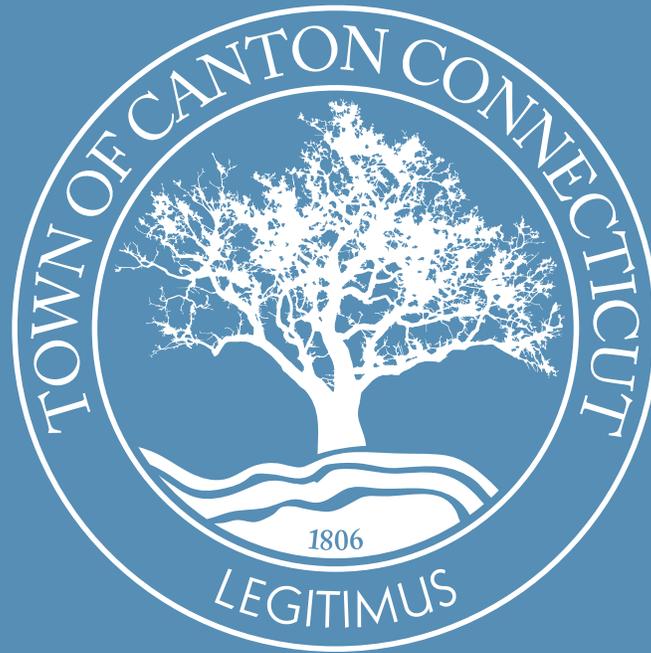
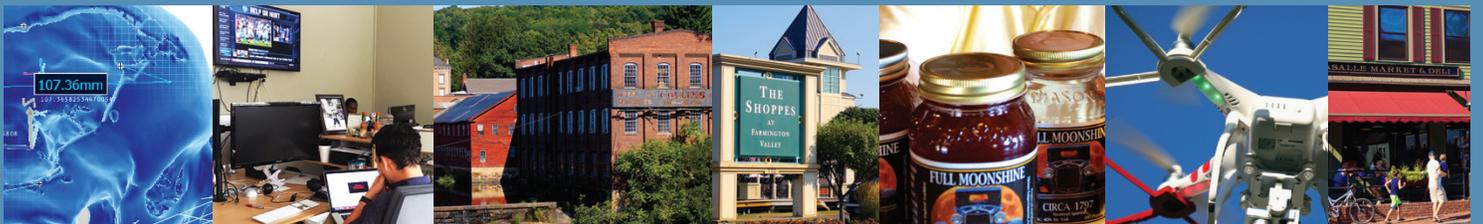


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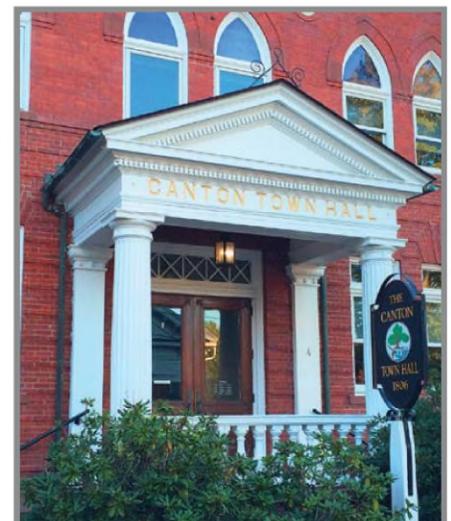
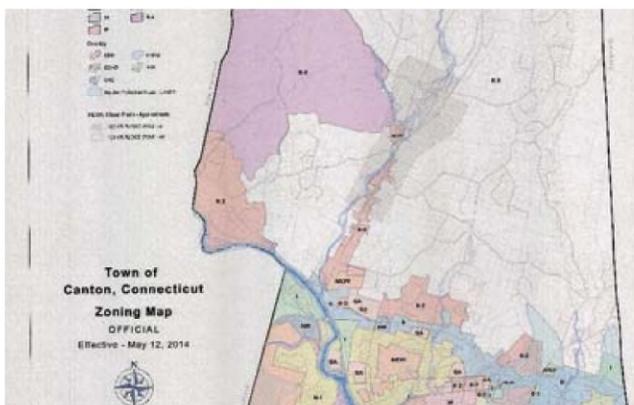
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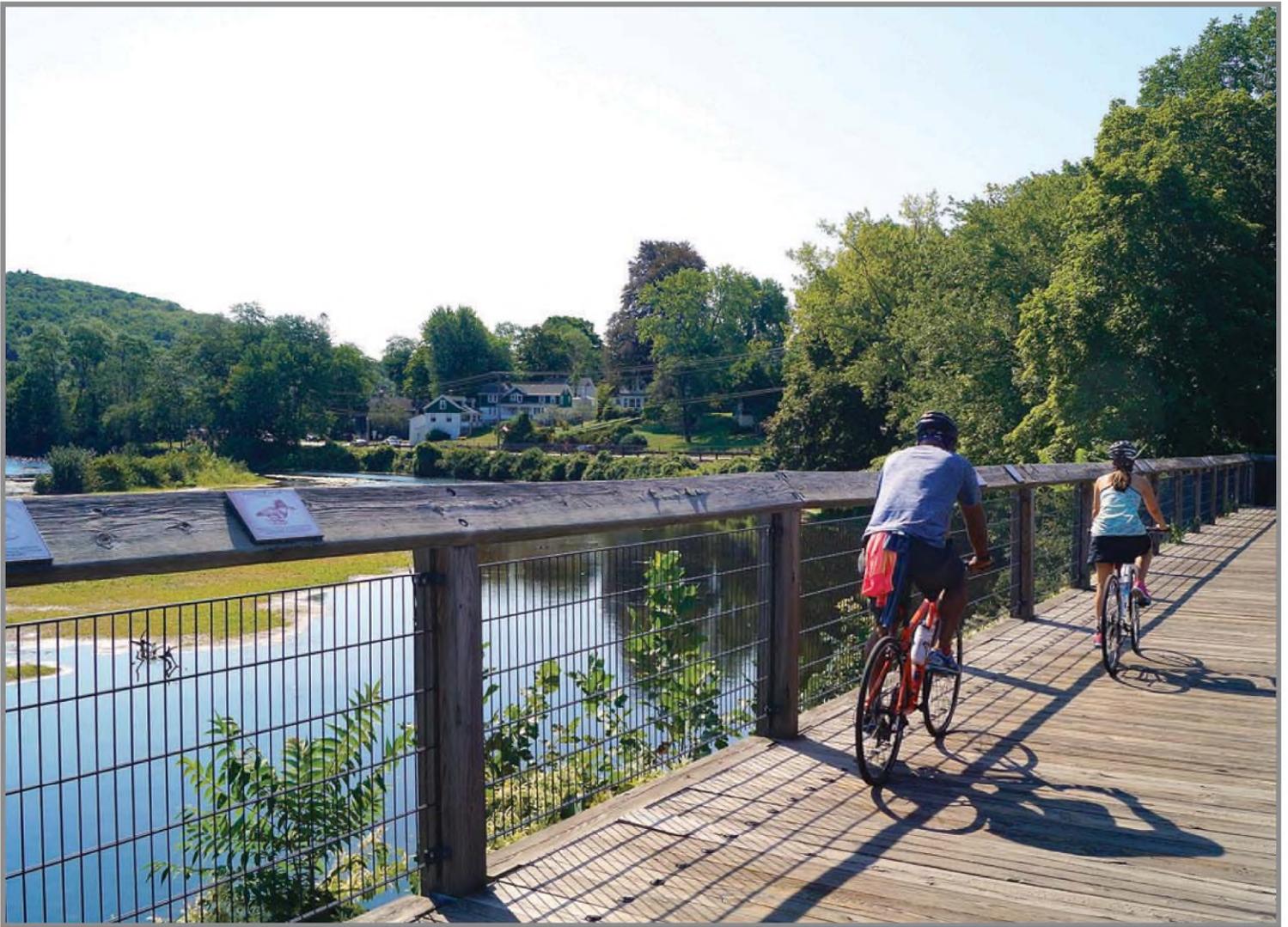


Government



A great community like Canton constructs its foundation on active partnership between businesses, residents and government. Objective assessments of process and regulations are key to successful growth. So are long term thinking and data-driven decision-making. Canton leads the Farmington Valley in developing form-based zoning codes. Aimed at reducing the time needed to evaluate and approve the land-use applications process, Canton's form-based codes remove much of the uncertainty associated with land-use decisions. Canton's land-use department also works closely with its Economic Development Agency which has assembled a comprehensive view of market demographics and land-use possibilities. Working with current businesses and potential developers, the EDA is a full partner in the effort to expand Canton's commercial tax base while preserving the unique character of this community. Part of this partnership also includes a multi-platform consumer campaign of print and digital advertising plus signage that creates awareness of Canton as a shopping and recreation destination, growing your business opportunity.





Natural Beauty



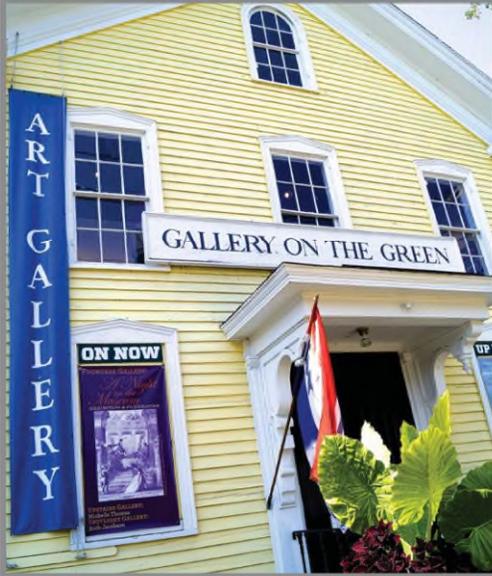
Succeed Here.

Canton, Connecticut, nestled in the rolling hills outside Hartford, is a surprising community of authentic talent, growth and business success. From humble roots as a Native American trading camp in the 1700s, Canton evolved into a manufacturing powerhouse in the 1800s and today has become a magnet for business innovators and creative talent.

Fast-paced, yet cool,
historic and natural.
That's Canton, Connecticut.

Businesses balance intense
work with relaxing vistas
and activities.

Country Charm



Cosmopolitan Sophistication



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With gratitude and respect, the Town of Canton dedicates the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Annual Report to Jay Kaplan in recognition of his years of leadership and contributions to the Canton community.



Jay Kaplan has devoted countless volunteer hours to the Town of Canton, serving on the Canton Conservation Commission and as co - president on the Canton Land Trust. Jay has brought his experience as past president of the Hartford Audubon Society and the Connecticut Ornithological Association to Canton, providing invaluable knowledge and experience to our community. His time, energy, integrity and dignity stand as a positive example to all.

In addition to his volunteer service for the Town of Canton, Jay also serves as Director of Roaring Brook Nature Center where he began his career in 1973 and was promoted to Director in 1975. His work as an environmental educator has taken him to schools in Canton, Avon, Burlington and Simsbury. Many of these schools visit the Nature Center regularly as a part of their outside classroom programs. Jay seeks to educate students of every age and to connect them to the natural world in an “environment that maximizes learning.” Roaring Brook Nature Center is known for exactly that. The Canton community, among other surrounding towns, appreciates the opportunity to share his extensive background and enthusiasm for nature with the public. His knowledge, expertise and charm have helped us all to appreciate nature.

The Town of Canton profoundly appreciates the countless ways that Jay Kaplan reaches children and educators through his work at Roaring Brook Nature Center and years of public service. The Town of Canton proudly dedicate the 2018-2019 Canton Annual Report to Jay Kaplan.

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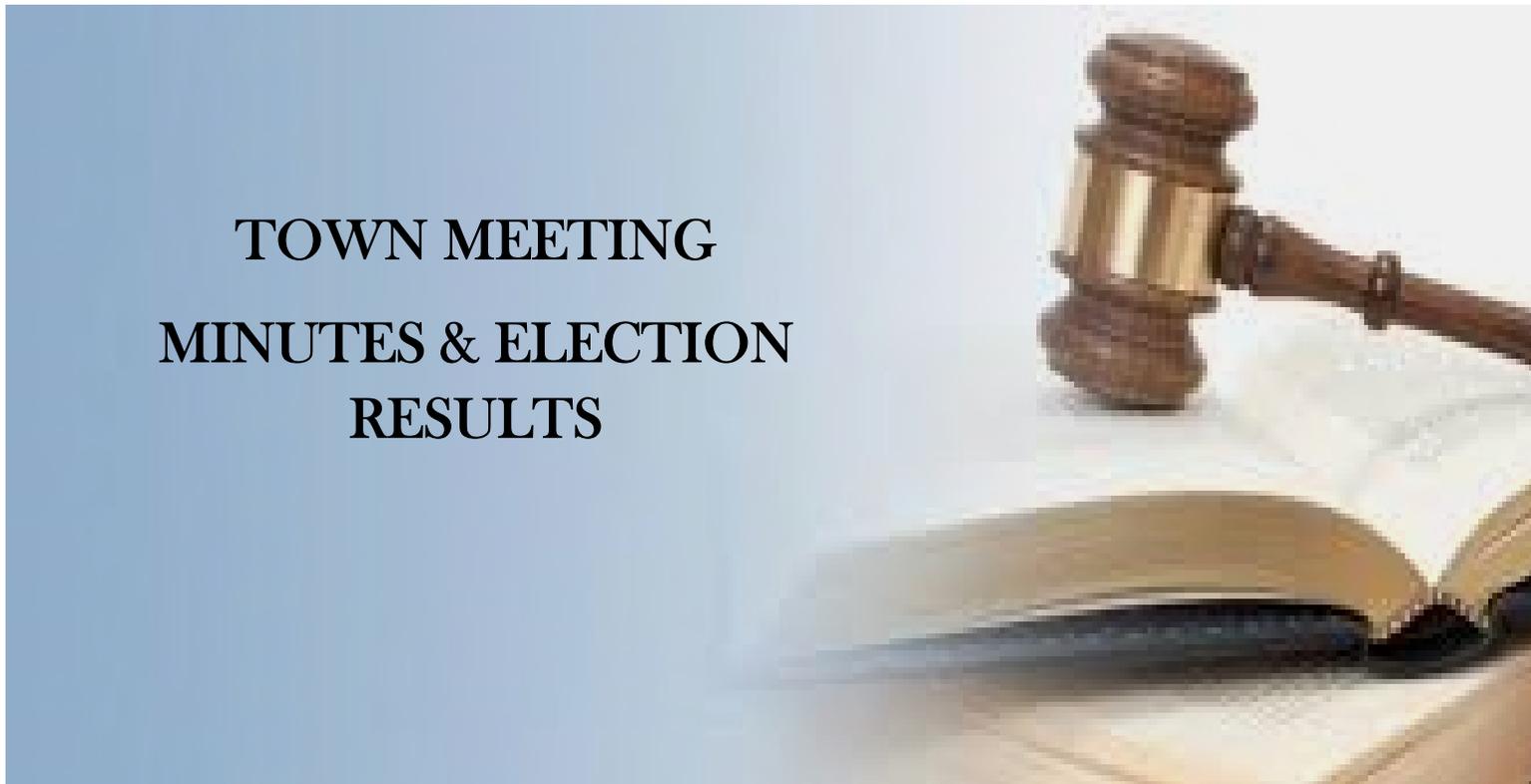
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, July 11, 2018

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Shall the Town of Canton approve entering into a no-interest, six year loan in the amount of \$450,394 from M-Core Credit Corporation through the Eversource Municipal Lease Funding Program for the purpose of funding energy efficiency improvements at Cherry Brook Elementary School, Canton Intermediate School and the Canton Community Center?

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Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 2nd day of July, 2018
Board of Selectmen
Leslee B. Hill
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

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Leslee B. Hill
First Selectman

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Leslee Hill moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

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Seconded by Tom Sevigny

Discussion:

CAO Robert Skinner explained that in 2015 New England Energy Controls (NEEC) conducted an energy audit of all the Town-owned buildings in Canton. They came up with \$1.9 million worth of energy improvements. \$600K would have been offset by energy credits from Eversource. Net cost to the Town would have been \$1.3 million. The audit was referred to the Board of Selectmen which was then referred to the Board of Finance to review possible funding. The BOF raised concern about the cost of doing all the changes at once. It would require a substantial transfer of funds all at once and too much to take on all at one time. NEEC came back with a counter proposal which involved energy efficiency measures to only three buildings (CBPS, CIS & CCC). Most of that work would be funded by a no-interest six year loan from Eversource. The total cost of the newly proposed improvements would be \$647,909. This would be offset by \$197,516 credit from Eversource, leaving the net cost to the Town at \$450,394. That is the loan we would be acquiring from Eversource. The energy efficiency measures would save the Town, if we get the full savings anticipated, would be almost \$80K per year. The payback period is 5.64 years. Eversource will only provide the loan for the actual expenditures. They will not finance a contingency. We know through experience on projects like this that a contingency of 10% is needed. That is why there are two questions in tonight's meeting. If there are no contingencies, the money will not be spent.

