

CANTON



Small Town, Big Impact

Town of Canton Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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It is with much gratitude and respect that the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Report be dedicated to Michael A. Langer for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Canton Emergency Fuel Bank. The Fuel Bank established in 1979 has provided Canton residents with thousands of dollars in aid for heating energy needs.



Michael is a lifelong resident of Canton who began his career with the Collinsville Savings Society in 1968. In his capacity with the Savings Society which later became the Northwest Bank he rose to the position of Chief Fiscal Officer.

In 1995 while at the Savings Society Michael became the principal agent for the Canton Fuel Bank. Since his retirement in 2014 he has continued to volunteer for the Fuel Bank performing as the principal agent for the Board of Directors. The Fuel Bank seeks funds from charitable organizations and businesses. In addition, residents can annually expect a letter from the Fuel Bank asking residents to send their donations to Michael. He manages the acceptance of funds and interacts with the Canton government to distribute monies to citizens in need. He also manages all the Bank filings of documentation to the state and federal agencies.

His over thirty years of volunteering for the Fuel Bank embodies the best of Canton citizens who silently make our town great.

FIRST SELECTMAN AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the Town focused on strengthening long-term financial planning and improving the structure of its capital and debt management practices. A major emphasis was placed on developing clear fiscal guardrails to support stability, predictability, and responsible budgeting.

The Town created a formal **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee** to review future infrastructure needs, evaluate project priorities, and support multi-year planning efforts. Alongside this committee, a new **CIP policy** was established to provide consistent guidance for identifying, budgeting, and scheduling capital projects in a transparent and organized manner.

In addition, the Town completed and adopted a **Debt Policy** designed to guide the use of long-term financing for major investments. The policy outlines criteria for responsible borrowing, establishes measurable standards for debt levels, and promotes sustainable decision-making that aligns with the Town's financial capacity.

Together, these initiatives form an integrated framework that supports long-range planning, enhances fiscal discipline, and provides a clearer foundation for future budgeting and capital investment decisions.

Additionally, the town created and appointed a **Permanent Insurance Committee** whose charge is to monitor and advise the respective boards (BOS & BOE) of trends in the claims and marketplace. The Insurance committee's work has significantly (in a positive way) changed how our self-insured plan is managed after completing an extensive RFP for brokerage services (the town had not competitively bid these services for over 20 years) we now have a new broker serving our town's insurance needs.

Personnel related, the town has hired a new CAO (Mark Penney), a new Finance Director (Zoe Peak), a new Assessor (Liz Duffy), a new Tax Collector (Christine Zilansky) and is partnering with FAVARH to provide part-time hours (6 per week) for one of its clients.

As budget season approaches, we will continue the “kitchen table” session for residents to ask questions and receive answers in real time and will continue to bring responsible budgets to the taxpayers of Canton.

We remain committed to our established Goals and look forward with vigor and anticipation to what we can accomplish together in 2026.

Best,

Kevin Witkos

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**TOWN MEETING
MINUTES & ELECTION
RESULTS**

TOWN OF CANTON - NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the political party listed below will be held in your town on August 13, 2024 for nomination to each office indicated below.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Address</u>
United States Senator	Republican	*Gerry Smith Matthew M. Corey	163 Laskey Rd., Beacon Falls, CT. 06403 181 Center St., Manchester. CT. 06040

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2024.

Stephanie Thomas
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided such primary will begin with early voting on August 5, 2024 through August 11, 2024, and the primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 13, 2024. The hours of voting during early voting and at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Hours of Voting:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
August 05, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 06, 2024	- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 07, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 08, 2024	- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 09, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 10, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
August 11, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT

HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE - Canton Community Center, Park & Rec Room, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT

Dated at Canton, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2024

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Town of Canton



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
Head Moderator's Return

August 2024 Republican Primary

Canton

August 13, 2024

Original

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the August 2024 Republican Primary in the town of Canton locally warned and held on August 13, 2024. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

United States Senator

Republican

79

78

List of Votes Certified By



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August 2024 Republican Primary

Canton

August 13, 2024

Original

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
3	31	0	0	0	0	=	34

Number Rejected

(-)

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0

Number Counted

34

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide

0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List

2,103

(Names on the Official check list-Names on Active List and names Restored to the Active List on Election Day; also Overseas Ballot Applicants.)

(+)

Same Day Registration

0

(Total Same Day Registration (SDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List

2,103

Names Checked as Having Voted

157

(Total of names-by-name count of ALL names checked on the Official Check List as having voted at the polls, by Absentee ballot and by Overseas Ballot -- including names checked at the absentee ballot central counting location, if any.)

Total Votes for Governor/President

0

All Candidates

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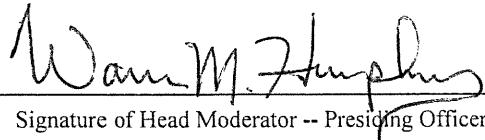
August 2024 Republican Primary

Canton

August 13, 2024

Original

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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Warren Humphrey

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

978-877-7115

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

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Town of Canton - Notice of State Election

November 5, 2024, State Election

The Electors of the Town of Canton are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters.
- II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "Yes" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "No" being a vote for disapproval:
 - 1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?**

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with Sec. §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for public distribution. The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

During the 14-day early voting period before said election, the hours and location of early voting will be as indicated below. Each early voting location will also offer Same-Day Registration (SDR) and the location of the polls will be as follows:

<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Hours of Voting:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Oct. 21-28 & 30, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
Oct. 29 & 31, 2024	- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT
Nov. 1-3, 2024	- 10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Community Center, Room C, 40 Dyer Ave., Canton, CT

The location of the polling place is Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT. Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.). Absentee Ballots, Early Voting Ballots (EV) and Same-Day Registration Ballots (SDR) will be processed in the Canton Middle/High School Gymnasium.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut, this 30th day of September, 2024.

Tracy Morrocco
Town Clerk
Town of Canton



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Presidential Election 2024
November 05, 2024
Original

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the Presidential Election 2024 in the town of Canton locally warned and held on November 05, 2024. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Presidential Electors for

Democratic	Republican	Green	Libertarian
Harris and Walz	Trump and Vance	Stein and Ware	Oliver and ter Maat
<input type="text" value="3,819"/>	<input type="text" value="2,667"/>	<input type="text" value="49"/>	<input type="text" value="38"/>
Petitioning Candidate	Write In	Write In	Write In
Kennedy, Jr. and Shanahan	De la Cruz and Garcia	Fox and McVay	McNeil and McNeil
<input type="text" value="31"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Write In	Write In	Write In	Write In
Potus and Kennedy	Ayyadurai and Ellis	Sonski and Onak	West and Abdullah
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>

United States Senator

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Green
Christopher S. Murphy	Matthew M. Corey	Christopher S. Murphy	Justin C. Paglino
<input type="text" value="3,661"/>	<input type="text" value="2,655"/>	<input type="text" value="136"/>	<input type="text" value="43"/>
Cheaper Gas Groceries	Write In		
Robert Finley Hyde	John Flynn		
<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>		



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Presidential Election 2024
November 05, 2024
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Representative in Congress 5

Congressional District	5		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Write In
Jahana Hayes	George Logan	Jahana Hayes	Ahmad AJ Darwish
3,559	2,844	141	0

Write In

Bertram Ferguson

0

State Senator 8

Senatorial District	8		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Paul Honig	Lisa Seminara	Paul Honig	Lisa Seminara
3,275	3,007	134	92

State Representative 17

Assembly District	17		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Eleni Kavros DeGraw	Manju Gerber	Eleni Kavros DeGraw	Eleni Kavros DeGraw
3,586	2,661	134	100

Registrar of Voters

Democratic	Republican
Cynthia Zdanukas	Warren Humphrey
3,414	2,973

List of Votes Certified By



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Presidential Election 2024
November 05, 2024
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Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
516	+ 3,574	+ 2	+ 45	+ 47	+ 0	=	4,184

Number Rejected

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
5	+ 3	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	=	8

Number Counted 4,176

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 1

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 8,194

(Names on the Official check list-Names on Active List and names Restored to the Active List on Election Day; also Overseas Ballot Applicants.) (+)

Same Day Registration 47

(Total Same Day Registration (SDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 8,241

Names Checked as Having Voted 6,720

(Total of names-by-name count of ALL names checked on the Official Check List as having voted at the polls, by Absentee ballot and by Overseas Ballot -- including names checked at the absentee ballot central counting location, if any.)

Total Votes for Governor/President
All Candidates 6,611

(This number should be less than or Equal to names checkes as having voted)



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Presidential Election 2024

Canton

November 05, 2024

Original

Questions on Ballot

TOWN		Yes	No
		Votes	Votes
Canton	<i>1. "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?"</i>	3441	2366



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Presidential Election 2024
November 05, 2024
Original

Canton

List of Votes Certified By

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Miner".

Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-256-5666

Jack Miner

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

[Redacted]



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Presidential Election 2024

Canton

November 05, 2024

Amendment 1 - Recanvas - Hand count some SDR ballots

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the Presidential Election 2024 in the town of Canton locally warned and held on November 05, 2024. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Presidential Electors for

Democratic	Republican	Green	Libertarian
Harris and Walz	Trump and Vance	Stein and Ware	Oliver and ter Maat
3,848	2,692	49	39
Petitioning Candidate	Write In	Write In	Write In
Kennedy, Jr. and Shanahan	De la Cruz and Garcia	Fox and McVay	McNeil and McNeil
31	3	0	0
Write In	Write In	Write In	Write In
Potus and Kennedy	Ayyadurai and Ellis	Sonski and Onak	West and Abdullah
0	1	2	1

United States Senator

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Green
Christopher S. Murphy	Matthew M. Corey	Christopher S. Murphy	Justin C. Paglino
3,687	2,677	137	44
Cheaper Gas Groceries	Write In		
Robert Finley Hyde	John Flynn		
50	0		



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Presidential Election 2024

Canton

November 05, 2024

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Representative in Congress 5

Congressional District	5		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Write In
Jahana Hayes	George Logan	Jahana Hayes	Ahmad AJ Darwish
<input type="text" value="3,585"/>	<input type="text" value="2,865"/>	<input type="text" value="143"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Write In

Bertram Ferguson

State Senator 8

Senatorial District	8		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Paul Honig	Lisa Seminara	Paul Honig	Lisa Seminara
<input type="text" value="3,300"/>	<input type="text" value="3,028"/>	<input type="text" value="135"/>	<input type="text" value="94"/>

State Representative 17

Assembly District	17		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Eleni Kavros DeGraw	Manju Gerber	Eleni Kavros DeGraw	Eleni Kavros DeGraw
<input type="text" value="3,611"/>	<input type="text" value="2,683"/>	<input type="text" value="135"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>

Registrar of Voters

Democratic	Republican
Cynthia Zdanukas	Warren Humphrey
<input type="text" value="3,441"/>	<input type="text" value="2,994"/>

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Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
516	+ 3,574	+ 2	+ 45	+ 103	+ 0	=	4,240

Number Rejected

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	=	
5	+ 3	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	=	8

Number Counted

4,232

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide

1

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List

8,138

(Names on the Official check list-Names on Active List and names Restored to the Active List on Election Day; also Overseas Ballot Applicants.)

