



TOWN of SALISBURY

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# ANNUAL REPORT

*for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2014*

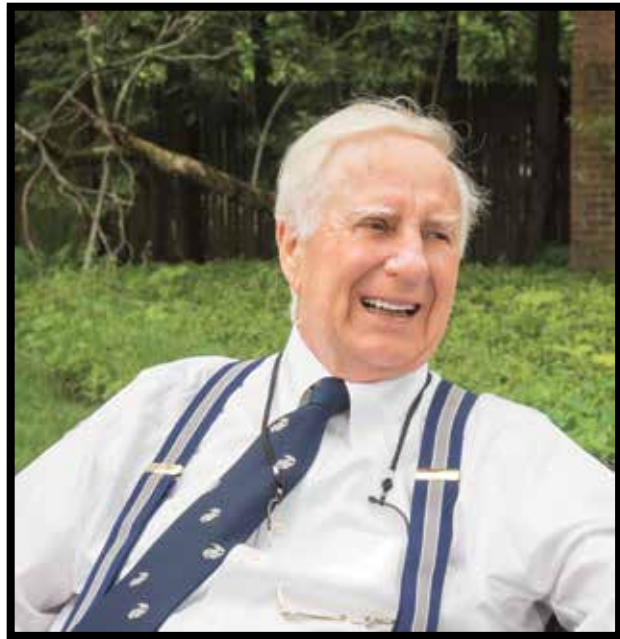
## DEDICATION TO JOHN HARNEY

John David Harney was born on August 26, 1930, in Lakewood, Ohio. He served in the Marine Corps, graduated from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, and in 1960 moved to Salisbury to become part owner and innkeeper of the White Hart Inn and together with his wife Elyse, raise their family of 5 children.

It was at the White Hart that Mr. Harney, a committed coffee drinker, was converted to the gospel of tea by Stanley Mason, an Englishman who had settled in northwest Connecticut after 50 years in the London tea trade. In retirement, Mr. Mason had started a small company to blend and package premium teas, and he persuaded Mr. Harney to add some to his menu and become his apprentice. Mr. Harney eventually sold his interest in the White Hart and with family help and a handful of employees he established Harney and Sons Tea. What began with a selection of six varieties in 1983 has now expanded to over 300 blends, many of them now standard fare at luxury hotels throughout the world.

Mr. Harney was a founding member of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance and a founding member of the local Marine Corps League. For many years he was the announcer for the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) Annual Ski Jumps and did the same at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY. He was involved with the local Cross Country Ski Program for many years, bringing his love of winter sports to our town residents.

His spirit of helping others was best exemplified at his funeral service in the summer. This event produced a large turnout of people who had been helped by Mr. Harney in a quiet and understated way throughout the years. He used his insight and energy to make connections to help people and the only people who knew this were those who benefitted from his generous spirit. Whether it was raising funds to rebuild a barn or finding work for a local resident in need, he was there to help.



Mr. Harney is survived by his wife, Elyse; four sons, John Jr., Keith, Michael and Paul; a daughter, Elyse; and 10 grandchildren.

People like John Harney help make Salisbury a true community – a place you want to live, work, and raise a family. He helped many of us see what it takes to lend a hand and embrace a community.

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## FACTS & FIGURES

The Town of Salisbury is located in Litchfield County, in the very northwest corner of the state. It was incorporated in October 1741. The total area of the town is 60.65 square miles, or 38,761 acres. It includes the villages of Salisbury and Lakeville, and the hamlets of Amesville, Lime Rock and Taconic.

In addition to several ponds, there are six lakes: Lake Washining, Lake Washinee, Lake Wonoscopomuc and Lake Wononpakook, along with Riga Lake and South Pond on Mount Riga.

The maximum elevation is 2,380 ft. on the south slope of Mount Frissell – the highest point in Connecticut. The minimum elevation is at the southwest corner of the town, where it is 530 ft. above sea level. There are 86.78 miles of roads, of which 18 miles are state highways, 52.58 miles of improved town roads, and 16.2 miles of unimproved roads.

Local Zip Codes:	Public School Enrollment:	Independent School Enrollment (approximate):
Salisbury - 06068	420 - HVRHS	600 - The Hotchkiss School
Lakeville - 06039	(78 Salisbury residents)	250 - Indian Mountain School
Taconic - 06079	281- Salisbury Central School	300 - Salisbury School

# TOWN DIRECTORY & HOURS

Salisbury Town Hall, PO Box 548, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068

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Fax: 860-435-5172

<b>First Selectman</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4pm</i>	<b>860-435-5170 or 5171</b>		
<b>Accountant:</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 8am - 2pm</i>	860-435-5174	<b>Region One School District:</b>	860-824-0855
<b>Animal Control:</b>	860-435-4570 or 860-248-5637	<b>Registrars of Voters:</b> <i>Wednesdays, 9am - 12pm</i>	860-435-5175
<b>Assessor:</b> <i>Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am - 4pm</i>	860-435-5176	<b>Resident Trooper:</b>	860-435-2938
<b>Building Official:</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 8am - 9am &amp; 3pm - 4pm</i>	860-435-5177	<b>Salisbury Central School:</b>	860-435-9871
<b>E.X.T.R.A.S:</b>	860-435-9926	<b>Salisbury Family Services:</b> <i>Mon, Tues, Thurs - 9am - 3:30pm</i>	860-435-5187
<b>Fire Marshal:</b>	860-435-5196	<b>Salisbury - Sharon Transfer Station:</b> <i>Closed Wednesdays</i>	860-435-5178
<b>Highway Department:</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 7am - 3:30pm</i>	860-435-5184	<b>Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association:</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm</i>	860-435-0816
<b>Housatonic Child Care Center:</b>	860-435-9694	<b>Scoville Memorial Library:</b> <i>Closed Mondays</i>	860-435-2838
<b>Housatonic Valley Regional High School:</b>	860-824-5123	<b>Tax Collector:</b> <i>Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am - 4pm</i>	860-435-5189
<b>Litchfield Hills Probate:</b>	860-824-7012	<b>Torrington Area Health District:</b> <i>Wed &amp; Fri, 9am - 11am</i>	860-435-0806
<b>Open Burn Official:</b>	860-435-1252	<b>Town Clerk:</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm</i>	860-435-5182
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Enforcement Officer:</b> <i>Mon, Wed, Fri - 8am - 4pm</i>	860-435-5190	<b>Town Grove:</b>	860-435-5185
<b>Recreation Director:</b>	860-435-5186	<b>Water Pollution Control Facility:</b>	860-435-5181

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### **First Selectman**

Curtis G. Rand (2015)

### **Selectman**

James van B. Dresser (2015)

Katherine Kiefer (2015)

### **Town Treasurer**

Sarah Polhemus (2015)

### **Board of Assesment Appeals**

*(4-year term)*

J. Dean Hammond (2017)

John D. Harney, Jr. (2015)

Christian E. Williams (2017)

Peter Becket, Alternate (Appt)

Evan Rashkoff, Alternate (Appt)

Scooter W. Tedder, Alternate (Appt)

### **Board of Education**

*(4-year term)*

Claude Rolo, Chairman (2015)

David Bayersdorfer, V. Chairman (2017)

Jeffrey A. Lloyd, Secretary (2015)

Emily Egan (2017)

Keith Moon (2017)

Stephanie Thomas (2015)

Beth Vernali (2015) (Recreation  
Commission Representative)

### **Board of Finance**

*(6-year term)*

William F. Willis, Chairman (2015)

Michael D. Clulow (2017)

Mathias M. Kiefer (2019)

Donald K. Mayland (2017)

Alice B. Yoakum (2015)

Carole Dmytryshak (2019)

### **Justices of the Peace (2017)**

*(4-year term)*

Merrilee S. Alexander

Brian D. Bartram

David T. Bayersdorfer

George R. DelPrete

James van B. Dresser

Michael J. Flint

Eugene F. Green

J. Dean Hammond

Katherine Kiefer

Sue F. Kirber

Amy Lake

Richard T. Meehan

John C. Mongeau

Robin O'Connor

Louis H. Pressman

Curtis G. Rand

Rosina Rand

Robert H. Rout

Susan W. Spring

Charles C. Vail

Kathleen Wiggins

Christian E. Williams

William F. Willis

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

*(4-year term)*

Michael Klemens, Chairman (2015)

Fred Schmidt, V. Chairman (2017)

Martin J. Whalen, Secretary (2017)

Allen Cockerline (2017)

Jonathan Higgins (2015)

Michael J. Flint, Alternate (Appt)

Danella Schiffer, Alternate (Appt)

Cathy Shyer, Alternate (Appt)

### **Regional Board of Education**

*(2-year term)*

Jennifer Lee Weigel (2015)

Michael J. Flint, Alternate (Appt) (2014)

### **Registrar of Voters**

*(2-year term)*

Janet Lynn (2014)

Margaret Vail (2014)

Michael J. Flint, Deputy (Appt)

Kathleen Mera, Deputy (Appt)

Heather Bartram, Assistant (Appt)

Susan DeMelle, Assistant (Appt)

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

*(4-year term)*

Jeffrey A. Lloyd, Chairman (2017)

George R. DelPrete, V. Chairman (2015)

Stephen J. Victory, Secretary (2017)

Jean Bell, Administrative Assistant

Lorna Brodtkorb (2015)

Kathy Lauretano (2017)

Patricia Walsh, Alternate (2017)

Eugenie Warner, Alternate (2017)

# APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

## **Animal Control Officer**

Chris Tompkins

## **Assessor**

Barbara Bigos

Kayla Johnson, Associate

## **Assistant Town Clerk**

Rachel B. Lamb

Kayla Johnson

## **Assistant Town Treasurer**

Joseph Cleveland

## **Bridge Committee**

*(3-year term, 11/2015)*

Digby Brown

Mathias Kiefer

Curtis G. Rand

Don Reid, Jr.

## **Building Official**

*(4-year term, 4/2017)*

Michael G. Fitting

## **Building Maintenance Advisory Cmte.**

*(1-year term)*

Robinson Leech, Chairman

Peter Oliver

Doug Robertson

Joe Schaefer

Christopher Trotta

## **Burning Official**

*(1-year term)*

Curtis G. Rand

## **Citizens Advisory Council for Cable T.V.**

*(2-year term, 2015)*

Robert Riva

## **Civil Preparedness Director**

*(5-year term, 11/2016)*

Jacqueline Rice

## **Conservation Commission**

*(4-year term)*

Larry Burcroff, Chairman (11/2016)

John Landon (11/2017)

Davin Lindy (11/2015)

Donna Lloyd (11/2017)

Lynn Meehan (11/2014)

Tom Quinn (11/2015)

Sally Spillane (11/2014)

Rod Lankler, Alternate (11/2017)

Peter Oliver, Administrator

## **Director of Health**

*(1-year term)*

Torrington Area Health District

## **Energy Coordinator**

Patrice DeMarco McGrath

## **Fire Marshal**

Michael G. Fitting

## **Deputy Fire Marshal**

Robin Denny

Stan McMillan

Daryl Byrne

## **Economic Development Committee**

Ward Belcher, Chairman

Tino Galluzzo

Jackie Merwin

Cathy Shyer

## **Grove Advisory Committee**

*(1-year term)*

John Mongeau, Chairman

Mary Barton

Anne Day

George DelPrete

Anthy Hellmers

Elyse Harney Morris

Jacqueline Rice

Rhonda Rinninsland

Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation Director

Stacey Dodge, Grove Manager

Bill Littauer, Lake Association Representative

## **Hazardous Material Inspector**

*(Indefinite Term)*

Paul G. Makuc

## **Highway Department**

Don Reid, Jr., Foreman

Rodney Webb, Crew Leader

Raymond Flint, Mechanic

James Brazee, Driver

Thomas Brazee, Driver

Robert Flint, Driver

Russell Hoage, Driver

Thomas Paine, Driver

Darin Reid, Driver

## **Historic District Commission**

*(5-year term)*

Candace Cuniberti, Chairman (11/2016)

Elyse Harney, Secretary (11/2016)

Digby Brown (11/2014)

Tom Callahan (11/2019)

Jane B. Fitting (11/2016)

Leon McLain (11/2014)

Arthur Taylor (11/2014)

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# APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

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## **Litchfield Hills Visitors Bureau**

*(Western Tourism District)*

*(3-year term)*

Dan Bolognani (2017)

## **Northwest Council of Governments**

*(1-year term)*

Curtis G. Rand

James van B. Dresser, Alternate

Katherine Kiefer, Alternate

## **Park & Forest Commission**

*(4-year term)*

William F. Morrill (11/2014)

Elyse Harney (11/2014)

Anthony Scoville (11/2014)

Gordon Whitbeck (11/2015)

## **Permanent Housatonic River Comm.**

George C. Kiefer, Jr.

