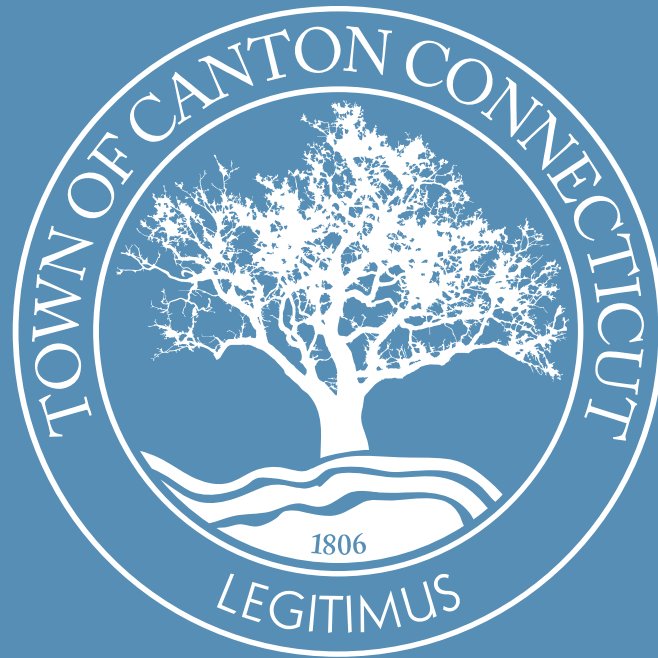


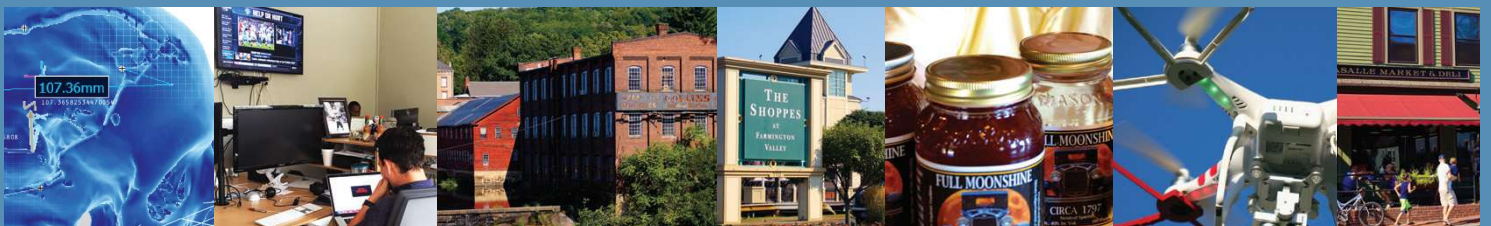
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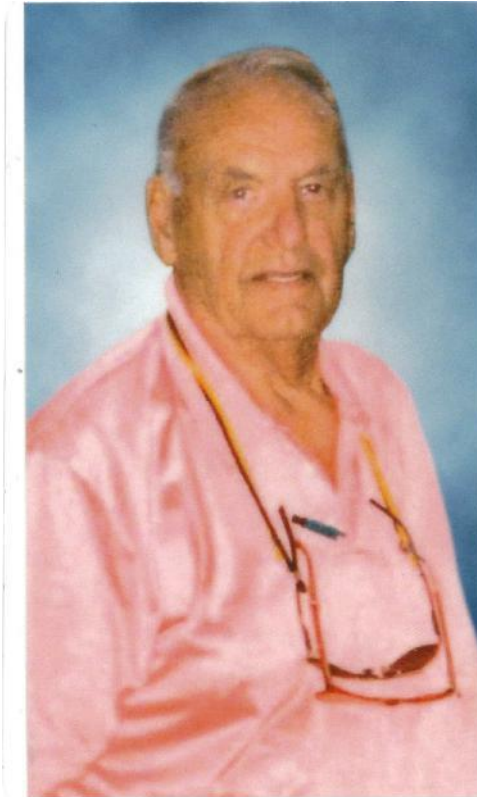
Town of Canton Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024



Town of Canton Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

It is with much gratitude and respect that the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report be dedicated to Henry Bahre in recognition of his considerable public service and contributions to the Canton community.



Henry J. Bahre
September 22, 1929 - September 2, 2024

When you look around this small country town, it's easy to see there's been very few people more dedicated to Canton's needs. A gentlemen's businessman with a farmer's tan and an inherited love for a vegetable stand. Old School – where the promised word and a handshake was the rule. Work boots kept close to the dress shoes and an open office door with no worthy cause ignored. People may come and go, but generations know he was one of Canton's son; Yes, one of Canton's sons!

Hank Had a Hell of a Run!!!

Some of what Henry leaves behind – Canton High School Graduate (1947), Suffield Academy Graduate, Connecticut National Guardsman, Canton Chamber of Commerce, well respected Farmington Valley Realtor, developer completing many projects to move the Town forward in a responsible way!

Thanks, Henry for all you have done!!

Crafted and offered by Mark Bahre, Henry's son

**Town of Canton Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

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Fiscal Year 2023-2024**



**TOWN MEETING
MINUTES & ELECTION
RESULTS**

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

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 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Room F at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$275,871 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2022/2023 general fund budget?
2. Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$181,559 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding a deficit in the fiscal year 2022/2023 Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Account.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 3rd day of October, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Robert Bessel
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 3, 2023, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 4, 2023, 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 3, 2023, 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 11, 2023

Robert Bessel
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Melissa Zils, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Robert Bessel moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$275,871 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2022/2023 general fund budget?

Seconded by William Volovski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that pursuant to the charter, if there are any deficits in any line items, we have to transfer funds into those line items to cover the deficits. Most years there are surpluses to cover, there were more line items with deficits instead of surpluses this year. When drafting the 2022/2023 budget in the winter, we are working with the information we have at that time which get finalized in April. There has been significant inflation from January to June, the fuel costs alone increased 49%. Fuel & Utilities were overbudgeted by \$100,000, Maintenance and repairs were overbudgeted by \$77,000 and the utilities and maintenance at the Community Center cost were over by \$38,000 to maintain the building.

Comments from the public: None

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Robert Bessel moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$181,559 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding a deficit in the fiscal year 2022/2023 Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Account.

Seconded by William Volovski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that the EMS Special Revenue Account collects both revenues and expenses then uses those revenues to pay the expenses. This is our ambulance account we receive patient billing and revenues from other places. Last year we collected \$772,201 and had expenses of \$953,738 which leaves a deficit of \$181,635 with a small reserve of \$79 bringing the actual deficit to \$181,559. There was inflation with fuel and maintenance. We were notified by the company that provides us services that the contracted services were increasing by 36%. With permission by Board of Selectmen, we put the contracted services out to bid, but the company was still much greater than what was budgeted. The total deficit for contracted services was \$179,451. Cost went up considerably & we budgeted the full amount for the contracted services with a long-range contract going forward.

Comments: Kevin Witkos - 15 Highledge Road

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Robert Bessel made a motion to adjourn. Tim LeGeyt seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk

Received for record October 12, 2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

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 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Room F at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton accept the 2023 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant in the amount of \$374,485 to partially fund Sewer Treatment Plant efficiency improvements?

A copy of the 2023 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant completed application can be viewed on Town's web site at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 17th day of October, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Robert Bessel
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 16, 2023, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 17, 2023, 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 16, 2023, 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 25, 2023.

Robert Bessel
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, October 25, 2023

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Robert Bessel moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton accept the 2023 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant in the amount of \$374,485 to partially fund Sewer Treatment Plant efficiency improvements?

Seconded by William Volovski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained in 2020 the town did an infiltration study of the Water Treatment Plants pipes and system. The result of the study showed 81% of the pipes and 31% of the manholes needed fixing. WPCA took on repairing the infiltration system that takes three phases to the project. The first phase is completed, second phase is aligning joints, pipes and fixing manhole covers costing \$468,105. With the grant approval, \$374,485 will be paid to help fund this project. If not approved, the cost will be paid by the users of the Treatment facility.

Comments: Kevin Witkos - 15 Highledge Road

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Robert Bessel made a motion to adjourn. William Volovski seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record October 26, 2023

**TOWN OF CANTON
WARNING AND NOTICE OF
ELECTION– NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

The Electors of the Town of Canton, Connecticut are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the following purposes:

To cast their vote for the following offices:

- 1 First Selectman
- 2 Board of Selectman
- 3 Board of Finance
- 1 Board of Finance, two-year Vacancy Term
- 3 Board of Education
- 1 Board of Assessment Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:
Canton High School, 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, CT 06019

Absentee Ballots will be counted on November 7, 2023, at Canton High School beginning at 10 a.m.
Election Day Registration (EDR) will be counted on November 7, 2023 at Canton High School.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.)

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 25th day of October, 2023.

Tracy Morrocco
Canton Town Clerk



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

November 2023 Municipal
November 07, 2023
Amendment 1

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:

At the November 2023 Municipal in the town of Canton locally warned and held on November 07, 2023. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

First Selectman

Democratic	Republican	** = Winners
Bob Namnoum	Kevin Witkos	
1,561	1,766 **	

Board of Selectman

Democratic	Democratic	Republican	Republican
Sarah Hague	Elizabeth Corkum Winsor	Warren Humphrey	Timothy B. LeGeyt
1,622	1,682 **	1,479	1,726 **

Board of Finance Full Term

Democratic	Democratic	Democratic	Republican
Brian Miller	Joseph Wire	Peg Berry	Jordan Toussaint
1,632 **	1,537	1,788 **	1,406

Republican	Petitioning Candidate
Ken Humphrey	Richard J. Barlow
1,595 **	712

Board of Finance To Fill Vacancy for Two Years

Democratic	Republican
Katie Kenney	Bill Canny
1,670 **	1,632



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November 2023 Municipal
 November 07, 2023
 Amendment 1

Canton

Board of Education

Democratic	Democratic	Democratic	Republican
Erika Hayes	Joseph P. Scheideler	Lou Daniels	Aubrey Blatchley
1,753 **	1,840 **	1,822 **	1,383
Republican	Republican		
Kim M. Sullivan	Jennifer A. Diederich		
1,527 **	1,299		

Board of Assessment Appeals

Democratic	Republican
Nicholas N. Ouellette	Joe Pelehach
1,680 **	1,580 **

List of Votes Certified By

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

November 2023 Municipal
November 07, 2023
Amendment 1

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential	=					
222	+	2	+	0	+	15	+	0	=	239

Number Rejected

Absentee	Military	Overseas	Election Day Registration	Presidential	=					
2	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	2

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Number Counted 237

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 7,857

(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 15

(Total Election Day Registration (EDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 7,872

Names Checked as Having Voted 3,352

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

Total Votes for Governor/President 0

All Candidates

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



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

November 2023 Municipal
November 07, 2023
Amendment 1

Canton

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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

860-983-5104

Amelia Miner

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

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 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Room F at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following question:

1. Shall the Town of Canton accept a 2023 Community Activity Grant in the amount of \$223,478 to fund a sidewalk on River Road which will go from the Farmington River Rail Trail to the front of the Canton Police Station and further fund pedestrian safety improvements to the intersection at Maple Avenue, High Street and Dyer Avenue?

A copy of the 2023 Community Activity Grant completed application can be viewed on Town's web site at www.townofcantonct.org.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 5th day of December, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 4, 2023, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on December 6, 2023, 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 4, 2023, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on December 13, 2023.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

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

Shall the Town of Canton accept a 2023 Community Activity Grant in the amount of \$223,478 to fund a sidewalk on River Road which will go from the Farmington River Rail Trail to the front of the Canton Police Station and further fund pedestrian safety improvements to the intersection at Maple Avenue, High Street and Dyer Avenue?

