

TOWN *of* SALISBURY

ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022



DEDICATION TO DAVID BAYERSDORFER



David was a true "Jersey boy" ... he lived his young life in the small community of Bogota, NJ, two miles from the George Washington Bridge. He was the second oldest of the four boys, born to Bea (a school secretary) and Frank Bayersdorfer (who ran a supermarket and a local delicatessen, and was a stalwart member of the Bogota Fire Department for over 45 years).

David graduated from Syracuse University in 1968 and soon after joined the US Marines. He married Nancy (Jones), a Lakeville native and "the love of his life" in 1970. After completing his active service, he became the first secular male teacher at Immaculate Heart Academy in Wayne, NJ. He was required to lead a club at the all-girls school so he formed The Mets Fan Club. Much to the delight of the girls and, especially the nuns, they attended many games sitting behind the third base line. Soon David joined the faculty at Leonia HS where he was a Social Studies teacher, Head Football Coach, Basketball Coach and where he initiated the school's first Golf Team.



In 1977, having completed his first Master's Degree and following the birth of Cara, Nancy and David decided it was time for a change! David knew he wanted to teach in New England... he was particularly interested in "that beautiful school in Falls Village" so he stopped in to inquire about possible job openings - an available Social Studies position had JUST BEEN POSTED! David got the job and Housatonic Valley Regional High School (Housy) became a major part of his life and that of his family. David taught Social Studies, Contemporary Problems and American History for 35 years at Housy. He served as Department Head, Interim Assistant Principal (twice), Interim Principal, a Football Coach, Golf Team Coach and the Varsity Basketball Coach (beginning with an 0-20 season and ending with a 20-0 season!), and finally as Athletic Director until he retired in 2012. Both his children (Jordan arrived in 1980), benefitted from their time at Housatonic, excelling academically and in athletics, and went on to successful college and personal careers. The Bayersdorfer's have six grandchildren - living in Atlanta and in Roanoke, VA- "too far away"!

During this time, David had a variety of summer jobs, from working with Dave Lindsay as a Housy groundskeeper to taking over the Salisbury Summer Youth Employment Program from John Mongeau to, most recently, as a long standing "Milfoil Management Technician" on Lake Wonoscopomuc (Lakeville Lake).

The Jersey Boy loves Salisbury! He served first on Planning and Zoning. He was active in SWSA, helped coach baseball for Salisbury Recreation, ran Bittersweet Ski Hill for several years, he was on Salisbury Central's Board of Education. He is currently the President of the 21st Century Fund for Education and is the longstanding Senior Warden of St. John's Church, a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, and a loyal Democrat who serves as auctioneer at the annual Democratic Auction. David has enjoyed participating in Tri-Arts productions over the years, especially his roles in Damn Yankees, Crazy for You and The Full Monty. He enjoys golf and bowling in the winter, takes an annual baseball trip with his son and son-in-law every Spring and recently retired as beverage coordinator for his son's Pond Hockey Trip to Minnesota.

David is known for his friendliness, his willingness to help whenever needed, his love of family, friends, and this wonderful town!



"Let me live in a house on the side of the road, and be a friend to man"

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*Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC)
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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, Ore Hill 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		
Town of Salisbury Population: 4,194 (US Census Bureau)		
Local Zip Codes:	Public School Enrollment:	Independent School Enrollment (approximate):
Salisbury - 06068	325 - HVRHS (Approx.)	600 - The Hotchkiss School
Lakeville - 06039	306- Salisbury Central School	250 - Indian Mountain School
Taconic - 06079		300 - Salisbury School
Falls Village - 06031		

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

(Town Hall Offices CLOSED 12:30-1:30pm, Monday – Friday)

First Selectman: 860-435-5170
Curtis Rand *M-F, 8:30am-4pm*
Emily Egan, Asst.

Accountant: 860-435-5174
Joseph Cleaveland *M-F, 8am-2pm*

Animal Control: 860-248-5637
Lee Sohl *On Call*

Assessor: 860-435-5176
Kayla Johnson *M, W, F, 9am-4pm*
JoAnne Dodge, Asst.

Building Official: 860-435-5177
Michael Carbone *M-F, 8-9am & 2-3pm*

Fire Marshal: 860-435-5196
John DeShazo *On Call*

Highway Department: 860-435-5184
M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm

Land Use Office
(IWWC, PZC & ZBA): 860-435-5190
Abby Conroy

Litchfield Hills Probate: 860-824-7012

Open Burn Official
(Burn Permit Call-In Number): 860-435-1252
Emily Egan *Message Only*

Recreation Director: 860-435-5186
Lisa McAuliffe

Registrar of Voters: 860-435-5175
Wed., 9am-12pm

Resident Trooper: 860-435-2938
William Veras
or

CT State Police - Troop B: 860-626-1820
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: **DIAL 9-1-1**

Salisbury Family Services: 860-435-5187
Patrice McGrath *M-Th, 9am-3pm*

Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station: 860-435-5178
Brian Bartram *Closed Wed.*

Senior Services: 860-435-5191
Lisa McAuliffe

Tax Collector: 860-435-5189
Jean Bell *M, W, F, 9am-4pm*
JoAnne Dodge, Asst.

Torrington Area Health District: 860-435-0806
Cathy Weber *W & F, 8:30am-10:30am*

Town Clerk: 860-435-5182
Patricia Williams *M-F, 9am-4pm*
Kristine Simmons, Asst.

Town Grove: 860-435-5185
Stacey Dodge

Waste Water Treatment Plant: 860-435-5181
Charles Humes
Chris Ohmen, Asst.

Schools:
EXTRAS: 860-435-9926
Housatonic Child Care Center: 860-435-9694
Housatonic Valley Regional HS: 860-824-5123
Indian Mountain School: 860-435-0871
Salisbury Central School: 860-435-9871
Salisbury Boys School: 860-435-5700
The Hotchkiss School: 860-435-2591

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

First Selectman

(2-year term)

Curtis G. Rand (2023)

Selectmen

(2-year term)

Christian E. Williams (2023)

Donald Mayland (2023)

Board of Assessment Appeals

(4-year term)

John D. Harney, Jr. (2023)

Elvia Gignoux (2023)

William Scooter Tedder (2025)

Lenore Mallett, Alternate (Appt)

Joe Woodard, Alternate (Appt)

Gregory Murphy, Alternate (Appt)

Garrett Foley, Alternate (Appt)

Board of Education

(4-year term)

David Valcin, Chairman (2023)

Barrett Prinz, V. Chairman (2023)

Kevin L. Wolgemuth (2023)

Elizabeth Dittmer (2025)

Thomas Carter (2025)

Natalia Smirnova (2023)

Jacqueline Rice (2025)

Board of Finance

(6-year term)

Pari Forood, Chairman (2023)

Joseph Woodard (2027)

Emily Vail (2025)

Michael Voldstad (2023)

Janet Graaff (2027)

Richard J. Cantele, (2025)

Justices of the Peace (2025)

(4-year term)

Merrilee S. Alexander

David T. Bayersdorfer

George R. DelPrete

James van B. Dresser

Emily Egan

Debra G. Fails

Sue F. Kirber

Amy Lake

Richard T. Meehan

John C. Mongeau

Keith R. Moon

Cory L. Murphy

Curtis G. Rand

Rosina Rand

Tom Severo

Charles C. Vail

Christian E. Williams

William F. Willis

Registrar of Voters

(2-year term)

Maureen Dell (2022)

Karin Gerstel (2022)

Harriett Weiss, Deputy (Appt)

Kathleen Mera, Asst. (Appt)

Chany Wells, Deputy (Appt)

Marie Barnum, Asst. (Appt.)

Jennifer Law, Asst. (Appt.)