Gordon Whitbeck

## **Recreation Commission**

*(6-year term)*

Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation Director

Lou Bucceri, Chairman (11/2017)

Tim Sinclair, V. Chairman (11/2015)

Patricia Kelly, Treasurer (11/2019)

Becky Lachaine, Secretary (11/2016)

George DelPrete (11/2019)

Dan Smith (11/2017)

Beth Vernali, Board of Ed. Representative

## **Regional Planning Representative**

*(1-year term)*

Jonathan Higgins

Len Stewart, Alternate

## **Salisbury Affordable Housing Comm.**

*(3-year term)*

Robert Riva, Chairman (11/2016)

Peter Wolf, V. Chairman (11/2016)

Charles Church (11/2016)

Roger Crain (11/2014)

James van B. Dresser (11/2015)

Pari Forood (11/2015)

Katherine Kiefer (11/2014)

## **Salisbury Sharon Resource Recovery**

**Authority (SSRRA) (3-year term)**

Curtis G. Rand (11/2014)

Charles Kelley (11/2015)

Robert Palmer (11/2016)

Ed Reagan, Alt. (1-yr term) (11/2014)

## **SSRRA Building Cmte.**

*(Indefinite term)*

Charles Kelley, Co-Chairman

Charles Ouellette

Robert Palmer

William Reed

Rod Lankler, Alternate

## **Salisbury Family Services**

Patrice DeMarco McGrath

## **Salisbury Fire Commission**

*(1-year term)*

John Mongeau, Chairman

Patricia Williams, Secretary

Cynthia Hoage, Treasurer

Donald Reid, Jr., Commissioner

Robert Riva, Commissioner

Christian Williams, Commissioner

Lawrence Hoage, Maintenance Sup.

Raymond S. Flint, Engineer

Jason Wilson, Fire Chief, LHC #1

Robert Smith, Jr., President, LHC #1

## **Salisbury Senior Services**

Michael Beck, Agent/Director

## **Scenic Roads Committee**

*(1-year term)*

Susan Galluzzo

Jane Kellner

Kay Key

George Massey

Stephanie Pellegrino

Judith Singelis

Judy Swanson

Margaret Vail

Christian Williams

## **Selectmen's Secretary**

Emily Egan

## **Special Constables**

*(1-year term)*

Michael Brenner

## **Sub Registrars (Vital Statistics)**

*(2-year term, 2015)*

Brian Kenny

Robert Palmer

## **Tax Collector**

*(4-year term)*

Jean Bell (11/2017)

## **Torrington Area Health District**

*(3-year term)*

Peter Oliver

(Salisbury Representative, 2016)

## **Town Clerk**

*(4-year term)*

Patricia H. Williams (11/2015)

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# APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

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## **Town Historian**

*(1-year term)*

Jean McMillen

## **Tree Warden**

*(2-year term)*

George C. Kiefer, Jr. (11/2014)

## **Water Street Bridge Committee**

(Amesville Bridge)

Bob Green

Mathias Kiefer

Curtis G. Rand

## **Transfer Recycling Advisory Cmte**

*(4-year term)*

Robert Palmer, Chairman (11/2014)

Peter Becket (11/2016)

Barbara Bettigole (11/2014)

Ned Harvey (11/2014)

Anthy Hellmers (11/2016)

Ed Reagan (11/2016)

## **Twin Lakes Gate Keeper**

*(1-year term)*

Alan Pickert

## **Water Pollution Control Authority**

*(5-year term)*

Donald Mayland, Co-chairman (2016)

Nathan Seidenberg, Co-chairman (2018)

Teal Atkinson

Joseph Brennan (11/2014)

Mathias Kiefer (11/2016)

Robinson Leech (11/2014)

Eric Mendelsohn (11/2015)

Peggy O'Brien (11/2014)

Pat Hackett, Alternate

Cathy Shyer, Alternate

## **Wildlife Management Officer**

*(2-year term)*

Rodney Webb (11/2014)

## **Transfer Station**

Brian Bartram, Manager

Gary Duntz

Matthew Murtagh

Robert Sherwood

Thomas Sherwood

George Silvernail

Jason Wilson



## SELF-GOVERNING BOARDS

### **Bissell Oversight Committee**

Dr. William J. Hayhurst  
John Mongeau  
Denise Rice  
Joseph Cleaveland  
Patrice DeMarco McGrath

### **E.X.T.R.A.S.**

Caroline Reilly, President  
Lisa Duntz, Vice President/Secretary  
Rindy Higgins, Treasurer  
Amy Carol  
Dianna Dahoney  
Shelley Maffucci  
Renee Sartori  
Sue Bayer  
Lou Bucceri, Program Director

### **Friends of the Library**

Inge Heckel, President  
Ilene Tetenbaum, Vice President  
Mary Taylor, Treasurer  
Pamela Osborne, Secretary

### **Geer**

Russell Riva, Chairman  
Frank W. Perotti  
Perry F. Gardner  
Dennis J. Kobylarz, M.D.  
Wheaton B. Byers  
Robert H. Reid  
John R. Hanlon, Jr.  
Mary Monnier  
Robert Segalla  
Michael Schopp

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Tracy Atwood, President  
Serena Granbery, Vice President  
Kathy Stupak, Treasurer  
Judy Becker, Secretary

### **Housatonic Child Care Center**

Kim Cannon, President  
Amanda Lidstone, Vice President  
Linda Gomez, Treasurer  
Barbara Douglas, Secretary

### **Housatonic Valley Association**

F. Anthony Zunino, President  
Robert Houlihan, Vice President  
Ellen M. Rosenberg, Vice President  
James H. Maloney, Treasurer  
Barton Jones, Secretary

### **Housatonic Youth Services**

Linda Sloane, President  
Lance Beizer, Vice President  
Diane Johnstone, Treasurer  
Marie Lanier, Secretary

### **Lake Wononscopomuc Association**

Bill Littauer, President  
James Marshall, Treasurer  
Cathy Shyer, Secretary

### **Lakeville Hose Company**

Jason Wilson, Fire Chief  
Tim Villano, Assistant Chief  
James Horton, Captain  
James Fox, 1st Lieutenant  
Bill Sherwood, 2nd Lieutenant  
Raymond S. Flint, Engineer  
Thomas Sherwood, Quartermaster  
Robert Smith, President  
Bob Flint, Vice President  
Larry Hoage, Treasurer  
Marie Castagna, Secretary

### **Salisbury Association**

Chris Brennan, President  
Tom Key, Vice President  
Roberta Olsen, 2nd Vice President  
Joel Cohen, Treasurer  
Kathy Mera, Secretary  
Nancy Humphreys, Assistant Treasurer

### **Salisbury Cemetery**

Robert Palmer, Sexton  
Susan Vreeland, President  
Lester Hoysradt, Treasurer  
Marion Schwaikert, Secretary

### **Salisbury Family Services**

Kim Fiertz, President  
Christy Rawlings, Vice President  
Denise Rice, Treasurer  
Jackie Merwin, Assistant Treasurer  
Lyndell Giffenig, Secretary

### **Salisbury Housing Committee**

Anne Kremer, President  
Al Ginouves, Vice President  
John Magiera, Treasurer  
Claire Held, Secretary

### **Salisbury Housing Trust**

Leo Gafney, President  
Digby Brown, Vice President  
Teal Atkinson, Treasurer  
Alexandra Ferraro, Secretary

### **Salisbury Forum**

Walter DeMelle, President  
Leon Graham, Vice President  
Maria Miller, Treasurer  
Jeanette Weber, Secretary

### **Salisbury Rotary**

John Hedbavny, President  
Susan Dickinson, Treasurer  
Kim Downey, Secretary  
Kevin O'Connell, 1st Vice President

### **Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association**

Rae Paige Schwarz, President  
Rusty Chandler, Vice President  
Mary Robertson, Treasurer  
Nancy Humphreys, Secretary

### **Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service**

Kaki Schafer Reid, Chief  
Pat Barton, Assistant Chief  
Jacqueline Rice, First Aid Chief  
Miguel Balaguero, Rescue Chief  
Frances Yerkes, Secretary  
Don Mayland, Board President

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## SELF-GOVERNING BOARDS

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### Salisbury Winter Sports Association

Ken Barker, President  
Mat Kiefer, Vice President  
Jon Higgins, Treasurer  
Carey Fiertz, Secretary

### Salisbury Youth Work Program

Pat Stevens, Supervisor

### Scoville Memorial Library

Noel Sloan, President  
Judy Gafney, Vice President  
Warren Carter, Treasurer  
Sue Morrill, Secretary

### The Chore Service

Lea Davies, President, Sharon  
Mary A. Ackerly, Norfolk  
Geoffrey Drury, Canaan  
John Green, Cornwall  
Dinny Greene, Cornwall  
Carla Herman, Cornwall  
Louisa LaFontan, Kent  
Barbara Maltby, Lakeville  
Priscilla McCord, Lakeville  
Stephen Szalewicz, Sharon  
Heather Dinneen, Executive Director

### The Corner Food Pantry

Betsy Clark  
Carole Dmytryshak  
Sylvia Durning  
Joan Groves  
Michele Haab  
Marla Miller  
Sue Morrill  
Barbara Nicholls  
Sarah Polhemus  
Susan Rand  
Donna Saliter  
Isabel Sloane  
Mary Taylor  
Pamela Wyeth

### Tri-State Chamber of Commerce

Susan Dickinson, President  
Marie Castagna, Vice President  
Patricia Kowalski, Treasurer  
Janet Manko, Secretary  
Peter Fitting  
Michele Gorat  
Patricia Williams  
William Willis

### Twin Lakes Association

Carey Fiertz, President  
Grant Bogle, Senior Vice President  
David Haab, 2nd Vice President  
Jean Bell, Treasurer  
Pat Miller, Secretary  
Ron Kurts, Assistant Secretary

### Women's Support Services

Maria Horn, Chair  
Marianne Ostendorf, Vice Chair  
Laura Wertz, Treasurer  
Sara Joannides, Secretary

## ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

### Connecticut General Assembly

30th Senatorial District  
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www.housedems.ct.gov/Willis/  
860-240-0271

### United States Congress

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Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-2823  
  
*Chris Murphy - D*  
www.murphy.senate.gov  
303 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-4041

### House of Representatives

*Rep Elizabeth Esty - D 5th*  
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Washington, D.C. 20515  
202-225-4476, <http://esty.house.gov>

### Executive Office

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Hartford, CT 06105  
860-566-4840, [www.governor.ct.gov/malloy](http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy)

### Probate Court

*Diane Blick, Judge of Probate*  
860-567-8065, [www.judgeblick.com](http://www.judgeblick.com)

# FIRST SELECTMAN

## CURTIS RAND

The last year has seen a continuation of several on-going projects as well as new issues for consideration by the Town. The projects and topics for the last year included:

- The proposal for purchase and redevelopment of the former firehouse property by Owen and Jennifer Thomas was approved following hearings at Town Meeting and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The Town received a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for \$500,000 to tear down the former Decker's Laundry property and redevelop it for residential use.
- The replacement of the Amesville (Water Street) Bridge generated considerable concern due to standards imposed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) that our residents believed were excessive and costly. At the time of this writing it appears that a compromise has been reached.
- The Selectmen appointed an Economic Development Committee, whose mission is to recommend enhancements to improve the local economy. The committee recently discussed ways to further local agricultural interests and hopefully provide opportunities for young farmers.
- The Housatonic River Commission has proposed that the upper section of the Housatonic River (including the Salisbury portion) should be designated as Wild and Scenic. This proposal has generated some controversy and will be considered in the fairly near future.

- We accepted the resignation of two long-term staff and volunteers: Howard O'Dell has been our Lake Patrol officer for forty years, and Katherine Chilcoat served with distinction as our Town Historian; we appreciate their considerable efforts.

Other on-going items included creating better access to the Bike Path, the merging of the regional Councils of Government, progress on the design of the new Transfer Station and ways we recycle waste, a completed study of the sewer system and a Big Brothers program at Salisbury School.

I am grateful for the work of our fellow Selectmen, including Jim Dresser, Mark Lauretano and Katherine Kiefer, as well as our dedicated staff and volunteers who keep our town vital and attractive and serve the public so well.

We encourage you to attend the various meetings throughout the year, including the Board of Selectmen meetings, which have been held recently on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. Please check the website for any changes to meeting times. Committee reports and schedules are available in the Town Clerk's office or online at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us). Our best wishes for a healthy and productive year.

**TOWN CLERK**  
**PATRICIA H. WILLIAMS**

We continue to enjoy using our land record system, Info Quick Solutions (IQS). The maps have been loaded into the system and are able to be printed in a reduced format. We are also using the IQS System to issue and track absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications.

The Town Clerk's office congratulates Kayla Johnson for completing her Town Clerk certification classes and exam and becoming a certified Town Clerk!

We would again like to thank the citizens of Salisbury for their continued support.

<b>Births:</b>	16 total: 11 females, 5 males All were born at Sharon Hospital
<b>Marriages:</b>	55 total: 9 residents (one or both) 46 non-residents
<b>Deaths:</b>	58 total: 1 born in Salisbury
<b>Land Records:</b>	791 documents recorded
<b>Dog Licenses:</b>	402 issued: 34 unaltered, 365 altered
<b>Kennel Licenses:</b>	3
<b>Replacement Tags:</b>	0

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**CHRIS TOMPKINS**

All dogs in the Town of Salisbury are required by law to have licenses, which can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. This helps to both locate owners of lost dogs and ensure appropriate rabies vaccinations. The cost of the license is \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$19.00 for other dogs.

The Animal Control Officer responds to citizens' concerns regarding problems with domestic animals only, not wildlife, which is controlled by the State Department of Environmental Protection. It is illegal to allow dogs to roam freely on a public roadway or on another's private property.

The Town has a dog pound located at the Town Garage. The Animal Control Officer is the only person who has access to this facility. A kennel fee is charged if your dog has to be kept at the dog pound.

If your dog is missing or if you find a roaming dog, please call the Animal Control Officer at 860-248-5637 and leave a message.

