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RE: Special Permit Application #2021-0123 for 12-Unit Affordable Housing Development

LAND USE OFFICE
Salisbury, CT

Greetings,

I offer the following comments and suggestions:

ORIGINAL

My commendations to:

1. Abby Conroy for this exhaustive display of documentation
2. TOS Planning and Zoning board – for a fair and open process
3. SAHC – for their efforts to support this possibility to our town
4. SHC – for their efforts to possibly securing affordable housing for our town
5. Citizens who take the time to write to express their opinion in a balanced and thoughtful manner (I recommend you read them, all of them – Batch 1-4)

There is no doubt in my mind there is a need for affordable housing in our town.

This has been true for almost 20 years and our town is the 5th or 6th least affordable town to live in out of 169 towns in CT.

So any effort to make this a reality should be welcomed.

If this is our best effort and solution, so be it.

I believe we can and should do better but I would rather have "something" than "nothing".

1. Concerns for safety and parking, especially in the litigious society we now live in, should not be underestimated.

I realize there is a 66 page traffic study and that the experts have pretty much concluded there is no safety issue here.

However, anyone who has spent some time over the years at this location would have to say it is not without concern.

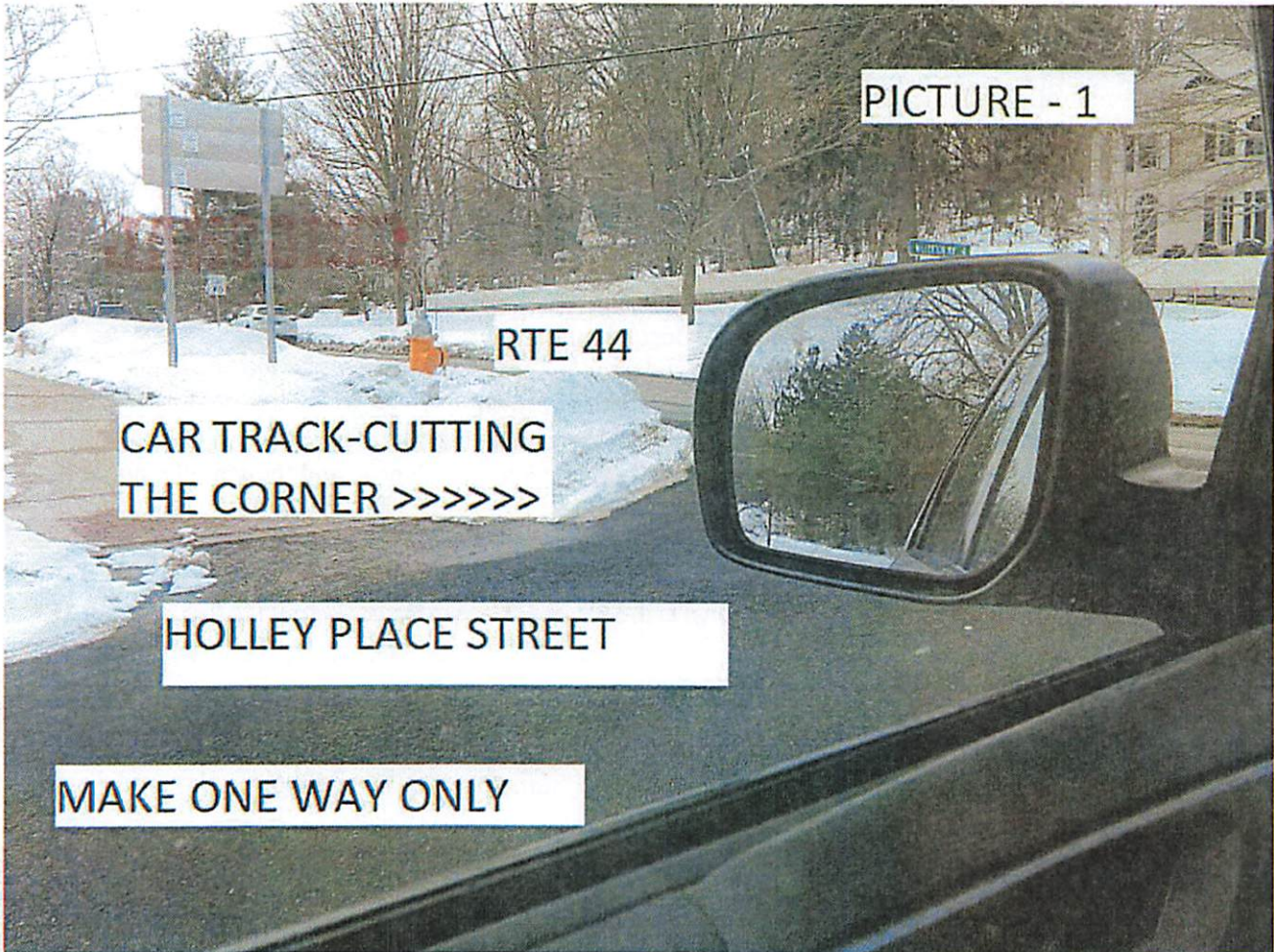
- a. Maybe it is a good idea to revisit the following articles:
 1. Lakeville Journal – 1931 – CT dept. of Motor Vehicles - traffic survey, parking, and line of site
 2. Lakeville Journal – 2000 – Parking concerns
 3. Lakeville Journal – 1981- Legal issues regarding parking
- b. One way for Holley Street? – Attached is a picture I took on Feb 20, 2021 at the intersection of Rte 44 and Holley Place. To me, it is a difficult intersection.
2. While the following comment has nothing to do with the application now in front of P&Z, the public should realize that the reality of funding for this project will likely be in years and not months (see 2020 HTCC attachment). All the more reason to refocus

funding locally rather than hope for government funding. Afterall, the town citizens were very successful in raising money for the now state of the art Salisbury Ski Jump. Surely we could do this for the working class people who need housing.

3. A radical idea – How about a local graduated tax on all homes in the town of Salisbury with a market value of \$1,000,000 which would fund our own affordable housing?

Bruce Palmer

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Lakeville Journal, Page1, 1931-10-15.pdf	330 KB
Lakeville Journal, Page3, 2000-04-06_ParkingProblems.pdf	275 KB
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Lakeville Journal, Page6, 1981-10-15-TrafficConcerns.pdf	248 KB
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REFLECTIONS OF THE SEASON

Brief Comments on Current Questions and Happenings of Recent Date

Exit baseball—enter football which proves that life is just one thing after another.