Zoning Board of Appeals

(4-year term)

Jeffrey A. Lloyd, Chairman (2025)

M.E. Freeman, V. Chairman (2025)

Stacie Weiner, Secretary (2023)

Georgia Petry, Administrative Assistant

Roxanne Belter (2025)

Michael Alderman (2023)

Lee Greenhouse, Alternate (2025)

Peter Menikoff, Alternate (2025)

Planning & Zoning Commission

(4-year term)

Michael Klemens, Chairman (2023)

Cathy Shyer, V. Chair (2025)

Martin J. Whalen, Secretary (2025)

Allen Cockerline (2025)

Robert Riva (2023)

Danella Schiffer, Alternate (2023)

Debra Allee, Alternate (2023)

Regional Board of Education

(2-year term)

Keith Moon (2023)

David Valcin, Alternate (Appt) (2022)

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APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

Animal Control Officer

Lee Sohl
Jim Sohl, Asst.

Assessor

Kayla Johnson

Assistant Assessor/Tax Collector

JoAnne Dodge

Assistant to the Selectmen

Emily Egan

Assistant Town Clerk

Kristine Simmons

Building Official

(4-year term, 10/2025)
Michael Carbone

Burning Official

(4-year term, 1/2026)
Emily Egan

Comptroller

Joseph P. Cleaveland

Conservation Commission

(4-year term)
Maria Grace, Chairman (11/2023)
Tom Blagden (11/2024)
Lee Potter (11/2026)
Susan Rand (11/2024)
Zachary Sadow (11/2026)

Deputy Fire Marshal

John DeShazo
Stan McMillan

Director of Health

(1-year term)
Torrington Area Health District

Emergency Management Director

(5-year term)
Jacqueline Rice (11/2026)

Energy Coordinator

Patrice DeMarco McGrath

Fire Marshal

Robin Denny

Economic Development Committee

(1-year term)
Ward Belcher, Chairman
Janet Graaff, Vice Chair
Tom Schactman
Kitty Kiefer
Bruce McEver
Robert Schaufelberger

Grove Advisory Committee

(1-year term)
Charles Brown, Chairman
Dennis Card
Maggie Crain
Anne Day
George DelPrete
Megan Foley
Anthony Hellmers
Elyse Harney Morris
Kristen Neary-Marks
Jacqueline Rice
Rhonda Rinninsland
John Sullivan
Ethan Watt
Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation Director
Stacey Dodge, Grove Manager
Bill Littauer, Lake Association Rep.

Hazardous Material Inspector

Paul G. Makuc (*Indefinite Term*)

Highway Department

Don Reid, Jr., Foreman
Russell Hoage, Crew Chief
David Warner, Mechanic
James Brazee, Driver
Thomas Brazee, Driver
Chris Fasolo, Driver
Robert Flint, Driver
Thomas Paine, Driver
Darin Reid, Driver

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Historic District Commission

(5-year term)
Carol Mason, Chairman (11/2026)
Tom Callahan, Vice Chairman (11/2024)
Elyse Harney, Secretary (11/2022)
Robert Highsmith (11/2023)
M. C. Taylor (11/2025)
Kathy Voldstad, Alternate (11/2022)
Heidi Hoeller, Alternate (11/2022)
Georgia Petry, Administrative Assistant

Historic District Commission

Advisory Board

(1-year term)
Candace Cuniberti
Leon McLain

Inland Wetlands &

Watercourses Commission

(4-year term)
Larry Burcroff, Chairman (11/2025)
Steve Belter (11/2023)
John Landon (11/2025)
Maria Grace (11/2023)
Sally Spillane (11/2023)
Peter Neely (11/2023)
Cary Ullman (11/2025)
Vivian Garfein, Alternate (11/2023)
Russ Conklin, Alternate (11/2023)
John Harney, Jr., Alternate (11/2023)
Abby Conroy, Administrator

Northwest Council of Governments

(1-year term)
Curtis G. Rand
Christian E. Williams
Donald Mayland

Parks & Forest Commission

(4-year term)
Kay Key (11/2022)
Christian E. Williams (11/2022)

Permanent Housatonic River Comm.

Gordon Whitbeck
Stacie Weiner

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APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMISSIONS

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Pope Land Design Committee

Ray McGuire, Chairman
Lisa McAuliffe
Elizabeth Slotnick
Vivian Garfien
Tim Sinclair
Georgia Petry, Secretary

Recreation Commission

(6-year term)

Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation Director
Lou Bucceri, Chairman (11/2023)
Tim Sinclair, V. Chairman (11/2027)
Becky Lachaine, Secretary (11/2022)
Raydin Neary (11/2025)
Dan Smith (11/2023)
Jon Russillo (11/2025)

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission

(3-year term)

Jennifer Clark, Chairman (11/2022)
James van B. Dresser (11/2024)
Vivian Garfien (11/2023)
Pat Hackett (11/2023)
Mary Close Oppenheimer (11/2022)
Jonathan Higgins (11/2022)
Katie White (11/2024)
Lee Sullivan (11/2024)
Elizabeth Slotnick (11/2023)
Georgia Petry, Housing Coordinator
(Appt. 1/2019)

Salisbury Family Services

Patrice DeMarco McGrath

Salisbury Fire Commission

(1-year term)

John Mongeau, Chairman
Cynthia Hoage, Treasurer
Donald Reid, Jr., Commissioner
Rick Roger, Commissioner
James Wood, Commissioner
Lawrence Hoage, Maintenance Sup.
Raymond Flint, Sr., Engineer
Robert Smith, Fire Chief, LHC #1
Jennifer Farwell, President, LHC #1

Salisbury Pathways Committee

(3-year term)

Christian E. Williams, Chairman (11/2023)
Natalia Smirnova, Secretary (11/2022)
Pat Hackett (11/2024)
Kathryn Trahan (11/2023)
Jerry Stanton (11/2024)

Salisbury Senior Services

Lisa McAuliffe, Agent/Director

Salisbury Sharon Resource Recovery

Authority (SSRRA) (3-year term)

Curtis G. Rand (11/2023)
Charles Kelley (11/2024)
Robert Palmer (11/2022)
Ed Reagan, Alt. (1-yr term) (11/2022)

Scenic Roads Committee

(1-year term)

Kay Key
Jane Kellner
Stephanie Pellegrino
Margaret Vail
Christian Williams

Sub Registrars (Vital Statistics)

(2-year term)

Brian Kenny (11/2023)
Robert Palmer (11/2023)

Tax Collector

(4-year term)

Jean Bell

Torrington Area Health District

(3-year term)

Peter Oliver
(Salisbury Representative, 2022)

Town Clerk

(4-year term)

Patricia H. Williams (11/2023)

Town Historian

(2-year term)

Jean Porter McMillen (11/2022)

Town Treasurer

Joseph P. Cleaveland (6/2023)

(TRAC) Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee

(4-year term)

Barbara Bettigole, Chairman (11/2022)
Ed Reagan (11/2024)

Transfer Station

Brian Bartram, Manager
Gary Duntz
Matthew Murtagh
Thomas Sherwood
George Silvernail
Jason Wilson

Tree Warden

Mathias Kiefer (11/2022) - 2-year term

Water Gate Keeper

(1-year term)

Rodney Webb
Fred Schmidt

Veterans Service Contact Liaison

Chris Ohmen

Water Pollution Control Authority

(5-year term)

Donald Mayland, Chairman (11/2026)
Teal Atkinson (11/2024)
Joseph Brennan (11/2024)
Robinson Leech (11/2025)
Pat Hackett (11/2025)
David Bayersdorfer (11/2023)
John Whalen (11/2026)
Jim Rutledge (11/2026)
Charles Humes, Superintendent
Chris Ohmen, Asst. Superintendent

Wildlife Management Officer

Rodney Webb (11/2022) - 2-year term

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SELF-GOVERNING BOARDS

Chore Service, Inc.

