hill Rd - 1E Type: Residential	\$ 1,393.59

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Department activities during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 include:

- Updated our Land Record software/hardware and began accepting eRecordings, electronically delivered land record documents.
- Worked with the Registrar of Voters to prepare for alternate voting locations at the Canton Middle/High School and the Canton Community Center.
- Attended the Freedom of Information Annual Conference
- Attended the Spring and Fall Connecticut Town Clerk Conferences
- Attended FEMA training regarding "Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery."
- Worked with our website vendor, QScend, and department representatives to launch a new website and create a branded app.
- Drew the "Top Dog" winner to decide which currently licensed dog in Canton was to receive the honor of Tag #1. Bernie Strecker received top honors and was awarded his new tag and a basket of goodies.
- Obtained a Historic Documents Preservation Grant (FY2015) for \$3000 which funded the upgrade/conversion of our Land Record software and hardware.
- Receipts:
 - Conveyance Tax/Land Records/Maps \$206,700.55
 - Hunting/Fishing (Sport) Licenses \$ 94.00
 - Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses \$ 9,808.32
 - Dog Licenses \$ 1,332.50
 - Copies \$ 10,232.01
- Activity on the Town's website and social media:
 - Website: there were 92,805 visits and 265,192 page views to www.townofcantonct.org during Fiscal Year 2014-2015
 - The most frequently visited pages were:
News & Information, Employment Opportunities, Assessor/GIS, Tax Collector, Agendas & Minutes, Request for Proposals, Police Department, Community Calendar, Land Use Department and Town Clerk.
 - Facebook: Daily Total Reach (the number of people who have seen any content associated with the page) during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 = 92,760; Lifetime Total Likes as of 6/30/15 = 557
 - Twitter: 641 tweets were sent out during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Current 'Followers' as of 6/30/15 = 441

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The Canton Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), our current rating is for 950,000 gallons per day. The WPCF staff operates and maintains the facility, along with 3 sewage-pumping stations and approximately 23 miles of sanitary sewers.

The mission statement of the WPCF is *“To protect our natural resource, the Farmington River and give the community a place to enjoy nature at its best. We shall provide this service to the people of Canton while operating an efficient and economical facility within budget.”*

This past year the facility treated over 195 million gallons of wastewater, equating to an average flow of approximately 534,000 gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by the NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removals of 98% for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 98% for Total Suspended Solids. We continue to receive positive inspection reports from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The WPCF is staffed by four well trained and experienced personnel including a Superintendent, a Chief Operator, an Operator III and Operator I. Plant personnel are certified and licensed in both treatment plant and collection system operation and maintenance. Three of the personnel are also certified in Laboratory analysis. The operators participate in continuing education to stay abreast of the ever-changing rules, regulations and technology.

The Fats Oil & Grease (FOG) Program continues to make strides in keeping the town’s infrastructure (sewer lines and manholes) clear of fats, oil and grease from Food Preparation Establishments.

The WPCF staff is happy to say we have made significant strides in minimizing the odors generated at the facility. We have seen a remarkable cleanup of our effluent and the process continues to perform well. The following projects that have been completed this past year are listed below.

1. Town Bridge Road pump station upgrades: The inside of the building received a new standby emergency generator, and 2 new pumps with controls were installed. The exterior of the building received new siding and a set of double doors.
2. Secondary Waste Sludge pump project: This project included the purchase and installation of a new secondary sludge pump and associated piping. We are able to eliminate the co-settling of the sludge in the primary clarifiers, which has helped the staff with the reduction of odors at the facility.
3. Repairs: The force main for the pump station located at the Shoppes at Farmington Valley needed an emergency repair. This happened to take place in the middle of winter, on the coldest week of the year, but was successfully completed with the assistance of staff and an outside contractor.

The Water Pollution Control Authority meets on the first 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. Tours of the Canton Water Pollution Control Facility are open to the public.

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 seven (7) regular meetings and no special meetings. They processed three (3) applications for variances to the Zoning Regulations, two (2) applications for Motor Vehicle Location Approval and one (1) application to appeal the decision of Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has four (4) members and one (1) alternate member. 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.

