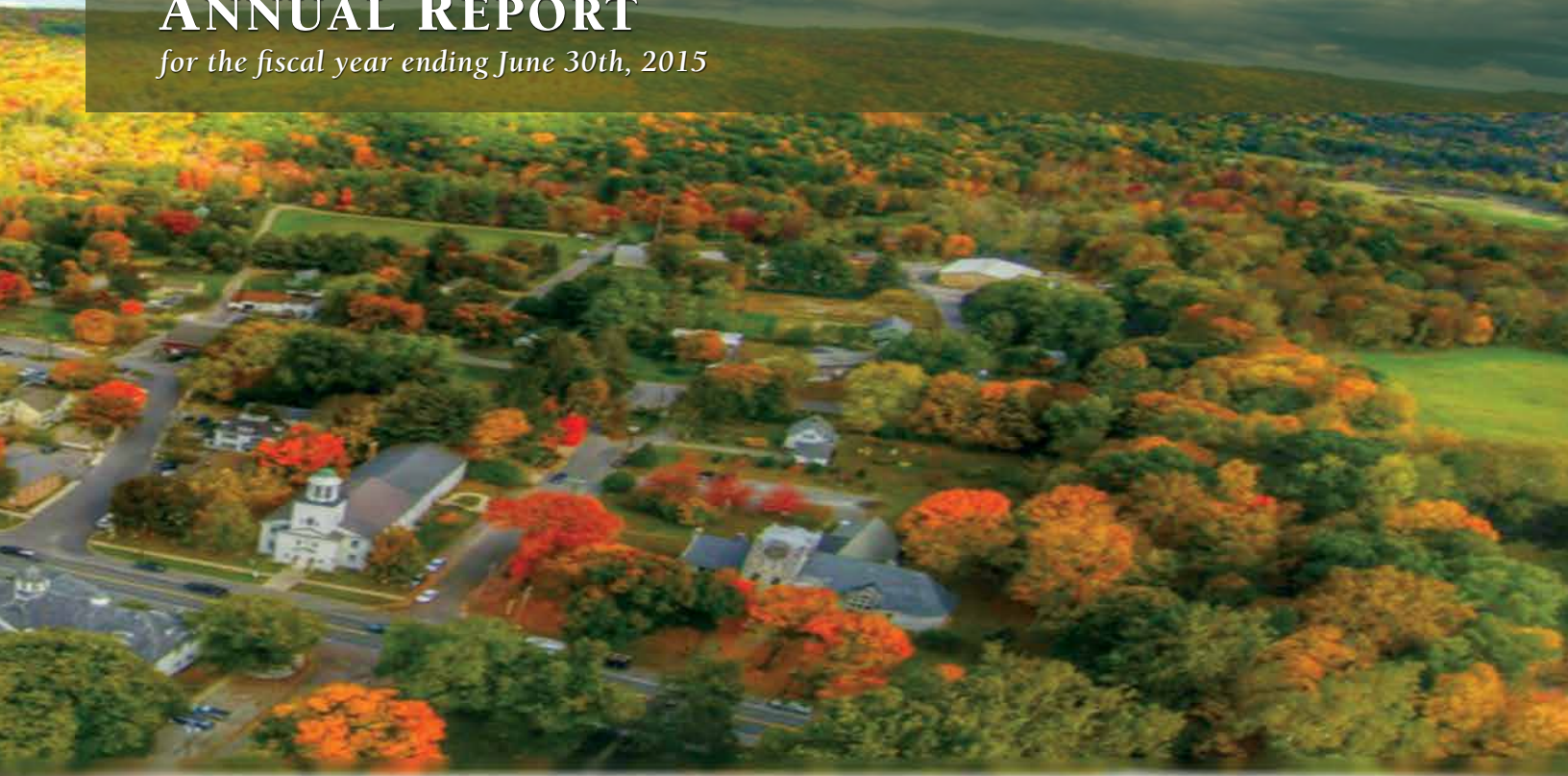


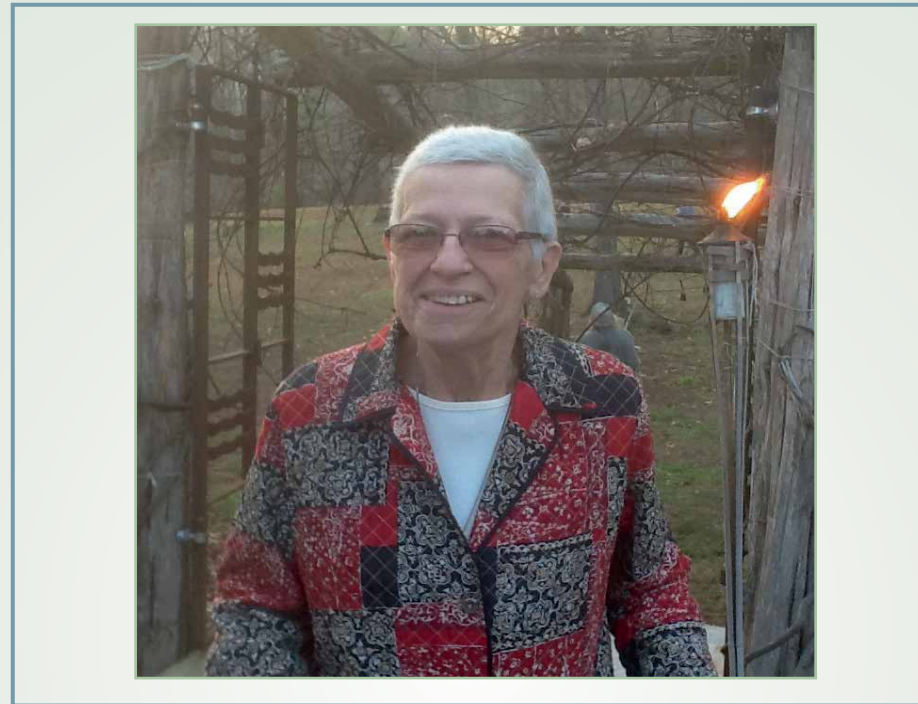
TOWN of SALISBURY

ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2015



DEDICATION TO DENISE RICE



Denise Rice was born in New York City on October 21, 1939. When the Navy drafted her Father during World War II, the family moved to North Adams, MA, to be closer to her grandparents. It was there she met and married John Rice. Together they had four children. In 1966, John's bank relocated his office to Litchfield and the family moved to Lakeville.

Denise and John became volunteers in town almost immediately. She became the organist and choir director at St. Mary's church. In 1973 she was elected as Tax Collector for the Town of Salisbury. She proudly held that position for 38 years until her retirement. At Town Hall and elsewhere, she is affectionately known as "Ma Rice"

She continues to volunteer for several organizations in town, serving as treasurer for Noble Horizons Auxiliary and Salisbury Family Services. She enjoys spending time with her family, which now includes eight grandchildren.

Denise has been battling Uterine Cancer since early last spring. She and her family deeply appreciate all of the love and support the community has always given her.

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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.

FACTS & FIGURES

Local Zip Codes:
Salisbury - 06068
Lakeville - 06039
Taconic - 06079
Falls Village - 06031

Public School Enrollment:
405 - HVRHS
(80 Salisbury residents)
278- Salisbury Central School

Independent School Enrollment (approximate):
600 - The Hotchkiss School
250 - Indian Mountain School
300 - Salisbury School

TOWN DIRECTORY & HOURS

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

Email: townhall@salisburyct.us Website: www.salisburyct.us

Fax: 860-435-5172

First Selectman:	860-435-5170
Curtis Rand	<i>M-F, 8:30am-4pm</i>
Accountant:	860-435-5174
Joseph Cleaveland	<i>M-F, 8am-2pm</i>
Animal Control:	860-248-5637
Fern Brazee	<i>On Call</i>
Assessor:	860-435-5176
Kayla Johnson	<i>M,W,F, 9am-4pm</i>
Building Official/Fire Marshal:	860-435-5177
Michael Fitting	<i>M-F, 8-9am & 3-4pm</i>
Highway Department:	860-435-5184
Don Reid	<i>M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm</i>
Litchfield Hills Probate:	860-824-7012
Judge Diane Blick	
Open Burn Official:	860-435-1252
Planning & Zoning:	860-435-5190
Nancy Brusie	<i>M,W,F, 8am-4pm</i>
Recreation Director	860-435-5186
Lisa McAuliffe	
Registrars of Voters:	860-435-5175
	<i>Wed., 9am-12pm</i>
Resident Trooper:	860-435-2938
Christopher Sorrell	
Salisbury Family Services:	860-435-5187
Patrice McGrath	<i>M-Th, 9:30am-3pm</i>

Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station:	860-435-5178
	<i>Closed Wed.</i>
Salisbury Visiting Nurses Assoc.:	860-435-0816
Senior Services:	860-435-5191
Mike Beck	
Scoville Memorial Library:	860-435-2838
Tax Collector:	860-435-5189
Jean Bell	<i>M,W,F, 9am-4pm</i>
Torrington Area Health District:	860-435-0806
Town Clerk:	860-435-5182
Patricia Williams	<i>M-F, 9am-3:30pm</i>
Town Grove:	860-435-5185
Stacey Dodge	
Water Pollution Control Facility:	860-435-5181
John Whalen	
SCHOOLS:	
Housatonic Valley Regional HS:	860-824-5123
Housatonic Child Care Center:	860-435-9694
Indian Mountain School:	860-435-0871
EXTRAS:	860-435-9926
Salisbury Central School:	860-435-9871
Salisbury Boys School:	860-435-5700
The Hotchkiss School:	860-435-2591

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

First Selectman

Curtis G. Rand (2015)

Selectman

James van B. Dresser (2015)

Katherine Kiefer (2015)