Jane Maclaren, Executive Director
Dolores Perotti, President
Carla Herman, Vice President
John Green, Treasurer
Patricia Chamberlin, Secretary
Ceely Ackerman
Michelle Considine
Lea Davies, *President Emeritus*
Diana (Dinny) Greene
Priscilla McCord
Martha Mullins
Judy Sheridan
Michael Voldstad

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

Michelle Charles, President
Kim Downey, Treasurer
Bentley Beich, Secretary
Lou Bucceri
Larissa Morby
Jennifer Siff
Stan Morby
Chris Russell
Chris Tripler
Krystal Kindred

Friends of the Library

Lisa Kimmel White, President
Gloria Miller, Vice President
C. Addison Stone, Treasurer
Marcie Aiuvalasit, Secretary

Geer

Cyd Emmons
Eileen Fox
Dennis J. Kobylarz, M.D.
Lance Leifert
Richard Solan
James Sok
Karin Robinson
Edward Forfa
Samuel Herrick

Habitat for Humanity

Bill Spalding, President
Allan Bahn, Vice President
Larry Agoglia, Treasurer
Megan Gawel, Secretary

Housatonic Child Care Center

James Clark, President
Amanda Lidstone, Vice President
Kim Cannon, Treasurer
Aly Morrissey, Secretary

Housatonic Valley Association

Anthony Zunino, President
George S. Logan, Vice President
James H. Maloney, Treasurer
Barton T. Jones, Secretary

Housatonic Youth Services Bureau

Dave Barger, President
Bonnie Bellow, Vice President
Adam Higgins, Treasurer
Sarah Weihman, Secretary

Lake Wononscopomuc Association

Bill Littauer, President
Chip Strang, Vice President
Keith Ellis, Treasurer
Tino Galluzzo, Secretary

Lakeville Hose Company

Robert Smith, Jr., Fire Chief
Jason Wilson, Assistant Chief
James Fox, Captain
Brandon Flint, 1st Lieutenant
Cory Wiggins, 2nd Lieutenant
Raymond S. Flint, Engineer
Robert Flint, Quartermaster
Miguel Balaguero, President
Jenn Farwell, Vice President
Chip Carleton, Treasurer
Donielle Lorenzo, Secretary
Jason Wilson, Health & Wellness

Salisbury Association

Jeanette Weber, President
Chris Brennan, Vice President
Cynthia Walsh, Treasurer
Laura Carlson, Secretary

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
Kathy Hawley, Treasurer
Cathy Niles, Secretary

Salisbury Housing Committee

Anne Kremer, Co-President
Peter Halle, Co-President
Jocelyn Ayer, Vice President
Carole Dmytryshak, Treasurer
Claire Held, Secretary

Salisbury Housing Trust

Leo Gafney, Co-President
John Harney, Jr., Co-President
Teal Atkinson, Treasurer/Secretary

Salisbury Forum

Patricia Jenny, President
Lee deBoer, Vice President
Bill Littauer, Treasurer
Thomas Fisher, Secretary

Salisbury Rotary

Bill Spalding, President
Susan Dickinson, Treasurer
Fran Chapell, Secretary

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SELF-GOVERNING BOARDS

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Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service

Don Mayland, President
Dick Vreeland, Vice President
Linda Kennedy-Gomez, Treasurer
Barrie Prinz, Secretary
Jacquie Rice, Chief of Service

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

Stephanie Koven, President
Ellyn Mittman, Vice President
Cynthia Walsh, Treasurer
Jaye Landon, Secretary

The Corner Food Pantry

Mary Taylor, President
Nancy Bayersdorfer
Parker Boal
Jane Capecelatro
Betsy Clark
Allison Gray
Michelle Haab
Amanda Halle
Susan Keim
Holly Kempner
Kathy Mera
Isabel Sloane

Tri-State Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Duntz, Interim President/Treasurer
Mary Wilbur, Vice President
Linda Robertson, Secretary
Kendra Chapman
Noemi Medina
Lorraine Ohler
Kaki Reid
Jean Saliter

Twin Lakes Association

Grant Bogle, President
Bill Barton, Senior Vice President
Jean Bell, Treasurer
Pat Miller, Secretary

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County

Alan Colavecchio, President
Ellen Durstin, Vice President
Monica Diulio, Treasurer
Lousie Van Alostne, Secretary

Women's Support Services

Barbara Kahn Moller, Chair
Tom Connell, Vice Chair
Jeb Breece, Treasurer
Amy Cox Hall, Secretary
Susan DeMelle
Elizabeth Demetriades
Richard Lambertson
Sarah Maltby
John Nelson
Carolyn Winterich Piccirelli
Edie Dao Schechter
Ileene Smith
Pamela Kling Takiff
Anna Traggio
Elizabeth Webb

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ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Connecticut General Assembly

30th Senatorial District
Craig A. Miner - R
Legislative Office Building, Room 3400
300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106
1-800-842-1421
ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-miner/

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860-240-8585
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United States Congress

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Chris Murphy - D

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Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-4041

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Waterbury, CT 06702
860-223-8412, hayes.house.gov

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Governor Ned Lamont
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Hartford, CT 06105
860-566-4840
portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor

Probate Court

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

FIRST SELECTMAN CURTIS RAND

The past year was productive on many fronts as we have continued to manage the COVID-19 situation with a serious purpose and positive spirit. There were several new developments and some significant retirements of town employees with long careers for the town.

- We reluctantly accepted the retirement of John Whalen, Superintendent of the WPCA, Rodney Webb from the Highway Department, Rachel Lamb, Assistant Town Clerk, and Chip Carleton as our Fire Marshal. These people served for decades with distinction, skills, and a can-do spirit, and we are very grateful for their service to the town. Taking their places are Charlie Humes as Superintendent of WPCA, Chris Fasolo at the Highway Department, Kristine Simmons as Assistant Town Clerk, and Robin Denny as Fire Marshal. We also welcomed Chris Ohmen as Assistant Superintendent at WPCA. Best wishes to each of them as they embark on new careers for our town.
- The new ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds were well received and helped us accomplish long-term improvements at the Sewer Plant and Town Garage in order to protect our critical aquifers and create safety and efficiency at both locations. ARPA funding was also used to assist non-profits, design affordable housing and outdoor recreation, and improve pedestrian access and sidewalks.
- We received a planning grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to evaluate the condition of the historic Train Station building in Lakeville, with a goal of further restoration of this wonderful building. Thanks to Chris Brennan, Seth Churchill and crew, the Salisbury Association and the Historic District Commission for moving these improvements along. Part of this restoration project included rebuilding the Factory Pond dam, for which we are grateful to Pat Hackett for engineering and Jeff Clark for the construction.
- The Pope Design Committee continued its work on alternative plans for this property that will include affordable housing and recreational facilities. The committee has considered four alternative designs and these will be shown to town residents and land use commissions in early 2023.
- As with rest of Connecticut, the situation facing the disposal of solid waste continues to be onerous and we salute Barbara Bettigole and the TRAC committee for their efforts to reduce our waste and for expanding its pilot program to divert food scraps. We need to continue to seek ways to both lower costs and help the environment by reducing and recycling more of our waste.
- The Land Use office has been very busy with new real estate transfers, zoning, wetlands and building permits. The staff and commissions who manage this aspect of our town deserve a special thank you for their dedicated attention to the efforts to manage growth while preserving so many of the environmental benefits that are important to save.
- The Town has appointed a Conservation Commission and this group has been busy gaining an understanding of local issues and assuming responsibility of the updated Natural Resource Inventory. The last year has seen several additional and wonderful conservation efforts to save some of Salisbury's significant wild places and we are grateful for many who have contributed to protecting these important habitats, watersheds and views. We approved the federal designation for Wild and Scenic Rivers for the town portion of the Housatonic River.