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As of June 30, 2015

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (Elected)</u>		
David P. Sinish	20 Dyer Avenue	11/17/2015
Arnold Goldman	198 Albany Turnpike	11/21/2017
Carol G. York	PO Box 602, Canton Center 06020	11/17/2015
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION (Elected)</u>		
Peg Berry	115 Robin Drive	11/17/2015
David Briggs	19 Mohawk Drive	11/17/2015
Leslee Hill	91 Andrew Drive	11/21/2017
Julie Ausere	21 Pheasant Hill Road	11/21/2017
Dana Kosior	111 Andrew Drive	11/21/2017
Laurie McKenna	8 East Mountain Road	11/17/2015
Ana Cavanaugh	109 Andrew Drive	11/21/2017
Helen Treacy	22 Old Miss Drive	11/17/2015
Jack Powell	23 Mohawk Drive	11/21/2017
<u>BOARD OF FINANCE (Elected)</u>		
Bill Canny	51 Breezy Hill Road	11/17/2015
Richard Eickenhorst	7 Shingle Mill Drive	11/21/2017
Brian First	85 High Valley Drive	11/21/2017
Kenneth Humphrey	250 East Hill Road	11/17/2015
Beth Kandrysawtz	35 Hanson Road	11/21/2017
Mary Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road	11/17/2015
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Elected)</u>		
Richard Barlow (First Selectman)	321 Cherry Brook Road	11/17/2015
David Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road	11/17/2015
Lowell Humphrey	19 Canton Valley Circle	11/17/2015
Stephen Roberto (Deputy)	1 Tanglewood Drive	11/17/2015
Thomas Sevigny	131 Gracey Road	11/17/2015

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS</u>		
Russell Richardson, Jr.	PO Box 128, Canton Center 06020	
Charles Whitney	PO Box 216	
Christopher Winsor	10 West Simsbury Road	
<u>CANTON BOARD OF ETHICS</u>		
(5 Regular, 2 Alternate members) (See Ordinance #230 for terms)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Arthur Casey	4 Brook Ridge Drive	6/30/2015
Dennis Ciccarillo	106 East Mountain Road	6/30/2017
David Kubas	82 East Hill Road	6/30/2017
Edith Offenhartz	70 Lawton Road	6/30/2015
Emil Huyghebaert	19 Freedom Drive	6/30/2015
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
VACANCY		6/30/2015
VACANCY		6/30/2015
<u>CANTON CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</u>		
(5 Regular (2 in district), 3 Alternate (1 in district) members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Kim Bowen - Chair (In)	144 Cherry Brook Road	1/1/2016
Sandra Bridgman	PO Box 137, Canton Center 06020	1/1/2017
Marianne H. Burbank	84 North Mountain Road	1/1/2015
Nora Hillman-Goeler	133 Morgan Road	1/1/2017
Stephen Johnson	221 Cherry Brook Road	1/1/2016
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
VACANCY		
(2) VACANCIES		

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Sarah Cheney (Chair)	19 Town Bridge Road	12/31/2017
Dale Monroe	PO Box 440, Collinsville 06022	12/31/2015
Arthur Rote	21 Dowd Avenue, Apt.3	12/31/2018
Linda Spiers	3 Whirling Dun	12/31/2015
VACANCY		12/31/2018
<u>CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>		
(Term - 4 years)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Marjorie Clarke	45 Sunset Terrace	7/1/2018
Nancy Donoghue	3 Tanglewood Drive	7/1/2016
Walter Gillette (Chair)	222 Barbourtown Road	7/1/2017
Bonita Hansen	24 Canton Hollow	7/1/2018
Michael Leonard	5 Uplands Drive	7/1/2017
Richard Matos	5 Drake Lane	7/1/2018
Patricia McGarry	50 East Hill Road, #6A	7/1/2016
David Owen (Vice Chair)	92 East Hill Road	7/1/2018
Rowena Okie	125 Morgan Road	7/1/2017
<u>Friends of the Library</u>		
Sue Ann Uccello	6 Trailsend Drive	
<u>CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT</u>		
VACANCY		
<u>CHIEF OF FIRE/EMS</u>		
Richard Hutchings	4 Market Street	