Questions/comments:

Sarah Faulkner – 25 Dyer Ave

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Seconded by Beth Kandrysawtz

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First Selectman

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Seconded by Beth Kandrysawtz

Discussion:

CAO Robert Skinner again explained that the 10% contingency would only be spent if necessary.

Questions/comments:

None

The motion passed with a Unanimous voice vote.

Beth Kandrysawtz made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Bill Volovski.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record 7/12/18

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 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 question:

Shall the Town of Canton authoring the hiring of an additional Police Officer in anticipation of future vacancies and appropriate \$15,680 from the undesignated fund balance to the Police Patrol - Full Time AFSCME line item in the operating budget for the purpose of funding the position for a portion of the fiscal year?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 17th day of September, 2018

Board of Selectmen

Leslee B. Hill

First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 17, 2018, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on September 20, 2018, 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 September 19, 2018, 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 September 26, 2018.

Leslee B. Hill
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Leslee Hill moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton authoring the hiring of an additional Police Officer in anticipation of future vacancies and appropriate \$15,680 from the undesignated fund balance to the Police Patrol - Full Time AFSCME line item in the operating budget for the purpose of funding the position for a portion of the fiscal year?

Seconded by Beth Kandryawtz

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Skinner explained that purpose of the motion is to add an additional sworn police officer to the canton Police Department. We currently have 8 patrol officers and 4 Sergeants. This would add an additional patrol officer to the department. The position would be there as an additional patrol officer until such time as somebody left the employment of the department. At that time this position would fill that empty slot and then the department staffing would go back to its current level. It takes about 18 months to send a new employee to the academy, get him/her trained locally, and then be out on their own. If we wait until we lose somebody and then hire that is 18 months that we are short staffed. This does not always occur because sometimes we take 'lateral hires' which are retirees from another town's police department. We have done that the last few times we've hired officers. This time we want to recruit someone new and put them through the academy. A new recruit would diversify our police force. The funding in the motion would pay the new hire's wages during the time he/she is in the academy which starts in April 2019. This money would pay the wages for the last quarter of the current fiscal year.

Comments:

Kevin Bradley – 4 Eastview Drive

The motion vote passed with a UNANIMOUS voice vote.

Leslee Hill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record September 27, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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, October 10, 2018 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 question:

1. Shall the Town of Canton accept the Connecticut Department of Transportation Community Connectivity Grant in the amount of \$399,924 to fund sidewalk improvements in the area of Dowd and Commerce Drive?

Copies of the grant application and supporting materials are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and the Canton Public Library during normal business hours and can be viewed at the Town's web site at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 2nd day of October, 2018

Board of Selectmen

Leslee B. Hill, First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 1, 2018, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 4, 2018, 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 October 1, 2018, 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 October 10, 2018.

Leslee B. Hill, First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Leslee Hill moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

- a. Shall the Town of Canton accept the Connecticut Department of Transportation Community Connectivity Grant in the amount of \$399,924 to fund sidewalk improvements in the area of Dowd and Commerce Drive?

Seconded by Beth Kandrysawtz

Discussion:

Town Planner Neil Pade explained with the attached power point presentation that the Town applied for and was awarded a Community Connectivity Program grant in 2016. We hired an engineering firm that conducted a road safety audit and evaluated the roadways around Canton Village. The project is defined on the map in red. The audit looked at the area around the Town Green, Route 44, Dowd Ave, Commerce Drive, Canton Springs Road and the recreational trail. The recommendation is for new sidewalks and replacement of existing, substandard sidewalks. Making connections between sections of town and safety are areas of concern. There is a considerable amount of traffic that comes through this area. There about 8000 vehicles a day that go down Dowd Ave in the area of concern. There are about 156,000 crossings on the recreational trail in any one season. That is a considerable amount of traffic on the trail. Everything in our economic policies tells us that we should be trying to connect our areas of business and economy to the trail traffic to enhance activity. This project would provide safe pedestrian connections for the elements involved. Our POCD has indicated that we should be looking at Canton Village to make additional connections for bicycles and pedestrians; connections between commercial and residential use and also enhance the use of the trail whenever possible. A couple of years ago we had a very substantial public engagement session where we reached out to the public and asked them what

they wanted to see for the future development. We got a lot of input that it should be in the Canton Village area. As of earlier this year, Canton Village was approved to be a high density multi-use village. This grant is a nice opportunity to provide the infrastructure necessary if we are to expect future mixed use development in that area.

Comments:

Gary Roman – 35 Sweetheart Mountain

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Gary Roman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Bessell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record October 11, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 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:

Shall the Town of Canton approve eliminating the two full time positions of Building Technician and Land Use Coordinator and create a new full time position of Community Development Coordinator; part time position of Fire/EMS Department Administrative Assistant and add two hours a week to the part time Building Official position?

Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the full time position of Assessment Technician and increase the Assessor position to full-time and add six hours per week to the part time Tax Clerk position?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 4th day of December, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 3, 2018, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on December 6, 2018, 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 3, 2018, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

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Elisabeth Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve eliminating the two full time positions of Building Technician and Land Use Coordinator and create a new full time position of Community Development Coordinator; part time position of Fire/EMS Department Administrative Assistant and add two hours a week to the part time Building Official position?

Seconded by Harriet Boyko

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that we periodically take the opportunity to streamline our operations especially when we have some turnover. We look to see if we should replace that position or fold it into another position; that opportunity is coming up now with the retirement of our Building Technician. We are looking to eliminate the Building Technician position and fold many of those responsibilities into what is known as the Land Use Coordinator position which will now become the Community Development coordinator position. We would also create a part time position for an Administrative Assistant to the Fire Dept. Financially, these changes will save approximately \$10,000; however, that money will be utilized in the next motion.

There were no comments from the public.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton eliminate the full time position of Assessment Technician and increase the Assessor position to full-time and add six hours per week to the part time Tax Clerk position?

Seconded by Warren Humphrey.

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained the history of our Assessor position, which was at one time a part-time, shared position with Avon. When that Assessor left our employment, we were able to find Steve Kosofsky who agreed to help us temporarily while we looked for a replacement. That was 2 ½ hours ago and we have yet to find anyone qualified despite putting the job out three times...until now. Kerri Kazlauskas, a former bank vice-president, is the Assessor Technician. She has gone through the training, got the State certification, has done an excellent job and is ready to take over. Steve is only in the office 2-4 hours per week, so she is really running the office now. Together, they have really accomplished a lot. It is time for Kerri to step into the full time position of Assessor and we will eliminate her position as Assessment Technician. We will also add some hours to the Tax Clerk position that will be able to add assistance to the Assessor office during busy times or absences.

There were no comments from the public.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Tom Sevigny made a motion to adjourn. Ken Humphrey seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record 12/13/18

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 4 Market Street, Collinsville, Connecticut, to:

HOLD A DISCUSSION, led by the Canton Charter Revision Commission, on possible changes to the Town Charter.

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 7th day of January, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 7, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 10, 2019, 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 7, 2019, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

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Elisabeth Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium, 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Mr. Leff reminded everyone that there would be no binding votes taken at the meeting. Consensus votes, however, are allowed.

The meeting began with a dedication of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Report to David Gilchrist and an acknowledgement of David's family in attendance. First Selectmen Beth Kandrysawtz welcomed all and invited David's family to the podium; his son, Tom; daughter-in-law Bridget, and sister, Joyce. Beth read the following dedication:

"It is much gratitude and respect that the fiscal year 2017-2018 annual Report be dedicated to David Gilchrist in recognition of his many years of leadership and contributions to the Canton community. David Gilchrist devoted countless hours to the Town of Canton while serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals, a member of the Building Committee for the new high school and volunteered at the Canton Historical Museum. Additionally, Dave served on the Town Charter Revision Commission and successfully completed ten years on the Board of Selectman. He provided sound experience and judgment while serving the community. He devoted his time, energy and talents to the Town of Canton, serving with integrity and dignity and his volunteerism serves as a positive example to all who serve the public. His knowledge, expertise, leadership and his positive charisma is certainly missed and honored by the Town of Canton and the community as a whole. A close friend stated that "it was apparent to anyone who knew him, that Dave was a man of principle, high ethical standards and a fiscal conservative. He was a part of the adoption of the Town's first Ethics Policy and helped to establish a Board of Ethics. Dave helped pass Senior Tax Relief, increase funding the Town's road maintenance program and streamlined our government while reducing the annual increases in the selectmen's budget." We are most

grateful for the many contributions David made during his tenure on the Board of Selectman from 2005-2015 and profoundly appreciate his public service. This dedication is made with deepest respect and gratitude for David Gilchrist's years of diverse service, which has benefitted Canton in countless ways.”

Moderator David Leff then introduced Chairman of the charter Review Committee, Nicholas Ouellette. Mr Ouellette gave an overview of the work thus-far of the Charter Revision Committee:

- The current charter has served us well
- We are ‘tinkering with’ and fixing issues that have arisen over the years and that have been brought to our attention
- Goal is to improve clarity and make sure definitions and terms are consistent
- We are not contemplating any radical changes
- The changes we are proposing are made upon the recommendation of various boards and individuals including the Board of Selectmen, Chief Administrative Officer, Board of Finance and Board of Education
- Written and verbal comments have been received and taken into consideration
- We encourage additional comment
- We are looking to consolidate the budget process into one section of the Charter instead of it being broken up into several places in the document
- A few of the major changes we will be proposing are:
 - Budget to direct referendum
 - Adding an additional public hearing to the budget process
 - Changes to selection/system of the First Selectman race
- We will have another public hearing before getting a draft report to the Board of Selectmen by May. The BOS will accept, reject or suggest edits and get it back to us to be finalized by August. Comments from the public are always welcome along the way.
- It will go to the voters as a question on the November 2019 ballot
- If approved, it could be effective as soon as early December

Comments and discussion:

Arnold Goldman – High Valley Drive

Leslee Hill – Andrew Drive

Marianne Burbank – North Mountain Road

William Volovski – Gildersleeve Ave

Kathy Byko (member of the Charter Review Committee) – Morgan Road

There being no further discussion, Tim LeGeyt made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Tom Sevigny.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record Jan 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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, February 13, 2019 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:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the purchase of development rights on 27.423 acres of land which is part of the property known as Bristol Farm located at 541 Albany Turnpike and transfer up to \$21,931 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Plan Account entitled "Open Space" to partially fund the purchase?

Shall the Town of Canton transfer up to \$117,403 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Plan Account entitled "Finance Software Conversion" for the purposes of funding financial software for the Finance Department.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 5th day of February, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 4, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on February 7, 2019, 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 February 4, 2019, 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 13, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the purchase of development rights on 27.423 acres of land which is part of the property known as Bristol Farm located at 541 Albany Turnpike and transfer up to \$21,931 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Plan Account entitled "Open Space" to partially fund the purchase?

Seconded by Tom Sevigny.

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Skinner explained that for 3 years the Town has been working with the Dept of Agriculture, Connecticut Farmland Trust, and the Canton Land Conservation Trust to purchase the development rights on Bristol Farm. By purchasing these rights, the farm cannot be developed. The 17 acres that would be purchased is the area that is currently being actively farmed. The area would have to remain in farming in perpetuity. The easement does not include the house, but the house and the barn would have to be sold with the land if those 17 acres are ever sold. The total

The total cost of the development rights are \$366,371. The State of Ct is responsible for 55% of that total. The Town is responsible for 45% of that total. The State allowed the Town of Canton to work with partners in order to come up with the Town's share of the cost. We've worked with the CT Farmland Trust and the Canton Land Conservation Trust. Together they contributed \$70,200 towards our obligation. Of the \$94,667 remaining, the Town already had appropriated \$72,736, leaving \$21,931 to accrue tonight.

Comments:

David Sinish – 20 Dyer Avenue

Jay Kaplan – 71 Gracey Road

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.
The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton transfer up to \$117,403 from the undesignated fund balance to the Capital Improvement Plan Account entitled "Finance Software Conversion" for the purposes of funding financial software for the Finance Department.

Seconded.

Discussion:

Phillip Penn, Finance Director, stated that he came to the Town of Canton about one year ago with the view of overseeing both the Town and the Board of Education's finance operations. One of the key things in combining those two operations was to get us on a common accounting platform. The Finance Department currently works on two different systems, MUNIS and Infinite Visions. There is a very limiting ability to be flexible with staff to cover various other tasks or areas of the operation. They are not 100% trained in both systems. One of the things that was identified in the CREC study was to bring us together with one common accounting software. This one-time cost of \$117,403 pays for itself in about six years. Going from MUNIS to Infinite Visions will save the Town \$20,000 per year. The project has an annual return of about 14% per year and a pay-back period of less than 6 years. It also will enable staff to move around to various tasks because they will all be trained on one software. A big piece of the \$177,403 is training costs not only for the Finance Dept, but also for staff in other departments that utilize it for payroll, purchasing, etc. This is a key element in the strategy for the Finance Department moving forward.

There were no comments.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Tom Sevigny made a motion to adjourn.

Steve Veillette seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk

Received for record 2/14/19

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room located in the lower level at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve a \$3,000 expenditure from the Department of Public Works Highway Department Account #1005210-54230 entitled Tree Care for the purpose of partially funding a tree assessment and replacement plan for street trees located in Collinsville?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 1st day of April 2019

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 1, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 4, 2019, 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 April 1, 2019, 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 April 10, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, April 10, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Lorinda Pane, Moderator, reviewed the Guidance for a Fair and Orderly Town Meeting and the premise under which we were gathered in Section 3.07 of the Canton Town Charter which reads as follows:

Whenever a petition signed by 150 persons entitled to vote at a Special Town Meeting is filed with the Town Clerk requesting that a new item be considered a Special Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen shall place the petitioned item on the call of a Special Town Meeting to be held within 28 days after the date of receipt of the petition. Affirmative action on the petitioned item shall require a majority vote of the members of the Town Meeting present at the Special Town Meeting, but not fewer than 75 affirmative votes at the Special Town Meeting.

The Moderator then called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve a \$3,000 expenditure from the Department of Public Works Highway Department Account #1005210-54230 entitled Tree Care for the purpose of partially funding a tree assessment and replacement plan for street trees located in Collinsville?

Seconded by Nancy Volovski.

Discussion:

David Leff, resident at 4 The Green, explained the details of the motion. In 2018 eight large street trees, on both public and private land, were cut down within a 5 minute walk of Town Hall. None were replaced. They were removed for good reasons. Some were dead or dying, they buckled sidewalks and others were diseased, so they needed to come down. With the exception of Town-sponsored effort in the late 1980s and 1990s, for the last 3 1/2 decades street trees were rarely replaced. The Tree Warden at the Department of Public Works has been good steward and has made the tree budget go far. We got the DEEP involved and they recommended an inventory assessment of the area. We need to know which types of trees should be replanted in the right place. Funding sources were discussed. Yale Forestry School interns were potentially available for summer projects. Yale would provide half of the \$6000 necessary for the program. We had to work fast because the interns were quickly choosing their projects. The request went to the Board of Selectmen where it was rejected on a 2 to 2 tie vote. Trees make a community an attractive place to live. They also have a hard-core, bottom-line, financial benefit on property values and attracting visitors and businesses. An inventory would also identify hazardous trees and could save the town in the form of future litigation and liability. If this motion is passed we would not miss another opportunity to participate in this assessment. Efforts are still underway to obtain matching grant money. The particulars of any tree assessment would be worked out, once we've identified the money and the person who would do the work. The Selectmen and the Tree Warden would work out those details with the individual to supervise from a distance. A healthy tree canopy will say volumes about the kind of community we have here in Canton.

Comments/Questions were made by:

1. Theresa Barger 8 Pond Road
2. Stephen Philbrick 17 Noja Trail
3. Glenn Barger 8 Pond Road
4. Lansford Perry 22 Barbourtown Road
5. Jay Kaplan 71 Gracey Road
6. Richard Barlow 321 Cherry Brook Road
7. Warren Humphrey 96 Barbourtown Road
8. Thomas Blatchley 39 Bart Drive
9. Robert Skinner Town of Canton CAO
10. Barbara Perry 161 Breezy Hill Road
11. Dexter Cheney 19 Town Bridge Road
12. Robert Martin Town of Canton DPW
13. Thomas Richardson Town of Canton Tree Warden
14. Katie Blake 15 Humphrey Road
15. James Keane 32 Freedom Drive
16. Katie Lucas 4 West Simsbury Road
17. Katie Kenney 580 Cherry Brook Road
18. Fred Fletcher 157 Main Street
19. Larry Minichiello 35 Maple Ave
20. Kyle Mullins 42 Case Street
21. Cynthia Zdanukas 193 Cherry Brook Road

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for ballot voting to begin.