Town Treasurer

(Per Ordinance #118 this is now an appointed position)

Sarah Polhemus (2015)

Board of Assessment Appeals

(4-year term)

John D. Harney, Jr. (2015)

Jonathan Higgins (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

Debra G. Fails

Michael J. Flint

Eugene F. Green

Katherine Kiefer

Sue F. Kirber

Amy Lake

Richard T. Meehan

John C. Mongeau

Keith R. Moon

Cory L. Murphy

Robin O'Connor

Louis H. Pressman

Curtis G. Rand

Rosina Rand

Jacqueline A. Rice

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)

Jonathan Higgins, V. Chairman (2015)

Martin J. Whalen, Secretary (2017)

Allen Cockerline (2017)

Fred Schmidt (2017)

Michael J. Flint, Alternate (Appt) (2015)

Danella Schiffer, Alternate (Appt) (2015)

Cathy Shyer, Alternate (Appt) (2015)

Regional Board of Education

(2-year term)

Jennifer Lee Weigel (2015)

Brian Bartram, Alternate (Appt) (2016)

Registrar of Voters

(2-year term)

Janet Lynn (2016)

Margaret Vail (2016)

Maureen Dell, Deputy (Appt)

Kathleen Mera, Deputy (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)

Donald L. Cuneo, Alternate (2015)

Patricia Walsh, Alternate (2017)

Eugenie Warner, Alternate (2017)

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APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

<p>Animal Control Officer Chris Tompkins</p> <p>Assessor Barbara Bigos Kayla Johnson, Associate</p> <p>Assistant Town Clerk Rachel B. Lamb Kayla Johnson</p> <p>Assistant Town Treasurer Joseph Cleaveland</p> <p>Bridge Committee <i>(3-year term, 11/2015)</i> Digby Brown Mathias Kiefer Curtis G. Rand Don Reid, Jr.</p> <p>Building Official <i>(4-year term, 4/2017)</i> Michael G. Fitting</p> <p>Burning Official <i>(1-year term)</i> Curtis G. Rand</p> <p>Citizens Advisory Council for Cable T.V. <i>(2-year term, 2015)</i> Robert Riva</p>	<p>Conservation Commission <i>(4-year term)</i> Larry Burcroff, Chairman (11/2016) Steve Belter (11/2015) John Landon (11/2017) Davin Lindy (11/2015) Lynn Meehan (11/2014) Tom Quinn (11/2015) Sally Spillane (11/2014) Donna Lloyd Stoetzner (11/2017) Rod Lankler, Alternate (11/2017) Peter Oliver, Administrator</p> <p>Director of Health <i>(1-year term)</i> Torrington Area Health District</p> <p>Emergency Management Director <i>(5-year term, 11/2016)</i> Jacqueline Rice</p> <p>Energy Coordinator Patrice DeMarco McGrath</p> <p>Fire Marshal Michael G. Fitting</p> <p>Deputy Fire Marshal Robin Denny Stan McMillan Daryl Byrne</p> <p>Economic Development Committee Ward Belcher, Chairman Tino Galluzzo Cathy Shyer</p>	<p>Grove Advisory Committee <i>(1-year term)</i> 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</p> <p>Hazardous Material Inspector <i>(Indefinite Term)</i> Paul G. Makuc</p> <p>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</p> <p>Historic District Commission <i>(5-year term)</i> Candace Cuniberti, Chairman (11/2016) Elyse Harney, Secretary (11/2016) Digby Brown (11/2019) Tom Callahan (11/2019) Jane B. Fitting (11/2016) Arthur Taylor (11/2019) Leon McLain, Alternate (11/2019)</p>
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<p>Litchfield Hills Visitors Bureau <i>(Western Tourism District)</i> <i>(3-year term)</i> Dan Bolognani (2017)</p> <p>Northwest Council of Governments <i>(1-year term)</i> Curtis G. Rand James van B. Dresser, Alternate Katherine Kiefer, Alternate</p> <p>Parks & Forest Commission <i>(4-year term)</i> Mathias Kiefer, Chairman (11/2018) Kay Key, V. Chairman (11/2018) Carol Hackett, Secretary (11/2018) Jaye Landon (11/2018) Anthony Scoville (11/2018) Emily Vail (11/2018) Gordon Whitbeck (11/2015)</p> <p>Pathways Committee <i>(3-year term)</i> Pat Hackett (11/2015) Katherine Kiefer (11/2015) Peggy O'Brien (11/2016) Natalia Smirnova (11/2016) Christian Williams (11/2017)</p> <p>Permanent Housatonic River Comm. George C. Kiefer, Jr. Gordon Whitbeck</p>	<p>Recreation Commission <i>(6-year term)</i> 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</p> <p>Salisbury Affordable Housing Comm. <i>(3-year term)</i> Robert Riva, Chairman (11/2016) Peter Wolf, V. Chairman (11/2016) Charles Church (11/2016) Roger Crain (11/2017) James van B. Dresser (11/2015) Pari Forood (11/2015) Elizabeth Slotnick (11/2017)</p> <p>Salisbury Sharon Resource Recovery Authority (SSRRA) <i>(3-year term)</i> Curtis G. Rand (11/2017) Charles Kelley (11/2015) Robert Palmer (11/2016) Ed Reagan, Alt. (1-yr term) (11/2015)</p> <p>SSRRA Transfer Station Building Committee (TSBC) <i>(Indefinite term)</i> Charles Kelley, Co-Chairman Charles Ouellette Robert Palmer William Reed Rod Lankler, Alternate</p>	<p>Salisbury Family Services Patrice DeMarco McGrath</p> <p>Salisbury Fire Commission <i>(1-year term)</i> John Mongeau, Chairman Patricia Williams, Secretary Cynthia Hoage, Treasurer Donald Reid, Jr., Commissioner Robert Riva, Commissioner Christian Williams, Commissioner Lawrence Hoage, Maintenance Sup. Raymond Flint, Sr., Engineer Jason Wilson, Fire Chief, LHC #1 Cory Wiggins, President, LHC #1</p> <p>Salisbury Senior Services Michael Beck, Agent/Director</p> <p>Scenic Roads Committee <i>(1-year term)</i> Kay Key Susan Galluzzo Jane Kellner George Massey Stephanie Pellegrino Judith Singelis Judy Swanson Margaret Vail Christian Williams</p> <p>Selectmen's Secretary Emily Egan</p>
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Special Constables

(2-year term)

Ronald Barnard

Stephen Bartek

Michael Brenner

Sub Registrars (Vital Statistics)

(2-year term)

Brian Kenny (11/2015)

Robert Palmer (11/2015)

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)

Town Historian

(2-year term)

Jean McMillen (11/2016)

Transfer Recycling Advisory Cmte.

(4-year term)

Robert Palmer, Chairman (11/2018)

Peter Becket (11/2016)

Barbara Bettigole (11/2018)

Ned Harvey (11/2018)

Anthy Hellmers (11/2016)

Ed Reagan (11/2016)

Transfer Station

Brian Bartram, Manager

Gary Duntz

Matthew Murtagh

Robert Sherwood

Thomas Sherwood

George Silvernail

Jason Wilson

Donna Maxwell

Tree Warden

(2-year term)

Mathias Kiefer (11/2016)

Twin Lakes Gate Keeper

(1-year term)

Alan Pickert (11/2016)

Water Pollution Control Authority

(5-year term)

Donald Mayland, Chairman (2016)

Teal Atkinson (11/2019)

Joseph Brennan (11/2019)

Mathias Kiefer (11/2016)

Robinson Leech (11/2019)

Eric Mendelsohn (11/2015)

Peggy O'Brien (11/2019)

Pat Hackett, Alternate

Cathy Shyer, Alternate

John Whalen, Superintendent

Charles Humes, Assistant Superintendent

Water Street Bridge Committee

(Amesville Bridge)

Bob Green

Mathias Kiefer

Curtis G. Rand

Wildlife Management Officer

(2-year term)

Rodney Webb (11/2016)

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SELF-GOVERNING BOARDS

Bissell Oversight Committee

John Mongeau, Chairman

Dr. William J. Hayhurst

Denise Rice

Joseph Cleaveland

Patrice DeMarco McGrath

E.X.T.R.A.S.

Caroline Reilly, President

Rindy Higgins, Treasurer

Dianna Dahoney, Secretary

Amy Carol

Jill Cunningham

Christine Gillette

Sue Bayer

Lou Bucceri

Friends of the Library

Inge Heckel, President

Lisa White, Vice President

Susan DeMelle, 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 Bureau

Lance Beizer, President

Lisa Carter, Vice President

Adam Higgins, Treasurer

Marie Lanier, Secretary

Lake Wononscopomuc Association

Bill Littauer, President

Anne Stewart-FitzRoy, Treasurer

Cathy Shyer, Secretary

Lakeville Hose Company

Jason Wilson, Fire Chief

Rick Roger, Assistant Chief

James Fox, Captain

Bill Sherwood, 1st Lieutenant

Michael White, 2nd Lieutenant

Raymond S. Flint, Engineer

Robert Flint, Quartermaster

Corey Wiggins, President

Russell Hoage, Vice President

Larry Hoage, Treasurer

Marie Castagna, Secretary

Salisbury Association

Chris Brennan, President

Tom Key, Vice President

Tom Quinn, 2nd Vice President

Joel Cohen, Treasurer

Kathy Mera, Secretary

Nancy Humphreys, Assistant Treasurer

Salisbury Cemetery

Robert Palmer, Sexton

Susan Vreeland, President

Lester Hoysradt, Treasurer

Kathy Hawley, Secretary

Salisbury Family Services

Kim Fiertz, Co-President

Helen Scoville, Co-President

Denise Rice, Treasurer

Peter Neely, Assistant Treasurer

Lyndell Giffenig, Secretary

Salisbury Housing Committee

Anne Kremer, President

Al Ginouves, Vice President

Emily Vail, Treasurer

Claire Held, Secretary

Salisbury Housing Trust

Leo Gafney, President

Digby Brown, Vice President

Teal Atkinson, Treasurer/Secretary

Salisbury Forum

Leon Graham, President

Donald Ross, Vice President

George Mason, Treasurer

Jeanette Weber, Secretary

Salisbury Rotary

Kevin O'Connell, President

Michele Gorat, Vice President

Susan Dickinson, Treasurer

Kim Downey, Secretary

Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association

Rae Paige Schwarz, President

Rusty Chandler, Vice President

Mary Robertson, Treasurer

Nancy Humphreys, Secretary

Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service

Don Mayland, President

Dick Vreeland, Vice President

Linda Kennedy-Gomez, Treasurer

Betty Tyburski, Secretary

Mike Brenner, Chief of Service

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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
Isabel Sloane, Vice President
Warren Carter, Treasurer
Kathleen Voldstad, Secretary