(+)

Same Day Registration

103

(Total Same Day Registration (SDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List

8,241

Names Checked as Having Voted

6,776

(Total of names-by-name count of ALL names checked on the Official Check List as having voted at the polls, by Absentee ballot and by Overseas Ballot -- including names checked at the absentee ballot central counting location, if any.)

Total Votes for Governor/President

6,666

All Candidates

(This number should be less than or Equal to names checked as having voted)



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Presidential Election 2024

Canton

November 05, 2024

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Questions on Ballot

TOWN		Yes Votes	No Votes
Canton	<i>1. "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?"</i>	3468	2382



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Presidential Election 2024

Canton

November 05, 2024

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List of Votes Certified By

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Miner".

Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Jack Miner

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-256-5666

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

ELECTION RECANVASS / PROVISIONAL BALLOT RETURN FORM

TO: Secretary of the State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Attention: Election Services Division

Town} _____
City of} Canton
Borough}

Date of Recanvass: 11/19/2024

Number of Provisional Ballots: Received 1 Counted 0 Rejected 1

I certify that on the date above, a recanvass/provisional ballot count was made of the votes cast at the 11/05/2024 General election for the office(s) specified below, and that at said recanvass/ provisional ballot count the following candidates received the number of votes indicated:

A copy of this return has been filed with the clerk of the town.

The original canvass was was not correctly made.

ade. 
Signature of Recanvass Moderator

(ED-653a - Recanvass Return Form)

GENERAL STATUTES

(24)



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Amendment 2 - Recanvass - Required Close Vote

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Representative in Congress 5

Congressional District 5

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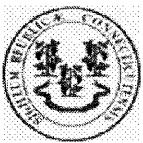
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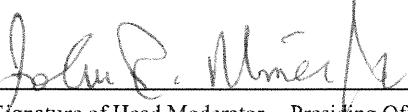
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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-256-5666

Jack Miner
Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, December 30, 2024

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Room F at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$177,838 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2023/2024 general fund budget?
2. Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$300,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding a deficit in the fiscal year 2023/2024 Board of Education expenditure account?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 24th day of December, 2024

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 24, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on December 24, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on December 24, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on December 30, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, December 30, 2024

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$177,838 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2023/2024 general fund budget?

Seconded by Lou Daniels.

Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained that pursuant to the charter, if there are any deficits in any line items, we have to transfer funds into those line items to cover the deficits.

The motion vote passes unanimously with a voice vote.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$300,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding a deficit in the fiscal year 2023/2024 Board of Education expenditure account?

Seconded by Lou Daniels.

Board of Education Chairman, Lou Daniels, explained this \$300,000 was a formula deficit for Special Education costs. Auditors corrected the formula for going forward and will be using the correct formula as of now.

Comments:

Lisa Coggins – 13 Daynard Drive
David Evens – 30 Canton Springs Road
Wayne Goeben – 62 Torrington Avenue
John Huyghebaert – 162 Hill Street
Elizabeth Vinick – 745 Cherry Brook Road

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Kevin Witkos made a motion to adjourn. Lou Daniels seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record December 31, 2024.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

The meeting will be a hybrid format in that people will be able to view and participate virtually or in-person in Room F at the Canton Community Center.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that the Annual

Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room F at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to:

1. Review a presentation on the budgeting process by the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Education.
2. Accept the Annual Report, pursuant to Charter Section 3.04, and to dedicate the Annual Report to Henry Bahre for his commitment and contributions to the Town of Canton.

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 13th day of January 2025.

Board of Selectmen,
Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 14, 2025, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on January 15, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 14, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on January 22, 2025.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, January 22, 2025

An Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

In accordance with the Town Charter, no binding votes were taken.

First Selectmen Kevin Witkos made a motion that the meeting consider and take action on reviewing a presentation on the budgeting process by the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Education. Also, to accept the Annual Report, pursuant to Charter Section 3.04, and to dedicate the Annual Report to

Henry Bahre for his commitment and contributions to the Town of Canton. Seconded by Katie Kenney. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

First Selectmen Witkos went through the budget process as a member on the Board of Selectmen. He stated there have added in an extra meeting for all department heads to attend and for the public to attend and ask any specific questions directly to department heads. First Selectmen Witkos introduced Russell Bush, Board of Education Finance Chair. Mr. Bush went through the budget process as a member on the Board of Education. He also encouraged the public to attend these meetings and ask specific questions pertaining to there budget. The timeline for all meetings is on the Board of Educations website. First Selectmen Witkos introduced Katie Kenney, Board of Finance Chair. Ms. Kenney explained how the budgets are submitted to the Board of Finance for review, how things are looked at and asked to be increased or decreased. The board takes in all factors to come to a decision for a final budget that gets presented to the public for a final vote at referendum.

First Selectmen Witkos then dedicated the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report Henry J. Bahre and his family. He read the following dedication:

It is with much gratitude and respect that the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report be dedicated to Henry Bahre in recognition of his considerable public service and contributions to the Canton community. When you look around this small country town, it's easy to see there's been very few people more dedicated to Canton's needs. A gentlemen's businessman with a farmer's tan and an inherited love for a vegetable stand. Old School – where the promised word and a handshake was the rule. Work boots kept close to the dress shoes and an open office door with no worthy cause ignored. People may come and go, but generations know he was one of Canton's son; Yes, one of Canton's sons! Hank Had a Hell of a Run!!! Some of what Henry leaves behind – Canton High School Graduate (1947), Suffield Academy Graduate, Connecticut National Guardsman, Canton Chamber of Commerce, well respected Farmington Valley Realtor, developer completing many projects to move the Town forward in a responsible way! Thanks, Henry for all you have done!! Crafted and offered by Mark Bahre, Henry's son.

Comments: None

There being no further discussion, First Selectmen Witkos made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Katie Kenney.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record January 23, 2025

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

2. Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$200,374 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2023/2024 general fund budget?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 13th day of January, 2025

Board of Selectmen
Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 13, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on February 5, 2025.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, February 5, 2025

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, Room F, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Melissa Zils, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton discontinue Brass Lantern Road?

Seconded by William Volvoski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained the advantages of discontinuing Brass Lantern Road further with a PowerPoint presentation. The town would no longer be responsible for road maintenance, the town would be relieved of liability for harm to people using the road and it would no longer require plowing. Mr. Penney explained on a map in his presentation.

Comments:
Lisa Coggins – 13 Daynard Drive

The motion vote passes unanimously with a voice vote.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$200,374 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2023/2024 general fund budget?

Seconded by Timothy LeGeyt

Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained that pursuant to the charter, if there are any deficits in any line items, we have to transfer funds into those line items to cover the deficits. He explained further with a PowerPoint presentation, line by line and with past history.

Comments:

Brian Demski – 38 Gildersleeve Avenue

Lisa Coggins – 13 Daynard Drive

Stephen Sedor – 27 Trailsend Drive

Thomas Blatchley – 39 Bart Drive

John Huyghebaert – 162 Hill Street

Cynthia Zdanzukas – 193 Cherry Brook Road

Jill Brandon – 85 East Mountain Road

David Evens – 30 Canton Springs Road

Kim Bowen – 144 Cherry Brook Road

The motion passed by a majority with a voice vote.

Kevin Witkos made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Sedor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk

Received for record February 6, 2025.

Legal Notice
Town of Canton Budget Referendum
Thursday, May 8, 2025

Pursuant to Article X of the Canton Town Charter, a Town Budget Referendum will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, for all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton.

The Electors of the Town of Canton and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Canton for taxes assessed against them on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town is hereby warned to meet at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT on Thursday, May 8, 2025 to cast their vote on the following question:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,816,923 BE APPROVED?"

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk.

A summary of the recommended annual budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, the Canton Public Library, and at www.townofcantonct.org .

Brian Miller
Chair, Board of Finance

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 30, 2025, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on May 1, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 1, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said referendum on May 8, 2025.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

BUDGET REFERENDUM RESULTS Canton Community Center May 8, 2025

Pursuant to Article X of the Canton Town Charter, a Town Budget Referendum was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 6am-8pm at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, for all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton.

The Electors of the Town of Canton and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Canton for taxes assessed against them on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town is hereby warned to meet at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT on Thursday, May 8, 2025 to cast their vote on the following question:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,816,923 BE APPROVED?"

YES - 714

NO - 571

The Budget **PASSED**.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Warren Humphrey, Head Moderator

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Room F located at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$29,887.50 on behalf of FOCUS Center for Autism, Inc., for the purpose of funding the installation of solar panels at Fresh Start School?
2. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$15,000 on behalf of The Children's Museum, Inc. (dba as Roaring Brook Nature Center) for energy efficient lighting replacements and upgrades.
3. Shall the Town of Canton accept and expend a Small Cities Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of rehabilitating State Supported Housing Program property at 21 Dowd Avenue.

Copies of the Neighborhood Assistance Act applications can be located online at www.townofcantonct.org and in the office of the Town Clerk and at the Canton Public Library.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 16th day of June, 2025

Kevin Witkos, First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 16, 2025, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHUR CERTIFY that on June 17, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 16, 2025, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on June 25, 2025.

Kevin Witkos, First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, Room F, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$29,887.50 on behalf of FOCUS Center for Autism, Inc., for the purpose of funding the installation of solar panels at Fresh Start School?

Seconded by William Volvoski. Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained the Neighborhood Assistance Act is a program that gives tax credits to entities that make donations to local community projects. Certain projects are permitted under this program, once approved, then the program can apply to the Department of Revenue Services for tax credits. Kevin Witkos also added that there is no cost to the taxpayers, the Town of Canton is the entity that receives the funds and disburses them. This is a project that we see on an annual basis. The motion vote passes unanimously with a hand vote. Comments – None.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$15,000 on behalf of The Children's Museum, Inc. (dba as Roaring Brook Nature Center) for energy efficient lighting replacements and upgrades.

Seconded by Elizabeth Corkum Winsor. Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained the Neighborhood Assistance Act is a program that gives tax credits to entities that make donations to local community projects. Certain projects are permitted under this program, once approved, then the program can apply to the Department of Revenue Services for tax credits. Kevin Witkos also added that there is no cost to the taxpayers, the Town of Canton is the entity that receives the funds and disburses them. This is a project that we see on an annual basis. The motion vote passes unanimously with a hand vote. Comments – None.