There seems to be a bull loose in the China Shop, and Japan is playing the part of bull.

Times do change—The late William J. Bryan's shade is laughing at Merry Old England over the gold standard and the Empress Eugenie's shade must think she is back on earth when she takes a look at the women's derbies.

Now is the time to look after the neglected brush and weeds and prevent a sudden call upon the neighbors and fire company a little later. It is all right to have a fire prevention week, but it is better to make every week fire prevention week.

George Bernard Shaw is praising Russia and telling the poor "American Boobs" how the Soviets have the rest of the world licked to a finish, but we observe that he still chooses to live on the British Isles. If he really believes what he says why does he not move to Russia. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

The countryside is presenting its annual show of glorious colorings, and each year the colors seem more vivid. The annual wonder of it is that a formerly green landscape can undergo such a marvelous change. The fact that New England now has a system of wonderful roads enables every one with a motor car to see the beauties of the hills and valleys, that in other days missed much of the glory of the spectacle.

More characters have been blackened, and more heartaches caused, by idle gossip than by almost any other one thing. Gossip is the besetting sin of the average small town, and beyond doubt it is a sin of major quality. It is a cowardly thing and is mighty hard to fight. It would be far better to walk up and slap the victim in the face, than to whisper things that assassinate one's standing and welfare. It has always existed, and it probably always will, as there is little that can be done in punishment of it. "Don't be in a hurry to riddle the good record of years by peddling" bad reports. It isn't nice and it isn't friendly to say the least.

We hear a lot from the political leaders in various parts of the country in regard to Federal government aid for unemployment. Practically all the different propositions call for more or less of waacking big appropriations, while very little is said about the different states taking care of their own poor. It looks to us like a big game of "passing the buck". There used to be an old saying about charity beginning at home, but the modern idea seems to be to "get all you can and keep all you can get". There is no question but what the national government will have to do more or less relief work, but first the different state governments should do all possible before appealing to the federal government. The advantage to be gained by state relief work is that the state is closer to the actual situation and relief work can be swifter and more efficient, and the poor would receive more of the actual aid. When the national government acts, there is always more or less waste and dissipation of funds before any real aid reaches the actual sufferers. Too many cooks spoil the broth, and there is no doubt but that vast sums would be diverted and of no use in actual relief work. The different states should bear their share of responsibility and the whole burden should not be thrown upon an already staggering national treasury. Every one of us believes in helping the poor and distressed, but we have no desire to see politicians and others getting fat salaries and their rakes off from the funds appropriated for relief of distress.

THE TRAFFIC SURVEY

The traffic survey prepared by the Department of Motor Vehicles for Lakeville at the request of the local authorities has been carried out and the recommendations are as follows:

The traffic problem in Lakeville is complicated by the presence of two distinct classes of traffic which may be classed as "through" and "local." It presents a problem that is different in character and seasonably variable in intensity. Routes 4 and 121 contribute a flow of through traffic which reaches serious proportions on week-ends and holidays during the summer months. As a means of reducing the accident rate, it is necessary to establish all practical warning and control devices.

Intersection of Routes 4 and 301
Hotchkiss School
As a measure of safety which would benefit local traffic as well as through traffic, it is recommended that the Lime Rock road and the main road be made "Stop Streets" at their intersection with the Sharon road. To carry out this measure it will be necessary to erect "Stop-Thru" signs on the right hand side of the Lime Rock and Sharon roads as near the intersection as possible; not closer than 5 feet nor further away than 20 feet. This regulation should be strictly enforced. It is also recommended that batteries of standard directional signs similar to the ones used by the State Highway Department be installed. It is also recommended that white traffic lines be painted in the center of all four roads leading to this intersection for a distance of 100 feet.

Intersection of R. R. Street and Route 4
Due to the underpass, this intersection is a shining example of a "blind corner". After careful consideration it is the opinion of the Department that the possibilities of accidents could be largely eliminated if Railroad Street were made "one way" for west bound traffic only and that all vehicles should be prohibited from entering Route 4 from R. R. Street. This would mean that all traffic from R. R. Street wishing to enter the Sharon Road would have to go by way of Holly St. and thence easterly along Main Street around the park into Wheeler St. The only alternative would be to make R. R. Street a "Stop Street" at the intersection with route 4. Parking should also be prohibited on both sides of the Sharon Road for a distance of 50 feet north and 25 feet south of the intersection of R. R. Street. Parking on both sides of R. R. Street should be prohibited for a distance of 25 feet west of the intersection of the Sharon road. Standard "No Parking" signs should be used.

Intersection of Main and Holly Streets—Parking
The present unrestricted method of parking cars on the south side of Main Street in front of the Holly Block and the Salisbury Bank and Trust Co. constitutes a dangerous traffic hazard in the opinion of this department. During a period of observation at this corner it was noted that all available curb space was occupied on either side of the intersection of Holly Street, resulting in a very limited sight line for the operator entering or leaving Holly Street. It is recommended that the traffic authorities of Lakeville prohibit all parking on the south side of Main Street for 25 feet east and west of the intersection. This measure should be strictly enforced. Due to the narrowness of Holly Street between the Holly Block and the Bank it is also recommended that parking be prohibited on both sides of Holly Street for a distance of 25 feet south of the extended curb line of Main Street. Instead of continuing the present method of parking cars "head on" to the curb in front of the Holly Block, Bestone's Restaurant and Lakeville Journal office it is felt that parking at a 45 degree angle to the curb would work out to better advantage and is so recommended.

Main and Wheeler Streets
During the past 18 months our records show only one reportable

SALISBURY CHILD DROWNS

The village of Salisbury was saddened Tuesday noon by news of the drowning of Alice, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lovett in the pond of the Cutlery Handle Shop on Factory Street. It seems that a few minutes previous the little girl and her older brother had been in the barn with their father, who was working around his auto. As it was nearly noon Mr. Lovett had sent the children home, to prepare for their dinner, but on arriving there learned that they had not put in an appearance. He at once started to search for them, going into the woods nearby. Patrick Malley also joined in the search and he went to the stream, and upon reaching the pond he saw the body of the child lying in about four feet of water. He immediately took her from the water and resorted to first aid measures, but with no results. Dr. Peterson was called and worked for three hours to restore life, but also with no success. As far as can be judged it appears that the little girl had attempted to walk a narrow plank footbridge and had lost her balance, falling into the water. Her brother, aged 5, had not missed her having started on his way to the house. Both parents collapsed when they learned the truth. The little girl was a lovable child and the entire community sympathizes with the bereaved family in their loss.