The Chore Service

Lea Davies, President, Lakeville
Molly 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
Pat Wright, Executive Director

The Corner Food Pantry

Betsy Clark
Carole Dmytryshak
Sylvia Durning
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
Peter Fitting, Treasurer
Janet Manko, Secretary
Wendy Anderson
Michele Gorat
Jean Saliter
William Willis

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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
Susan DeMelle, Vice Chair
Stephen McKibben, Treasurer
Laura Werntz, Secretary
Maria Bulson
Warren Carter
Chisholm Chandler
Judith Crouch
Mimi Estes
Lisa Foster
Katherine Freygang
Jodi Luby
Marianne Ostendorf
Rev. Richard Taber
Louisa Yap

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Connecticut General Assembly

30th Senatorial District
Clark Chapin - R
Clark.Chapin@cga.ct.gov
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Hartford, CT 06106
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ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-chapin/

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Hartford, CT 06106-1591
www.housedems.ct.gov/Willis/
860-240-0271

United States Congress

Senate

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702 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
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
509 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-4476, http://esty.house.gov

Executive Office

Governor Dannel P. Malloy
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
860-566-4840, www.governor.ct.gov/malloj

Probate Court

Diane Blick, Judge of Probate
860-567-8065, www.judgeblick.com

FIRST SELECTMAN

CURTIS RAND

The past year has been busy and several projects have finished or at least advanced to the final planning stages. Below are the more significant issues, although considerable hours were also devoted to day-to-day items such as budgets and residents' concerns.

- After considerable negotiation, the Amesville Water Street Bridge finally went to bid and construction began. Our towns tried to keep the bridge as a one-lane configuration but in the end we accepted a wider roadway as required by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT).
- The Transfer Station Building Committee completed their proposed plans for the new facility, to be equally shared by Sharon. This plan will be presented in each town with subsequent votes by residents.
- The Lakeville intersection plan moved one step closer to completion after comments from the Scenic Roads Committee were incorporated into the final drawings and submitted to the Connecticut DOT.
- The former Deckers Laundry building was demolished and the site remediated under a Brownfields agreement with the State of Connecticut.
- Residents agreed to sell the former firehouse for a redevelopment project after approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- After lengthy deliberation, the Selectmen approved a request from the Housatonic River Commission to designate the Salisbury portion of the Housatonic River as Wild and Scenic under state, not federal guidelines, and without any accompanying land use restrictions.
- Our residents rejected a proposal to use a portion of the bike path for access to an affordable housing proposal that included a 5-acre gift of land.

I am grateful for the skillful leadership from Katherine Kiefer and Jim Dresser – their support and enthusiasm are always helpful, and I hope that you join me in thanking them for a job well done in looking out for our town's interests. Katherine has been instrumental in the creation of the Pathways Committee and upgrading the local high-speed internet connection, and Jim continues to passionately advocate for affordable housing in our town. We are lucky to have their energy and keen intellects. Our town staff has done an excellent job managing its various functions, and Salisbury continues to benefit from the many dedicated volunteers whose insightful and selfless efforts make us a better place.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the various meetings throughout the year, including the Board of Selectmen meetings, which are usually held at 4pm on the first Monday of each month. Committee reports and schedules are found in the Town Clerk's office or on the Town website www.salisburyct.us. Our best wishes for a healthy and productive year.

TOWN CLERK

PATRICIA H. WILLIAMS, TOWN CLERK
RACHEL LAMB, ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office continues to enjoy using the land record system, Info Quick Solutions (IQS) for recording land records, maps, trade name certificates and issuing and tracking absentee ballots. We are continuing our backfile conversion of adding more images of our land records to our computer system.

Again, thank you to the citizens of Salisbury for your continued support. The Town Clerk's office appreciates it.

Births: 25 total: 12 females, 13 males
(22 were born at Sharon Hospital
2 were born in Torrington
1 was born in New Haven)

Marriages: 48 total: 6 residents (one or both)
42 non-residents

Deaths: 43 total: 2 born in Salisbury
(7 Salisbury residents died in Sharon, 1 in North Canaan, 1 in New Haven, 3 in Hartford)

Land Records: 793 documents recorded

Dog Licenses: 405 issued: 21 unaltered, 381 altered
Kennel Licenses: 1
Service Dogs: 2
Replacement Tags: 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

In the Assessor's office our job is to discover, list and value all taxable and non-taxable real estate, business personal property and motor vehicles located within Salisbury. In Connecticut, property taxes are ad valorem, meaning based on value. Our office is busy completing the state-mandated revaluation of all parcels. This must happen every 5 years and will be for the October 1, 2015 Grand List. We are completing this in-house by driving to each property, inspecting and valuing everything based on the local real estate market. By doing this, we feel the revaluation will be more accurate and cost effective. Change notices will be mailed out this fall, and will be reflected in the July 2016 tax bills. We encourage anyone with questions to stop into the office to learn more about this process.

Our office also works throughout the year on valuing all motor vehicles registered in Salisbury. Anybody conducting business in Salisbury must file a personal property declaration with this office by November 1.

We process applications for the state's PA 490 program of Farm, Forest and Open Space exemptions. Each year we send out and receive applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowner and Renter's, which reduces their tax payment. There are also benefits due to most Veterans' who were honorably discharged from service. For more information or the requirements for these programs please contact our office.

We enjoy working with and helping the many different professionals who use our office. Appraisers, real estate agents, title searchers and attorneys frequently reference our field cards and maps. We track all real estate transfers and update our records monthly, and work hand in hand with the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Building Official and Zoning office to ensure the public gets the most accurate information possible.

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 \$113,559 or a 2.3% increase. The Board of Selectmen Budget increased by \$252,157 or 4.8%.

The small reduction in projected revenues of \$8,000 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:

\$5,444,129 +4.8%

Salisbury Central School Budget:

\$5,043,719 +2.3%

Region 1 (High School):

\$3,049,790 -4.4%

Total Town Expenditures:

\$13,537,638 +1.69%

The general government budget increased largely because of an increase in the highway capital fund and an increase in hospital insurance. The Salisbury Central School budget increased primarily because of an increase in paraprofessional salaries, health insurance and an increase in their capital reserve.

The town's share of the Region 1 budget decreased by \$140,431 or -4.4%. The Region 1 budget was approved by a region wide referendum on May 6th.

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 10.5 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, last year's mill rate was 10.4. To help keep the increase in the mill rate as low as possible the board authorized the use of \$495,796 of surplus funds to help reduce the projected tax increase.

The average increase in taxes is approximately \$36 or \$10 per \$1,000 of assessment based on an average property assessment of \$355,000. This resulted in a tax increase of approximately 1% which is less than last year's and 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%.

One of our long-term projects, the replacement of the Amesville Bridge, is under construction and should be completed by the spring of 2016. Also, safety improvements for Millerton Road at the intersection of Rt. 44 and Rt. 41 are finalized and the project should begin early summer 2016. 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 \$160,000. In addition, the Transfer Station Project is progressing and the committee is pursuing a low interest grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program, to fund construction of the project. 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 Salisbury Building Inspector has been very busy for yet another year.

Although there were only 5 permits issued for new homes, which is 3 less than the previous year, they were all modular homes. One large project, a new, replacement dormitory at the Hotchkiss School, will be ongoing until next year. The number of permits issued for alterations and repairs, roofing, utility buildings, fences, and miscellaneous projects totaled 360. This included 6 new swimming pools that have been installed. Along with that, 447 approvals have been granted for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work. Demolition permits have been issued for 8 different projects, mostly to make room for new structures. One however, was for the removal of the long standing, vacant laundry building on Perry Street.

Building permit fees generated \$244,310.00 of revenues for the 2014/2015 fiscal year, an increase of \$55,806.00 from the previous year.

The Building Official's office is normally open weekdays from 8-9am with clerical staff in the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 8am-4pm. The Building Official tries to return to the office afternoons from 3-4pm.

The office is grateful for the help that has been received from Nancy Brusie, who is assisting with the necessary paperwork and filing.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LARRY BURCROFF, CHAIRMAN

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

- Stream restoration by Trout Unlimited on the Salmon Kill - approved
- Biomass removal and chemical treatment in Twin Lakes - approved
- 3 repairs to a septic system in the regulated area - approved
- 2 house replacements on same footprints in a regulated area - approved
- 1 culvert replacement – approved
- 1 pond construction application - denied

In addition, the Commission met with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Torrington Area Health to discuss issues relating to overlapping jurisdictions within the land use regulations in Salisbury. The Commission also began a revision of its application forms.

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 6:30pm 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 are several major focus areas for the Fire Commission that occupied a portion of every meeting.