As always, I am grateful for all of the great work from our volunteers on so many important committees, the town staff and our Selectmen's assistant Emily Egan, and our colleagues Chris Williams and Don Mayland. The monthly Board of Selectmen meetings are held at 5pm on the first Monday of the month except holidays, and much of the information about town government can be found on our town website www.salisburyct.us. Please stay safe and careful and support our local businesses and restaurants so that they continue to flourish and grow. Thank you.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

LEE SOHL

All dogs in the Town of Salisbury are required by law to have licenses, which can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.salisburyct.us, during the month of June. 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 Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). 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.

A total of five dogs were impounded from July 2021 through June 2022. All five dogs were redeemed by their owners. One hundred seventeen complaints were investigated, including missing pets, roaming dogs, six animal bites, and miscellaneous domestic and wild animal questions. One infraction ticket was dispatched.

Income source and income collected: Pound fees - \$60.00 Donations - \$10.00

If your pet is missing or if you find an animal, please call the Animal Control Officer, **860-488-6476** and leave a message.

ASSESSOR

KAYLA JOHNSON, ASSESSOR, CCMA I

JOANNE DODGE, ASSOCIATE ASSESSOR

The Assessor's 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. One hundred percent (100%) value is known as an appraised value. Assessed value is seventy percent (70%) of the appraised value, and taxes are based on assessed value. In 2020, this office completed the state mandated revaluation of all real estate in town. We are required to do so every 5 years. The next town-wide revaluation will be in 2025.

It has been very helpful the last year to have our data online. Property cards are available at: <http://gis.vgsi.com/salisburyct/> If you have any questions about your information, or for the most up to date records please contact our office. We also continue to improve our towns GIS system. Maps are located at: <https://salisbury.mapxpress.net/>. These websites are very helpful for our office as well as homeowners. Many professionals, such as realtors, appraisers, title searchers and attorneys use this data daily.

The Assessor performs many other tasks including implementing benefits and exemptions to: Veterans, Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowner and Renter's, and local organizations. We also work to preserve land within our town for the State's PA 490 program of Farm, Forest and Open Space. If you think you may qualify for any of these programs, or would like to inquire, please call our office, **860-435-5176**.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PARI FOROOD, 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 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 sound job of keeping their budget to an increase of \$143,801 or a 2.46% increase. The Board of Selectmen, had a moderate budget increase of \$386,032 or 5.5%.

The Board of Finance believes these are rational budgets, balancing budget increases with a prudent tax increment that meets the budget demands of the Town over the fiscal year. The Board of Selectmen and Salisbury Central School Board of Education Budgets were posted for over a month in Town Hall and online with notice of a public hearing. The Board of Finance previously approved the budgets for public review and during this review period there were no public comments on the budgets. The Selectmen asked for any comments during this public hearing and there were none, thus the public hearing closed. The Board of Finance approved the final budgets of the Board of Selectmen and SCS Board of Education. Following approval of the budgets, the Board of Finance set a mill rate of 11.0% for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which was .6% lower than the 11.6% mill rate during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The three sections of the budget and the percentage change are as follows:

General Government Budget:	\$7,389,054	+ 5.51 %
Salisbury Central School Budget:	\$5,991,160	+ 2.46 %
Region 1 (High School)	\$3,729,712	+ 4.48 %
Total Town Expenditures	\$17,109,926	+ 4.23%

Members of the Board of Finance include: Pari Forood - Chairman; Janet Graaff – Vice Chairman; Emily Vail – Secretary; Michael Voldstad; Joseph Woodard; and Rick Cantele. These members will continue to analyze revenues and expenditures in order to support the needs of the town while maintaining a pragmatic tax rate.

BUILDING OFFICIAL

MICHAEL CARBONE

The Building Department has continued to be busy this year with a substantial increase in permits and inspections.

The total amount of permit fees collected this year was over \$600,000.00 compared to last year which was over \$400,000.00. The total construction value of permits for this year was over \$55 million compared to last year which was over \$38 million.

The Building Official is in the office from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Building Department applications can be found online at: <https://www.salisburycr.us/building-department/>

FIRE MARSHAL
ROBIN DENNY, FIRE MARSHAL
JOHN DESHAZO, DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL

It is the mission of the Fire Marshal's office to reduce the risk and incidence of fire and other safety hazards through both education and awareness, and insuring compliance with applicable codes and regulations.

The Fire Marshal is on call 24 hours a day for emergency incidents and is available for inspections and consultation by appointment. Contact and other information is available at www.salisburycct.us/fire-marshal/. The inspection of buildings required by state statute has been ongoing. The purpose of inspections and compliance with the relevant statutes, codes and standards is for everyone's safety. Though one and two-family residences are exempt from mandatory inspections, homeowners and renters with questions or concerns are welcome to contact the office.

Over the course of the year there were three fires that required full investigations; two of which were structure fires, and one which was an illegal outdoor burn. There were a number of minor fires confined to their point of origin with little or no property damage, thanks to the Lakeville Hose Company, and all of our mutual aid fire departments. Along with Lakeville Hose Company on standby, we oversaw the mandated safety protocols at four fireworks displays.

Mandatory reporting of fire incidents continues to be reported to the state through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) by the Lakeville Hose Company and Fire Marshal. NFIRS is a platform to provide uniformity in fire incident reporting. Data acquired through the system helps to identify safety issues and trends. The database is the largest in the world and is used to improve fire codes, identify consumer product dangers, and numerous other metrics.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
DON REID, HIGHWAY FOREMAN

The past year was another productive one for our Highway Department. We continued our 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. The Highway Department scheduled paving on Elm Street & Washinee Heights Road.

This past winter the crew worked nearly 100 hours of overtime, during the 15 snow/ice storms with approximately 34.5" inches of snow. In the summer of 2021, the crew marked over 130 trees that required trimming or removal on the town roads; this work began in February 2022.

Rodney Webb (Crew Chief) retired this May year after 44 years of service to the Town. Russell Hoage has taken over as Crew Chief and we hired a new crew member, Chris Fasolo. The dedicated crew including Dave Warner (Mechanic), Thomas Brazee, Bob Flint, Tom Paine, James Brazee, Russell Hoage, Darin Reid, and Chris Fasolo provide Salisbury residents with many long hours of hard work. They work through the year, in all conditions, 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

As COVID gradually receded, more of the normal activities returned. This was not a normal year, but much freer than the past two years had been.

In 2021, we received 10 gifts; many of them collections and we purchased an old Farnam Tavern sign which will eventually be displayed at the Town Hall. In 2022, we acquired six gifts: books about the area, varying from Lime Rock Park racing to skiing, and one collection.

Computer requests continued: nine about house history, 15 miscellaneous, 12 outside research, four cemetery inquiries, one request for photographs, and 17 genealogical questions.

My goal last summer was to have scanned and digitized as many memoirs as possible from the 50 we had, as well as the 51 remaining oral history interviews done before computers. Gabriel Perkins, my summer intern, good naturedly and efficiently scanned and enhanced all of the above. Good job, Gabriel!