Seconded by Stephen Sedor.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained this grant would fund the sidewalk that goes from the bike trail in front of the new Fire Station to the Police Station on River Road. When Planning and Zoning reviewed the new fire station plans, this trail was not planned for, but it is required. Part of this grant will cover the costs since it was not planned or budgeted for. The second part will fund a rapid beacon crosswalk at Dyer Avenue and Maple Avenue. The design work was already done pertaining to the fire station plans, there may be additional costs for the design & engineering costs pertaining to Dyer Avenue which was not in the original plans.

Comments: None.

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Kevin Witkos made a motion to adjourn. William Volovski seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record December 14, 2023.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that the Annual Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Room F at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to:

Accept the Annual Report pursuant to Charter Section 3.04 and to dedicate the Annual Report to former Town Clerk, Linda Smith for her commitment and services to the Town of Canton.

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 16th day of January 2024.

Board of Selectmen
Kevin Witkos, First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 12, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 16, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on January 12, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on January 24, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, January 24, 2024

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Melissa Zils, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Assistant Town Clerk, Christopher O'Herron, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

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

Accept the Annual Report pursuant to Charter Section 3.04 and to dedicate the Annual Report to former Town Clerk, Linda Smith for her commitment and services to the Town of Canton.

Kevin Witkos made a motion to adjourn. Willian Volovski seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Christopher O'Herron, Assistant Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican and Democratic Parties will begin with early voting on March 26, 2024, through March 28, 2024, and March 30, 2024, with the primary being held on April 2, 2024, in each town.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category "Uncommitted") which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in the order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation "Nomination for President of the United States", together with the addresses of such candidates:

Democrats <u>Name and Address:</u>	Republicans <u>Name and Address:</u>
Marianne Williamson, Washington, D.C. Dean Phillips, Excelsior, MN. Cenk Uygur, Los Angeles, CA. Joe Biden, Philadelphia, PA. Uncommitted	Ron DeSantis, Tallahassee, FL. Nikki Haley, Daniel Island, SC. Donald J. Trump, Arlington, VA. Ryan Binkley, McKinney, TX. Uncommitted

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 1st Day of March, 2024.

Stephanie Thomas
Secretary of the State

The foregoing is a copy of the notice that I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Secs. 9-433 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will begin with early voting on March 26, 2024, through March 28, 2024, and March 30, 2024, and the primary will be held on April 2, 2024. The hours of voting during early voting and at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Hours of Voting:

- March 26, 2024- 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
- March 27, 2024-10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
- March 28, 2024- 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
- March 30, 2024- 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
- Primary Day- 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<u>Location of Polling Place</u>	<u>Voting District</u>
Canton Community Center Park & Rec Room 40 Dyer Avenue Canton, CT 06019	1

Dated at Canton, Connecticut, this 4th day of March, 2024.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Town of Canton



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

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary
 April 02, 2024
 Amendment 2

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:
 At the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary in the town of Canton locally warned and held on April 02, 2024. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Nomination for President of the United States

Democratic	Democratic	Democratic	Democratic
Marianne Williamson	Dean Phillips	Cenk Uygur	Joe Biden
3	0	1	312
Democratic			
Uncommitted			
33			

List of Votes Certified By

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

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary
April 02, 2024
Amendment 2

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	
13	+ 136	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	= 149

Number Rejected

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	
1	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	= 1

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Number Counted 148

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 2,561

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

(+)

Same Day Registration 0

(Total Same Day Registration (SDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 2,561

Names Checked as Having Voted 350

(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 0

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

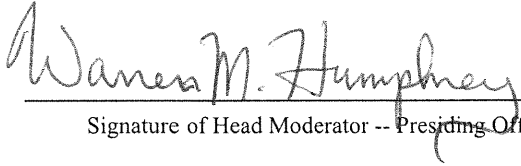


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Democratic Presidential Preference Primary
April 02, 2024
Amendment 2

Canton

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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

978-877-7115

Warren Humphrey

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Work Tel#



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

Republican Presidential Preference Primary
April 02, 2024
Amendment 1

Canton

Candidates on Ballot

Note:
At the Republican Presidential Preference Primary in the town of Canton locally warned and held on April 02, 2024. The following candidates received the number of votes annexed to their name respectively.

Nomination for President of the United States

Republican	Republican	Republican	Republican
Ron DeSantis	Nikki Haley	Donald J. Trump	Ryan Binkley
10	34	175	1
Republican			
Uncommitted			
8			

List of Votes Certified By

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

Republican Presidential Preference Primary
April 02, 2024
Amendment 1

Canton

Report of Absentee Ballots

Congressional District 5

Number Received from Town Clerk

Number Issued

Absentee	Early	Military	Overseas	Same Day Registration	Presidential	
5	+ 37	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	= 42

Number Rejected

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

(-)

Number Counted 42

Report of Provisional Ballots

Total Provisional Ballots Issued Town wide 0

Official Check List Report

Names on Official Check List 2,114

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

(+)

Same Day Registration 0

(Total Same Day Registration (SDR) Issued)

Grand Total Names on Active List 2,114

Names Checked as Having Voted 228

(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** 0

(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

Republican Presidential Preference Primary
April 02, 2024
Amendment 1

Canton

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Signature of Head Moderator -- Presiding Officer

Warren Humphrey

Print Head Moderator's Name

Head Moderator's Home Tel#

978-877-7115

Head Moderator's Work Tel#

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, April 18, 2024

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Room F at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton approve a four year phase-in of the 2023 revaluation, which will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 203 Section 12-62c Subsection (b) (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The assessment of each parcel of real property for the 2022 assessment shall be subtracted from the 2023 assessment of each such parcel, and the annual amount of incremental assessment increase for each such parcel shall be the total of such subtraction divided by four. The Board of Finance shall include the effects of the phase-in in the calculation of the mill rate.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 9th day of April, 2024

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 9, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 11, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 9, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on April 18, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, April 18, 2024

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:03 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, 23

Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Assistant Town Clerk, Chris O'Herron, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

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

“Shall the Town of Canton approve a four-year phase-in of the 2023 revaluation, which will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 203 Section 12-62c Subsection (b) (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The assessment of each parcel of real property for the 2022 assessment shall be subtracted from the 2023 assessment of each such parcel, and the annual amount of incremental assessment increase for each such parcel shall be the total of such subtraction divided by four. The Board of Finance shall include the effects of the phase-in in the calculation of the mill rate.”

Seconded by Elizabeth Corkum Winsor

Discussion: First Selectman Kevin Witkos gives presentation (see attached Item A).

Comments:

Peter Gensheimer	79 Bart Drive
Kevin Bradley	4 Eastview Drive
Michael Vogel	580 Cherry Brook Road
Doug Boelter	239 Wright Road
Loretta Fiora	801 Timber Lane
Brian Demski	38 Gildersleeve Avenue
Sarah Faulkner	25 Dyer Avenue
Tim Wilson	16 East Mountain Road
Susanne Russell	36 Hanson Road
Mary Ann Mahony	25 Thayer Avenue
Mike Gotaski	236 Barbourtown Road
Anne Hunter	37 Andrew Drive
Jonathan Glasson	23 West Simsbury Road
Jason Wiedrich	109 Bunker Hill Road
Tom Blatchley	39 Bart Drive
Peg Berry	115 Robin Drive
Tina Delano	9 Ridge Drive
Greg McMahon	21 Bridle Path
Stephen Kocis	5 The Green
Richard Barlow	321 Cherry Brook Road

Richard Barlow made a motion to call the question. Motion was seconded. Moderator Nicholas Ouellette rereads the question as follows:

“Shall the Town of Canton approve a four-year phase-in of the 2023 revaluation, which will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 203 Section 12-62c Subsection (b) (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The assessment of each parcel of real property for the 2022 assessment shall be subtracted from the 2023 assessment of each such parcel, and the annual amount of incremental assessment increase for each such parcel shall be the total of such subtraction divided by four. The Board of Finance shall include the effects of the phase-in in the calculation of the mill rate.”

The motion vote was:

YES – 94

NO – 62

The motion passes.

With there being no further business before the Special Town Meeting, First Selectmen, Kevin Witkos made a motion to adjourn. Ken Humphrey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record, April 22, 2024.

**Legal Notice
Town of Canton Budget Referendum
May 7, 2024**

Pursuant to Article X of the Canton Town Charter, a Town Budget Referendum will be held on Monday, May 7, 2024 from 6am-8pm at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, for all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton.

The Electors of the Town of Canton and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Canton for taxes assessed against them on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town is hereby warned to meet at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 to cast their vote on the following question:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,353,274 BE APPROVED?"

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6am and will remain open until 8pm.

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

Katie Kenney
Chair, Board of Finance

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 30, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 1, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 1, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on May 7, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

**BUDGET REFERENDUM RESULTS
Canton Community Center
May 7, 2024**

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"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,353,274 BE APPROVED?"

YES - 689

NO - 944

The Budget **FAILED**

A total of 1,633 of 7,924 eligible voters cast ballots for a projected total turnout of 21 % of votes cast

**Revised Legal Notice
Town of Canton Budget Referendum
June 4, 2024**

Pursuant to Article X of the Canton Town Charter, a Town Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 6am-8pm at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, for all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton.

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"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,611,347 BE APPROVED?"

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6am and will remain open until 8pm.

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

Katie Kenney
Chair, Board of Finance

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 28, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 29, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 29, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on June 4, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

**BUDGET REFERENDUM RESULTS
Canton Community Center
June 4, 2024**

Pursuant to Article X of the Canton Town Charter, a Town Budget Referendum was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 6am-8pm at the Canton Community Center, 40 Dyer Ave, for all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton.

The Electors of the Town of Canton and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Canton for taxes assessed against them on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town is hereby warned to meet at 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, CT on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 to cast their vote on the following question:

"SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,611,347 BE APPROVED?"

YES - 984

NO – 824

The Budget **PASSED**

A total of 1,808 of 7,807 eligible voters cast ballots for a projected total turnout of 23.2 % of votes cast

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Room F located at the Canton Public Library & Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$100,000 on behalf of New Horizons, Inc. for the purposes of funding energy efficient windows at the Cherry Brook Health Care Center?
2. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$33,733 on behalf of FOCUS Center for Autism, Inc. for the purpose of funding the installation of solar panels?
3. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$50,738 on behalf of The Children’s Museum, Inc. (dba as Roaring Brook Nature Center) for Energy Efficient Lighting Replacements and Upgrades.

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

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 5th day of June, 2024

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 4, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 5, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 5, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town’s website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on June 12, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Nicholas Ouellette, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Stephen Sedor moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

4. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$100,000 on behalf of New Horizons, Inc. for the purposes of funding energy efficient windows at the Cherry Brook Health Care Center?

Seconded by William Volvoski

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained this is a simple administrative procedure. The Neighborhood Assistance Act program allows Non profit organizations to apply through the town to the Department of Revenue Services for a special program to be able to take donations from Corporations. If approved, it will go to DRS for review.

Comments: None

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Stephen Sedor moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following questions:

5. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$33,733 on behalf of FOCUS Center for Autism, Inc. for the purpose of funding the installation of solar panels?
6. Shall the Town of Canton approve submitting a Neighborhood Assistance Act grant application in the amount of \$50,738 on behalf of The Children’s Museum, Inc. (dba as Roaring Brook Nature Center) for Energy Efficient Lighting Replacements and Upgrades.

Seconded by William Volvoski

William Volvoski made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Sedor seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
Received for record June 13, 2024.

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

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Canton and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Canton Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be commenced on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Canton High School Auditorium located at 76 Simonds Avenue, Canton, Connecticut, to consider and take action on the following question:

1. Shall the Town of Canton seek funding to complete a feasibility study and cost estimate for repurposing the existing Collinsville Fire Station, located at 51 River Road, as a storage facility.