Kevin Witkos moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton accept and expend a Small Cities Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of rehabilitating State Supported Housing Program property at 21 Dowd Avenue.

Seconded by Steve Sedor. Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Penney, explained the Town of Canton received a Small Cities Grant for the purpose to rehabilitate the state supported housing program at 21 Dowd Avenue. Renovations will include roof replacement, new energy efficient windows and doors, siding, sidewalk, railing and parking lot improvements, the fire alarms will be upgraded or replaced and upgrading the ADA requirements to 4 residential units. The motion vote passes unanimously with a hand vote. Comments – None

William Volvoski made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Witkos seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record June 26, 2025.



PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

TOWN OF CANTON
PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2025

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Kevin Witkos, First Selectman

Elizabeth Corkum Winsor
William Volovski

Timothy LeGeyt
Stephen Sedor

BOARD OF FINANCE
Brian Miller, Chairman

Kenneth Humphrey
Thomas Blatchley
Catherine Kenney

Peggy Berry
Sarah Faulkner

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lou Daniels, Chairman

Kim Sullivan
Russell Bush
Felicia Jordan
Cindy Moeller

Erika Hayes
Jordan Toussaint
Peggy Steinway
Joseph Scheideler

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Mark Penney
Christopher Arciero
Zoe Peak
Christine Silansky
Della Froment
Tracy Morrocco
Glenn Cusano
Neil Pade
Thomas Richardson
Sarah McCusker
Taryn Schrager
Rand Stanley
Timothy Tharau
Tonoa Jackson

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools
Business Manager

Jordan Grossman
Anna Robbins

**Town of Canton Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**



AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance
	Original	Amended		
Property Taxes				
Current Year	\$ 42,070,985	\$ 42,070,985	\$ 41,672,033	\$ (398,952)
Prior Year	122,000	122,000	314,558	192,558
Interest and Lien Fees	120,000	120,000	194,973	74,973
Total Property Taxes	42,312,985	42,312,985	42,181,564	(131,421)
Intergovernmental				
Town Aid Road	254,118	254,118	254,128	10
Education Cost Sharing	3,809,572	3,809,572	3,809,572	-
State PILOT - Disabled	725	725	733	8
State PILOT - Veterans	2,106	2,106	2,197	91
State PILOT - State Property	9,325	9,325	13,542	4,217
State PILOT - Manufacturing	7,994	7,994	7,994	-
Housing Authority	11,452	11,452	48,902	37,450
Motor Vehicle Property Tax Grant	406,341	406,341	406,341	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant	200,920	200,920	-	(200,920)
Total Intergovernmental	4,702,553	4,702,553	4,543,409	(159,144)
Charges for Services				
Telecommunication Tax	20,000	20,000	24,570	4,570
BOE Tuition Fees	338,000	338,000	32,700	(305,300)
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	50	50	50	-
Town Clerk Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses	10,000	10,000	31,661	21,661
Dog Licenses	1,300	1,300	1,181	(119)
Town Clerk Conveyance Tax	225,000	225,000	233,900	8,900
Tax and Town Clerk Printing Services	12,000	12,000	7,782	(4,218)
Private Duty - Fire/EMS Services	1,000	1,000	976	(24)
Fire Marshal Permits and Fire Reports	600	600	45	(555)
Building Licenses and Permits	330,000	330,000	414,187	84,187
Land Use Licenses and Permits	3,400	3,400	1,621	(1,779)
Land Use Printing and Duplicating Services	50	50	45	(5)
Zoning Licenses and Permits	2,400	2,400	5,915	3,515
Zoning Applications	5,000	5,000	15,043	10,043
Aquifer Protection Applications	400	400	550	150
Planning Applications	400	400	1,500	1,100
ZBA Appeal Fee	400	400	-	(400)
Inland Wetlands	1,500	1,500	800	(700)
BOE Miscellaneous Revenue	10,000	10,000	7,531	(2,469)
Bad Check Fees	200	200	60	(140)
Police Printing and Duplicating Services	1,000	1,000	913	(87)
Private Duty - Administration	125,000	125,000	135,780	10,780
Police Gun Permits	6,000	6,000	3,990	(2,010)
Police Raffle Tickets	100	100	25	(75)
Alarm Registration Fees	300	300	175	(125)

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Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance
	Original	Amended		
Charges for Services (Continued)				
Vendor Permits	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 810	\$ 60
Traffic Fines	3,000	3,000	9,908	6,908
Police Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	2,153	1,153
Dog License/Shelter Fee	11,000	11,000	9,595	(1,405)
Dog Adoption Fee	10	10	5	(5)
Insurance Rebates	14,000	14,000	28,776	14,776
Rental Town Property	7,000	7,000	7,110	110
AT&T Tower Rental	31,342	31,342	25,035	(6,307)
BOS Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000	3,000	925	(2,075)
Swimming Pool Fees	34,000	34,000	27,063	(6,937)
Pool Daily Attendance Fee	12,000	12,000	12,575	575
Library Printing and Duplicating Services	1,600	1,600	2,079	479
Library Income	-	-	31	31
Total Charges for Services	1,212,802	1,212,802	1,047,065	(165,737)
Investment Income	383,000	383,000	459,324	76,324
Total Revenues	48,611,340	48,611,340	48,231,362	(379,978)
Other Financing Sources				
Appropriation of Fund Balance	-	411,318	-	(411,318)
Total Other Financing Sources	-	411,318	-	(411,318)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 48,611,340	\$ 49,022,658	\$ 48,231,362	\$ (791,296)

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

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Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance
	Original	Amended		
General Government				
Board of Selectmen	\$ 26,311	\$ 29,666	\$ 29,666	\$ -
Chief Administrator	265,228	324,325	324,325	-
Election	42,415	34,878	34,878	-
Probate Court	4,483	5,131	5,131	-
Town Counsel	75,000	35,091	35,092	(1)
Town Clerk	158,143	157,906	157,907	(1)
Information Technologies	137,013	131,702	131,703	(1)
Total General Government	708,593	718,699	718,702	(3)
Finance				
Board of Finance	349,933	324,933	81,177	243,756
Finance	547,233	506,118	506,118	-
Assessor	131,648	148,256	148,256	-
Tax Collector	95,898	97,854	97,854	-
Total Finance	1,124,712	1,077,161	833,405	243,756
Public Safety				
Police	2,604,878	2,659,981	2,659,989	(8)
Service Incentive	31,510	27,358	27,358	-
Fire Services	558,766	560,403	560,403	-
Fire Marshal	83,729	79,198	79,198	-
Emergency Services	520,109	575,680	575,680	-
Total Public Safety	3,798,992	3,902,620	3,902,628	(8)
Public Works				
Town Hall	342,479	373,206	373,206	-
Park Department	119,712	119,946	119,946	-
General Highway	1,382,656	1,351,588	1,351,588	-
Town Garage	42,291	42,291	48,690	(6,399)
Utilities	258,500	264,208	264,208	-
Community Center	114,680	105,412	105,414	(2)
Total Public Works	2,260,318	2,256,651	2,263,052	(6,401)
Human Services				
Community Agencies	107,310	98,410	98,410	-
Senior/Social Services	271,720	274,382	274,382	-
Park and Recreation	231,517	235,394	235,394	-
Library	719,734	711,634	711,634	-
Total Human Services	1,330,281	1,319,820	1,319,820	-
Insurance	341,768	353,468	353,468	-

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

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Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance
	Original	Amended		
Planning and Development				
Building Official	\$ 94,580	\$ 101,707	\$ 95,308	\$ 6,399
Town Planner	325,019	319,384	319,384	-
Total Planning and Development	419,599	421,091	414,692	6,399
Fringe Benefits	2,746,277	2,750,865	2,750,865	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Education	32,924,801	33,266,284	33,266,284	-
Debt Service				
Principal	1,365,000	1,365,000	1,365,000	-
Interest	595,932	595,932	595,932	-
Total Debt Service	1,960,932	1,960,932	1,960,932	-
Total Expenditures	47,616,273	48,027,591	47,783,848	243,743
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers Out:				
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	995,067	995,067	995,067	-
Total Other Financing Uses	995,067	995,067	995,067	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 48,611,340	\$ 49,022,658	\$ 48,778,915	\$ 243,743