“To know the character of a community, I need only visit its cemeteries.” Ben Franklin. I inspected all the five town-owned and seven private cemeteries before Memorial Day. A list of missing Veteran flags was sent to Chris Ohmen, Commander of the American Legion, so flags could be placed or replaced, as needed. The stone restoration project began in 2014 with Monument Conservation Collaboration of Norfolk; who has completed Lime Rock, Taconic and Mt. Riga Old Cemeteries. Hopefully work will soon begin on either the Old Burying Ground or Dutcher’s Bridge Cemetery. An anonymous donor has given money to the town to improve the boundary fence and grounds of Dutcher’s Bridge. There were five large tree stumps that have been ground and the soil reseeded. The fence is being repaired and will be repainted, the gate reassembled and workable, and the restored historical sign attached.

Twenty-seven interviews have been added to the Oral History Project bringing the total to 422 completed. Due to a change in web masters and differences in digital platforms, some interviews are missing text, or audio files, or a mismatch of files. These errors are being corrected.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

CAROL MASON, CHAIRMAN

Certificate of Appropriateness

This is one of our keystone purposes as a Commission. The required process: Any physical alteration to the exterior of a building or structure affixed to the land that is visible from any public way or place requires a Certificate of Appropriateness. An application for such certificate needs to be filled out and sent to the HDC for review and discussion. We do our best to help find solutions to allow changes in a prompt timeframe. When the Commission and the applicant have reached an agreement, the next required step is a public hearing. In the final step the HDC approves the Certificate, and a copy goes to the building inspector.

We reviewed 13 COA's that went through the COA process. They are:

- COA - 63 Millerton Road (Landowska House) – Repair front porch
- COA - 63 Millerton Road (Landowska House) – Replace roof / Waiver of Application
- COA - 75 & 77 Main Street (Stiles House) – Installation of Solar PV Array on roofs of carriage barn
- COA - Congregational Church, 30 Main Street – Replace roof with Standing seam metal roof
- COA - Congregational Church, 30 Main Street – Installation of solar panels on roofs
- COA - 8 Main St – Front fencing
- COA - Old Stone House & Mill House – 264 Taconic Rd – Drive and walkway behind house
- COA - 9 Academy St. (Holt House) – Renovation of entire building
- COA - 75 & 77 Main Street (Stiles House) – Replace Fence in front of house
- COA - Buckley House – Replace outdoor porch lights
- COA - 58 Main Street – Replace windows and one side door
- COA - 4 Main Street – Addition in rear
- COA - 7 Ethan Allen Street – Restore soffit and replace aluminum storm windows

The SHDC Map

This project is on hold until we find a way to complete the work to create an official map of the various Salisbury Historic Districts. This project has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SHDC Maps on SHDC website

Once the official map is created, it will be included in the written information about the development of the historic district and added to our website: www.historicsalisburyct.org. While the maps do not detail all the properties of historic significance in our community, they will help property owners, businesses, realtors, contractors, and others more clearly identify those buildings and districts that are included in the SHDC and require an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness before construction and/or alterations may proceed.

Annual Event

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, we were unable to hold our annual celebration of Historic District properties. We look forward to the normalization of our lives, so that we can again take a moment to recognize the love our residents have for the preservation of properties whose preservation contributes significantly to the beauty and continuity of our community.

The Advisory Board

An advisory board whose members are made up of volunteers (non-paid and non-voting). Enabling those who have an interest in Historic Preservation but are not Connecticut residents or those who have served many years as Commissioners and are able to provide non-binding strategic advice and research on requests from the Salisbury Historic District Commission.

The Salisbury Historic District Commission

We are very grateful to those who have served on this Commission to help take history forward. Their contributions bring understanding about the contemporary value of Salisbury Historic Districts and the town's architectural heritage from the colonial period to the present. Their clarity is and was focused on how the historic environment establishes a sense of grace and decorum in our environment. This purpose is the foundation of the work of this Commission, to maintain this quality of life for ourselves and future generations. Our monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 9am.

During the pandemic we are meeting via zoom and only when we have a COA request. This requirement has led to new rules on how we conduct our meetings. Our meetings are a matter of public record and are recorded. It is helpful to aid in the successful application for any project to work with the HDC and consult with us as the project progresses. (This avoids surprises that result in delays, especially with complicated changes and renovation requests.) Our desire is to work with you and hopefully arrive at an answer that preserves the visual continuity of the town while enabling change.

LAKEVILLE HOSE COMPANY

ROBERT A. SMITH, JR., FIRE CHIEF

The Lakeville Hose Company (LHC) responded to 298 incidents this fiscal year. Members spent a little over 1,814 hours on emergencies alone and countless hours in training and the day-to-day operations of the company.

The LHC had to replace 14 self-contained breathing apparatuses and the air compressor to fill them. We also purchased a new brush fire truck. The LHC is currently in the process of replacing its 3,000-gallon tanker truck.

I would like to thank the Town of Salisbury and the residents for their support.

At this time, I would like to remind all residents to have their alarm systems serviced yearly to reduce the number of false alarms. False alarms could take us away from a real emergency. Also, check/change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

LAND USE OFFICE

ABBY CONROY, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

The Land Use Office is responsible for implementing and enforcing land use regulations, processing applications, issuing permits and providing related information and guidance to the public, town officials and town agencies. The Land Use Office is the principal point of contact for the Conservation Commission (CC), Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC), Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC), and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

During the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, fiscal year the Land Use Office worked closely with other Town Departments, Boards and Commissions to improve transparency in process and access to Town resources such as the Town Geographical Information System (GIS), and online building and land use permitting. The Boards and Commissions continued to meet online via the Zoom platform with current application materials available through each Commission's webpage.

The number of projects, applications, and proposals which spiked in the 2020-2021 due largely to the influx of new residents, continued into this year necessitating two-fold the number of commission meetings over years past. With Land Use trends continuing into the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Land Use Office is seeking additional technical staffing to manage the workload.

In June of 2022 the newly established Conservation Commission held its first meeting. During the coming year, the group will be focused on updating the 2009 Natural Resource Inventory. There are currently two alternate vacancies, please inquire with Town Clerk Patricia Williams if you are interested in joining the group.

In an effort to synchronize land use planning efforts, and facilitate updates to regulations for both Commissions, a sub-committee consisting of three members of the PZC and three members of the IWWC was formed. The subcommittee held 12 meetings to address issues of joint jurisdiction including definitions of terms resources and balancing the need to protect Salisbury's unique resources with the rights of private property owners. providing proposed language reflecting planning goals for consideration by the IWWC It is hoped that in 2023 the results of this work will be part of the IWWC regulations that will be adopted by the Town.

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

The IWWC is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Connecticut Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Act. In this fiscal year, the IWWC continued holding two meetings per month to keep up with incoming applications and to discuss future revisions to their regulations and bylaws. As in the prior fiscal year, there were 42 requests made to the IWWC. Of those requests fourteen were found exempt and five permits were delegated to and issued by the agent, the rest were reviewed and permitted by the Commission.

Larry Burcroff, Chairman

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Planning & Zoning Commission

The PZC continued to address a greatly expanded workload meeting two and sometimes three times a month to accommodate the public need and to continue various long range planning objectives including updating zoning maps, regulation re-writes, and the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Land Use Administrator Abby Conroy and PZC Chair Michael Klemens devoted considerable time developing draft documents for review by the PZC.

In revising the zoning maps and regulations, the Commission is working to simplify and improve transparency in use, reduce nonconformities, and make additional information available through the Town GIS and website. New statutory requirements enacted by the CT legislature rendered many regulations outdated necessitating further revisions. Prior to adoption, draft maps and language will be referred to the Council of Government for review and then to public hearing in 2023.

The POCD is a work in progress. In March of 2021, a survey developed to help direct the POCD was made available through the Town website. Nearly 700 members of the community filled out all or part of the survey. Completion of the POCD is scheduled for 2023, but has been hampered by lack of in-house resources and/or the availability of consulting firms to conduct the work at a reasonable price.