We couldn't have a fire department without trucks, all of which need on-going maintenance and periodic replacement. The newest truck which arrived this year is much smaller and more agile than the typical truck, and requires no CDL license to drive it, although training on how to operate it as a fire truck is complex. This smaller truck can respond to all calls, often eliminating the need to roll out the much larger trucks, which can be more costly to operate and require special licenses to drive.

The Warehouse Building adjacent to the Fire House continues to be a topic of discussion at every meeting. ITW Corporation is no longer interested in leasing the building for storage space. Any other public use of the space would require handicapped access, appropriate bathrooms and heating. The Hose Company has been collaborating with the Town and the Fire Commission on attempting to determine what the costs would be to bring the facility up to code for public use.

Financial reporting requirements for the Commission Treasurer to meet the needs of both the auditors and Commission/Hose Company have represented some challenges. In collaboration with the Hose Company, the Commission has purchased new software, upgraded some equipment and invested in specific hands-on training to enable the Treasurer to present monthly and year end Trial Balance reports for the auditors, as well as monthly individual line item expenditure reports for the Commission and Fire Chief to monitor specific areas of cash flow.

Underneath the beautiful exterior of the Fire House structure are a myriad of mechanical systems for heating, ventilation, dehumidification, air exchange, emergency generators, overhead door openers, computerized access codes, vehicle exhaust fume removal, etc. In order to keep on top of the maintenance needs, the Commission has entered into several maintenance contracts to be certain that all systems will be fully operational when needed.

Last winter's unusually heavy snow fall created problems with frozen gutters, frost heaves, roof areas needing to be shoveled, as well as challenging snow removal from parking lots and in front of garage bay doors. All efforts were time consuming, costly and sometimes just plain frustrating.

Utility costs are constantly monitored to control costs for electricity, propane, water for the Fire House use and Fire Hydrant rental. Keeping thermostats at a fixed temperature for both heating and cooling seasons has been showing some considerable savings in propane costs and use.

On a lighter note, everyone passing by the Fire House seems to enjoy the beautiful tubs of annual flowers at both the front and rear of the buildings, as well as the beautiful shrubs and perennials. The hot, dry summer provided some challenges for Larry Hoage in keeping the plantings watered.

SALISBURY FIRE COMMISSION

REVENUE	
Town Appropriation (Fire Protection)	\$205,750
Town Appropriation (Fire Commission)	45,150
Hydrant Collection Fee	41,912
Interest	4,154
Dividends	0
EXPENSES	
Tax Collection -- Hydrant Fees	2,148
Commission Maintenance (Town)	17,552
Heating and A/C -- Propane (Town)	10,000
Officers Honoraria	8,320
Unanticipated Projects (Town)	1,874
Water (hydrant charges)	53,926
Maintenance Supervisor (Town)	1,600
Office Operating	225
Misc.	271
Annual Audit	4,485
Sub-Total	\$100,401
Airpack update/replace	5,318
Fire Engine Fund	75,000
Fire House	13,089
Foam Equipment	983
Gas, oil, diesel	1,460
Heating and A/C-Propane	9,500
Hose Replacement	5,000
Insurance	22,262
Ladder test/replacement	351
Misc. Fire Protection	6,514
New Equipment	6,500
Radio Equipment	3,637
Communications	3,080
Training	2,500
Fire Prevention Education	610
Truck Maintenance	18,665
Turn Out Gear	11,888
Wild Land Protection	656
RESCUE	1,996
Mandatory Physicals (Annual)	3,775
Traffic Safety -- Fire Police	2,000
Sub Total	\$195,832
Grand Total Expenses	\$296,233

FIRE MARSHAL MICHAEL G. FITTING

The Salisbury Fire Marshal's office has been relatively quiet for the fiscal year of 2014/2015.

There have been no major fires to investigate in the Town of Salisbury. The inspections of buildings, as required by state statute have been ongoing, the duties being performed by Deputy Fire Marshal Robin Denny and myself.

The annual fireworks display that is held at Lime Rock Park, hosted by the Salisbury Rotary, is another of the necessary inspections and approvals that are required by state statutes.

Fire incident reports filed with the Office of the State Fire Marshal were again lower than the previous year. There were 229 reports submitted, which was 22 less than the 2013/2014 year.

The Fire Marshal's office is open by appointment and the Fire Marshal, or one of the Deputies is available for assistance 24 hours a day.

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 after the New Year and required considerable snow removal. We experienced 24 storms requiring plowing of a total of 77.5 inches of snow, 4 of the storms were ice. The two major storms last winter cost \$24,983 for just sand & salt – this does not include labor or equipment cost. 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 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!

HISTORIAN

JEAN PORTER McMILLEN

Since being appointed Town Historian to replace retiring Katherine Chilcoat, it has been a fascinating and challenging experience. I wish to thank the many people who have helped me with information and advice. Nineteen gifts have been accessioned and stored in the History Room. There were 8 requests for photographs, 23 genealogical inquiries, 8 house information requests, 6 independent research projects, and 19 miscellaneous questions. The 13 cemeteries of Salisbury have been inspected twice. Stones have been restored at Town Hill, Walton, Salisbury, and Lime Rock cemeteries. Regular maintenance and brush cutting will continue as needed. More stones are scheduled to be restored next year.

Oral history is also active: 16 tidbits have been published in the Lakeville Journal, a collection of stories taken from the oral history transcriptions called "Sarum Samplings" Vol. 1 was published last year and Vol. #2 will be published this year. Twenty-eight new interviews have been completed. I also clip articles from the Lakeville Journal to add to our files and keep track of the monthly property transfers. Katherine is my go-to person and has mentored me all along.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

CANDACE CUNIBERTI, CHAIRMAN

The Salisbury Historic District Commission (SHDC) seeks to preserve the gracious atmosphere established, in good measure, by the architecture of the Colonial and Federal periods of our history. This has been the result of the support of those who are part of our local Historic Districts. This support is essential. We seek to work constructively with residents and property owners. It is an important cooperative effort.

In June, we took the opportunity to acknowledge this participation by hosting a reception for the owners of Salisbury Historic District properties. As they have in the past, Arthur and Kathryn Taylor were the gracious sponsors of this event. We want to thank them for this kindness.

Through the zealous efforts of dedicated supporters, including Tom Zetterstrom and Arthur and Kathryn Taylor, important steps have been taken to re-establish the Washinee Park and its memorial to the World War One Veterans from Salisbury.

Part of this program has been an awakened awareness of the damage done to our natural environment by various invasive species. The participation by volunteers from Hotchkiss School was a significant contribution in the effort to eliminate these destructive plants.

Our regular monthly meeting includes the review of projects in Historic Districts (such as the changes to the intersection of Routes 44 and 41 in Lakeville) and projects for properties that have Salisbury Historic District designation. In this process an application is submitted to the SHDC. This is followed by a public hearing. When we have reached an agreement we issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. We are grateful for the willing cooperation and participation of this year's applicants, who worked thoughtfully and constructively with us.

LAKEVILLE HOSE COMPANY

JASON WILSON, FIRE CHIEF

The Lakeville Hose Company responded to 229 Incidents for the 2014-2015 year. The Company operates with 47 Members and 10 pieces of Apparatus.

A summary of incidents for the year:

- 9 Structure Fires or Fires in a Building
- 2 Chimney Fires
- 5 Brush Fires
- 3 Water Rescues
- 36 Motor Vehicle Accidents

- 3 Rescues of a Person
- 15 Hazardous Material Incidents
- 13 Electrical Hazards of Power Lines Down
- 104 Activated Fire Alarms
- 9 Activated Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- The remaining 30 calls were miscellaneous emergency and non-emergency incidents.

The Lakeville Hose Company thanks the citizens of Salisbury for their support.

PARKS & FOREST COMMISSION

Thanks to the generosity of many present & former 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.

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/ SALISBURY COMMUNITY DOG PARK

Mary V. Peters Memorial Park is set on 36 acres on the southwest shore of Long Pond. The park may be used for fishing, hunting, hiking and cross-country skiing. Also, there is a new addition of over an acre of fenced-in land, donated by the Town designated as a Community Dog Park.

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 2014-2015 was characterized by a variety of land-use controversies that consumed much of the Commission's time and energy. Unfortunately, because of these matters, we have had to defer our plans to rewrite sections of our regulations to encourage cluster development and enhance possibilities for affordable housing. We hope to be able to pursue these goals in 2016, but it is necessary for the citizens of Salisbury to understand that we have limited resources, both human and financial, to pursue our goals. When land-use controversies emerge, they do so at the expense of other longer-term planning activities. The following are my observations and may not reflect the opinion of all the members of the P & Z Commission.

Lime Rock: The Commission passed legislation that enables adaptive re-use of residential structures that front on Rte. 112 in the village of Lime Rock. This was one of the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) goals. As this report goes to press, we are in the midst of public hearings to amend our regulations concerning Lime Rock Park, including updating those uses considered to be incidental and accessory to the Track, proposed special permit regulations of events deemed not to be part of the operation of the Track, and specifying the existing permissible hours of operation for race track use in the text of the zoning regulations rather than specifying permissible hours by referencing an outside document.

Lakeville Lake: The second land-use hot spot concerns the continuing controversies over residential development and re-development of properties surrounding Lakeville Lake. This is an ongoing situation that consumes a significant amount of Commission's time and resources, having its genesis in a limited amount of highly-valued real estate located on relatively small parcels, which is a recipe for on-going neighbor to neighbor controversy into which the Commission frequently is relied upon to adjudicate through our regulations, often in tandem with or in threat of legal action.