**ASSESSOR**

**BARBARA BIGOS, ASSESSOR**  
**KAYLA JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE ASSESSOR**

The Assessor's office is actively working on the next full revaluation which will be completed for October 1, 2015. During this process we will evaluate every real estate parcel in town. This process will again be completed in-house by our own staff. We feel that this process provides Salisbury with a more accurate revaluation at a greatly reduced cost to the Town.

Currently we are working on the never-ending process of visiting properties and studying the local real estate market.

Our office also processes the low-income owner, veteran and renter tax relief programs for the State. We find this part of our job rewarding when we can assist these members of our community.

If you ever have any assessment questions or would like to have your property reviewed, please call, email or stop by our office.

# BOARD OF FINANCE

## BILL WILLIS, CHAIRMAN

The Board of Finance consists of six members, elected for 6-year terms. Its primary function is to recommend a budget and mill rate to the Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Finance also has the power to approve special appropriations and transfers upon request of the Board of Selectmen or the Board of Education. It has specific responsibility for determining the method and extent of financial record keeping, arranging for the annual audit of the Town records and publishing the annual Town report.

The major responsibility of the Board of Finance is to review all requests for expenditures for town activities, to evaluate these requests, and to recommend to the town meeting a budget which, in its judgment, meets all the town's expenditure needs within its financial resources. We facilitate this task through public meetings and public hearings.

The Board of Education did a worthy job of keeping their budget to an increase of \$90,676 or a 1.87% increase. The Board of Selectmen Budget increased by \$138,407 or 2.75%.

The reduction in projected revenues of \$37,000 was not significant enough to affect management of the budgets by the Board of Finance.

The Board of Finance believes these are sensible budgets, balancing budget upturns with a prudent tax increase that will meet the demands of the town over the coming fiscal year. At the Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 14 the town meeting approved the budgets. The three sections of the budget and the percentage change are as follows.

**General Government Budget:**

\$5,180,185 +2.75%

**Salisbury Central School Budget:**

\$4,930,160 +1.87%

**Region 1 (High School):**

\$3,190,220 +6.71%

**Total Town Expenditures:**

\$13,300,565 +3.34%

The general government budget increased largely because of an increase in the highway capital fund and an increase in medical insurance. The Salisbury Central School budget increased primarily because of an increase in technology and computer replacements.

The town's share of the Region 1 budget increased by \$208,817 or 6.71%. The Region 1 budget was finally approved by a region wide vote after 7 referendums on October 17, 2013.

The Board of Finance goal is to keep the tax increase to approximately 2%. Following approval of the budgets the Board of Finance set a mill rate of 10.4 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Last year's mill rate was 10.2. To help keep the increase in the mill rate as low as possible the board authorized the use of \$567,510 of surplus funds to help reduce the projected tax increase.

The average increase in taxes is approximately \$71 or \$20 per \$1,000 of assessment based on an average property assessment of \$355,000. This resulted in a tax increase of approximately 2% but the mill rate continues to be one of the lowest in the region and state. The property tax collection rate for the fiscal year was 100%.

Two of our long-term projects - the replacement or rehabilitation of the Amesville Bridge and safety improvements for Millerton Road at the intersection of Rt. 44 and Rt. 41, are in final review (and waiting approval by the State Highway Dept. and the Federal Highway Administration.) The Town's share for the Amesville Bridge construction is approximately \$300,000. The Town's share for the Rt. 44 & Rt. 41 intersection is approximately \$200,000. In addition, the Transfer Station Project is progressing, and we should receive recommendations from the committee in the very near future. The Board of Finance will make every effort to develop a long-term plan for financing the town and Board of Education capital projects through existing capital funds and long-term borrowing when it makes financial sense.

The Board of Finance will continue to scrutinize revenues and expenditures in order to support the needs of the town while maintaining a pragmatic tax rate.

## **BUILDING OFFICIAL**

**MICHAEL G. FITTING**

The office of the Building Official has been busy for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

8 permits were issued for the construction of new homes. This is one more than the previous year.

There were 193 approvals granted for what are classified as additions or alterations. This is an increase of 26 from last year. A total of 612 permits were issued for Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Tents, Utility Buildings, along with one “Zip-Line” tower. These all required inspections and approvals.

Six demolition permits were granted, but four of these were to remove a building for replacement in the same location. One of the other two was to eliminate a small garage/apartment that was damaged by fire, and the other one was to remove a storage shed that was no longer needed.

The installation of automatic generators is continuing, which brings with it the need for electrical and mechanical permits to wire and supply fuel that is necessary for them to operate.

The Town of Salisbury received a total of \$188,504.00 in building permit fees. This is \$22,615.00 more than the previous year.

The Building Official’s office is normally open Monday thru Friday from 8 to 9am and there is usually an assistant in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 4:00 pm.

The Building Official tries to return to the office afternoons from 3 to 4 pm.

The office is thankful for the many years of service that Michelle Lull welcomed the contractors and worked as secretary for the office.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**LARRY BURCROFF, CHAIRMAN**

The Salisbury Conservation Commission took action on the following applications in the past year:

- One pond cleaning – approved
- Biomass removal and chemical treatment in Twin Lakes - approved
- Repairs to a septic system in the regulated area - approved
- One habitat restoration for bog turtles on private land – approved
- Design of the new Water Street Amesville Bridge - approved

In addition, the Commission discussed issues relating to erosion and sedimentation from Route 44 into Lakeville Lake. The Commission continued to hear positive news about the Trout Unlimited project on the Salmon Kill River, and it provided oversight on a discrepancy regarding delineation of wetland soils.

The Commission continues its work to improve the quality of all Salisbury’s lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. The Commission meets on the second Monday of most months at 6:30 pm in the Salisbury Town Hall. Anyone is encouraged to attend and share ideas for conserving Salisbury’s water and natural resources.

# FIRE COMMISSION

## JOHN MONGEAU, CHAIRMAN

There were several major focus areas for the Fire Commission this past year, each of which occupied a portion of every meeting.

Truck replacement is always an important issue as the vehicles become outdated almost before we know it. National Fire Protection Association guidelines, annual inspections and pump testing, as well as just plain years of service help the Hose Company to decide which vehicles to replace. Since the modern fire fighting vehicles are increasingly costly, the Commission has been working with the Town Comptroller's office and the Hose Company to develop a long-term funding strategy to enable the Hose Company to purchase appropriately designed and equipped vehicles as they are needed, keeping in mind that the vehicle design and fabrication stages can take up to a year or more per vehicle.

The so-called Warehouse Building adjacent to the new Fire House represents an on-going challenge for everyone involved. It's a wonderful venue for large-scale Town events such as the Snow Ball, fundraising dinners, etc., but it needs work to make it more suitable for such events. The Hose Company has had a Committee meeting with officials of the Burlington Construction Corp. to determine the necessary work (and associated costs) to improve the building's bathrooms, windows, lighting, insulation, mechanicals and handicap access. These improvements would make the building more suitable for large-scale events, including serving as an alternative venue for municipal voting and as an emergency shelter/staging area for Salisbury Central School students and staff.

Both the Commission and the Hose Company have closely monitored the progress of the sale of the Old Fire House. Until it is officially sold, it remains on the Commission's structural liability policy. The sale would also provide some revenue to the Commission/Hose Company to help replenish the capital improvement fund.

The Commission has had to purchase some additional software necessary for the Hose Company to complete Fire Protection activity reports required by Connecticut and the Federal government.

Software upgrades (and some training) have become necessary to enable the Commission Treasurer to develop a monthly Trial Balance Report which will be helpful to the Town auditor for incorporating the Fire Commission budget into the Town's overall audited budget. The Treasurer will continue to provide a monthly line-item expenditure report for use by the Commission and Hose Company officers.

"Living" in the new firehouse continues to be a learning opportunity for the firemen, as well as the Commission's Maintenance Supervisor. The many complicated mechanical systems of the building, including heating/cooling/dehumidification/ventilation equipment, generators, automatic doors, commercial kitchen appliances, etc., require consistent monitoring and periodic servicing, all very time consuming activities.

At its June meeting, the Commission was saddened to learn of the death of Atty. Christopher Dakin. Chris had donated untold hours of legal service to the Hose Company and to the Lakeville Fire District. Chris was Chairman of the Fire District for several years. He had been working with the Town and the Hose Company to develop lease documents for both the new Firehouse and the Warehouse Building. Over the past few years, he provided counsel and direction to the Lakeville Fire District Committee in the long and complicated process involved in officially dissolving the District, transferring its assets to the Town, and developing a town Fire Commission to assume the fiduciary responsibilities of the District Committee. We will certainly miss his wise counsel and his encyclopedic knowledge of town properties.

## SALISBURY FIRE COMMISSION

**REVENUE**

Town Appropriation (Fire Protection)		\$188,650
Town Appropriation (Fire Commission)		40,150
Hydrant Collection Fee		41,377
Interest		4,805
Dividends		0
	<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$274,982</b>

**EXPENSES**

Tax Collection -- Hydrant Fees		1,731
Commission Maintenance (Town)		16,111
Heating and A/C -- Propane (Town)		9,835
Officers Honoraria		8,320
Unanticipated Projects (Town)		2,500
Water (hydrant charges)		52,650
Maintenance Supervisor (Town)		1,600
Office Operating		194
Misc.		196
Annual Audit		4,761
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$97,898</b>

Airpack update/replace		5,895
Fire Engine Fund		75,000
Fire House		13,289
Foam Equipment		2,000
Gas, oil, diesel		1,834
Generator Service		650
Heating and A/C-Propane		8,806
Hose Replacement		4,612
Insurance		17,221
Ladder test/replacement		1,000
Misc. Fire Protection		7,910
New Equipment		5,000
Radio Equipment		5,000
Telephone (fire)		4,504
Training		3,000
Fire Protection Education		1,000
Truck Maintenance		19,918
Turn Out Gear		5,523
Wild Land Protection		1,000
RESCUE		2,000
Mandatory Physicals (Annual)		4,250
Traffic Safety -- Fire Police		2,118
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>191,530</b>

<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$289,428</b>
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## **FIRE MARSHAL**

**MICHAEL G. FITTING**

The 2013/2014 fiscal year has been a very active year for the Salisbury Fire Marshal.

There have been 5 structure fires this past year.

Unfortunately, there was a loss of life in one large residential home that was completely consumed by fire. The 4 other structure fires were able to be contained to the immediate areas in which they were determined to have started. An excellent job was done by the volunteer fire departments. The investigators from the Office of the State Fire Marshal were called in to assist in the examination of 3 of these fires. There was also a serious incident in which an underground propane tank fill pipe was sheared off. This necessitated an evacuation of the surrounding buildings along with a concentrated metering of the area until the "scene" was declared safe.

252 incident reports were filed with the Office of the State Fire Marshal as required by Connecticut General Statutes. This is 21 fewer than last year.

The Salisbury Fire Marshal's office has welcomed Robin S. Denny who has been appointed to serve as Deputy Fire Marshal. Robin will be conducting the inspections of the buildings, other than one and two family residences, as required by state statutes, for determination of compliance with the State Fire Safety and Fire Prevention codes.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**DON REID, HIGHWAY FOREMAN**

The past year was a productive one for our highway department. We continued our 5-year program of increased maintenance, and we have been able to provide long-term improvements to most of our local roads, including both gravel and paved. Our paving program is on schedule and we continue to stay ahead of large unanticipated costs. We continue to upgrade our equipment, which allows for more efficiency.

The winter was stormy and required considerable snow removal. We experienced 34 storms requiring plowing of a total of 84 inches of snow, 6 of the storms were ice. During the year we have also done much routine brush and tree maintenance, as well as landscaping in our village centers and at several Town parks. We installed drainage along many sections of road.

Ray Flint continues his work as a skilled mechanic and also drives and paves during the seasons. The crew of Rodney Webb (Crew Chief), Thomas Brazee, Bob Flint, Tom Paine, James Brazee, Russell Hoage, and Darin Reid, provide Salisbury residents with many long hours of hard work. They work through heat, storms, freezing and ice, and downed trees, to provide us with safe and well-maintained roads. They all deserve a big thank you for a job well done!

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**CANDACE CUNIBERTI, CHAIRMAN**

It is helpful to review why we are dedicated to historic preservation. While we have some buildings of historic and architectural significance, our overall importance is in the ambiance of the town itself. We are a well-preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century community. There are exceptions, but by and large, the beauty of our community rests in its environment of grace that speaks to earlier times. While change is both inevitable and desirable, our purpose is to enable changes to happen without losing the atmosphere that makes Salisbury the beautiful community in which we all appreciate living.

As Chairman, I want to express my gratitude to the members of the Salisbury Historic District Commission (SHDC), whose knowledge and dedication enable us to succeed. I thank each of them for meeting monthly at 8:30 am and at additional times when the work requires. For their fresh ideas, such as the SHDC plaque to identify historic buildings in the Districts and plans for a book commemorating 50 years of historic preservation in Salisbury, I am grateful. We are also taking steps to add two additional buildings to our roster of homes in the SHDC.

## **LAKEVILLE HOSE COMPANY**

**JASON WILSON, FIRE CHIEF**

The Lakeville Hose Company responded to 252 calls for the 2013-2014 year. Over 3,000 hours were spent operating on emergency incidents and over 4,000 hours were spent on training, fundraising and the daily operations of the Fire Company.