Dated at Canton, Connecticut this 17th day of June, 2024

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 20, 2024, a copy of the foregoing warning and notice was left with Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 20, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was published in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in said Town.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on June 20, 2024, a copy of said warning and notice was posted on the Town's website, and all other places designated by Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on June 27, 2024.

Kevin Witkos
First Selectman

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, June 27th, 2024**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Melissa Zils, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

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

“Shall the Town of Canton seek funding to complete a feasibility study and cost estimate for repurposing the existing Collinsville Fire Station, located at 51 River Road, as a storage facility.”

Seconded by Kevin Bradley

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, gave a description and background on the Collinsville Fire Station Building. Mr. Skinner introduced Lorri DiBattisto from DiBattisto Associates LLC, an Engineering firm out of East Granby. She explained briefly the process of what to expect with a study being conducted.

Comments:

Kevin Bradley	4 Eastview Drive
Lisa Franklin	22 Dyer Avenue
Joseph Casioppo	18 Dyer Avenue
John Pech	264 Barbourtown Road
Kevin Szydlo	10 Dyer Avenue
Sarah Faulkner	25 Dyer Avenue
Beth Lingenheld	98 Morgan Road
Richard Barlow	321 Cherry Brook Road
Bob Donovan	3 Noja Trail
Daniel Barnhart	6 Allen Place

Richard Barlow made a motion to call the question. Moderator Melissa Zils made a motion to vote by ballot. The motion vote was:

YES – 37

NO – 52

The motion FAILED. With there being no further business before the Special Town Meeting, Cynthia Zdzanukas made a motion to adjourn. Johnathan Gotaski seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk



PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

TOWN OF CANTON
PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICIALS

June 30, 2024

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Kevin Witkos, First Selectman

Elizabeth Corkum Winsor
William Volovski

Timothy LeGeyt
Stephen Sedor

BOARD OF FINANCE
Katie Kenney, Chairman

Kenneth Humphrey
Thomas Blatchley
Brian Miller

Peggy Berry
Sarah Faulkner

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Lou Daniels, Chairman

Kim Sullivan
Russell Bush
Felicia Jordan
Cindy Moeller

Erika Hayes
Ryan O'Donnell
Peggy Steinway
Joe Scheideler

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Robert Skinner
Christopher Arciero
Nathan Amos
Jodie Enriquez
Della Froment
Tracy Morrocco
Glenn Cusano
Neil Pade
Robert Martin
Sarah McCusker
Taryn Schragger
Rand Stanley
Timothy Tharau
Tonoa Jackson

EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools
Business Manager

Jordan Grossman
Anna Robbins

Town of Canton Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2023-2024



AUDITOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Amended	Budgetary Basis	
Property Taxes				
Current Year	\$ 40,596,704	\$ 40,596,704	\$ 40,246,639	\$ (350,065)
Prior Year	122,000	122,000	273,106	151,106
Interest and Lien Fees	110,000	110,000	202,434	92,434
Total Property Taxes	<u>40,828,704</u>	<u>40,828,704</u>	<u>40,722,179</u>	<u>(106,525)</u>
Intergovernmental				
Town Aid Road	254,437	254,437	254,118	(319)
Education Cost Sharing	3,797,700	3,797,700	3,825,069	27,369
State PILOT - Disabled	725	725	765	40
State PILOT - Veterans	2,106	2,106	1,698	(408)
State PILOT - State Property	9,325	9,325	12,311	2,986
State PILOT - Manufacturing	7,994	7,994	7,994	-
Housing Authority	11,452	11,452	36,616	25,164
Motor Vehicle Property Tax Grant	167,558	167,558	167,558	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant	200,000	200,000	256,191	56,191
Other Grants	-	-	12,910	12,910
Total Intergovernmental	<u>4,451,297</u>	<u>4,451,297</u>	<u>4,575,230</u>	<u>123,933</u>
Charges for Services				
Telecommunication Tax	20,000	20,000	31,672	11,672
BOE Tuition Fees	315,000	315,000	392,595	77,595
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	100	100	59	(41)
Town Clerk Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses	10,000	10,000	11,620	1,620
Dog Licenses	1,300	1,300	1,319	19
Town Clerk Conveyance Tax	255,000	255,000	272,303	17,303
Tax and Town Clerk Printing Services	12,000	12,000	7,280	(4,720)
Private Duty - Fire/EMS Services	-	-	934	934
Fire Marshal Permits and Fire Reports	600	600	190	(410)
Building Licenses and Permits	350,000	350,000	352,504	2,504
Land Use Licenses and Permits	2,600	2,600	3,750	1,150
Land Use Printing and Duplicating Services	50	50	87	37
Zoning Licenses and Permits	2,400	2,400	4,619	2,219
Zoning Applications	6,000	6,000	9,048	3,048
Aquifer Protection Applications	300	300	1,500	1,200
Planning Applications	400	400	1,000	600
ZBA Appeal Fee	200	200	450	250
Inland Wetlands	1,500	1,500	1,600	100
BOE Miscellaneous Revenue	10,000	10,000	12,522	2,522
Bad Check Fees	250	250	160	(90)
Police Printing and Duplicating Services	1,000	1,000	1,020	20
Private Duty - Administration	125,000	125,000	394,723	269,723
Police Gun Permits	5,500	5,500	2,660	(2,840)
Police Raffle Tickets	100	100	25	(75)
Alarm Registration Fees	300	300	75	(225)

See accountant's report.

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Amended	Budgetary Basis	
Charges for Services (Continued)				
Vendor Permits	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,180	\$ 846	\$ (334)
Traffic Fines	3,000	3,000	7,831	4,831
Police Miscellaneous	-	-	2,444	2,444
Dog License/Shelter Fee	11,000	11,000	9,831	(1,169)
Dog Adoption Fee	-	-	-	-
Insurance Rebates	14,000	14,000	11,501	(2,499)
Rental Town Property	7,000	7,000	6,520	(480)
AT&T Tower Rental	31,342	31,342	25,035	(6,307)
BOS Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000	3,000	19,238	16,238
Dial-a-ride Tickets	4,400	4,400	3,275	(1,125)
Swimming Pool Fees	32,000	32,000	33,152	1,152
Pool Daily Attendance Fee	8,500	8,500	11,580	3,080
Library Printing and Duplicating Services	1,200	1,200	2,213	1,013
Library Income	-	-	109	109
Total Charges for Services	<u>1,236,222</u>	<u>1,236,222</u>	<u>1,637,290</u>	<u>401,068</u>
Investment Income	<u>231,711</u>	<u>231,711</u>	<u>446,949</u>	<u>215,238</u>
Total Revenues	<u>46,747,934</u>	<u>46,747,934</u>	<u>47,381,648</u>	<u>633,714</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Appropriation of Fund Balance	-	677,694	-	(677,694)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>677,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(677,694)</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 46,747,934</u>	<u>\$ 47,425,628</u>	<u>\$ 47,381,648</u>	<u>\$ (43,980)</u>

See accountant's report.

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
 Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
 Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Amended	Budgetary Basis	
General Government				
Board of Selectmen	\$ 32,728	\$ 32,021	\$ 32,021	\$ -
Chief Administrator	262,950	279,475	279,475	-
Election	33,390	32,669	32,669	-
Probate Court	4,352	4,427	4,427	-
Town Counsel	60,000	95,820	95,820	-
Town Clerk	154,759	205,098	205,098	-
Information Technologies	125,518	127,146	127,146	-
Total General Government	673,697	776,656	776,656	-
Finance				
Board of Finance	75,050	74,535	74,535	-
Finance	527,818	548,180	548,180	-
Assessor	113,125	120,109	120,109	-
Tax Collector	93,810	88,476	88,476	-
Total Finance	809,803	831,300	831,300	-
Public Safety				
Police	2,510,287	2,639,560	2,639,560	-
Service Incentive	29,867	29,687	29,687	-
Fire Services	506,426	525,732	525,732	-
Fire Marshal	80,545	79,610	79,610	-
Emergency Services	514,789	487,230	487,230	-
Total Public Safety	3,641,914	3,761,819	3,761,819	-
Public Works				
Town Hall	336,006	361,043	361,043	-
Park Department	116,650	141,062	141,062	-
General Highway	1,340,151	1,322,361	1,322,361	-
Town Garage	41,914	48,845	48,845	-
Transfer Station	2,956	2,956	2,956	-
Utilities	241,898	245,398	245,398	-
Community Center	106,342	114,377	114,377	-
Total Public Works	2,185,917	2,236,042	2,236,042	-
Human Services				
Community Agencies	112,165	101,511	101,511	-
Senior/Social Services	247,358	254,402	254,402	-
Park and Recreation	230,796	203,258	203,258	-
Library	698,321	692,446	692,446	-
Total Human Services	1,288,640	1,251,617	1,251,617	-
Insurance	346,924	320,077	320,077	-

See accountant's report.

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
 Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
 Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis - General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Amended	Budgetary Basis	
Planning and Development				
Building Official	\$ 90,075	\$ 88,838	\$ 88,838	\$ -
Town Planner	321,243	327,756	327,756	-
Total Planning and Development	411,318	416,594	416,594	-
Fringe Benefits	2,522,458	2,664,260	2,664,260	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Education	31,746,091	32,046,091	32,046,091	-
Debt Service				
Principal	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	-
Interest	646,529	646,529	646,529	-
Total Debt Service	1,946,529	1,946,529	1,946,529	-
Total Expenditures	45,573,291	46,250,985	46,250,985	-
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers Out:				
Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	1,174,643	1,174,643	1,174,643	-
Total Other Financing Uses	1,174,643	1,174,643	1,174,643	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 46,747,934	\$ 47,425,628	\$ 47,425,628	\$ -

See accountant's report.

TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
Schedule of Property Taxes Levied, Collected, and Outstanding
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