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>COLLINSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</u>		
(5 Regular, 3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Eric Jackson	137 Main Street	6/30/2016
Walter Kendra	16 South Street	6/30/2016
David Leff	4 The Green	6/30/2018
Stephen Veillette (Chair)	6 Mohawk Drive	6/30/2017
Kathleen Woolam	70 Simmonds Avenue	6/30/2015
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
Sylvia Cancela	49 Sunset Terrace	6/30/2018
Mary Ellen Cosker	20 Atwater Road	6/30/2017
Kenton McCoy	6 Center Street	6/30/2016
<u>COMMISSION ON AGING</u>		
(7 Regular, 3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Arthur Blondin (Chair)	9 Orchard Hill Road	1/1/2018
Mary Ann Christensen	4 Evens Drive	1/1/2016
Michie Hesselbrock	185 Breezy Hill Road	1/1/2017
Lori Kluessendorf	15 Old Canton Road	1/1/2017
Dorothea Murray	74 Lawton Road	1/1/2015
Margaret Pinton	70 Bunker Hill Road	1/1/2018
Maureen Wallison	11 Canton Valley Circle	1/1/2016
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
Marylou Erardi	1 Evans Dr	1/1/2015
VACANCY		

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term) Term Expiration Date		
Sarah Faulkner	25 Dyer Avenue	7/1/2018
Maureen Flynn	PO Box 377	7/1/2017
Jay Kaplan	71 Gracey Road	7/1/2016
Hedy Barton	363 Cherry Brook Rd	6/30/2017
VACANCY		
VACANCY		
<u>CONSTABLES (Elected)</u>		
Per Town Ordinance #180		
Julius Fialkiewicz	11 East Hill Road	11/21/2015
Dan Barnhart	6 Allen Place	11/21/2015
Karen Berry	40 East Mountain Road	11/21/2015
George Thimot	PO Box 146	11/21/2015
Larry Minichiello	35 Maple Avenue	11/21/2015
Gregory Sims	50 East Hill Road, #8C	11/21/2015
Carrie Sinish	20 Dyer Avenue	11/21/2015
<u>DECD Central Tourism Representative</u>		
VACANCY		
<u>DESIGN REVIEW TEAM</u>		
(5 Regular members (<i>1 member must be on Zoning</i>) – 4 year term)		
Tracey Brais	11 Noja Trail	4/1/2015
Frank Mairano	60 Dyer Avenue	4/1/2016
VACANCY		
VACANCY		
VACANCY		

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY</u>		
(5 Regular members <i>(as of 04/15/09 STM)</i> - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Robert Bessel	4 South Street	7/1/2017
Thomas Bradley	607 Cherry Brook Road	7/1/2017
Amy Parchen	18 Andrew Drive	7/1/2016
Diana Boorjian	5 Scoville Road	7/1/2016
Theresa Barger	8 Pond Road	7/1/2015
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</u>		
Christopher Arciero	4 Market Street	
<u>ENERGY COMMITTEE</u>		
Ben Holden	20 Boulder Ridge	4/25/2016
Candace Langlois	77 Indian Hill Road	4/25/2016
David Madigan	PO Box 52	4/25/2016
Nancy Miller (Vice Chair)	17 Dyer Avenue	4/25/2016
Bob Namnoum	146 Cherry Brook Road	4/25/2016
Mark Quinlan	52 Sunset Terrace	4/25/2016
Matthew Stone (Chair)	50 East Hill Road, #6C	4/25/2016
<u>FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE</u>		
www.farmingtonriver.org		
Cherie Robinson (Alternate)	61 Sterling Drive	n/a
VACANCY		

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As of June 30, 2015

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT</u>		
Richard Barlow	321 Cherry Brook Road	1/22/2017
Stephen Roberto	1 Tanglewood Drive	1/22/2017
<u>INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY</u> (5 Regular, 2 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Robert Bahre	8 Freeland Farms Road	12/31/2017
Richard Van de Bogart Jr	9 Mohawk Drive	12/31/2017
Robert Oswald	138 Torrington Avenue	12/31/2015
David Shepard (Chair)	7 Pond View Drive	12/31/2015
David Sinish	20 Dyer Avenue	12/31/2014
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
Al Bombassei	58 Bart Drive	12/31/2014
(2) VACANCIES		
<u>JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD</u> (5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Lee Brown-Egan	8 Noja Trail	6/30/2018
Ben Mills	4 Jeff Lane	6/30/2017
Ruth Small (Chair)	315 East Hill Road	6/30/2015
Elizabeth Taylor-Huey	22 Hoffmann Road	6/30/2017
Tracy Whittingslow	902 Timber Lane	6/30/2015
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
Kelly Conway	96 West Mountain Road	6/30/2017
VACANCY		
<u>MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY</u> (2 year term must be a member of the Commission on Aging/appointed by CEO)		
Claire Cote		3/15/2015