The votes were counted and the motion PASSED by a vote of 124 YES to 10 NO.

There being no further business before this Special town Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record 4/11/19

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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, May 8, 2019 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:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the transfer of \$55,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to a new Capital Improvement Plan account entitled High School Walk In Cooler for the purpose of replacing the current walk in cooler located at the Canton High School?

Shall the Town of Canton approve the sale of a 2009 Class A Pumper Truck identified as Squad 5 and currently owned by the Town of Canton?

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 29th day of April, 2019.

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 29, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 2, 2019, 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 April 29, 2019, 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 May 8, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the transfer of \$55,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to a new Capital Improvement Plan account entitled High School Walk In Cooler for the purpose of replacing the current walk in cooler located at the Canton High School?

Seconded by Bill Volovski

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Skinner discussed the fact that there is one large walk-in freezer at the high school that is the depository for all perishables that are used by their food service vendor for the three schools. It is at the end of its serviceable life. This expenditure was originally in the BOE budget for FY2019-2020, but upon the recommendation of the BOF, it is being brought to this Special Town Meeting to purchase and install quicker than the budget process could have otherwise offered.

There were no other comments.

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the sale of a 2009 Class A Pumper Truck identified as Squad 5 and currently owned by the Town of Canton?

Seconded by Bill Volovski

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Skinner explained that this is the sale of a fire truck owned by the town that has seen very limited use. Upon the recommendation of the Fire/EMS Department it should be sold and proceeds of the sale would go to the CIP and be utilized for future fire apparatus. This particular fire truck will not be replaced.

There were no other comments.

The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Tom Sevigny made a motion to adjourn.
 Jill Ausere seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
 Received for record May 9, 2019

Legal Notice
Town of Canton, Connecticut Annual Budget Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Canton Middle/High School – Auditorium

The annual town budget meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton will be held on Monday, May 13 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Canton Middle/High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, for the purpose of discussing and voting upon the Board of Finance recommended budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Charter requires 150 voters be present for a quorum and if not it will automatically go to a referendum. If petitioned to referendum with 150 signatures a referendum must be held. A referendum will cost the taxpayers approximately \$3,500.

“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 20192020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,818,298 BE APPROVED?”

BUDGET SUMMARY	Audited Actual FY 2017-18	Approved Budget FY 2018-19	Proposed Budget FY 2019-20
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$34,234,045	\$34,426,106	\$34,846,729
Licenses, Permits & Fees	425,725	293,600	388,225
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,317,287	3,245,460	3,680,729
Local Department Revenue	513,566	445,119	442,615
Investment Income	199,546	186,000	260,000
Use of Undesignated Fund Balance	200,000	200,000	100,000
Other Financing Sources	125,000	111,000	100,000
Total - General Fund Revenues	\$39,254,106	\$38,907,285	\$39,818,298
EXPENDITURES			
Board of Selectmen	\$10,322,371	\$10,758,759	\$11,007,982
Board of Education	25,761,512	25,934,223	26,584,943
Board of Finance	2,017,245	2,214,293	2,225,373
Total - General Fund Expenditures	\$38,599,416	\$38,907,285	\$39,818,298

Information related to the proposed budget is available on the Town website at www.townofcantonct.org

Dr. Arnold Goldman
Chairman, Board of Finance

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 17, 2019, 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 May 13, 2019.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING Monday, May 13, 2019

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Middle/High School Auditorium, 76 Simonds Ave, Canton, CT.

David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m. The full reading of the call was waived with no objection from the audience. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the abridged call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Motion made by Dr. Arnold Goldman.

“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,818,298 BE APPROVED?”

Seconded by Mary Tomolonius.

Beth Kandrysawtz, First Selectman, spoke on behalf of the Board of Selectmen budget. The BOS budget for FY 2019-2020 is \$11,007,982 which is a 2.3% increase over prior year budget. It is composed of an operating budget of \$9,951,282 (a 1.6% increase over last year) and a Capital Improvement Plan of \$1,056,700 (a 9.6%

increase over last year). The additional items included in the operating budget were mid-year paid firefighters to resolve the department's limited daytime volunteers and a police officer who is currently attending the Police Academy. The CIP budget increase consists of firefighter equipment, Town Hall roof repair, Public Works equipment, a cyber security evaluation and three pedestrian safety beacons for crosswalks. The CIP also continues to fund pavement management and long-term vehicle/equipment funding. This budget was put together in a responsible way to continue to provide the services we all want and require while being mindful of the impact upon all the taxpayers in Town.

Julie Ausere, Chairman of the Board of Education, spoke on behalf of the BOE budget. The BOE budget consists of \$26,584,943 (a 2.51% increase over last year). This increase is attributed to the fixed costs, contractual costs, and a Capital Improvement increase. This budget addresses all of our student needs while meeting contractual obligations. The contractual increases represent a significant portion of that increase. Thirteen staff members are pursuing advanced degrees which are paid at a higher step/salary level. Our negotiated contracts are below State average. The budget does add two teachers at the elementary level (K and 5th grade). We operated outside of the recommended class size policy and had to add additional staff to address these students. Smaller class size is more effective and efficient for higher need students. To address this we added 2 FTE. In order to fund those positions, we reduced some of the para professional staffing. This budget increases our Capital Improvement needs to maintain a safe environment for the students. Over the past two years we have only funded what was necessary for the track field maintenance. This year we added projects that include an HVAC system at CHS, sidewalk repairs, carpet replacement, and a part time Facilities Director. We share services with the Town whenever possible. At the BOF request, the BOE reduced their budget by \$75K but this does not affect staffing levels. The administration was able to make reductions in the area of technology and professional development. Our goal is to keep teachers in the classroom. The BOE is always striving for efficiencies with shared services in Town and among other educational districts. We currently have shared service agreements regarding food service, transportation, special education services, professional development, purchasing agreements with multiple towns, and our Finance Department (within the last year) is now combined with the Town.

The Moderator announced that at this point in the meeting we had met the requisite 150 person quorum.

Dr. Arnold Goldman, Chairman of the Board of Finance, addressed the overall budget. There is always a tension level between providing the ideal level of services and preserving the affordability of town residency. The redesigned budget mailer (attached) outlines the budget increases. In the face of difficult state-wide economic circumstances and much uncertainty, the BOF found these increases to be necessary and appropriate. Responsible use of the fund balance and available bond premium held the increases to a minimum. The role of the BOF is solely appropriation. It does not have a controlling roll over the BOS or BOE policy making. We listen to and consider all public input including the input received by residents outside of formal meetings. We listen to this input and weigh it equally when considering how to manage taxpayer's limited resources and the Town's growing needs. It is important to remember to protect our residents with limited means, those on fixed incomes, and our retirees. Consideration for all stakeholders is essential to maintain a vibrant and inclusive community and one with an excellent quality of life. This years' budget mailer also outlines the factors that impacted the budget, including revaluation, the grand list, state funding, increasing costs and commercial growth. The BOF as presented is a 2.3% increase. The proposed mill rate of 32.03 is a 4.35% increase over last year. A reasonable balance was struck between frugality and preserving essential services of the BOS, BOE and the community.

Questions and comments from the public:

Norman Adams 18 Case Street
Kevin Bradley 4 Eastview Drive

There being no further comments or questions, paper/secret ballot voting commenced.

The motion PASSED with the following vote results:

Yes 156
No 11

There being no further business the motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record May 14, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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, May 22, 2019 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:

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$150,000 to the Department of Revenue Services on behalf of the ARC of the Farmington Valley for the purpose of funding the design and development of energy efficient facilities on Commerce Drive in Canton?

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$150,000 on behalf of New Horizons for the purposes of funding transportation for individuals with physical disabilities?

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$10,000 on behalf of Junior Achievement of Southwest New England for the purpose of funding financial literacy and workforce readiness for CT Youth?

Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$13,000 on behalf of the Canton Police Department for the purpose of funding in-car mobile computer tablets?

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 13th day of May, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 13, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 16, 2019, 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 13, 2019, 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 May 22, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, May 22, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Lorinda Pane, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz 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 \$150,000 to the Department of Revenue Services on behalf of the ARC of the Farmington Valley for the purpose of funding the design and development of energy efficient facilities on Commerce Drive in Canton?

Seconded by William Volovski.

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program is designed to provide funding to State-approved community programs conducted by municipal agencies or community non-profit organizations. The community programs must first be endorsed by

the host municipality prior to submission to the State Department of Revenue Services. If subsequently approved, the NAA allows businesses to claim a State tax credit for cash contributions made to these community programs. There are no local funds associated with this. The Town plays an administrative role only.

The first grant application by ARC of the Farmington Valley seeks energy conservation measures for its two facilities on Commerce Drive.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz 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 \$150,000 on behalf of New Horizons for the purposes of funding transportation for individuals with physical disabilities?

Seconded by Thomas Sevigny

Board of Selectman Thomas Blatchley recused himself from this vote.

Discussion:

Robert Skinner explained that this application by New Horizons which is located in Unionville, seeks three wheelchair accessible vans for transportation of individuals with physical disabilities. One of their facilities that would benefit from these vehicles is Cherry Brook Heath Center located in Canton.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz 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 \$10,000 on behalf of Junior Achievement of Southwest New England for the purpose of funding financial literacy and workforce readiness for CT Youth?

Seconded by William Volovski.

Discussion:

Robert Skinner explained that this application would fund literacy and workforce-ready programs. It would allow for expanded programming in Canton schools with resume/cover letter writing and interview technique training.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz 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 \$13,000 on behalf of the Canton Police Department for the purpose of funding in-car mobile computer tablets?

Seconded by Warren Humphrey.

Discussion:

Robert Skinner explained this grant would purchase two portable tablets and supporting hardware to be installed in two existing police cruisers. The technology would allow officers quick access to data and increased police presence in the community as they will not need to go back to the station to complete their reports.

The motion vote was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Beth Kandrysawtz made a motion to adjourn. Katie Kenney seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record 5/23/19

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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 12, 2019 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 question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve modifying ordinance Chapter 148 entitled “Water Pollution Control Authority” by increasing the membership of the Water Pollution Control Agency from five to nine members and requiring a minimum of two members to reside within the area serviced by sewers and a minimum of two members to reside outside of the area serviced by sewers?

Copies of the revised ordinance can be located on line at www.townofcantonct.org and in the office of the Town Clerk and at the Canton Public Library.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 4th day of June, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 4, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 6, 2019, 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 4, 2019, 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 12, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

"Shall the Town of Canton approve modifying ordinance Chapter 148 entitled "Water Pollution Control Authority" by increasing the membership of the Water Pollution Control Agency from five to nine members and requiring a minimum of two members to reside within the area serviced by sewers and a minimum of two members to reside outside of the area serviced by sewers?"

Seconded by Bill Volovski.

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained the purpose of the change is to give the board more diversity of ideas and knowledge on the WPCA so that they'd benefit from the experience of engineering and finance and bring that added background to the meetings.

Comments:

Arnold Goldman - 89 High Valley Drive (Chairman of Board of Finance)

Gary Roman - 35 Sweetheart Mountain Road (Canton Chamber of Commerce)

Marianne Burbank - 84 North Mountain Road

Bob Bessell - 4 South Street (Chairman of EDA)

Phil Doyle - 95 Wright Road

Jim Keane - 32 Freedom Drive

Kim Hathaway - 37 Trailsend Drive (Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors & retail store owner)

Robin Frasca - 3 Thayer Avenue

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

Tom Sevigny made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bessell seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record 6/13/19

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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 26, 2019 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 question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the Superintendent of Facilities and Grounds position within the Department of Public Works to oversee the consolidation of both the Town and Board of Education's facility and grounds maintenance along with capital projects?

A copy of the proposed job description can be located on line at www.townofcantonct.org and in the office of the Town Clerk and at the Canton Public Library.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 17th day of June, 2019
Board of Selectmen
Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 17, 2019, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Linda Smith, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 20, 2019, 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 17, 2019, 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 26, 2019.

Elisabeth L. Kandrysawtz
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. David Leff, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Linda Smith, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton approve the Superintendent of Facilities and Grounds position within the Department of Public Works to oversee the consolidation of both the Town and Board of Education's facility and grounds maintenance along with capital projects?

Seconded by Arnold Goldman

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that the Town has discussed with the Board of Education about combining our maintenance resources. In addition, the Board of Finance suggested that the town go ahead and combine the Town DPW maintenance staff and BOE custodians. The best reasons for this consolidation are that the BOE would get the benefit of DPW's expertise of facilities maintenance and capital projects. Combining maintenance staff would also give us efficiencies from both labor groups coming together. They are two different unions so we need to set up a structure that would allow us to work with both unions. This new position will oversee the Town facilities staff, our custodian/facilities supervisor and the BOE's custodial maintenance staff and will answer to the Director of Public Works. An organization chart is attached to these minutes. The new position will oversee a common infrastructure of both the school and Town facilities and grounds.

Comments:

Arnold Goldman-Chairman of Board of Finance-89 High Valley Drive
Richard Barlow-321 Cherry Brook Road
Sarah Faulkner-Board of Finance member-25 Dyer Avenue

There being no further comments, the motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Beth Kandrysawtz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Arnold Goldman.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Linda Smith, Town Clerk
Received for record 6/27/19



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

August 2018 Democratic Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the August 2018 Democratic Primary in the town of Canton locally warned and held on August 14, 2018. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Governor

Democratic	Democratic
Ned Lamont	Joe Ganim

787

81

Lieutenant Governor

Democratic	Democratic
Susan Bysiewicz	Eva Bermudez Zimmerman

505

354

Representative in Congress 05

Congressional District	5
Democratic	Democratic
Mary Messina Glassman	Jahana Hayes

431

449

Treasurer

Democratic	Democratic
Shawn Wooden	Dita Bhargava

440

391

Attorney General

Democratic	Democratic	Democratic
William Tong	Paul R Doyle	Chris Mattei

537

70

244

List of Votes Certified By



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

August 2018 Democratic Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
54	+	1	+	3	+	0
						=
						58

Number Rejected

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
1	+	0	+	0	+	0
						=
						1

Number Counted 57

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 2,318

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

Election Day Registration 0

(Total Election Day Registration (EDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 2,318

Names Checked as Having Voted 888

(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** 868

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

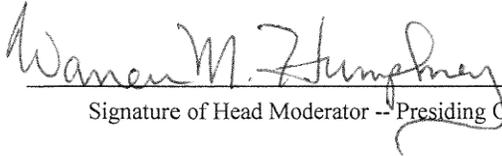


STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
Head Moderator's Return

August 2018 Democratic Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

List of Votes Certified By



Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-693-4066

Warren Humphrey

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

Print Head Moderator's Name



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

August 2018 Republican Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the August 2018 Republican Primary in the town of Canton locally warned and held on August 14, 2018. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Governor

Republican	Republican	Republican	Republican
Mark Boughton	Timothy M Herbst	Steve Obsitnik	Bob Stefanowski
130	120	89	230
Republican			
David Stemerman			
181			

Lieutenant Governor

Republican	Republican	Republican
Joe Markley	Jayne Stevenson	Erin E Stewart
346	99	283

United States Senator

Republican	Republican
Matthew Corey	Dominic Rapini
592	103

Representative in Congress 05

Congressional District			5
Republican	Republican	Republican	
Manny Santos	Ruby Corby-O'Neill	Richard DuPont	
376	192	135	



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Head Moderator's Return

August 2018 Republican Primary
 August 14, 2018
 Original

Canton

Treasurer

Republican	Republican
Thad Gray	Art Linares

371

328

Comptroller

Republican	Republican
Kurt Miller	Mark Greenberg

295

396

Attorney General

Republican	Republican
Sue Hatfield	John Shaban

566

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Head Moderator's Return**

August 2018 Republican Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
44	+	0	+	1	+	0
						= 45

Number Rejected

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
1	+	0	+	0	+	0
						= 1

Number Counted 44

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 2,254

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

Election Day Registration 0

(Total Election Day Registration (EDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 2,254

Names Checked as Having Voted 753

(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 750

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



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

August 2018 Republican Primary
August 14, 2018
Original

Canton

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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Warren Humphrey

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-693-4066

Head Moderator's Work Tel#



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

November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the November 2018 State Election in the town of Canton locally warned and held on November 06, 2018. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	Bob Stefanowski and Joe Markley	Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	Bob Stefanowski and Joe Markley
2,336	2,582	55	90
Libertarian	Amigo Constitution Liberty	Griebel Frank for CT	Write In
Rodney Hanscomb and Jeffrey Thibeault	Mark Stewart Greenstein and John Demitrus	Oz Griebel and Monte E Frank	Lee Whitnum and Jacey Wyatt
19	3	411	0