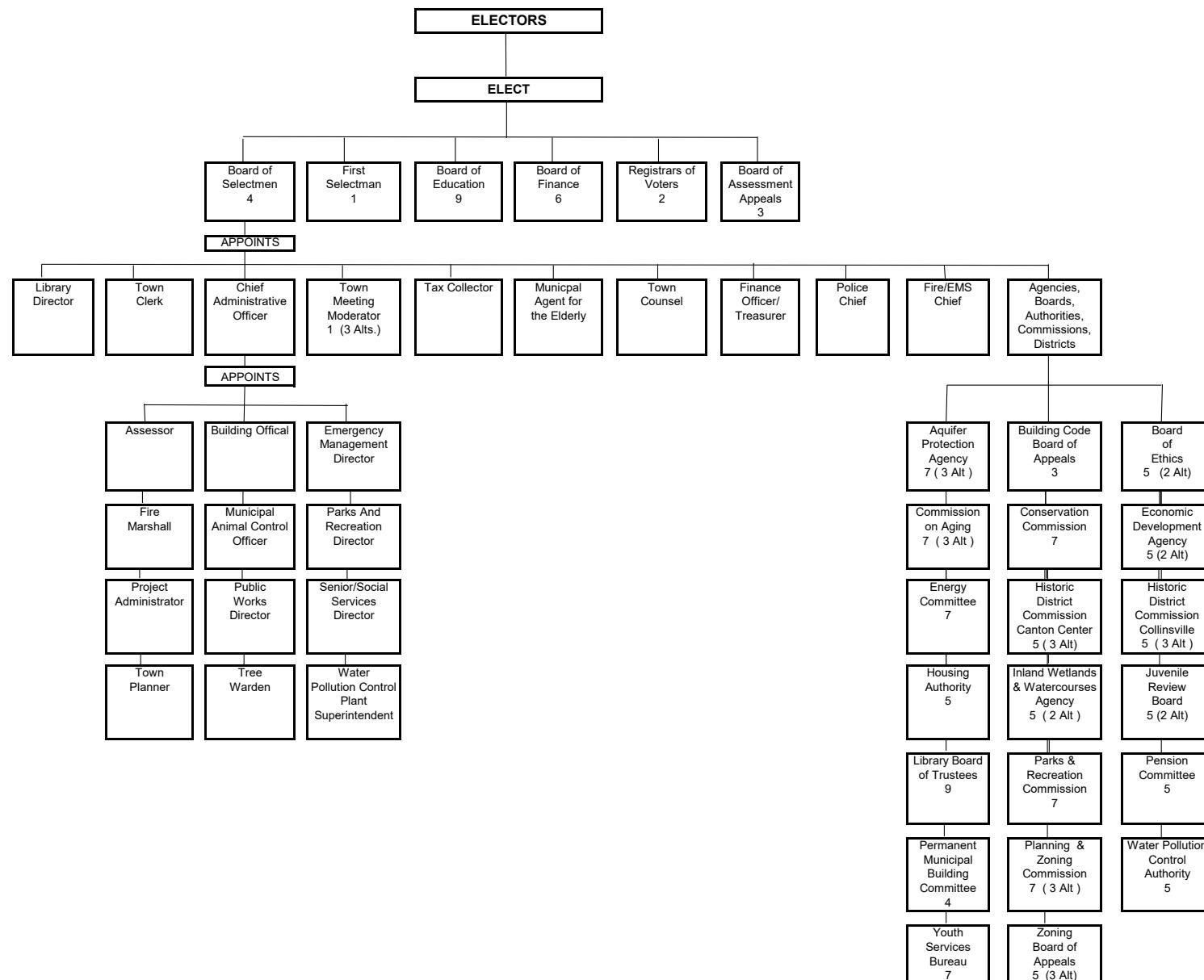


TOWN OF CANTON

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

Organizational Chart





ANNUAL REPORT

AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

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

During fiscal year 2024-2025, the APA held one (0) regular meeting and four (4) special meetings. They processed ten (10) applications.

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

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

The APA holds regular quarterly meetings and special meetings on an as-needed basis on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:50 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office is responsible for preparing the annual **Town Grand List** of taxable and exempt property. The Grand List includes a complete listing of all properties in town, their owners, and assessed values as of **October 1st each year**.

The **2024 Real Estate Grand List** (taxes due July 2025) represents the **second year of a four-year phase-in** of the October 2023 Revaluation assessments.

- **Phase-In:** 25% of the increase in assessed value is added each year.

2024 Grand List Summary

- **Net Taxable Assessment:** \$1,315,744,009
- **Total List Decrease:** (\$196,734,385)

Breakdown by Property Category

- **Real Estate:** ↓ (\$188,707,221)
- **Personal Property:** ↑ \$3,563,288
- **Motor Vehicle:** ↓ (\$11,590,452)

Major Factors Impacting 2024 Grand List

- **Applegate Village Development:** \$5.6M added
- **Penalties for Non-Compliance:**
 - 58 Commercial & Industrial accounts failed to file annual income and expense reports
 - Penalties totaled **\$3.7M**

Additional Responsibilities

The Assessor's Office also:

- Updates tax maps
- Conducts field inspections of new construction and business personal property
- Administers property exemptions and tax relief programs
- Maintains accurate computerized records for public access and statutory revaluation

Goal: Ensure uniformity and equitable distribution of the tax burden while maintaining efficient and transparent records.

Top Ten Taxpayers

Taxpayer	Net Assessed	Acts	Property Class
SFV Canton Owner LLC	\$52,717,480	3	R
Eversource	\$33,890,970	1	P
Canton Ridge II LLC	\$5,781,085	2	R
Connecticut Water Co.	\$5,531,860	1	P
Boulder Ridge Assoc Ltd Ptnshp	\$4,401,695	1	R
M&S Mitchell Realty	\$4,287,850	1	R
CPIMF1 UCHSCCT LLC	\$3,604,380	1	R
CT SVC LLC	\$3,590,010	1	R
401 Albany Turnpike LLC	\$2,959,523	1	R
Perry Lansford W	\$2,792,568	41	R, M

Board of Assessment Appeals

- **Hearings Held:**
 - March: 5 hearings
 - September: 1 hearing
- **Total Appeals Heard:** 64

Appeals Granted

- **Real Estate:** 9 granted → Reduced \$263,412
- **Business Personal Property:** 3 granted → Reduced \$9,592
- **Motor Vehicle:** 1 granted → Reduced \$6,210

Total Assessment Reduction: \$279,214

Total Revenue Reduction: \$9,347

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Duffy, CCMA II, Assessor

BOARD OF ETHICS

During FY2024-2025 all scheduled regular meetings of the Board of Ethics were cancelled. There is one alternate position and one regular position remaining to be filled to complete the Board of seven members.

The Board of Ethics meets as needed. The Board of Ethics meeting schedule, meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Town of Canton website: www.townofcantonct.org. The public is welcome to attend.

David R. Kubas, Chairman
Canton Board of Ethics

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth the need, duties, requirements and conditions for the Building Department. Chapter 541, part 1.a. 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 transitioned from a part-time position to performing the duties of the office on a full-time basis. This transpired for the final quarter of FY 24-25. The Building Department will continue in its efforts to provide customer service while promoting building safety and general welfare in the construction environment while seeking compliance to the building codes.

Permit Statistics

Type	Count	Fees	Cost Of Construction
Building - Commercial - Alterations	37	\$32,647.88	\$2,383,609.77
Building – Commercial - Demolition	4	\$1,016.78	\$167,889.65
Building –Commercial – Electrical	37	\$9,593.26	\$682,337.15
Building – Commercial – Fitout	3	\$11,625.00	\$787,000.00
Building - Commercial - Mechanical	21	\$8,363.06	\$1,087,560.94
Building - Commercial - New Construction	6	\$20,460.00	\$1,369,752.00
Building - Commercial - Plumbing	14	\$4,818.00	\$77,015.13
Building - Commercial - Roofing	7	\$11,716.00	\$807,378.88
Building - Commercial – Siding	1	\$60.00	\$3,500.00
Building – Commercial – Signage	-	-	-
Building - Commercial - Sprinkler System	9	\$1,140.00	\$72,706.00
Building - Residential - Alterations	86	\$39,544.00	\$2,639,093.43
Building - Residential - Chimney Liner	10	\$476.00	\$26,691.46
Building - Residential - Deck	6	\$980.00	\$63,051.00
Building - Residential - Demolition	6	\$980.00	\$63,051.00
Building - Residential - Electrical	186	\$17,138.52	\$1,059,412.03
Building - Residential - Finished Basement	6	2,520.00	\$166,800.00
Building - Residential - Gas Log Insert	5	\$427.00	\$26,406.81
Building - Residential - Mechanical	246	\$39,954.00	\$2,643,808.68
Building - Residential - New Construction	25	\$56,786.12	\$3,810,215.00
Building - Residential - New Home	15	\$69,510.00	\$5,181,750.00
Building - Residential - Photo-voltaic	39	\$19,351.00	\$1,300,643.20
Building - Residential - Plumbing	100	\$9,207.00	\$613,781.02
Building - Residential - Roofing	105	\$35,038.00	\$2,338,718.33
Building - Residential - Shed	8	\$3,257.00	\$200,042.58
Building - Residential - Siding	11	\$5,627.00	\$376,042.00
Building - Residential - Swimming Pool	7	\$3,155.00	\$259,660.00
Building - Residential - Window Replacement	37	\$8,260.00	\$546,225.79
Building – Residential – Woodstove/Pellet Stove	19	\$2,077.00	\$110,133.30
Total:	1088	\$425,357.62	\$29,505,175.51

Total Inspections	1414
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Canton Conservation Commission is authorized under CGS 7-1319 and Chapter 149 of the Town of Canton code. The primary functions of the Conservation Commission are to monitor and make recommendations regarding the development, conservation, supervision and regulation of natural resources including water resources in the Town of Canton. The Commission conducts research into the utilization of land areas of the municipality, prepares maps and publications, inventories natural resources and keeps an index of all open space areas, publicly or privately owned, including marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas. From time to time, the Conservation Commission makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, and other municipal agencies regarding plans and programs for the development, protection, and other use of such areas, as well as on proposed land use changes, land protection plans, and management of municipally-owned open spaces or natural areas.

The Conservation Commission takes the lead role for the community in identifying, evaluating, and recommending open space lands for acquisition

During 2024-2025, the Conservation Commission met eleven (11) Regular meetings and one (1) Special meeting. The Commission currently consists of seven (7) members and meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Canton Economic Development Agency (EDA) continued to work diligently to remove obstacles to responsible development in town. The Agency provides recommendations for events designed to enhance economic activity in town, and has been working on re-designing the town's website to improve access to information/resources for residents and visitors.

The EDA is an all-volunteer agency appointed by the Board of Selectmen with a mission to:

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

The EDA is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the local business community and the general public are welcome to attend. The EDA held twelve (12) regular meetings and three (3) special meetings during this fiscal year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department provides quality service through a commitment to excellence, integrity, and teamwork. The operation of all Town departments is reliant on the Finance Department's collection of revenues, management of available cash balances, and payment of expenditures. The Finance Office is responsible for handling the daily treasury operations, in accordance with Town policies and State statutes; administering the Town's payroll; processing accounts payable; and accounting for the financial activity of all Town funds. Information on the Town's financial position is reflected in the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available on the Town's website in December of each year. The Finance Officer & Treasurer prepares monthly reports for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance on revenues and expenditures, identifying and analyzing variances to budget as they arise. In addition, the Finance Officer works with the Chief Administrative Officer and school Superintendent to develop the Town's annual operating and capital expenditure budgets.

In July of 2025 we were informed that the Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year 2023-24 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 25th consecutive year. As of the writing of this summary, the Finance team is working diligently with our external auditors to extend the award streak to for our 2024-25 financial results.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL 2024-25

- The Town's original adopted General Fund budget for 2024-25 totaled \$48,611,340
- The Town's actual General Fund expenditures were \$48,778,915 and actual revenues totaled \$48,231,362
- The mil rate was 34.15, a decrease of 1.22 from the prior year
- The Town maintained a credit rating of AAA from Standard & Poor's
- The Town's unassigned fund balance of the General Fund at year-end was approximately \$6.95 million, which represents 14.3% of the total General Fund original budgeted expenditures and transfers out.

A recap of the Town's long-term debt outstanding appears below:

<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
<u>Outstanding Amount</u>	
Capital Projects – Aug 2013	08/15/33
\$3,010,000	
Capital Projects – June 2015	06/01/35
2,750,000	
Highway Dept. Garage – October 2017	10/15/37
2,470,000	
Collinsville Fire House & 3 Bridges	06/01/42
<u>6,690,000</u>	
Total	
\$14,920,000	

FIRE/EMS

The Town of Canton Fire and EMS Department provides an “all-hazards” emergency response to the Town of Canton and surrounding mutual-aid partner towns. Included in the Department’s services are: fire suppression, advanced life support with paramedic-level emergency medical care, motor vehicle accidents, technical rescue on land and water, hazardous materials response, environmental and weather-related incidents, traffic management and control at emergency scenes, fire prevention and public education, in addition to coordination with emergency management, Police, Department of Public Works (DPW), and other first responders. In addition to providing an all-hazards response to the Town, the Department also provides these services to the neighboring towns of: Avon, Burlington, New Hartford, Simsbury and Granby under a mutual aid agreement. Additionally, the Department is part of Task Force 54 and the North Central rescue Task Force.