Wild and Scenic River Designation: The third land-use hot spot concerns the designation of the section of the Housatonic River that flows through Salisbury as Wild and Scenic, which is a Federal program. The Commission held public workshop meetings concerning this, and heard testimony from various neighbors, including many Amesville residents. The Commission deferred to the Selectmen on the actual designation issue, but went on record as opposing any changes to our zoning that may be part of the proposed Wild and Scenic designation. The Selectmen ultimately decided to join the Wild and Scenic coalition, but were respectful of the Commission's position concerning zoning changes. Additionally, the Selectmen committed to appointing a resident of Amesville to represent Salisbury on the Wild and Scenic steering committee.

Administrative Matters: The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Fred Schmidt who has been on extended family leave from his P & Z duties. We recognize the many contributions of Mr. Schmidt to Planning and Zoning, and will miss his good will and his dedication to improving our regulations and procedures. Alternate Cathy Shyer was appointed to fill the remaining two years of Mr. Schmidt's term. A total of 92 permits were issued by the P and Z office with a total revenue collected of \$11,145.00 This number is slightly down from 98 permits issued the previous year. A detailed breakdown of these permits is available in the P & Z Office.

POLICE SERVICES

TFC CHRIS SORRELL, RESIDENT TROOPER

The following is the Annual Report for the fiscal year of 2014-2015 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 Officers and Troopers assigned to Troop B North Canaan.

There were 2,666 total calls for service within the town of Salisbury. The breakdown is as follows:

76 Total Motor Vehicle Accidents
0 Fatalities
7 D.W.I. Arrests
4 Burglary Investigations
21 Larceny Investigations
316 Total Motor Vehicle Citations issued
281 Written Warnings issued
72 Other reportable calls
1,918 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

The Salisbury Recreation Commission maintains its strong presence in town life through the numerous programs led by Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe. During cold weather, there were youth programs in basketball and gymnastics. For adults, there were the popular lap swimming sessions and fitness walking hosted by Hotchkiss School. There were also paddle tennis and men's basketball offerings. Local families took part in several free skate sessions. Fall and spring activities included soccer, lacrosse, and baseball. The greatest number of programs take place in the summer when we offer swim lessons, competitive swimming, kayaking, sailing, tennis, Lego camp, and lifeguard training. Information regarding recreational programs is available on the Town of Salisbury's website, www.salisburyct.us/recreation.

For 2015, the Commission consisted of Lou Bucceri (Chairman), Rick DePrete, Pat Kelly (Treasurer), Becky Lachaine (Secretary), Danny Smith, and Tim Sinclair (Vice Chairman) along with Salisbury Board of Education representative Beth Vernali.

The commissioners are forever grateful to those members of the community who volunteer their valuable time to help coach and encourage participants. Anyone interested in coaching or with thoughts about future offerings is encouraged to contact Director Lisa McAuliffe at either 860-435-5186 or recreationdirector@salisburyct.us.

Finally, the commissioners congratulate Salisbury Central School students Alice Villano and Jack McAuliffe on their graduation and being chosen by Salisbury Central faculty to receive the Arthur Wilkinson Physical Education Prize for the 2014-2015 school year.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS & ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT

JANET LYNN, ROV REPUBLICAN
MARGIE VAIL, ROV DEMOCRATIC

MAUREEN DELL, DEPUTY ROV REPUBLICAN
KATHLEEN MERA, DEPUTY ROV DEMOCRATIC

The office of the Registrar of Voters and Elections Administration 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 the Town Hall every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. 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.ct.gov/sots>, 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 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, 2015, voter registration is as follows: Total - 2,443; Democrat - 1,002; Republican - 546; Unaffiliated - 865; Other - 30.

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.

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 has attained the age of 18 years and is 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 or be a registered voter.

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
Pam Kelley, Treasurer
Kerry Noble, Secretary

Republican Town Committee

Michael Flint, Chairman

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

BOB RIVA, CHAIRMAN

The Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission's (SAHC) mission is to "provide for, promote and encourage the development and continued availability of housing for the Town's low and moderate income persons and families", as mandated by Town Ordinance No. 111 (December, 2010).

The Commission does not own property or build housing. It works through other organizations, including the Salisbury Housing Trust and Habitat for Humanity of Northwest CT (both single-family home ownership), the Salisbury Housing Committee (low-income rentals such as Sarum Village and Faith House), not-for-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers, and governmental and private financing sources.

These are some of the highlights of the Commission's work during the past fiscal year:

Completed an inventory of affordable rental units in Salisbury. Including Sarum Village, Faith House, and Lakeview Apartments, there were only 74 units renting for no more than \$1,000 for two bedrooms or \$800 for one bedroom. 99% were occupied.

Recommended a \$10,000 interest-free loan (later approved by the Board of Selectmen) to a resident for building materials enabling him to rent a house to his firefighter son and family so they could return to Salisbury. The apartment must be rented at an affordable rent for the length of the loan.

Sponsored a proposed development by the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development to build multiple units of workforce rental housing on donated land off East Railroad Street. The proposal was put on hold after a Town Meeting denied access to the property across the Town-owned "Rail Trail".

Worked with the Board of Selectmen to apply for a Small Cities grant to renovate the Town-owned building at 414 Millerton Road into two affordable rental units. The grant was not awarded. The SAHC is pursuing a new financing source.

Conditionally recommended, via the Board of Selectmen, to a future Town Meeting a \$30,000 grant to the Salisbury Housing Committee's financing package for six additional units at Sarum Village.

Continued to update residents on available housing resources through the Commission's web page.

Received calls from people who live or work in Salisbury looking for affordable housing options and referred them to resources that could help them.

Using both print and electronic media, tracked listings of available rental units and their prices.

Continued to devote a portion of each monthly meeting of the Commission to evaluating private and Town-owned properties for housing development potential.

In the last fiscal year, the SAHC expended \$5695.00 on staffing. Additional information on the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission's work and updates on housing resources can be found on the Town's website (www.salisburyct.us/affordablehousing).

SALISBURY-SHARON TRANSFER STATION

BRIAN BARTRAM, MANAGER

Salisbury & Sharon led the towns in the CT Solid Waste System with a 33.47% recycling rate. Our residents and businesses recycled over 1,000 tons of paper, cardboard, bottle & cans! This recycling saved \$69,000 in disposal costs, AND brought in a rebate of over \$5,000!

The following changes occurred at the Transfer Station during the 2015 fiscal year.

- The Transfer Station began accepting bottles, cans, paper and cardboard mixed together as Single Stream Recycling on July 1, 2014.
- The Connecticut Product Stewardship Law for mattresses went into effect May 1, 2015. The Transfer Station now accepts mattresses & box springs as part of the Mattress Recycling Council's program. There is no longer a fee collected when residents drop off their mattresses.

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 Bartram to reserve the bins at bbartram@salisburyct.us.

Please join me in thanking Gary Duntz, George Silvermail, Jason Wilson, "Bullet" Sherwood, Thomas Sherwood, Matt Murtagh, and Donna Maxwell for their hard work throughout the year.

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

Salisbury Sharon Transfer Station 2014-2015 Tonnages	
MSW	3073.88
Single Stream Recycling	1079.16
Mattress Recycling (May/June)	2.38
Scrap Metal	146.05
Tires	8.33
CRTs / Electronics	40.83
Leaves	256.25
Batteries (auto & rechargeable)	138 pounds
Waste Oil	2620 gallons
Paint	12.24
Clothes	30.19
Construction Demo & Wood	850.89
Total MSW Tonnage	4715.98
Total Recycled Tons	1631.4
Percentage Recycled	34.59%

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. 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 waistline grow smaller. I urge you to read the Salisbury 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 residents 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 860-435-5191. We may not know the answer but we will find it.

TOWN GROVE

STACEY DODGE, MANAGER

This year at the Town Grove, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) changed fishing season from the third Saturday in April to the second Saturday. This excited many anglers to start fishing sooner. To everyone's dismay we still had eight (8) inches of ice on the lake and had to wait an extra week before the boats could be launched for fishing. Fishing started out slow but rapidly picked up as the water temperature increased.

The biggest thing to happen to the Grove was the addition of a new playground for the children. The playground (aka Mega Tower) accommodates children of all ages. With three slides, climbing wall, swings, etc. – it's a must come see playground. With the playground being so large a special surfacing was installed for the children's safety. Many long hours of delightful play was spent on the new playground by local children. It was also enjoyed by camp groups from Rudolf Steiner, EXTRAS and Housatonic Child Care Center.

The Town Grove could not run as efficiently as it does without the direction of Town Grove Manager, Stacey Dodge and Maintenance Facilitator, Robert Strattman Jr.

When entering the park you are taken back by the beautiful picturesque beach and picnic area. With clean facilities and a Smoke Free Park people can enjoy their days at the park from 7am to 8pm daily.

HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

DR. JOSE MARTINEZ, PRINCIPAL

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

DON MAYLAND, CHAIRMAN

As usual the members of the SWPCA were busy dealing with the ongoing operation and maintenance requirements of the Walton Street plant and the sewer system in Salisbury and Lakeville. The Study completed by Louriero Engineering Associates of the infiltration and inflow problems of the system was received and possible fixes of these problems were studied and discussed. The members of the SWPCA see the remediation of the problems as more than a quick fix. Rather we feel a strong need to look at long term environmentally innovative design solutions to the recognized problems of the system. However, we also recognize that some capital needs need to be addressed quickly, using established engineering solutions. In the past few years we have begun to purchase equipment listed in the capital plan submitted by Plant Manager, John Whalen. These purchases are for equipment that has long been needed at the plant and for equipment that needs replacing due to age.

The Plant's license to operate was renewed by the State of Connecticut for another 3-year period. During this time we must improve the operation of the system to meet the more stringent phosphorus and nitrogen standards that will go into effect at the end of this three-year period.

Membership on the Board of the SWPCA remained stable during the year. The Board consists of seven members and two alternates. Meetings are held monthly.