The funeral will take place from St. John's Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Salisbury cemetery. The service will be conducted by Rev. H. J. Chiera.

W. R. C. INSPECTION

At the meeting of O. H. Knight Post, W. R. C. last Friday afternoon, the annual inspection of the Corps was carried out by Deputy Inspector Mrs. W. Ward of Waterbury, State Treasurer Mrs. Lena Dutton and following the business session supper was served. Visitors from Lundstrom were Mrs. Josephine Lundstrom, Mrs. Blanche Matson, Mrs. Jessie Baker. Guests attending from Torrington were Mrs. Minnie Yale, Mrs. Lucille Richards, Mrs. Emma Converse, Mrs. E. Leonard, Mrs. Lena Garney, Mrs. Lena Connors, Mrs. Mary Arnold.

Local members present were Miss Mary Travis, Mrs. Bernice Eggleston, Mrs. May Webb, Mrs. Jessie Van Valkenburg, Mrs. Ora Hoyratt, Mrs. Minnie Traver, Mrs. Flora Lorch, Mrs. Lovie Thurston, Mrs. May Ellis, Mrs. Marcia Vosburgh, Mrs. Laura Griswold, Mrs. Martha Turner, Mrs. Eva Hamm, Mrs. Jennie Sherwood, Mrs. Anna Cleveland, Mrs. Frances Silvernail, Mrs. Margaret Maude Ball, Mrs. Ethel Ball, Mrs. Gertrude Ebert, Mrs. Helen Phillips, Mrs. Maude Parmlee, Mrs. Ellen Stalker, Mrs. Harriet Thorpe and Mrs. Mary Silvernail of Canaan.

ALBERT TRAVIS

Albert Travis, 51, of Brooklyn, died very suddenly early Sunday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Willis B. Jeffers. Mr. Travis was here to spend the weekend. On Saturday night he retired in apparently his usual health but early in the morning was seized with a heart attack and passed away. He had been a frequent visitor here, and had made many friends who were shocked at the tidings of his passing. He is survived by three sisters, and two brothers. Mr. Travis was a 32nd degree Mason. The funeral services took place at the Travis home in Brooklyn on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and were conducted according to Masonic rites. Those from here in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Bradley and Mrs. Edna Rice.

LANTERN PARADE

The boys and girls of the town should remember that the annual Lantern Parade will be held as usual on Halloween night at Lakeville. The lanterns are to be home constructed and will be judged according to their beauty. Certificates will be given to those having the best lanterns.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Forty members and guests of the Salisbury League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. Edwin G. Woodward in Taconic on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 3 P. M.

Mrs. H. N. White, Chairman of the finance committee, offered several suggestions for raising the League's \$200 quota. A motion was made and carried that a Tea be held at the home of Mrs. White in the near future.

Mrs. Norris Clark, delegate to the Connecticut Council on International Relations at New Haven, referred briefly to the round table discussions, laying special emphasis on the program for disarmament in 1932.

Following the business session, Mrs. Maurice Firuski addressed the meeting on Suspension of Specie Payments by England. Explaining briefly what happened when a country was obliged to abandon the gold standard, Mrs. Firuski said, in part, that international trade was an exchange of goods and services. Over a long period of time it is very necessary that the relative value of goods sent out should be as great as those received otherwise, exchange fails to balance and the difference has to be met by what is known as short, or long term credits—When it is no longer possible to extend credit, enough gold must be shipped or, received to make up the balance. As the amount of gold is limited there is only one resource left—stop exporting gold, or abandon the gold standard. Some of the disturbing factors in England's balance of trade, leading to the suspension of specie payments on Sept. 21st, were mentioned, such as decrease in exports, foreign competition, high tariffs, war debts and reparations, frozen credits in Germany, bankers fees and loss of confidence which led to the selling of English securities. Mrs. Firuski also cited some of the international disturbances namely, high taxes, unbalanced budget, debt, revolt of navy and outflow of \$1,000,000,000 in gold in two months, \$650,000,000 of that amount borrowed from the United States and France. Reference was made to the different coinage acts; the financial situation in the various European countries and the almost universal adoption of the gold standard in the 19th century.

In closing, attention was called to the fact that the United States which is the greatest creditor nation has approximately 43% of the world's gold supply, while France also a creditor nation has nearly 20%.

After answering numerous questions, Mrs. Firuski was tendered a ringing vote of thanks. Tea was served by the hostess.

CAR TIPS OVER

Mr. Myron Holley and his sister, Miss Sarah, had a dangerous and exciting experience last Friday evening while riding in their car. When near the cottage occupied by Lyle Phillips the car struck the road, ran into the ditch, struck a telephone pole and turned over on its side. The accident occurred when Mr. Holley turned out for another car and the wheels ran into the soft shoulder of the road. Very fortunately the occupants of the car escaped injury, suffering only a shaking up. The driver of the other car stopped and assisted Mr. and Miss Holley from the overturned car. The car was somewhat damaged and the telephone pole was broken.

TO PLAY TORRINGTON ROYALS

The Salisbury Football team will play the Royal A. C. team of Torrington at Salisbury Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18 at 2:30 P. M.

The fans turned out well for last Sunday's game and should see some improvement in the play of the local team.

Fans should remember that it takes time to develop a football team and it is hoped that all will turn out and back their team until it really gets started. The game will get started promptly at 2:30 P. M.

SALISBURY LOSES FIRST GAME

The Salisbury Football team opened its season last Sunday afternoon at Salisbury by losing to the Housatonic Eagles by a 24 to 7 score.

That it was the first game of the season for the locals was much in evidence for during the first half the entire team showed but little football. The Housatonic boys put over a touchdown on a forward pass after a series of fumbles in the 1st quarter. In the second quarter the Housatonic boys put over two more touchdowns but missed after touchdown points in each case.

In the second half the boys came out and outplayed the visitors showing some good football. The team received some valuable suggestions between halves which showed the effect for a touchdown was later secured on a series of plays.

The local team will practice several times this week to prepare for their next game on Sunday afternoon with the Torrington Royals.