The Town of Canton Fire & EMS operates as a true combination service, integrating volunteers, part-time town paid staff, and third-party personnel to provide comprehensive emergency response and fire protection. This model allows the department to efficiently serve the community while leveraging the strengths of each group. By combining volunteer and paid staff, the department can maintain a high level of service without the full expense of a completely paid workforce.

In fiscal year 2024/2025 the Department responded to a total of 1893 calls for service, a 2.43% increase compared fiscal year 2023/2024. Out of the 1893 calls for service 1392 of the calls were medical calls, and 501 were fire service emergencies. The Fire Department responded to five structure fires during the fiscal year of 2024/2025. Fire Responded mutual aid forty-nine times, while EMS responded mutual aid two hundred and thirty-two times.

The Department responds from three firehouses, two of which are town owned & utilizes 15 pieces of apparatus.

2 - Class A Engines	1- ATV
1 – Engine/Tanker	1- Duty Officer Car
1 – Tanker	
1- Rescue	
1 – Quint Aerial Ladder	
2 – Utility Pickup Trucks	
2 – Ambulances	
1 – Paramedic Fly Car	
1 – Fire Police Vehicle	
1 – Rescue Boat	

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

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

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

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Information Technology Department for the Town of Canton is responsible for the maintenance and support of the Town's network infrastructure, desktop and laptop computers, and the software systems used across all municipal departments. The department currently manages 194 workstations, three physical host servers, and 16 virtual servers that enable essential services for residents. Its mission is to recommend, test, and implement hardware and software solutions that empower Town departments to serve the public more effectively.

IT Highlights and Initiatives for 2024–2025

- **Police Dispatch Radio and Remote Access Upgrades**
Completed the final phase of the dispatch console upgrade by transitioning from a legacy copper wire communication system to a modern fiber-optic design. New radio equipment was installed and integrated into a more robust network, significantly enhancing coverage and reliability across the Town. Additionally, secure remote access software was deployed to enable field officers to connect to the network and CAD systems. The department is also working to implement state-mandated security protocols.
- **Community Center Room B Redesign**
Collaborated with the First Selectman and town staff to redesign Room B in the Community Center for use by the Board of Selectmen. The project included the purchase and installation of new audio equipment and permanently mounted video systems to streamline meeting setup and improve the experience for both participants and the public.
- **Consolidation of State and Government Services – Security Streamlining**
In response to significant reductions in government funding, the department developed cost-effective solutions to maintain critical security services. By leveraging internal resources and collaborating with state agencies, the Town was able to fill service gaps while staying within budget and upholding high security standards.
- **Website Redesign**
Partnered with a new vendor to modernize the Town of Canton's website. The redesign aims to improve usability, enhance communication, and ensure compliance with ADA accessibility requirements. The department is working closely with Town staff and the Board of Selectmen to deliver a more functional and inclusive online experience.
- **Windows 10 End-of-Life Transition**
Deployed new workstations for Town employees in response to Microsoft's discontinuation of Windows 10. Existing machines had reached end-of-life and were incompatible with Windows 11, necessitating a full hardware replacement to maintain operational continuity.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY

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

During fiscal year 2024-2025, the IWWA held two (2) regular meetings, zero (0) site walk, and four (4) special meetings. They processed five (5) applications, two (2) Jurisdictional Determinations, and held no Show Cause Hearings.

The IWWA has an Authorized Agent who is allowed to permit minor activities in upland review areas but not within wetlands or watercourses themselves. The Authorized Agent reports to the Agency all permits issued under its authority at regular meetings and also acts as the IWWA’s enforcement officer. The wetlands agent issued seven (7) authorized agent approvals under this authority during the fiscal year.

The IWWA is currently functioning with full complement of five (5) regular members, zero (0) alternate member and two (2) vacancy for an alternate member. The IWWA holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission holds special meetings/site-walks as needed. All meetings are open to the public.

TOWN OF CANTON 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 and Zoning Commission; Plan Implementation Committee; Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency; Zoning Board of Appeals; Economic Development Agency; Conservation Commission; Aquifer Protection Agency; Canton Center Historic District Commission; and Collinsville Historic District Commission. The Land Use Office also manages a public help desk that provides guidance to developers, private citizens and other interested parties in regard to land use and development policies and regulations in pursuit of improving the future sound development of the Town.

Commission Achievements:

The Land Use Commissions processed a total of (42) applications and/or referrals as follows: Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (7); Aquifer Protection Agency (10); and Planning and Zoning Commission (25).

Also, this year the Assistant Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer continued the process of consistently enforcing regulatory approvals of Land Use Commissions, as well as overseeing general compliance with the regulations.

During this past year, the position has issued:

- 25 Sign Permits
- 0 Temporary Use and Activities Permit
- 2 Mobile Vendor Permits
- 7 IWWA Authorized Agent Applications
- 100 Zoning Permits
- 11 Minor Site Plan Modifications
- 4 Certificates of Zoning Compliance
- 11 Notices of Violations
- 2 Observation of Violations
- 4 Cease and Desist Orders
- 3 Municipal Citations

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a wide range of recreational and leisure opportunities in an effort to enhance the quality of life for all Canton residents and promote positive physical, social and emotional experiences. In our effort to achieve this goal we will continue to provide safe, attractive and well-maintained facilities. The slogan of our department is “Creating Community through Parks, Programs, and People”. Community engagement is welcome, and we encourage new program ideas to be shared with us, residents to attend Parks & Recreation Commission meetings, and volunteerism.

The department main office is located in the Canton Community Center, and is overseen by the Parks & Recreation Commission; Parks & Recreation Director, Taryn Schrager; Recreation Supervisor, Kellie Faust; and Recreation Coordinator, Claire Boughton. The Parks and Recreation Department employs approximately 60 seasonal employees, including aquatics, summer camp, maintenance and school year program staff, as well as dozens of contracted instructors and companies throughout the year.

Department programs and events are released in seasonal brochures, email blasts and Facebook posts. Additional information and program details can be found at the Canton Parks and Recreation website, www.cantonrec.org, and on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Canton-Parks-and-Recreation. The website also includes registration capabilities to allow for program registration 24 hours a day and a facility calendar and guide that gives information and schedules for Town parks and facilities.

Programs

Canton Parks and Recreation offers programs throughout the year for all ages and ability levels. Activities include the popular Explorers Day Camp; Red Cross classes such as swimming lessons, lifeguard junior classes, a water safety aide program, babysitting and CPR/First Aid/AED certifications; Dusky Dolphins Swim Team; Beyond the Bell after school program; adult sports and fitness classes; youth sports programs, camps and clinics; enrichment classes and camps; a winter recreational basketball league; and a winter ski bus, just to name a few. The department also runs highly popular pickleball classes for players of all levels, and continues to work with Canton High School athletic coaches to offer sport-specific camps and training programs. The Department also offers programming specifically for children who need additional assistance, including an adaptive basketball program and adaptive swim lessons.

Events

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department offers many free or low-cost family special events throughout the year. Events normally include a Halloween in the Park event; Holiday House Lights contest; Holiday Cookie Decorating; Canton Family Ice Skating Day; Library Night at the

Pool; Teen Night at the Pool; Sundae Funday; Pooch Plunge; and the 8-week Summer Concert Series.

Parks and Projects

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department provides oversight of town park facilities and athletic fields. Mills Pond Park is the town's primary recreation facility. The 40-acre park holds Mills Pond Pool, a 50-meter Olympic swimming pool; a splash pad; a playground; outdoor fitness equipment; a skate park; 2 full-size basketball courts; pavilion area; 4 tennis courts, all with pickleball lines; and a multi-use field space that hosts a range of sporting activities including baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, football and field hockey. The Canton Parks and Recreation Department also schedules and provides oversight to the Canton Community Gardens, Bicentennial Park, Krzanowski Field, Bowdoin Field and Van Gemeren/Millennium Fields.

This year, staff of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department oversaw the installation of a mural by local artist Jillian Goeler on the wall of the pool house at Mills Pond Park. Additional updates were made to Mills Pond Park, with a sandbox, ride-on play piece and scavenger hunt being added to the playground; 2 water compatible wheelchairs for pool and splashpad use; and 6 new POLYWOOD Adirondack chairs for the pool deck. Large scale repairs to cracking were done to all the tennis & basketball courts, and a large patching job for the wall of Mills Pond pool.

Future Initiatives

- Continue looking for more additions to make Mills Pond Park a more attractive, user-friendly facility for our guests
- Continue to partner with and support the Friends of Canton Dog Park
- Continue to develop and implement more indoor & outdoor winter programs
- Expand our fitness program offerings to create a wide variety of programs that cover users of all age ranges
- Continue to develop and expand our virtual and hybrid programming opportunities
- Explore ways of funding projects and future initiatives outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Continue including the Canton Food Bank in events as a way to support the health of the community
- Continue working with the staff & coaches of the Canton school system, along with Canton youth organizations, to offer new & expanded programming opportunities

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the PZC held twelve (12) regular meetings, two (2) special meetings, zero (0) site walk, processed twenty-two (22) applications and three (3) requests for referral.

The PZC is comprised of seven (7) regular members, three (3) alternate members. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission welcomes input from town residents and property owners for all public hearings.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Description

The Canton Police Department (CPD) was established as a permanent police department in 1970. The CPD department had an authorized strength of seventeen (17) sworn officers (including 1 Chief, 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 10 officers and 1 Detective), 4 full-time communications/dispatcher positions, 5 part-time civilians (4 part-time dispatchers, 1 crossing guard) and 1 administrative assistant. All the CPD police officers are POST certified and are first responders in all medical and fire emergencies. All CPD Dispatchers are certified through the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Telecommunications. CPD officers patrol over 25 square miles and serves a population of approximately 10,000 residents.