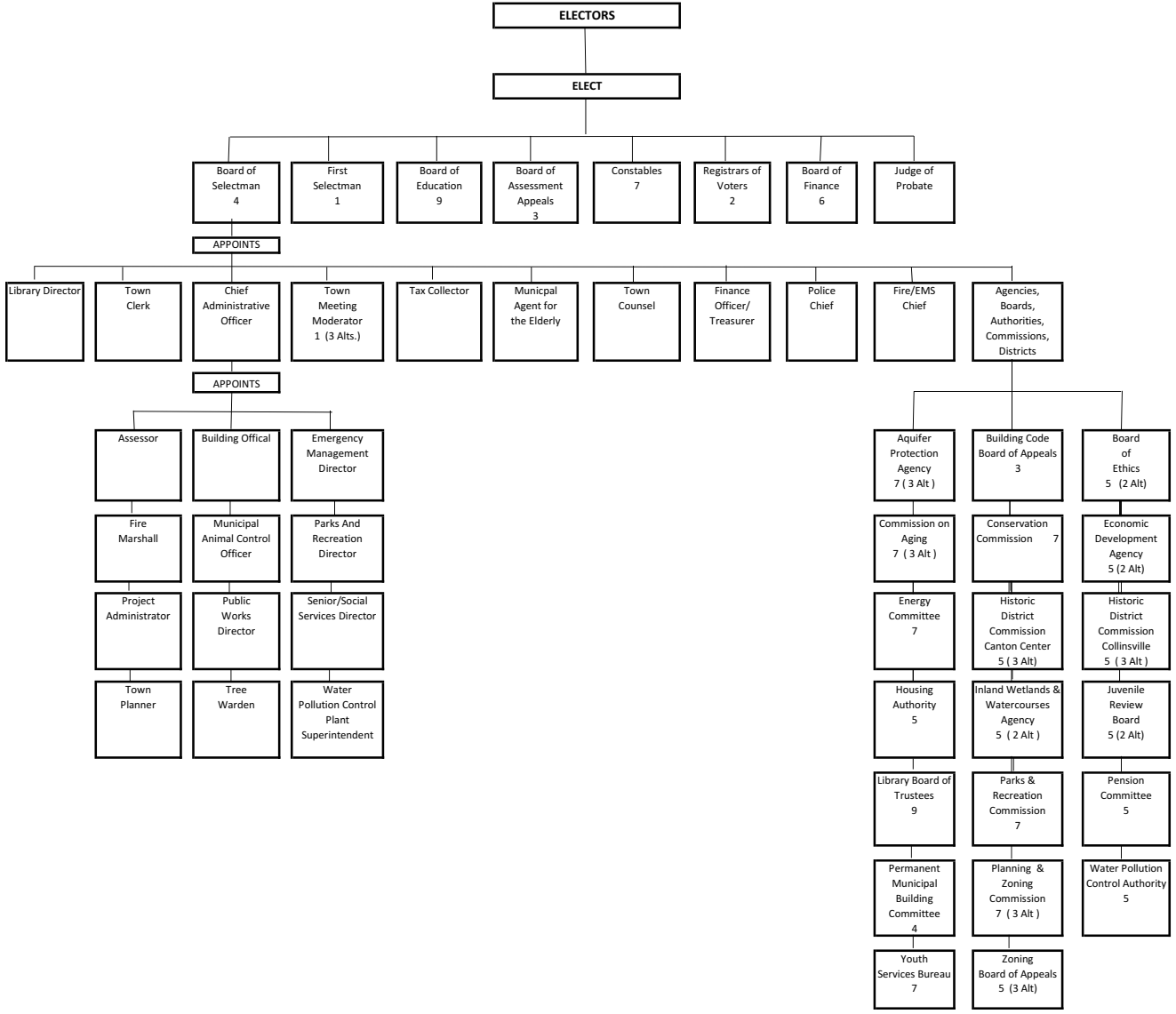
List of 10/1:	Outstanding July 1, 2023	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers to Suspense	Collectible Taxes	Collections During the Year				Outstanding June 30, 2024
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Liens	Total	
2022		\$ 40,623,700	\$ 85,401	\$ 186,527	\$ 65,065	\$ 40,457,509	\$ 40,203,851	\$ 120,996	\$ 1,428	\$ 40,326,275	\$ 253,658
2021	\$ 298,643	-	30,173	8,207	50,356	270,253	197,009	38,439	608	236,056	73,244
2020	87,357	-	6,451	1,268	44,959	47,581	23,754	5,695	150	29,599	23,827
2019	59,498	-	275	-	41,944	17,829	11,914	6,474	54	18,442	5,915
2018	50,827	-	-	-	40,432	10,395	10,395	7,288	48	17,731	-
2017	43,905	-	-	-	39,060	4,845	4,845	282	24	5,151	-
2016	38,793	-	-	-	38,793	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015	34,422	-	-	-	34,422	-	-	-	-	-	-
2014	33,762	-	-	-	33,762	-	-	-	-	-	-
2013	33,033	-	-	-	33,033	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	31,126	-	-	-	31,126	-	-	-	-	-	-
2011	30,559	-	-	-	30,559	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2009	30,178	-	-	-	30,178	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008	29,656	-	-	-	29,656	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$ 801,759	\$ 40,623,700	\$ 122,300	\$ 196,002	\$ 543,345	\$ 40,808,412	40,451,768	179,174	2,312	40,633,254	\$ 356,644
					Total Suspense Collections		11,479	7,604	30	19,113	
					Total Collections	\$ 40,463,247	\$ 186,778	\$ 2,342	\$ 40,652,367		

See accountant's report.



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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 2023-2024, the APA held three (2) regular meeting.

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

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

The APA holds regular quarterly meetings and special meetings on an as-needed basis on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. 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 2023 Grand List as of October 1, 2023 net increase was 1,512,478,704. The 2023 Grand List had the implementation of the statutory required revaluation of all real property. The assessment reflects 70% of the fair market value on the assessment date of October 1, 2023. The overall 2023 Grand List increased by 358,464,994 or 31.05%. This information is used by the Board of Finance to help determine the mill rate and in preparing the July tax bills.

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

Real Estate increased from 962,761,015 to 1,324,385,950 or 37.56%. Real estate increases were due to residential and commercial development and primarily the increase in values due to the revaluation. Homes are assessed at 70% of their market value, as done in all CT municipalities.

Personal Property Increased from 66,195,321 to 69,887,482 or 5.57%. Items that make up the personal property include business furniture, fixtures, office equipment, signage, computers, leased equipment, industrial and construction equipment, utility poles, pipes, cable and conduits, etc. Personal Property is assessed each year at a 70% of its depreciated value. Additionally, a 15% increase penalty was instituted for non-filers.

Motor Vehicle decreased from 125,157,374 to 118,205,272 or 5.55%. Included in this figure are all motor vehicles register and garaged in Canton on October 1 of each year. Currently vehicles are valued using the NADA Pricing Guide unless they are registered as a Historic Vehicle with CT DMV.

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 veterans, blind and disabled exemption programs and the State and Town elderly tax relief program.

Our goal is to perform responsible assessment, appraisal and administrative work to ensure uniformity and equitable distribution of tax burden. As well, we strive to ensure that computerized records are regularly and efficiently updated to permit prompt public access to data and to enable statutory and statistical revaluation to proceed proficiently.

Top Ten Taxpayers

OWNER	ASSESSMENT	# ACCOUNTS
SFV Canton Owner LLC	55,575,360	3
Eversource	32,157,630	1
Canton Ridge II LLC	10,731,470	2
M&S Mitchell Realty	5,364,120	1
Boulder Ridge Assoc Limited Prtn	4,950,396	1
Connecticut Water Co	4,935,910	1
91 Albany Turnpike LLC	4,150,230	1
CPIMF1 UCHSCCT LLC	3,964,818	1
CT SVC LLC	3,783,000	1
Perry Lansford	3,376,250	36
TOTAL	128,989,084	48

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Before corrections and Board of Assessment Appeals adjustments the 2023 Net Grand List totaled \$1,512,478,704. The Board of Assessment Appeals met in the month of March according to State Law, and reduced the Net Grand List by

A total of sixty-eight (68) appeals were heard;(62 Real Estate, 4 Personal Property, and 2 Motor Vehicles).

The results of these appeals were;

Real Estate	17 Granted	45 Denied
Personal Property	0 Granted	4 Denied
Motor Vehicle	0 Granted	2 Denied

Real Estate Assessment Reduction by Board of Assessment = 591,314

No reductions with Business Personal Property or Motor Vehicle accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Della J Froment, CCMA, CCMC

BOARD OF ETHICS

During FY2023-2024 all scheduled regular meetings of the Board of Ethics were cancelled. The Board received two notices of recusals for possible conflicts of interest from a town official, one from the Planning and Zoning Commission and one from the Aquifer Protection Agency . There is one alternate position and one regular position remaining be filled to complete the Board of seven members.

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

David R. Kubas, Chairman
Canton Board of Ethics

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth the need, duties, requirements and conditions for the Building Department. Chapter 541, part 1.a. of the CGS also states that all towns, cities and boroughs in the State of Connecticut shall use this code as their Building Code. This department is responsible for issuing all building and associated permits. Plan review, various inspections and the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy or Completion are among the duties of the office. The Building Official transitioned from a part-time position to performing the duties of the office on a full-time basis. This transpired for the final quarter of FY 23-24. The Building Department will continue in its efforts to provide customer service while promoting building safety and general welfare in the construction environment while seeking compliance to the building codes.

Permit Statistics

Type	Count	Fees	Cost Of Construction
Building - Commercial - Alterations	28	\$24,251.24	\$1,896,130.52
Building - Commercial - Demolition	4	\$1,162.00	\$22,600.00
Building - Commercial - Electrical	32	\$2,481.78	\$553,752.00
Building - Commercial - Mechanical	18	\$6,679.00	\$1,011,474.00
Building - Commercial - New Construction	2	\$7,196.00	\$514,000.00
Building - Commercial - Plumbing	9	\$93.62	\$39,801.00
Building - Commercial - Roofing	3	\$3,052.00	\$217,489.87
Building - Commercial - Siding	2	\$574.00	\$39,251.00
Building - Commercial - Signage	2	\$182.00	\$12,800.00
Building - Commercial - Sprinkler System	1	\$1,246.00	\$89,000.00
Building - Residential - Alterations	100	\$36,092.00	\$2,587,189.62
Building - Residential - Chimney Liner	8	\$532.00	\$34,905.75
Building - Residential - Deck	25	\$8,190.00	\$699,452.00
Building - Residential - Demolition	6	\$434.00	\$29,300.00
Building - Residential - Electrical	209	\$15,148.00	\$1,006,446.30
Building - Residential - Finished Basement	6	\$1,218.00	\$89,701.00
Building - Residential - Gas Log Insert	7	\$490.00	\$32,185.16
Building - Residential - Mechanical	252	\$39,956.00	\$2,795,033.26
Building - Residential - New Construction	30	\$62,944.00	\$5,060,127.00
Building - Residential - New Home	15	\$75,936.00	\$6,385,250.00
Building - Residential - Photo-voltaic	38	\$19,852.00	\$1,402,416.52
Building - Residential - Plumbing	109	\$8,442.00	\$590,640.49
Building - Residential - Roofing	106	\$27,076.00	\$1,898,102.56
Building - Residential - Shed	6	\$1,204.00	\$85,500.00
Building - Residential - Siding	13	\$5,040.00	\$356,682.59
Building - Residential - Swimming Pool	10	\$6,356.00	\$450,158.05
Building - Residential - Window Replacement	45	\$8,470.00	\$577,983.90
Building - Residential - Woodstove/Pellet Stove	7	\$476.00	\$14,403.09
Total:	1094	\$364,839.94	\$28,747,660.68

Total Inspections	1173
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COMMISSION ON AGING

In FY 2023-24, the Commission on Aging began an awareness campaign to increase participation at the Senior Center. Donations and in-kind support supplemented ARPA funding.

- **Senior Center Brochure** - Created in conjunction with the senior center coordinator, the printed brochure went to people 65+ in Canton, while the digital version went to everyone opted into the town Listserv. It remains as a promotional handout.
- **Promotional tools** – We purchased a **table** and **tablecloth with the senior center and town logos** to promote the Senior Center at town events and locations.
- **Coffee bar** - Created a **coffee corner** (Launched Sept. 2024) to enhance the new Senior Lounge with free coffee.
- **Publicity** – Initiated a PR campaign of regular press releases and news to promote the senior center and its activities. Publicity continues into FY 2024-25.
- **Frequently Asked Questions** – For consistent messaging, we drafted a Q&A for all to use when representing the senior center.
- **Reassess COA mission and Town Ordinance** – A strategic process validated that COA's activities still align with the goals and mission outlined in the Town Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen approved updated and more empowering language in the Town Ordinance.
- **Support the Ice Cream Truck** – This is so popular it may be the most effective promotion of the Senior Center yet.

Budget narrative

Of the \$3,500 put into the budget for the Senior Center awareness program, \$2489.39 was spent.

This left a balance of \$101.61 unspent.

Reasons for unspent budget:

- Many items for the coffee bar were donated.
- Some items cost less than estimated.
- The dues for the Chamber of Commerce were voted down.
- We did not print the flyer version of the brochure.
- The expenses for the first weeks of the summer ice cream truck sponsorship all went into the 2024-25 budget.

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 2019-2020, the Commission completed the Town of Canton's Natural Resources Inventory, continued to make progress on initiatives recognized in Canton's Plan of Conservation and Development, and provided input to other Town commissions with regard to wetlands and other development-related issues.