The team was equipped with new jerseys and made a nice appearance and with each member making it a duty to attend practice sessions should play a better game as the season develops.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The cast for the Senior Play has been picked this week. The players are as follows: Martin Winn, Chas. Kelly; Josiah Tizzard, Myron Millies; Harold Vincent, Fayette Gard; Leonard Everett, Walter Fenn; Aunt Meliss, Morag Robertson-McDonald; Lindy Jane, Constance Mantas; Mrs. Poplin, Mary Beebe; Ruth Winn, Mary Agnes Hayde, Alma Wayne, Rita Mantas. The name of the play is "Home Ties". Coaches will be Miss Allen and Mrs. Crofton.

Mr. H. W. French of the South Western Publishing Company gave a talk to the Short-hand classes at the High School today. Mr. French has had 25 years experience in teaching and business and gave us some very interesting and helpful facts to the classes to which he spoke.

A very interesting and instructive assembly on Good Citizenship was given by the Freshman Class, under the direction of Miss Gordon. Gemma Barti read a poem on Citizenship; Francis Tompkins read an essay written by James Doty. A short play on Citizenship was given by four members of the class. They were: Mother, Charlotte McLain; Father, Harold Jones; daughter, Charlotte Hotchkiss and son, John Whalen.

The play was written by Louise Bohimann. Every member of the Class had a chance to write a play and Louise Bohimann's was chosen by a committee as the one to be presented. A great deal of credit should be given to Miss Gordon for the management of the entire program.

Last week the 8th grade had a class meeting to elect class officers. They are as follows: President, Leora Ostrander; Vice-President, Billy Hines; Secretary, Helen Bushnell.

The first of the series of Music Appreciation Hour periods conducted by Walter Damsch over the radio was enjoyed by the school last Friday morning.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

A meeting of the Young People's Club will be held at the new parish rooms on next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Club will meet regularly from now on every two weeks. An interesting program of recreation and business is being planned and all old and new members are invited to participate. Come and see our new meeting place. Refreshments will be served.

PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday evening, October 27th a Pancake Supper will be held at the Town Hall, Salisbury, under the direction of the Ladies of the Congregational Church.

Full details will be given in the Journal next week.—adv.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN SALISBURY

Items of Interest to Residents of the Town and Village

The marriage of Mr. Henry Schleck of Grassland Farms, Taconic and Miss Lola Smith, daughter of Mrs. Grant Smith of Salisbury took place at Hillsdale, N. Y. last Friday afternoon. After a short honeymoon spent in Stamford, the couple will reside in the Fisher cottage on the Undermountain road.

Faulkner Fisher has entered a boys' school at Exeter, N. H.

Dr. John Landon of New York spent the week-end with his parents, Judge and Mrs. H. F. Landon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoyratt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Jones at East Canaan.

Calvin Senior returned to the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst on Monday, after spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Senior.

LIME ROCK

Mr. Beach moved his family this week to New York for the winter.

William Ward and family spent part of last week in Danbury and Bridgeport.

Miss Jennie Brasie returned to her home on Saturday, after spending the past three weeks in Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings of Yonkers spent Monday in town.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bradley in the death of her uncle, Mr. Albert Travis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson and two daughters of Pittsfield were callers at Charles Brasie's on Sunday.

James Brasie and boy friend spent the week-end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt and daughter of Torrington were at Mrs. Owen's Sunday.

Mrs. Maston of Poughkeepsie was at C. Brasie's Wednesday.

The seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnum died in a hospital in New York. Sympathy is extended to them, John formerly living in Lime Rock.

Arthur Harris shot a fox the other morning just as the fox walked out with one of Mr. Harris' valuable chickens.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. Chiera, Rector
8:00 A. M. Holy Communion.
10:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
11:30 A. M. Church School.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Earl O. Fearman, Pastor
Service of Worship Sunday 10:30 A. M.
Subject: "The Healing Leaves."
Church School 11:30 A. M.
Christian Endeavor 7 P. M.
Mid-week Prayer Service in the chapel at 7 o'clock this evening.
Members of the Christian Endeavor are invited to attend an old fashioned kitchen party and candy pull at the home of Mary Senior tomorrow evening.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles A. Dann, Minister
Morning service at 10:30. The theme for the sermon will be, "The Promised Land."
Church School at 11:45.
Evening service at 7:30.
The Bible study will be held at the parsonage on Thursday evening at 7:30.
The Woman's Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. H. L. Barnett on Wednesday afternoon, October 21.

Raymond Wells and a party of friends of New Jersey were in town Saturday, Mr. Wells during his boyhood made his home with the late Mrs. Darwin Warner and Miss Mary Warner, and after his absence of many years found many changes and improvements in Lakeville.

SALISBURY

Parking Problems Plague Selectmen

By **CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**
Staff Reporter

SALISBURY — Parking and related problems near the Ethan Allen and Holly Street intersection continue to plague the Board of Selectmen (BOS), which held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

In recent months, parking spaces have become scarce in the Lakeville Historic District. Several businesses have grown and flourished both in Pockethole Square and the Factory Building there. The addition of the West Main Restaurant, as well as piles of snow and ice left by winter storms, made parking and driving hazardous on Holly Street for several weeks.

Truckers had complained of not being able to make deliveries to the buildings. On two occasions a school bus had been trapped on Holly Street. The situation has apparently eased up since the snow melted or was removed and as patrons and employees

of the area businesses have made adjustments to their parking habits.

The BOS feels the situation still merits attention and there is a potential for car accidents or other problems.

The selectmen have been trying to find a solution to improve parking and traffic patterns, but they have been confronted with several complex issues.

First, new parking spaces would be expensive and the BOS must decide whether taxpayers should foot the bill or whether the owner of Pockethole Square should pay the fees.

The question has larger implications as other businesses in both Lakeville and Salisbury succeed and then outgrow town centers that were designed, in some parts, at an era when each family owned a single horse and buggy and fewer families were here.

Second, to create the new spaces, town greens or parks would have to be paved over or historic buildings would have to be moved.

The trend nationwide is to pave green spaces and put up parking lots. Here, however, the opposite has been true. Decades ago, parking spaces lined the edge of the Factory Pond. Those spaces were dug up and turned into Bauer Park.

Even though there is a precedent for putting spaces in that location, town residents in years past have refused to allow the park to be paved over again.

Another solution discussed by the BOS was moving the tiny, but historic, former railroad depot that now houses radio station WQQQ.