The PZC also developed a request for proposal for a consulting firm to conduct a professional study on the issues of parking, traffic circulation, as well pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety, and stormwater management in Lakeville's downtown area. Colliers Engineering was awarded the contract for the study which is ongoing with results anticipated in the first quarter of 2023.

Dr. Michael W. Klemens, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals had nine applications for variances during the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 Fiscal year, more than double the applications received in the prior year:

- 24 Cleaveland Street - variance for additions to a nonconforming residence
- 37 Undermountain Road - front yard setback variance for repairs to a foundation and replacement of a bay window with a small addition.
- Side yard setback variances were granted to install a generator at 278 Twin Lakes Road and to construct a garage at 138 Undermountain Road.
- The Market Place of Salisbury received a variance for building coverage to accommodate additional storage space at LaBonne's.
- 4 Main Street – variance for replacement of a nonconforming addition in a more conforming location for a historical home at 4 Main Street.
- 50 Hammertown Road - yard setback variance granted for a mudroom.
- 17 Railroad Street - variance to construct a contractor's equipment storage building.
- Variance for a change of use from storage to habitable space at 130 Cobble Road

Jeffrey Lloyd, M.E. Freeman and Stacey Weiner were elected to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Two alternate vacancies were filled by Peter Menikoff and Beth Wells.

Jeffrey Lloyd, Chairman

We look forward to providing more information through updates to the GIS system, making additional land use application forms available through the online permit portal, and updating many land use regulations for ease of use in 2023!

PARKS & FOREST

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.

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.

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.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PARK

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

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.

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.

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 over an acre of fenced-in land, donated by the Town designated as a Community Dog Park.

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.

REYNOLDS-ROCKWELL PARK

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

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.

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.

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.

SALISBURY COMMUNITY DOG PARK

Founded in 2014, the Salisbury Community Dog Park is one of the thriving Not-For-Profit community organizations in the Town of Salisbury and in the surrounding NW corner of CT. The park is on over an acre of land located at the entrance to Mary Peters Park, 107 Long Pond Road, in Lakeville. The park is a fenced area where dogs can play together off-leash. The park is open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

Our all-volunteer group has been to independently raise all of the funds to ensure the proper maintenance of the park and to get the word out to the surrounding community of the existence of the park. We also promote the park's location by maintaining booths at the Salisbury Fall Festival and the Sharon "On the Green" Festival. For further information, go to the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/107LongPondRdLakevilleCT/

RECREATION COMMISSION

LOUIS BUCCERI, CHAIRMAN

As the pandemic waned during the fiscal year 2021-2022, recreation programs resumed. Initially, youth sports were conducted in house with no travel team options. The adult lap swim at The Hotchkiss School opened again with safety protocols at the end of 2020. Other facilities at the independent schools were not yet available to the public during the winter of 2020-2021 and Salisbury Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe created a reliable temporary outdoor skating surface on part of the Trotta Field basketball courts.

Lisa McAuliffe introduced two new community-building efforts. Collaborating with the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, she promoted a contest to “Light Up Salisbury” with household holiday light displays. Working with Stacey Dodge and the Town Grove staff, Lisa McAuliffe invited youth to Community Field for Halloween activities, including a shaving cream and silly string competition.

The Pope Land Design Committee, on which the Commission is represented by Lisa McAuliffe and Vice Chairman Tim Sinclair, continued to meet regularly, working with professional designers to address housing and recreational needs.

For 2022, the Commission consisted of Lou Bucceri (Chairman), Becky Lachaine (Secretary), Raydin Neary, Jon Russillo, Danny Smith (Treasurer), and Tim Sinclair (Vice Chairman). David Valcin represented the Board of Education. Becky Lachaine came to the end of her current six-year term. Happily for us, she chose to stand for reappointment and the Commission heartily recommended such to the Selectmen. Becky Lachaine was reappointed at the Selectmen’s November meeting.

For all programs to return to normal, more than ever, we will need thoughtful and caring individuals to help teach and encourage others in their recreational pursuits. Please keep us in mind and consider being involved as a coach or organizer. Contact Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe at either 860-435-5186 or recreationdirector@salisburyct.us if you can help.

Finally, the commissioners congratulate Salisbury Central School students Victoria Brooks and Eric Lopez on their graduation and being chosen by Salisbury Central faculty to receive the Physical Education Prize for the 2021-2022 school year.

The mission of the Salisbury Recreation Commission is to provide organized, instructional recreational opportunities, which are all inclusive to the people of the Salisbury community. Specific programs should be well thought out, well organized, and include an opportunity for learning and growth for any and all participants. The focus for all Salisbury Recreation programs should be centered on inclusivity and participation for all, while always looking to promote and foster the importance of sportsmanship and conduct.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

VOTER INFORMATION & ELECTION MANAGEMENT

Karin Gerstel, ROV, Democratic
Hedwig Wells, Deputy ROV, Democratic
Kathleen Mera, Assistant ROV, Democratic

Maureen Dell, ROV, Republican
Harriet Weiss, Deputy ROV, Republican
Marie Barnum, Assistant ROV, Republican

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 Town Hall every Wednesday from 9am until 12pm (noon). Also, official forms for voter registration or changes may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday. Mail-in applications are also available at www.salisburyct.us, <http://www.ct.gov/sots> or can be submitted online via the Secretary of State or the 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 every 4 years, along with other state and federal offices. Registrars are provided with training and on-going professional seminars each year. They work closely with State certified Moderators to run the local elections. We appreciate anyone interested in becoming a Moderator.

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 2022, active voter registration is as follows: Total: 2,840; Democrat: 1,433; Republican: 422; Unaffiliated: 937; Other: 48.

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.

Democratic Town Committee

Meets Every 3rd Tuesday at 6pm

Al Ginouves, Chair
Susan DeMelle, Vice Chair
Pam Kelley, Treasurer
Kerry Noble, Secretary

Republican Town Committee

Meets Every 4th Tuesday at 5pm

Thomas Morrison, Chair & Secretary
Donald Mayland, Vice Chair & Treasurer
Marie Barnum, Assistant Treasurer

Political Parties have been meeting via Zoom, due to COVID.

RESIDENT TROOPER

The following is the Annual Report for the fiscal year of 2021-2022 for all of 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 and Troopers assigned to Troop B North Canaan.

- 297 Alarms / 66 commercial building alarms / 5 panic alarms
- 14 larcenies
- 108 suspicious incidents
- 102 enhanced security checks for Salisbury Central School
- 22 active disturbances
- 7 medical calls requiring State Police response
- 3 burglaries
- 1 DWI
- 185 motor vehicle stops
- 8 domestic violence calls
- 130 assists to the public
- 79 traffic accidents (16 with injury – 1 fatal)
- 7 untimely deaths
- 3 missing people reports
- 2 sexual assaults

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

JENNIFER KRONHOLM CLARK, 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.

In January, the Commission set goals for the year, including more public outreach, both through events and electronic communications, continue to support the work of the Pope Land Design Committee, and supporting the work of the Salisbury non-profits working to create more affordable housing.

In March, the SAHC welcomed three new members to fill vacancies: Jon Higgins, Lee Sullivan, and Katie White.

In April, the SAHC secured a grant from the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity to hire a communications consultant to help develop a strategy for public outreach.

In May, the Commission created a new Sustainability Sub-committee to help educate and promote green building initiatives.

The SAHC is grateful for the work of all its commissioners during this busy year! The Commission would also like to express appreciation for the enthusiasm of the people of Salisbury to address such an essential need as affordable housing.

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/affordable-housing)

For 2022, the Commission met monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. All meetings, whether held in-person or remote meetings via Zoom, are open to the public. Public participation is welcomed.