Soon the Company will be receiving a new Mini Pumper/ Brush Truck to replace the outdated 1989 unit. The Company is currently planning to replace its aging 1995 Rescue Truck. The Lakeville Hose Company would like to thank the residents of Salisbury for their ongoing support.

## PARKS & FOREST COMMISSION

Thanks to the generosity of many former and present residents of Salisbury, we are able to appreciate nature's beauty from a number of walks, ski trails, hills and ponds.

### **BARRACK MATIFF**

27 acres located on a wooded hillside adjacent to the south side of US Route 44 about a mile East of Salisbury. The Appalachian Trail winds through part of this forest.

### **COBBLE PARK**

An interesting geologic rock outcropping located just to the northeast of the Catholic cemetery in Salisbury. The total land area is about three acres of rocks and woods.

### **WASHINEE-HANGING ROCK PARK**

Consisting of two adjacent parcels of land, three acres each, on Factory Street just west of the Old Salisbury Burying Ground. Picnic facilities are available.

### **WACK FOREST**

A wooded area used primarily by the Girl Scouts, consisting of 50 acres opposite the old Wack home on Lime Rock Road.

### **ORE HILL PARK**

Four and one-half acres located north of the old ore pit with some frontage on the north side of Route 44. The pit is now filled with water and is used for fishing, and in the winter for ice-skating.

### **BICENTENNIAL PARK**

A small "vest pocket" park developed within the foundation of the old Holley Block in Lakeville, at the corner of Holley Street and Millerton Road (Route 44).

### **CANNON PARK**

Located adjacent to the ball field in Lakeville, affording the pleasant entrance to the ball field area.

### **BAUER PARK**

Four and one-half acres surrounding the old Lakeville Railroad Station and leading to the Town Grove. It includes Factory Pond and the parking area.

### **TOWN GROVE**

Nine acres located on the shore of Lake Wononscopomuc in the center of Lakeville. It includes the Grove Recreation buildings, playground, beach and boat storage areas.

### **TACONIC CHAPEL PARK**

The smallest town park, located at the former site of the Taconic Chapel in the intersection of Taconic Road and Twin Lakes Road in Taconic.

### **CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PARK**

A triangular parcel of land containing the Soldiers' Monument located directly in front of the White Hart Inn.

### **MARY V. PETERS MEMORIAL PARK**

Consisting of 36 acres on the southwest shore of Long Pond. The park may be used for fishing, hunting, hiking and cross-country skiing.

### **EDITH SCOVILLE MEMORIAL SANCTUARY**

288 acres located at the apex formed by Taconic Road, Lake Washinee and Route 44. It is beautifully wooded with many ski and hiking trails and a lean-to with fireplace.

### **REYNOLDS-ROCKWELL PARK**

Two acres located next to Hanging Rock Park and Washinee Park at the corner of Locust Ave. and Factory/Washinee Street.

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

MICHAEL W. KLEMENS, PHD, CHAIRMAN

Fiscal year 2013-2014 was one of steady progress toward our goals of improving our land use regulations. While the bulk of the revisions to our regulations had been completed in the previous fiscal year, we had intentionally deferred several topics for analysis and rewriting. This year we completed and adopted a complete re-write of our signage regulations. Our goal was to create more user-friendly and transparent regulations, mindful of the need to accommodate and facilitate commercial vitality in the Town's business districts. Vice-Chairman Fred Schmidt spearheaded this effort, which included public workshops, several re-writes, and consultations with both our planner and legal counsel. We are thankful for his diligent efforts in bringing this difficult task to its satisfactory completion.

The Commission continued its efforts to promote dialogue and bring regulatory clarity concerning the activities of Lime Rock Park (LRP) and the surrounding village of Lime Rock, as well as fostering the revitalization of Lime Rock as described in the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development). The P and Z addressed various issues concerning LRP and the surrounding community including parking, potential re-zoning, adaptive re-use of residences fronting on White Hollow Road and Rte. 112, as well as the need/desirability for certain activities at LRP to require a special permit on a case-by-case basis. The re-write of the signage regulations also included specific regulations for the RE zone in which LRP lies. This continues to be a work in progress, but clarity has been reached on several issues (RR-1 parking, re-zoning, and the desirability of adaptive re-use of residences on White Hollow Road versus Rte. 112). In the forthcoming year we hope to complete our work on adaptive re-use of residences fronting on Rte. 112, and to reach consensus on special permitting of certain accessory uses at LRP. The P and Z recognizes both the economic importance of LRP to the Town (taxes and employment) as well as the concerns of the residents of Lime Rock and will continue to seek a balance between these interests.

The P and Z appointed/re-appointed three alternates for two-year terms. Both Michael Flint and Cathy Shyer were re-appointed. Judy Swanson declined to be re-appointed for another two-year term. Judy was instrumental in serving as a critical link between the P and Z and various efforts to re-design our downtown village centers and we gratefully acknowledge her many contributions to the Town and the P and Z. Danella Schiffer PhD, an industrial psychologist residing in the Amesville section of Town, was appointed for a two-year term as our third Alternate.

Following the retirement of Tom McGowan, the P and Z retained the services of Donald Poland, AICP who now serves as our Consulting Town Planner. ZEO Nancy Brusie was given additional responsibilities assisting the Building Department. This new shared arrangement is working to the Town's benefit, as Ms. Brusie is involved in a fuller spectrum of land-use activities, from the permitting and planning of projects to the on-the-ground follow-up by the Building Department/Building Inspector.

Our routine P and Z permitting activities rose slightly (88 versus 98) from our previous year as follows: Additions (36); Barns (4); Change of Use (21); Decks (8); Garages (5); Pools (4); Single Family Residences (3); Solar Panels (6); Sheds (8); Subdivisions (1); Site Plan Reviews (3); and Special Permits (3). The P and Z looks forward to continuing our work on behalf of the Town, and thank the citizens of Salisbury for their support and interest in the workings of our Commission.

## **POLICE SERVICES**

### **TFC CHRIS SORRELL, RESIDENT TROOPER**

The following is the Annual Report for the fiscal year of 2013-2014 for all the Police services provided within the Town of Salisbury. The statistical information pertains to the matters attended to by the Salisbury Resident Trooper's Office, the town's Part-time Police Officer and the State Police Trooper assigned to Troop B North Canaan.

There were 2,793 total calls for service within the town of Salisbury. The breakdown is as follows:

- 120 Reportable calls
- 93 Total Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 0 Fatalities
- 9 D.W.I. Arrests
- 18 Burglary Investigations (Residential and Auto with most cases closed with an arrest made)
- 24 Larceny Investigations
- 209 Total Motor Vehicle Citations issued
- 239 Written Warnings issued
- 2,146 Total miscellaneous Non-reportable incidents

Non-reportable incidents include Patrol/Property checks, Alarm responses, and Motorist Assists, Citizen Assists, Administrative Services and Miscellaneous request for service.

The following community services are currently being performed and/or offered:

- DARE
- Lake Patrol
- Mountain Bike Patrol
- Speed Reduction Programs
- Gun License Permitting
- Finger Printing
- Crime Awareness Programs

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **LOUIS J. BUCCERI, CHAIRMAN**

Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe continues to lead a wide variety of programs for the town community. The ever-popular summer swim team once again successfully hosted the regional championships. To improve safety, enrich instruction, and reduce maintenance costs, new swim team docks were installed for the summer of 2014. Salisbury Recreation has a significant presence at the Town Grove in the summer, offering many different water sports lessons and activities. The summer Lego Camp enrollment was at capacity. A new program of tumbling and gymnastics was added during the winter for children aged seven or more years. It was so well attended that it was repeated in the spring. Instructional and competitive opportunities existed for youth in soccer, lacrosse, basketball, baseball, and tennis. For adults, there are popular lap swimming sessions and fitness walking hosted by Hotchkiss School. Adult recreational programs also include paddle tennis and men's basketball. Information regarding recreational programs is available on the Town of Salisbury's web site.

The 2013 municipal elections brought change to the Recreation Commission. Lou Bucceri (Chairman), Rick DelPrete, Pat Kelly (Treasurer), Becky Lachaine (Secretary), Danny Smith, and Tim Sinclair (Vice Chairman) continued to serve their appointed terms. Jennifer Weigel, who was the Salisbury Board of Education representative for several

years, was elected to the Region One Board of Education. The Commissioners welcomed replacement, Beth Vernali.

In an effort to improve the healthful qualities of the town, Salisbury Recreation has taken part in a Torrington Area Health District program to create and implement tobacco-free policies at all town recreation areas. Informational signs have been posted at those areas. Details of the policies are available through the town's web site.

The commissioners regularly remark on the strong volunteer spirit in Salisbury. It is that spirit that helps to make our programs possible. Those folks who offer to coach teams or organize activities help to enrich town life. Anyone interested in coaching or with thoughts about future offerings is encouraged to contact Director McAuliffe at either (860) 435-5186 or [recreationdirector@salisburyct.us](mailto:recreationdirector@salisburyct.us).

Finally, the commissioners congratulate Salisbury Central School students Molly Dowd and Bradford Rawlings on their graduation and being named recipients of the Arthur Wilkinson Physical Education Prize for the 2013-2014 school year.

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS & ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT

JANET LYNN, ROV REPUBLICAN  
MARGIE VAIL, ROV DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL J. FLINT, DEPUTY ROV REPUBLICAN  
KATHLEEN MERA, DEPUTY ROV DEMOCRATIC

The office of the Registrar of Voters and Elections Management is a state mandated, elected position. The two elected registrars, one Democratic and one Republican, continually update the official voter registration list for Salisbury along with the allied responsibility of preparing for and managing any election.

The registrars are in their second floor office of Town Hall every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Also, official forms for voter registration or changes may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday. Mail-in applications are also available at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us), [www.ct.gov/sots/view.asp?q](http://www.ct.gov/sots/view.asp?q), State Department of Motor Vehicles Offices, Libraries and Social Service Agencies.

The registrars organize and conduct an annual canvass of all registered voters in the Township. The purpose is to update changes of residence and mailing address. If your address changes, please notify the registrars by email at [registrars@salisburyct.us](mailto:registrars@salisburyct.us) or by phone at 860-435-5175

The registrars are nominated by their respective parties and elected biannually along with other state and federal offices. Registrars are provided with training and on-going professional seminars each year.

The Secretary of State has elected optical scanners as the official voting method along with an IVS system for people with disabilities.

As of June 30, 2014, the total of active registered voters is 3353. The affiliation is as follows: Unaffiliated – 1332; Democratic – 1325; Republican – 696

We would like to have all eligible persons registered and voting. If you would be interested in working at the Polls on election day please contact our office at 860-435-5175 or [registrars@salisburyct.us](mailto:registrars@salisburyct.us).

## VOTER INFORMATION & POLITICAL PARTIES

### General Information for Voters

**Eligibility:** A person, in order to be admitted as an elector in a Connecticut town, must meet the following requirements: One must be a United States citizen who shall have attained the age of 18 years and be a bona fide resident of the town. A bona fide resident is one whose fixed home is in the town in which he/she lives and to which he/she intends to return if temporarily absent. To vote in a referendum, one must be a United States citizen and must pay taxes in Salisbury on property with a minimum assessed value of \$1,000.

Voter registration cards are available from the Town Clerk, the State Department of Motor Vehicles offices, many Post Offices, and libraries, or can be downloaded from [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us), and can be mailed to the registrars of voters.

**Absentee Voting:** For an election, any registered voter, or eligible property owner, may vote by absentee ballot for one of the following reasons: Absence from town during all hours of voting; illness; physical disability; active service in the United States Armed Forces; or religious tenets that forbid secular activity on a day of election, primary or referendum. For a referendum, any registered voter or property owner may vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained in person or by mail or email from the Town Clerk.

### Political Parties

#### **Democratic Town Committee**

Al Ginouves Chairman  
Susan DeMelle, Vice Chairman  
Sarah Zarbock, Treasurer  
Kerry Noble, Secretary

#### **Republican Town Committee**

Michael Flint, Chairman  
Peter Becket, Treasurer  
Janet Lynn, Secretary

# SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

**BOB RIVA, CHAIRMAN**

The Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission's (SAHC) mission is to facilitate the development and continued availability of housing for Salisbury's low – and moderate – income residents as mandated by Town Ordinance No. 111 (December, 2010). These are some of the highlights of the Commission's work during the past fiscal year:

- Continued to update residents on available housing resources through the Commission's Web page.
- Received 11 calls from people who live or work in Salisbury looking for affordable housing options, and referred them to resources that could help them.
- Provided regional housing provider with outreach assistance to tenants currently residing in local affordable units.
- Commissioners received an in-depth presentation by a leading advocate/developer on the changing policies, trends and best practices in affordable housing.
- Using both print and electronic media tracked listings of available rental units and their prices.
- Assisted local family at risk of losing apartment due to financial difficulties. Provided referrals to and advocated for the family with local and regional assistance sources.
- Continued to evaluate private and town properties for potential future housing development.
- Began in-depth quantitative research to determine the precise number of existing affordable rental units in town. The results will allow accurate comparison to availability in other communities.

Over the last fiscal year, the SAHC expended \$4,750 on staffing. Additional information on the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission's work and updates on new housing resources can be found on the Town's website ([www.salisburyct.us/affordablehousing](http://www.salisburyct.us/affordablehousing)).

# SALISBURY-SHARON TRANSFER STATION

**BRIAN BARTRAM, MANAGER**

Thank you to the residents and businesses who helped to recycle over 800 tons of paper, cardboard, bottles & cans! This recycling saved over \$50,000 in disposal costs.