United States Senator

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Libertarian
Christopher S Murphy	Matthew Corey	Christopher S Murphy	Richard Lion
2,902	2,359	131	26
Green	Write In	Write In	
Jeff Russell	Fred Linck	Kristi L Talmadge	
27	0	0	

Representative in Congress 05

Congressional District 5			
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Jahana Hayes	Manny Santos	Jahana Hayes	Manny Santos
2,929	2,265	143	75
Write In			
John Pistone			
0			



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November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

State Senator 08

Senatorial District	8		
Democratic	Republican	Independent	
Melissa E Osborne	Kevin Witkos	Kevin Witkos	
<input type="text" value="2,341"/>	<input type="text" value="2,934"/>	<input type="text" value="172"/>	

State Representative 17

Assembly District	17		
Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Eleni Kavros Degraw	Leslee Hill	Eleni Kavros Degraw	Leslee B Hill
<input type="text" value="2,450"/>	<input type="text" value="2,742"/>	<input type="text" value="94"/>	<input type="text" value="143"/>

Secretary of the State

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Denise W Merrill	Susan Chapman	Denise W Merrill	Susan Chapman
<input type="text" value="2,674"/>	<input type="text" value="2,437"/>	<input type="text" value="87"/>	<input type="text" value="102"/>
Libertarian	Green		
Heather Lynn Sylvestre Gwynn	S Michael DeRosa		
<input type="text" value="45"/>	<input type="text" value="52"/>		

Treasurer

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Shawn Wooden	Thad Gray	Shawn Wooden	Thad Gray
<input type="text" value="2,619"/>	<input type="text" value="2,482"/>	<input type="text" value="103"/>	<input type="text" value="108"/>
Libertarian	Write In		
Jesse Brohinsky	W. Michael Downes		
<input type="text" value="66"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>		



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

November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

Comptroller

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
Kevin Lembo	Kurt Miller	Kevin Lembo	Kurt Miller
2,624	2,452	93	96
Libertarian	Green		
Paul Passarelli	Edward G Heflin		
56	48		

Attorney General

Democratic	Republican	Working Families	Independent
William Tong	Sue Hatfield	William Tong	Sue Hatfield
2,522	2,625	76	123
Green			
Peter D Goselin			
59			

Judge of Probate 09

Probational District	9
Democratic	Republican
Charles Houlihan	Cynthia C Becker
2,426	2,868

List of Votes Certified By

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Head Moderator's Return**

November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
444	+	0	+	12	+	57
		+		+		0
						=
						513

Number Rejected

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential		
4	+	0	+	0	+	0
						=
						4

(-)

Number Counted 509

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 7,680

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

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Election Day Registration 57

(Total Election Day Registration (EDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 7,737

Names Checked as Having Voted 5,529

(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 5,496

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



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

November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

Questions on Ballot

TOWN		Yes Votes	No Votes
Canton	<i>1. "SHALL THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE BE AMENDED TO ENSURE (1) THAT ALL MONEYS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND BE USED SOLELY FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF DEBTS OF THE STATE INCURRED FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES, AND (2) THAT SOURCES OF FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND BE DEPOSITED IN SAID FUND SO LONG AS SUCH SOURCES ARE AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE TO BE COLLECTED OR RECEIVED BY THE STATE?"</i>	4396	589
	<i>2. "SHALL THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE (1) A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION LIMITED IN SUBJECT MATTER TO THE TRANSFER, SALE OR DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED OR STATE-CONTROLLED REAL PROPERTY OR INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY IN ORDER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE A STATE AGENCY TO SELL, TRANSFER OR DISPOSE OF ANY REAL PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY THAT IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE AGENCY, AND (2) IF SUCH PROPERTY IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THAT SUCH ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION BE PASSED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?"</i>	4224	691



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

November 2018 State Election
November 06, 2018
Amendment 1

Canton

List of Votes Certified By

Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-693-8142

Lorinda Pane

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Work Tel#



PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

TOWN OF CANTON
PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICIALS
June 30, 2019

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Elisabeth Kandrysawtz, First Selectman

Warren Humphrey
William Volovski

Thomas Blatchley
Thomas Sevigny

BOARD OF FINANCE

Arnold Goldman, Chairman

Andrew Lavery
Kenneth S. Humphrey
Mary B. Tomolonius

Jennifer Rottkamp
Sarah Faulkner

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Julie Ausere, Chairman

Peg Berry
Erika Hayes
Ryan O'Donnell
Joseph Scheideler

Maria Bradley
Ana Cavanaugh
Jack Powell
Helen Treacy

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

Robert Skinner
Christopher Arciero
Phillip Penn
Christine Silansky
Kerri Kazlauskas
Linda Smith
George Wallace
Neil Pade
Robert Martin
Sarah McCusker
Courtney Hewett
Jerry Waters
Timothy Tharau
Jessica DeMeo

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools
Assistant to the Superintendent for Financial Affairs

Kevin D. Case
Susan Russo

Town of Canton Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2018-2019



AUDITOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
PROPERTY TAXES				
Current year tax collections	\$ 34,153,106	\$ 34,153,106	\$ 34,527,490	\$ 374,384
Prior year tax collections	183,000	183,000	148,083	(34,917)
Tax interest and liens	90,000	90,000	123,207	33,207
Total property taxes	<u>34,426,106</u>	<u>34,426,106</u>	<u>34,798,780</u>	<u>372,674</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES				
Town aid road	261,239	261,239	256,218	(5,021)
Education cost-sharing	2,972,221	2,972,221	3,391,332	419,111
State PILOT - disabled	-	-	793	793
State PILOT - veterans	-	-	2,198	2,198
State PILOT - State property	-	-	9,325	9,325
State PILOT - manufacturing	-	-	7,994	7,994
Housing Authority	12,000	12,000	12,793	793
Total intergovernmental revenues	<u>3,245,460</u>	<u>3,245,460</u>	<u>3,680,653</u>	<u>435,193</u>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Telecom tax	27,000	27,000	20,697	(6,303)
BOE tuition fees	90,000	90,000	114,344	24,344
Hunting and fishing licenses	100	100	116	16
Town clerk miscellaneous permits and licenses	10,000	10,000	8,561	(1,439)
Dog licenses	1,300	1,300	1,236	(64)
Fire Marshall permits and fire reports	600	600	338	(262)
Building licenses and permits	150,000	150,000	278,373	128,373
Land use licenses and permits	1,400	1,400	1,328	(72)
Zoning license & fees	3,000	3,000	3,050	50
Zoning applications	6,000	6,000	3,060	(2,940)
Aquifer Protection applications	400	400	300	(100)
Planning applications	600	600	500	(100)
ZBA appeal fee	700	700	325	(375)
Inland wetlands	2,500	2,500	1,405	(1,095)
Newsletter advertising	1,300	1,300	675	(625)
BOE miscellaneous revenue	2,000	2,000	14,921	12,921
Town clerk conveyance tax	220,000	220,000	234,031	14,031
Tax and town clerk printing services	10,000	10,000	10,657	657
Tax CPACE Admin Fee	500	500	500	-
Bad check fees	300	300	345	45

(Continued)

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED) (Concluded)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (Continued)				
Police printing and duplicating services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 932	\$ (68)
Private duty - administration	85,000	85,000	54,864	(30,136)
Police gun permits	3,500	3,500	3,990	490
Police raffle tickets	100	100	50	(50)
Alarm registration fees	100	100	350	250
Vendor permits	200	200	260	60
Traffic fines	2,500	2,500	3,578	1,078
Police miscellaneous	1,700	1,700	1,501	(199)
Dog license/shelter fee	11,280	11,280	10,403	(877)
Dog adoption fee	10	10	-	(10)
Insurance rebates	15,000	15,000	23,284	8,284
Rental town property	10,000	10,000	7,670	(2,330)
AT&T tower	20,700	20,700	23,184	2,484
BOS miscellaneous revenue	2,500	2,500	8,063	5,563
Dial-a-Ride tickets	3,000	3,000	2,725	(275)
Swimming pool fees	32,000	32,000	34,388	2,388
Pool daily attendance fee	9,000	9,000	8,858	(142)
Land use printing and duplicating services	225	225	72	(153)
Library printing and duplicating services	2,704	2,704	2,561	(143)
Library income	10,500	10,500	7,945	(2,555)
Other	-	-	20,000	20,000
Total charges for services	<u>738,719</u>	<u>738,719</u>	<u>909,492</u>	<u>170,773</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>186,000</u>	<u>186,000</u>	<u>308,762</u>	<u>122,762</u>
Total revenues	<u>38,596,285</u>	<u>38,596,285</u>	<u>39,697,687</u>	<u>1,101,402</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	111,000	111,000	111,000	-
Appropriations of fund balance	200,000	457,666	-	(457,666)
Total other financing sources	<u>311,000</u>	<u>568,666</u>	<u>111,000</u>	<u>(457,666)</u>
Total revenues and other other financing sources	<u>\$ 38,907,285</u>	<u>\$ 39,164,951</u>	<u>\$ 39,808,687</u>	<u>\$ 643,736</u>
				<i>(Concluded)</i>

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Board of Selectmen	\$ 89,483	\$ 42,770	\$ 41,497	\$ (1,273)
Chief Administrator	253,607	255,311	249,731	(5,580)
Election	31,100	31,100	29,602	(1,498)
Probate court	3,547	4,041	4,041	-
Town counsel	53,000	65,950	65,952	2
Town clerk	134,774	136,756	134,337	(2,419)
Information technologies	139,487	143,302	143,302	-
Total general government	<u>704,998</u>	<u>679,230</u>	<u>668,462</u>	<u>(10,768)</u>
FINANCE				
Board of Finance	68,080	68,080	60,612	(7,468)
Finance	410,791	414,726	405,513	(9,213)
Assessor	95,539	96,989	90,850	(6,139)
Tax collector	95,989	98,005	98,006	1
Total finance	<u>670,399</u>	<u>677,800</u>	<u>654,981</u>	<u>(22,819)</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	2,039,147	2,089,821	2,081,018	(8,803)
Service incentive	27,539	27,539	26,511	(1,028)
Fire services	273,226	273,509	265,442	(8,067)
Fire marshal	65,666	69,089	69,090	1
Emergency services	210,826	173,392	173,391	(1)
Total public safety	<u>2,616,404</u>	<u>2,633,350</u>	<u>2,615,452</u>	<u>(17,898)</u>
PUBLIC WORKS				
Town hall	310,604	310,604	304,352	(6,252)
Park department	116,926	116,926	114,012	(2,914)
General highway	1,110,906	1,077,181	1,077,180	(1)
Town garage	41,625	41,625	38,743	(2,882)
Utilities	240,960	218,076	218,076	-
Community center	89,440	116,514	116,502	(12)
Total public works	<u>1,910,461</u>	<u>1,880,926</u>	<u>1,868,865</u>	<u>(12,061)</u>

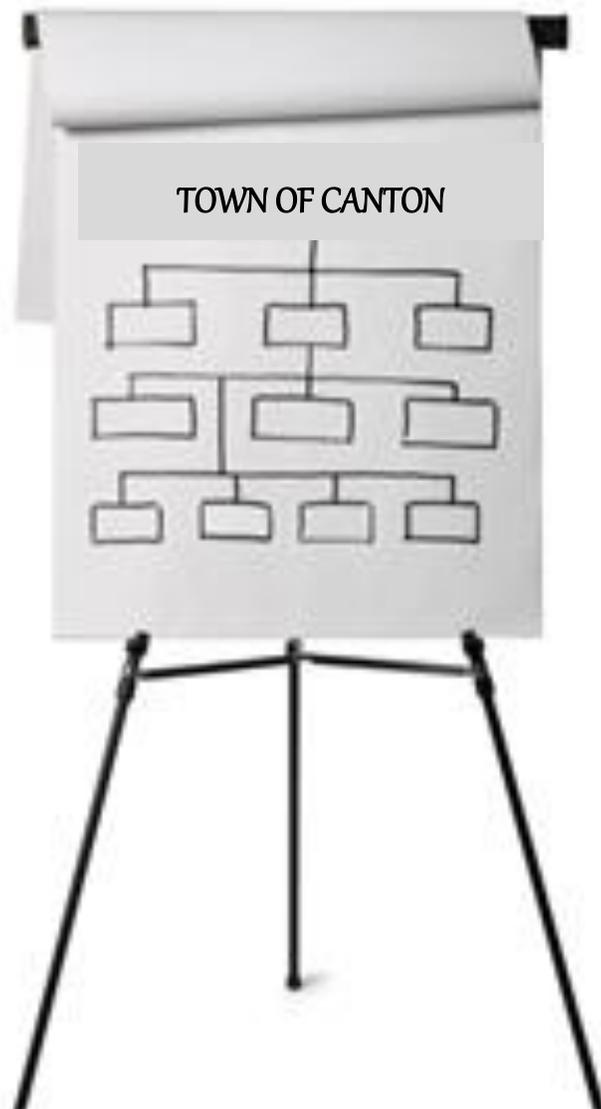
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TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED) *(Concluded)*
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
HUMAN SERVICES				
Community agencies	\$ 89,969	\$ 89,969	\$ 83,990	\$ (5,979)
Senior/Social services	192,953	211,587	211,588	1
Park and recreation	201,122	203,767	192,091	(11,676)
Library	600,020	608,907	607,318	(1,589)
Total human services	<u>1,084,064</u>	<u>1,114,230</u>	<u>1,094,987</u>	<u>(19,243)</u>
INSURANCE				
	<u>291,659</u>	<u>301,110</u>	<u>301,110</u>	<u>-</u>
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Building official	69,908	82,752	82,752	-
Town planner	274,657	281,011	279,985	(1,026)
Total planning and development	<u>344,565</u>	<u>363,763</u>	<u>362,737</u>	<u>(1,026)</u>
FRINGE BENEFITS				
	<u>2,240,149</u>	<u>2,212,290</u>	<u>2,212,290</u>	<u>-</u>
EDUCATION				
Education - operations	25,934,233	25,989,233	25,758,440	(230,793)
Education - transfer of portion of year end surplus to Capital Improvements Fund	-	-	130,345	130,345
Total education	<u>25,934,233</u>	<u>25,989,233</u>	<u>25,888,785</u>	<u>(100,448)</u>
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	1,620,000	1,620,000	1,620,000	-
Interest	526,213	526,213	526,213	-
Total debt service	<u>2,146,213</u>	<u>2,146,213</u>	<u>2,146,213</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>37,943,145</u>	<u>37,998,145</u>	<u>37,813,882</u>	<u>(184,263)</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers out:				
Emergency Services Fund	152,303	152,303	152,303	-
Youth Services Bureau	11,300	11,300	11,300	-
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	800,537	1,003,203	1,003,203	-
Total other financing uses	<u>964,140</u>	<u>1,166,806</u>	<u>1,166,806</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 38,907,285</u>	<u>\$ 39,164,951</u>	<u>\$ 38,980,688</u>	<u>\$ (184,263)</u>
				<i>(Concluded)</i>