Special thanks go to Plant Manager, John Whalen and the Assistant Plant Manager, Charles Humes for the outstanding work they do in maintaining and operating the plant.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JEFFREY A. LLOYD, CHAIRMAN

The Zoning Board of Appeals had only one Public hearing during the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The application was regarding a variance relating to Section 305.1 of the Zoning Regulations. The variance was not granted due to evidence presented at the hearing that was not sufficient to grant the variance.

The Board welcomed a new alternate member, Donald Cuneo, following the resignation of alternate member William Kremer. Members of the board are Chairman, Jeffrey Lloyd, Vice Chairman, George (Rick) DelPrete, Secretary, Steve Victory, Lorna Brodtkorb, Donald Cuneo, Eugenie Warner, and Patricia Walsh. We would like to send a special thanks to Jean Bell for all her efforts over the past years as our ZBA administrator and recording secretary.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School began its 76th year with a celebration of the last 75, and ended it with a glimpse of the future. Several hundred alumni participated in a weekend of festivities that culminated in a Hall of Fame induction and a rededication ceremony, presided over by Governor Dannel Malloy. Friends and classmates came from all corners of the country to reunite for tours of the school, a banquet, and most importantly, the sharing of memories from their days at HVRHS.

Our own students, however, went in the opposite direction throughout the year, visiting far-flung destinations and learning from the world beyond the classroom. Trips to Quebec and China brought our students to foreign lands to develop a better appreciation for today's global culture, while students visited the Cloisters and Hyde Park to learn about western and American culture. Our FFA students frequented farms in the immediate area to understand how global economic trends impact us locally, while also attending the National Convention in Louisville and sending students to leadership conferences in Washington, D.C., to connect with chapter members from other communities around the country.

If we are not traveling to one of these destinations, we are bringing important issues and conversations to Falls Village. This year, our students discussed civic issues with the residents of Geer Village and Noble Horizons, engaged in dialogue with members of our community through statewide collaborations such as the Civic Life Program, and hosted students from China, who visited us again this year for a snowy week in February.

Many of our school trips revolve around competitions, which offer our students opportunities to test themselves against peers from other schools. Our Envirothon teams placed second and third in the state, and our Geography Team placed third at the State Geographic Challenge this spring. Our Robotics team expanded this year, and our Debate Team competed nationally in Philadelphia, while our outstanding musical production, *The Boyfriend*, was nominated for several state awards, including Best Production. These academic and club activities compliment the array of athletic opportunities available to our students, who performed at the highest levels of their sports. Individuals and teams made the playoffs in numerous sports, with our Girls Soccer squad making the state finals.

Additionally, students experience a mixture of traditional learning and contemporary approaches in the classroom. Teachers employed both Socratic Seminars and "Flipped Classroom" models this year, asking students to bear responsibility for learning content and applying it in practice. Flipped classrooms tap the potential of the internet as an instructional tool that lifelong learners will use to learn new material in the way that makes sense for them, reserving class time for working with the new content to coach, teach, and learn from one another. Other classrooms held Skype conferences and Google Hangouts with content-area experts and renowned authors such as environmental expert Erik Vance, and our arts and music students broke new ground with their creations in Digital Photography and Music Technology.

As we head into the 2015-2016 school year, more teachers are recognizing the power of the web to transform learning, and they are using different strategies to take advantage of these resources. Housatonic Valley Regional High School is going to a "1-to-1" model for technology next year with our purchase of Chromebooks for all students and the re-distribution of our existing computer resources. Beginning in September, all students will have access to a common computing platform, allowing them to access not only digital content on the web, but Google Classroom and PowerSchool, two resources that have helped students to manage classwork and keep abreast of grades while helping the school consume less paper. Near and far, old and new, Housatonic Valley Regional High School continues to offer a comprehensive educational experience to the students in Region 1.

REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATRICIA CHAMBERLAIN, SUPERINTENDENT

As the 2014-15 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 only a few of our major accomplishments.

Students, staff and faculty returned with great enthusiasm to well-organized openings throughout the district. Dr. José Martínez was hired to commence on July 1, 2014 as the new Principal at HVRHS and has settled into his new role as a leader that is committed to our students and staff. Our now veteran principals in the elementary schools accomplished an extraordinary amount of work over the course of the school year and continue to demonstrate their willingness to take on multiple roles across the region. It has been an exciting year for our leadership team as we tackle with great passion the many challenges in education today.

Moreover, a most successful search for a new Assistant Superintendent was also completed with a July 1, 2015 start date. Under the direction of our new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Pamela Vogel, many of our teachers and administrators will work throughout the summer in the content areas of: music, mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies to develop and revise curriculum, as well as assessments. Numeracy and literacy will continue to be the focus, as regionally we are aligning curricula to Connecticut Core Standards. We are indeed fortunate to have incredibly talented and dedicated teachers and administrators willing to give up their summer time to work 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 include:

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 continue to implement the new regional teacher and school leader evaluation plans.
3. To promote active and responsible citizenship within and among faculty, staff and students, including systematic responsiveness to address and advocate for mental health services.
 - Continuous Assessment and Improvement of School Safety, Student Wellness and Security

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:
 - Regional and School Grade Level Meetings – Outcomes
 - Strategies for Intervention
 - Regional Continuum of Professional Practice
 - Region Assessments Aligned to the Common Core State Standards

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 supported a redesign of our professional development plan for faculty and administrators with a focus on meaningful, relevant, and significant growth opportunities for all. Ongoing teacher development this year focused on curriculum alignment with the Connecticut Common Core and implementation of the revised curricula, along with technology. We successfully, for a second year, 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 this plan throughout the year ahead.

While CMT and CAPT state testing were still utilized this past year in the area of science, a new test (SBAC) was implemented in the areas of language arts and mathematics. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), a state-led consortium, implemented field tested assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards in both of these areas to more accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness. Region One participated in a field test last year as an opportunity to ensure that the assessments were valid, reliable and fair for all students. The new (SBAC) test went smoothly this year, although clearly it is challenging for all students. We are pleased to have participated in the field test last year as it gave both our teachers and students an opportunity to experience this new online testing program. While we look forward to the results, it will take multiple years of results to gauge our students’ successes.

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REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATRICIA CHAMBERLAIN, SUPERINTENDENT

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Economic constraints continue to cause our schools to be conservative in addressing the building needs of each school. Sharon and Salisbury will conduct building assessments, infrastructure reviews, and site needs analysis. Salisbury will redesign the front of their building to address safety needs. Lee H. Kellogg will complete a small roof project and repair some fire damage that occurred in a classroom and hallway. Cornwall plans to update some plumbing infrastructure this summer and North Canaan will improve the heating system with upgraded heating units as well as door replacements. Kent Center School will conduct a partial roof replacement and Housatonic Valley Regional High School will focus on demolition of the white house (Pupil Services), water system conversion, and generator installation. In addition, our schools are currently reviewing sustainable energy opportunities by exploring solar power options and lighting retrofits.

Sound fiscal planning and monitoring by our business manager, seven principals and boards of education members continue to serve us well. All budgets throughout the region passed in May in preparation for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The Central Office team successfully negotiated two certified teacher contracts this past school year, the high school and Sharon. In addition, a non-certified contract was negotiated at Regional School District #1. August 2015 begins a new season of negotiations for certified contracts for Salisbury Central and Lee H. Kellogg and non-certified contracts for Lee H. Kellogg, Cornwall, and Salisbury in the winter of 2016. The Business Office continues to support the needs of our regional schools when necessary or requested. Furthermore, as Region One continues to look for economic efficiencies, we continue to foster a unique partnership of public schools and not for profit organizations, such as: the newly renovated Housatonic Youth Services Bureau building, the rather new Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center and the Art Garage.

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 gradually decline, if predictions remain accurate. Several of our Boards have shown interest in exploring other regional efficiencies and have begun to develop board goals around this issue. The All Boards Chair Committee has commenced a review of surrounding districts’ studies on declining enrollment. Our smallest schools are exploring opportunities to expand their enrollments and multi-grade configurations, where appropriate, have been considered. The 2014-2015 school year has been a challenging yet educationally productive year for our students, faculties, staff, and administrators. Our dedicated and talented employees continue to work hard each and every day toward the success of all children. We appreciate the many contributions made by our community volunteers and the efforts of our seven Boards of Education in the improvement, maintenance and success of our outstanding schools. We are indeed fortunate to live and work in very special communities and schools throughout our region.

SALISBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL

LISA CARTER, PRINCIPAL

Salisbury Central School ended the 2014-2015 school year with an enrollment of 278 students: 201 students enrolled in Pre-K through grade 5 and 77 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's curriculum is aligned with the Connecticut 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 indicators 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 8th 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. This summer, we were pleased to extend the academic year through our Red Hawk Academy, a three week program held from late June to mid-July for kindergarten through sixth grade students. Based on the success of this summer's program, we expect to continue this program in the future.

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 to support the creation of a blended learning environment. We have strengthened the school's network infrastructure to support a one-to-one electronic device per child and are working to achieve this goal. Students in grades 4-8 have their own Chrome Books. We will continue to extend our one-to-one plan for the lower grades over the next couple of years. 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. Teachers have enthusiastically invested their energies in professional development and are making good use of all of these digital devices to create a classroom environment that empowers students to learn, discover information and solve problems using a variety of tools and resources.

In addition to our academic excellence, we had many other accomplishments during the 2014-2015 year of which we are very proud. Many students participated in the Geography Bee, Math Counts program, Quiz Bowl, the Academic Fair, the Connecticut Invention Convention and History Day in Connecticut. 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 Food 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 year for our students to participate in activities which are led by volunteers from the community outside of the regular school day.

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 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 lies with our caring and experienced staff. Jennifer Hill took the reigns as the Program Director in the fall and together with Assistant Director, Rita Ezersky, created a friendly, safe, and healthy environment for our children. They have collectively been with the program over 30 years, and many of the other staff members return year-after-year.