Are you having a special event in town? The Transfer Station has ClearStream recycling bins available for residents to borrow for special events. Please email Brian to reserve the bins. [BBartram@Salisburyct.us](mailto:BBartram@Salisburyct.us)

Here are some of the changes that occurred during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Please join me in thanking the dedicated Transfer Station staff for their hard work. Gary Duntz, George Silvernail, Jason Wilson, “Bullet” Sherwood, Thomas Sherwood and Matt Murtagh all help to keep the materials moving, be it during a “Polar Vortex” or one of the dog days of summer!

- The “Mixed Paper” was closed in January in preparation for Single Stream Recycling.
- In March we began delivering the Construction & Demolition materials to a new vendor.
- July 1, 2013 Connecticut’s Product Stewardship law went into effect for paint. The Transfer Station now accepts oil & latex paint from residents without a fee. (Please note the paint is required to still be in the original container). Over the last year the Transfer Station received 11.21 tons of paint under this PaintCare program.

Thank you, and please continue to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

<b>Salisbury Sharon Transfer Station 2013-2014 Tonnages</b>	
MSW	2991.9
Comingled containers	307.66
Mixed Paper	122.53
Cardboard	382.45
Scrap Metal	172.7
Tires	8.72
CRTs / Electronics	33.62
Leaves	162.5
Batteries (auto & rechargeable)	1.77
Waste Oil	2200
Paint	550 gal + 11.21 tons
Clothes	18.65
Construction Demo & Wood	925.92
<b>Total Gross Tonnage</b>	<b>5202.98</b>
<b>Total MSW Tonnage</b>	<b>4277.06</b>
<b>Total Recycled Tons</b>	<b>1274.2</b>
<b>Percentage Recycled</b>	<b>29.79%</b>



## **SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **MIKE BECK, DIRECTOR/MUNICIPAL AGENT**

Greetings from the Grove! Life is good here on Lake Wononscopomuc. For those who visit the center on a regular basis the beauty of our setting is of no surprise but to those who only see us occasionally it is breath taking; no matter the season.

Our numbers for the nutrition program remain steady and our program numbers continue to grow. The Tuesday/Thursday exercise class is going strong thanks to the leadership of Diane Magnuson and Jano Fairservis. Joanne Robinson continues to host a knitting club on Monday mornings. Our puzzle room has at least one puzzle going at all times. In warm weather the pontoon boat continues to be a hit and the Friday fishing club is well attended. Friday Pot-Luck Suppers are always well attended and never help one's waist line grow smaller. I urge you to read the sampler each month and stay connected to all of our program offerings.

Medicare Part D, Medigap insurance, and the State Medicare Savings program keep the office hopping in the fall. We help countless area residents evaluate what they have, what they might need, and how and where to get it. As a Choices counselor I can help you make your first Medicare decisions or help you with a full benefits checkup.

The AARP Safe Driving courses we host are some of the best attended classes in our region. We helped over 100 area residence file their 2013 income taxes with our AARP tax aide program. Anyone looking for a great volunteer experience should call me to see how you can get involved. We are always in need of help in our tax aide program.

The Town of Salisbury and the office of Senior Services are genuinely concerned about the needs and well being of all our older residents. Please contact us with your questions, concerns, or needs at 435-5191. We may not know the answer but we will find it.

## **TOWN GROVE**

### **STACEY DODGE, MANAGER**

This year's fishing season brought many anglers to the Grove. We had a good season with many large trout being caught. The lake also hosted a number of bass tournaments attracting anglers from all over the state. As the end of the school year approached so did the level of excitement anticipating hot sunny days at the grove. The staff, Lisa Reel, Debby Schutt, Sue Bayer, Allycia Reel, Chris Williams, Andy MacDavid, Holly Reid and new members Tracy Dowd and Diane Chinatti welcomed patrons young and old alike. This year we have a new game for the kids - a large connect four, with 6-inch discs that has been a big hit with the younger kids. The baseball field is lined and active with homerun hopefuls. Lifeguards are alert and working well with each other to create a safe swimming area for all.

We have a lot of new guards this year as older guards have moved on to other job opportunities. The park was frequented by camps from surrounding towns. Massachusetts – Rudolph Steiner, New York- Kildonan School and of course local camps/daycare groups- Housatonic Child Care and EXTRAS. Mother Nature has provided us with lots and lots of rain this season causing the lake to rise 9 ½ inches. All this rain has caused the beach to shrink and the sand to erode creating a nice sandy bottom to the swimming area. Due to all the rain 4<sup>th</sup> of July events had to be cancelled. This is the first time in 26 years that 4<sup>th</sup> of July events have been cancelled due to weather.

## **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**DON MAYLAND, CHAIRMAN**

Once again, this has been a very busy year for the SWPCA. We engaged Louriero Engineering Associates to do a study and prepare an engineering report on Infiltration/Inflow and Biological Nutrient Removal for the Town. The sewer system has long been experiencing water infiltration from ground water and excess water inflow from unknown sources connected to the system. In addition, the State of Connecticut is in the process of putting forth new requirements for the removal of phosphorus and other nutrients from sewer system discharges. All of this will require that we do some extensive remediation work in the near future. Partly in preparation for this we raised user rates for the first time in 5 years.

We welcomed Teal Atkinson and Mat Kiefer aboard as regular members of the commission. Both had been serving as alternate members. In addition we welcomed Cathy Shyer and Pat Hackett aboard as new alternate members.

Plant Manager John Whalen submitted a long range capital plan for the purchase of new equipment and replacement of aging equipment. We have been working toward the completion of this plan during the past two years, as we have purchased a new generator that makes the plant completely operable during power outages and, most recently, we purchased a new tractor and mower.

The plant and sewer system continue to be operated in an exemplary fashion.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**JEFFREY A. LLOYD, CHAIRMAN**

The Zoning Board of Appeals had no requests for variances. Board members worked on updating and amending the By Laws. The Town web site has been updated with additional information which should be useful to the citizens of Salisbury. Jeffrey Lloyd and Eugenie Warner were reelected at the November 2013 elections and Kathy Lauretano was elected as a new member. Patricia Walsh was appointed as an alternate to replace Chris Janelli who did not seek reelection.

# HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

DR. JOSE MARTINEZ, PRINCIPAL

Student leadership was the theme for this year at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where young people undertook the challenge of changing their world, both near and far. Spearheaded by a motivated, inspired senior class, students took on topics as near as the Salmon Kill watershed and as far as global warming in the Pacific Ocean. Student groups addressed an array of social topics, in some cases provoking community discussion and in other cases initiating material responses such as fund raising and structural enhancements around the school. The screening of “Girl Rising” and student Civic Life documentaries highlight the former, while their work to fund and install bottle-filling stations around the school exemplifies the latter.

These same students rose to the elevated standards of the Common Core Curricula, which has been phased in over the past few years, most noticeably in Mathematics, English, and Social Studies classes. Students and teachers alike experienced a piloted version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment that tests student attainment of Common Core skills, and which will be used to inform curriculum and instruction in the future. Our teachers are working in a data-heavy environment, with greater access to student performance feedback than ever before. This is prompting a shift toward a more scientific and diagnostic approach to teaching, and the influx of computers that was approved by our voters this spring will assist our staff in maximizing the power of technology to harness all of this information.

Such objective data is only valuable, however, when paired with insight about our students’ personalities and individual needs. Our Guidance Department began programs this year that used academic and behavioral statistics to develop a list of students in need of intervention, which they cross-referenced against their personal experiences with students to identify groups for targeted assistance. This and similar efforts around the school indicated the need for an additional Intervention teacher to work with students on literacy instruction, and we will continue to use data-informed practices to serve the needs of all students.

Our students gave us many reasons to be proud this year, from outstanding performances in academic competitions such as the national French and Spanish tests to brilliant theatrical, musical, and artistic performances. *Hello, Dolly* featured a seasoned cast and earned rave reviews, our Envirothon and Robotics teams competed near the tops of their categories in state competitions, and our artists and musicians were recognized both around the state and nationally for their work.

Many of these activities acquire the flavor of sporting competitions, and a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork pervades all of these arenas. In each athletic season this year, several teams qualified for state tournament play, and many of our senior athletes will go on to compete at the highest levels of collegiate athletics. In addition to their accomplishments on the field, however, their academic and philanthropic efforts reflect our interest in developing well-rounded individuals and conscientious citizens who are able to meet the demands of the future.

# REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PATRICIA CHAMBERLAIN, SUPERINTENDENT

As the 2013-2014 school year draws to a close, we begin to reflect upon our many achievements throughout the Region. It is always a challenge to enumerate these accomplishments, in that there is so much happening in each of our seven schools; hence, I will attempt to highlight some of our major accomplishments.

Students, staff and faculty returned with great enthusiasm to well-organized openings throughout the district. The school year commenced with the appointment of Assistant Principal Ian Strever as Interim Principal and Liam O'Reilly as Interim Assistant Principal at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. With what would have seemed to be a challenge for both administrators, they rose to the occasion and completed a successful year at HVRHS. We thank them for their cooperation, diligence and service. Dr. José Martinez was hired to commence on July 1, 2014 as the new Principal at HVRHS and has settled in to his new office and position in a very short time. Our now veteran principal staff in the elementary schools accomplished an extraordinary amount of work over the course of the school year.

Seven teachers celebrated 25 years of service to the region this year. In addition, we welcomed nineteen new teachers to our regional schools. Under the direction of our Assistant Superintendent, many of our teachers worked through the summer in the content areas of: mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies to develop and revise curriculum. Numeracy and literacy were the focus, as regionally we are aligning curricula to the State adopted Common Core State Standards. We are indeed fortunate to have incredibly talented and dedicated faculty and staff working for the greater good of our students and schools.

Annually, initiatives and goals are established by administrators in our schools along with their faculties; regional initiatives established this year were:

1. To improve student achievement as evidenced by multiple data sources such as local, regional, state, and national assessments with benchmarks established by each school through the use of Common Core, SRBI/RTI, PBIS, and Differentiated Instruction;
2. To begin implementation of the new regional teacher and school leader evaluation plans;

3. To promote active citizenship within and among faculty, staff and students using the following indicators: self-management, increased involvement, communication, respect, outreach, and shared leadership (including systematic responsiveness to at-risk youth);
4. To implement a "guaranteed and viable curriculum" tied to comprehensive formative and summative assessments utilizing the Common Core of Teaching and the instructional core (student, teacher, content), for example:
  - a) Regional and School Grade Level Meetings – Outcomes
  - b) Strategies for Intervention
  - c) Regional Continuum of Professional Practice
  - d) Region Assessments Aligned to the Common Core State Standards
  - e) Continuous Assessment and Improvement of School Safety and Security

Principals, working with their faculties, developed building goals that supported the regional initiatives, and each faculty member then developed their professional goals to accomplish the building goals. This coordination allowed for effectively and efficiently providing professional development for faculty and administrators. Ongoing teacher development focused on curriculum alignment with the Common Core and implementation of the revised curricula, along with technology. While challenging, we implemented the new evaluation plans for teachers and administrators and subsequently sent revised plans to the State Department of Education for their approval. We will continue to refine and implement the plan throughout the year.

While CMT and CAPT state testing were still utilized this past year in the area of science, a new "Field Test" was implemented in the areas of language arts and mathematics. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, a state-led consortium, implemented next-generation assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in both of these areas to more accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness. The field test this year was a trial run of these assessments, utilized to ensure that the assessments are valid, reliable and fair for all students. This field test will also be used by test developers to show which items work well and which ones need to be improved so that they can contribute to the operational assessment in the spring of 2015.

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**REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PATRICIA CHAMBERLAIN, SUPERINTENDENT**

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Because the field test this year was an evaluation of items and processes, schools and districts will not receive individual student results this fall. Schools from across the country participated in this field testing for the overall development of the assessments with over five million students testing.

Economic constraints continue to cause our schools to be conservative in addressing the building needs of each school. Sound fiscal planning and monitoring by our business manager, seven principals and boards of education continue to serve us well. All budgets throughout the region passed in May in preparation for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

The Central Office team successfully negotiated three certified teacher contracts and a new contract for the Administrator Collective Bargaining Unit this past school year. In addition, a non-certified contract was negotiated at North Canaan Elementary School. The Business Office continues to support the needs of our regional schools when necessary or requested.

In closing, it is more important than ever to remain focused on the needs of our students throughout the region as our student enrollments decline. We continue monitoring and reporting enrollment projections that will continue to gradually decline if predictions remain accurate. The 2013-2014 school year has been a challenging yet educationally productive year for our students and staff. Our dedicated and talented staff, faculties and administrators continue to work hard toward the success of all children. We appreciate the contributions made by our community volunteers and the efforts of our seven Boards of Education in the maintenance and success of our outstanding schools.

# SALISBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL

LISA CARTER, PRINCIPAL

Salisbury Central School ended the 2013-2014 school year with an enrollment of 282 students. There were 194 students enrolled in Pre-K through grade 5 and 88 students in grades 6 to 8. Our school is a learning community which upholds high standards of education for all of our students as well as individual respect for each child. We are fortunate to enjoy strong support from the Town of Salisbury residents which contributes to a positive school climate.