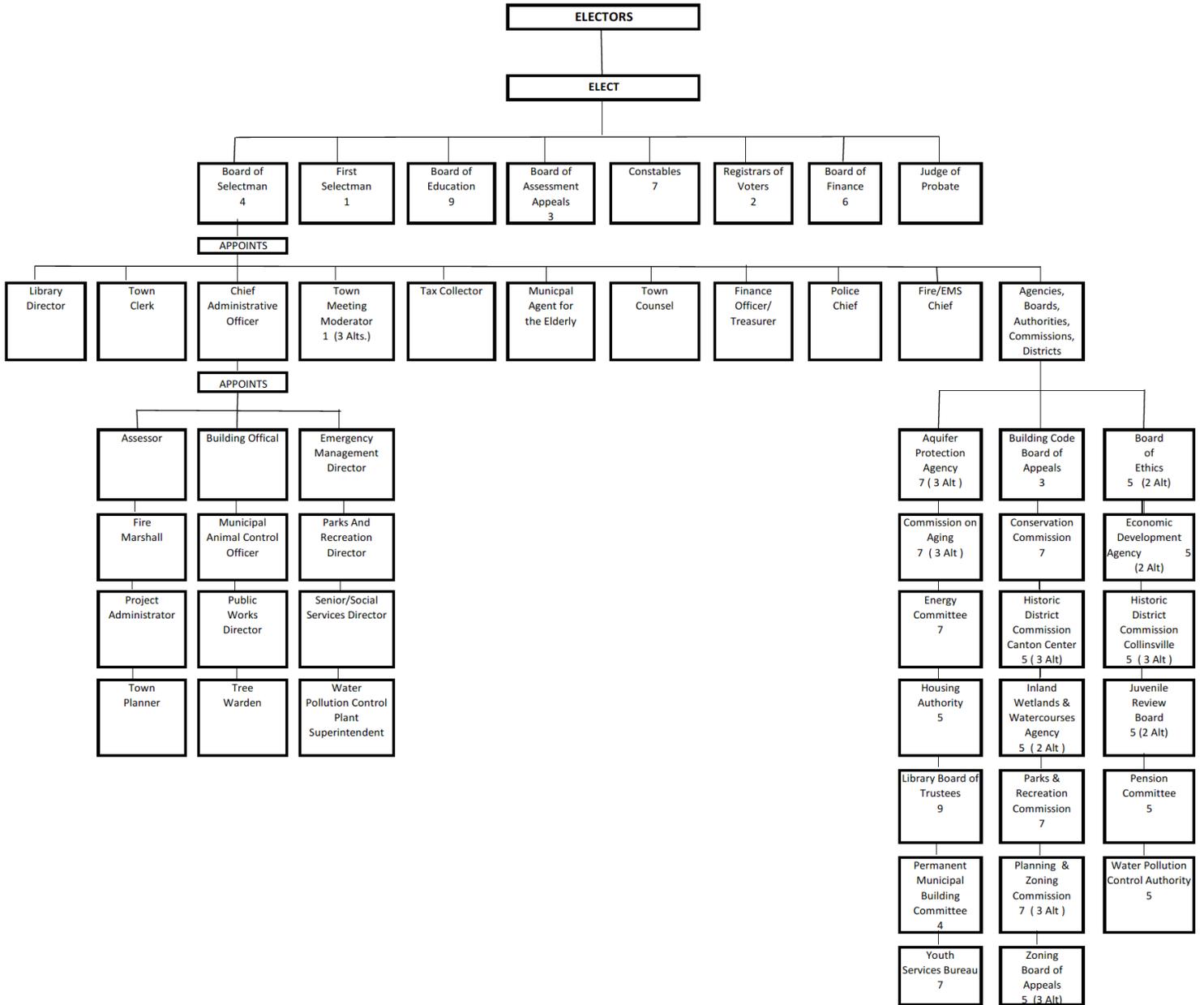
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED, COLLECTED AND OUTSTANDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Grand List Year	Balance Uncollected June 30, 2018	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers To Suspend	Balance To Be Collected	Taxes	Collections		Total	Balance Uncollected June 30, 2019
			Additions	Deductions				Interest and Lien Fees			
2002	\$ 19,644	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,644	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2003	21,627	-	-	-	-	21,627	-	102	102	102	21,627
2004	21,768	-	-	-	-	21,768	-	-	-	-	21,768
2005	22,604	-	-	-	-	22,604	-	85	85	85	22,604
2006	23,393	-	-	-	-	23,393	-	-	-	-	23,393
2007	23,792	-	-	-	-	23,792	-	-	-	-	23,792
2008	29,656	-	-	-	-	29,656	-	20	20	20	29,656
2009	30,178	-	-	-	-	30,178	-	126	126	126	30,178
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,821	1,821	1,821	-
2011	30,559	-	-	-	-	30,559	-	1,242	1,242	1,242	30,559
2012	31,126	-	-	-	-	31,126	-	424	424	424	31,126
2013	33,033	-	-	-	-	33,033	-	470	470	470	33,033
2014	34,789	-	-	-	-	34,789	87	5,172	5,259	5,259	34,702
2015	73,389	-	3,117	192	123	76,191	29,708	11,849	41,557	41,557	46,483
2016	219,872	-	8,820	6,896	1,636	220,160	130,081	30,807	160,888	160,888	90,079
Total prior years	615,430	-	11,937	7,088	21,403	598,876	159,876	52,118	211,994	211,994	439,000
2017	-	34,573,474	260,560	156,814	2,405	34,674,815	34,502,543	75,998	34,578,541	34,578,541	172,272
Total	\$ 615,430	\$ 34,573,474	\$ 272,497	\$ 163,902	\$ 23,808	\$ 35,273,691	\$ 34,662,419	\$ 128,116	\$ 34,790,535	\$ 34,790,535	\$ 611,272



ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

**TOWN OF CANTON
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



Town of Canton Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019



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 2018-2019, the APA held four (4) regular meetings and (6) special meetings.

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

The APA operates with seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternates.

The APA holds regular quarterly meetings and special meetings on an as-needed basis on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:50 p.m. in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT. All meetings are open to the public.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office is responsible for the preparation of the Town's annual Grand List. The Grand List is a complete listing of all properties in town, their ownership and assessed value as of October 1st each year. The 2018 Grand List as of October 1, 2018 was \$1,080,870,533. The overall 2018 Grand List decreased by \$41,022,347 or 3.66%. This information is then used by the Board of Finance to help determine the mill rate and in preparing the July tax bills. The Town is required to revalue all real estate assessments once every five years to 70% of their fair market value. The revaluation took place this year; the next is in the fall of 2023.

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

Real Estate Decreased from \$987,728,190 to \$941,974,242 or 4.63%. The decrease was a result of an overall decline in residential real estate market values since the last revaluation in 2013. Also, there were only 5 new homes built compared to 9 the previous year. Homes are assessed at 70% of their market value, as done in all CT municipalities.

Personal Property increased \$46,210,350 to \$48,895,860 or 5.81%. Items that make up personal property include business furniture, fixtures, office equipment, computers, leased equipment, industrial and construction equipment, utility poles, pipes, cables and conduits. Personal Property is assessed each year at 70% of its value. Additionally, a 15% increase penalty was instituted for non-filers.

Motor Vehicles increased \$87,954,340 to \$90,000,431 or 2.33%. Included in this figure are all motor vehicles registered and garaged in Canton on October 1st of each year. Motor Vehicles are valued using the NADA Pricing Guide unless they are registered as a Historic Vehicle.

In preparation of the Grand List, tax maps are kept current. Extensive fieldwork is completed to update our records for building changes. This office is also responsible for the administration of the veterans, blind and disabled exemption programs and the State and Town elderly tax relief program. This year a total of \$250,992.81 was granted in elderly tax relief tax relief to 135 property owners.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

As required by State law, the Board of Assessment Appeals meets in March concerning all appeals for Real Property from the Grand List of October 1, 2018 and in September to hear Motor Vehicle appeals only. Any property owner who felt the assessment of their property due to the Revaluation was inaccurate could appeal to the Board.

A total of fifteen (24) appeals were heard; (19 Real Estate, 2 Personal Property, and 3 Motor Vehicle).

The results of these appeals were:

Real Estate	7 Granted	12 Denied
Personal Property	2 Granted	0 Denied
Motor Vehicles	0 Granted	3 Denied

Final Grand List after the Board of Assessment Appeals

<u>Gross</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net</u>
1,169,334,021	88,737,828	1,080,596,193

Board of Assessment Appeals Members

David Sinish, Chairman
Joe Pelehach
Brad Parliman

BOARD OF ETHICS

During FY2018-2019, eleven out of the twelve regular meetings of the Board were cancelled. One special meeting was held in July 2018 to review a complaint from a town official which was considered but dismissed by the Board in that the alleged facts of the complaint did not prove the existence of a probable cause of a violation of the Code of Ethics. The Board also met for a June 2019 regular meeting to acknowledge the service and retirement from the Board of Edith Offenhartz, an original member of the Board since 2009.

During this reporting period the Board received one letter of recusal from a Canton official removing himself from the possibility of a conflict of interest concerning a request by the Valley Community Baptist Church to use/rent space in the Canton Community Center.

As previously mentioned, the Board received notice of the resignation of regular member Edith Offenhartz. Her position has not yet been filled. In addition, there are two alternate positions open.

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

David R. Kubas, Chairman
Canton Board of Ethics
September 23, 2019

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, performing the duties of the office on a part-time basis, conducted a total of 887 inspections. The Building Department will continue in its efforts to provide customer service and promote safety and general welfare in the construction environment while enforcing the building codes.

Permit Statistics

Type	Count	Fees	Cost Of Construction
Building - Commercial - Alterations	18	\$ 17,738.00	\$ 1,301,977.44
Building - Commercial - Demolition	2	\$ 252.00	\$ 18,000.00
Building - Commercial - Electrical	39	\$ 20,918.23	\$ 2,164,069.16
Building - Commercial - Fitout	1	\$ 280.00	\$ 20,000.00
Building - Commercial - Mechanical	21	\$ 4,818.08	\$ 767,455.00
Building - Commercial - New Construction	2	\$ 19,013.00	\$ 4,429,000.00
Building - Commercial - Plumbing	17	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 858,920.00
Building - Commercial - Roofing	5	\$ 476.00	\$ 32,020.00
Building - Commercial - Sprinkler System	1	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 93,000.00
Building - Commercial - Fiber optics	1	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
Building - Residential - Alterations	78	\$ 16,871.00	\$ 1,190,133.00
Building - Residential - Deck	9	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 100,900.00
Building - Residential - Demolition	7	\$ 644.00	\$ 52,000.00
Building - Residential - Electrical	121	\$ 2,562.00	\$ 359,896.00
Building - Residential - Finished Basement	10	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 192,800.00
Building - Residential - Foundation Only	1	\$ 140.00	\$ 10,000.00
Building - Residential - Gas Log Insert	2	\$ 56.00	\$ 2,450.00
Building - Residential - Mechanical	216	\$ 18,778.00	\$ 1,361,356.28
Building - Residential - New Construction	19	\$ 21,609.00	\$ 1,641,458.00
Building - Residential - New Home	11	\$ 38,803.90	\$ 2,787,091.00
Building - Residential - Photo-voltaic	10	\$ 4,102.00	\$ 285,490.00
Building - Residential - Plumbing	99	\$ 2,534.00	\$ 320,677.00
Building - Residential - Roofing	48	\$ 12,952.00	\$ 932,190.65
Building - Residential - Shed	4	\$ 672.00	\$ 46,577.49
Building - Residential - Siding	8	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 94,469.00
Building - Residential - Swimming Pool	5	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 103,100.00
Building - Residential - Window Replacement	27	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 465,331.00
Building - Residential - Woodstove	11	\$ 434.00	\$ 24,048.00
Total:	793	\$ 207,047.21	\$ 19,661,409.02

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Canton Chamber of Commerce represents and supports the Canton business community for the purpose of helping to ensure the business success of its members. The Chamber is a volunteer network of local business, professional and government leadership working together to advance the economic and civic development of the business community. Pooling the skills, talents and resources of each individual to drive and support business opportunity and improvement, the Chamber is vital and growing. The Canton Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2003 an independent organization. Membership has 195 members today.

The mission of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is to *Advocate for its members and Advance their Success*. Implementation of this direction is focused on five major initiatives: Advocacy, Outreach, Education, Marketing and Membership. The Chamber actively participates and advocates for its members with government boards and commissions, updates to the Form-Based Code, tax incentives, Canton Shops & Cares, and the study of Route 44 infrastructure have all moved forward with the advocacy of the Chamber and its members.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce fulfills its mission through the commitment and efforts of its volunteer leaders--its officers, directors, committee chairs and committee members--comprised of over 50 dedicated business people and professionals who endorse its goals and strive to make it a vital organization that benefits the whole community. The Chamber builds greater awareness of each member business within its customer and client community.

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

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

Visit the Chamber at CantonChamberofCommerce.com, call the Executive Director or Office Manager at (860) 693-0405, or visit the Chamber's office in the Quattro Building at 326 Albany Turnpike.

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. In 2018-2019, the Commission devoted the majority of its time completing a natural resources inventory for the Town of Canton. This document, complete with maps, is now ready for publication. The Commission continues to make progress on initiatives recognized in Canton's Plan of Conservation and Development. In addition, the Commission has completed an Open Space Management Plan for the Town of Canton as well as a plan specific to the Town-owned Carpenter Preserve on Case Street. During 2018-2019, the Commission also provided input to other Town commissions with regard to wetlands and other development-related issues.

The Commission has begun to research pesticide usage on Town-owned properties and is contributing to a regional initiative known as the "Pollinator Project," in cooperation with other Farmington Valley communities.

During 2018-2019, the Conservation Commission met ten (10) times. The Commission currently consists of seven (7) members and meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Canton Library/Community Center building at 40 Dyer Avenue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Canton Economic Development Agency (EDA) continued to work diligently to remove obstacles to responsible development in town. To that end, the EDA completed:

- Its second three year plan to foster and support economic development in Canton, provide educational resources to local businesses, and enhance the town's character while expanding its tax base.
- A study of the impact of sewer connection fees on development in town which quantified the tax revenues in jeopardy because of significantly higher than average connection fees. The Board of Selectmen entered negotiations with the WPCA to bring these fees into line with surrounding towns.
- Recommendations for events designed to enhance economic activity in town.
- Redesign work for the town's website aimed at improving access to information and 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 two alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue. Members of the local business community and the general public are welcome to attend. The EDA held nine regular meetings and four special meetings during this fiscal year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department administers the Town's financial activities, including accounting, accounts payable, payroll, bank deposits and pensions and other employee benefit funds. Detailed audited financial statements are published annually in the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), 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.

On July 1, 2018, the finance departments of the Town and Board of Education merged, creating a more streamlined organizational structure and giving the department a more end-to-end view of the Town's spending and financial condition. As part of that restructuring, in April 2019 the Finance Department initiated a new project to replace its primary accounting software, Munis, with Infinite Visions. The new software, which is currently used by the Board of Education, will enable more efficiency and better cross-training of the financial staff going forward.

In September 2019 we were informed that the Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2017-19 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 19th consecutive year. As of the writing of this summary, the Finance team was working diligently with our external auditors to extend the award streak to 20 years for our 2018-19 financial results.

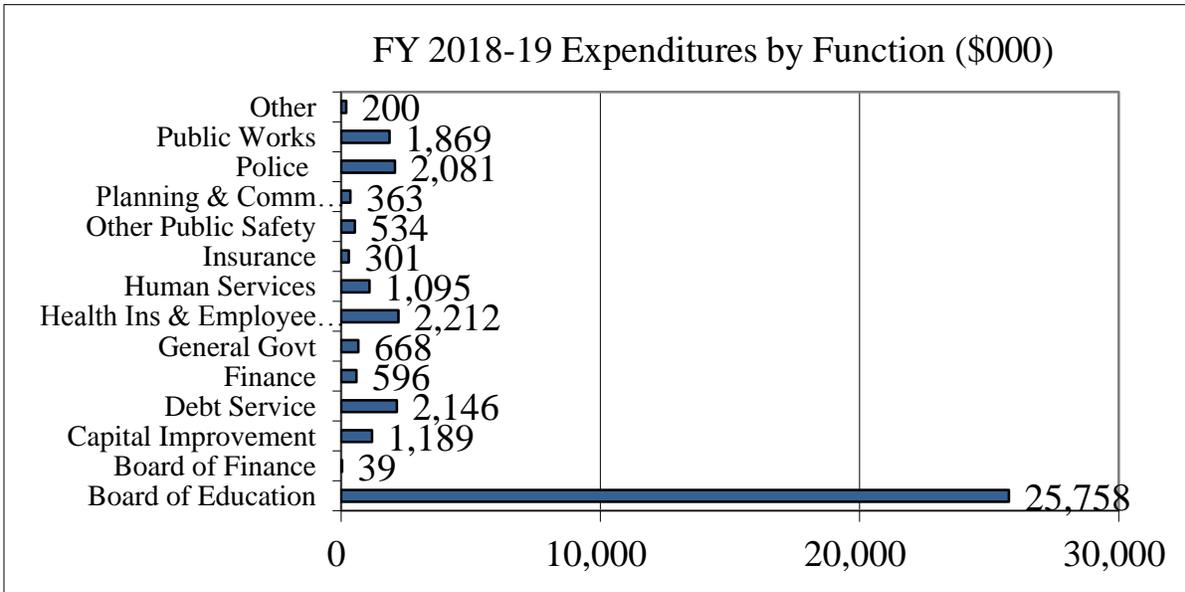
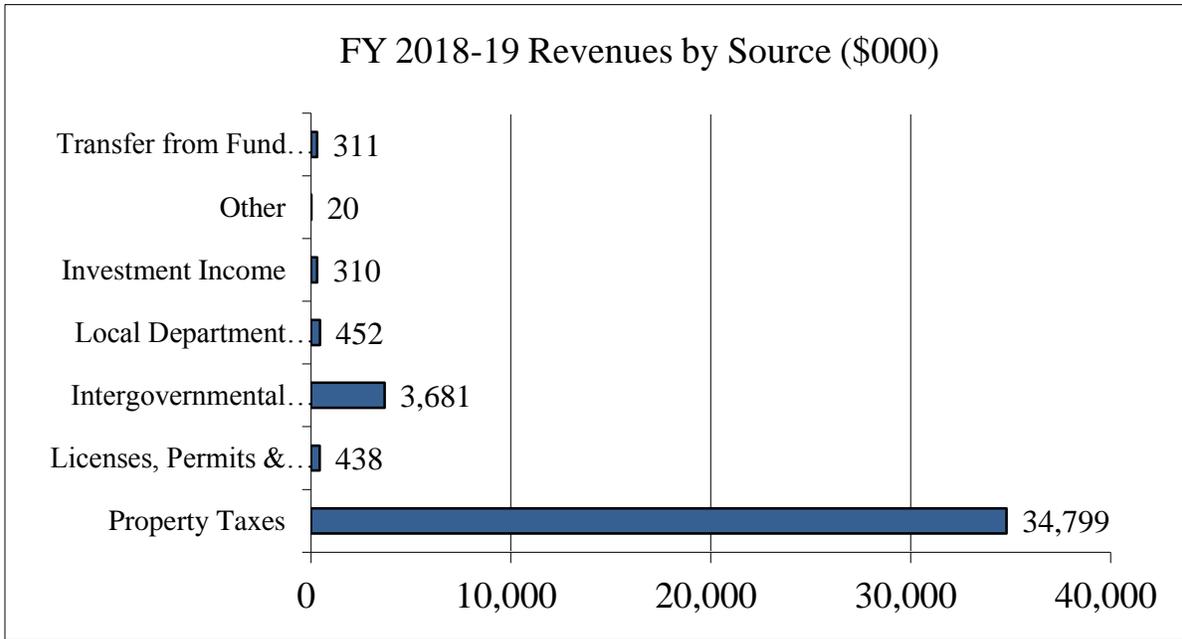
As a result of the department consolidation, there was a substantial increase in the level of transaction processing the Finance Department handled last year. In 2018-19 the department issued 8,902 separate expenditures, processed 3,420 deposits and recorded 5,259 journal entries, and processed payroll, benefit and tax records for 675 employees.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL 2018-19 (UNAUDITED)

- The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2018-19 totaled \$38,907,285.
- The Town's actual General Fund expenditures were \$39,181,637 and actual revenues totaled \$40,009,980; expenditures included five Special Appropriations approved at Town Meeting.
- The mil rate was 32.03.
- The Town maintained a credit rating of AAA from Standard & Poor's.
- The Town's unallocated fund balance at year-end was approximately \$7.3 million.

