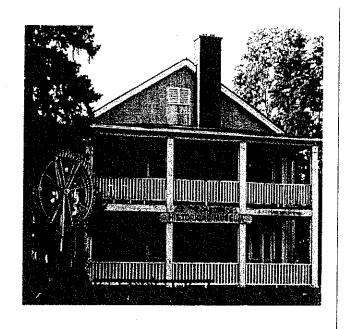
TOWN OF CANTON









ANNUAL REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

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TOWN MEETING

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, September 19, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held September 19, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, Canton, CT for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a special appropriation in accordance with Town Charter 9-3(e) (3) in an amount not to exceed \$117,500 for purposes of settlement of Mr. Kenneth Ripley's claim currently pending before the Worker's Compensation Commission.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 5th day of September 2007.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 7, 2007, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on September 12, 2007, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on September 13, 2007, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on September 19, 2007.

Mary B. Tomolonius

First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, September 19, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Mark Quattro, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Mark Quattro reviewed the process of the meeting and asked each person wishing to vote to have their name checked off the voter's list.

Mary Tomolonius made a motion that the meeting consider and take action on a special appropriation in accordance with Town Charter 9-3(e) (3) in an amount not to exceed \$117,500 for purposes of settlement of Mr. Kenneth Ripley's claim currently pending before the Worker's Compensation Commission.

Seconded by Shirley Krompegal.

Mrs. Tomolonius introduced Henry Ziccardi, the Town Attorney, who reviewed the history of the case. He was restrained from revealing too much of the background of the claim due to Mr. Ripley's personal medical history/privacy. He explained that the breakdown of the settlement as being medical costs, the extent of the injury and future claims.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- 1. Matthew Bahre-Dowd Ave. He supports the motion and asked if there was an initial \$25.000 offer made to the Town. He felt the details of the claim should have been more public and that administrators have done a disservice to Mr. Ripley by rejecting an initial offer. Mr. Ziccardi responded that he was not aware of a smaller (\$25K) offer. The initial number that he recalls was closer to \$200,000 and that any settlement has to be approved by Worker's Compensation. Paul Fetherston responded that there was no other initial offer made other than Mr. Ripley's request for medical insurance until he reached the age of 65.
- 2. Emmit Cancryn-9 Meadowview Court. Mr. Cancryn felt that the Town was asking him to vote without knowing all the details. If we approved this motion would it extinguish all claims in lieu of settlement? Was there a risk to the community in not accepting this settlement? Mr. Ziccardi responded that there were two separate health claims; one from 1992 and one from 2005. They were not specific instances of injury. Mr. Ziccardi recommends this motion to the community. It was the best offer presented to Worker's Compensation Commissioner Walker.
- 3. Ken Ripley-Burlington CT. He waived his rights to privacy by speaking. Mr. Ripley gave an overview of his medical history since 1992 and his interaction with the Town regarding this claim. Paul Fetherston responded that no offer for \$25,000 was made. There was a request for medical benefits to the age of 65. Mr. Ripley would have to go through the Worker's Compensation process if he desired any benefit beyond what other retirees get. Mr. Ziccardi agreed with Mr. Fetherston. Mary Tomolonius stated that Fred Turkington, the prior CAO, left a file regarding this claim with her when he left the employ of the Town. She also was not aware of a \$25,000 initial offer.

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- **4.** Bill Cooper-Boulder Ridge. Mr. Cooper asked if Mr. Ripley has medical benefits. Paul Fetherston responded that retirees may buy into the town's COBRA plan in accordance with federal law.
- 5. Emmit Cancryn-Mr. Cancryn wanted clarification on attorney's fees. Mr. Ziccardi responded that 20% of the \$117,500 would go to Mr. Ripley's attorney. His attorney's fees are not in addition to the claim.

Jim Keane made a motion to close discussion.
Seconded by Cary Sinish.
The motion vote was 51 YES/0 NO. The motion passed.
Lou Daniels made a motion to adjourn which was seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Linda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Linda Osmith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record September 21, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON WARNING OF ELECTION

November 6, 2007 Municipal Election

The Electors of the Town of Canton are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for First Selectman, Selectman, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, and Constable.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT

Absentee Ballots will also be counted at 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT.

Optical scan voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00 am and will remain open until 8:00 pm.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut, this 22nd day of October 2007.

Linda Smith Canton Town Clerk

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2007 ELECTION-Canton, CT

First Selectman	
Richard Barlow (R)	1530
Mary B. Tomolonius (D)	1287
Selectmen	
Timothy B. LeGeyt (R)	1908
Bruce A. Lockwood (D)	1115
Shirley C. Krompegal (R)	1496
David P. Sinish (D)	1272
David W. Gilchrist (R)	1453
George W. Thimot Jr. (D)	791
Board of Finance	
Board of Finance Samuel S. Humphrey (R)	1679
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Samuel S. Humphrey (R)	
Samuel S. Humphrey (R) Kathleen C. Corkum (D)	1852
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Board of Assessment Appeals			
Carol G. York (R)	1322		
Mark H. Quattro (D)	1334		
Constables			
Mickey W. Barlow (R)	1578		
Gregory M. Sims (D)	1275	•	
Karen L. Berry (R)	1415		
Patti P. Maulucci (D)	1363		
Larry D. Minichiello (R)	1423		
Richard A. Zommer (D)	1135		
Thomas James Bush (D)	1053		
ALL RESULTS INCLUDE ABSEN	NTEE COUNT		4005
Registered Republicans	1851	Registered Democrats	1985
Registered Minor Parties	30	Registered Unaffiliated	2739
Total Voters	6605		
Turnout	43%		

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, November 14, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:00PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution authorizing the acceptance of Small Cities Grant Funding in the amount of \$550,000 for Canton Senior Housing Rehabilitation; and

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution approving special appropriations in the amount of \$12,469.76 for the EMS Special Revenue Fund and \$28,928.22 for the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund for purposes of funding FY2006-2007 deficits; and

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution approving a special appropriation for the Board of Education in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for expenditures related to removal of two hot water storage tanks (1,000 and 2,000 gallon) and acquisition of two hot water tank replacements (180 and 400 gallon).

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 17th day of October, 2007

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 19, 2007, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on November 7, 2007, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on November 8, 2007, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on November 14, 2007.

<u>CMany</u> <u>∞</u> <u>Comolorius</u> Mary B. Tomolonius First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, November 14, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT.

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

Mary Tomolonius moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution authorizing the acceptance of Small Cities Grant Funding in the amount of \$550,000 for Canton Senior Housing Rehabilitation. Tim LeGeyt seconded the motion.

Mary explained that the funding was slated to go towards the interior renovations project at 21 Dowd Ave. Upon no public comment or question, the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 27/0.

Mary Tomolonius moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution approving special appropriations in the amount of \$12,469.76 for the EMS Special Revenue Fund and \$28,928.22 for the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund for purposes of funding FY2006-2007. Shirley Krompegal seconded the motion.

Mary explained that even though the fiscal year of 2006/2007 ended in an overall surplus, special revenue funds for Parks and Recreation and EMS needed to be covered. At the Park and Recreation Department, revenues were not as high as expected for the fiscal year. Upon no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously 25/0.

Mary Tomolonius moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a resolution approving a special appropriation for the Board of Education in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for expenditures related to removal of two hot water storage tanks (1,000 and 2,000 gallon) and acquisition of two hot water tank replacements (180 and 400 gallon). David Sinish seconded the motion. Mary explained that we would see immediate cost savings from the replacement of these two fixtures. Kevin Witkos asked if the \$25,000 was the maximum cost of the project. Kevin Case, Superintendent of Schools explained that the project was a firm cost figure not to exceed \$25,000. Upon no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously 25/0.

There being no further business of the Special Town Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

<u>Einda Smith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

> <u>Einda Smith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record November 15, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, December 19, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on proposed amendments to Ordinance #223 entitled "Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Management Services".

Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Office of the Town Clerk and through the Town Clerk's page of the Town's website at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 5th day of December, 2007

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 7, 2007, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on December 11, 2007, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on December 13, 2007, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on December 19, 2007.

Richard Sarlow
Richard Barlow
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTIOUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, December 19, 2007

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT.

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

Richard J. Barlow moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on proposed amendments to Ordinance #223 entitled "Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste Management Services".

The motion was seconded by Tim LeGeyt.

Richard J. Barlow spoke about the evolution of the proposed changes:

- Original ordinance was adopted and became effective on October 1, 2004
- Prior to adoption, the Canton Housing Authority had access to Transfer Station.
- In January 2006, the Town Clerk's Office who administers tokens and the sale of permits at the Transfer Station was asked by the Canton Housing Authority to provide a letter authorizing their continued access to the Transfer Station
- Since the ordinance no longer permitted access to the Housing Authority, no authorization could be provided.
- In May 2007, the Canton Housing Authority again raised the issue. Referred to the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel.
- At the Board of Selectmen request, a proposed amendment acceptable to both the Board and CHA was requested and developed.
- The proposal before the Town Meeting represents a scenario supported by both the CHA and Board of Selectmen
- Board of Selectmen identified at the time that the situation with the CHA was distinguishable with other business entities in its relationship to the Town as a "quasi public" agency.
- Proposal restricts amount to be dumped to a small volume of "bulky waste"

There were no comments/questions from the audience. The motion passed unanimously with an 18/0 vote. There being no further business of the Special Town Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

<u> Einda Osmith</u>

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

<u>Einda Smith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record December 20, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 7:00 pm in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut for the following purpose:

TO HEAR A PRESENTATION AND HOLD A DISCUSSION on the issues, challenges and opportunities in Collinsville.

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 19th day of December, 2007.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 24, 2007, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

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

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 24, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done be me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on January 30, 2008.

Richard J. Sarlow Richard J. Barlow First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Library/Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT for the following purpose:

TO HEAR A PRESENTATION AND HOLD A DISCUSSION on the issues, challenges and opportunities in Collinsville.

James Bixler served as Moderator and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice. In accordance with Town Charter, no vote was taken.

1. Neil Pade, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a presentation on the Collinsville area of Canton, its Land Use considerations, various zoning designations, and additional measures that can be taken in the area.

Public Comments were made by:

David Leff

4 The Green

2. Larry Minichiello, Chairman of the Pedestrian and Vehicular Study Committee, spoke about the development and need of the Committee. He talked about the data they have been able to collect and how they turned that information into an interim report which contains suggestions, both 'quick hit' and strategic, to address the problems. The report is currently being reviewed by the Board of Selectmen for further action.

Public Comments were made by:

Joanna Aversa

Timber Lane

John Raymond

Gracev Road

Theresa Barger

Pond Road

3. Dick Barlow, First Selectman, thanked the Pedestrian and Vehicular Study Committee for their work and stated that the Board of Selectmen would be looking at the recommendations in upcoming meetings. He also spoke about the Farmington River, its flashboards, improved water quality and the possibility of power facility opportunities.

Public Comments were made by:

Jane Latus

Uplands Drive

David Sinish

Dver Ave

Mark Quattro

High Valley Drive

John Raymond

Gracey Road

There being no further comment, the Annual town Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

<u> Linda Bnith</u>

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

<u>Einda OSmith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record January 31, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

A Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve the acquisition of 140 acres owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon on Cherry Brook Road for a total purchase price of \$959,000;

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve a special appropriation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$959,000 (\$450,000 of which is State of Connecticut grant funding) for the acquisition of 140 acres located on Cherry Brook Road owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon; and

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to authorize the acceptance of \$450,000 in grant funding from the State of Connecticut for purposes of assisting in the acquisition of 140 acres located on Cherry Brook Road owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon in accordance with Town Charter §9-3(i)

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 1st day of April, 2008.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 2, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on April 3, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 3, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on April 9, 2008.