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 to towns in the neighboring 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 2nd 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 of 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 May of 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 continued to participate in the 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 2015, the children and staff of the center were again honored to march in the Memorial Day Parade to honor our local Veterans. The children proudly showed off their school and all their work by hosting a Thankful Family Feast, a Robin Hood presentation for family and friends, and an end of the year celebration to honor all children that participated in our 2014-2015 programs. 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 Charters-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 beginning at 7-7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Cornwall Consolidated School. The annual dues requested from each town remain at \$350 per year.

The River Commission continued the process of seeking Wild and Scenic 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. At this stage all but one of the HRC member towns have voted to support Wild and Scenic designation for our stretch of the Housatonic. HRC is working with our state representatives to create the framework for HRC to continue to do its job, gain additional protection for the River, and keep local control of our River.

This year, the HRC assisted three interested member towns in updating their Housatonic River Overlay Zone maps. The newly updated maps for Cornwall, Sharon, Kent, and New Milford can be viewed on the HRC's website: <http://hrcct.weebly.com>.

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. Our focus is to provide a variety of service options that promote the overall health and well-being of children, youth and families living in our community.

Thanks to your ongoing support, we're able to provide a broad range of services that are free and without income restrictions, an approach that creates an open-door policy for Salisbury families to find support when they need it. We support youth up to age 21 and their family through individual and family clinical therapy, advocacy, prevention and referral services, enrichment programming, outreach and community events.

This year HYSB has seen a lot of changes. In May of 2015, through your generous support, we completed renovation on our new office space and were able to move into our new

The Commission also continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the Housatonic River. The EPA's potential Rest of River cleanup (including all of CT) continues to await its formal proposal. We will be pushing to help ensure that the interests of towns and residents are duly represented. The current proposal calls for "monitored natural recovery" for all of Connecticut with key details to be worked out near Pittsfield, where contamination is far more severe.

As always, land use issues within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a significant concern. During the last 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 of our 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 Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

home on the HVRHS campus. This new space will allow us to expand the services available to you; services like our no-cost counseling, the Youth in Philanthropy program, the HYSB Internship Project, our F.Y.I. family program, and lastly, the "Empowering Young Women" project and the annual Battle of the Bands competition.

With the closing of the CMHA Lakeville branch in October of 2014, we also saw an increase in referrals and our average client caseload this year. Over the last school year, we provided 152 hours of free clinical counseling for 17 Salisbury families. Another 10 town students benefited from one or more of the various programs we offer. To meet the growing need for our services HYSB has hired a second clinician for the 2015-2016 academic year.

All of our work would not be possible without your generous support. We remain deeply grateful to you for your continued fiscal support and look forward to working as partners to promote the overall health and well-being of Salisbury's children, youth and families.

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 10,322 hours of service to more than 1,122 individuals and families.

In fiscal year 2014-15, more than 61 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. 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 continued 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 2014-15, approximately 408 people received services monthly in the clinics for a total of over 6,251 visits annually. CMHA's Northwest Center provides more than 521 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 2014-2015, 44 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 2014-15, 25 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 2014-2015, 27 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 (referrals), Litchfield County Pediatrics in Torrington (referrals), CT DCF (referrals), FAVOR (advocacy for parents/caregivers), Education Connection (Head Start comprehensive services for children birth to age 5 and their families), 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 for families with children), Western CT Mental Health Network (adult services including case management, recovery and wellness, housing, vocational, and young adult services), Trinity Glen in Sharon (inpatient substance abuse program for adults), 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.

NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RICK LYNN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) opened the doors to its new office this year at the Village Market Place in Goshen Center to serve our 21-town region. The COG's work program includes activities in both regional planning and regional service delivery. Planning activities include developing a regional plan of conservation and development, a regional transportation plan, natural hazard mitigation plans, emergency management planning, and village center revitalization. For more information, news, events, and planning resources please visit our website: www.northwesthillscog.org.

This year, the COG began work on two new grant funded projects, the NW CT Food Hub Feasibility Study to better connect local farmers with wholesale buyers and the 8-Town Shared Economic Development Services project to help small towns attract and retain businesses and keep their village center areas vital. The COG also worked with the NWCT Economic Development Corporation and the NWCT Chamber of Commerce, on an action plan to implement the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and to gain formal State and Federal Economic Development District designation for our 21-town region to open it to additional funding possibilities.

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 of municipal concern, oversee existing COG programs, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation to enhance local government efficiency. A variety of issues of regional significance were discussed at the monthly meetings of the COG this year including maintaining local roads, municipal grants for supporting agriculture, municipal waste oil disposal, and regional health insurance collaboration. Guest speakers included the State Comptroller, Commissioner of Economic Development, and Secretary of State. 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 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 Northwest 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 Regional Housing Council, Northwest Hills Road Supervisors Association, Public Safety Task Force, Recycling Advisory Committee, Housatonic River Commission, and Torrington Facade Improvement Program Committee. In addition, the COG hosts a quarterly "5th Thursday" forum for area Planning and Zoning Commission members to meet and discuss items of mutual interest, hear guest speakers, and provide input on regional plans.

COG 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.

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 of local housing organizations in the region gather quarterly to report on and gain valuable information for their town's housing efforts.

This year members of the Regional Housing Council collaborated with David Berto of Housing Enterprises, Inc. and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) to apply for funding to create a "Northwest Hills Homeownership Program". Though it ultimately was not funded in the very competitive State funding round, it laid the foundation for a future proposal and collaborations.

We thank our 13 member towns for their financial support. The \$100 annual dues from the towns is a cost effective investment.

We also express our appreciation to Jocelyn Ayer of NHCOG for hosting our quarterly meetings, providing accurate minutes, and keeping members informed about new opportunities to develop safe, attractive, and affordable housing in the Northwest Corner.

More information on the Housing Council and on affordable housing in the region including a list of affordable housing options can be found on the NHCOG's website www.northwesthillscog.org.

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT TRANSIT DISTRICT

CAROL DEANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2014/15 year is the 25th 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 4 day per week service to the 17 towns in Northwest Connecticut for medical, shopping and social trips to the Greater Hartford, Waterbury and New Haven areas. 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. Salisbury residents can also come to Torrington shopping on Monday and Friday.

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

Total Dial-a-Ride Transportation for FY15 was 29,650, Municipal Grant 7,447 rides and the Deviated Flexible Route was 64,098 for a total ridership of 101,195. The Dial-a-Ride figures were down this year due to the many snow days taken.

Salisbury residents receive 5 days per week of Dial-a-Ride service that includes two days per week to spend the day shopping in Torrington. Salisbury had a total of 193 rides for Dial-a-ride and 9 for the Municipal Grant Program for FY15.

The State Matching Grant remains in effect for FY16 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 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. Thirty-nine individuals were helped through the fund this past year.

Fifty-one households in Salisbury applied for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and twenty-two households received grants through the SFS/Town of Salisbury fuel bank.

Indian Mountain School provided forty children with toys and pajamas for the holidays. An additional three children received beautiful toys purchased by a local family and 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 eight of our families. Salisbury Central School brought our children wonderful books, these were carefully chosen with the ages and interests of the recipients in mind. SFS supplied thirty-five turkeys at Thanksgiving and forty-six \$100.00 gift cards for food at Christmas. Twenty children were recipients of clothing through the SFS Back to School Program. During the summer of 2015 seventeen children were able to go to camp through the SFS camp scholarship program and SFS paid the salaries of seven young people who worked for the Town of Salisbury Youth Work Program.

SFS also provided scholarships to six children in the Summer EXTRAS program. SFS provides financial assistance to families with children enrolled at EXTRAS and Housatonic Child Care Center all through the year.

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 McChesney Fund is available to qualifying Salisbury residents for assistance with the purchase or renovation of homes in the Town of Salisbury.

The Salisbury Family Services Community Garden has a 100% subscription rate for the summer and a few more plots have been added. Excess produce grown by our gardeners is donated weekly to the Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville.

SALISBURY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION

MICHELE GORAT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Founded in 1904, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA) is the oldest and most comprehensive not-for-profit home care agency in the Northwest Corner. Our mission is to provide advanced, compassionate health and hospice care at home and in our local community.

In Fiscal year 2015 and for the second year in a row SVNA was named a Top Agency of the HomeCare Elite™. HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies nationally. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and financial performance. Out of 9,994 home health agencies considered, only 2,501 earn this achievement – SVNA is one of them.

Additionally, in 2015 SVNA received the “Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction” from the Fazzi Group. This award is presented annually to home health organizations that have demonstrated superior performance in overall patient satisfaction results and have placed in the top 25% of Fazzi’s national database on a comparative analysis of overall satisfaction. Our commitment to providing the best care to our patients is evidenced in these awards.

Locally, with funding from the Town of Salisbury, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association was able to provide the following services free of charge to residents in Salisbury:

- **Matter of Balance Classes** - Classes focus on instruction on how to safely maintain balance, continue moving, and exercise well at any age. Classes were offered at various times during the year for a total of 4 sessions – each session consists of 6 classes held once a week with a total of 50 residents participating.

- **Wellness Clinics** – SVNA wellness clinics provide participants with a holistic, individual-centered health screening including blood pressure, heart rate, pulse oximetry analysis, health history, and identification of risk factors for future conditions. Clinics were held bi-monthly at SVNA’s office and monthly at the Grove with 157 residents attending our clinics.
- **Health Guidance** – SVNA’s health guidance visits are used to help residents in the Town of Salisbury remain safe and healthy in their homes. Visits do not require insurance, there are no income minimum levels to meet, SVNA does not charge for the service, and a physician referral isn’t needed - participants in the program are often self-referred or referred by a family member. SVNA provided 30 health guidance visits to Salisbury residents.
- **Flu Clinics** – SVNA conducted flu clinics at our office, at local businesses and at the Town Hall on Election Day. 408 Salisbury residents received flu vaccines from SVNA. SVNA provided 57 free vaccines to Salisbury residents who either did not have insurance or their insurance did not cover flu vaccines.