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

<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount (000)</u>
School Construction – Refinance	10/15/24	\$4,455
Capital Projects – Aug 2013	08/15/33	5,115
Capital Projects – June 2015	06/01/35	2,835
Highway Dept. Garage – October 2017	10/15/37	3,630
Total		<u>\$16,035</u>



FIRE/EMS

Chief of Department, Bruce Lockwood was appointed January 1, 2019 to replace Interim Chief of the Department, Wayne Goeben. Under the new administration, a new position of Executive Officer was created to which Chief Lockwood appointed Gerry Holland.

The Town of Canton Volunteer Fire and EMS Department is responsible for Fire and Emergency Medical Services within the Town of Canton. We routinely provide and receive mutual aid through mutual aid compacts with multiple surrounding towns, as well as support the State Fire Task Force plan. The Department also provides coverage for large public events, as well as fire prevention education services.

Fire Operations is currently completely volunteer. In 2020 the Department will be hiring the equivalent of two full-time fire fighters to staff the station for a portion of the daytime hours. EMS Operations utilize subcontracted personnel to staff the primary ambulance week days, paramedic coverage on a 24 hour basis, and to backfill open positions when volunteers are not available. Volunteers staff most nights, weekends, and all 2nd ambulance calls.

Total Department membership is 55, 30 are assigned to Fire Operations (20 Interior, 10 exterior), 25 are assigned to EMS Operations, and 5 are assigned to Fire Police Operations, 1 Cadet, and 3 administrative personnel. Members may serve in more than one area of operations.

In Fiscal year 2018/2019 the Department responded to a total of 1521, a 3.4% increase over fiscal 2017/2018. Fire Operations calls totaled 293, a 5.9% decrease over 2017/2018 and EMS Operations calls totaled 1228, a 5.7% increase over 2017/2018.

Training for fire, EMS and fire police is provided through a combination of in-house and out-sourced methods. All members are required to stay current with their credentials utilizing this training.

The Department responds from three stations utilizing 12 pieces of apparatus:

(3) Engines

(1) Engine/Tanker (*The Department took delivery of a 2018 Engine/Tanker that replaced the aging Engine 3*)

(1) Tanker

(1) 105' Quint Aerial Ladder

(1) Utility Pickup Truck

(2) Ambulances

(1) Paramedic Fly Car

(1) Fire Police Vehicle

Much effort has gone into standardizing equipment across the entire fleet of vehicles in the past year.

Other Ancillary Equipment includes (1) inflatable boat, (1) ATV, (4) mountain bikes and (4) kayaks.

**In fiscal 2018/2019 the Department decreased its fleet, selling a mini pumper, returning the funds to the Fire Apparatus CIP budget to offset future purchase shortfalls.*

FIRE MARSHAL

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 main goal of the inspection is to provide the residents and business owners with safer buildings. The Fire Marshal position is part-time 25 hour a week. This office will continue in its efforts to provide fire and life safety presentations to residents, schools and businesses within the Town of Canton.

FIRST SELECTMEN AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

One of the most important tasks during fiscal year 2018/2019 was construction of the new Publics Work Facility at 50 River Road. The construction began in the spring of 2018 and continued through 2019. The majority of the work was complete by November of 2018, when the staff moved into the facility just before the first snowfall. It took just eight months to go from ground breaking to construction of the 14,200 square foot facility. During that time there were several buried oil tanks that were discovered that had created plumes of contaminated soil. These tanks along with the contaminated soil had to be removed. The cost of the cleanup was approximately \$240,000. Despite these additional expenses, the facility was completed within budget. Many thanks to the staff of the Department of Public Works for their assistance and patience during the transition. For many months the Department functioned without a home since the old facility had to be torn down before the new facility could be completed. Also the Town is grateful to have such dedicated public officials as the Permanent Municipal Building Committee Subcommittee that met on a regular basis to guide and oversee the project.

The fiscal year started in July with the creation of the combined Finance Department. Prior to July 2018, the Town and Schools had separate Finance Departments. By combining the Departments, staffing and costs were reduced and better collaboration in financial matters occurred between the Town and School. In February 2019, a Special Town Meeting approved the transfer of \$117,403 to fund financial software so that the Town and Schools would be utilizing the same financial software.

The fiscal year ended with more cooperation between the Town and Schools. With the encouragement of the Board of Finance and approvals by the Board of Selectmen and Education, along with final approval at a Special Town Meeting, the schools' maintenance needs are now being overseen by the Department of Public Works. A new Town position within the Department of Public Works, entitled Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds was created to oversee all municipal building and grounds including all three schools.

The Town was also very busy with numerous energy projects. The first was about a decade in the making. The long vacant hydro facility in Collinsville along the banks of the Farmington River was approved to be rebuilt by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The FERC license which was awarded to the Town pursuant to federal legislation that was signed by former President Obama, was then transferred to a private company called Canton Hydro LLC. Along with the production of clean renewable energy, the project includes renovating the existing powerhouse, installing crest gates to raise the water level three feet in the upper impoundment area, provide a fish ladder for both upstream and downstream passage and paths for river access directly above and below the dam. It is anticipated the facility will become operational in 2020.

The Town also completed an energy efficiency program which installed LED lights, automated controls, and created energy efficient heating and cooling systems in Cherry Brook Elementary School, Canton Intermediate School and the Canton Community Center. The program was funded through a \$350,394 loan from Eversource. The loan will be paid from the savings in reduced electrical and natural gas usage. The Town also retrofitted all

the streetlights with LED fixtures in the spring of 2019. After the change, the cost to power the lights went from approximately \$34,000 per year to less than \$9,000.

Through a competitive selection process, a vendor was selected to install solar panels on all three schools, the Community Center and the new Public Works Facility. The solar panels on the Public Works Facility will supply all the power needs of Public Works and send excess power to the neighboring Water Treatment Plant. The panels are being paid for through a power purchase agreement by where the vendor, conEdison, leases space for the panels and has the responsibility for maintaining the panels, and in exchange, the Town agrees to purchase the electricity produced by the panels at a reduced fixed rate.

The Board of Selectmen appointed the Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee to review the future operational needs of the Canton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department. The Committee gave a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that two paid firefighters be hired to ensure daytime coverage for fire calls. The proposal was approved by the Board of Selectmen and incorporated into the 2019/2020 Budget.

There was also transition within the Board of Selectmen. Leslee Hill stepped down as First Selectman when she was elected to the State Legislature in November of 2018. Beth Kandrysawtz was appointed as First Selectman to complete Leslee Hill's term. Tom Blatchley was appointed to fill Beth Kandrysawtz regular seat. A month later, Bill Canny stepped down as a member of the Board and was replaced by Warren Humphrey. Throughout the transition the Board worked hard to meet the needs of the community.

The Chief Administrator's Office continues to perform the routine duties of the office, including hiring of Town staff, union negotiations, contract administration for capital projects, acting as purchasing agent and carryout all the policies and directives of the Board of Selectmen. These tasks could not be performed without the dedicated staff of the Chief Administrator's Office, CAO Executive Assistant Claudia Nardi and CAO Clerk Lisa Moulton.

INLAND WETLAND & 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 2018-2019, the IWWA held eleven (10) regular meetings, one (1) site walk, and two (2) special meetings. They processed seventeen (17) applications, two (2) Jurisdictional Determinations, held one (1) public hearing, and one (1) violation was enforced.

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 (5) regular members and one (1) alternate member, with an opening for another alternate. The IWWA holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Center at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission holds special meetings/site-walks as needed. All meetings are open to the public.

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

Commission Achievements:

The Land Use Commissions processed a total of 43 applications and or referrals as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals (3); Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (19); Aquifer Protection Agency (8); and Planning and Zoning Commission (13).

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:

- 24 signs
- 7 IWWA Authorized Agent Applications
- 8 Liquor Permits
- 56 Zoning Permits
- 11 Minor Site Plan Modifications
- 11 Certificate of Zoning Compliance
- 8 Notices of Violations
- 2 Observation of Violations
- 8 Cease and Desist Orders
- 1 Municipal Citation

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

- 2019 Connecticut Main Street Awards of Excellence – Canton Village Districts Form-Based Design: Zoning to facilitate the Community's Vision for Development
- Winners of 2019 Driehaus Form-Based Codes Award, from the Form Based Code Institute at Smart Growth America

- Presented Town of Canton Initiatives at: “Promoting Healthy Mobility Options, Economic and Environmental sustainability through Land Use Decision Making – ‘Planning’”; Environmental Sustainability Symposium, Moving Towards Sustainable Transportation: (2019);
- Presented 2018 SNEAPA Conference: “Students and Emerging Planning Professionals”;
- Assisted the Plan Implementation Committee in the facilitation, monitoring, and documentation the third years’ efforts to implement the 2014-2024 POCD.
- Solicited and prepared amendments for consideration of an interim update of the POCD.
- Integrated an electronic permitting system for Building Department applications.
- Continued development of a Natural Resources Inventory and Open Space Plan.
- Continued annual Bike-Ped count program along the Farmington River Rail Trail.
- Continued the design of streetscape improvements under the \$1.3 million dollar Responsible Growth Grant for continuation of the Collinsville Streetscape Project.
- Continued working on \$400,000 Sidewalk Grant for Dowd Avenue and Commerce Drive

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department Mission & Overview

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

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

Department programs and events are released in seasonal brochures through Turley Publishing. Additional information can be found at the 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 you to register from the convenience of your home with a credit card, an e-mail system to keep you informed of department happenings, and a facility guide to allow you to view schedules.

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

Programs

Canton Parks and Recreation offers over 150 programs throughout the year for all ages and ability levels. During the summer season the department runs a popular Explorers Day Camp, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Dusky Dolphins Swim Team, and a variety of sports and enrichment camps. During the school year the department offers activities for toddlers through seniors at the Canton Community Center, Cherry Brook Elementary and Canton Intermediate School. Activities include Acrofitness, T-ball, Rec Hoops Basketball, After School Mad Science, Recreation Basketball League for grades 1st-8th, Winter Ski Bus, Zumba, Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball to name a few. Additionally, the department is now operating a comprehensive during the winter and a 5 day after school program at Cherry Brook Primary School.

In 2018, the department broke record attendance at all of the main summer camps including Explorers Day Camp, Tiny Tots Pre-School Camp, Teen Adventure Camp and Counselors in Training. The department’s main camp program, Explorers Day Camp, served over 700 children averaging 79 campers per week which has doubled in camp numbers over the last 5 years.

Events

Parks and Recreation Department offers many free or low cost family special events throughout the year including Spook-A-Palooza: Halloween Carnival, Turkey Shoot Basketball Contest, Holiday House Lights Contest, Breakfast with Santa, Canton Family Ice Skating Day, Valentine’s Parents’ Night Out, Easter Egg-Stravaganza, Earth Day/Spring Clean-Up, Dive In Movie Night, Teen Night, Sundae Funday, Pooch Plunge, and seasonal Movie Nights in the Parks.

Parks & 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 smaller wading pool, a playground, skate park, 2 full sized basketball courts, 4 tennis courts, and a multi-use field that hosts a range of sporting activities including baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. In addition to Mills Pond, Parks and Recreation schedules and provides oversight to the care of the Canton Community Center gardens, Bicentennial Park, Dyer Field, Canton Green and Millennium Fields.

Future Initiatives

- Continue to partner with the Friends of Canton Dog Park Inc. in the efforts of creating an eco-friendly Dog Park at 79 Commerce Drive.
- Build an outdoor fitness gym at Mills Pond Park with approved special revenue surplus money to provide free outdoor fitness opportunities to residents.
- Explore ways of funding projects and future initiatives outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Continue to seek funding for the development of a recreation field's complex on Lawton Road.
- Develop and implement more outdoor winter programs (per the Master Plan). Execute and evaluate the success of "Pop Up winter programs" including sledding and snowman building.

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 2018-2019, the PZC held eleven (11) regular meetings, three (3) special meetings, processed thirteen (13) applications and four (4) requests for referral.

The PZC is comprised of seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, at the Library Community Center. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission welcomes input from town residents and property owners for all public hearings.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

The following are some of the highlights from the 2018-19 Fiscal Year.

PERSONNEL:

- The current staffing of the Canton Police Department as of June 30, 2019 was: Chief of Police, Captain, four patrol Sergeants, one Detective, six Patrol Officers, one Animal Control Officer, one school crossing guard, four fulltime Dispatchers, four part-time Dispatchers, and an Administrative Assistant.
- One Police Officer retired and One Police Officer resigned.
- Two entry officers were hired in April, 2018 and attended the P.O.S.T. Academy.
- Two lateral transfer officers from other agencies were hired.
- Canton Police held a promotional process for the rank of Sergeant and as a result, promoted one officer to the rank of sergeant.

- The Canton Police Dispatch staffing remained unchanged.

ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

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

- Canton Police and Dispatchers completed negotiations and signed new labor contracts, respectively.
- Canton Police successfully completed the compliance mandates as required by Public Act 18-61 concerning minimum standards and practices as developed by the State of Connecticut POST Council and the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Chief Arciero continued as the lead role as the administrative oversight chief to the nine (9) North Central Municipal Police Department's Accident Reconstruction team.
- Chief Arciero continued participation in the CIRMA Statewide Law Enforcement Council Committee.
- Chief Arciero completed this mandatory recertification training.
- Captain Terra provided updated training as part of the town employee safety training program and provided in-service training for officer recertification mandates.
- Canton Police began association with Police App.Com for selections and hiring of entry level officers. Canton Police Department obtained new ballistic rifle vests.

- Canton Police adopted new general orders for sexual assault investigations, interviews,
- Canton Police initiated the formal Tier 1 State Accreditation process.
- Canton Police worked with the Canton Board of Education to begin formal process to create the School Resource Officer position.

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS:

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

- Implemented a Holiday Safe Package Delivery Service Program that received favorable publicity.
- Updated Safety Brochure for Canton Day Care and Nursery Schools.
- Created a new Religious Congregation Safety Plan.
- Updated a Bear Safety Protocol.
- Continued participation in many charitable/social assistance events: Take Back the Trail Safety Event, Ride to School, Walk for Hunger, Bagging for Hunger, Toy Drive, Food Drive, Special Olympics Torch Run, College Internship Programs, Child ID Safety events, Safety talks at day care facilities, Youth Services Bureau meetings, Senior TRIAD, JRB program, CPD Building tours, and submission of articles for the Canton Connections and Senior Scribe.
- Canton CERT continued its participation in its signature annual food drive for the Canton Food Bank.
- Canton CERT, in conjunction with FEMA and the Connecticut State Department of Emergency Management, continued its participation in the Statewide EPPI event and STEP training to CIS students.
- Published a monthly video series on bike trail safety issues.

OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITY INCIDENT DATA:

- Canton Police Department personnel maintained their involvement in the security planning and operational support for the Annual Collinsville ‘HOT’ summertime event, Collinsville Halloween Parade and the annual Hartford Marathon 10K road race.
- Canton Police Officers participated in two (2) federally funded grant programs for highway safety (Distracted Driving and High Risk Rural Road Speed Enforcement). In addition, Canton Police Officer participated in the annual State DOT Seatbelt WAVE campaign.
- Canton Police Officers continued their participation in ‘Code Red’ emergency response drills at all Canton Public Schools.
- Canton Police Department updated its School Safety Security Plan and their Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Canton Police collaborated with the Canton Fire Department and Canton EMS to initiate a Joint Rescue Task Force Policy for response to active/aggressor scenarios.
- Canton Police Department began discussions for radio system upgrade.
- **During Fiscal Year 2018-2019 there were 11,419 incidents recorded which include the following:**
 - *46 Domestic Disturbances / Family Offense Cases*
 - *116 Larceny / Theft Investigations*
 - *1009 Medical calls were responded to as first responders*
 - *736 Motor Vehicle Stops / Violations*
 - *354 Motor Vehicle Accidents*

- *15 Driving Under the Influence cases*
- *46 Fraud Investigations*
- *9 Sex Offense Investigation cases*
- *17 Missing Person cases*
- *231 Suspicious Circumstances /Persons /Vehicles*

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

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

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY

For most of the year, the library is open 54 hours per week; between Memorial Day and Labor Day we are open for a half-day Saturday, making our summer hours 50 hours per week. However, as with so many other aspects of life in the 21st century, much of what we do now is online. Even when the library is not physically open, library resources are available 24/7. Patrons can search our catalog; place holds and renew books; access ebooks, audiobooks, and other downloadable media through Overdrive and Hoopla; take foreign language classes using Mango; research investments using ValueLine; check product ratings in Consumer Reports; consult databases available through researchItCT; and much more from our “virtual library” at www.cantonpubliclibrary.org. Our website registered more than 118,000 visits during FY19. Our social media reach continues to grow, as well, and has become the primary means by which we communicate with the public. We post regularly on both Facebook and Instagram.

The demand for online content continues to grow, although we did see the pace of growth slow somewhat this year. Our subscription to Hoopla, a streaming service for ebooks, audiobooks, music, and movies, continues to be extremely popular; however, because it operates on a pay-per-use model we had to drop the maximum number of checkouts allowed per month in an effort to contain costs. This has led to a leveling off in circulation numbers for Hoopla. However, Overdrive – our downloadable service that operates with a traditional “one copy/one user” model – had a 10% increase in circulation over FY18.

Programming is a large part of what we do. During FY18 we presented 535 programs to 7,314 attendees of all ages, plus another 1,500 people reached through various outreach efforts, including tours for Canton Intermediate School fourth-graders, our booth at Collinsville Hot, and our monthly “pop-up library” at the Cherry Brook Health Care Center. We have a strong set of regular recurring programs – book discussion groups, story time and “Music for Me” sessions for babies and young children, after-school activities for tweens and teens, and more – as well as regular special events. Our programs are funded in part by generous donations from the Friends of the Canton Public Library, and we would not be able to do as much as we do without their support.

We consider ourselves to be a hub of the community, and to that end we work whenever possible with other Town departments, local organizations, and other libraries. This year, among other things, we worked with the League of Women Voters on a registration drive on National Voter Registration Day; collaborated with Senior Services to present programs for older adults; teamed up with Parks and Recreation to provide story times for summer day camps as well as the annual end-of-summer pool party for our summer readers. We provide display space to both Canton CERT and the Canton Volunteer Fire Department to promote membership and emergency preparedness. We also collaborate regularly with Canton Public Schools, Canton preschools, and Canton Parents as Teachers on a variety of initiatives.

The Town Historian and Poet Laureate also fall under the larger umbrella of the library, and during the year we were pleased to work together to continue to offer programs and services that enhance the cultural and historical aspects of our town.

If you haven’t visited the library recently, please stop in and see what you’ve been missing. We truly have something for everyone.

Sarah McCusker
Library Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Highway

The Highway Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 71.2 miles of improved and unimproved roads within the Town of Canton. This winter season once again challenged the department to keep the roads clear and safe. The department responded to 16 winter storm events. Moving into the new Public Works Garage in November went a long way in providing efficient and safer winter storm operations for the community. Following the Town Pavement Management Program, the Highway Department along with several contractors performed \$684,387.11 of roadway improvements this past year (see attached list). The roadway improvements consisted of several repair strategies that included milling and paving with drainage improvements of Birch Knoll Drive, Center Street, Dyer Avenue, and Huckleberry Hill Road. Leveling course paving with drainage improvements occurred on North Mountain Road, Sexton Hollow Road, and Woodchuck Hill Road. Crack sealing was also performed on 12 Town roads. To access information on roadwork please go to the Pavement Management Program link located on the town website: <http://www.townofcantonct.org/public-works>.

The Town utilizes a Pavement Management Program called Road Manager Software that allows the department to track work performed and to determine future repairs to the Town's roadway infrastructure. The Highway Department also performed extensive tree work on various Town properties during the winter. The department also responded to numerous requests from residents to perform drainage, tree work and road improvements throughout the year. Highway Foreman Thomas Richardson and the skilled Highway Department staff did an exemplary job this past year improving drainage features on several roads that will eliminate ice buildup during the winter to keep Town roads open and safe.

Parks

The Parks Department is responsible for 110+ acres of maintenance and improvements to all Town walking trails, greens, parks, pool, athletic fields, building and grounds including all school campuses. Parks Supervisor Henry Maskaitis and the committed Parks Department staff continue the use of excellent cultural practices, utilizing Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices and last resort pesticide use. This environmental friendly management practice has shown excellent results in both field quality and lowering maintenance costs. This year illustrated the department's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving the Town Pool with the installation of a new shade structure at the wading pool. The Town Pool continues to be maintained at a high level by the department including performing the spring opening of the pool, painting/repairing the pool, maintenance during the summer open times and winterizing duties helping to save costs. The department coordinated the Town Green / Bandstand Irrigation Project along with aerating and seeding this welcoming Town site enjoyed by thousands of daily commuters. The department also was involved with planting several new trees at the Willem van Gemeren Memorial Field and Canton Intermediate School. The Farmington River Trail continues to be an area that the Parks Department has been working to improve public safety. This year, the department installed new fencing along several sections of the walking trail. The department continues to work with the Cherry Brook Garden Club to maintain the landscaping at Town buildings, parks, and recreational facilities to provide a pleasing appearance. This growing department

continues to add new services to accurately reflect the needs of the community. The Parks Department goals are to improve the quality of each facility and identify new ways of reducing maintenance costs.

Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep 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 349 service calls along with their regular duties. The Building Maintenance Department managed the replacement of the Town Hall Cooling Tower & Chiller Unit. The new unit lowered electrical costs by 15% for the months it was in use. The department also worked with a vendor to replace the ADA Entry Doors at the Library. The department supervised the Town Hall 2nd floor Skylight Replacement Project. This year the department was involved in several projects at the new Department of Public Works Garage helping the department to move into the facility in late fall. This new 14,000 square foot facility will be added to the department's maintenance responsibilities. Building Maintenance Supervisor Dimitrios Papachristos and the hard working Building Maintenance staff's commitment to perform at a high level this past year was very evident in keeping the buildings clean and well maintained.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station staff had another excellent year assisting the Town residents who bring their trash and recyclables to the facility. The Transfer Station sells over eleven hundred fifty permits per year. The facility serves as the primary trash and recycling option for more than 1/4 of Canton's households. The recycling rate for the year turned out to be 35%, a significant increase over the previous year. The Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund was created and implemented in 2013 to finance the operating budget for the facility. The revenue generated through the selling of permits, tokens and recycling rebates stays in the fund to pay out the operational expenditures and future upgrades to the facility. The new enclosure over the bulky waste containers did an excellent job keeping water out of the containers with a 31% tonnage reduction (132 tons) of bulky waste resulting in significant tipping fee savings. This year the Town held three Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection days with the Towns of Simsbury, Avon, Farmington, and Granby. By sharing this service, the Town has been able to provide additional local collection dates and still maintain a lower cost than what was charged previously by the MDC. The credit card swipe option and acceptance of personal checks that allows residents to purchase tokens and pay for loads on-site continues to be a popular service that residents have taken advantage of in record numbers. This busy department's goal is to continue making strides to improve trash and recycling services for our community.

Administrative

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. Public Works Director Robert Martin along with Project Administrator George Wallace and Administrative Assistant Heather Maroon worked on many large scale projects that included oversight of the building of the new Town Garage Project. In the fall, the department successfully moved into the new building. This new facility will provide a safe and efficient home for the

department for numerous decades. The Administrative Department continued to work with the State of Connecticut and Rotha Construction on the Town Bridge Road Bridge Project. The historical bridge was removed for renovations on May 30th, and is slated for a spring 2020 completion date. Administrative staff also coordinated the implementation of the Town’s new Street Light Purchase Project that retrofitted the Town incandescent streetlights with energy saving LED lighting. The department also provided assistance with several Bids & RFP’s for various Town Departments and the Board of Education. One of the larger projects included oversight of the Town of Canton Municipal Facility Energy Audit Project at the Community Center/Library and the Board of Education Facility Energy Audit Project performed at Canton Intermediate School and Cherry Brook Primary School Project. The Eco-friendly upgrades from these projects will reduce energy costs and provide lighting and safety enhancements. Administrator George Wallace, who is a Professional Engineer, also continued an excellent job assisting the Land Use Office in providing development engineering reviews as projects were submitted. The Canton Public Works Department’s motto is “Serving the Community with Pride”. The department’s goal is to search for improved ways to perform their jobs.

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 for approving and building a new Public Works Facility.

Name	From	To	Length (linear feet)	Width	PCI	Actual Cost	Assigned Resources	Repair Strategy	Date Completed
Birch Knoll Road	Dyer Avenue	Cul De Sac Loop	234	24	100	\$ 32,015.50	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w/Drainage	Summer
Center Street	Bridge Street	North Street	755	24	65	\$ 28,740.22	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Fall
Center Street	North Street	Main Street	253	36	65	\$ 9,417.92	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Fall
Center Street	Main Street	South Street	292	29	62	\$ 9,417.92	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Fall
Center Street	South Street	Huckleberry Hill Road	158	28	70	\$ 9,417.91	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Fall
Dyer Avenue	Albany Turnpike	Simonds Avenue	3330	23	100	\$ 155,341.03	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Summer
Gracey Road	Sexton Hollow Road	Dry Bridge Road	8930	28	85	\$ 10,001.60	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
High Hill Road	Bahre Corner Road	Cul-De-Sac	2437	26	80	\$ 2,729.44	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
High Ledge Road	High Hill Road	Cul-De-Sac	453	26	80	\$ 611.55	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Highwood Road	High Hill Road	Cul-De-Sac	916	26	80	\$ 1,236.60	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Huckleberry Hill Road	Center Street	Avon Town Line	1,131	24	73	\$ 45,265.13	Vendor/DPW	Mill/Overlay w Drainage	Fall
North Mountain Road	Cherry Brook Road	Woodchuck Hill Road	6,056	26	100	\$ 167,007.75	Vendor/DPW	Overlay w/drainage	Spring
Old Albany Turnpike	Forest Lane	Dead End	1,490	26	65	\$ 1,005.75	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Riverbend Lane	Village Lane	Cul-De-Sac	373	26	80	\$ 503.55	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Rockledge Lane	Village Lane	Cul-De-Sac	397	26	80	\$ 535.95	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Sexton Hollow Road	Woodchuck Hill Road	Gracey Road	3,633	27	100	\$ 124,641.00	Vendor/DPW	Overlay w/drainage	Spring
Tanglewood Drive	Morgan Road	East Hill Road	2,197	27	90	\$ 2,460.64	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Town Hall Parking Lot	Off of Main Street	Off of Main Street			90	\$ 1,706.28	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Valleyview Drive	Village Lane	Cul-De-Sac	708	26	80	\$ 955.80	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Village Lane	Powder Mill Road	Cul-De-Sac	700	26	80	\$ 3,291.68	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Village Square	Village Lane	Village Lane	1,662	26	80	\$ 745.65	Vendor/DPW	Crack Seal	Summer
Woodchuck Hill Road	Orchard Hill Road	Town Line	3,603	24	100	\$ 70,206.00	Vendor/DPW	Overlay w/drainage	Spring
Full Dept. Patching/Misc. Drainage						\$ 7,132.24			
Testing and Engineering Services						\$ -			
<i>Totals</i>			39,708	7.52	Miles	\$ 684,387.11			

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES/COMMISSION ON AGING

The Canton Senior and Social Services Department assists individuals of all ages to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by collaboratively working with other social service organizations to provide resources to those in need. One of our many goals is to help our residents achieve and maintain economic stability and to support them through particularly difficult times and transitions in their lives. The Department helps to provide current information on local, regional and statewide resources while coordinating numerous programs of assistance that serve our residents. The Department experienced staffing changes and is under new leadership with the new Director, Jessica DeMeo since August of 2019. Yuliya Mosijchuk, the Senior Center Coordinator was welcomed back to the Center in September after a brief leave and Tonoa Jackson accepted a new role, as the Administrative Assistant to the Director.

We are a unique combination of offering both Senior & Social Services to any town resident that may be in need.

Social Services Department focuses on assisting clients experiencing financial hardships or psychosocial/physical challenges. We help support them through difficult hurdles in their lives by way of case management; assessing their needs, listening, supporting, coaching and advising our residents on the various options that will help them achieve independence and gain a feeling of accomplishment and control over their own lives.

More specifically, each year the Social Services Department provides thousands of units of service to Canton individuals and families through a variety of programs, including but not limited to; Financial Assistance, Energy Assistance, Medical Assistance, Assessments and referrals, collaborations with other outside social service agencies (such as the police, Food Bank, DCF, the Fire Department, DSS, PSE, other health care facilities, Meals-On-Wheels etc.) Fuel Assistance, Thanksgiving Meals Assistance, The Holiday Gift Program, Emergency Shelter, Private Funds and Eviction Assistance.

Collinsville Farmers Market: The center offers vouchers that assist families in obtaining free fruits & vegetables for Canton Residents. The Department also works very closely with the local food banks and the food bank cards and assignments are processed through Senior and Social Services.

Prescription Drug Coverage Discount Card: offering Canton residents discounts on prescriptions when they otherwise would not have coverage.

In 2017/18 our department began the administration of the statewide Renters' Rebate program, which was previously administered through the Assessor's office. This program provides those renters who qualify with a check that represents a percentage of what they pay overall for rent, utilities and heat in the previous calendar year. This year our office processed several Renters Rebate applications up until the deadline of October 1, 2019. . This is a very large and popular statewide program that processed 47,000 checks this year (2019).

In addition to Renter's Rebate, the department processes several hundred Energy/Fuel Assistance applications. Our department is lucky to be able to utilize the Canton Emergency Fuel Bank (CEFB) to assist numerous

families and individual Canton residents to ensure they have heat within their homes and apartments. The CEFB is a local non-profit that works in conjunction with Senior and Social Services. Our department also works closely with Connecticut Natural Gas and Eversource to ensure that electricity and gas is not shut off on families that are struggling financially.

Senior and Social Services continues to play a role in the Emergency Preparedness of the town of Canton and is planning on efforts to coordinate with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

In the recent past there has been an active Internship program and a variety of volunteers that have assisted the Senior and Social Services Department. It was previously noted that this is a critical component to the office due to the volume of clients served and the number of programs and services that are offered being so plentiful that it is necessary to have interns and volunteers. Planning ahead the department will be seeking volunteers for the weekly congregate Senior Meals, Membership/Birthday/Bulletin Boards, Canton Commission on Aging, Canton SALT Committee, Senior Center Special Events set-up, Holiday Giving Program, Meals On Wheels, Focus on Canton, Welcoming Committee and Fun On Friday Volunteers, just to name a few. It is anticipated that the department will work with Interns as well as Volunteers again in the near future.

As mentioned above, The Social Services office has a very active and collaborative Thanksgiving Meal assistance program as well as an annual Holiday Giving Gift program to any family in need. There is also the yearly "Stuff a back-pack" program for any child that attends school and needs school supplies to start their school year out on the right foot.

Canton families and/or individuals can schedule an appointment with a SNAP (State of CT Food Stamp Representative) anytime they need to do so.

Each year Senior and Social Services office hosts professionals that assist Canton town residents with their Tax preparation.

Canton Transportation Services/Dial-A-Ride & Enhanced Services are offered to Canton Residents which is coordinated through the Senior and Social Services office. This program is partially funded by way of applying for a yearly grant from the State of CT DOT for regional elderly and disabled persons in need of transportation.