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 Highlights

1. Canton Police Department's Community Service Dog program continued to receive extraordinary praise for their community involvement, presence and participation in numerous events both in Canton (Farmer's Market and Senior Center Coffee with the Cops program) and in adjacent towns. The events included, but were not limited to, programs involving victim services, senior safety programs, school projects and officer wellness.
2. Canton Police Department, for the first time, was recognized for attaining full state-level accreditation in all three levels.
3. Chief Arciero, was appointed as a member of the newly constituted Public-Safety Subcommittee to the Board of Selectmen.
4. CPD personnel continued to participate in many state and federally-supported motor vehicle safety based grant programs that included child safety car installation, distracted driving, seatbelt enforcement, rural road speed enforcement.
5. Canton Police Department's actual police officer staffing levels matched its authorized staffing levels. In today's policing environment, maintaining those consistent staffing levels is rare.
6. CPD continued to participate in many state and federal grant programs involving Emergency Management- including, but were not limited to, stipend for submission of State mandated Local Emergency Operation Plan; Homeland Security Grant Program, Emergency Management Performance Grant; fiber optic upgrade for police radios; and upgrade of equipment for the town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
7. Two CPD officers continued involvement with North Central Regional specialty teams- (Accident Reconstruction and S.W.A.T.)
8. CPD personnel responded to a major severe weather events and coordinated emergency responses with CFD, DPW, EMS and other state agencies.

9. CPD personnel continued extensive involvement with the ongoing speeding concerns on local roads. The efforts resulted high level collaboration with State DOT Traffic Division and the newly created Canton Temporary Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee which involved several community meetings, data collection, specialized equipment purchases, selective speed enforcement initiatives, road safety assessments and ongoing safety planning for the area and other high-speed areas in town.
10. CPD personnel continued in-depth participation with various projects (in place, developing or conceptual) with other town, local, state and federal stakeholders regarding many safety road programs. Some of the projects, included, but were not limited to traffic safety cameras, Route 44 Corridor Study, Bike Walk Canton, Safe Streets for All, and the Vision Zero Action Plan.
11. In June, CPD hosted the first CROG sponsored active shooter table-top training event. Area police, fire and school safety personnel were invited to the event. Also, CPD staff continued with school safety initiatives including participation with CIRMA school safety assessments, response and monitoring of CODE RED Drills, revision updates to the mandatory Statewide School Security Plan, development of a crisis assessment evaluation response (C.A.R.E.) protocol and provision of safety training for new teachers and bus drivers.
12. CPD personnel continued to participate in many charitable/social assistance events: Ride to School, Bagging for Hunger, Toy Drive, Food Drive, Special Olympics Torch Run, Child ID and Car Seat Safety events, Youth Services Bureau meetings, CPD Building tours, and submission of safety articles/reminders on various social media platforms.
13. The Canton CERT Unit continued its community involvement and is one of the most active CERT programs statewide. CERT continued its participation in the annual Collinsville Halloween Parade, Christmas in Collinsville, annual community preparedness program during national emergency preparedness month, CIS STEP Training for Emergencies, food drive for the Canton Food Bank and the food/toy drive at Ocean State Job Lot to benefit Canton's Holiday Drive, assistance at school sporting events local/state/federal elections. CERT was instrumental in its participation in the annual Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI). CERT personnel prepared updated Shelter guides for pets and humans.
14. The CPD General Orders were continually reviewed; updated and new mandatory policing practices were memorialized, as appropriate, into new policies.
15. Continued to monitor and address additional mandates of the police accountability legislation to include, state accreditation compliance, behavioral assessment and drug-testing for all sworn employees.
16. Chief Arciero continued his administrative duties to positions and assignments apart from his duties as chief of police. Those positions/assignments included being the town's Local Traffic Authority (LTA), town's Emergency Management Director (EMD), director of the Canton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

17. Several Canton Police Officers were recognized for their life-saving and heroic provision of public safety. In one instance, an off-duty Canton Police officer provided emergency first aid and saved a motorist's life, earning that officer a lifesaving commendation from another town.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Total annual visits: 70,000 (estimated)

Total library cardholders: 3,843 (+7%)

Total number of programs: 503 (-14%)

Total program attendees: 9,463 9,577 (-1.2%)

Circulation of physical items: 119,049 (-2.9%)

Circulation of downloadable items: 21,319 (+15.2%)

Total circulation: 140,368 (-0.6%)

Interlibrary loans borrowed: 5,627 (-1.2%)

Interlibrary loans loaned: 7,476 (+3.75%)

The mission of the Canton Public Library is to provide a vibrant, welcoming, accessible space to enhance community connection, enrich lifelong learning, and promote a dynamic exchange of ideas for all residents in all stages of life.

We take that mission seriously, and endeavor to be a community hub for all. We work in partnership with many other local organizations to achieve this, including the Cherry Brook Garden Club, Roaring Brook Nature Center, the Canton Historical Museum, FVHD, and more. And, of course, we would not be able to do so much without the endless support of the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

On average, we have more than one program per day, and all ages are well-represented – from baby storytime to the Teen Advisory Group to informational programs about aging in place, we have something for everyone. Some program highlights: hosting popular, award-winning children's author Jarrett Krosoczka; the "Whalemobile"; the Poop Museum; Crime Spree true crime series for adults; Teen Advisory Group bingo fundraiser.

Children participating in the summer reading program read a total of 232,400 minutes. That's 3,874 hours, or 161 days. Amazing!

Throughout the year we displayed the work of many local artists, and continued our always-popular Preschool Art Show in February and Youth Art Month show in March, showcasing the works of Canton's children.

Sarah McCusker
Library Director
December 2025

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Overview

The Department of Public Works consists of 5 Departments, Highway, Parks, Building Maintenance, Transfer Station, and Administrative. The Highway Department consists of one highway Foreman, one Mechanic, and seven Mainatiners. The Parks Department consists of one Parks Foreman. The Building Maintenance Department consists of one Maintenance Supervisor, one Maintainer/Custodian, and one Custodian. The Transfer Station consists of one Supervisor and one Transfer Station Attemdant. The Administrative Department consists of one Public Works Director, one Project Administrator, and one Admistrative Assistant.

Highway

The Highway Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 71.2 miles of improved and unimproved roads within the Town of Canton. This winter season once again challenged the department to keep the roads clear and safe. The department responded to 14 winter storm events that started in early December. Our last winter storm event was on March 12th which saw 4" of snow fall on parts of Canton.

Following the Town Pavement Management Program, the Highway Department, along with several contractors performed roadway improvements this past year. The roadway improvements consisted of several repair strategies that included milling and paving with drainage improvements on Secret Lake Road, Pond View Drive, Queens Peak Road, and Barbourtown Road. The Highway Department also oversaw the paving at the Collinsville Fire Station. They also planted numerous trees around the building.

The Highway Department collaborated with the Farmington River Watershed Association to install a Rain Garden at Bicentennial Park. This type of collaboration is what the staff is most proud of and is just one example of the type of work that our DPW staff performs.

Parks

The Parks Department is responsible for 110+ acres of maintenance and improvements to all Town walking trails, greens, parks, pool, athletic fields, buildings, and grounds including all school campuses. The Town Pool shell saw several areas that were compromised and needed repairs before the pool opened. The staff helped in seeking companies to perform the emergency repairs to the pool. Once the repairs were completed, they acid washed and painted the pool shell, only missing one week of the pool not opening when scheduled. They also had to perform repairs to the tennis/basketball courts. This work was done in house and consisted of filling the cracks with cement and painting the patches after the repairs were made. The result of their hard work meant very little disruption of play on the courts. The staff also helped with the plantings at the Collinsville Fire Station. The department also continues to work with the Cherry Brook

Garden Club and Collinsville Pollinator Trail to maintain the landscaping at the Flower Bridge, Town buildings, parks, and recreation.

Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Department is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of 103,085 square feet of building space at the Town Hall, Library/Community Center, North Canton Fire Station, Collinsville Fire Station, Public Works, and Police Station. During this past year, the department responded to several service calls along with their regular duties. We continue to see good results with our maintenance software (FMX) to allow us to track requests and preventive maintenance scheduling. Last year the department helped with the planning and execution of the upgrades to the town hall offices. The work consisted of moving office furniture, rearranging the office space, and painting. The offices look great with staff happy with the results.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station staff had another excellent year assisting the Town residents who bring their trash and recyclables to the facility. The Transfer Station sells over eleven hundred permits per year. We are seeing continued success with the addition of the new paint and food waste recycling programs. The Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund was created and implemented in 2013 to finance the operating budget for the facility. The revenue generated through the selling of permits, tokens and recycling rebates stays in the fund to pay out the operational expenditures and future upgrades to the facility.

This year the Town held three Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection days with the Towns of Simsbury, Avon, Farmington, Suffield, and Granby. Transfer Station Supervisor, Brian Dean and the committed staff do a tremendous job keeping the facility clean and orderly for the residents.

Administrative

This past year we saw the retirement of Bobby Martin. After being appointed as Acting Director Thomas Richardson was hired as the Public Works Director in November.

The Administration Department provides organizational support and oversight to the entire department to effectively manage the diverse infrastructure and related Capital Improvement Programs consistent with Town policy, industry standards and regulatory agency requirements.

The department also aided with several Bids & RFPs for various Town Departments and the Board of Education. The department managed several projects including the Old Canton Road Bridge completion and the start of the Washburn Road Bridge replacement project. The new Fire & EMS Headquarters building project was completed with Project Administrator, Glenn Cusano, having an integral role managing the project.

The Canton Public Works Department's motto is "Serving the Community with Pride". The department's goal is to "Search for Improved Methods to Accomplish our Work". On behalf of the entire Department of Public Works, we are very thankful for the support shown to us by Town Staff, Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and especially to our wonderful Town residents and businesses.

The Department regrettably witnessed the passing of DPW Director Robert (Bobby) Martin on November 30, 2024. Bobby was the Director for 14 years for the town. He was highly respected by all town staff and improved the department in many ways. With the help of many volunteers, and DPW staff created a garden in memory of Bobby at the DPW Facility. Bobby started an annual Earth Day tree planting several years ago and we thought it would be fitting to plant a Serviceberry in the garden. We had a large gathering on Earth Day to showcase the new garden. Bobby left a lasting impression on the town and the Public Works Department he managed; he will be greatly missed.

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, The Senior & Social Services Department provided an essential range of services to enhance the well-being of Canton residents. The Department's dedication to addressing the needs of our community by offering a comprehensive suite of programs has resulted in significant progress in areas such as housing assistance, food security, mental health services and substance abuse programs.

Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships play a vital role in enhancing the services provided by Senior & Social Services, and collaboration is key to enhancing the Department's service offerings. Continued partnerships with Gifts for Canton St Patrick's Church, First Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Canton Community Health Fund, Canton Emergency Fuel Bank, FOCUS on Canton, Rotary Club of Avon – Canton, Canton Lions Club, Northwest Community Bank, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Dish – N – Dat, Lisa's Luna Pizza, and Little Oak Café provided vital funding and support for our programs including but not limited to the Senior Meals Program, Gifts for Canton / Holiday Giving Program, the Back to School Program, and the annual Summer Picnic.