During 2023-2024, the Conservation Commission met eleven (11) Regular meetings and one (1) Special meeting. The Commission currently consists of seven (7) members and meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

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

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

The EDA is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the local business community and the general public are welcome to attend. The EDA held twelve (12) regular meetings and four (4) special meetings during this fiscal year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department administers the Town’s financial activities, including accounting, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, pensions and other employee benefits. Detailed audited financial statements are published annually in the Town’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available on the Town’s website in December of each year. The Finance Officer & Treasurer prepares monthly reports for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance on revenues and expenditures, identifying and analyzing variances to budget as they arise. In addition, the Finance Officer works with the Chief Administrative Officer and school Superintendent to develop the Town’s annual operating and capital expenditure budgets. The Finance Department of the Town and Board of Education are merged to create a more streamlined organizational structure. The Town also implemented the same Infinite Visions accounting software platform that the Board of Education has used for many years to further build continuity.

In July of 2024 we were informed that the Town of Canton received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year 2022-23 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 24th consecutive year. As of the writing of this summary, the Finance team is working diligently with our external auditors to extend the award streak to for our 2023-24 financial results.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL 2023-24

- The Town’s adopted General Fund budget for 2023-24 totaled \$46,747,934.
- The Town’s actual General Fund expenditures were \$48,337,324 and actual revenues totaled \$47,214,739.
- The mil rate was 35.37.
- The Town maintained a credit rating of AAA from Standard & Poor’s.
- The Town’s unallocated fund balance at year-end was approximately \$7.68 million.

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

Use of Proceeds	Maturity	Outstanding Amount (000)
School Construction – Refinance	10/15/24	175
Capital Projects – Aug 2013	08/15/33	3,335
Capital Projects – June 2015	06/01/35	3,030
Highway Dept. Garage – October 2017	10/15/37	2,660
Collinsville Fire House & 3 Bridges	06/01/42	7,085
Total		\$16,285

FIRE/EMS

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

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

In fiscal year 2023/2024 the Department responded to a total of 1848 calls for service, a 10.9% increase compared fiscal year 2022/2023. Out of the 1848 calls for service 1374 of the calls were medical calls, and 474 were fire service emergencies. The Fire Department responded to nine structure fires during the fiscal year of 2023/2024. Fire Responded mutual aid forty-one times, while EMS responded mutual aid one hundred and ninety-one times.

The Department responds from three firehouses, two of which are town owned & utilizes 14 pieces of apparatus.

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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

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

The 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 SELECTMAN AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The 2023-2024 fiscal year brought many changes to the Town of Canton, some of those changes were very difficult while others lent themselves to celebration.

It was difficult to say goodbye to Linda Smith (Town Clerk), William Geiger (Finance Director) and Mark Montefalco (Police Officer) as these employees were a staple in town for many years. Additionally, Canton's longtime CAO Robert Skinner announced his intention to retire in August. We welcomed new town clerk Tracy Morocco, new finance director Nathan Amos and several new police officers and let's not forget about our community service dog LEO.

The Board of Selectman bid a fond farewell to outgoing First Selectman Robert Bessell and Selectman Warren Humphrey as Kevin Witkos took the helm of First Selectman and was joined by Elizabeth Corkum Winsor as new additions to the board.

Your Board of Selectman got straight to work in adopting its goal (long and short term) for the next 4 years. I am happy to report that the board has accomplished many of these goals in its first year. Additionally, the Board of selectman adopted its first ever mission statement: *"It is the mission of the Board of Selectmen to promote a Town government that provides quality and efficient services; keeps the public informed through multiple forms of communication; encourages a safe, secure and respectful environment for the exchange of ideas; promotes economic development that expands the tax base while supporting and protecting Canton's rich cultural and historical heritage; and celebrates all the unique qualities that makes Canton special."*

The board adopted a town policy for naming properties in town. Immediately the policy was put into use by the naming of the Alan Duncan Dog Park and the David Sinish Boat Ramp. I would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in these two projects to bring them to completion. Speaking of volunteers, we have seen an unprecedented number of citizens that want to serve on the appointed boards and commissions in town. Thank you!

Ribbon cuttings occurred at the new Town of Canton Fire & EMS Dept Company #1 on River Rd, the David Sinish Boat Ramp, the Senior Center Lounge and many local businesses that are now calling Canton home.

Canton worked very hard to secure grants \$374,485K for Water Pollution Control Authority infrastructure needs, \$223, 478K to fund sidewalks in front of the new firehouse and to install a flashing walk signal at the intersection of Dyer/Maple Ave and lastly a \$500,000K to assist in the remediation of the PFAS chemical at Cherry Brook Primary School.

The Temporary Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee held its first meeting and conducted a survey with over 650 responses. Meanwhile, the Board created the Public Safety Sub-Committee whose sole focus is the public safety of our residents and guests. This committee meets monthly to discuss any safety issues in town.

Canton just experienced one of the most expensive revaluations that I can remember in town. This coming right after the inflation of the Covid years is making it difficult for taxpayers in town. To that end, the full revaluation costs are being spread over a 4-year period. The budget failed at its first referendum. It is incumbent upon all of us to voice your opinions on what you would like to see in Canton. Your voice does matter.

Soon the Board of Selectman will be appointing members to the Plan of Conservation and Development Committee. This plan is the vision of the residents of our great town and will act as a guide for our priorities over the next decade.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The IT department for the Town of Canton is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the network, desktops and laptop, as well as software that the Town utilizes to run their day-to-day operations in all Town departments. The department maintains 194 machines, 3 physical host servers and 16 virtual servers that run the software to provide services for the town's residents. The departments' mission is to recommend, test, and implement hardware and software to all Town departments to help them better serve the public.

IT Highlights and information for 2023-2024

- **PD Dispatch Remodel/Upgrade** – Worked with vendors and the PD staff to plan and set up new equipment for the dispatch office. Added additional PCs for cameras and TVs, ran cabling through the new console, and added additional network hardware to support the equipment. Worked with Norcom, ATT, and PD to set up a temporary location while the office was being remodeled and assisted in the installation of all equipment into the new console.
- **New Fire Station in Collinsville** – Worked with the contractor, in-house staff, and the FD to help design and install new network, desktops, and camera equipment in the new building. Moved the existing fiber network from the old building into the new building and added new network switches and Wi-Fi equipment.
- **Town-Wide Wi-Fi Upgrade** – Continued Wi-Fi upgrade and improvements throughout town offices. Installed completely new networks at the new Collinsville Fire Station as well as North Canton Fire Station. Due to equipment shortages, the project is still ongoing but has begun on the final upgrade for the Community Center.
- **Tabletop Exercise with PD/State on Disaster Preparedness** – Participated in disaster preparedness exercises and CROGG exercises specifically designed for IT. Worked through scenarios set up to test the readiness of our emergency preparedness and our IT infrastructure. Completed all scenarios without any major issues and initiated very good discussions on how and where improvements could be made.
- **Planning and Setup of Early Elections** – Coordinated with the Registrar's office and State elections offices to set up and test the network and connection to State elections services in the Community Center. Worked with staff to verify systems were up and running as expected.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY

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

During fiscal year 2023-2024, the IWWA held ten (10) regular meetings, two (2) site walk, and no special meetings. They processed eight (8) applications, two (2) Jurisdictional Determinations, and held no Show Cause Hearings.

The IWWA has an Authorized Agent who is allowed to permit minor activities in upland review areas but not within wetlands or watercourses themselves. The Authorized Agent reports to the Agency all permits issued under its authority at regular meetings and also acts as the IWWA’s enforcement officer. The wetlands agent issued six (6) authorized agent approvals under this authority during the fiscal year.

The IWWA is currently functioning with full complement of five (5) regular members, one (1) alternate member and one (1) vacancy for an alternate member. The IWWA holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission holds special meetings/site-walks as needed. All meetings are open to the public.

LAND USE OFFICE

Description of Department Functions and Services:

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

Commission Achievements:

The Land Use Commissions processed a total of (38) applications and/or referrals as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals (3); Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (10); Aquifer Protection Agency (2); and Planning and Zoning Commission (23).

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:

- 12 Sign Permits
- 0 Temporary Use and Activities Permit
- 2 Mobile Vendor Permits
- 6 IWWA Authorized Agent Applications
- 33 Zoning Permits
- 8 Minor Site Plan Modifications
- 3 Certificates of Zoning Compliance
- 11 Notices of Violations
- 3 Observation of Violations
- 1 Cease and Desist Orders
- 0 Municipal Citations

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

Staff of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department oversaw the installation of the Mills Pond Park splash pad; the splash pad is the first in the Farmington Valley, and is a recirculated water system, which treats & reuses water through the elements, rather than having the water run off into the sewer system. Department staff also oversaw the installation of 4 exterior AED cabinets & devices, at Mills Pond Park, Van Gemeren Field, Bowdoin Field and Bicentennial Field/Department of Public Works main building. Additional updates were made to Mills Pond Park, with new picnic tables under the pavilions, new pavilion roofs/roof cleaning, safety guardrails, benches throughout the park, a variety of new pool supplies, including lane lines & lane line storage reels, and a Little Free Library, which was donated to the park by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

Programs

Canton Parks and Recreation offers programs throughout the year for all ages and ability levels. Activities include the popular Explorers Day Camp; Red Cross classes such as swimming lessons, lifeguard junior classes, a water safety aide program, babysitting and CPR/First Aid/AED certifications; Dusky Dolphins Swim Team; Beyond the Bell after school program; adult sports and fitness classes; youth sports programs, camps and clinics; enrichment classes and camps; a winter recreational basketball league; and a winter ski bus, just to name a few. The department also runs highly popular pickleball classes for players of all levels, and continues to

work with Canton High School athletic coaches to offer sport-specific camps and training programs. The Department also offers programming specifically for children who need additional assistance, including an adaptive basketball program and adaptive swim lessons.

Events

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department offers many free or low-cost family special events throughout the year. Events normally include a Halloween in the Park event; Holiday House Lights contest; Holiday Cookie Decorating; Canton Family Ice Skating Day; Library Night at the Pool; Teen Night at the Pool; Sundae Funday; Pooch Plunge; and the 8-week Summer Concert Series.

Parks and Projects

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

Future Initiatives

- Continue work on the installation of a mural at Mills Pond Park, and other additions to make Mills Pond Park a more attractive, user-friendly facility for our guests
- Continue to partner with and support the Friends of Canton Dog Park
- Continue to develop and implement more indoor & outdoor winter programs
- Continue to develop and expand our virtual and hybrid programming opportunities
- Explore ways of funding projects and future initiatives outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Continue including the Canton Food Bank in events as a way to support the health of the community
- Continue working with the staff & coaches of the Canton school system, along with Canton youth organizations, to offer new & expanded programming opportunities

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the PZC held twelve (12) regular meetings, five (5) special meetings, zero (0) site walk, processed twenty (20) applications and three (3) requests for referral.

The PZC is comprised of six (6) regular members, three (3) alternate members, and one (1) vacancy for a regular member. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and the Commission welcomes input from town residents and property owners for all public hearings.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Description

The Canton Police Department (CPD) was established as a permanent police department in 1970. The CPD department had an authorized strength of 16 sworn officers (including 1 Chief, 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 9 officers and 1 Detective), 4 full-time communications/dispatcher positions, 5 part-time civilians (4 part-time dispatchers, 1 crossing guard) and 1 administrative assistant. All the CPD police officers are POST certified and are first responders in all medical and fire emergencies. All CPD Dispatchers are certified through the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Telecommunications. CPD officers patrol over 25 square miles and serves a population of approximately 10,000 residents.