At Tuesday's meeting, which was attended by Lou Burgess, president of the town's Historic District Commission (HDC), the selectmen announced that the building must be lifted to match the street level. At present, water drains into the building from higher surrounding areas. Also, the roof overhang has been smashed into several times in recent years by trucks. To avoid this problem, a concrete "Jersey barrier" that many in town consider an eyesore was put in place.

Mr. Burgess asked her opinion regarding three possible changes to the railroad building. First, the building should be lifted. Second, as long as it was lifted anyway, it could be moved back 20 to 30 feet. This would allow for the addition of several parking spaces.

Third, the building could be picked up and moved directly across the street to Bauer Park, next to Factory Pond and the Factory Building.

"The minute you move historic buildings they don't have historical

value anymore," Mr. Burgess said. "We do not think moving it is a good idea." She suggested parking spaces be added behind the railroad building instead.

The selectmen were invited to make a case for altering the building at the HDC meeting Thursday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m.

The selectmen then discussed a proposal currently before the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) for businesses to pay a fee in lieu of their creating the minimum number of parking spaces required by town regulations.

The funds would be used exclusively to pay for "the acquisition, development and expansion of municipal parking and related facilities." First Selectman Val Bernardoni said. Any collected funds unspent at the end of a fiscal year would not be rolled into "any kind of surplus funding," he said.

The BOS authorized the town accountant, Joe Cleaveland, to make a line on the town budget for fees in lieu of parking.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to a specific discussion of ways to improve parking in the Lakeville Historic District.

At the peak of the parking problem two months ago, "no parking" signs on one side of Holly Street were changed to make parking legal next to the Pockethole Square building.

Drivers began to park on both sides of the street at that point, creating problems for school buses and delivery trucks. Mr. Bernardoni has said he

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Aesthetic Improvements for SCS

By **CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**
Staff Reporter

SALISBURY — Aesthetic improvements for the Salisbury Central School (SCS) cafeteria were approved at a meeting of the Board of Education (BOE) Thursday night.

A collection of eight paintings, created for the former Lakeville High School (now the lower building of SCS) by artist Henry W. Tomlinson in 1935, will be moved into a corridor leading to the lunchroom.

"The paintings, we feel, are of great value," said Amy Jenkins, president of the PTO, at the board meeting. "We're thinking of moving them and enhancing them and enhancing their educational value."

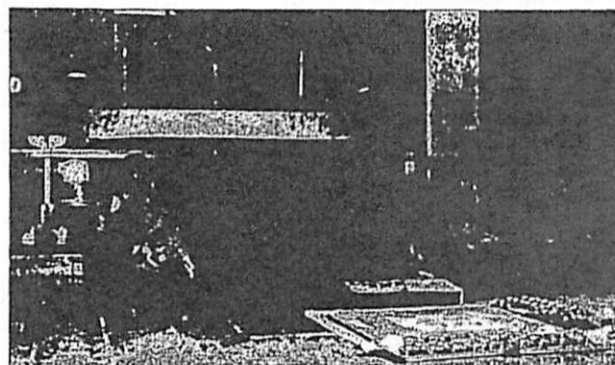
According to a 1936 newspaper article given to Ms. Jenkins by town historian Norm Sills, the Salisbury Board of Education applied for Work Projects Administration funds in 1935, to have a series of murals painted by a local artist. The resulting images, painted on dry plaster in the SCS building and Lime Rock in the late 1800s, when the iron industry was booming. The Mount Riggs and Lime Rock Iron Works are shown, as are a charcoal kiln in Salisbury and open pit mining on Ore Hill.

The paintings were last cleaned in 1978 and must be cleaned again before being rehung.

SCS students will be invited to add their own artistic creations to the cafeteria, in the form of six-inch square tiles that they can paint and personalize.

Ms. Jenkins said money for materials might be raised by charging families a nominal fee per tile painted by their child, such as \$5. She said she hopes that one or more parents will volunteer to help set the tiles on the wall.

The BOE also approved a Plexiglas display case for the cafeteria. The case could feature different art projects, created by students at the school, on a rotating basis.



Visitors from India

Tibetan monks from the Gaden Jangtse Monastery in Mundgod in south-central India open a week's activities and programs in the Salisbury School Chapel Sunday, April 2. The visitors created a Green Tara Sand mandala, shown left, after a day's work. The mandala is created by dropping grains of colored sand to create patterns. The mandala may be viewed in the school chapel from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 6 and 7.

Photos by Joan Baldwin

Countdown to TV-Turnoff Week

By **CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**
Staff Reporter

SALISBURY — The countdown to National TV-Turnoff Week is starting. In two weeks, beginning April 24, parents across America will be asked to stop their children's daily dose of Pokémon, Teletubbies and even Sesame Street.

Habit can be hard to break, especially for youngsters.

To help parents prepare, a seminar will be held April 6, at Salisbury Central School (SCS). The session will be led by local pediatrician Malcolm Brown and Henry Labalme, the founder of TV-Turnoff Week, who lives in Cornwall.

"It's kind of a pep rally for National TV-Turnoff Week," Mr. Labalme said in a telephone interview with The Lakeville Journal. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors in the community and talk about some of the reasons why it makes sense to turn off the TV for seven days and maybe think about reducing the amount of TV that we watch."

"The average American watches about four hours of television a day, which is two months of nonstop TV watching per year," Mr. Labalme said. "There's a direct correlation between hours spent watching TV and obesity," said Dr. Brown. "There's a direct correlation between watching TV and the passive consumption of foods, eating starchy foods and not exercising. Something like 30 percent of American children are over their recommended body weight."

"Children should learn once again to live life from the bottom up," he said, "by relating to other children, playing games and exercising or doing something that involves the brain."

The American Academy of Pediatrics

recommends that children should watch — if at all — one to two hours of television each day, Dr. Brown said.

"These hours should be age-appropriate," he said. "They should be supervised or preselected by the parents. It's preferable that the parents watch these hours of TV with their children or even tape it and discuss it with them later."

"The academy stresses that there's a lot on television that's totally inappropriate, especially about the use of alcohol, which makes it appear to be glamorous and have no negative consequences," Dr. Brown said. "The same could be said of cigarettes, sexuality and violence."

The academy recommends that children under the age of 2 should not watch TV at all, he said.

"Children that young have no ability to make value judgments between good faces and bad, happy and sad, good actions and bad actions," Dr. Brown said.