These collaborations enhanced the sustainability of programs by creating a support network that adapted to changing circumstances.

Senior & Social Services Senior Meals Program thrived as a community focal point, offering both Canton residents and non-Canton residents not only nutritious meals provided by two local restaurants, but also a vital social outlet. This program served as a meeting place for individuals to connect, share experiences, and foster relationships thereby promoting community engagement.

The Senior Center continued to be a hub of activity, offering a variety of programs and events aimed at promoting mental, physical, and spiritual wellness. Regular educational seminars enhanced knowledge and engagement within the community, while activities like Chair Pilates, TaiChi, Line Dancing, art classes and various day trips challenged the attendee's minds and bodies. Weekly regularly scheduled activities like BINGO, Scrabble, and card games also fostered community connections with friends both old and new.

Community Impact

Senior & Social Services plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of life in Canton, especially for vulnerable populations. The Department's commitment to providing essential services, fostering community connections, and advocating for necessary resources has resulted in positive outcomes for the residents we serve.

As the Department looks forward, it remains dedicated to sustaining and expanding our impact, ensuring that all residents of Canton have access to the support they need to live.

Conclusion

The services provided by Senior & Social Services are crucial for fostering a healthy, engaged, and supportive community. The Department will continue to adapt and respond to the needs of Canton's residents, ensuring that everyone here can enjoy improved health and well-being.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonoa Jackson
Senior & Social Services Director

COMMISSION ON AGING

- Created and launched the coffee corner in the new Senior Lounge. The first event was part of the inauguration of the Senior Lounge and drew curious seniors and town leaders.
- Started a series of monthly coffee events, coordinated with the Senior Center, to offer opportunities for learning about the Senior Center while socializing and meeting other Canton seniors.
- Supported the ice cream truck to offer free ice cream in summer months. This was so popular, it may be one of the most effective efforts in promoting the Senior Center.
- Promoted the Senior Center with tables at local gatherings, including the Canton Main Street Farmers Market, the Parks & Rec Halloween event, and the Summer Concert Series at Mills Pond.
- Produced, posted and distributed news releases and other new items about Senior Center happenings in the local media.
- Initiated a project to produce a Wall of Honor for Canton Veterans. In spring of 2025 the Commission on Aging purchased a large screen, which is being installed in FY 2025-26.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Tax Collector, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is the sole employee of the office. The Collector is responsible for the billing, collecting and accounting of real estate, business/personal property and motor vehicle taxes, sewer usage fees, sewer connections and parking tickets.

Office procedures are governed by the Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, various local ordinances and office policies.

For fiscal year 2024-2025, the rate of tax collection was 99.98% of the budgeted tax revenue and the sewer usage collection rate was 110.44% of the budgeted revenue. The details are charted below:

(Tax Figures)	2024-2025 YTD	2024-2025 % of budgeted (as of 6/30/2025)
Current Year Tax	\$41,243,960	98.77%
Current Year MVS	\$533,134	171.98%
Prior Year Tax	\$291,702	243.09%
Prior Year Suspense	\$14,683	743.15%
Interest/Liens/Fees	\$217,726	181.44%
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year		99.98%

(Sewer Figures)	24-2025 YTD	24-2025 % of budgeted (as of 6/30/2025)
Current Year Sewer Use	\$1,305,574	105.80%
Prior Year Sewer Use	\$62,834	314.17%
Interest/Liens/Fees	\$27,467	274.68%
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year		110.44%

Confronting ongoing challenging economic conditions, Canton taxpayers continue to prioritize their municipal tax obligations.

TOWN CLERK

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

Department activities during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 included:

- July: The Historic Document Preservation Grant for FY2025 was approved by the CT State Library.
- Aug.: Early Voting for the Republican Primary. August 13, 2024, the Republican Primary took place for United States Senator
- Sept.: Town Clerk Conference
- Oct.: Absentee Ballots are available, Early Voting for Election & New CAO, Mark Penney, started with the Town of Canton
- Nov.: Election Day, New Board Members begin their new terms
- Jan.: Annual Town Meeting
- Feb.: Special Town Meeting for discontinuance of Brass Lantern Road
- March: Meeting with SOTS regarding new tabulator role out
- April: Public Hearing for Budget
- May: Budget Referendum – PASSED; Dog License renewal notices were mailed
- June: Dog Licenses now available; Special Town Meeting for Neighborhood Assistance Act & Small Cities Grant

- Receipts:
 - Conveyance Tax/Land Records/Maps \$233,899.63
 - Hunting/Fishing (Sport) Licenses \$ 50.00
 - Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses \$ 30,745.91
 - Dog Licenses \$ 1176.50
 - Copies \$ 8,443.00

- Communications: Managed the Town's Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts
 - Facebook Followers 745
 - Twitter Followers 908
 - Instagram Followers 1,983

CANTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The Canton Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP). The facility's current design flow rating is for 0.950 million gallons per day. WPCF staff operate and maintain the treatment facility, along with 3 wastewater pump stations and approximately 26 miles of sanitary sewers.

The WPCF was originally constructed in 1965, upgraded in the early 1990's, and has received small incremental improvements since. Some of the original components and most of the base infrastructure from the 1965 plant are still in use today. Modest capital improvements since the last comprehensive plant upgrade have allowed the facility and sewer system to adapt to the growing community and provide service for new demands. Better odor control, enhanced solids management, and optimized treatment processes have resulted in a cleaner discharge to the Farmington River as well as providing a much more pleasant, and often unnoticed, public utility. The wastewater treatment facility is situated alongside the rails-to-trails walkway, very near to recreation areas.

The WPCF is staffed with four well trained and experienced personnel including a Superintendent, a Chief Plant Operator, and two plant operators. Plant personnel are certified and licensed in both treatment plant and collection system operation and maintenance. All four personnel are also certified in laboratory analysis. These staff participate in continuing education to stay abreast of the ever-changing rules and regulations, as well as advances in methods and technology.

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) meet according to posted schedule, each month, at the Canton Community Center. The meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to attend.

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

This past fiscal year, the facility received and treated approximately 222 million gallons of wastewater, averaging out to over 600,000 gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by its NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removal efficiencies of 98% for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 99% for Total Suspended Solids. We continue to receive positive inspection reports from the Connecticut DEEP and strive to continuously improve on our capabilities; all while discharge limits become more stringent and the WPCF becomes more heavily loaded as a result of new growth in town and the development of leaks in older pipes.

From July 2024 through June of 2025, plant staff measured 47.86" of rainfall at the facility. This value is substantially lower than what was measured during the previous one-year period. There is a relation, but indirect correlation, between wet weather patterns and annual gallons of wastewater treated. More than 100 million gallons of additional water/wastewater passed through

the facility during the, much wetter, '23-'24 one-year period. This shows just how much water is infiltrating our sewer system and straining our equipment during the high groundwater periods.

Keeping this extraneous water out of the sanitary sewer system, especially in the older sections of town, is not a simple task. This extra water enters the sewer system through illegal connections and areas vulnerable to inflow and infiltration within the sewage collection system (aging, cracked, broken, submerged, or poorly constructed pipes and structures). Efforts to eliminate this extra water are necessary to keep flows from increasing beyond control. Note that abnormally wet seasons typically repeat themselves every few years, as do abnormally dry. Weather can be extreme and unpredictable; therefore, wastewater systems need preparation for both.

For these reasons, we continue to make improvements to and rehabilitate existing infrastructure within the collection system. Areas we target our focus are those plagued with defects and deficiencies. Thorough investigation isolates specific problems. The problems are then prioritized and addressed. The town is fortunate to have been awarded a STEAP Grant to cover some cost associated with inflow and infiltration removal within the collection system, predominantly in the Collinsville area. The 2nd and 3rd phases of a larger overall rehabilitation project are mostly covered by this grant. The 2nd Phase began in August 2024 and has since been completed. The 3rd Phase was awarded to the lowest responsible contract bidder and the work involves lining approximately 310' of sewer line and rehabilitating 45 manholes. This work is scheduled to be complete in FY 26.

In January of 2024, one of the WPCF's three Primary Clarifiers suffered catastrophic failure. In response to the event, a plan was formed to make lasting repairs. The replacement system was designed with a more redundant electrical and drive system, along with updated mechanisms. The tank's structure was also evaluated. Cracks are to be repaired as well as other deterioration. Wastewater generates a gas called hydrogen sulfide. When mixed with water, sulfuric acid is formed and it is very destructive to metal and concrete. Therefore, these much-needed concrete repairs were included in the project to rehabilitate the 1960's and 1990's concrete. A project bidder was selected and the Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project is expected to be complete in FY26.

In 2019, and again in 2024, a flow threshold as described within the town's NPDES permit, was exceeded. In response to this pattern of exceedance, the WPCA was directed by the CTDEEP to set restrictions on new connections until a plan to reduce flows or expand capacity was implemented. The WPCA has since approved several flow reduction projects and began a Wastewater Facilities Planning project. The goal of this project is to develop and provide the Town with an implementable, cost-effective plan for continued sanitary sewer service and treatment for the upcoming 20-year planning period.

The Wastewater Facilities Planning project preliminary work began in the summer of 2024 and started with a Quality-Based Selection process for selecting an engineering firm to perform the long-range study. This is a pre-requisite of receiving any Clean Water Fund (CWF) grant or loan. A firm was selected, based on their qualifications. The WPCA then negotiated a project scope and fee. The CTDEEP provided input, as well, to ensure sure key items were included in the

project. Physical survey and study work began in April of 2025 and the remainder of the project is currently underway.