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 Highlights

1. CPD developed and instituted its first ever Community Service Dog Program. Leo became the first community service dog and was involved in multiple community events, including victim services, school projects and officer wellness.
2. CPD completed major upgrades to the Dispatch Communication Console pursuant to an Urban Grant Award.
3. Chief Arciero collaborated with the newly empaneled Board of Selectmen Public Safety Sub-Committee.
4. CPD officers transitioned to a new handgun platform.
5. CPD personnel continued to participate in many state and federally-supported grant programs that included distracted driving, seatbelt enforcement, rural road speed enforcement.
6. CPD submitted numerous projects that were approved by the Board of Selectmen. Those projects included, but were not limited to, child car seat grant program; stipend for submission of State mandated Local Emergency Operation Plan; Homeland Security Grant Program, Emergency Management Performance Grant; fiber optic upgrade for police radios; anticipatory hire of police officer for staffing needs, and upgrade of equipment for the town's emergency Operations Center (EOC).
7. CPD officers continued successful participation in three (3) federally funded grant programs for highway safety (Distracted Driving, High-Risk Rural Road Speed Enforcement and the Seatbelt WAVE campaign).
8. Two CPD officers continued involvement with North Central Regional specialty teams- (Accident Reconstruction and S.W.A.T.)
9. For the first time in many years, CPD hired a new administrative assistant and hired a new female officer.

10. CPD personnel assisted other town/state departments and agencies, residents, and business owners regarding the opening of the first-ever cannabis retail business in town.
11. CPD personnel responded to a major severe weather events and coordinated emergency responses with CFD, DPW, EMS and other state agencies.
12. CPD personnel continued extensive involvement with the ongoing speeding concerns on local roads. The efforts resulted high level collaboration with State DOT Traffic Division and the newly created Canton Temporary Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee which involved several community meetings, data collection, specialized equipment purchases, selective speed enforcement initiatives, road safety assessments and ongoing safety planning for the area and other high-speed areas in town.
13. CPD staff continued with school safety initiatives including participation with CIRMA school safety assessments, response and monitoring of CODE RED Drills, revision updates to the mandatory Statewide School Security Plan, development of a crisis assessment evaluation response (C.A.R.E.) protocol and provision of safety training for new teachers and bus drivers.
14. CPD personnel continued to participate in many charitable/social assistance events: Ride to School, Bagging for Hunger, Toy Drive, Food Drive, Special Olympics Torch Run, Child ID and Car Seat Safety events, Youth Services Bureau meetings, CPD Building tours, and submission of safety articles/reminders on various social media platforms.
15. The Canton CERT Unit continued to support Canton Police, Fire and EMS regarding shelter operations, traffic/pedestrian safety at local events and during severe weather operations. Also, CERT assisted other area town CERT teams at those town's events. CERT continued its participation in the annual CIS STEP Training for Emergencies, food drive for the Canton Food Bank and the food/toy drive at Ocean State Job Lot to benefit Canton's Holiday Drive.
16. The CPD General Orders were continually reviewed; updated and new mandatory policing practices were memorialized, as appropriate, into new policies.
17. Continued to monitor and address additional mandates of the police accountability legislation to include, state accreditation compliance, behavioral assessment and drug-testing for all sworn employees.
18. Chief Arciero successfully attended the Local Traffic Authority Certification training, which is mandated training from recently enacted legislation. Chief Arciero is the town's Local Traffic Authority (LTA).

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Total annual visits: 70,000 (estimated)

Total library cardholders: 3,591 (+6%)

Total number of programs: 591 (+8%)

Total program attendees: 9,577 (+15%)

Circulation of physical items: 122,695 (+2.4%)

Circulation of downloadable items: 18,514 (+32.8%)

Total circulation: 141,209 (+5.57%)

Interlibrary loans borrowed: 5,697 (+11.3%)

Interlibrary loans loaned: 7,206 (+4.1%)

The library continues on as the place to be! Library statistics have now well surpassed pre-Covid numbers. On average, we have more than one program per day, and all ages are well-represented – from baby storytime to informational programs about aging in place, we have something for everyone.

Our “Find Your Voice” summer reading program celebrated creativity and self-expression. We invited community members to contribute to our “Tiny Art Show” and we were blown away by the response – more than 200 people submitted 4” square canvases that decorated the library for several months.

The fall brought a hugely successful “Meet the Candidates” night. 17 candidates for town office participated in a question-and-answer session. Nearly 100 people attended and many times that number watched a recording of the event after the fact.

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

In keeping with our commitment to being a community hub, we presented programs in partnership with many other local organizations including the Cherry Brook Garden Club and Roaring Brook Nature Center. We are also grateful to all the community partners who work with us on so many initiatives, including the Lions Club, the Canton Historical Museum, and, of course, the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

Sarah McCusker
Library Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 8 winter storm events and several icy spots on the roads due to the excessive rain last year. The Public Works Garage, with all the department's equipment staged inside, continues to allow the department to respond much faster to provide efficient and safer winter storm operations for the community. Following the Town Pavement Management Program, the Highway Department, along with several contractors performed roadway improvements this past year. The roadway improvements consisted of several repair strategies that included milling and paving with drainage improvements on Olsen Road, Bahre Corner, Dry Bridge Road, Canton Springs Road and Brass Lantern Road. 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 responded to several warm weather wind and rain events performing extensive clean-up on various Town properties and roads. This past year the Highway Department continued to perform tree work on Town Properties and Right-of-Ways. The department also responded to numerous requests from residents to perform drainage and road improvements this year. Highway Foreman, Daniel Manyak, along with the dedicated department staff continue improving drainage features on several roads that eliminated 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 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 environmentally friendly management practice has shown excellent results in both field quality and lowering maintenance costs. 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. They also helped with coordinating the work for the new splash pad and exercise equipment at Mills Pond. The department continued to support the Collinsville Pollen Trail group consisting of citizens helping to bring back pollinators, birds and other wildlife to yards, towns, and communities by creating a beautiful spot that runs adjacent to Rattlesnake Brook and the Farmington River Trail along Allen Place. This area is enjoyed by numerous daily visitors to this popular destination. The department also continues to work with the Cherry Brook Garden Club to maintain the landscaping at the Flower Bridge, Town buildings, parks, and recreational facilities to provide a pleasing appearance.

The Stan Krzanowski Field continues to serve as an ideal replacement for Dyer Field and is maintained at a high level from the parks staff. Another accomplishment this past year was keeping the other athletic fields, and grounds clean and safe for the residents to enjoy. This growing department continues to add new services to accurately reflect the needs of the community. The Parks Supervisor, Henry Maskaitis, along with department staff goal is to continue improving 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 up-keep of 103,085 square feet of building space at the Town Hall, Library/Community Center, North Canton Fire Station, Collinsville Fire Station, Public Works, and Police Station. During this past year, the department responded to several service calls along with their regular duties. We are continuing to see success in the new maintenance software (FMX) to allow us to track the preventive maintenance more efficiently. The staff also played a large role in the Multi-Purpose and Senior Center room upgrades. They worked with the Senior and Social Services staff and contractors to remove and construct the wall between the Multi-Purpose Room and Senior Room. The work also consisted of new floor tile, new dishwasher, hanging pictures and painting. The work is completed and is a major upgrade to the space for all to enjoy.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station staff had another excellent year assisting the Town residents who bring their trash and recyclables to the facility. The Transfer Station sells over eleven hundred permits per year. The facility serves as the primary trash and recycling option for more than 1/4 of Canton's households. We are seeing continued success with the addition of the new paint and food waste recycling programs. We have also applied for a grant to purchase a Styrofoam recycler which we hope will decrease the amount of MSW even further. The Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund was created and implemented in 2013 to finance the operating budget for the facility. The revenue generated through the selling of permits, tokens and recycling rebates stays in the fund to pay out the operational expenditures and future upgrades to the facility.

This year the Town held three Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection days with the Towns of Simsbury, Avon, Farmington, Suffield, and Granby. Transfer Station Supervisor, Brian Dean and the committed staff do a tremendous job keeping the facility clean and orderly for the residents. This busy department's goal is to continue making progress 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. The Director of Public Works Robert Martin, needed to take several months off due to health issues. Buildings and Grounds

Superintendent Thomas Richardson became Acting DPW Director in late March. The absence of Mr. Martin was a great loss to the department however, DPW staff and other Departments helped out tremendously during this time, especially Administrative Assistant Heather Fritch and Glenn Cusano.

The department also provided assistance with several Bids & RFPs for various Town Departments and the Board of Education. The department managed several projects including the West Road Bridge completion and the start of the Old Canton Road bridge replacement project. Other projects included the new playground, exercise equipment, and the start of the splash pad at Mills Pond. The new Fire & EMS Headquarters building project was continuing and nearing its completion with Project Administrator, Glenn Cusano, having an integral role managing the project.

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

SENIOR & SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Canton Senior & Social Services is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our community through comprehensive support services that promote self-sufficiency, empowerment, and dignity. This report highlights our role, achievements, challenges, and future goals in serving Canton residents.

Department Mission and Vision

Mission: To empower individuals and families through accessible, quality services that enhance their quality of life.

Vision: A thriving community where every individual has access to the resources, support, and opportunities needed to achieve their fullest potential.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Key Functions & Responsibilities

- Provide information and access to programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food assistance, and housing support
- Facilitate in home care services or coordinate services to help seniors with daily living activities
- Offer transportation options for seniors to attend medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social events
- Provide access to mental health counseling, support groups, and wellness programs
- Assist individuals and families facing crises such as domestic violence, homelessness, or substance abuse
- Help community residents with local resources such as food banks, shelters, and healthcare
- Advocate for policies and funding that support the needs of vulnerable populations
- Work with local government, non-profits, and healthcare providers to create a comprehensive support network for Canton residents
- Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services to ensure they meet the changing needs of the community

Overview of Services

In FY 2023-2024, the Social Services Department provided a range of services including but not limited to:

- *Housing Assistance:* Emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rental assistance
- *Food Security Programs:* Assistance for food insecure families and individuals, and Food Pantry services
- *Mental Health Services:* Counseling referrals, crisis intervention, and psychiatric services referrals
- *Alcohol & Substance Abuse Programs:* Treatment referrals and recovery support

Key Accomplishments

Community Partnerships:

Senior & Social Services recognizes that community partnerships are essential to our success. This year partnerships with local organizations such as Gifts for Canton, St Patrick's Church, First Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and Canton Community Health Fund significantly boosted our outreach and service delivery by providing funding for our highly successful Back to School and Holiday Giving programs. Thanks to these grass roots organizations, our residents in need were able to celebrate a joyful holiday season with their friends and family. Social Services also collaborated with local organizations such as Canton Food Bank, FOCUS

On Canton, and Canton Emergency Fuel Bank to enhance service delivery and outreach, resulting in over 280 clients served.

Successful Grant Acquisition: Our Department secured funding from Canton Community Health Fund totaling \$6,000, and \$2,750 from Youth Services Bureau allowing us to expand our assistance programs.

In addition to the generous grants we received, we also received donations from Archdiocese of Hartford, Youth Services Bureau, Canton Volunteer Company, Avon-Canton Rotary, the Findery, and Lava Motors for our General Assistance Fund and Holiday Giving Programs.

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges:

- Increased demand for services due to life events such as loss of employment, underemployment, death of a spouse, and escalating housing, utility, and food costs
- Limited funding sources impacting program sustainability

Opportunities:

- Potential for new partnerships with local businesses to enhance funding and service delivery
- Growing interest in volunteer programs such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which can help expand our outreach

Looking Ahead

- *Expand Services:* Increase housing assistance to address rising homelessness

Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of our residents. Special thanks to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for their continued support and funding.

SENIOR SERVICES

For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the Senior Center focused on growth and much needed capital improvements.

Programming and enhancements were all driven by strategic partnerships and community connections – some new, some revived but all with the ultimate goal of serving the older residents of Canton.

Overall, the Senior Center saw continuing trends of increased attendance and desire for socialization in a post-pandemic world. We remain encouraged that this trend will persist well into the future as we look to continue adding to the offerings available for all levels of necessary human enrichment.