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION</u>		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Rebecca Andrews (Chair)	7 Mills Lane	7/1/2016
Ben Holden	20 Boulder Ridge	7/1/2018
Christopher Eckert	22 Camille Lane	6/30/2015
Julius Fialkiewicz	11 East Hill Road	7/1/2017
Todd Jacobs	21 East Hill Road	7/1/2015
VACANCY		7/1/2016
VACANCY		7/1/2017
<u>PENSION COMMITTEE</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Matthew Carman	118 Case Street	1/1/2017
David Chellgren	13 Buttonwood Hill Road	1/1/2015
Michael "Ken" Griffin	51 Queens Peak	1/1/2015
Darrin Tulley	33 Dartmouth Drive	1/1/2016
Sergio Benedetti	43 Crown Point Road	1/1/2016
<u>PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE</u>		
(4 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Karen Berry	40 East Mountain Road	7/1/2018
Ronald Dymicki	5 Sugar Camp Road	7/1/2016
David Madigan	PO Box 52, Canton Center 06020	7/1/2016
Peter Reynolds (Chair)	4 Deer Run Road	7/1/2018
<u>PLAINVILLE AREA CABLE TELE. ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>		
(2 Regular members - 2 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Diana Boorjian	5 Scoville Road	6/30/2015
VACANCY		

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Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION</u>		
(7 Regular, 3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Keith August	12 Woodland Drive	6/30/2016
David Bondanza (Chair)	109 High Valley Drive	6/30/2016
David Evens	PO Box 134	6/30/2016
Philip Pane	5 Olson Road	6/30/2017
John Huyghebaert	162 Hill Street	6/30/2015
Jonathan Thiesse	224 Wright Road	6/30/2015
Lansford Perry	PO Box 1	6/30/2017
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
David Freeman	16 Hoffman Road	6/30/2016
William Sarmuk	37 Breezy Hill Road	6/30/2017
VACANCY		6/30/2015
<u>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</u>		
Democrat – Lynn Homan	43 Andrew Drive	Elected
Margaret Golfin	47 Andrew Drive	
Republican – John (Jack) Miner	15 Olson Road	Elected
Rich Contrastano	22 Colony Road	
<u>TOWN MEETING MODERATORS</u>		
(1 Moderator with up to 3 Alternates - 2 year term)		
David Leff	4 The Green	1/1/2016
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>		
Lorinda Pane	5 Olson Road	1/1/2016
(2) VACANCIES		
<u>WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE</u>		
(2) VACANCIES		

BOARDS / COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of June 30, 2015

Name	Address	Term Expiration Date
<u>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY</u>		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Paul Balavender	98 Andrew Drive	7/1/2018
Stuart Greacen	31 Country Lane	7/1/2016
Matthew Stone	50 East Hill Road, #6C	7/1/2016
Robert Suttmiller (Chair)	PO Box 275, Collinsville 06022	7/1/2017
VACANCY		
<u>YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU</u>		
(7 Regular members (<i>1 member must be 18-21 years old</i>) - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Glenn Barger	8 Pond Road	7/1/2017
Stan Krzanowski	625 Cherry Brook Road	7/1/2017
Patricia Maloy (Vice Chair)	203 Timber Lane	7/1/2018
Laura Meheran	270 Barbourtown Road	7/1/2018
Sue Saidel (Chair)	3 Westview Drive	7/1/2018
Lori Snow	23 Mohawk Drive	7/1/2018
Karen Fillian	11 Gildersleeve	7/1/2017
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>		
(5 Regular, 3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
<u>REGULAR MEMBERS</u>		
Robert Brainard, Jr. (Chair)	151 Wright Road	1/3/2015
Guerry Dotson	109 Torrington Ave	1/1/2016
Christopher Kerr	PO Box 142, Collinsville 06022	1/3/2016
Jennifer Barlow	130 Main St Apt 4A	1/3/2018
VACANCY		
<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS – VACANCY (2)</u>		