The WPCA and the engineering firm tasked with the project will engage with other boards and the public to gauge the demands of the community and provide a service to meet that demand.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

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

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals held zero (0) regular meetings and two (2) special meetings. They processed zero (0) applications for variances to the Zoning Regulations.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has four (4) regular members, one (1) alternate member, and two (2) vacancy for a regular member and one (1) vacancy for an alternate member. The concurring vote of four (4) members is necessary to grant a variance and to overturn an action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Town of Canton Committee Vacancies

BOARD	P	LAST	FIRST	M	POSITION	EXPIRES
2024 CRCOG Regional Planning	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Representative	12/31/2028
2024 CRCOG Regional Planning	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Alternate	12/31/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Laurie	Bradley		Alternate	6/30/2025
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	6/30/2025
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Perry	Lansford	W	Member	6/30/2025
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Huyghebaert	John		Member	6/30/2027
Aquifer Protection Agency	R	Johnson	Jeffrey		Alternate	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	R	Evens	David	A	Member	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Member	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Member	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Boston	Thomas		Alternate	7/13/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Vogel	Michael		Member	7/13/2028
Board of Assessment Appeals	R	Vincent	Susan		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Assessment Appeals	D	Ouellette	Nicholas			11/16/2027
Board of Assessment Appeals	R	Foy	Lisa			11/18/2025
Board of Education	R	Bush	Russell			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Jordan	Felicia			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Moeller	Cindy			11/18/2025
Board of Education	R	Toussaint	Jordan			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Steinway	Peggy			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Daniels	Lou			11/16/2027
Board of Education	R	Hayes	Erika			11/16/2027
Board of Education	D	Scheideler	Joseph			11/16/2027
Board of Education	R	Sullivan	Kim			11/16/2027
Board of Ethics	D	Ciccarillo	Dennis	G	Member	6/30/2025
Board of Ethics	R	Kubas	David	R	Chair	6/30/2025
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	6/30/2027
Board of Ethics	U	Casey	Arthur		Member	6/30/2027
Board of Ethics	D	O'Keefe	Meredith		Member	6/30/2027
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2028
Board of Ethics	U	Rousseau	Roger		Alternate	6/30/2027
Board of Finance	D	Faulkner	Sarah		Member	11/18/2025
Board of Finance	D	Kenney	Katie		Member	11/18/2025
Board of Finance	R	Humphrey	Kenneth	S	Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	D	Miller	Brian		Chair	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	D	Berry	Peggy		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	R	Blatchley	Thomas		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	R	Sedor	Stephen		Selectman	11/18/2025
Board of Selectmen	D	Volovski	William		Selectman	11/18/2025
Board of Selectmen	R	Witkos	Kevin		First Selectman	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	D	Corkum Winsor	Elizabeth		Selectman	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	I	LeGeyt	Timothy		Selectman	11/16/2027
Building Code Board of Appeals	U	Richardson	Russell, Jr.			N/A
Building Code Board of Appeals	D	Laurie	Bradley			N/A
Building Code Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT			N/A
Canton Center Historic District		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2029
Canton Center Historic District	R	McKenna	Laurie		Alternate	1/1/2026

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Canton Center Historic District	U	Lampros	Susan		Member/Secretary	1/1/2026
Canton Center Historic District	R	Magennis	Gina		Chair	1/1/2027
Canton Center Historic District	R	Kessler	Linda		Alternate	1/1/2027
Canton Center Historic District	R	Neville	Zac		Member	1/1/2028
Canton Center Historic District	D	Burbank	Marianne		Vice Chair	1/1/2028
Canton Center Historic District	D	Schwartz	Kenneth		Member	1/1/2029
Canton Housing Authority	R	Dunstan	Len		Member	12/31/2025
Canton Housing Authority	D	Kocis	Stephen		Chair	12/31/2026
Canton Housing Authority		VACANT	VACANT		Member (Tenant)	12/31/2027
Canton Housing Authority	D	Therrien	Sue		Member	12/31/2027
Canton Housing Authority	D	Peltier	Amy		Vice Chair	12/31/2028
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	McAllister	Karol		Chair	7/1/2025
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Tellier	Lauren		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	U	Hager	Christopher		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Manternach	Karen		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Porri	Amelia		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Vrabel	Beth		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Welles	Linda		Member	7/1/2028
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Davis	Barbara		Member	7/1/2028
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Eickenhorst	Joanna		Member	7/1/2025
Chief of Fire/EMS	R	Gotaski	John		Chief	12/31/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Waters	Jerry		Alternate	6/30/2025
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Veillette	Stephen		Member	6/30/2025
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Tarinelli	Donald		Chair	6/30/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Downey	Janet		Alternate	7/1/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Grant	James		Member	6/30/2027
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Elkins	Lori		Member	6/30/2028
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	McCoy	Kenton		Vice Chair	6/30/2028
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Lovejoy	Maureen		Alternate	6/30/2025
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT		Member	1/1/2025
Commission on Aging	U	Crawford	Virginia		Member	1/1/2026
Commission on Aging	U	Wright	Beth		Member	1/1/2026
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2027
Commission on Aging	D	Brevigleiri	Mary		Member	1/1/2028
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2025
Commission on Aging	D	Gillette	Heather		Chair	1/1/2026
Commission on Aging	D	Becker	Nancy		Secretary	1/1/2028
Commission on Aging	U	Williamson	Laura		Alternate	7/31/2028
Conservation Commission	U	Spatcher Jr	William		Member	6/30/2025
Conservation Commission	U	Tilton	Garry		Member	7/1/2025
Conservation Commission	U	Erwin	Kevin		Chair	7/1/2026
Conservation Commission	D	Kaplan	Jay		Member/CO-Chair	7/1/2028
Conservation Commission	D	Barton	Hedy		Member	6/30/2025
Conservation Commission	D	Boonstra	Flynn		Member	7/1/2025
Conservation Commission	U	Coggins	Lisa		Member	6/30/2028
CRCOG Alternate Representative		Penney	Mark			
CRCOG Representative	R	Witkos	Kevin			11/16/2027
DECD Central Tourism Representative	U	Dingee	Matthew		Member	N/A

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Economic Development Agency	R	Wagner	Thomas		Member	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	U	Dingee	Matthew		Chair	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	R	Deiderich	Jennifer		Member	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	R	Platt	George		Member	7/1/2028
Economic Development Agency	D	Bessel	Robert		Alternate	7/1/2026
Economic Development Agency	D	Asklof	Russell		Secretary	7/1/2026
Economic Development Agency	D	Dickstein	Barry		Alternate	7/1/2027
Energy Committee	D	Gentile	Susan		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	R	Langlois	Candace		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	U	Madigan	David		Secretary	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	D	Miller	Nancy		Vice Chair	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	D	Namnoum	Bob		Chair	4/25/2028
Energy Committee		VACANT	VACANT		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	I	West	Millege "Guy"		Member	7/13/2028
Farmington River Coordinating	U	Vinick	Matthew		Member	N/A
Farmington River Coordinating	I	Coleman	William		Alternate	N/A
Farmington Valley Health District	R	Humphrey	Warren		Member	3/1/2029
Farmington Valley Health District		VACANT	VACANT		Member	4/27/2029
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses		VACANT	VACANT		Member	12/31/2025
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Porri	William		Member	12/31/2027
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	4/27/2028
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	4/27/2028
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Henry	Eric		Chair	12/31/2025
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Covino	Vincent		Member	12/31/2026
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	U	Rosenfeld	David		Secretary	12/31/2027
Juvenile Review Board	D	Campbell	Lisa		Alternate	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	U	Conway	Kelly		Member	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	D	Vigil	Julie		Chair	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	R	Pass	Troy		Member	6/30/2026
Juvenile Review Board	I	Lange	Cheli		Alternate	6/30/2027
Juvenile Review Board	D	Spiers	Linda		Member	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	U	Corcoran	Kara		Member	6/30/2027
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	D	Jackson	Tonoa		Representative	9/20/2025
Parks & Recreation Commission	U	Pettini	John		Member	7/1/2025
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Lynch	Margaret		Member	7/1/2026
Parks & Recreation Commission	I	Kurtz	Capri		Member	6/30/2027
Parks & Recreation Commission	R	Jacobs	Todd	Q	Member	7/1/2027
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Tucker	Eric		Member	9/14/2028
Parks & Recreation Commission		VACANT	VACANT		Member	7/1/2028
Parks & Recreation Commission	I	Cottingham	Corri		Chair	7/1/2028
Pension Committee		VACANT	VACANT		Member	1/1/2027
Pension Committee	D	Nardello	Michael		Member	1/1/2027
Pension Committee	U	Benedetti	Sergio		Chair	1/1/2028
Pension Committee	R	Lagonigro	Paul		Member	1/1/2028
Pension Committee	U	Daley	Diane		Member	1/1/2029
Permanent Municipal Building	R	Witkos	Kevin		Member	7/1/2026
Permanent Municipal Building	D	Reynolds	Peter		Chair	7/1/2026
Permanent Municipal Building	D	Dymicki	Ronald	L	Member	7/1/2028

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Permanent Municipal Building	U	Madigan	David		Member	7/1/2028
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory	D	Boorjian	Diana	D	Vice Chair	6/30/2027
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2027
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Laurie	Bradley		Alternate	6/30/2025
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	6/30/2025
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Perry	Lansford	W	Secretary	6/30/2025
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Huyghebaert	John		Member	6/30/2027
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Johnson	Jeffrey		Alternate	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Evens	David	A	Member	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Member	6/30/2027
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Vice Chair	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Boston	Thomas		Alternate	7/13/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Vogel	Michael		Chair	7/13/2028
Poet Laureate		Shreve	Virginia			11/12/2026
Registrar of Voters	D	Zdanukas	Cynthia			1/8/2029
Registrar of Voters	R	Humphrey	Warren			1/8/2029
Registrar of Voters	D	Deutsch	Gail		Deputy	1/8/2029
Registrar of Voters	R	Contrastano	Richard		Deputy	1/8/2029
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Hanks	Alan		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Carstensen	Michael		Vice Chair	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Tomolonius	Mary		Chair	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	U	Coggins	Lisa		Secretary	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	R	Pierce	Lee		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety		VACANT	VACANT		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Therrien	Sue		Member	8/3/2025
Town Historian	D	Taylor	Kathleen			11/12/2026
Town Historian Deputy		Woodard	Carolyn			11/12/2026
Town Historian Deputy	U	Hager	Christopher			11/12/2026
Town Meeting Moderator		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	D	Ouellette	Nicholas		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	D	Burbank	Marianne		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	U	Zils	Melissa		Alternate	1/1/2026
Veterans' Representative	D	Jackson	Tonoa			N/A
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Bush	Russell		Member	6/30/2025
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Minichiello	Larry		Member	7/1/2025
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Ouellette	Nicholas		Member	7/1/2026
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Daly	Richard		Member	6/30/2025
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Celmer	Robert		Member	6/30/2027
Water Pollution Control Authority		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2027
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Mauger	Art		Chair	6/30/2028
Youth Services Bureau		VACANT	VACANT		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	D	Mejia	Jennifer		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	I	Tebecio	Patrick		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	7/1/2026
Youth Services Bureau	D	Meheran	Laurie		Chair	7/1/2026
Youth Services Bureau	D	Payne	Alden		Member	7/1/2026
Youth Services Bureau	D	Skinner	Maria		Member	7/1/2026
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/3/2025

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Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT		Member	1/3/2027
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/3/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Vincent	Susan		Member	1/3/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	D	Waters	Jerry		Alternate	1/3/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Celmer	Robert		Member	1/3/2027
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Rucci	Lucien		Chair	6/30/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	U	Philbrick	Stephen		Member	6/30/2028