Richard J. Barlow First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, April 9, 2008

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Lorinda Pane, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Richard Barlow started the presentation by discussing the property location and financial breakdown of the Cannon property. The purchase has received the approval from the Planning Commission, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. The Town needs to close with the owners by July 1, 2008.

Charlie DeWeese, a member of the Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission, then summarized the property with the aid of a slide show. He spoke about the Open Space Commission's work since its inception and its evaluation of the Cannon Property. The property consists of 140 acres west of Route 179. It is part of the eastern flank of Ratlum Mountain and is visible from Route 179 near the North Canton Firehouse. It meets many of the goals of the ordinance (#222) which established the Open Space Commission. Although it was listed for \$1.4 million, the Cannon family is taking \$441,000 as a charitable donation and the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection will give the Town a grant for \$450,000 towards the purchase price; leaving a net cost to the Town of \$509,000. The land abuts other protected land and is an ideal wildlife corridor. It is a suitable habitat for birds and mammals in addition to it being suitable for passive recreation such as hiking, cross country skiing, bird watching and nature photography. There are also existing stone walls on the property which are evident of possible colonial use. Access to the area is through various points.

Discussion and comments were heard by:

Gail Champlin

10 Shagbark Lane (representing the owners on Shagbark Lane)

Edith Offenhartz

70 Lawton Road

John Pech Henry Bahre 264 Barbourtown Road 4 Breezy Hill Road 25 Indian Hill Road

Tim Griggs
Richard Barlow

321 Cherry Brook Road

Sarah Faulkner 25 Dyer Ave

Jane Latus

8 Uplands Drive (speaking for C.A.R.E.)

Bill Cooper

11 Boulder Ridge

David Sinish moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve the acquisition of 140 acres owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon on Cherry Brook Road for a total purchase price of \$959,000.

Seconded by Alis Olheiser.

Gail Champlin made a motion to amend the motion that Shagbark Lane be removed as an access route to the Cannon property.

Jim Keane seconded the motion.

Discussion and comments were heard by:

David Sinish

20 Dyer Ave

Richard Barlow

321 Cherry Brook Road

Paul Fetherston

Chief Administrative Officer

Bill Duncan Susan Crowe 67 Washburn Road 111 West Road

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Gail Chaplain

10 Shagbark Lane

Mike Gotaski

236 Barbourtown Road

David Leff

4 The Green

Maureen Flynn

116 Dunne Ave

John Pech

264 Barbourtown Road

Mark Quattro

186 High Valley Drive

Jay Kaplan called the Question and Teresa Barger seconded.

Call the Question

70 YES

0 NO

Should the motion be amended for Shagbark Lane to be removed as an access route to the Cannon

property?

7 YES

67 NO

The amendment fails.

Jay Kaplan called the question and Jill Cromwell seconded.

Call the Question

77 YES

2 NO

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve the acquisition of 140 acres owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon on Cherry Brook Road for a total purchase price of \$959,000.

73 YES

2 NO

The Motion passes.

Shirley Krompegal moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve a special appropriation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$959,000 (\$450,000 of which is State of Connecticut grant funding) for the acquisition of 140 acres located on Cherry Brook Road owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon.

Seconded by Sarah Faulkner. 73 YES

4 NO

The Motion passes.

Jim Davis moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to authorize the acceptance of \$450,000 in grant funding from the State of Connecticut for purposes of assisting in the acquisition of 140 acres located on Cherry Brook Road owned by the Estate of Doris Cannon in accordance with Town Charter §9-3(i)

Seconded by Chris Winsor. 73 YES

2 NO

The Motion passes.

Richard Barlow made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Rinda Osmith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record April 10, 2008

£inda Smith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, April 16, 2008

A Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at town meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7PM in the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve a special appropriation from Fund Balance in an amount not to exceed \$247,889 for purposes of Fiscal Year 2007/2008 expenditures by the Board of Education; and

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to authorize the assignment of tax liens in the amount of \$120,601.61 in taxes, interest and lien fees due the Town for property at 45 Dry Bridge Road and to execute such documents as may be necessary and approved by the Town Attorney to effectuate said assignment.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 2nd day of April 2008.

Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 3, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on April 10, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 10, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on April 16, 2008.

Richard J. Sarlow Richard J. Barlow First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, April 16, 2008

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Jim Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

I. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to approve a special appropriation from Fund Balance in an amount not to exceed \$247,889 for purposes of Fiscal Year 2007/2008 expenditures by the Board of Education.

Shirley Krompegal seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Peggy Farrar, River Street, asked for detail of the request. Jerry Domonico, Business Manager for the Board of Education, explained the request covers three different areas:

1. Additional Special Education costs

2. Additional fuel Costs

3. Funds to satisfy a matching security grant for a 06 point camera system at Canton High School

There being no further discussion, the motion vote passed 12Yes/0No.

II. Richard Barlow moved that the meeting CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION on a request to authorize the assignment of tax liens in the amount of \$120,601.61 in taxes, interest and lien fees due the Town for property at 45 Dry Bridge Road and to execute such documents as may be necessary and approved by the Town Attorney to effectuate said assignment.

Mary B. Tomolonius seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Dick Barlow explained that a party came forward to purchase the liens by assignment, making the Town whole. In addition, under the agreement, future taxes/liens would also be paid by this party.

There being no further discussion, the motion vote passed 12Yes/0No.

Dick Barlow made a motion to adjourn. Mary B. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

<u>Einda Smith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record April 17, 2008

<u>Einda Smith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Legal Notice TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

Monday, May 12, 2008

The annual town budget meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton, Connecticut will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT for the purpose of discussing the Board of Finance recommended budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009.

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,103,110 BE APPROVED?"

BUDGET SUMMARY	Audited Actual	Bu	vised idget	Bu	oposed idget
Property Taxes Licenses, Permits & Fees Intergovernmental Revenue Local Department Revenue Investment Income Use of Undesignated Fund Balance Other Financing Sources Total - General Fund Revenues	FY 2007/08 \$ 26,203,584 \$ 446,586 \$ 3,254,985 \$ 687,552 \$ 388,190 \$ 35,306 \$- \$ 31,016,203	\$2 \$3 \$3 \$4 \$1 \$2 \$-	7 2007/08 27,672,178 342,750 3,208,960 486,224 490,000 283,898 32,184,010	\$ 2 \$ 3 \$ 3 \$ 4 \$ 1 \$ 6 \$ 5	7 2008/09 28,574,291 344,650 3,909,539 486,465 190,000 500,000
EXPENDITURES Board of Selectmen Board of Education Board of Finance Total - General Fund Expenditures	\$ 8,123,361 \$ 19,469,255 \$ 2,511,967 \$ 30,104,583	\$ \$ \$	8,771,071 20,678,907 2,734,032 32,184,010	\$ \$ \$	9,256,602 22,021,023 2,825,485 34,103,110

Richard Ohanesian Chairman, Board of Finance

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 2, 2008, I left a copy of the foregoing warning and notice with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on May 6, 2008, I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 6, 2008, I caused to be set upon all sign posts in said Town and all other places designated by the Town a copy of said warning and notice signed by me.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done by me at least five days before the holding of said meeting on May 12, 2008.

Richard J. Barlow

Richard J. Barlow First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING May 12, 2008

The annual budget meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton, Connecticut was held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT for the purpose of discussing the Board of Finance recommended budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009.

James Bixler, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice. Approximately 225 people were in attendance.

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Gary Miller moved that the budget be considered and discussed. Shirley Krompegal seconded the motion.

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman, presented the General Government portion of the budget noting key initiatives of the BOS including:

- IT/Improved communication
- Staff consolidation
- An additional police officer
- Road maintenance
- Waste management/cost containment

He further discussed the CIP projects and noted that 64% of the BOS budget comprises salaries, benefits, insurance and contracted expenses.

Lou Daniels, Chairman of the Board of Education, explained the Education portion of the budget and pointed out that the process starts in November with the Capital Improvement Plan. The operating portion of the budget is put together in December and through a series of Public Hearings, mailings, Hartford Courant articles, CPTV commercials and the website, is communicated to the public throughout the process. The BOE budget reflects a 6.49% increase, 70% of which is driven by contractual obligations. With this budget the BOE has increased class sizes and offered fewer classes in the high school. Canton is 100 out of 166 in per pupil spending in Connecticut.

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

- 1777 students in the system
- Reduced teaching staff
- Increased class size
- Combined classes in the high school
- A new phone system in Cherry Brook Primary School
- Renovations in the Canton High School lavatories
- IT improvements
- Purchase of a used maintenance vehicle
- Fuel and utilities
- Employee benefits
- Reduced spending for equipment
- No Child Left Behind
- Oralified teachers

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING May 12, 2008

- Remedial support to children in need
- Outside support services
- Professional development opportunities
- Contract obligations
- A new lighting program which is realizing cost savings
- Increased employee share for medical benefits
- Increased school lunch prices
- Grant opportunities
- The PTO's support of technology
- Athletic programs supported by the Booster Clubs

Dick Ohanesian, Chairman of the Board of Finance, referred to the budget mailer as he reviewed the revenue side of the budget. As the grand list growth continues to go down, the BOF has attempted to keep tax increases to a minimum. Both the BOS and BOE have taken the direction of the BOF by looking at benefits, cost sharing and making cuts to control costs. The BOF budget contains \$300,000 for the benefit of Open Space and did not make any cuts to the BOS or BOE budgets presented to them. After last year's budget was passed, State money came to the Town. Last year's State money was used to offset this year's numbers, keeping the mil rate increase to a minimum. The budget increase of 1.7% was passed unanimously by the BOF.

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

NAME	ADDRESS
Chris Budnick	11 Orchard Hill Road
Norm Adams	18 Case Street
Lance Perry	22 Barbourtown Road
Gary Miller	7 East Hill Road
George Thimot	103 West Mountain road
Bill Crowe	111 West Road
Theresa Martin Dotson	109 Torrington Road

There being no further comments, David Gilchrist made a motion to call the question. George Thimot seconded the motion. The motion passed by a hand vote with all but two votes in favor.