In his opinion, parents should just pull the plug and eliminate TV watching altogether. But, at minimum, he said, he recommends that "nobody watches below age 2 and that parents very carefully monitor anything seen by children above the age 2."

For many parents, the television acts as a passive baby-sitter, offering today's two-career couples a free hour or two to work at home or do household chores without having to entertain their small children.

"I don't buy it," Mr. Labalme said. "I don't believe that parking children in front of the TV set is an essential recourse for time-pressed parents. One obvious place to look for more time is the parents' own TV habits."

The average four hours per day that many Americans spend in front of various electronic screens could be

translated into time for "volunteering, cooking, doing household chores or just being with your kids," he said.

"Breaking the habit goes beyond TV," he said. "It's about re-evaluating how we spend the hours of our days and lives, what we value, what corporations we're going to allow to influence ourselves and our children. It really becomes a lifestyle choice. Once you break out of that cynical commercial cycle of TV and the mall, a lot of things open up."

Even altruistic activities can be put on hold for a few years, he suggested, to keep parents from feeling stressed. "All kids are capable of great things and I think we sell them short," he said. "Maybe if you have to park your kids in front of Teletubbies so you can volunteer, maybe you shouldn't; maybe you should wait and let someone else volunteer for a few years."

Raising children right, Mr. Labalme and Dr. Brown agreed, is the most important contribution parents can make to society. And turning off the television allows parents to take part in that society more fully.

Of Thursday's seminars, Mr. Labalme said, "I think any event that gets members of our community out of their houses and in a setting where they can interact, discuss important issues and have fun is worthwhile. In a way, that's what TV-Turnoff Week is about. It's about unplugging from that vicious, two-dimensional, electronic, primarily visual world of the flat screen and plugging into all of the resources that are right here in our community."

Mr. Labalme and Dr. Brown will speak at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at SCS Thursday, April 6. Everyone is invited. National TV-Turnoff Week is April 24 to 30.

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Journal, Schwaikert Projects Again Raise Traffic Questions

SALISBURY — Traffic flow and parking space were again the focal points of discussion at the Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday night heard proposals for new headquarters for The Lakeville Journal and a new use for the Pocket-Knife Square buildings which now house the newspaper operation.

George Adotte of Canaan and E.P. "Mickey" Riva of Sharon have entered into a contract to purchase a tract of approximately five acres in a commercial (C-20) zone on the east side of Porter Street in Lakeville, from James Metz. The prospective buyers hope to use about two acres for facilities for a newspaper and job printing plant. Metz has applied for a special permit for that use.

Ralph and Marian Schwaikert, who have purchased the Pocket-Knife Square complex from Fred Leubuscher, are laying plans for a restaurant and retail shops in the historic buildings. They have requested a special permit for the retail activity. The restaurant would be a permitted use in the light industry (LI-20) zone where the buildings stand.

The Commission deferred action on the two applications, pending independent checks of the traffic situations and a visit to the Porter Street site.

New Journal Building
Attorney Richard Fitzgerald, speaking for Adotte and Riva, explained that the proposed Journal site would be reached from Porter Street, with the possibility of additional access in the future via a new road between Porter and Bissell Streets. Town officials have indicated a strong interest in such a road as part of a solution to traffic and parking problems in the center of Lakeville.

Adotte, who is an engineer, described a survey of traffic centered on the Journal business, pointing out there is "no big concentrated time" for traffic because the employees work irregular hours.

Attorney Francis Dooley, who represents the Journal, pointed out that traffic problems on Main Street will remain, regardless of the newspaper's location. Reminding the

Commission of The Journal's difficulty in finding an appropriate site, he said the paper should not have to wait until the whole traffic and parking is solved.

Fitzgerald said Adotte, when presented for a commitment concerning a new Porter-Bissell connector, agreed they "would cooperate in such a venture" if it became a real possibility. Fitzgerald pointed out that Bissell Street is now privately owned — by himself, Bissell Snydam and the Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. He said although he is not aware of any objection to opening it up as a public thoroughfare, the question has not been discussed among the owners.

Fitzgerald described the proposed Journal site as level and well drained, with access to the town sewer and water systems. However, First Selectman Charlotte Reid recommended that P&Z members take a look at the site because of the steepness of a nearby hill.

Adotte described the proposed Journal building as a one-story, 9000-square foot structure.

Stewart Hoskins, publisher emeritus of The Journal, told the Commission that the newspaper had received a P&Z permit for a building on the same site 25 years ago, but the project had been dropped for lack of funds.

Pocket Knife Square
Attorney Dooley, representing Mr. and Mrs. Schwaikert, said the couple hope to have a restaurant in the space now occupied by The Journal, plus retail stores in both the old brick buildings on the property.

Ralph Schwaikert told the P&Z members he and his wife feel "a crying need to preserve the building" which once housed the Holly Knife Co. factory, and they have consulted the National Trust for Historic Landmarks. He said the proposed shops would be "of a specialty nature" — a bed and bath shop and an outlet for local crafts were mentioned as possibilities — and perhaps "a mini-Quincy Market." Parking areas would be screened from public view.

On the matter of the number of off-street parking spaces necessary for such a complex, Dooley and P&Z

Chairman Warren Wilson acknowledged that there is a possible "legal question" on interpretation of the zoning regulations.

Section 251.31 requires that the minimum number of spaces required for a multiple-use building shall be the total of the minimum number for each use. Dooley argued, however, that section 251.3 gives the Commission discretion to modify any such requirements. He said a strict interpretation of the regulations would require 63 parking spaces for the restaurant-retail use. These could perhaps be provided but "we might be doing an injustice to the property."

Arthur Pratt of Stamford, who did a survey of the site for the complex, said there could probably be slots for 60 cars on the site. Dooley said that additional spaces next to the Wagner McNeil insurance building are available to the Schwaikerts by contract.

Richard Bianchi, manager of the P&Z plant across the street from the Journal offices, expressed concern about parking on Holly Street which sometimes interferes with delivery to his plant.

Dooley said his clients would recommend that the town ban parking along Holly Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bianchi supported the proposal and suggested that Holly Street be made one way, as well.



Good Weather, Good Bargains, Good Entertainment
Musician Dick Staber of Anram, N.Y. entertained non-time visitors to the Fall Festival at the Congregational Church as part of Salisbury's 25th annual Antiques Fair and Fall Festival.