The faculty and support staffs are the heartbeat of the school. We currently have a blend of veteran and newer teachers who harmonize well to form a solid team devoted to providing the best, most engaging instruction to our students. Salisbury Central curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards as well as other relevant standards such as those for physical education and the unified arts. The standards and curriculum all support student-centered instruction to encourage individual curiosity and creativity. Salisbury Central teachers are well-supported by an outstanding group of paraprofessionals, office workers and custodial staff who help to enrich the classroom experience as well as facilitate smooth and orderly school operation.

Salisbury Central School has continued to excel academically based on a variety of variables including standardized testing as well as Regional and school-based assessments. Assessments tell us what children have learned throughout the course of their instruction and include more than pencil and paper tests. Student research projects, presentations and art/music projects give students a variety of means to express themselves and demonstrate their learning. Results from regular assessments at all grade levels indicate that students are presented with opportunities to succeed, and to exceed our expectations.

Our academic program is enriched by taking our students on field trips. Experiences such as the fifth grade trip to Boston, the sixth grade trip to Nature's Classroom, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. as well as visits to museums in Hartford, New York City and throughout Connecticut broaden the horizons of our students and strengthen their curiosity about the world outside of the Northwest Corner. Although not a field trip, thanks to electronic media, we also have a relationship with a school in Peru.

The Salisbury Central School is also committed to supporting a strong program in the arts. Our students study music and the visual arts beginning in Kindergarten. We also have elementary and middle school band and choral programs that enjoy strong participation by our students. Class projects and the SOAR program ensure the presence of the dramatic arts.

Finally, it is important to note that we have made significant investments in technology. We have strengthened the school's network infrastructure to be able to support a one-to-one electronic device per child and are working to achieve this goal. All teachers have laptops and iPads and we are building a strong fleet of electronic devices to be used as part of the educational experience in our classrooms.

In addition to our academic excellence we had many other accomplishments during the 2013-2014 year of which we are very proud. Many students participated in the Geography Bee, Math Counts program, Quiz Bowl, the Academic Fair and the Connecticut Invention Convention. The Student Council continued to be very active and organized many school-spirit related activities and whole-school spirit days throughout the year. The band and chorus programs continued to grow and had a variety of performances throughout the year. Students at Salisbury Central School demonstrated their caring and generosity through such activities as our middle school collaboration with Noble Horizons, performing choral concerts at Geer Village and Noble Horizons, collecting food for The Corner Pantry (Formerly OWL's Kitchen), recognizing the contributions of our nation's veterans, decorating trees for Noble Horizons, and sorting trash on Earth Day. Last, but not least, the Salisbury Central School Educational Enrichment Fund continues to be popular and effective. This privately funded program, better known as S.O.A.R. (Seek Originate Aim Reach), offers many opportunities during the spring and fall for our students to participate in activities which are led by volunteers in the community outside of the regular school day.

Our PTO continues to be actively involved at Salisbury Central. The PTO regularly organizes student and family activities to help build positive relationships within our school community. Highlights include the August Ice Cream Social and the Book Fair in October.

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## **SALISBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**LISA CARTER, PRINCIPAL**

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The PTO also regularly supports the classroom needs of teachers through the mini-grant program. Our faculty greatly appreciates the support we receive in many ways from the PTO.

Athletically our Middle School students were very successful. We had much interest and participation in boys' and girls' soccer and basketball, as well as softball and baseball. Our students take pride in their strong track record of success in these sports while demonstrating model sportsmanship.

The Board of Education's Building and Grounds Committee continues to focus on maintaining and being proactive in the buildings' needs. Their support is invaluable and we are fortunate to have such strong partners in the education of our children.

The faculty, staff and students would like to thank the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for their ongoing support of our community's school.

## **EXTENDED TIME FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SALISBURY (E.X.T.R.A.S)**

**CAROLINE S. REILLY, BOARD PRESIDENT**

**LOUIS J. BUCCERI, DIRECTOR**

EXTRAS provides after school and summer care for the children of working parents in our community. The heart of the program beats within the children, but the strength of the program is in the caring and experienced staff. Lou Bucceri took the reigns as the Program Director over the summer and together with Jennifer Hill and Rita Ezersky, who have collectively been with the program over 29 years, created a friendly, safe, and healthy environment for our children. The EXTRAS board is dedicated to the financial health of the organization, to expanding the exposure of the program within the community, and to programmatic improvements. We are tremendously fortunate to live in such a caring community that provides the program with continued support through grants, donations, and time. Without the generosity of so many, the EXTRAS program would not be as vibrant or as accessible as it is today.

# GEER ADULT DAY CENTER

LORI NEIL, DIRECTOR

The Geer Adult Day Center is a small non-profit organization started in 1979 as part of the on-going services offered by Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Our goal and mission has remained the same, to enhance the quality of life and maintain independence for our participants while supporting family efforts of keeping their loved ones at home and active within the community.

The Center is open to all adults who are in need of daytime supervision or socialization regardless of age, sex, race, creed or religion. Our participants are individuals who are physically impaired, socially isolated or are limited in their ability to function independently within their communities or at home. The Center's program hours are Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

The Geer Adult Day Center provides door-to-door transportation for the participants within a 25 mile radius. This service is provided to the towns of Cornwall, Falls Village, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Goshen, Barkhamsted, Winsted, Norfolk, Colebrook, Torrington, Bantam, Litchfield, Warren, New Hartford, Kent and the neighboring towns in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

Our therapeutic programming includes music, exercise, arts & crafts, entertainers, activities that stimulate thinking and problem solving, community out trips, gardening and much more.

Our Center is a medical model which includes an on-site registered nurse during program hours to monitor general health needs. Individual care plans are developed. Blood Pressures, weights and glucose monitoring are recorded on a regular basis. Showers and personal care are also offered.

A continental breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks are provided according to nutritional needs and dietary restrictions.

- In addition, a Caregiver's Support Group is offered every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1 pm.
- A Blood Pressure Clinic is open to the community Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The Geer Adult Day Center also operates a Dial-a-Ride service providing transportation to individuals residing in the towns of Sharon, Canaan, Falls Village, Cornwall and Lakeville/Salisbury. Transportation is available Monday through Friday. Call 824-7067 for more information or to reserve a ride. There is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. (24-hour notice is requested)



# HOUSATONIC CHILD CARE CENTER

MARCIE BOUTIN, DIRECTOR

The Housatonic Child Care Center is a professional not-for-profit, full-time child care facility, providing play-based learning and applying best practices for the development and school preparation of children ages 12 weeks through 5 years. The Center has served Salisbury and the surrounding towns since opening its doors in 1970. At that time the Center was licensed for 20 children. Today it is licensed for up to 55 children in three programs. Since 2005 the Center has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators. We are proud to have been reaccredited in June of 2010 and are working towards reaccreditation again in early 2015.

We have a wonderful, kind and caring staff. Many of our teachers hold college degrees in addition to their Head Teacher certificates along with CPR/First Aid and Medication Administration certification. Our staff also takes advantage of many continuing education courses to keep themselves up-to-date on the latest in early childhood education. We are fortunate to have student volunteers from several area schools.

The school year runs September through June, and a separate summer program runs late June through August. This past year the Center participated in several community based field trips. Children took music classes with Tom the Music Man and embarked in a new drumming program. The children frequently take nature walks on the nearby rail trail which leads to town where the children are able to visit and learn about local businesses. Also, the children's librarian makes weekly visits to the Center for story time. In 2014, the children and staff of the center were thrilled to again march in the Memorial Parade to honor our local Veterans. The children proudly showed off their school and all their work by hosting a Thankful Family Feast, Three Billy Goats Gruff presentation for family and friends, and an end of the year celebration to honor all children that participated in our 2013-2014 program. Special guests this year provided programs on dental health, bike safety, and fire safety.

In addition to many special guests we also have access to a range of services in the community, including social services, dental, educational and medical consultants. These are services in addition to the resources provided by Region One Pupil Services staff, local pre-K teachers, and health care agencies. The Infant, Toddler, and Preschool classrooms receive on-site mentoring and professional development through a training program offered by the Accreditation Facilitation Project through Education Connection, Office of Early Childhood, and Connecticut Chats-a-Course.

Nationally, childcare costs are very high, and ours are no exception. We remain committed to providing much-needed scholarship assistance to working Salisbury families in need through our operating budget, with support from the Town of Salisbury and Salisbury Family Services. We are also able to offer some assistance to non-resident families through our Financial Aid endowment at the Berkshire-Taconic Community Foundation. We appreciate the ongoing support of the many generous people who make it possible for us to continue fulfilling our mission: to provide the highest standard of care and education for our students, while providing working parents the confidence that their children are safe and well-cared for.

# HOUSATONIC RIVER COMMISSION

WILLIAM R. TINGLEY, CHAIRMAN

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) held 11 regularly scheduled monthly meetings the past year. Meetings took place on the second Tuesday of each month at the Cornwall Consolidated School. The annual dues requested from each town remain at \$350 per year.

This year the River Commission continued the process of pursuing locally initiated National Wild and Scenic River Act designation for the Housatonic. This designation would provide an extra level of protection from the impacts of potentially harmful projects such as waterway alterations, energy developments, and federally funded road expansions. River Commissioners presented information to their respective town leaders and Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, and Sharon's Boards of Selectmen have submitted letters of support for the designation process to date. A public meeting was also held in May 2014 at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School where residents were able to voice their opinions on the topic and have questions answered by a panel of experts on Wild and Scenic River designation. The HRC will continue to work on this process, providing information on and gauging public support for designation.

Pursuant to its duty to recommend uniform locally adopted minimum standards for protection of the River Corridor, the Housatonic River Commission has recommended to each member town that it consider updates to its Housatonic River Overlay Zone (HROZ) regulation and mapping. In most towns these regulations were adopted in the late 1970's when there was so much less known about how to protect riparian buffers. This year the Town of Cornwall updated their HROZ regulation. We believe the regulation updates proposed by Cornwall would be a significant step up in protection for the River and have asked each member town to consider making similar regulation updates.

The Commission continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the Housatonic River. HRC members are regular attendees of the CCC public meetings in Massachusetts where information is shared and comments are received about the cleanup process. In June the EPA presented its plan for cleanup of the "Rest of River" (including all of Connecticut) at public meetings in Lenox, MA and Kent, CT. While the EPA's plan is not ideal (trying to balance the demands of many disparate interest groups) it does present progress to further clean up the River. We will be pushing to help ensure that the interests of towns and residents are duly represented, especially during this public comment period on the EPA's proposed plan.

As always, land use developments within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a major component of our efforts. During the year, the Commission provided comments and suggestions on several proposed projects along the River, and were pleased to see enforcement agencies have agreed to many recommendations to protect the Housatonic from poorly-designed projects that could negatively impact our valuable river resources. All towns are reminded to please be sure that the HRC is notified on any proposed project within the River Corridor.

We welcome all citizens to come to our meetings and get involved in discussions about the river. As always we are very grateful for the support we have received from the member towns, local zoning officials and the Northwestern CT Council of Governments.

# HOUSATONIC YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

NICHOLAS POHL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Established in 1991, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded to respond to the needs of the children, youth and families living in the Region One School District. The towns we serve include North Canaan, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. The focus of the organization is to provide a variety of service options that promote the overall health and wellbeing of children, youth and families living in the Region One area. HYSB helps youth up to age 21 and their family. We offer individual and family clinical therapy, advocacy, prevention and referral services, enrichment programming, outreach and community events. Services are free and without income restrictions, an approach that creates an open-door policy for children and their parents to find help when they need it.

This year has been busy: in Salisbury, over the last school year, HYSB provided nearly 200 hours of free clinical counseling for 36 families. We also provided support in the areas of crisis intervention, ongoing case coordination and parent education. Our Youth in Philanthropy program and

HYSB Internship Project remain strong while our longstanding F.Y.I. workshops engaged families throughout the year. The “Empowering Young Women” project remained on its successful path, the annual Battle of the Bands brought out talented bands, and our Donald T. Warner Community Service Award recognized the incredible efforts of Diane and Clive Lodge.

All of our work would not be possible without your generous support. We remain deeply grateful to the Town of Salisbury for their continued fiscal support and look forward to working as partners to promote the overall health and wellbeing of children, youth and families living in the Town of Salisbury.

## NORTHWEST CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

RAYMOND J. GORMAN, PRESIDENT/CEO

Founded in 1952, Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health (NWC) is part of Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. (CMHA). CMHA's Northwest Center is a licensed outpatient mental health clinic and family service agency with Joint Commission accreditation. In addition to CMHA's locations in 3 other cities and towns, CMHA served the residents of Litchfield County through service in Lakeville and Torrington.

CMHA's NWC remains the only state licensed, nonprofit mental health clinic serving all of Litchfield County. The Center also serves clients from 13 border towns in New York State including Millerton, Amenia and Dover. CMHA's Litchfield County offices operated eight programs and provided over 14,310 hours of service to more than 1,431 individuals and families.

In fiscal year 2013-14, more than 100 Salisbury area residents received services from one of the many programs at CMHA's Northwest Center.

### **Funding Sources:**

Annual Fund Drive  
Private Donations  
Town Grants  
Fees and Insurance Payments  
Department of Children and Families  
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
United Way of Northwest CT  
Foundation for Community Health, Inc.  
Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation  
Civic Family Services  
Private Contracts  
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.

### **Current Programs and Activities**

#### **Outpatient Mental Health**

CMHA's NWC operated two outpatient mental health clinics in the past year, serving people of all ages: children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Services include individual, family and group psychotherapy, psychological and psychiatric evaluation and medication management and case management.