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

THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,103,110 was passed by a vote of:

197 Yes19 No

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Linda Osmith

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

<u>Einda Osmith</u> Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record May 13, 2008

PRINCIPAL



OFFICIALS

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JUNE 30, 2008

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman

David W. Gilchrist Timothy B. LeGeyt Shirley C. Krompegal Mary B. Tomolonius

BOARD OF FINANCE

Richard Ohanesian, Chairman

Kathleen C. Corkum Richard W. Eickenhorst Samuel S. Humphrey Michael D'Apice Mark Green

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Louis M. Daniels, Chairman

Susan Crowe Leslee B. Hill Carlene Rhea Jonathan Webb Susan M. Eisner-Saidel Beth Kandrysawtz Kyra Sheehan Patricia White

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Chief of Police

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Tax Collector

Assessor

Town Clerk

Town Engineer

Director or Planning and Community Development

Director of Public Works

Library Director

Parks and Recreation Director

Building Official

Fire Marshal/Director of Emergency Management

Jonathan Luiz Lowell F. Humphrey Amy O'Toole Lisa Theroux

Harry DerAsadourian

Linda Smith

R. Kenneth Wassall

Neil Pade Walter Legeyt Robert Simon John R. Bennett Francis Jasmin Adam Libros

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools

Business Manager

Kevin D. Case Jerry Domanico



STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		Original		Final				Variance with Final
	_	Budget		Budget		Actual	_	Budget
Revenues:								
Property faxes	\$	27,672,178	\$	27,672,178	\$	28,054,531	\$	382,353
Intergovernmental		3,208,960		3,658,960		3,927,508		268,548
Charges for services		828,974		828,974		1,243,508		414,534
Investment income		190,000		190,000		344,987		154,987_
Total revenues	_	31,900,112	_	32,350,112		33,570,534	_	1,220,422
Expenditures:	-							
Current:								
General government		634,074		651,061		617,645		33,416
Finance		453,312		450,832		420,932		29,900
Public safety		2,018,048		2,067,065		2,060,770		6,295
Public works		2,334.507		2.205,365		2,187,187		18,178
Human services		796,369		840,060		813,606		26,454
Insurance		245,482		245,482		238,699		6,783
Planning and development		276,203		1,252,582		1,239,649		12,933
Fringe benefits		1,325,203		1,442,703		1,427,885		14,818
Education		20,653,907		20,926,796		20,874,872		51,924
Debt service		2,295,232		2,299,780	_	2,299,780	_	
Total expenditures	_	31,032,337	-	32,381,726		32,181,025	_	200,701
Excess of Revenues over								
Expenditures		867,775	_	(31,614)	-	1,389,509	_	1,421,123
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Transfers out		(967,775)		(1,009,173)		(709,173)		300,000
Appropriation of fund balance		100,000		1,040,787			_	(1,040,787)
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	(867,775)	_	31,614	-	(709,173)		(740,787)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$_		\$_	94 		680,336	\$_	680,336
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year					-	3,620,206		
Fund Balance - End of Year					\$	4,300,542		

GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	_	Original Budget	_	Final Budget	_	Actual	 Variance with Final Budget
Property Taxes:							
Current year tax collections	\$	27,402,178	\$	27,402,178	\$	27,488,653	\$ 86,475
Prior year tax collections		150,000		150,000		337,166	187,166
Tax interest and liens		120,000		120,000		228,712	108,712
Total property taxes	_	27,672.178	_	27,672,178	-	28,054,531	 382,353
Intergovernmental:							
State miscellaneous		1,780		1,780		1,783	3
Town aid road - paved		91,661		91,661		121,786	30,125
Town aid road - unpaved		2,000		2,000		7,284	5,284
Equalized cost-sharing		2,663,639		2,663,639		3,281,660	618,021
Transportation		105,269		105,269		134,591	29,322
Mashantucket Pequot grant		35,132		35,132		46,052	10,920
FEMA grant proceeds						3,806	3.806
Education for the Blind						28,778	28,778
School construction bond - principal		203,734		203,734		203,734	~
School construction bond - interest		26,093		26,093		26,093	-
State of CT DEP - Open Space				450,000			(450,000)
State PILOT - elderly freeze		4,000		4,000		4,000	-
State PILOT - elderly supplement		35,500		35,500		29,964	(5,536)
State PILOT - disabled		250		250		532	282
State PILOT - veterans						1,656	1.656
State PILOT - State property		12.252		12,252		13,405	1,153
State PILOT - manufacturing		16,000		16,000		9,888	(6.112)
Housing Authority		10,400		10,000		10,808	808
Library grant		1,650		1,650		1.688	38
Total intergovernmental		3.208,960		3,658,960	_	3,927,508	 268,548
Charges for Services:							
Telecom tax		50,000		50,000		60,852	10,852
Hunting and fishing licenses		700		700		745	45
BOE tuition fees		128,000		128,000		206,429	78,429
Town clerk miscellaneous permits							
and licenses		4,500		4,500		7.091	2,591
Dog licenses		1,000		1,000		1,226	226
F/M permits and fire reports		500		500		580	80
Building licenses and permits		150,000		150,000		202.995	52,995
Land use licenses and permits		50		50		1,666	1,616
Zoning applications		4.000		4,000		10,668	6,668
Planning applications		2,500		2,500		600	(1.900)

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GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget
Charges for Services: (Continued)								
ZBA appeal fee	\$	300	\$	300	\$	900	\$	600
Inland wetlands		1,200		1,200		1,155		(45)
Dial-a-Ride tickets		1,000		1,000		925		(75)
Town clerk conveyance tax		187,000		187,000		251,784		64,784
Tax and town clerk printing services		8,500		8,500		10,266		1,766
Transfer station		165,000		165,000		147,390		(17,610)
Assessor printing and duplicating services		1,000		1,000		777		(223)
Miscellaneous revenue						65		65
Bad check fees		500		500		725		225
Police printing and duplicating services		000,1		1,000		1,074		74
Private duty - administration		20,000		20,000		7,211		(12,789)
Police gun permits		250		250		875		625
Police raffle tickets		50		50		55		5
Vendor permit		50		50		50		-
Traffic fines		500		500		2,728		2.228
Rental town property		4,400		4,400		3,618		(782)
AT&T tower		22,800		22,800		24,352		1,552
BOS miscellaneous revenue		1.000		1,000		209,658		208,658
C.R.R. transportation revenue		25,000		25,000		23,853		(1,147)
Collect Solid Waste Fees						2.000		2.000
Swimming pool fees		25,600		25,600		29,660		4,060
Pool daily attendance fee		5,000		5.000		5,531		531
I and use printing and duplicating services		1,000		1,000		995		(5)
Zoning comm regulations services		300		300		38		(262)
Planning comm regulation		50		50		4		(50)
Inland wetland agency regulation		24		24		4		(20)
Land records town clerk						7,188		7,188
Library printing and duplicating services		2,200		2,200		2.182		(18)
Library income		14,000		14,000		14,597		597
Miscellaneous revenue				020 021	_	1,000		1,000
Total charges for services		828,974	-	828,974	-	1,243,508	-	414,534
Investment Income		190,000		190,000	_	344,987		154,987
Total revenues		31,900,112		32,350,112		33,570,534		1,220,422
Other Financing Sources:								
Appropriation of fund balance		100.000		1,040,787	_			(1.040,787)
Transfers in				•	_		_	<u> </u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	s	32,000,112	\$ <u>_</u>	33,390,899	\$_	33,570.534	. S _.	179,635

GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	_	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	_	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:								
Board of Selectmen	\$	48,400	\$	48,400	\$	37.940	\$	10,460
Chief Administrator		216,572		217,308		205,480		11,828
Election		25,975		25,975		21,345		4,630
Probate court		2,800		2,800		2,800		-
Town counsel		130,000		232,837		232,837		-
Town clerk		121,127		122,941		116,443		6,498
Expenses, donations and contributions		89,200	_	800		800		
Total general government	_	634,074	_	651,061		617,645		33,416
Finance:								
Board of Finance		48,800		44,252		37,599		6,653
Finance		171,189		173,257		166,666		6,591
Assessor		118,931		118,931		111,287		7,644
Tax collector		110.092		110,092		105,205		4,887
Board of Tax Review		4,300		4,300		175	_	4,125
Total finance		453,312	_	450,832		420.932	_	29,900
Public Safety:								
Police		1,688,188		1,725,835		1,725,835		-
Service incentive		34,250		34,250		34.250		-
Fire services		176,131		185,350		185.350		-
Fire marshal		78,059		79,559		73,264		6,295
Emergency services	_	41,420		42,071		42.071		-
Total public safety	_	2,018.048	_	2,067,065		2,060,770		6,295
Public Works:								
Park Department		80,904		82,621		80,183		2,438
Town hall		208,483		178,390		178,390		-
Town engineer		101,299		104,491		100,115		4,376
General highway		941,412		1.026,740		1,026,740		-
Community center		206,006		183,163		183,163		•
Town garage		32,550		37,050		32,797		4,253
Transfer station		563,853		425.669		418,558		7,111
Utilities		200,000		167,241		167,241		
Total public works	_	2,334,507	_	2,205,365	- –	2,187,187	_	18,178
Human Services:								
Health district		38,735		38,735		38,735		•
Farmington Valley VNA		23,250		23,250		19,455		3,795
General assistance		21,388		21,388		21,332		56
Commission on Aging		86,238		87,817		78,702		9,115
Park and recreation		171,118		171,118		157,630		13,488
Library		455,640		497,752		497,752		_
Total human services	_	796.369		840.060		813,606		26.454

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GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget
Insurance	S	245,482	\$_	245,482	. \$_	238,699	s	6,783
Planning and Development:								
Town planner		161,227		176,406		176,406		-
Building official		87,957		90,157		88,568		1,589
Zoning Commission		6,450		6,450		5,508		942
Planning Commission		4,350		4,350		1,788		2,562
Zoning Board of Appeals		2,500		2,500		1,013		1,487
Design Review Team Commission		1,075		1,075		700		375
Economic development		3,120		3,120		233		2,887
Conservation Commission		2,209		2,209		1,924		285
Inland wetlands		5,300		5,300		4,017		1,283
Open space preservation and acquisitions		600		959,600		959,013		587
Canton Center Historic District		500		500		162		338
Collinsville Historic District		915	_	915		317		598
Total planning and development		276,203	_	1,252.582		1.239,649		12,933
Fringe Benefits		1,325.203	_	1,442,703	_	1,427,885		14,818
Education	_	20.653,907	_	20,926,796		20,874.872		51,924
Debt Service:								
Principal		1,650,000		1,654,445		1,654,445		-
Interest		645,232		645,335		645,335		-
Total debt service		2,295,232	_	2,299,780		2,299.780		
Total expenditures	_	31,032,337		32,381,726		32,181,025	_	200,701
Other Financing Uses:		•						
Transfers out:				•				
Emergency Services Fund		35,875		48,345		48,345		-
Park & Rec Special Revenue Fund				28,928		28,928		•
Dog Control Fund		17,000		17,000		17,000		-
Youth Services Bureau		4,400		4,400		4,400		_
BOF Contingency		300,000		300,000		•		300.000
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund		610,500		610,500		610.500		· -
Total other financing uses		967,775	_	1.009,173		709,173	_	300.000
Total Expenditures and Other								
Financing Uses	\$	32,000,112	\$_	33,390,899	\$_	32,890.198	ŝ	500,701

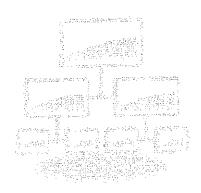
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