SALISBURY FIRE COMMISSION

JOHN MONGEAU, CHAIRMAN

The primary function of the Salisbury Fire Commission is to act as the fiduciary entity for the Lakeville Hose Company (LHC); administering the operational funds which are received from an annual town budget appropriation. (See budget below).

The Commission members (appointed by the Board of Selectmen) meet monthly with Hose Company officers and representatives to conduct the business of fire protection and prevention in town. The LHC responsibility for providing firefighting and emergency services for the town is expanded, when necessary, to include the provision of mutual aid to adjacent Connecticut communities, as well as to surrounding towns in Berkshire County, Massachusetts and Dutchess County, New York. These other towns, in turn, provide reciprocal assistance to Salisbury and LHC, as needed.

Salisbury's appropriation to LHC covers all aspects of firefighting services, including costs of purchasing, maintaining, repairing and testing fire apparatus (specifically trucks, vehicles and equipment designed solely for firefighting and emergency services). In addition to fire and accident response, the LHC is also responsible, regionally, for assisting with search and rescue operations on the many waterways and hiking trails in Salisbury and adjacent communities.

Additionally, town-appropriated funds are set aside by the Commission to purchase comprehensive liability insurance to cover volunteers, equipment, fire apparatus and buildings/grounds. LHC buildings have their own annual costs of maintenance, utilities, equipment replacement, cleaning and so on. All building related issues are over-seen by the Maintenance Supervisor.

An additional responsibility, inherited from the Lakeville Fire District (which was dissolved several years ago) is to bill residents of the former Lakeville Fire District for their share of the costs to provide fire hydrants within the district boundaries. All other town residents (not in the former Fire District) are billed for their hydrant share costs directly from Aquarian/Eversource.

John Mongeau, Chairman

Larry Hoage, Maintenance Supervisor

James Wood, Commissioner

Raymond W. Flint, Engineer

Robert Smith, Jr., Fire Chief, Lakeville Hose Company #1

Cynthia Hoage, Treasurer, Hydrant Fee Collector

Rick Roger, Commissioner

Donald Reid, Jr., Commissioner

Revenue:

Salisbury Fire Commission (Town Appropriation)	\$50,000
Lakeville Fire Protection (Town Appropriation)	\$285,600
Hydrant Fee Collection	\$45,623
Interest	\$744.44

Salisbury Fire Commission Expenses:

Hydrant Fee Collector	\$1,681
Commission Maintenance	\$15,246
Heating/AC (Propane)	\$5,453
Officer Salaries	\$9,100
Unanticipated Projects	\$0
Water/Hydrants	\$57,365
Maintenance Supervisor	\$1,800
Office Operating	\$92
Miscellaneous	\$246
Service Contract (Exterminator)	\$0
TOTAL	\$90,983

Lakeville Fire Protection Expenses:

Air Pack Updated/Replaced	\$5,676
Air Pack (NEW)	\$0
Air Compressor (Replacement)	\$0
Fire Engine Fund	\$115,000
Fire House	\$11,669
Foam Equipment	\$0
Gas, Oil, Diesel	\$3,150
Service Contracts	\$1,093
Heating/AC (Propane)	\$5,453
Washer & Dryer Replacement	\$0
Hose Replacement	\$9,212
Insurance	\$27,646
Ladder Testing	\$495
Misc. Fire Protection	\$2,676
New Equipment	\$12,520
Radio Equipment	\$11,782
Communication	\$6,317
Training	\$4,128
Fire Prevention/Education	\$0
Truck Maintenance/Tires	\$22,387
Turn Out Gear	\$9,550
Turn Out Gear (Replacement)	\$0
Wild Land Protection	\$0
Rescue	\$0
Mandatory Physicals	\$796
Traffic Safety/Fire Police	\$1,382
TOTAL	\$250,932
Expense Grand Total	\$341,915

SALISBURY-SHARON TRANSFER STATION

BRIAN BARTRAM, MANAGER

As mentioned in the report last year, Connecticut is still in a solid waste crisis. The Materials Innovations & Recycling Authority's Waste-To-Energy facility in Hartford stopped accepting garbage in July 2022. In the short-term, the garbage generated in Salisbury & Sharon will end up in a landfill in Pennsylvania.

Our towns have been participating in Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) meetings. CCSMM is currently comprised of the Department of Energy and Environment, and just over one hundred Connecticut municipalities. Certainly, long-term goals will be to have more local infrastructure to manage both our recycling and garbage, ideally located within the State. The CCSMM has had working groups exploring: Extended Producer Responsibility; Food Scrap Collection/Diversion; Increased Reuse and Recycling; Unit-Based Pricing.

During the Summer, we expanded the number of households in our food scrap collection pilot. Initially the pilot started with approximately one hundred-twenty households, we now have increased to over three hundred! We will continue to investigate ways to increase the program to include more households, businesses, and schools.

Please visit our website: www.salisburysharontransferstation.com

SENIOR SERVICES

LISA MCAULIFFE, DIRECTOR

In 2021, we hoped that we would be done with COVID-19, unfortunately we were not!

2021 was definitely better than 2020, and we slowly began to reopen and return to what is now the new normal. To everyone's delight and with new protocols in place such as temperature screenings, daily attendance, masks and social distancing, Jano's exercise class was able to return to in person. For those that were vaccinated, the Hotchkiss Adult Lap Swim returned as well. Unfortunately, we were not able to reopen our senior nutrition site in 2021 however, residents, in need, continued to receive daily meals through meals on wheels.

AARP Tax Aid returned using a drop off model, and we were able to assist over 75 residents with their tax returns. In person assistance with Medicare also returned during the open enrollment period in the late fall. Many thanks to Amanda Halle from the Western CT Agency on Aging who was able to share her Medicare expertise through two free in person presentations and with one-on-one counseling sessions.

The Senior Center became vaccine central for the community. We were able to host an SVNA flu shot clinic in October. Working with Griffin Health Care's mobile vaccine unit we were able to offer monthly COVID-19 vaccine clinics. When free home COVID-19 test were made available, the Senior Center became the distribution center. Almost 200 test kits were distributed to our residents in 20 minutes.

Overall, 2021 was better than 2020 and we will continue to work to bring back all of our pre-COVID programs.

TOWN CLERK
PATRICIA H. WILLIAMS, TOWN CLERK
KRISTINE SIMMONS, ASST. TOWN CLERK

Annual Statistics from the Town Clerk's Office - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Births:

Total of 13 births (6 Females, 7 Males)

Deaths:

Total of 61 deaths (50 Residents, 11 Non-residents)

Marriages:

Total of 57 marriages (12 Residents, 45 Non-residents)

Land Records:

Total of 1041 documents recorded

Dog Licenses:

Total of 342 (36 Unaltered, 299 Altered, 0 Kennel Licenses, 2 Service Dogs, 5 Replacement tags)

TOWN GROVE
STACEY DODGE, MANAGER

There was no official "opening day" for fishing this year. In 2021, Governor Ned Lamont signed an executive order removing closed seasons for fishing on all inland waters in CT, this was to promote anglers to enjoy additional access to outdoor recreation to help mental and physical health during COVID. But some traditions die hard, and opening day at the Grove is one of them. On April 9, though there was sparse attendance, the children's fishing derby still took place. With just above freezing temperatures and some rain, even a few boats still launched onto the lake.

Going into the summer season, there was a concern about not having enough lifeguards. There was a nation-wide shortage after the pandemic summer season of waterfronts closing or cutting hours of lifeguards. We did experience a decline in lifeguards, which resulted in us shortening our swimming time by one hour and increasing wages of those we hired. The staff that we had was fantastic, worked well together, and created a safe waterfront for park visitors.