There is also Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors event which starts October 1st of every year allowing Canton Residents who need help with a home chore. This is a collaborative effort and is staffed by all volunteers.

The department hosted Congresswoman Jahana Hayes and her casework department was available to answer questions and help the residents of Canton learn about anything from obtaining a passport, locating a tax refund, getting documentation from the V.A., to applying for health insurance, social security, disability or other federal programs.

The active Canton Senior Center has over 300 formal members and is another division of the department. The Mission of the Canton Senior Center is to empower aging older adults to live full, independent lives by promoting wellbeing through social, physical, and educational programming. The Canton Senior Center is an all-

inclusive, open and safe space, welcoming all members of the diverse and growing older adult population. The Senior Center offers numerous and diverse Senior Center Programs such as; congregate weekly senior meals, a sense of community and support, health and wellness campaigns, special events, informational sessions, cultural/art/entertainment enrichment, current events and relatable topics that are important to our ever growing and diverse Older Adult population.

Some of the center's **on-going activities** are: Senior Club; parties, bingo, tea cup auctions, celebrations and more, 60+ Card Sharks; twice per week and always eager for new players to join the team, B-I-N-G-O; once per week sponsored by the Senior Club, Community Café: congregate meals offered twice per week, Farmington Valley Men's Club: meets the fourth Thursday of the month for breakfast and a topic meeting/discussion (occasionally meeting off-site), Mah-Jongg: once per week, Wii "Rollers" Bowling League: practices three times per week in the Senior program room, Women of the Fiber: bring you project, get input and meets once per week. The Senior Center Coordinator works very closely with our community and a variety of businesses, agencies and makes active collaboration efforts on an on-going basis.

Further programs, engagements and classes are all listed on the town of Canton website as well as printed in the Canton Senior Center Scribe Newsletter. Some of the special activities that have been or are currently being offered are;

Golden Groove exercise class, Tapercize and Ballet Classes, Super Senior Stretch, Zumba Gold and Senior Fitness, Morning Walking, Alzheimer's Registry, Blood Pressure Screening by the Farmington Valley VNA, The annual Flu Clinic, Good Morning Canton (voluntary call-in program to ensure the well-being of adults who may live alone), Monthly Foot Clinic with a Podiatrist, Dr. Lindsay, Special Needs Registry (providing specialized information to Canton Emergency Personnel about your limitations or special circumstances before a crisis), Vial-Of-Life/Yellow Dot Program; written emergency information kept at home or mobile, in your vehicle.

The Canton Senior Center hosted the ever-popular Oktoberfest in celebration of the fall season with food, music and community connections. There are on-going free nutrition workshops hosted by a local registered dietician. There are always on-going trips with travel companies offering amazing trips to places in CT as well as out of state. Some are day trips and some are several days duration. These trips are open to anyone and usually include meals, event tickets, accommodations when appropriate, transportation and gratuities. Details of these trips are kept in the "sign up book" at the Senior Center.

Canton town residents can sign up through the office for individual and personalized appointments in order to get assistance with Medicare . It is a free appointment with a CT CHOICES Medicare Representative.

There is also an AARP Safe Driving course that is offered at the Senior Center each year.

We have an on-going list of support groups for a variety of needs that the office helps connect anyone that may be in need of this type of support on an on-going basis.

This office is a vibrant, active, ever-changing and inclusive community. We enjoy the work we do and are always open to suggestions. We are eager to move forward in keeping up with advances in technology, trends

on current Senior and Social Services topics while continuing to increase the wellbeing of all Canton residents and encouraging them to remain active members of their Canton Community.

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and works full time with one part-time assistant. We are responsible for the billing, collecting and accounting of real estate, business/personal property and motor vehicle taxes, sewer usage fees, sewer connections/assessments and parking tickets. Our office procedures are governed by the Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter and various local ordinances.

Additional department activities during fiscal year 2018-2019 include:

- Ongoing cross-training with the Town Clerk and Assessor, to better serve the needs of town hall visitors.
- Assisting the offices of the Town Clerk and Assessor as necessary.

For fiscal year 2018-2019, the rate of tax collection was 101.1% of the budgeted tax revenue and the sewer usage collection rate was 118.8% of the budgeted revenue. Both collection figures topped last year's rate. The details are charted below:

(Tax Figures)	18-19 YTD	18-19 % of budgeted <small>(as of 6/30/2019)</small>
Current Year Tax	\$34,139,204	100.8
Current Year MVS	\$363,339	117.2
Prior Year Tax	\$159,876	88.8
Prior Year Suspense	\$7,169	238.9
Interest/Liens/Fees	\$125,991	139.9
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year		101.1

(Sewer Figures)	18-19 YTD	18-19 % of budgeted <small>(as of 6/30/2019)</small>
Current Year Sewer Use	\$1,047,649	116.4
Prior Year Sewer Use	\$60,359	150.9
Interest/Liens/Fees	\$27,166	181.1
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year		118.8

Once again, these collection figures indicate how Canton taxpayers continue to meet their fiscal responsibilities and support Town services.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the organization and safekeeping Town records that include land records, maps and surveys, vital records (birth, death, 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 2018-2019 included:

- Attended Town Clerk state and regional conferences/meetings
- Participated in Senior Center Month Celebration
- Updated COTT land record software system to RecordRoom
- Attended various Safety Week training sessions
- Worked with Registrar of Voters on Democratic/Republican August Primaries and State Election
- Met monthly as a member, and served as Secretary, to the Charter Revision Commission
- Accepted \$5500 Grant from the Connecticut State Library for the purpose of Historical Document Preservation
- Participated in Everbridge training
- Worked with other staff and QScend to update Town website
- Worked with the Board of Selectmen to eliminate the position of Constable (Ordinance # 243 effective 11/5/19)
- Trained staff and new employees on website use
- Cross-trained Town Hall staff on Town Clerk functions
- Dallas Gradischer is declared Canton's Top Dog for FY2018-2019
- Receipts:
 - Conveyance Tax/Land Records/Maps \$234,031
 - Hunting/Fishing (Sport) Licenses \$ 116
 - Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses \$ 12,879
 - Dog Licenses \$ 1,236
 - Copies \$ 10,990
- Communications: Managed the Town's Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts.
 - Website - # of Visits 108,200
 - Facebook Total Reach 359,838
 - Facebook Likes 591
 - Twitter Impressions 189,100
 - Twitter Followers 862
 - Instagram Impressions 176,019
 - Instagram Reach 20,717
 - Instagram Followers 741

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The Canton Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), our current rating is for 950,000 gallons per day. The WPCF staff operates and maintains the facility, along with 3 sewage-pumping stations and approximately 26 miles of sanitary sewers.

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

The WPCF was original constructed in 1965 and received an upgrade in the 1990’s. Some of the original components are still in use today. Since the last upgrade, the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has developed and implemented a capital improvement plan to prepare for the future and was able to upgrade processes over time instead of an extensive major upgrade to the facility.

This past year the facility treated over 284 million gallons of wastewater, equating to an average flow of approximately 778,000 gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by the NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removals of 99% for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 99% for Total Suspended Solids. We continue to receive positive inspection reports from the Connecticut DEEP.

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals held seven (7) regular meetings and zero (0) special meetings. They processed one (1) application for a variance to the Zoning Regulations, two (2) applications for Motor Vehicle Location Approval and zero (0) applications to appeal the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members. The concurring vote of four (4) members is necessary to grant a variance and to overturn an action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the second Monday of each month at the Library Community Center at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

BOARD	PARTY AFFILITATION	LAST	FIRST
Board of Assessment Appeals	R	Pelehach	Joe
Board of Assessment Appeals	D	Sinish	David
Board of Assessment Appeals	R	Parliman	Bradley
Board of Education	D	Berry	Peg
Board of Education	U	Hayes	Erika
Board of Education	D	Scheideler	Joseph
Board of Education	R	Treacy	Helen
Board of Education	R	Ausere	Julie
Board of Education	R	Bradley	Maria
Board of Education	D	Cavanaugh	Ana
Board of Education	R	O'Donnell	Ryan
Board of Education	D	Powell	Jack
Board of Ethics	U	Casey	Arthur
Board of Ethics	D	Offenhartz	Edith
Board of Ethics	D	Therrien	Paul
Board of Ethics	D	Ciccarillo	Dennis
Board of Ethics	R	Kubas	David
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT
Board of Finance	R	Goldman	Arnold
Board of Finance	R	Humphrey	Kenneth
Board of Finance	R	Rottkamp	Jennifer
Board of Finance	D	Tomolonius	Mary
Board of Finance	D	Faulkner	Sarah
Board of Finance	R	Lavery	Andrew
Board of Selectmen	R	Blatchley	Thomas
Board of Selectmen	R	Kandrysawtz	Beth
Board of Selectmen	D	Sevigny	Thomas
Board of Selectmen	D	Volovski	William
Board of Selectmen	R	Humphrey	Warren
Building Code Board of Appeals	U	Richardson	Russell, Jr.
Building Code Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT
Building Code Board of Appeals	R	Whitney	Charles
Canton Center Historic District Commission	D	Burbank	Marianne
Canton Center Historic District Commission		Schwartz	Kenneth
Canton Center Historic District Commission	I	Bonelli	Christopher
Canton Center Historic District Commission	I	Lampros	Susan
Canton Center Historic District Commission	R	Magennis	Gina
Canton Center Historic District Commission	R	Kubas	Evelyn
Canton Center Historic District Commission	R	LeGeyt	Timothy
Canton Center Historic District Commission		VACANT	VACANT
Canton Housing Authority	D	Spiers	Linda
Canton Housing Authority	R	Lowell	Arthur
Canton Housing Authority	R	Lowell	Bette
Canton Housing Authority	R	Erickson	Linea
Canton Housing Authority	I	Gerald	Ricard
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	U	Riberdy	Georgia
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Donoghue	Nancy

Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	McAllister	Karol
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Storey	Carol
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Manternach	Karen
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Porri	Amelia
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	U	Matos	Richard
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Bradley	Elizabeth
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees		VACANT	VACANT
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Okie	Rowena
Central Regional Tourism District		VACANT	VACANT
Chief of Fire/EMS		Lockwood	Bruce
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Asaro	Jennifer Barlow
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Veillette	Stephen
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Cancela	Sylvia
Collinsville Historic District Commission	I	Grant	James
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Leff	David
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Jackson	Eric
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Kendra	Walter
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Yagid	Robert
Commission on Aging	D	Christensen	Mary Ann
Commission on Aging	D	Wallison	Maureen
Commission on Aging	I	Crawford	Virginia
Commission on Aging	U	Kluessendorf	Lori
Commission on Aging	R	Murray	Dorothea
Commission on Aging	U	Hesselbrock	Michie
Commission on Aging	D	Carney	Donna
Commission on Aging	U	Erardi	Marylou
Commission on Aging	D	Becker	Nancy
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT
Conservation Commission	D	Kaplan	Jay
Conservation Commission	U	Spatcher Jr	William
Conservation Commission	D	Kenny	Katie
Conservation Commission	U	Erwin	Kevin
Conservation Commission	D	Deutsch	Gail
Conservation Commission	D	Zdanzukas	Cynthia
Conservation Commission	D	Barton	Hedy
Constable	R	Barnhart	Dan
Constable	R	Berry	Karen
Constable	R	Boyko	Greg
Constable	D	Hammond	Charles
Constable	D	Sims	Gregory
Constable	D	Rhea	Carlene
Constable	D	Sinish	Carrie
CRCOG Representative			
DECD Central Tourism Representative		VACANT	VACANT
Economic Development Agency	D	Hunter	Anne
Economic Development Agency	D	Bessel	Robert
Economic Development Agency	R	Permenter	Tyla
Economic Development Agency	R	Melniczek	Steve
Economic Development Agency	D	Asklof	Russell
Economic Development Agency	U	Crawford	Jeremy

Economic Development Agency	D	Katie	Lukas
Energy Committee	R	Langlois	Candace
Energy Committee	D	Miller	Nancy
Energy Committee	D	Namnoum	Bob
Energy Committee	U	Madigan	David
Energy Committee	U	Quinlan	Mark
Energy Committee		VACANT	VACANT
Energy Committee	I	West	Milliege "Guy"
Farmington River Coordinating Committee	R	Perry	Lansford
Farmington River Coordinating Committee		VACANT	VACANT
Farmington Valley Health District	R	Humphrey	Warren
Farmington Valley Health District	D	Brown	Dennis
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	D	Porri	William
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	R	Bahre	Robert
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	D	Sinish	David
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	D	Shepard	David
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	D	Henry	Eric
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency	U	Rosenfeld	David
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency		VACANT	VACANT
Juvenile Review Board	D	Puglielli	Mark
Juvenile Review Board	U	Conway	Kelly
Juvenile Review Board	U	Olson	Patrice
Juvenile Review Board	R	Pass	Troy
Juvenile Review Board	D	Whittingslow	Tracy
Juvenile Review Board	D	Corcoran	Kara
Juvenile Review Board	D	Spiers	Linda
Municipal Agent for the Elderly			
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Andrews	Rebecca
Parks & Recreation Commission	G	Holden	Ben
Parks & Recreation Commission	R	Eckert	Christopher
Parks & Recreation Commission	R	Jacobs	Todd
Parks & Recreation Commission	R	Fialkiewicz	Julius
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Miller	Brian
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Vallo	Elaine
Pension Committee	U	Benedetti	Sergio
Pension Committee	D	Britt	John
Pension Committee	U	Daley	Diane
Pension Committee	R	Everette	Mark
Pension Committee		VACANT	VACANT
Permanent Municipal Building Committee	R	Berry	Karen
Permanent Municipal Building Committee	D	Reynolds	Peter
Permanent Municipal Building Committee	U	Madigan	David
Permanent Municipal Building Committee	D	Dymicki	Ronald
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council	D	Boorjian	Diana
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council		VACANT	VACANT
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Thiesse	Jonathan
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Evens	David
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Villa	Katie

Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Baldwin	Kevin
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Pane	Philip
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Perry	Lansford
Planning & Zoning Commission		VACANT	VACANT
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Huyghebaert	John
Planning & Zoning Commission		VACANT	VACANT
Planning & Zoning Commission		VACANT	VACANT
PMBC - PW Garage Project	D	Biega	Gregory "David
PMBC - PW Garage Project	U	Bradley	Robert
PMBC - PW Garage Project	R	Celmer	Robert
PMBC - PW Garage Project	D	Tarinelli	Donald
Poet Laureate	D	Leff	David
Registrar of Voters	R	Miner	John (Jack)
Registrar of Voters	D	Golfin	Margaret
Registrar of Voters	D	Homan	Lynn
Registrar of Voters	R	Contrastano	Rich
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	R	Barlow	Richard
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	U	Byko	Kathleen
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	D	Ouellette	Nicholas
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	D	Rhea	Carlene
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	D	Sevigny	Thomas
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	D	Smith	Linda
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	R	LeGeyt	Timothy
Temporary Charter Revision Commission	U	Weiner	Alan
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee		Goeben	Stephen
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	R	Bates	Jonathan
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	I	Beck	David
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	I	Bondanza	David
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	D	Gale	Robert
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	R	Gotaski	Thomas
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	I	Malentacchi	John
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	R	Ohanesion	Richard
Temporary Fire/EMS Study Committee	I	Toro	Anthony
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	U	Hoppi	Pamela
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	I	Traceski	Francis
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	D	Welcome	Christine
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	I	Yost	Sandra
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	D	Saidel	Susan
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	D	Storey	Carol
Temporary Senior/Social Services Strategic Planning Committee	I	Hesselbrock	Michie
TIF Committee - Temporary	R	Permenter	Tyla
Town Historian	D	Taylor	Kathleen
Town Historian Deputy	D	Leff	David

Town Meeting Moderator	R	Pane	Lorinda
Town Meeting Moderator	D	Leff	David
Town Meeting Moderator		VACANT	VACANT
Town Meeting Moderator		VACANT	VACANT
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Balavender	Paul
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Greacen	Stuart
Water Pollution Control Authority		VACANT	VACANT
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Olson	Christopher
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Mauger	Art
Wild and Scenic River Study Committee	R	Antonucci	Mayan
Wild and Scenic River Study Committee		VACANT	VACANT
Youth Services Bureau	D	Barger	Glenn
Youth Services Bureau	D	Meheran	Laurie
Youth Services Bureau	I	Harper	Rachelle
Youth Services Bureau	D	Saidel	Susan
Youth Services Bureau	R	Keefe	Matt
Youth Services Bureau		VACANT	VACANT
Youth Services Bureau	I	Skinner	Maria
Zoning Board of Appeals	D	Miller	Brian
Zoning Board of Appeals	U	Olson	Patrice
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Kerr	Christopher
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT
Zoning Board of Appeals	D	Kinosh	Stephen
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Rucci	Lucien
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Celmer	Robert