GENERAL FUND REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

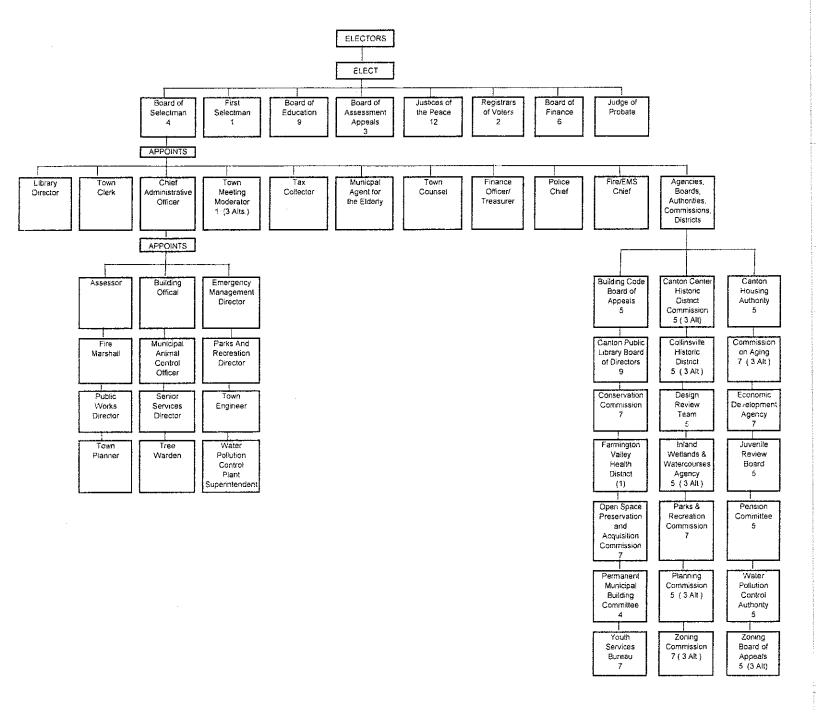
Uncollected Cur	Current	I awful Corrections	Transfers	Adjusted		Collections		Uncollected
June 30, 2007 Levy Additions	Additio	ns Deductions	Suspense	Collectible	Taxes	Lien Fees	Total	laxes June 30, 2008
26,084 \$ \$	يمئ	\$ 26,084	v.	i-	s	is in	•	i €-9
26,084				26,084				26.084
36				26,336			,	26,336
36				26,336	-		,	26,336
28,034				28,034	1,186	775	1,961	26,848
15				33,215	5.783	5,449	11,232	27,432
				36,222	8,579	14,662	23,241	27,643
37,058 2.37	237			37,295	8,505	12,901	21,406	28,790
26,513				26,513	9.169	12,339	21,508	17,344
				29,369	6,897	12,399	22,296	19,472
34,452 180	180			34,632	10,777	9,849	20,626	. 23,855
37,583				37.583	15,239	12,130	27,369	22,344
62,868	٠	69	7,833	54,966	16,158	11,913	28,071	38,808
	81	1.069	8,124	83,488	26,269	11,048	37,317	57,219
317,342 2,426	2,426	41,141	8,315	270,312	157,910	34,088	191,998	112,402
					000	2		
					12,930	12,818	807,62	
840,159 - 2,861	2,861	68,363	24,272	750,385	282,422	150,371	432,793	480,913
27,525,859 312,119	312,119	80,854	6,530	27,750,594	27,484,464	83,945	27,568,409	266,130
840,159 \$ 27,525,859 \$ 314,980 \$	314,980	\$ 149,217	\$ 30,802	\$ 28,500,979	\$ 27,766,886	\$ 234,316 \$	234,316 \$ 28,001,202	\$ 747,043

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ASSESSORS OFFICE

The Assessors Office is responsible for the preparation of the Towns annual Grand List, which this year exceeded 935 million dollars. The Grand List is a complete listing of all properties in town, its ownership and assessed value as of October 1st each year. This information is then used by the Board of Finance to help determine the mill rate and in preparing tax bills. The three categories that make up the Grand List increased by \$17,057,162 or 1.02% and include Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles.

<u>Real Estate</u> represents 87% of the Grand List or \$816,224,980 and reflects a record increase of \$16,301,730. The assessment amount is equal to 70% of fair market value in 2003 when Canton had its last revaluation. Contributing to this years increase was the construction of new homes and condominiums.

Personal Property represents 4.5% of the Grand List or \$41,790,100 and reflects a decrease of \$1,770,843 in assessed value. Items which 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 represent 8.5% or \$79,492,180 of the Grand List and reflect a net increase of \$2,526,275 over last year. Included in this figure are all motor vehicles registered in the state of Connecticut that are garaged in Canton. Vehicles are assessed each year at 70% of market value.

Exempt Properties amounted to \$54,115,210 this year. Included within this group were:

Town of Canton	\$38,752,690
State of Connecticut	\$ 1,385,670
Other	\$13,976,850

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

2007 GRAND LIST

Grand List	Exemptions	Net Grand List
\$937,507,260	\$1,768,890	\$935,738,370

For your convenience you can access real estate information at www.cantonassessor.com

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

Harry DerAsadourian Assessor

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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

The Building Official conducted a total of 1,142 inspections. The Building Department will continue in its efforts to provide customer service and promote safety and general welfare in the construction environment while enforcing the building codes.

Building/Renovation Permit Statistics Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Type of Permit	No. of Permits	Value of Permits
Addition/Alteration	117	\$3,249,266
Deck	29	\$200,140
Demolition	5	\$23,500
Electrical	162	\$705,945
Garage/Shed	21	\$274,630
HVAC	166	\$814,635
New Commercial	16	\$2,168,360
New Residential	18	\$5,715,092
Plumbing	66	\$289,830
Pool	16	\$415,300
Roofing/Siding	54	\$564,008
Foundation	1	\$50,000
Total	671	\$14,470,706

Total Value of Permits and Permit Fees

July- June 2007-2008			
Value	Permit Fees		
\$14,470,706	\$202,915		

CANTON COMMISSION ON AGING

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

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year the strong program offerings from the previous year were maintained, broadened and expanded. In particular, expanded offerings included Cooking with Elaine, the Gardening Club and the Current Events Discussion Group--the participation in all of which increased. As interest in other programs changed, Senior Services re-evaluated and adapted; some programs such a World Art History Class, and Pottery did not generate sufficient interest; others such as a Scrabble Club were initially very popular but tapered off and ultimately discontinued; a new Bridge Group was introduced and is slowly expanding in popularity.

The Department again applied for and was successful in being awarded a grant (\$18,435) from the State DOT for regional elderly and disabled transportation. Partially because of the funding from this grant, travel continued to be a strong component of the offerings and was, in fact, greatly expanded to include not only monthly shopping trips to larger malls outside the Canton area but also to cultural events (e.g. various state historical and arts museums, a backstage tour at the Bushnell, a trip to a local theater, an excursion to the Hooker Brewery; the trip to the CRRA trash museum was such a success, the trip was run twice), to sporting events (the UCONN Huskies and the minor league Rock Cats baseball team were among the big successes), shopping excursions to new and unusual stores (Stew Leonard's, Cabela's, Blue Back), eateries (including very successful trips to Lenny and Joe's along the shore as well as restaurants in Hartford and Middletown), and other frequent day trips. While a few trips proved unpopular and were cancelled, the overwhelming number was very well-received and, for the most part, fully subscribed. In addition, some longer and sometimes overnight trips were run (e.g. to the Saratoga, NY) with the aid of local travel companies. Working toward improving another aspect of transportation for seniors, the Canton League of Women Voters began working with the department on a new initiative to provide rides for seniors to some town meetings and to the polls for voting. This project is in its beginning stages but it is hoped it will grow.

On-going programs continued to educate, entertain and provide for a community of seniors. These included: Dial-a-Ride transportation five days a week, morning walking group computer classes, Cooking with Elaine, Gardening with Larry, CHOICES Medicare Counseling, health and wellness classes, AARP safe driving classes, blood pressure screenings, flu shot clinics, skin screening, hearing screening, foot care clinic, potluck luncheons, bereavement group, handwork group, Senior Job Bank, 911 Senior Cell Phone program, Vial of Life, Red Hat events, weekly AARP tax counseling and filing sessions 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. This last group experienced considerable growth this year and even began occasional "outreach" meetings to Cherry Brook Health Care Center to include seniors who could not travel to the Senior Center. Educational programs (including guest speakers) and recreational offerings such as the annual picnic with Avon (and supported by the Avon-Canton Rotary), a Girl Scout tea and a 5-Town regional party (the "Brain Olympics") for seniors which Canton planned with Avon, Simsbury, Farmington and Granby) were among larger community events. In addition there were many one-time only educational and recreational events with on diverse topics ranging from informational programs (e.g., fire protection in the home, fall prevention and memory loss workshops, and summer protection from insects and other seasonal hazards) to numerous delightful concerts (a classical flute and guitar concert, a Suzuki violin group concert, two all-seniors singing groups including Simsbury's "Intonations," jazz combos and marching bands).

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.

In 2007-2008 the DRT completed the development of an advisory brochure and checklist to advise applicants and the public on Design Review objectives, guidelines and criteria involved in the process. The DRT has also added the support of a recording secretary to document the review process. The DRT in 2008-2009 will also seek to develop design overlays for specific areas of the town in accordance with the empowering ordinance.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

In 2007-2008 a major accomplishment of the Canton Economic Development Agency was the third annual economic forum. The theme of the forum focused on "The Impact of Big Box Stores on Small Communities" and featured nationally recognized speakers Ron Van Winkle, Economist and Director of Community Services for the Town of West Hartford, and Philip Langdon, author and journalist specializing in architecture, planning, and real estate development.

During this fiscal year the Economic Development Agency held 5 meetings.

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

TOWN ENGINEER

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

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

The Town Engineer has been assigned as staff for the Permanent Municipal Building Committee for the STEAP funded Highway Garage Replacement Study. Initial Work with local and STEAP funds has focused on the replacement and cleanup of the underground fuel storage tanks on the Old River Road site adjacent to the Farmington River. Once the fuel tank project is completed, work will commence on a study of the feasibility of retaining and expanding the existing facility.

The Town Engineer assisted in the initial steps for applying for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Preliminary Permit to allow the Town to determine the feasibility of reactivating the Upper and Lower Collins Company Dams on the Farmington River to generate hydroelectric power. If determined to be feasible, the project has the potential to generate clean renewable power.

Significant time and effort was spent monitoring the construction of proposed public roads in development projects approved by the Planning Commission. Projects under construction included Garrett Road, Rustle Meadow, Commerce Drive, Smith Way, Red Fox Run, Bart Drive, Cobb Road, Livingston Road, and Wind Mill Lane. All of the roadways are very close to completion and it may be expected that they will be accepted into the Town's road network in the near term.

A number of development proposals were reviewed for the Planning Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency, and the Zoning Commission. Significant proposals reviewed included the new FEMA Flood Mapping which impacts the flood boundaries of the community last revised in 1991 and the Lowe's Home Center proposal on Albany Turnpike near the Simsbury - Avon town line.

The Town Engineer acts as the administrator of the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Program is funded from a competitive Conn Dept of Economic and Community Development grant from Federal funds from US HUD. The Program provides for low or deferred interest loans to allow low to moderate income homeowners to make home repairs. As the loan funds are repaid, they are reinvested into the community. A Small Cities grant was awarded for the 1st phase of interior improvements to the Canton Housing Authority's 21 Dowd Avenue Senior Housing facility. Work is expected to begin in FY 2008-2009.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA, INC. Canton Town Report For Fiscal Year ending June 30th 2008

The following summary highlights the Community Programs provided to Canton residents, utilizing Town funding, during the period July 1st 2007 – June 30th 2008.

<u>Summary</u>

This year the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association (FV-VNA) celebrates its 100 year anniversary and remains the foundation of homecare in the Valley. It is our Agency's belief that we should promote wellness and help our clients to maintain a healthy lifestyle because of our commitment to our community's well-being. The Farmington Valley VNA is unique in this regard. Many other providers have one or two nurses who may, as part of their other duties, perform community health activities. The Farmington Valley VNA has a department with 12 nurses dedicated to promoting health and wellness.

With increasing health care costs, remaining healthy is more important than ever. The majority of our clients, who are older adults, recognize the importance of maintaining their health. The FV-VNA Community Programs Department provides opportunities for the older adult to track the results of their efforts by offering blood pressure screenings, stroke risk screenings, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings when requested. We also provide many opportunities for clients to discuss health concerns with a registered nurse. The nurse can also refer the client to their personal physician for follow up if necessary. During this past year, a number of clients have had pacemakers inserted, been admitted to the hospital for cardiac testing and for general surgery, as a result of referrals from blood pressure clinics. In Canton, 2407 blood pressure screenings were conducted in 4 locations. Many residents have blood pressure monitors at home but this does not replace the valuable information they can receive from FV-VNA nurses. Clients also bring their monitors to the clinics to be checked for accuracy.