Additionally, SVNA provides skilled home health and hospice care to Salisbury residents; these services are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance and totaled 2,866 visits for Salisbury residents during FY 2015. We have a registered nurse available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

SVNA also offers personal care aides through our Home Assistance program.

SVNA is committed to helping our Salisbury residents to remain safe, healthy and independent at home. Support from the Town of Salisbury helps us to fulfill this commitment and we are very grateful for your support.

SCOVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CLAUDIA CAYNE, DIRECTOR

During the past year, the Library focused its efforts on creating renovation plans to address community needs and to update the Library for the 21st century. The plans provide a staircase between the lower and upper levels, create a quiet study space, and add several small meeting rooms as well as more seating for reading and work. The interior will be rearranged to maximize use of space, moving the children’s library to the lower level, restoring the reading room to its original purpose and creating an entrance to the Library from the parking lot. In addition, we will be upgrading and expanding technology for programs and community.

We have been working with a local design firm, Poesis of Lakeville, to hone the renovation plans into construction drawings. These have been completed and we hope to begin the project in the fall of 2015. We expect to be open for most of the construction, although our space will be somewhat limited. To fund the renovations, the Board launched Campaign to Connect and as of this writing, we have raised over 75% of the funds from generous individuals in our community.

During the year, we furthered our marketing plan by working with the branding firm, Co:Lab. We launched a new website, updated handouts about library services, created flyers for programs and a new format for our email blasts. Our new website makes it easy

to learn about the Library, reserve items through our catalog, see what events are at the Library and learn about our downloadable libraries of ebooks, eaudiobooks, movies, music and more.

Our programs were robust, adding a new series on Farm to Table in collaboration with Noble Horizons and featuring local farms and chefs. We also worked with Oblong Books to bring authors to the Library and began a new collaboration with Hotchkiss School. For children, we continued our weekly visits to town preschools and monthly visits to Salisbury Central School. We also had weekly story times in the Library and summer reading programs for all ages. In addition, we offered individual technology training for email, iPad and downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks from the Library collection.

We are still the busiest library in the state for towns of similar size. People borrowed 67,686 items, we issued 200 new cards, we held 320 programs for adults and children which were attended by 6,237 people and 38,899 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), the New York Times and programs like the popular Mark Scarbrough literature lectures.

THE CHORE SERVICE

PAT WRIGHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From July, 2014 through June, 2015, The Chore Service provided services to fifty Salisbury residents. This is an increase of seven from last year. These fifty Salisbury families received help with cleaning, errands, and yard work so that they could continue to comfortably remain in their homes. Fifteen Chore Workers who live in Salisbury earned over \$75,000 last year. Our federal grant monies that subsidizes services for those age 60 and over is always depleted before the year ends, so we are delighted that the Town of Salisbury continues to contribute to these services.

Here is what a few clients in Salisbury had to say about Chore Service workers recently:

"She is a very intelligent woman whom I can trust to lean on to do any chore without making a stupid mistake or breaking things."

"Thorough, pleasant, prompt, works hard."

"She is very friendly and pleasant. She does a wonderful job cleaning my house and I really enjoy her company. She has become a friend to me. I am very appreciative of this service as a senior citizen. This service has allowed me to stay safe in my house."

"Above all, she is a very caring person and she has become a very good friend, a friend I know I can rely on in case of an emergency. A big thank you!"

As we face shrinking federal and state grants, we are most grateful for the support of our donors, including the Town of Salisbury, for your generosity.

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.

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.

The TAHD **Community Health Program** investigated the following communicable diseases: **27** Campylobacteriosis, **9** Salmonellosis and **11** Giardiasis. TAHD conducted a contact investigation for 1 case of tuberculosis. 10 clinical samples were submitted to state lab for respiratory viruses. TAHD monitored several travelers from West Africa for Ebola virus symptoms. TAHD provided guidance to school nurses, daycares and community members on a variety of health issues. TAHD nurses administered **651** doses of flu vaccine and **6** doses of pneumonia vaccine to local residents. TAHD consulted with 44 residents regarding potential rabies exposures which resulted in TAHD submitting 29 raccoons, bats, and other animals to the State of CT Laboratory for rabies testing. Guidance on post exposure prophylaxis was provided as well. Ticks brought in by **83** residents were sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Lyme disease bacteria testing.

The TAHD is a member of Fit Together, a Northwest Connecticut Healthy Eating and Active Living Initiative. This past year, Fit Together has worked to introduce "Let's Go - 5210" The program works in a multi-sector setting to spread the message of: 5 - servings of fruits and vegetables, 2-hours (no more) of recreational screen time, 1 - hour or more of physical activity, and 0 - sugary drinks, more water every day.

The TAHD is also an active member of the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force. More than 60 members from community agencies have joined to help strategize and develop solutions to the growing heroin/opiate addiction and overdose epidemic. The task force focuses on intervention, prevention, and community education. The task force was instrumental in creating an Opiate Addiction Counselor position at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to assist those seeking substance abuse treatment.

The TAHD **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** provided case management for more than 115 children with blood lead levels ($\geq 5\mu\text{l}$). TAHD collaborated with the **Connecticut Children's Healthy Housing Program** (CCHHP formerly the LAMPP Program) to assist property owners with lead abatement of their properties. Abatement / Remediation Orders were issued for 8 properties. Of these, 5 completed abatement. 3 other properties under old outstanding orders also completed abatement. Lead Poisoning Prevention materials were distributed to daycares, health centers, etc. TAHD

Healthy Homes Program conducted a total of **30** home inspections (26 initial and 4 follow-up). Healthy Homes Presentations were provided to 2 community groups.

The TAHD **Emergency Preparedness Program** was active this year in Ebola Virus planning, education and monitoring of travelers from West Africa. TAHD worked with community partners to develop and implement consistent Ebola protocols and plans. TAHD participated in "Operation Get Smart", a full scale exercise designed to test Region 5's response to a mass casualty incidence. TAHD continues to work on exercising and refining plans to mass distribute medications to the population in event of a public health emergency.

The TAHD-**Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** partnered with the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association at Troop B as well as some Fire Explorer Units in Canaan and Norfolk in an effort to attract members. The MRC is doing the MRC * B * FIT & MRC * B * READY school age preparedness and nutrition education programs training for both, and the program will be presented in local communities this summer. The TAHD hosted an AmeriCorps Team during the summer of 2014.

The TAHD partners with Phoenix Labs for its **Water Testing Program**. Phoenix Labs, a full service lab located in Manchester, CT offers a wide range of testing of drinking water, wastewater, groundwater/landfills, storm water, soil and more. TAHD collects samples when requested, and offers free technical advice on water testing results.

TAHD **Environmental Health Program** resulted in the following inspections/licenses/permits: **1886** food inspections, **704** temporary food permits, **68** new septic systems, **179** repaired septic systems, **152** private well permits, **50** private pool permits, **147** beauty salons & barber shops inspections, **549** house addition permits, **227** soil tests, **22** subdivision lots, **60** public pools and beaches were inspected, and **31** daycare centers inspected. Records show that **671** 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 **338** complaints of various public health concerns; **38** 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 2014 through June 2015, WSS worked with 555 individuals (479 adults and 76 children), responded to 477 crisis contacts (phone calls and walk-ins) and provided 727 individual counseling sessions for persons in our service area. In addition, staff offered 1,320 counseling and supportive contacts to adults and children. WSS provided short-term emergency shelter to 11 individuals. During that period, 65 individuals (adults and children) attended support group sessions totaling 332 contacts. WSS also provided clients with 1,100 units of information and referrals. Our community educator and staff were active in the schools and with community groups, reaching 6,777 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 12th 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 34 years.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

NOTES

Board of Selectmen:

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

Board of Education:

Fourth Monday, 5:30pm, Salisbury Central School

Conservation Commission:

Second Monday, 6:30pm, Town Hall

Fire Commission:

Second Wednesday, 5:30pm, Lakeville Hose Company

Historic District Commission:

First Tuesday, 8:30am, Town Hall

Planning & Zoning:

Fourth Monday, 6:30pm, Town Hall

Recreation Commission:

Second Tuesday, 7:30pm, Town Hall

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission:

Third Thursday, 5:30pm, Town Hall

Salisbury Pathways Committee:

Third Monday, 5:30pm, Town Hall

Water Pollution Control Authority:

Third Tuesday, 7:00am, Sewer Plant

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Second Tuesday, 5:00pm, Town Hall

*Meeting dates may change when scheduled on a holiday

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

Thurs., Jan. 14

Quarterly Meeting

Wed., Feb. 3

Annual Town Meeting to receive Final Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Thurs., March 10

Presentation of the Town Report. Receive initial budgets from the Board of Education (BOE) and Board of Selectmen (BOS)

Tues., March 29

Receive Final BOS Budget

Thurs., March 31

Receive Final BOE Budget. Vote on both BOE and BOS budgets to present at the Public Hearing

Mon., April 4

Quarterly Meeting

Mon., April 11

Public Hearing on Budgets

Tues., April 12

Final Budget review. Vote on Budgets to Town Budget Meeting

Tues., May 3

Region One Referendum

Wed., May 11

Annual Town Budget Meeting and BOF Meeting immediately following the Budget mtg. to set the mill rate

Thurs., July 19 (5:30pm)

Quarterly and End of Fiscal Year Meeting

Thurs., Oct. 6

Quarterly Meeting

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