Lakeville-Salisbury Church News

St. John's Church
On Friday, members of St. John's finance committee will meet in the parish house at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, holy communion and hymns will be celebrated by the rector, Barbara Hesse. At 10:30 a.m., church school and nursery care will be in the parish house. The 10:30 a.m. service will be holy baptism and sermon. David Maddox Hurlbutt will be baptized. David's son of Donald and Sharon Hurlbutt and the grandson of Dorothy Warner. The usher and hostess at this latter service will be Mr. and Mrs. David Bayersdorfer, and the lay reader will be Stephen T. Bolner.

At 7 p.m. on Sunday, St. John's will be host to a meeting of the Deane's Youth Council, the youth groups of the 14 Episcopal churches in the area, in the parish house.

On Monday the Bible study group will resume at the home of Mrs. G Campbell Becket at 12:30 p.m. As before, each participant should bring a sandwich, beverages and dessert will be provided by the hostess.

On Wednesday, the services of holy communion and healing will be at 10 a.m. in St. John's Church and at 11 a.m. at Noble Horizons.

Next Thursday the second annual all-parish covered dish dinner will take place in the parish house at 6 p.m. to introduce the Every-Member Canvass for 1982.

Next Friday the rector will participate at the consecration of Bishops Cederidge and Hastings at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Hartford.

Members of St. John's who plan to attend should call the rectory for reservations.

Trinity Episcopal Church
On Sunday there will be holy eucharist (said) at 8 a.m., and holy eucharist and church school at 11 o'clock. A coffee hour will follow the later service. The Auxiliary will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's R.C. Church
This Friday the public recitation of the rosary will be at 5:15 p.m. The mass at 5:30 will be offered for the deceased members of the Mitchell and Meehan families at the request of Mrs. William Finney.

On Saturday the mass at 8 a.m. will be offered for Margaret Burke at the request of William Burke. At 11 a.m. there will be the nuptial mass for Kathleen Habne and Stephen Stupak. Confections will be heard from 4:45 until 5:20 p.m. The vigil mass of Sunday at 5:30 will be offered for Alice Stephens at the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Carlsmeas.

On Sunday, masses will be celebrated at 8 and 10:15 a.m. After the 10:15 mass the 7th and 8th grade students will meet in the church hall for their first session of religious instruction. The car pool for high school students attending the program of religious instruction at St. Bernard's in Sharon will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 3:45 p.m.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, mass will be offered at 8 a.m. Father Forte will also offer mass at Noble Horizons on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Religious instruction for grammar

school children, grades 1-6, will be given at Salisbury Central School on Monday at 3 p.m.

The prayer group will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Congregational Church
"Who Are Your Serpents?" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. Richard Taber will preach on Sunday. For his Biblical text, he has chosen Genesis 2:4-24.

The 237th annual meeting of the members of the Congregational Church of Salisbury will be on Monday at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is called to hear reports of officers and committees, to elect officers and committees, to adopt a budget for 1982 and to vote on proposed amendments to the bylaws of the church. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6 o'clock.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Millerton, N.Y.

The subject for Sunday, Oct. 18 will be "Doctrine of Atonement," based on Deuteronomy 6:4, 5. Church and Sunday school services begin at 11 a.m. The Wednesday service is at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

MOTHERS PLAN POTLUCK

The annual potluck supper of the Lakeville Mothers' Club will be on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Church parish house. Hostesses will be Ellen Lee, Judy Fasano, Bonnie Whalen, Jane Capacelatro and Gail Hammond.

PTO Is Seeking Swanson Labels

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Central School PTO is again collecting labels from Swanson and Campbell canned foods, and needs 25 labels from Swanson Canned food products before Saturday, Oct. 31.

Obtaining the necessary total will give the organization a bonus certificate for 100 points in its efforts to provide special supplies or equipment for the Central School. Last year's project resulted in several new books, including encyclopedias, for the school library.

The Swanson labels needed at once may be from canned broths, stews, chicken a la king and other poultry products. Other Campbell products labels will also be welcomed. Collection boxes have been set up in both offices of the Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. as well as at the school.

Labels may also be mailed to Mrs. McGarry, Box 176, Salisbury.

50th For Sayles

LAKEVILLE — Phil W. and Mildred Sayles of Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary this coming weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayles were married on Oct. 17, 1931 in Hartford. They are in parents of a daughter, Meredith Hughes of Brussels, Belgium and Wycombe, Pa., and a son, Jeremy Sayles of Milledgeville, Ga.

Skin Clinic, Pool Approved

SALISBURY — A permit to establish the Berkshire Hypertirchology and Skin Care Clinic Inc. in the former office of Dr. Richard Westamith in Lakeville was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday night. Maura S. Miller will operate the clinic.

The P&Z also approved Mary H. Nason's request for a swimming pool on Sugar Hill Road.

Attorney Francis Dooley withdrew an application from James Vail for a subdivision, saying it will be resubmitted when a necessary map is complete.

BRIDGE SCORES

Margaret Laird and Trixi Strauss triumphed north-south at the Gienn Duplicate Bridge Group last week. Phyllis Glenn and Adele Towbin were second, with Cecilia LeMieux and Maxine Mall-

ach in third. Al Glenn and Anne Sadi were first east-west, with Winifred Drum and Dorothy Rossman in second and Estelle Diehl and Eloise Wanser in third.

Northwest Corner Weather

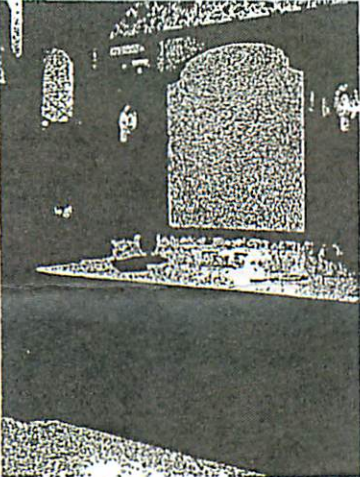
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Oct 7	44F	7C 54F	12C Cloudy
Oct 8	44F	7C 52F	14C Rain, trace, partly sunny
Oct 9	42F	5C 51F	11C Rain, trace, cloudy
Oct 10	32F	0C 52F	11C Frost, sunny
Oct 11	30F	-1C 52F	11C Oth rdg 24, sunny
Oct 12	34F	1C 52F	11C Sunny
Oct 13	28F	-2C 56F	13C Freeze, sunny
Oct 14	28F	-2C 55F	4C (10 a.m.) Sunny