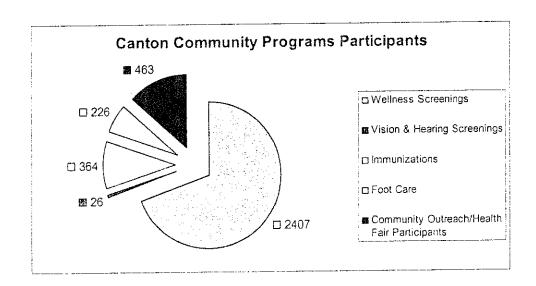
Throughout the year, educational seminars on a variety of health and wellness topics were provided by Farmington Valley VNA staff from all disciplines including Nursing, Rehabilitation, Hospice, Dietary and Social Work. All of these services are offered free of charge or for a minimal fee. This year, 4 seminars were provided with 80 participants attending. Program evaluations indicate that the seminars were well received.

One of the FV-VNA's most popular services is the foot care program. During the year we revised the foot care clinic scheduling and another part-time foot care nurse was hired. This provided clients more opportunities to obtain foot care appointments. Foot care program participation in Canton continues to increase and 600 active foot care clients are currently being served through this important program.

Flu season always brings challenges. This year there was an abundance of providers and flu vaccine but unfortunately many residents did not feel the need to receive a flu shot. This was largely due to no significant flu outbreak until February and little media coverage. 346 flu shots were administered this year to Canton residents. With the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reporting 36,000 deaths each year due to the flu virus, this remains a very important service and we will continue to stress the importance of receiving a flu shot in the upcoming flu season.

The FV-VNA Community Programs Department is a vital community resource for information. Often senior center directors, clients and the general public call our office for information on immunizations, health services available, town services and general health related topics. Staff are happy to provide needed information or refer residents to other appropriate resources.

According to The State of Aging and Health in America 2007 Report released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the number of Americans aged 65 and older will double by 2030 bringing the number to 71 million. The CDC stresses that a focus on promoting and preserving the health of older adults is essential if the United States is to effectively address the health and economic challenges of an aging society. With rising health care costs, it is increasingly more difficult to provide free or subsidized services. The FV-VNA frequently assesses the clinics offered to ensure that the best possible service is being provided efficiently and with minimum cost to our clients. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Canton's continued support. Without Town of Canton funding, the Farmington Valley VNA would have to dramatically reduce or eliminate many of these essential health promotion programs. Our organization is very pleased to continue its work in the town of Canton and is appreciative of its relationships with community residents, organizations and businesses. Your comments and suggestions regarding services and programs are always welcome.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

The Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2006-07 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 8th consecutive year.

TOWN FINANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2007-08 totaled \$32.000,112.

The mil rate was 29.92.

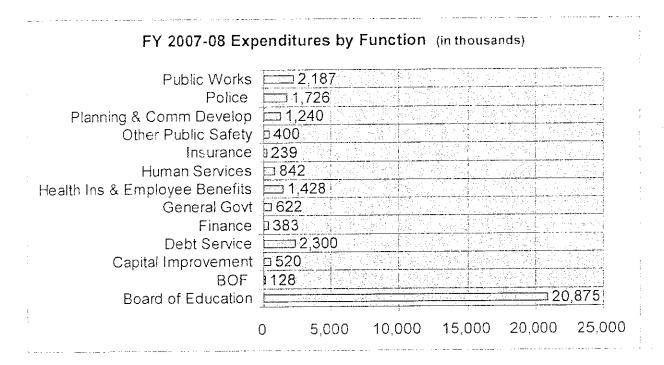
The Town's credit rating was maintained by Moody's Investor Services as an A1.

The Town achieved a collection rate of 99.04% on the current levy.

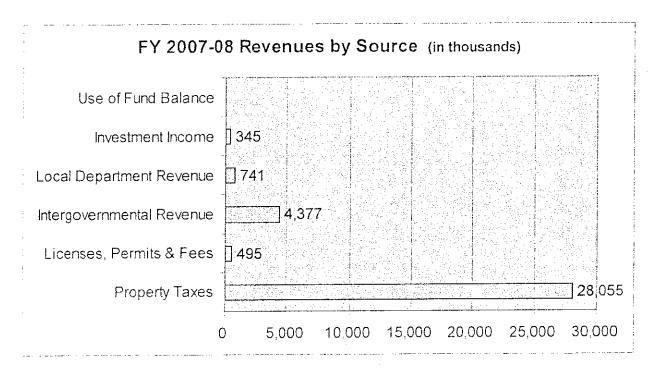
The Town's bond indebtedness at June 30, 2008 totaled \$19,495,424.

The Town's actual expenditures were \$32.890,198 and actual revenues totaled \$33,570.534.

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.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Cont.)



Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 2008 (in thousands)

Use of Proceeds	Maturity Date	Amount
Cherry Brook School	10/15/12	\$ 1.568
CHS & CIS	10/15/24	\$ 4,562
CHS & CIS	5/01/23	\$10,558
Library	8/01/14	S 1.772
Police	11/01/11	\$ 863
	Total Outstanding Bonds	<u>\$19.322</u>

^{*} Includes Principal and Interest to maturity

FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

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

The following are highlights during FY 2007-2008:

- Adam Libros was appointed as the town's first full-time Fire Marshal and Director of Emergency Management on July 1, 2007.
- FIREHOUSE Software was purchased and installed. The software will keep better track of fire and EMS callouts and enable easier transmission of the National Fire Incident Reporting System reports to the State of CT Department of Public Safety's Office of Education and Data Management.
- Approximately 250 inspections were conducted on existing and new buildings along with construction site inspections.
- Lockdown drills were conducted at all three public schools.
- Hazardous Materials investigation at the Canton Racquet Club where over 3,000 gallons of heating oil was spilled on the rear property.

Goals for FY 2008-2009:

- Continue with the implementation of the FIREHOUSE Software program.
- Increase the number of inspections
- Increase community awareness with utilization of the town's web page

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 70.65 miles of improved and unimproved roads. The department is also responsible for the maintenance and improvements of all fields, greens, and parks within the Town of Canton and those utilized by the Board of Education. The daily upkeep and operation of the Transfer Station is also handled through this department.

In fiscal year 2007/2008 the Highway Department chip-sealed 5.93 miles of road using 1200 ton of 3/8 stone supplied by Haynes Materials and almost 30,000 gallons of oil supplied by Connecticut Tar and Asphalt. The crew raised and replaced catch basin tops on Lawton Road from the intersection of Route 44 to Washburn Road. Galasso Materials then came in and resurfaced this road. Galasso Materials also resurfaced Town Bridge Road, Old Canton Road, and West Road; this brought the total resurfacing work to 8.39 miles. The crew made drainage improvements on Robin Drive and Fox Croft Lane installing 13 separate under drains to relieve water from the sub-base of the road. The crew installed under-drain on East Mountain Road to capture a spring and eliminate not only water on the road but an icing problem in the winter. Also on East Mountain Road 2 cross-drains were removed and replaced. The crew installed under-drain on West Road again correcting an icing problem in the winter.

The crew dealt with 21 snow and/or ice storms starting in November. The Highway Department switched over from a sand/salt mix to treated salt only. The transition proved to be difficult but the crew adapted to the switch quickly and did a great job keeping the roads, schools and parking lots cleared and safe. The department also dealt with requests and citizen concerns.

The Parks Department crew continued to prepare and maintain all parks, greens, and Board of Education fields. The department was asked to move the soccer field from Desimias to West Field and create a practice football field back on Desimias. In doing this work we were able to see and understand the time and materials it takes to mark out and maintain a football field. We in turn made the request to the Board of Education for a riding paint machine to be able to keep up the increased work.

At the Highway Garage the new above ground fueling station was up and running in February and March after spending all winter fueling at the Mobil Station. The PMBC, consultants Weston and Sampson, Town Engineer and Director of Public Works met monthly to discuss the renovation/relocation of the existing Highway Garage.

At the Transfer Station staff began charting what is being brought in by permitted residents. This process seems to have been a success not only by identifying out the non-permitted users but also by a new general awareness by staff and users of what was being generated at the facility and the collection of tokens used for bulky waste.

Respectively, Walter Legeyt, Director of Public Works Certified Tree Warden

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

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

During fiscal year 2007-2008, the IWWA held twenty four (24) meetings and processed thirty one (31) applications.

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

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

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

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

LAND USE OFFICE

Description of Department Functions and Services:

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

Significant Commission Achievements:

The Land Use Office processed a total of 99 applications and or referrals as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals (10); Zoning Commission (29); Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency (31); Planning Commission (31).

Other major events/ changes include: the formal adoption of an Aquifer Protection Area Map, Regulations, and Agency which will meet regularly, effective 6/30/2008; the finalizing of an advisory brochure to support the Design Review process; and the Zoning Commission completed Draft 6 of the Zoning Regulation rewrite which will be edited into FY 2008 as Draft 7. The Zoning Commission also approved a complex development application for a proposed home improvement center on Route 44 which included 12 Permits in addition to Site Plan approval. The Development Technician resigned allowing the existing technical position to be revamped into a professional planning position that will provide more services and stronger planning functions to the above referenced Commission into 2008.

Major Objectives:

- * Serve all residents of the Town of Canton as efficiently and cost effectively as possible.
- * Increase the level of service provided not only to the general public but to the Land Use Commissions and regulatory process.
- * Deliver an update to the Zoning Regulations; Begin the process of reviewing Subdivision and Wetlands Regulations for future updates.
- * Develop a Zoning Map reflective of the new regulations, in an electronic format that can be easily modified and made available to the public.
- * Provide the framework and guidance necessary for the growth of the town (including residential and non-residential development), while balancing the need to conserve and preserve significant cultural and natural resources of the town.
- * Make the on goings of the Land Use Office and development review process as transparent as possible to increase communication with the public and earn their confidence.
- * Revise fees required to process applications to the Land Use Commission so that they are more closely related to the costs incurred by the town in processing those applications.
- * Begin putting the appropriate pieces in motion for the next POCD update.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008

During the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the Canton Public Library served the residents of this community by loaning 168,644 books and audiovisual items. This represents a six percent increase over FY 2006-07's loans and marks the highest circulation in library history. Our staff placed 9,670 item reserves for patrons. We issued 588 library cards to new borrowers and 652 cards to renewing borrowers, thereby giving us total of 4,575 cardholders on June 30, 2008. Patron visits to the library totaled well over 100,000.

We added 8,445 items to our collection and removed 3,116. These additions and subtractions resulted in a collection of 79,001 barcoded items on June 30, 2008.

Like modern public libraries everywhere, much of our work revolves around matching citizens with materials and information. Our reference staff answered 19,812 information questions and obtained 2,732 items from other libraries to satisfy the reading and research needs of Canton residents. We continued to offer 12 computers on which our visitors could access the Internet and information databases, and 4 printers were available on which they could make print-outs for a nominal fee. In total, our public-access computers were used 24,555 times. The public word processing computer was used 176 times and the public typewriter 63 times. We brought library materials to homebound Canton residents through numerous home deliveries.

In an effort to extend the influence of the library out beyond the items sitting on the shelves, our staff organized 267 programs to educate and entertain the residents of Canton, young and old. Two hundred fifteen (215) of these programs were for children, 4 were for teens, and 48 were for adults. Attendance at programs totaled 5,501. The summer reading club is the backbone of our children's programming every year, and 2007's *Reading Rocks* was a huge success: 873 children were registered and 25,265 books were read. Another mainstay of youth programming: story times for ages 2 to 5. These were offered weekly throughout most of the year, as were many PJ story hours held on evenings and at the holidays. Other events for children: a Harry Potter Trivia Contest; a performance by the musical group *Fresh Oil Loose Stone*; visits by Ronald McDonald, Corduroy the Bear, and mime Alex the Jester; and programs on martial arts, animals, archaeology, drumming and dance, and opera. Children's authors Chris Crutcher and Elizabeth Faragher came to call, and we were treated to the beautiful sounds of the junior choir of *Chorus Angelicus*. Our Children's Room staff received the students of Canton's schools and preschools for tours and lessons in library usage, and staff visited Canton classrooms to talk about the library, upcoming programs, and the summer reading club.