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# NORTHWEST CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

RAYMOND J. GORMAN, PRESIDENT/CEO

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In addition, CMHA continued its contract with Trinity Glen, a residential substance abuse treatment facility in Sharon, CT, to provide medication management services. CMHA also continues its collaboration with RHA Pediatrics in Sharon; a clinician is embedded into the practice three days a week to assist in evaluating and providing mental health services for patients and their families.

In 2013-14, approximately 542 people received services monthly in the clinics for a total of over 8,582 visits annually. CMHA's Northwest Center provides more than 584 clinical sessions every month. These services include individual, family, and group therapy, psychiatric evaluations, and medication management.

CMHA's Litchfield County programs receive funding from the CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) to operate two distinct county-wide services:

**Positive Parenting Program** is an in-home, evidence-based program that helps parents manage their child's behavior and become independent, resourceful problem-solvers. Parents/caregivers are given the tools to create a positive and safe home learning environment that will help to develop and nurture their child's behavioral, emotional and cognitive strengths.

In 2013-2014, 67 families received this in-home service.

**Intensive Family Preservation** is an intensive in-home program designed to support families in crisis in which children are at imminent risk of out of home placement. The goal is to keep children safe and avoid either a permanent or long-term separation from their family and community. IFP builds upon the conviction that many children can be safely protected and treated within their own homes when parents are provided the services and support and are empowered to change their own lives.

In 2013-14, 24 families received intensive, home-based support, counseling and parenting assistance.

**Family Based Recovery Program** is an in home service program which provides family recovery and substance abuse treatment to families who have identified substance abuse issues and a child(ren) under 2 years old in the home. The program also provides individual, family and group therapy and child attachment treatment. Clinicians work with child behavioral issues, housing, transportation and other basic needs of families.

In 2013-2014, 18 families received this in-home service.

## **Collaborations**

CMHA collaborates with a number of area agencies, receiving and giving referrals so that clients can obtain the appropriate level of coordinated holistic care. The following agencies are collaborators: RHA Pediatrics in Sharon, Litchfield County Pediatrics in Torrington, Connecticut DCF, FAVOR (advocacy for parents/caregivers), FOCUS in Canton (occupational therapy and social skills groups for children on the autism spectrum), Wellmore and Family & Children's Aid (intensive, in-home programs), Trinity Glen in Sharon (inpatient substance abuse program for adult family members), The McCall Foundation in Torrington (intensive inpatient for adults), Charlotte Hungerford (outpatient/partial hospitalization for adults and adolescents in recovery), and the Susan B. Anthony Project in Torrington for families experiencing domestic violence.

## **Upcoming Changes in Service Delivery**

CMHA will be closing the Lakeville Office of our Northwest Center on October 31, 2014.

After 7 years of stagnant grant support (without a cost of living adjustment) from the state, and Medicaid rates that pay less than 65% of the cost of care, state officials have decided to significantly reduce grants for outpatient services made by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

Because DMHAS grant dollars supported one third of our Lakeville operating budget, we can no longer afford to operate the Northwest Center without them. CMHA's leadership team and board have exhausted all avenues and explored all of our options, and our decision to close the Lakeville office has not been made lightly.

We believe that about half of our Lakeville patients, or about 90 clients, will transfer to our Torrington Child and Family Services location, which serves over 850 clients annually. We are working closely with the Local Mental Health Authority to ensure that our 40 DMHAS clients can see their current therapist in Torrington. And thanks to support from the Foundation for Community Health, we will also continue to provide behavioral health care to about 100 children annually through a clinic co-located at Regional Health Care Associates Pediatrics in Sharon.

Most of the clients from your town receive services from the programs listed above, which are primarily operated from our Torrington office. Thus, we believe that we will continue to serve a majority of these clients in the 2014-2015 program year. We hope that you will continue to support services provided out of the Torrington office for your town residents. If you have questions, please call Marie Mormile-Mehler, MSW, VP of Planning and Performance Improvement at 860-826-1358 x 1630.

# NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RICK LYNN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Northwestern CT Council of Governments and the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials merged this year to form a new 21-town “Northwest Hills Council of Governments” (COG). A new webpage was created this year ([www.northwesthillscog.org](http://www.northwesthillscog.org)) with more information on COG activities, planning related data, and resources for all member towns.

The COG board consists of the Mayors and First Selectmen from the 21 member towns. The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues in municipal management, oversee existing COG programs, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation to enhance local government efficiency. Member towns include Barkhamsted, Burlington, Canaan (Falls Village), Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington, and Winchester.

The COG’s work program includes activities in both regional planning and regional service delivery. Regional planning activities this year have focused on developing a regional plan of conservation and development, a regional transportation plan, a regional infrastructure plan, natural hazard mitigation plans, emergency management planning, and village center revitalization.

The COG also coordinates a number of popular regional service delivery programs including household hazardous waste collection days, a prescription assistance program, a fuel bank program, the Litchfield Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative, and the region’s cooperative purchasing program. The COG also provides assistance to a number of organizations in the region including the Northwest CT Economic Development Corporation, Regional Housing Council, Road Supervisors Association, Public Safety Task Force, Recycling Advisory Committee, Housatonic River Commission, Regional Planning Collaborative, and Torrington Facade Improvement Committee. This year the COG established a quarterly “5<sup>th</sup> Thursday” meeting schedule to provide a forum for area Planning and Zoning Commissions to meet and discuss items of mutual interest, hear guest speakers, and provide input on regional plans.

A variety of issues of regional significance were discussed at the monthly meetings of the COG this year including energy savings programs, pavement management, state legislation, and the need for a centralized transit facility for the Northwestern CT Transit District. In addition to the COG’s regular monthly meetings, a special meeting of the COG was held to discuss legislative priorities with local legislators.

The COG responded to numerous requests for demographic, economic, and housing data. The COG also reviewed and commented on several referrals of proposed zoning changes, town plan updates, or development proposals near municipal borders this fiscal year, as required by state statute.

The COG, in conjunction with the NWCT Economic Development Corporation and the NWCT Chamber of Commerce, also helped coordinate an update of the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which was approved by the federal Economic Development Administration this year.

Serving as officers this fiscal year were Barkhamsted First Selectman Donald Stein as Chairman; Canaan First Selectman Patricia Mechare as Vice Chairman; Kent First Selectman Bruce Adams as Treasurer; and Norfolk First Selectman Susan Dyer as Secretary.

The COG is in the process of establishing new offices at the Village Market Place in Goshen Center. The staff of four consists of Darlene Krukar, Office Manager; Lois Pinney, Financial Manager; Jocelyn Ayer, Community and Economic Development Director; and Rick Lynn, Executive Director.

# **NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL**

**WILLIAM BACHRACH, CHAIRMAN**

Affordable housing is on the agenda of most Northwest Corner towns, and rightfully so. It is the prime focus of the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Housing Council where town representatives gather quarterly to report on and gain valuable information for their town specific plans.

2013-14 has been a busy year for the Housing Council. Guests to our meetings this year included Evonne Klein, Commissioner of the newly established Connecticut Department of Housing, the statewide Emerging (Housing) Leaders Network and members of the Habitat for Humanity group from the Hotchkiss School.

We all celebrate when one of our member towns successfully opens its doors to new housing as did Bonney Brook in Cornwall Bridge and Sharon Ridge this past year.

We thank our 13 member towns for their financial support. The \$100 annual dues from the towns is a cost effective investment. With the merger of the Council of Governments (COG), we expect to gain additional member towns to the Housing Council. More information on the Housing Council and on affordable housing in the region can be found on the COG's new website [www.northwesthillscog.org](http://www.northwesthillscog.org).

We also express our appreciation to Jocelyn Ayer, Community & Economic Development Director, and Lois Pinney of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments for hosting our quarterly meetings, providing accurate minutes, and keeping members informed about new opportunities to develop safe and affordable housing in the Northwest Corner.

## **NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**CAROL DEANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The 2013/2014 year is the 24th year of the Northwestern Connecticut Transit District's (NWCTD) actual operation of the Northwestern Connecticut Rural Transit program. NWCTD also has operating responsibility for the Torrington/Litchfield and Winsted flexible deviated route. This broader base gives Rural Transit a greater stability and closer management than it has in the past.

The Interregional service continues to offer service to the 17 towns in Northwest Connecticut (recently added Warren) for medical, shopping and social trips to the Hartford area and other out of region areas. The district currently added a fourth day for this service due to high demand. Salisbury residents can request this service Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The district also provides transportation to Elderly Nutrition in many of the area towns five days per week.

The Job Access Program is still utilized to full capacity. We continue to provide two vehicles for three shifts for ITW and Bicon in the Salisbury/Lakeville.

Total Dial a Ride figures for the FY14 year-end was 28,996, Municipal Grant Rides 9,654 and Deviated Flexible Route 57,062 rides. Salisbury received 89 rides from the Dial a Ride program and 27 from the Municipal Grant Program. Salisbury residents receive 5 day per week service. The bus travels to Canaan, Falls Village, Sharon and Salisbury Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for local medical appointments, shopping, nutrition etc. and Monday and Friday they travel to Torrington for various stops at the local shopping centers. The District also provides commuter service to Bicon and ITW in Salisbury. This service consists of two buses for all three shifts.

The State Matching Grant remains in effect for FY15 funding. It is very important that Salisbury residents take advantage of this service in order to maintain future funding.

The Governor's Initiative program will remain in effect for the Greater Canaan area (including Salisbury) which increases service daily and the availability of a bus on weekends.

The district has a website which is [www.nwcttransit.com](http://www.nwcttransit.com) and all of our schedules are explained in detail.

# **SALISBURY FAMILY SERVICES**

**PATRICE DEMARCO MCGRATH, SOCIAL WORKER**

The Social Worker continues to work with Salisbury residents providing emergency financial assistance in times of crisis as well as to help families maintain quality of life. Direct service to clients includes help with food, utility and shelter expenses. Referrals to federal, state and local agencies are made when appropriate.

The Social Worker acts as the community agent for the Bissell Fund; this fund helps pay medical related expenses for uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Salisbury. The Bissell Fund is a fund of the Town of Salisbury and has an oversight board which meets quarterly. Forty -five individuals were helped through the fund this past year.

Fifty households in Salisbury applied for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and twenty- seven households received grants through the SFS fuel bank.

Indian Mountain School provided twenty- eight children with toys and pajamas for the holidays. An additional four children received beautiful toys because Hotchkiss kept up what has become a tradition of providing SFS with a mountain of wonderful gifts. Indian Mountain Lower School supplied a turkey and all the trimmings for six of our families.

Salisbury Central School brought our children wonderful books which were carefully chosen with the ages and interests of the recipients in mind. SFS supplied thirty -five turkeys at Thanksgiving and forty-three \$100.00 gift cards for food at Christmas. Eighteen children were recipients of clothing through the SFS Back to School Program. During the summer of 2014 twenty-three children were able to go to camp through the SFS camp scholarship program and SFS will pay the salaries of five young people who worked for the Town of Salisbury Youth Work Program. SFS provides financial assistance to families with children enrolled at EXTRAS and Housatonic Child Care Center.

The transportation voucher program is an invaluable resource for those Salisbury residents who use it.

The SFS food pantry remains very helpful to our clients.

The Salisbury Family Services Community Garden has a 100% subscription rate for this summer and a few more plots have been added. The Corner Food Pantry has a plot in the garden and excess produce grown by our gardeners is donated to the food pantry. There has been a wonderful response from the community and the garden is a great success.

## **SALISBURY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION**

**RAE PAIGE SCHWARZ, PRESIDENT**

From Whiskey to Wireless:  
Rethinking the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association

One hundred and ten years ago, a visiting nurse was a concept many people were both uncomfortable and unsure of. Family members and neighbors were the primary caregivers. Today, the family support system requires increased community support as busy families attempt to maintain normal lifestyles.

The visiting nurse bag in 1909 contained whiskey, Listerine, carbonic acid, caustic sticks, Vaseline, muslin and gauze, absorbent cotton, rubber tissues, a roll of adhesive plaster, safety pins, thermometers, glass syringes and catheters, rubber catheters with glass connecting tube, medicine droppers and bottles containing 95 percent alcohol.

A typical bag today carries a personal laptop, cell phone, blood draw supplies, wound care supplies, pulse oximeter, blood pressure cuffs and stethoscope and digital cameras. The art of critical thinking and listening for clues makes each nurse unique. New challenges and needs have increased significantly as our population lives longer and with more chronic illnesses. We currently have a population range from 2 weeks old to 101 years old. An average of 80 years old! We are seeing more hip and knee replacements, wound care need, long term cardiac care management, effects from stroke and Alzheimer's/ dementia. We see valuable and measureable outcomes that help us refine our care and improve patient outcomes in a cost-effective manner.

The importance of being able to offer people a choice about where they receive health care and supportive services is a cornerstone to SVNA. The whole direction of the market is changing as we are bringing in new technology. We have programs such as remote telehealth monitoring that helps us keep a close eye on our cardiac management, ultrasound therapy, electronic pill dispensers and personal emergency response systems that detect falls. We continually strive to educate our caregivers and improve their skills as we focus on the needs of the community. Our ability to offer multiple therapy modalities such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, home care assistants, medical management, skilled nursing, medical social worker, infusion therapy and a compassionate and caring hospice team. This assists the family in receiving as much care as needed with more personalized patient education. We also offer a health care guidance program that helps us keep an eye on patients that may require a monthly visit to prevent potential decline. This is a free program for our community.