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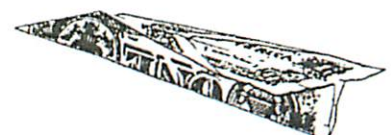
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Classification: WORKFORCE HOUSING						
0	20-821 Live Where You Work Program Round 15 Housing Development Fund, Inc. - Elizabeth Frost	Various	Family	82.30	\$15,308,937	\$500,000
Applications: 1		WORKFORCE HOUSING	Sub Total:		\$15,308,937	\$500,000
Classification: SUPPORTIVE HOUSING						
18	20-833 West Liberty Commons West Avenue Partners, LLC - Noah Gotbaum	Bridgeport	Supportive	95.80	\$4,821,668	\$200,000
32	20-824 Mill at Killingly Apartments Women's Institute Realty of Connecticut, Inc. - Loni Willey	Killingly	Supportive	91.90	\$16,464,241	\$500,000
12	20-834 WYSH House Women and Families Center - Wayne Valaitis	Meriden	Supportive	91.70	\$4,800,000	\$200,000
16	20-814 Fairfield Commons Pacific House, Inc. - Jerome Roberts	Stamford	Supportive	88.80	\$4,641,332	\$500,000
24	20-812 Courtland Arms Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation - Sharon L. Castelli	New Britain	Supportive	87.50	\$8,246,559	\$500,000
13	20-829 Promise House CHR Capital, Inc. - Michele Gaudet	Manchester	Supportive	80.80	\$4,033,438	\$500,000
Applications: 6		SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	Sub Total:		\$43,007,238	\$2,400,000
Classification: OTHER						
0	20-809 Capital for Change Loan Pool Capital for Change, Inc. - Matthew Liebel	Various	Family	92.00	\$2,150,000	\$500,000
50	20-825 Mystic River Homes Congregate Mystic River Homes, Inc. - Julie Savin	Noank	Elderly	91.00	\$2,075,000	\$500,000
186	20-832 Stern Village Apartments Housing Authority of the Town of Trumbull - Harriet Polansky	Trumbull	Elderly	85.90	\$9,288,576	\$500,000
70	20-816 ECC RAD Group II The Glendower Group, Inc. - Shenae Draughn	New Haven	Family	85.50	\$26,249,526	\$200,000
42	20-831 Spruce Ridge Mutual Housing Association of South Central Connecticut, Inc. - Tom Cruess	Pawcatuck	Family	85.10	\$16,583,018	\$500,000

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Total Units	Project Name Developer	Location	Type of Housing	Total Points	Total Uses	Credit Awarded
17	20-823 The Lofts at Spencer's Corner HOPE Partnership, Inc. - Loretta McCluskey	Centerbrook	Family	84.60	\$6,478,732	\$345,000
6	20-818 Habitat Affordable Homeownership 2020 Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County - Cathy Collins	Bridgeport	Family	81.00	\$1,080,000	\$500,000
3	20-826 New Haven Habitat Homes Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, Inc. - Jennifer Rook	New Haven	Family	80.00	\$773,451	\$355,000
25	20-813 East End Community Building Initiative - Phase II Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust - Noah Gotbaum	Bridgeport	Family	79.90	\$4,275,968	\$300,000
10	20-810 Capital Upgrade Phase I St. Edmund's Retreat, Inc. - Christopher J. Rixon	Mystic	Supportive	77.00	\$16,050,000	\$500,000
89	20-803 316 On the Park + Park Terrace II Mutual Housing Association of Greater Hartford, Inc. - Catherine MacKinnon	Hartford	Family	74.90	\$19,970,252	\$500,000
7	20-811 Community of Hope Community of Hope, Inc. - Annette Eldridge	Groton	Supportive	74.20	\$615,000	\$300,000
0	20-817 Hartford Community Loan Fund Hartford Community Loan Fund - Calvin Richardson	Hartford	Family	72.70	\$4,125,783	\$500,000
4	20-808 Bishop and Beacon Homeownership Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury, Inc. - Kevin T. Taylor	Waterbury	Family	70.10	\$965,000	\$500,000
28	20-806 Bayonet Street Apartments Phase I Bayonet Street Apartments, LLC - Julie Savin	New London	Supportive	68.00	\$9,162,537	\$500,000
6	20-801 11 Friendship Street New London Homeless Hospitality Center, Inc. - Catherine Zall	New London	Family	66.00	\$540,000	\$300,000
10	20-830 Sarum Village III Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. - Anne C. Kremer	Salisbury	Family	66.00	\$3,224,325	\$300,000
10	20-802 1279 Main Street Hartford San Juan Center, Inc. - Fernando Bentacourt	Hartford	Family	0.00	\$1,710,000	\$0
2	20-804 70 Belden St. H.O.P.E., Inc. - Marilyn Graham	New London	Family	0.00	\$441,920	\$0
31	20-805 Antillean Manor Carabetta C.T. U. Foundation, Inc. - Helen Muniz	New Haven	Family	0.00	\$14,168,182	\$0
27	20-807 NNI Belltown Manor Elderly Housing New Neighborhoods, Inc. - Jonathan Singen	Stamford	Elderly	0.00	\$637,320	\$0



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17	20-815 Goshen Village Housing Goshen Housing Trust, Inc. - Christopher Sanders	Goshen	Family	0.00	\$2,350,000	\$0
4	20-819 Habitat for Humanity Northeast Houses 2020 Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut - Geoffrey Taylor	Windham Brooklyn Sterling	Family	0.00	\$719,761	\$0
4	20-820 Hartford Habitat Homeownership Project Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. - Karraine Moody	Bloomfield, Bristol, Hartford	Family	0.00	\$1,092,593	\$0
82	20-822 The Lofts at Cargill Falls Mill Cargill Falls Community Development, Inc. - Matthew Morgan	Putnam	Family	0.00	\$33,404,978	\$0
22	20-827 New Horizons Village 22-Unit Project New Horizons, Inc. - Carol A. Fitzgerald	Farmington	Family	0.00	\$5,447,318	\$0
11	20-828 Affordable Homeownership Development Project Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, Inc. - James A. Paley	New Haven	Family	0.00	\$2,854,000	\$0
Applications: 27			OTHER	Sub Total:	\$186,433,240	\$7,100,000
878	Applications: 34			TOTALS:	\$244,749,415	\$10,000,000