For adults, we hosted author talks and programs on organic gardening, how to get a passport, vegetarian and vegan nutrition, simplicity, and personal organization. The library continued to sponsor two monthly book discussion clubs for adult readers, as well as a Teen Advisory Group in which teens could help to influence collection purchases and programming plans. We received a \$3,000 grant from the Canton Education Foundation for opera education, and this allowed us to sponsor 3 well-attended opera events: Antipasto: A Taste of Italian Opera, Little Red Riding Hood, and A Taste of Opera. Unlaunched Voices, a Walt Whitman performance featuring Stephen Collins, was a gift to the library from our friend, the Maxwell Shepherd Memorial Foundation. Local artist-in-residence Art Chouinard practiced his craft in the library once per month, and we sponsored exhibits of collectibles and art throughout the building all year long. The library also participated in the Greater Hartford One Book reading event, the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Golf Tournament.

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The long-range planning process begun in early 2007 continued to be a prime focus of attention during FY 2007-08. The Library Board of Trustees initiated a community survey to explore the attitudes of residents toward the library in September 2007 and, in just 90 days, 242 responses were received. Supplementing these surveys, we also organized two "stakeholders meetings," focus groups at which Canton residents representing special populations within the community could express their opinions and hopes for the library. In June 2008, the Board of Trustees and the Library Director began the task of distilling the mass of information received into a strategic plan that would guide the development of collections, services, and programs for the next five years. We hope to have this plan ready for implementation on January 1, 2009.

To spread the good word about what the library has and does, we submitted publicity to *Canton Life*, the *Tri-Town Post*, the *Hartford Courant*, the Friends of the Library quarterly newsletter, and other media outlets. Many of our services and a great deal of library information could be accessed via our website, capably maintained by volunteer Alden Purrington. In the spring of 2008, for the first time, the library began to disseminate its news and notes through the Board of Selectmen's newsletter.

Our staff continued to maintain high standards of customer service and goodwill throughout the year. Several members were active in professional organizations and attended classes to sharpen their job skills. This year, the library bade farewell to Library Director Kathleen Cockcroft, Head of Children's Services Cheryl Donohue, Head of Technical Services Win Purrington, and Circulation Supervisor Norma Ignatowicz. How fortunate we were to have enjoyed their fine personalities and benefited from their excellent skills! Replacing them were Robert Simon, Heather Baker, Sarah McCusker, and Katherine Bunn respectively. A sincere thank you goes to the rest of the staff for keeping the library running so smoothly during what seemed like an endless period of change. The nine-member Library Board of Trustees continued to act commendably by adopting policies, approving our annual budget request to the town, and advocating in the community on the library's behalf.

And what would we do without our wonderful Friends of the Canton Public Library? This small but mighty band of area residents worked all year long to raise funds to supplement the library's operating budget and to promote awareness in the community of the library's many offerings. The Friends' annual booksale in September 2007 was highly profitable, they sponsored a library/Friends table at Sam Collins Day 2007, they organized an annual crossword puzzle tournament in April 2008, and they treated library visitors with coffee and home baked goodies every Monday morning. The library and the town owe a debt of gratitude to these fine citizens.

The library was the fortunate recipient of many gifts of money and collection items from individuals and groups during FY 2007-08. Some were memorials to Canton residents, while others were intended to strengthen our collection. To every donor, we extend sincere thanks.

The goal of the Canton Public Library is to make a difference in the life of every resident of this community. We are open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday (September to June) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday (November to March) from 1 to 4 p.m. Please contact us to find out how your public library can be of service to you.

Robert Simon Library Director

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION COMMISSION

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

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

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

The Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission carries out its delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with assistance of the Land Use Office, the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen, public meetings as appropriate, and the publication of informational literature. During 2007-2008 the Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission held twelve (12) meetings.

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

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

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

These activities include swimming lessons, ceramics, cooking and language classes, family fun day, home buying, science classes and bus trips to see the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and UConn basketball. Other events offered include competitive sports and adult drop-in activities. In all, the department offered over 275 programs and had over 3,700 people taking advantage of these program offerings in 2007-2008.

The Parks and Recreation department's program offerings include activities for children of all ages, families, adults and senior citizens. Parents and their young children can take part in parent and preschool swimming lessons, or participate in a parent/tot gymnastics program, music and movement class, sign language and pottery. In the summer, kids can attend sunshine or explorers camp, take swimming lessons, or a variety of sports or arts programs. Our fall and spring arts classes and tennis lessons have been some of our most popular offerings. Last winter, over 90 younger children participated in "Rec. Hoops", a basketball program for kids in kindergarten through second grade. The performing arts program is a well attended year round activity and was recently expanded to include Broadway jazz. The department adapts many programs and activities to include special needs participants of all ages.

Programs for adults include: Yoga, Mat Pilates, gardening, Tai Chi, and boating safety. Classes are also offered in women's fitness, art and finances. We have been offering family movie nights for the past year and have seen good success. Outdoor summer concerts are always a popular event in Canton. Special events are annual community favorites and include Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Tree Lighting, Easter Egg Hunt, and a 7th and 8th grade social for incoming students. Some combined senior citizen programs are: "EVERYbody's" fitness and water aerobics, grandparent's ice cream social, senior picnic, and the perennial favorite bingo!

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

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department staff includes the Director, and a part-time Recreation Program Supervisor. The director handles all of the day-to-day operations of the department as well assisting in the planning, implementation, daily registration transactions and evaluation of programs. Recreation program supervisor Darrien Lynn is responsible for planning a well-rounded selection of diverse program offerings. The seven member Parks and Recreation Commission assists the parks and recreation staff by being the eyes and ears of the department and is responsible for setting broad based parks and recreation policy.

Canton Parks and Recreation ~ Creating community through people, parks and programs.

Respectfully Submitted, John Bennett, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

In 2007-2008 the Planning Commission held seventeen (17) meetings and processed thirty one (31) applications and or referrals. Goals for the coming year include the evaluation of the Subdivision Regulations for potential rewriting for incorporation of updated planning techniques and regulatory changes that may further refine and improve the development process and reduce impacts on the natural environment and community.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Canton Police Department is responsible for providing law enforcement and related public safety services to the citizens and visitors of our town on a round-the-clock basis.

Operating under the direct control of the Chief of Police our full time staffing includes a Deputy Chief of Police, four Patrol Sergeants, one Detective, eight Patrol Officers, four full-time and four part-time 911 Dispatchers and a Department Secretary. There is also a support staff that includes the School Crossing Guard and an Animal Control Officer who is shared with the Town of Avon.

During the year 10,839 incidents were logged by the department including 2,446 motor vehicle enforcements, 606 medical emergency first responder calls, 602 automatic alarm activations (burglar & fire, 382 motor vehicle accidents, 136 larceny complaints, 95 vandalism reports, 48 bad check/fraud offences, 42 Driving While Intoxicated arrests, 36 narcotics violations and 23 burglary complaints.

During the year a generous donation was received for the purpose of acquiring a trailer stocked with a variety of traffic control devices and scene lighting equipment designed for rapid deployment to emergency scenes.

The department has also begun a transition to a traditional black and white color scheme for our patrol vehicles for more immediate public identification as a law enforcement vehicle.

A police officer recruitment process was begun in the spring to replace a retiring veteran officer and an additional patrol officer position was authorized by Canton residents during the budget approval process for the upcoming fiscal year.

A veteran 911 dispatcher retired in March due to an illness and a recruitment process to select a replacement was initiated.

The department continues to dedicate a significant amount of time and resources on addressing traffic law violations and we continue to seek the voluntary compliance of our residents to help ensure the safety of our citizens and roadways.

In closing please be reminded that the department relies on our residents to report crime and suspicious incidents so that we can work together in keeping our community safe.

Emergency calls should be reported on 911 and routine matters can be reported on 693-0221. The department also maintains a confidential TIP LINE at 693-7657.

TAX COLLECTOR

The tax office is responsible for the collection of property taxes, sewer use and assessment fees and parking tickets. Please see the tax collector's report for taxes and sewers for the breakdown of collections for the fiscal year 7/1/07 - 6/30/08.

Over the year, the staff was able to decrease the outstanding tax balance to \$747,000 which was down from \$840,000 from the previous year, \$343,350.67 of this amount outstanding is from one distressed property in Canton.

TOWN CLERK

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

Significant department activities during the fiscal year include:

- In the summer of 2007, we received a \$7000 grant from the Connecticut State Library as part of the Historic Documents Preservation Grant program. With these funds we were able to establish a web link to our land records and maps index. It was completed by COTT Systems, our current system provider. The computer index located in the Town Clerk's office was linked to the Town's website for easy remote access. Having this information online has produced positive feedback from searchers, lawyers, banks and our citizenry.
- We also used the grant money to repair six vital records books (births, marriages & deaths) from 1936 through 1945 that were in need of restoration. They were deteriorating from acid hydrolysis and handling. The Joseph Marotti Company deacidified and mended the disbound sheets and encapsulated them in archival quality stable base Mylar polyester film.
- The last part of the grant was used to invest in the purchase of a computer for the Town Clerk's office. It is used for retrieving index information on land records and maps. We also started an index of information regarding burials and cremations, election information, commission minutes, and Board of Selectmen appointments. Previously, all this information was recorded by hand or with a typewriter. The computer has improved customer service and made us more efficient.
- We continued the process of Ordinance Codification, funded through the CIP, to organize and make available on the website all of the Town's local laws.
- The Town Clerk's office finished the Land Record Consolidation project. We estimate the consolidation has made room for approximately 4-5 more years' worth of land records in our vault. Further efficiencies will be made in the future as we get closer to capacity once again. The total cost of materials for this project was \$2760 and was funded through the Historic Document Preservation Grant program. The labor of copying all 59 volumes was done inhouse by the Town Clerk staff and is estimated to have saved the town \$12,000.
- The Town Clerk, in conjunction with the Senior Services Coordinator, put together a New Resident Package that welcomes and informs new members of our community of the services and opportunities of our town.
- New optical scan voting machines were introduced at the November 2007 election. They were again used at the February 2008 Presidential Primary and proved to be very successful each time.

TOWN CLERK (Cont.)

- The Town of Canton activated the Citizen Request Management component of its website, known as QAlert, which allows residents the ability to report complaints, concerns and service requests directly to appropriate staff for response. The Town Clerk's office facilitated QAlert training in November 2007 and we went 'live' on November 26th. Response from the community has been positive.
- The Town Clerk is serving as staff support to the Charter Revision Committee. The group's first meetings were held in February with their first Public Hearing in April. The process is expected to last into 2009.

Department goals for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 include:

- Secure an additional Historic Preservation Grant to add high density shelving to the Town Clerk's vault, thereby improving capacity and efficiency.
- Implement a credit card payment system in the Town Clerk's office.
- Implement a computerized system to issue sport licenses via the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Complete the land records Backfile Conversion project in anticipation of web-based public access of land record data images.

TOWN CLERK (Cont.)