Our real opportunity is mastering the complex and multifaceted issues that we are now facing in health care. Moving into the future, SVNA's hope is to expand our cases to include at risk mothers, infants and children and continue to excel at what we already do so well!

# SCOVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CLAUDIA CAYNE, DIRECTOR

During the past year, Scoville Memorial Library embarked on several significant initiatives. At the time of our last strategic plan, there were no iPhones, no Facebook, Pinterest, etc., and so we felt the time had come to go to the community and gather input to help us continue to meet the needs of our town. In November, we hired FIO Partners to create a new strategic plan. They interviewed 10 people in government, business and education, reviewed 234 responses to our online survey and held focus groups for community leaders and lifelong learners. From the responses, the Long Range Planning Committee and FIO crafted a plan which was approved by the Board in March, 2014. This plan will guide the Library in its organization and services to stay current and relevant in our changing world and town.

Two elements identified as needing improvement in the plan were the building and marketing. We were fortunate to have received several gifts plus the funds from the Hollywood Tour Benefit which allowed us to address both needs without asking for any town funds. We are planning a refurbishment of the main floor of the Library which will relocate the children's room, thereby returning the reading room with the fireplace to its original use. In

conjunction with Poesis Design of Lakeville, we are planning to create a room for quiet study and small meetings, replace our 30 year old carpet and create a vibrant, welcoming place for all. We hope to complete this project in early 2015. During the transition, scaled down library services will still be available.

We had determined that we would benefit from professional help in getting the word out about how the Library has changed and the array of services and programs we offer. We are working with Co:Lab, a firm who specializes in non-profits to create materials which capture and convey the spirit of the Library.

We have been the busiest library in the state among towns of similar size and we expect that this past year will keep us in that position. People borrowed 74,118 items, we issued 224 new cards, we held 306 programs for adults and children which were attended by 7,157 people and 41,187 people came through our doors. The Friends of the Library continue to support us through donations to purchase items such as Hoopla, streaming video, music and audiobooks, as well as adding programs like the popular Mark Scarbrough and James Kraft literature lectures.

## THE CHORE SERVICE

HEATHER DINNEEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In FY 13-14, The Chore Service provided 4,844 hours of nonmedical help at home for Salisbury residents. That is an increase of 800 hours over last fiscal year. Forty-three Salisbury families received help with cleaning, errands, and yard work and eight Salisbury Chore Workers earned \$60,697.00. We always run out of our federal grant which helps subsidize services for those 60 and over, so we are delighted that the Town of Salisbury continues to contribute to this program.

Below are some comments from clients:

*"I feel that I will come to rely on you more and more. The fact that you are available relieves much anxiety and gives me the hope that I'll be able to stay in my home longer."*

*"Invaluable resource for the elderly!"*

*"Very important, my grandmother couldn't live independently if it wasn't for Chore Service."*

*"I have sung the praises of Chore Service to friends all over the US so that they might try to get something similar going in their area."*

*"I always recommend Chore Service. Some think it is too good to be true."*

And from a worker:

*"The Chore Service has been a fulfilling retirement job. I have met many wonderful people - both clients and workers - and made many new friends."*

Thank you Salisbury for your continued support!



# THE CORNER FOOD PANTRY

The Corner Food Pantry, formerly OWL's Kitchen, has been providing nutritious, healthful food to individuals and families in need for over 20 years from the same location at 80 Sharon Road in Lakeville, CT. Our telephone number is (860) 435-9886.

The current Board Members of The Corner Food Pantry are:

Betsy Clark	Barbara Nicholls
Carole Dmytryshak	Sarah Polhemus
Sylvia Durning	Susan Rand
Joan Groves	Donna Saliter
Michele Haab	Isabel Sloane
Marla Miller	Mary Taylor
Sue Morrill	Pamela Wyeth

## TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT ROBERT RUBBO, MPH, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

The TAHD served over 137, 000 people in twenty boroughs, cities and towns covering 611 square miles. Robert Rubbo completed his first year as Director of Health.

The TAHD **Community Health Program** investigated the following communicable diseases: **13** Campylobacteriosis, **16** Salmonellosis and **14** Giardiasis. TAHD nurses use MAVEN, a secure electronic surveillance system that allows better collaboration with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and Foodborne Diseases Centers for Outbreak Response Enhancement (FoodCORE). TAHD nurses provided case management on 1 case of tuberculosis and 1 case of latent tuberculosis infection. TAHD provided guidance to school nurses, daycares and community members on a variety of health issues. TAHD held **10** seasonal flu and pneumonia clinics where TAHD nurses administered **700** doses of flu vaccine, and **19** doses of pneumonia vaccine to local residents. **52** raccoons, bats, and other animals were submitted to the State Lab for Rabies testing. Guidance on post exposure prophylaxis was provided. Ticks brought in by **104** residents were sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to determine if they were positive for Lyme Disease bacteria.

The TAHD **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** ensured that follow up care was provided for more than 64 children with elevated blood lead screening levels (EBLLs). TAHD staff use MAVEN, the secure electronic data system for both the medical and environmental data related to children with EBLLs. Again this allows for increased collaboration with the State of Connecticut department of public Health.

TAHD also collaborated with the **Lead Action Medicaid Participants (LAMPP) Program** to assist property owners with lead abatement of their properties. 2 Properties with outstanding orders completed lead abatement. Sanitarians and nurses did 2 partial lead inspections to comply with State mandates. Abatement orders were issued for 3 properties. Educational sessions were held for area physicians and local child and family programs. Educational packets were distributed to group daycares. TAHD **Healthy Homes Program** conducted a total of **20** home inspections (10 initial and 10 follow-up). Healthy Homes Presentations were provided to 2 community groups.

The TAHD **Immunization Action Program (IAP)** works with local providers to ensure compliance with immunization laws among the pre-school population. TAHD IAP promotes the use of the on-line secure immunization registry (MAVEN) with providers. In addition, the TAH IAP enters data (immunization histories for 4 practices and searches for children who have left the pediatrician of record) into MAVEN. 8 Practice site reviews were completed (to review and account for federal vaccine provided to practices).

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# TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

ROBERT RUBBO, MPH, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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The TAHD **Emergency Preparedness Program** worked with community partners and focused on mass care, medical surge, and volunteer management. TAHD participated in two statewide drills (mass distribution and regional sheltering) and one local drill (mass distribution). TAHD partnered with Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to provide an educational seminar on “Community Planning” for local public safety officials. TAHD has provided point of dispensing training to 5 local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Food Service training for local shelter volunteers was provided to one CERT team. Communication drills were conducted throughout the year with staff, volunteers, and community partners.

**TAHD-Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program**  
MRC taught 14 community CPR instruction and trained approximately 250 people. TAHD MRC co-sponsored a regional Farm Medic Training and a Swift Water Rescue class in the summer of 2013. TAHD MRC provided firefighter rehab in two training situations (July 2013, and March 2014). Local MRC volunteers, in cooperation with State Police Cadets, and AmeriCorps volunteers provided 2 train the trainer classes in the MRC \* B \* FIT & MRC \* B \* READY school age preparedness and nutrition education programs. Volunteers delivered 9 presentations (450 children). In the summer of 2013, TAHD MRC members worked with AmeriCorps to remediate trails which linked to the Appalachian Trail. One trail was used by first responders for 2 successful rescues along the Appalachian Trail in 2013 & 2014. MRC hosted an AmeriCorps team for 3 weeks this summer.

The TAHD completed year 3 as the fiduciary agent for the **Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Program** for Litchfield County. This was supposed to be a 5 year grant but the funds have been discontinued by the CDC. Our coalition developed a Tobacco-Free Parks toolkit. It was distributed to all 26 municipalities in Litchfield County. 5 towns passed tobacco-free policies that ban smoking in outdoor parks, spaces and/or workplaces selected by each town. 90 outdoor

“No Smoking” aluminum signs were posted in these towns. A Tobacco-Free Workplace toolkit was also developed. TAHD is working with Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and the NW CT Chamber of Commerce to distribute. A school wellness policy was adopted by one school district and is being considered by a second.

The TAHD continued its partnering with Phoenix Labs for its **Water Testing Program**. Phoenix Labs is a full service lab located in Manchester, Connecticut that offers a wide range of testing of drinking water, wastewater, groundwater/landfills, storm water, soil and more. The TAHD continues to collect samples when requested, and offers free technical advice on any water testing results.

TAHD **Environmental Health Program** resulted in the following inspections/licenses/permits: **1885** food inspections, **683** temporary food permits, **79** new septic systems, **155** repaired septic systems, **149** private well permits, **91** private pool permits, **150** beauty salons & barber shops inspections, **587** house addition permits, **225** soil tests, **28** subdivision lots, **70** public pools and beaches were inspected, and **32** daycare centers inspected. Records show that **1264** samples were submitted to the state lab for testing of drinking water, beach and pool water, lead in water and paint, asbestos, food, sewage and volatile organic compounds and pesticides in water. Sanitarians investigated **419** complaints of various public health concerns; **26** legal orders/voluntary compliances were issued for enforcement purposes.

# WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

LORI A. RIVENBURGH, M.A., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Women's Support Services, Inc. (WSS), a non-profit organization, provides free and confidential services to those affected by domestic violence and abuse in the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and surrounding areas. We provide crisis intervention and client centered services as well as violence prevention education. These services include a 24-hour confidential hotline, short-term emergency shelter, referral to long-term shelter, individual counseling and safety planning, support groups for women and children, legal advocacy, transportation, information and referral. WSS staff is available to accompany persons to court, assist in obtaining financial assistance, housing, employment, clothing, daycare and other needs. In addition to providing direct services for victims of abuse, WSS is committed to violence prevention education and continues to offer free programs in the schools and communities we serve.

From July 2013 through June 2014, WSS worked with 671 individuals (615 adults and 56 children), responded to 462 crisis contacts (phone calls and walk-ins) and provided 333 individual counseling sessions for persons in our service area. In addition, staff offered 943 counseling and supportive contacts to adults and children. WSS provided short term shelter to 13 individuals. During that period, 44 individuals (adults and children) attended support group sessions totaling 394 contacts. WSS also provided clients with 466 units of information and referrals. Our community educator and staff were active in the schools and with community groups, reaching 8,063 participants through presentations and public awareness activities and events. Through our car donation program, we were able to transfer ownership of 2 cars to local residents in need.

Our Board of Directors continues to explore ways to help our clients. Ongoing fundraising efforts support our Client Emergency Fund, which was created to help individuals with a variety of critical financial needs. These efforts have also led to the creation of a Legal Fund, to help clients access and pay for necessary legal costs and a Housing Fund, to help clients obtain safe and affordable housing. Our strategic planning committee continues to work on ways to address our client's needs. WSS provides ongoing violence prevention education throughout the Region #1 School District. Topics such as cyber-bullying, bullying, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, self-esteem, and others, have been well received in local schools. All curriculums are age appropriate and are available for children in pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. WSS is also active in the community hosting a variety of public awareness events and campaigns. Community collaborations and partnerships are developed and existing relationships are strengthened in order to better serve the community.

In addition, support and advocacy is provided to local victims of domestic violence at the Bantam Criminal Court in Bantam, CT.

WSS receives approximately 40 percent of its funding from town, state and federal grants. Our active Board of Directors, staff and volunteers work to raise the remaining funds necessary to assure that the needs of victims of domestic violence and abuse in our communities are met effectively. This joint partnership of public and private support has enabled WSS to meet these needs locally- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the past 33 years.

# CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

**Board of Selectmen:**

First Monday of month; 4:00pm, Town Hall

**Board of Education:**

Fourth Monday, 5:30pm, Salisbury Central School

**Planning & Zoning:**

First Tuesday, 6:30pm, Town Hall

Third Tuesday, 6:30pm, Town Hall

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Second Tuesday, 5:00pm, Town Hall

**Conservation Commission:**

Second Monday, 6:30pm, Town Hall

**Historic District Commission:**

First Tuesday, 8:30am, Town Hall

**Water Pollution Control Authority:**

Third Tuesday, 7:00am, Sewer Plant

**Recreation Commission:**

Second Tuesday, 7:30pm, Town Hall

**Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission:**

Fourth Monday, 5:30pm, Town Hall

**Fire Commission:**

Second Wednesday, 5:30pm, Lakeville Hose Company

**Board of Finance (BOF) 7:30pm, Town Hall:**

Thurs., Jan. 15

Wed., Feb. 4

Thurs., March 12

Tues., March 31

Thurs., April 2

Mon., April 6

Mon., April 20

Tues., April 21

Tues., May 5

Wed., May 13

Thurs., July 16 (5:30pm)

Thurs., Oct. 8

Quarterly Meeting  
 Annual Town Meeting to receive Final Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014  
 Receive initial budgets from the Board of Education (BOE) and Board of Selectmen (BOS)  
 Receive Final BOS Budget  
 Receive Final BOE Budget. Vote on both BOE and BOS budgets to present at the Public Hearing  
 Quarterly Meeting  
 Public Hearing on Budgets  
 Final Budget review. Vote on Budgets to Town Budget Meeting  
 Region One Referendum  
 Annual Town Budget Meeting and BOF Meeting immediately following the Budget mtg. to set the mill rate  
 Quarterly and End of Fiscal Year Meeting  
 Quarterly Meeting

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