A New Senior Lounge Emerges with ARPA Funding

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In May 2023, Governor Lamont announced that he was specifically allocating additional funding to all senior centers within the state, as a result of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). Canton was granted approximately \$32,000.

Based on a survey of residents 55+ in November 2022, it was decided that the money would be used to address the number one request of those surveyed: improve the aesthetics of the area known as “The Senior Center.”

Construction commenced in April 2024 and was mostly completed by June 1, 2024. Renovations included new flooring, walls, and doors along with fresh paint for both the Senior Room and the adjacent “Multipurpose Room”. New furnishings, a faux fireplace and updated decor were also added and what was a “room” is now referred to as the “Senior Lounge” to more aptly describe the warm and welcoming atmosphere that has replaced the prior less attractive state.

We are ever grateful for the contributions of our community partners and individual residents who helped to share their time and talents to help curtail costs and enhance the style and structure of the new room. From artwork to painting to pillows and window dressings –the senior lounge is a true reflection of Canton spirit.

Social and Nutritional Enrichment

The Senior Center’s weekly lunch program continues to thrive as a major social outlet and has seen significant growth in attendance levels as seniors continue to enjoy a reasonably priced meal twice weekly. Year over year for the past two years, lunch reservations have increased by 35%. Meals are provided by two local Canton restaurants and offer a protein, vegetable, and dessert.

Community Connections

The Canton Senior Center directly benefits from the beneficence and care of many local organizations, residents and schools. The fiscal year of 2023-24 saw many of those connections enhancing the offerings for our seniors through free and low-cost events.

The Avon-Canton Rotary Club helped to kick off summer with their free June barbecue while the Canton Lions ushered in Fall with Oktoberfest. Summertime was made all the sweeter as Canton seniors were treated to a weekly visit from an ice cream truck thanks to the Commission on Aging.

The summer was closed out in grand fashion as Girl Scout Troop #66205 planned, financed and hosted a “Decades” party that reincarnated Elvis to help serenade the attendees while the girl scouts served everyone in poodle skirts and 50s flair. Additionally, several of our seniors were interviewed by the girl scouts and their profiles and life stories shared with their peers.

The Holiday season is celebrated with the biggest party of the year: Winter Wonderland. This sold-out event was made even more delicious thanks to Martel Transportation sponsoring a fully catered meal.

We were exceptionally pleased to see a revived connection with our local schools, students and staff. During the fiscal year we were happy to enjoy the talents of the Canton High School Jazz Ensemble, as well as a visit from Canton Intermediate School students in February. Our summer was launched with a spectacular pre-Memorial Day performance by the CHS marching band. And, in between all those events, we had regular monthly visits by members of the Canton High School National Honor Society as they offered free tech help to seniors seeking assistance with their cell phones, laptops and iPads.

Our sustained partnerships with local organizations/companies like Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Arden Courts and Hearing Care Centers allowed us to offer weekly or monthly health screenings for blood pressure/sugar, memory and hearing.

Finally, partnering with both the Farmington Valley Health District and the Alzheimer's Association, we were able to offer free multi-week educational programs addressing fall risks and living with and addressing the diseases known as dementia and Alzheimer's.

Programming

Senior Center programming continues to seek and institute a broad array of programs and events that aim to engage the mind, body, and spirit via social, physical and intellectual health events and activities.

Our game clubs continue to grow or remain steady in both attendance and frequency - providing an easy outlet for camaraderie and stimulation.

We saw an increased demand for frequency of fitness classes and therefore, began to offer both Tai Chi and Chair Pilates twice a week. Line Dancing joined the line-up and a third day of exercise was made available, offering seniors three different levels of intensity from low to more active.

Ensuring that our Seniors have access to education on health insurance and financial topics that matter for later-in-life planning, we made certain to provide regular and extensive educational seminars for them throughout the year.

Our Veterans are serviced the first Friday of each month through appointments made available with a Veterans Service Officer to help veterans keep in touch with all that is available for disability claims, pension and survivors pension programs as well as dependency and indemnity compensation.

Interest in day trips saw a decline year over year and is likely due to the increasing pressures of inflation on our seniors' wallets. We hope to make changes for the next year to help meet seniors in the middle financially while helping them expand their experiences beyond town.

Pursuing Growth

For the upcoming fiscal year, we look to continue to build upon the foundation of programs we have executed for 2023-24 timeframe with hopes to grow the membership at the center, continue to increase attendance and interest in the programs offered while branching out into new and creative avenues of engagement – all to benefit Canton's broad Senior population.

CONCLUSION

Senior & Social Services plays a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for its residents, particularly vulnerable populations. By providing essential services, fostering community connections, and advocating for necessary resources, the Department can significantly impact the overall health and well-being of the community.

Together, we can continue to build a resilient community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. We look forward to another impactful year ahead.

Senior & Social Services

Tonoa Jackson, Director

Kara McConville, Senior Center Coordinator

Rebecca Briggs, Administrative Assistant to the Director

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Collector is responsible for the billing, collecting and accounting of real estate, business/personal property and motor vehicle taxes, sewer usage fees, sewer connections/assessments and parking tickets. Office procedures are governed by the Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, various local ordinances and office policies.

For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the rate of tax collection was 99% of the budgeted tax revenue and the sewer usage collection rate was 118% of the budgeted revenue. The details are charted below:

(Tax Figures)	23-24 YTD	23-24 % of budgeted (as of 6/30/2024)
Current Year Tax	\$39,506,164	99.00
Current Year MVS	\$409,873	107.00
Prior Year Tax	\$261,671	218.00
Prior Year Suspense	\$11,435	572.00
Tax Interest and Liens	\$187,041	170.00
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year	\$40,378,184	99.00

(Sewer Figures)	23-24 YTD	23-24 % of budgeted (as of 6/30/2024)
Current Year Sewer Use	\$1,193,970	117.00
Prior Year Sewer Use	\$31,468	158.00
Sewer Use Interest & Lien	\$19,494	195.00
Total % of budgeted amount for fiscal year	\$1,244,933	118.00

Canton taxpayers continue to place a high priority on meeting their tax obligations.

TOWN CLERK

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

Department activities during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 included:

- July: The Historic Document Preservation Grant for FY2024 was approved by the CT State Library.
- Aug.: On August 28, 2023, Tracy Morrocco, the incoming Town Clerk, will officially take over the office effective September 9, 2023.
- Sept: On September 8, 2023, Linda Smith, the outgoing Town Clerk, officially retired; Town Clerk Conference.
- Oct.: Absentee Ballots are available, Special town Meeting regarding Budget deficit & STEAP for WPCA efficiency improvements.
- Nov: Election Day, New Board Members begin their new terms.
- Feb.: Worked with Registrar of Voters to develop Early Voting plan to prepare for the Presidential Preference Primary.
- March: Absentee Ballots are available for Democratic & Republican Presidential Primaries; Early Voting meeting with SOTS; Early Voting occurs 3/26, 3/27, 3/28 & 3/30 at Canton Community Center.
- April: Presidential Preference Primaries; Town Clerk Conference; Public Hearing for Budget
- May: Budget Referendum – FAILED; Dog License renewals were mailed.
- June: Dog Licenses now available; Second Budget Referendum – PASSED; Special Town Meeting for Collinsville Fire Station.

- Receipts:
 - Conveyance Tax/Land Records/Maps \$272,271.96
 - Hunting/Fishing (Sport) Licenses \$ 46.00
 - Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses \$ 11,650.00
 - Dog Licenses \$ 1,313.00
 - Copies \$ 7,303.02

- Communications: Managed the Town's Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts
 - Facebook Followers 551* New Facebook Page
 - Twitter Followers 943
 - Instagram Followers 1,814

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

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

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

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

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

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

This past fiscal year, the facility received and treated over 328 million gallons of wastewater, equating to an average flow of approximately 900,000 gallons per day. The WPCF consistently achieved advanced treatment as required by its NPDES permit, averaging pollutant removal efficiencies of 97% for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 99% for Total Suspended Solids. We continue to receive positive inspection reports from the Connecticut DEEP and stride to continuously improve on our capabilities as discharge limits become more stringent and the treatment plant becomes more heavily loaded while it supports the Town's growth.

From July 2023 through June of 2024, plant staff measured 79.15” of rainfall at the facility. Heavy, consistent rain and high groundwater tables over an extended period resulted in extreme wastewater flows throughout the sewer system. Situations at or near this magnitude can push the treatment plant beyond its hydraulic abilities and treatment efficiencies suffer dramatically.

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

For these reasons, we continue to make improvements to and rehabilitate existing infrastructure within the collection system. Areas we target our focus are those plagued with defects and deficiencies. These problem areas are found by thorough investigation and receive priority attention. The Town is fortunate to have been awarded a STEAP Grant to cover some cost associated with inflow and infiltration removal within the collection system, predominantly in the Collinsville area. Following the receipt of a final contract which allowed the Town to proceed with the work, the projects began at the end of the 23-24 Fiscal Year.

All of this rehabilitation work keeps some of the excess water at bay, but historical data shows that treatment plant and sewer system capacity has been a recurring issue for many years. Although, it is the high flows only seen during the wet seasons that really bring the issue to light.

This past year, abnormally high surface- and groundwater mixed with regular sewage increased wastewater flows and forced the plant into a dangerous operating range. The annual flow average stood near 95% of the facility's rated design flow. Any major component failure or process upset during this time could threaten the town with a discharge permit violation, cause environmental pollution, and adversely affect public health. Even with ongoing flow reduction strategies that alleviate some of the hydraulic issues, the average level of flow and loading to the plant is still in a very concerning range, given its age, condition, and lack of redundant treatment capabilities.

The high flows recorded this past year required formal report to CTDEEP, due to a flow threshold exceedance. This reporting requirement is part of a condition cited in the Town's NPDES permit. The condition is designed to encourage proper planning for sewer utilities and balance local growth with the sewer infrastructure needed to support it.

The WPCA has since received a response from CTDEEP. In summary, the Town is advised to limit new connections to the sewer system until it implements a plan to reduce flows to the facility and considers facility expansion as a long-term solution. For this reason, the WPCA is preparing and updating its Water Pollution Control Plan in order to maintain local control of the sewer system and prevent pollution from occurring.

The WPCA is acting in the best interest of the Town and an effort to develop and implement corrective action is currently underway. The Wastewater Facilities Plan, as it is being called, began preliminary development in Fiscal Year 23-24. With professional engineering assistance, the WPCA expects to develop and provide the Town with an implementable, cost-effective plan for continued sanitary sewer service and treatment for the upcoming 20-year planning period. Public participation will be a key aspect of the plan. This effort is expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

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

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals held seven (5) regular meetings. They processed three (3) applications for a variance to the Zoning Regulations.