FY 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Totals

		Total	Total
Description		<u>Items</u>	Amount
Conveyance Tax		210	\$183,805.08
Recording Land Records St of CT Historical Preserva Town Clerk Historical Preser Town of Canton-Land Preser St of CT-Land Preservation Town Clerk Land Preserva	ntion vation vation on	2415	\$65,539.00 \$4830.00 \$2415.00 \$7188.00 \$62,790.00 \$2415.00
Maps		190	\$2440.00
Copies		1700	\$10,266.25
St of CT DEP Sport Licenses-Town of Ca	nton	916	\$17,751.00 \$744.50
Miscellaneous		117	\$500.17
Vitals		714	\$6391.25
Marriage/CU Licenses St o	f CT	40	\$760.00
Dog Licenses-Town of Car Dog Licenses-St of CT		1236 1215	\$1226.00 \$10,243.00
Notary Fees		20	\$200.00
Dial A Ride		37	\$892.40
Transfer Station		2892	\$147,388.00
	TOTALS	10,277	\$527,784.65

CANTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

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

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

This past year the facility treated over 228 million gallons of wastewater, equating to a flow of approximately 625,000 gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by the NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removals of 95 % for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 96% for Total suspended solids. The facility continues to receive very positive inspection reports from the CT Department of Environmental Protection.

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

WPCF staff continues to identify and undertake projects that are addressing both the needs of the infrastructure and process capabilities of the facility. This past year staff painted all piping in the Sand Filter building, along with all outside valve structures. A 1997 Ford F-250 truck was added to our fleet. The Rotating Biological Contactor's (RBC's) received new shaft bearings and pillow blocks. Variable frequency drives have been installed on all the raw sewage pumps and on the sludge recirculating pump. The backwash pumps were replaced on both sand filters.

Staff continues to maintain the twenty three (23) plus miles of sanitary sewers. The entire collection system has been televised and we continue to focus on areas where we have performed root and grease control.

The Dowd Avenue Sewer Replacement Project was completed, both under budget and within the required time frame. Final paving will occur in the spring of 2009. This project also allowed the Canton Valley Circle Pump Station to be taken out of service. The WPCA has purchased a third sand filter which is scheduled to be installed this winter.

The WPCA is also moving forward on the expansion and upgrade of the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.. This project will improve overall system communication, allow for radio based communication with the remote sites, elimination of landlines for alarms, provide power monitoring that will assist in reducing energy consumption.

CANTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

An application was filed with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to renew the plants National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) which came due in December 2007. As part of the application a request was made to increase the discharge of the plant from the existing 800,000 gallons/day to 950,000 gallons /day. We were notified this spring that the DEP is looking favorably on this request.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

The Land Use Office provides staffing and clerical support to the Board.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held five (5) public meetings with ten (10) public hearings this year.

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

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

ZONING COMMISSION

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

In 2007-2008 the Zoning Commission created a subcommittee of its membership to aggressively pursue the completion of the on-going comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Regulations. Combined with the sub-committee, Zoning held seventeen (17) meetings and processed twenty nine (29) applications for a variety of site plans, site plan amendments, special exception uses and zoning amendments.

The Zoning Commission carries out its usual delegated authority through regular monthly meetings with the aid of the Land Use Coordinator and the Town Planner. Approvals of the Zoning Commission are monitored and enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Commission is comprised of seven (7) regular members and three (3) alternate members. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, at the Library Community Center. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission welcomes input from town residents and property owners for all public hearings.

TOWN OF CANTON BOARDS COMMISSIONS ROSTER

June 30, 2008

Name	Address	Term Expiration
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (Elected)	_	
R Carol York	P.O. Box 602, 176 Morgan Road, Canton Center	11/22/2011
D George Thimot, Jr.	103 West Mountain Rd. Canton	11/22/2011
R Paul Volovski	66 Lawton Road, Canton	11/17/2009
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS		
R Charles Whitney	48 Morgan Road, Canton	
R Christopher Winsor	10 West Simsbury Road, Canton	
U Russell Richardson, Jr.	77 Barbourtown Road, Canton	
CANTON CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	<u>×</u>	
(5 Regular members, 2 in district- 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate Members, 1 in district- 4 year term)		
Meeting schedule: Every first Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Carolyn LeGeyt (In)	135 West Road, P.O. Box 11, No. Canton 06020	1/1/2008
D Kim Bowen (In)	144 Cherry Brook Road	1/1/2008
D Vicki Arel (Chair) (In)	241 Cherry Brook Road, Canton	1/1/2009
R Sandra Bridgman	106 West Road, P.O. Box 137, 06020	1/1/2009
D Marianne H. Burbank	84 North Mountain Road, Canton	1/1/2011
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
R Linwood Mather, III (In)	15 West Road, Canton	1/1/2008
VACANCY		1/1/2008
VACANCY	•	1/1/2011
CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REI	PRESENTATIVE	
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	
DECD Central Tourism Representative		
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	
FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE		
Meeting Schedule: Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.	•	
VACANCY (alternate)		
U Alis Ohlheiser	126 Robin Drive, Canton	
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
(Term - 4 years)		
Meeting Schedule: Every second Wednesday - 7:15 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
U Kelly Conway	96 West Mountain Road,	7/1/2008
D Karen Koch Berger	15 Orchard Hill Road, Canton	7/1/2008
D Patricia McGarry (Sec.)	50 East Hill Road Unit 6A, Canton	7/1/2008
R Carol York	176 Morgan Road, P.O. Box 602, 06019	7/1/2008
D Lee Foley (Vice Chair)	77 Indian Hill, Canton	7/1/2009
D Bonita Hansen	24 Canton Hollow, Canton	7/1/2010
D Marjorie Clarke (Chair)	45 Sunset Terrace, Collinsville	7/1/2010
R Kathleen Woolam	70 Simonds Avenue, Canton	7/1/2010
D Carol Merritt	51 Country Lane, Collinsville	7/1/2011
Friends of the Library		
Susan Bahre (Pres.)	104 Lawton Road, P.O. Box 547, 06019	
Susan Dame (110s.)	,	

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TOWN OF CANTON BOARDS COMMISSIONS ROSTER

Name	Address	Term Expiration
COLLINSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSI	ION	
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every second Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Kathleen R. Woolam	70 Simmonds Avenue, Collinsville	6/30/2011
D Eric Jackson	137 Main Street, Collinsville	6/30/2008
D Walter Kendra	16 South Street, Collinsville	6/30/2008
D Kent McCoy	6 Center Street	6/30/2009
D David K. Leff (Chair)	4 The Green, Collinsville	6/30/2010
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
U Stephen Veilette	6 Mohawk Drive	6/30/2008
D Mary Ellen Cosker	20 Atwater Road, Collinsville	6/30/2009
D Sylvia Cancela	49 Sunset Terrace, Collinsville	6/30/2010
COMMISSION ON AGING		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every first Monday - 12:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R. Dorothea E. Murray	74 Lawton Rd, Canton	1/1/2011
D Maureen Wallison	11 Canton Valley Circle, Canton	1/1/2008
R Lorraine MacDonald	5 Oxbow Lane, Canton	1/1/2012
D Lawrence Soliani	121 Dowd Avenue, Unit #55, Canton	1/1/2009
D Arthur H. Blondin (Chair)	9 Orchard Hill Road, Canton	1/1/2010
D Lynn Miner	15 Olson Road	1/1/2012
U Linda Nelson	30 Camille Lane, Canton	1/1/2010
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
D Evelyn Kubas	82 East Hill Road	1/1/2009
Pam Seger	4 The Green	1/1/2009
CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT		
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	11/20/2007
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every second Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
U Alis Ohlheiser	126 Robin Road, Canton	7/1/2008
D Maureen Flynn	116 Dunne Avenue, P.O. box 377, 06022	7/1/2009
U James Davis chair	22 Westwood Drive, Canton	7/1/2009
D Jay Kaplan	71 Gracey Road, Canton	7/1/2009
D Sara Faulkner	25 Dyer Avenue	7/1/2010
VACANCY (Hellenga)		7/1/2010
VACANCY		7/1/2011

TOWN OF CANTON BOARDS COMMISSIONS ROSTER

Name	Address	Term Expiration
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Second Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Anthony Trelli	711 Timber Lane	7/1/2008
D Anne Raftery	130 Main Street, 4D., Collinsville, 06019	7/1/2008
VACANCY		7/1/2009
VACANCY		7/1/2009
R Del Higham	40 Sexton Hollow Road, Canton	7/1/2010
U R. Carol Muradian chair	13 Evans Drive, Canton	7/1/2010
VACANCY		7/1/2011
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		
Adam Libros	4 Market Street, Collinsville	
CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY		
(5 Regular members -4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every third Wednesday - 8:00 a.m 21 Do	wd Ave., Community Building	
REGULAR MEMBERS	, ,	
R Dale B. Munroe	P.O.Box 440, 06022 / 17 Town Bridge	12/31/2011
D William B. Cooper	11 Boulder Ridge, Canton	12/31/2011
D Bruce Hoben (Chair)	144 East Mountain Road, Canton	12/31/2008
U David Fisher	30 Gracey Road, Canton	12/31/2009
D Leah Jadovich	21 Dowd Ave, Apt. 24, Canton	12/31/2009
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY (5 Regular Members -4 year term) (3 Alternate Members- 4year term) Meeting Schedule: Every 2nd Thursday- 7:00p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS	70 (1)' 0'	10/31/2011
D David Shepard	7 Pond View Drive	12/31/2011
D Robert Oswald (Chair)	138 Torrington Avenue, Collinsville	12/31/2011
U Edwin Evonsion	88 West Simsbury Rd, P.O. Box 312, No. Canton	12/31/2009
U Michael Mischak	10 River Street, Collinsille	12/31/2009
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	22 Main Street	13/21/2011
L Robert Hellner	22 Main Street	12/31/2011
VACANCY VACANCY		12/31/2008 12/31/2010
		12/01/2010
JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every Third Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
D Tracy Whittingslow	42 Thompson Hill Road, Canton	6/30/2011
D Ruth Small		6/30/2011
U Elizabeth Taylor Huey	22 Hoffmann Road, Canton	6/30/2009
R Dan Jacobs	22 Lovely Street, Canton	6/30/2009
R William Sarmuk	37 Breezy Hill Road, Canton	6/30/2009
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
VACANCY (Whittingslow)		6/30/2007
R Lee Brown-Egan	8 Noja Trail, Canton	6/30/2009
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Name	Address	Term Expiration
MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY		
2 year term-must be a member of the Commission on Aging/a	ppointed by CEO)	
Mary Fletcher		10/1/2009
PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE		
(4 regular members - 4 year term)		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
D Ronald L. Dymicki	5 Sugar Camp Road, Canton	7/1/2008
U David Madigan	166 Robin Drive/ P.O. Box 52, C. Center 06020	7/1/2008
D Peter Reynolds (Chair)	4 Deer Run Road, Canton, CT	7/1/2010
R Karen Berry	40 East Mountain Rd, Canton	7/1/2010
SCHOOL RENOVATION & EXPANSION PROJECTS	(6 members for duration of school projects)	
R Susan Bush	123 Cherry Brook Road, Canton	
R Scott Persing	1 Deer Run Road, Canton	
D Gina D. Magennis	81 Sexton Hollow Road, Canton	
U Howard Wright	6 Foxcroft Lane	
D Robert Bessel	4 South Street	
VACANCY		
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every third Monday-7:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
VACANCY (Haines - 6/20/07)	,	7/1/2007
VACANCY (Powell)		7/1/2011
R Mark Mansur	9 Michael Drive	7/1/2008
D Rebecca Andrews	7 Mills Lane, Canton	7/1/2008
D Christine Welcome	4 Whitney Lane, Canton	7/1/2009
U Beverly Wallace-Hammond	7 Gemstone Drive, Collinsville	7/1/2009
U Andrea O'Neil	89 Indian Hill Road, Canton	7/1/2010
PLAINVILLE AREA CABLE TELE, ADVISORY COUNC	CIL	
(2 Regular members)		
Meeting Schedule: Last Monday 4:00 p.m. except July, Aug., I	Dec.	
REGULAR MEMBERS		0.4.6005
VACANCY (Stiegman)		9/1/2007
VACANCY		
PENSION COMMITTEE		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Quarterly- second Wednesday Feb., May,	Aug., Nov., - 7:00 p.m.	
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R A.Joseph Boures	15 Wilder's Pass, Canton	1/1/2008
R Mark T. Daley	3 Freeland Farms Drive, Collinsville	1/1/2008
D Joseph Vacca	101 High Valley	1/1/2009
R Michael "Ken" Griffin	51 Queens Peak	1/1/2011
R Daniel Towle (Chair)	310 East Hill Road, Canton	1/1/2011