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

Town of Canton Committee Vacancies

BOARD	P	LAST	FIRST	M	POSITION	EXPIRES
2024 CROG Regional Planning	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Representative	12/31/2024
2024 CROG Regional Planning	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Alternate	12/31/2024
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Huyghebaert	John		Member	6/30/2027
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Thiesse	Jonathan		Chair	6/30/2027
Aquifer Protection Agency	R	Evens	David	A	Member	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Alternate	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Member	6/30/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Boston	Thomas		Alternate	7/13/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Vogel	Michael		Member	7/13/2028
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Laurie	Bradley		Alternate	6/30/2025
Aquifer Protection Agency	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	6/30/2025
Aquifer Protection Agency	U	Perry	Lansford	W	Member	6/30/2025
Board of Assessment Appeals	R	Pelehach	Joe			11/16/2027
Board of Assessment Appeals	D	Ouellette	Nicholas			11/16/2027
Board of Assessment Appeals		VACANT	VACANT			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Daniels	Lou			11/16/2027
Board of Education	R	Hayes	Erika			11/16/2027
Board of Education	D	Scheideler	Joseph			11/16/2027
Board of Education	R	Sullivan	Kim			11/16/2027
Board of Education	R	Bush	Russell			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Jordan	Felicia			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Moeller	Cindy			11/18/2025
Board of Education	R	Toussaint	Jordan			11/18/2025
Board of Education	D	Steinway	Peggy			11/18/2025
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	6/30/2023
Board of Ethics	U	Casey	Arthur		Member	6/30/2027
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2027
Board of Ethics		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2024
Board of Ethics	D	Ciccarillo	Dennis	G	Member	6/30/2025
Board of Ethics	R	Kubas	David	R	Chair	6/30/2025
Board of Ethics	U	Rousseau	Roger		Alternate	6/30/2027
Board of Finance	R	Humphrey	Kenneth	S	Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	D	Miller	Brian		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	D	Berry	Peggy		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	R	Blatchley	Thomas		Member	11/16/2027
Board of Finance	D	Faulkner	Sarah		Member	11/18/2025
Board of Finance	D	Kenney	Katie		Chair	11/18/2025
Board of Selectmen	R	Witkos	Kevin		First Selectman	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	D	Corkum Winsor	Elizabeth		Selectman	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	R	LeGeyt	Timothy		Selectman	11/16/2027
Board of Selectmen	R	Sedor	Stephen		Selectman	11/18/2025
Board of Selectmen	D	Volovski	William		Selectman	11/18/2025
Building Code Board of Appeals	U	Richardson	Russell, Jr.			N/A
Building Code Board of Appeals	D	Laurie	Bradley			N/A
Building Code Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT			N/A
Canton Center Historic District	R	Neville	Zac		Member	1/1/2028
Canton Center Historic District	D	Burbank	Marianne		Vice Chair	1/1/2028

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Canton Center Historic District	D	Schwartz	Kenneth		Member	1/1/2025
Canton Center Historic District	U	Lingenheld	Elizabeth		Alternate	1/1/2025
Canton Center Historic District		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2026
Canton Center Historic District	U	Lampros	Susan		Member/Secretary	1/1/2026
Canton Center Historic District	R	Magennis	Gina		Chair	1/1/2027
Canton Center Historic District	R	Kessler	Linda		Alternate	1/1/2027
Canton Housing Authority	D	Therrien	Sue		Member	12/31/2027
Canton Housing Authority		VACANT	VACANT		Member (Tenant)	12/31/2023
Canton Housing Authority	D	Peltier	Amy		Vice Chair	12/31/2024
Canton Housing Authority	R	Dunstan	Len		Member	12/31/2025
Canton Housing Authority	D	Kocis	Stephen		Chair	12/31/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Davis	Barbara		Member	7/1/2028
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Miller	Deborah		Member	7/1/2024
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	McAllister	Karol		Chair	7/1/2025
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Tyo	Zoe		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Hager	Christopher		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	R	Manternach	Karen		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Porri	Amelia		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Vrabel	Beth		Member	7/1/2026
Canton Public Library Board of Trustees	D	Eickenhorst	Joanna		Member	7/1/2025
Chief of Fire/EMS	R	Gotoski	John		Chief	12/31/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Grant	James		Member	6/30/2027
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	McCoy	Kenton		Vice Chair	6/30/2028
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Cancela	Sylvia		Member	6/30/2024
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Waters	Jerry		Alternate	6/30/2025
Collinsville Historic District Commission	U	Veillette	Stephen		Member	6/30/2025
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Tarinelli	Donald		Chair	6/30/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	7/1/2026
Collinsville Historic District Commission	D	Lovejoy	Maureen		Alternate	6/30/2025
Commission on Aging	R	Foy	Lisa		Alternate	1/1/2027
Commission on Aging	D	Brevigleiri	Mary		Member	1/1/2028
Commission on Aging	U	Hesselbrock	Michie		Vice Chair	1/1/2025
Commission on Aging	U	Kluessendorf	Lori		Member	1/1/2025
Commission on Aging	U	Crawford	Virginia		Member	1/1/2026
Commission on Aging	U	Wright	Beth		Member	1/1/2026
Commission on Aging	D	Becker	Nancy		Secretary	1/1/2028
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	7/31/2024
Commission on Aging		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2025
Commission on Aging	D	Gillette	Heather		Chair	1/1/2026
Conservation Commission	D	Kaplan	Jay		Member/CO-Chair	7/1/2028
Conservation Commission	U	Spatcher Jr	William		Member	6/30/2025
Conservation Commission	U	Tilton	Garry		Member	7/1/2025
Conservation Commission	U	Erwin	Kevin		Chair	7/1/2026
Conservation Commission	D	Abel	Jennifer		Member	6/30/2024
Conservation Commission	D	Barton	Hedy		Member	6/30/2025
Conservation Commission	D	Boonstra	Flynn		Member	7/1/2025
CRCOG Representative	R	Witkos	Kevin			11/16/2027
CRCOG Alternate Representative		Skinner	Robert			

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DECD Central Tourism Representative	U	Dingee	Matthew		Member	N/A
Economic Development Agency	R	Wagner	Thomas		Member	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	U	Dingee	Matthew		Chair	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	R	Deiderich	Jennifer		Member	7/1/2025
Economic Development Agency	R	Platt	George		Member	7/1/2028
Economic Development Agency	D	Dickstein	Barry		Alternate	7/1/2027
Economic Development Agency	D	Bessel	Robert		Alternate	7/1/2026
Economic Development Agency	U	Asklof	Russell		Secretary	7/1/2026
Energy Committee	D	Gentile	Susan		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	R	Langlois	Candace		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	U	Madigan	David		Secretary	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	D	Miller	Nancy		Vice Chair	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	D	Namnoum	Bob		Chair	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	U	Quinlan	Mark		Member	4/25/2028
Energy Committee	I	West	Millege "Guy"		Member	7/13/2024
Farmington River Coordinating	U	Vinick	Matthew		Member	N/A
Farmington River Coordinating	I	Coleman	William		Alternate	N/A
Farmington Valley Health District	R	Humphrey	Warren		Member	3/1/2025
Farmington Valley Health District	I	Murphy	Timothy		Member	4/27/2025
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Porri	William		Member	12/31/2027
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	4/27/2024
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	R	Bahre	Robert	H.	Member	12/31/2025
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Gentile	Susan		Alternate	4/27/2028
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	U	Rosenfeld	David		Secretary	12/31/2027
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Covino	Vincent		Member	12/31/2026
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses	D	Henry	Eric		Chair	12/31/2025
Juvenile Review Board	I	Lange	Cheli		Member	6/30/2027
Juvenile Review Board	D	Campbell	Lisa		Alternate	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	U	Conway	Kelly		Member	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	D	Vigil	Julie		Alternate	6/30/2025
Juvenile Review Board	R	Pass	Troy		Member	6/30/2026
Juvenile Review Board	U	Corcoran	Kara		Member	6/30/2027
Juvenile Review Board	D	Spiers	Linda		Member	6/30/2025
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	D	Jackson	Tonoa		Representative	9/20/2025
Parks & Recreation Commission	I	Kurtz	Capri		Member	6/30/2027
Parks & Recreation Commission	R	Jacobs	Todd	Q	Member	7/1/2027
Parks & Recreation Commission		VACANT	VACANT		Member	9/14/2024
Parks & Recreation Commission		VACANT	VACANT		Member	7/1/2025
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Lynch	Margaret		Member	7/1/2026
Parks & Recreation Commission	D	Wilusz	Sioux		Member	7/1/2028
Parks & Recreation Commission	I	Cottingham	Corri		Chair	7/1/2028
Pension Committee		VACANT	VACANT		Member	1/1/2023
Pension Committee	U	Benedetti	Sergio		Chair	1/1/2028
Pension Committee	R	Lagonigro	Paul		Member	1/1/2028
Pension Committee	U	Daley	Diane		Member	1/1/2025
Pension Committee	D	Nardello	Michael		Member	1/1/2027
Permanent Municipal Building	D	Dymicki	Ronald	L	Member	7/1/2028
Permanent Municipal Building	U	Madigan	David		Member	7/1/2028

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Permanent Municipal Building	R	Witkos	Kevin		Member	7/1/2026
Permanent Municipal Building	D	Reynolds	Peter		Chair	7/1/2026
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory	D	Boorjian	Diana	D	Vice Chair	6/30/2027
Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory		VACANT	VACANT		Member	6/30/2023
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Huyghebaert	John		Member	6/30/2027
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Thiesse	Jonathan		Member	6/30/2027
Planning & Zoning Commission	R	Evens	David	A	Member	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Trionfini	Sandra		Alternate	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Vinick	Elizabeth		Vice Chair	6/30/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Boston	Thomas		Alternate	7/13/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Vogel	Michael		Chair	7/13/2028
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Laurie	Bradley		Alternate	6/30/2025
Planning & Zoning Commission	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	6/30/2025
Planning & Zoning Commission	U	Perry	Lansford	W	Secretary	6/30/2025
PMBC - Firehouse Project	R	Holland	Gerry		Temp. Member	until complete
PMBC - Firehouse Project	R	Gotaski	Thomas		Temp. Member	until complete
PMBC - Firehouse Project	U	Robbins	Craig		Temp. Member	until complete
PMBC - Firehouse Project		VACANT	VACANT		Temp. Member	until complete
Poet Laureate		Shreve	Virginia			11/12/2026
Registrar of Voters	R	Miner	John (Jack)	R		1/8/2025
Registrar of Voters	D	Miner	Amelia		Deputy	1/8/2025
Registrar of Voters	D	Zdanzukas	Cynthia			
Registrar of Voters	R	Humphrey	Warren		Deputy	
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety		VACANT	VACANT		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Carstensen	Michael		Vice Chair	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Tomolonius	Mary		Chair	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	U	Coggins	Lisa		Secretary	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	R	Pierce	Lee		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	R	Toussaint	Jordan		Member	8/3/2025
Temporary Traffic & Pedestrian Safety	D	Therrien	Sue		Member	8/3/2025
Town Historian	D	Taylor	Kathleen			11/12/2026
Town Historian Deputy		Woodard	Carolyn			11/12/2026
Town Historian Deputy	R	Hager	Christopher			11/12/2026
Town Meeting Moderator		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	D	Ouellette	Nicholas		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	D	Burbank	Marianne		Alternate	1/1/2026
Town Meeting Moderator	U	Zils	Melissa		Alternate	1/1/2026
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Bush	Russell		Member	6/30/2025
Water Pollution Control Authority		VACANT	VACANT		Member	7/1/2025
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Ouellette	Nicholas		Member	7/1/2026
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Celmer	Robert		Member	6/30/2027
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Van Scoter	Jenn		Member	6/30/2027
Water Pollution Control Authority	D	Mauger	Art		Chair	6/30/2028
Water Pollution Control Authority	R	Daly	Richard		Member	6/30/2025
Youth Services Bureau	D	Barger	Glenn		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	R	Keefe	Matt		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	I	Tebecio	Patrick		Member	7/1/2025
Youth Services Bureau	D	Harper	Rachelle		Member	7/1/2026

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Youth Services Bureau	D	Meheran	Laurie		Chair	7/1/2026
Youth Services Bureau	D	Payne	Alden		Member	7/1/2026
Youth Services Bureau	D	Skinner	Maria		Member	7/1/2026
Veterans' Representative	D	Jackson	Tonoa			N/A
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Vincent	Susan		Member	1/3/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT		Alternate	1/3/2024
Zoning Board of Appeals	D	Waters	Jerry		Alternate	1/3/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	D	Pendell	Michael		Alternate	1/3/2025
Zoning Board of Appeals		VACANT	VACANT		Member	1/3/2027
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Rucci	Lucien		Chair	6/30/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	U	Philbrick	Stephen		Member	6/30/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	R	Celmer	Robert		Member	1/3/2027