TOWN OF CANTON BOARDS COMMISSIONS ROSTER June 30, 2008

Name	Address	Term Expiration
PLANNING COMMISSION		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every first Monday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMEBERS		4/1/0011
D Rosemary Aldridge (Chair)	223 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	4/1/2011
R John Lilliendahl	268 Barbourtown Road, Canton	4/1/2008 4/1/2008
VACANCY (Miner)	39 Ellsworth Lane	4/1/2008
R Marc Cerniglia	39 Ensworm Lane	4/1/2010
VACANCY (Zagorsky) ALTERNATE MEMBERS		4/1/2010
R Bruce Mortimer	11 Center Street, Canton	4/1/2008
U Michael DiPinto	21 River Street, Collinsville	4/1/2011
R Charles P. Latvis	330 East Hill Road	4/1/2011
The Committee of Basis, and		
TOWN MEETING MODERATORS		
(1 Moderator - 2 year term)		
D James Bixler	16 Sunrise Drive, Canton	11/1/2009
ALTERNATE MEMBERS		
(up to 3 alternate Moderators - 2 year term)		11/1/2000
Paul Balavender	98 Andrew Drive, Canton	11/1/2009 11/1/2009
R Lorinda M. Pane	5 Olson Road, Canton	11/1/2009
VACANCY		11/1/2009
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY		
(5 Regular Members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule: Every second Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Matthew Stone	50 East Hill Road #6C, Canton	7/1/2008
D Stuart Greacen	31 Country Lane, Collinsville	7/1/2008
D Robert Suttmiller (Chair)	18 Birch Knoll Road, P.O. Box 275, 06022	7/1/2009
VACANCY		7/1/2010
U Matthew Schoenhardt	38 High Street, Collinsville	7/1/2011
YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU		
(7 Regular members - 4 years)		
Meeting Schedule: Every Fourth Thursday - 6:00 p.m.		
I member must be 18-21 yrs. Old		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
VACANCY Youth Member		7/1/2008
VACANCY		7/1/2008
R Jeffrey DuBois	4 Juniper Circle, Canton	7/1/2008
R Nancy Benson	20 Maple Avenue	7/1/2008
U Clinton Montgomery	66 Gildersleeve Avenue, Collinsville	7/1/2010
D Salin Miller Low	12 Meadowview Court, Canton	7/1/2010
D Carol Merritt (Chair)	51 Country Lane, Collinsville	7/1/2011

TOWN OF CANTON BOARDS COMMISSIONS ROSTER

Name	Address	Term Expiration
ZONING COMMISSION		
(7 Regular members - 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every third Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Mark Podesla	8 Queens Peak Road, Canton	1/3/2008
D Leesa Lawson	14 Spring Street, Collinsville	1/3/2008
D Peter Clarke	15 Gildersleeve Avenue, Collinsville	1/3/2008
R Kathy Hooker	35 Maple Avenue, Collinsville	1/3/2009
D Jay Weintraub, Chair	3 Uplands Drive, Canton	1/3/2009
D Sandra Trionfini	14 Case Street, Canton	1/3/2010
R Raymond McKay	471 Cherry Brook Rd, Canton	1/3/2011
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	•	
R Jeffrey E. Johnson	160 East Hill Road	1/3/2009
	527 Cherry Brook Road, P.O. Box 417, N. Canton	
D Richard E. Narowski	06059	1/3/2011
R Philip Pane	5 Oison Road	1/3/2009
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
(5 Regular members - 4 year term)		
(3 Alternate members - 4 year term)		
Meeting Schedule - Every second Monday 7:30 p.m.		
REGULAR MEMBERS		
R Jay Eustace	394 Cherry Brook Road, Canton	1/3/2008
U Dr. Robert Sigman	45 West Road, Collinsville	1/3/2008
R Paul Volovski (Chair)	66 Lawton Road, Canton	1/3/2009
D Anthony DeVito	20 Allen Place, Collinsville	1/3/2010
R Robert Brainard, Jr.	151 Wright Rd. Canton	1/3/2011
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	· ·	
VACANCY (Wilson)		1/3/2008
D Peter Stein	32 Hanson Road, P.O. Box 148, C.C. 06020	1/1/2011
VACANCY	32 Hallson Road, 1. o. Box 1. o, electron	1/1/2010
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		•
Meeting Schedule: Every first & third Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.		
R Richard J. Barlow, First Selectman	321 Cherry Brook Road	11/17/2009
D Mary B. Tomolonius	148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	11/17/2009
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road, Canton	11/17/2009
R Shirley C. Krompegal	277 East Hill Road, Canton	11/17/2009
R. Timothy B. LeGeyt	135 West Rd., P.O. Box 11, Canton Ctr, 06020	11/17/2009
BOARD OF FINANCE		
Meeting Schedule: Every third Monday - 7:30 p.m.		
D Kathleen Corkum	Mail: P.O. Box 159, Canton/Res: 3 Evans Dr.	11/22/2011
R Samuel S. Humphrey	96 Barbourtown Rd., P.O. Box 150, 06020	11/22/2011
VACANCY		11/22/2011
D Michael D'Apice	8 Elizabeth Road, Canton	11/17/2009
D Richard Eickenhorst	7 Shingle Mill Drive, Collinsville	11/17/2009
		11/17/2009
R Richard Ohanesian (Chair)	1 Whitney Lane, Canton	11/17/20

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		Term
Name	Address	Expiration
BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Meeting Schedule: Every second & fourth Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	L.	
D Kyra Sheehan	142 North Mountain Road	11/22/2011
D Susan M. Eisner-Saidel	3 Westview Drive, Canton	11/22/2011
R Susan Crowe	111 West Road, Canton	11/22/2011
R Jonathan Webb	80 Dartmouth Drive	11/22/2011
R Tony Toland	54 Queens Peak, Canton	11/17/2009
R Beth Kandrysawtz	35 Hanson Road	11/17/2009
D Carlene Rhea	248 Wright Road, Canton	11/17/2009
D Patricia White	81 Dyer Avenue, Canton	11/17/2009
R Louis M. Daniels (Chair)	10 Greystone, Canton .	11/17/2009
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION CO	<u>OMMISSION</u>	
Meeting Schedule: Every first Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.		
7 Regular Members= 4 years: director of Canton Land Conser-	vation Trust; 1 member of the Conservation Commission; 1	
member with expertise within the development community.		
D Charlie DeWeese	263 Wright Road, Canton	12/31/2011
D Theresa Barger	8 Pond Road, Canton	12/31/2011
D Jay Kaplin	71 Gracey Road, Canton	12/31/2009
U Michael Puzzo	107 West Mountian Road, Canton	12/31/2009
R Robert B. Ficks, Jr.	12 Forest Lane, Canton	12/31/2009
VACANCY		12/31/2010
U William Spatcher, Jr. (Chair)	17 Pond Road, Canton	12/31/2010
DESIGN REVIEW TEAM		
Meeting Schedule: Every Fourth Tuesday- 5:30p.m.	once terms expire they will receive a 4 year reappoin	tment.
5-Regular Members = 4 year terms	•	
1 member must be on Zoning Comm.		
Peter Clarke		1/1/2009
R Kathy Hooker	35 Maple Avenue, Collinsville	1/7/2008
U Frank Mairano	60 Dyer Avenue, Canton	4/1/2008
R Gary Hath (Chair)	4 Tanglewood Drive, Canton	4/1/2009
U James Harris	8 Pheasant Hill Road, Canton	4/1/2010
D Joel Fried	129 Morgan Road, Canton	4/1/2011
TEMPORARY CANTON ENERGY TASK FORCE		
Meeting Schedule: TBD		
7- Regular Members = Exp. Date August 3, 2008		
U Barbara Backman	P.O. Box 1065, 22 Wickams Fancy	8/3/2008
R Thomas Dowd	906 Timber Lane	8/3/2008
U Eric W. Fenn	155 Main Street, Collinsville	8/3/2008
R Patrick Delany	9 Shingle Mill Drive	8/3/2008
D Thomas Sevigny	131 Gracey Road	8/3/2008
U Craig Maxwell	11 Bel-Aire Lane	8/3/2008
D David Enos	33 Bahre Corner Road	8/3/2008

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Name	Address	Term Expiration
TEMPORARY STUDY COMMITTEE ON PER	DESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR SAFETY	
Meeting Schedule= TBD		
7-Members		
1 BOS, Chief of Police, 1Planning Comm, 1 CHDC	C, 3 citizens	
U Lowell Humphrey	Canton Police Dept., 45 River Road	10/19/2008
D Rosemary Aldridge (Chair)	223 Bahre Corner Road, Canton	10/19/2008
D David P. Sinish (citizen at large)	20 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville	10/19/2008
D Eric Jackson	137 Main Street, Collinsville	10/19/2008
D Donald Tarinelli	4 Center St., Canton, CT 06019-3107	10/19/2008
R Larry Minichiello	35 Maple Avenue	10/19/2008
U Margaret Farrar	20 River Street	10/19/2008
WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMIT	TTEE	
U Alis Ohlheiser	126 Robin Drive, Canton	n/a
D David K. Leff (Chair)	4 The Green, Collinsville	n/a
TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF STU	DY	
D Richard Eickenhorst	7 Shingle Mill Drive, Collinsville	12/1/2009
R Jean Bouchard	39 Lawton Road, Canton	12/1/2009
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road, Canton	12/1/2009
R Jonathan Webb	80 Dartmouth Drive	12/1/2009
D Maureen Wallison	11 Canton Valley Circle, Canton	12/1/2009
TEMPORARY FIRE/EMS RETENTION & REC	CRUITMENT STUDY COMMITTEE	
R Richard Ohanesian	1 Whitney Lane, Canton	12/1/2009
U Richard Hutchings	Post Office Box 71, Collinsville 06022	12/1/2009
R Shirley C. Krompegal	277 East Hill Road, Canton	12/1/2009
D William Volovski	47 Gildersleeve Avenue	12/1/2009
D Linda Scarchuk	703 Timber Lane	12/1/2009
R Gerry Holland	8 Shingle Mill Drive	12/1/2009
R Steve Salcedo	10 Westwood Drive	12/1/2009
R Harold Freytag	175 Case Street	12/1/2009
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION		
D Frederick L. Fletcher, Jr., Secretary	157 Main Street, Collinsville	5/1/2009
D Paul Balavender	98 Andrew Drive, Canton	5/1/2009
R James Lotstein	101 Fiddlehead Farm	5/1/2009
R. W. Garrett Miller, Jr.	7 East Hill Road	5/1/2009
U Fred Schott	401 Timber Lane	5/1/2009
R David W. Gilchrist	54 Lawton Road, Canton	5/1/2009
R Anthony B. Ludovico, Vice Chair	75 Barbourtown Road Canton, P.O. Box 117 Canton Ct	5/1/2009
D Arthur E. Fournier, Jr., Chair	16 Country Lane	5/1/2009
D Peter Reynolds	4 Deer Run Road, Canton, CT	5/1/2009