The Board of Selectmen approved the increase of sticker prices at the Grove for this season. This slightly changed the number of stickers sold from previous years. However, we did have over 1400 people, who paid the daily entry fee. We sold 771 Resident stickers (this number is a combination of resident first, second and senior stickers) and 61 Non-Resident stickers.

The Grove hosted a number of Family Fun Nights, put on by our Recreation department. The evening had pontoon boat rides, games, ice cream and cupcake trucks for all ages. For Halloween, we had hay rides, games and shaving cream wars for the kids. We would like to continue hosting Family Fun Night activities going forward.

The staff is all scheduled to return for the 2023 season. The Town Grove is a special picturesque setting thanks to Robert Strattman, who is head of maintenance and grounds.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
DONALD MAYLAND, CHAIRMAN

The year 2021-2022 was another busy one for the WPCA. Relining of compromised pipe lines continued, new manholes were installed and the East Meadow pump station was completely replaced.

Special thanks go to Charlie Humes (Superintendent) and Chris Ohmen (Assistant) for their outstanding work in maintaining and improving the entire system.

We welcomed two new members to the WPCA this fiscal year. John Whalen and James Rutledge joined the committee and provided us with great help. It is especially good seeing John (former Superintendent) appear back at the plant in his new role as member of the WPCA.

The WPCA is faced with rising costs in the years to come. This is due to the cost of electricity rising at an alarming rate along with the cost of sludge removal doing the same. The WPCA will meet this spring to determine what, if any, increase in rates is necessary to cover these rising costs.

HOUSATONIC CHILD CARE CENTER

TONYA ROUSSIS, DIRECTOR

The Housatonic Child Care Center is a professional nonprofit, full-time childcare 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 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 59 children in three programs; infant, toddler, and preschool. 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 July 2020. We will go through the process of accreditation again in 2025.

We have a marvelous and devoted staff. Many of our teachers hold college degrees in addition to their Connecticut Head Teacher certificates, along with many others including CPR/First Aid, Medication Administration, and EpiPen Administration. Our staff also takes advantage of many professional development opportunities to stay current with the best practices in early childhood education.

Since March 2020, we have not been able to have many visitors at the center but are slowly opening back up to the community. We're excited to have some students from Hotchkiss join us to volunteer, as well as parent visits to share special experiences, like cooking or reading. Our preschool classroom visits the Scoville Memorial Library on Fridays for story time with Ms. Kendra. We haven't had any field trips yet, but plan to reintroduce them in the near future. We were excited to finally be able to walk in the Memorial Day parade in Salisbury again this year!

Staffing has been difficult for the past few years. We are short staffed and it is challenging to find new staff to join us. We have revamped our benefits package to attract and maintain quality teachers. Thankfully, we do have enough teachers to maintain our high enrollment.

We have been so fortunate to receive grants from Berkshire Taconic Foundation, Northwest Community Foundation, and ARPA Funds. Funds from these grants are used to help buy classroom furniture and materials, and give financial aid to families in need.

Our school year program runs from late August to June, and a summer program from late June to August. During a typical year, the Center participates in several community-based field trips. A few include the HVRHS Ag-Ed Open House, Noble Horizons Festival of Trees, and the Trevor Zoo. The children frequently take nature walks on the nearby rail trail that leads into town. They also visit the Scoville Library on Fridays to participate in story hour.

Thanks to our community, we also have access to a range of services including social services, dental, educational, and medical consultants. We are also fortunate to have resources provided by Region One Pupil Services and health care agencies. Our teachers are fortunate to receive on site mentoring and professional development through a training program offered by Berkshire Taconic Foundation through EdAdvance, Office of Early Childhood, and Connecticut Charts-A-Course.

Nationally, childcare costs are extremely high, and ours are no exception. We remain committed to providing much needed scholarship assistance to working Salisbury families 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. We served 54 children during the 2021-2022 school year. We were able to give \$19,500 in scholarships for families. We raised \$32,000 in fundraising.

HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IAN STREVER, PRINCIPAL

The 2021-2022 was expected to mark a “return to normalcy” for schools across the country, yet the persistence of the Covid-19 pandemic continued to complicate school operations. Although students returned to school as usual in the fall, we required face masks and publicized opportunities for vaccination that were available in the region’s schools. Quarantine requirements caused extended absences for many students, and the Omicron variant wreaked havoc on international travel opportunities during the Winter Break.

By the end of the year, however, mask restrictions were no longer in place, and Housatonic experienced one of the busiest months of May in recent history, with many organizations holding year-end celebrations that had not taken place for several years. These began with our performances of *Into the Woods*, the school musical, in March, and continued with art openings, musical concerts, FFA events, and National Honor Society inductions, culminating in the first truly traditional graduation since 2019, with no social distancing or mask mandates in place. Of particular note was the number and amount of scholarships and awards to our graduates that totaled over \$500,000. We thank our generous communities for their continued support of our young people as they embark on the next chapters of their lives.

A new point of focus this year was on the social and emotional welfare of our students. We continued to integrate Habits of Mind, a set of characteristics that describe the traits of effective learners and citizens, such as “persistence” and “communicating with clarity.” These are important foundational skills for students as they acquire academic content, and thanks to research about brain function, we are learning more and more about their integral role in student success.

We also added a Social Worker to our staff last year to support at-risk students both in and out of the classroom. Rachel Novak accepted the position last summer and began working with students in our alternative school, Bridges, to address the obstacles to their academic success. This was a helpful addition to our School Counseling team, which lost a member through retirement the previous year.

Staffing was a challenge across the school this year, with some long-term absences, departures, and retirements. We hired several replacement paraprofessionals, a tutor, two long-term substitute teachers and, recently, two new Mathematics teachers and a Special Education teacher to fill vacancies in those areas. This represents a significant “changing of the guard” in our Mathematics department, and we are excited for what our new teachers will bring to the school.

As a school, we continue to work with our students to become the most welcoming and accepting school we can be. Next year we will run courses in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Literature, as well as African American and Hispanic American History. Our students met several times to discuss the issue of diversity and acceptance as a school, and while our efforts to promote a safe and inclusive environment are ongoing, we are already planning a mural for our cafeteria that symbolizes our commitment to those values.

We are in the early stages of planning more extensive renovations to our cafeteria and auditorium, two of the most prominent public spaces in our building that are often the focal points for community gatherings as well as school events. Next year, we will present a comprehensive plan for updating these spaces and finalizing the installation of our Farm to Table culinary classroom that is scheduled to begin this summer.

Although our international trips this year were curtailed due to the impact of Omicron, we have a trip to Greece scheduled for this summer and trips to Scotland/Ireland and Japan planned for the following year. Our International Travel Club has raised tens of thousands of dollars to offset the costs of these experiences to make them available for all of our students as they work toward becoming more globally aware.

The resumption of these kinds of activities may not herald a “return to normalcy,” but they do mark a desire to define a “new normal” that respects the threat of infectious diseases and the importance of social and emotional wellbeing while providing a comprehensive and rigorous education. To that end, our school Leadership Team adopted several changes to our grading practices that are designed to encourage student involvement in formative learning, timely work submission, and preparation for rigorous, comprehensive final exams. Two years of learning during a pandemic has taught us a lot about how to persevere through challenges, and we are looking forward to applying those lessons to the social and academic challenges of our time.

REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

LISA CARTER, SUPERINTENDENT

2021-2022 was a year characterized by perseverance and resilience on behalf of Region One staff, students, and their parents/caregivers as we all learned to live with continued presence of COVID-19. Protocols for vaccination, testing, masks and quarantine influenced classroom environments and student/staff attendance. However, despite the occurrence of virus surges as it morphed into new variants, Region 1 staff remained dedicated to providing a high-quality education to our students and our students remained engaged in their learning. By the end of the year, school operations had returned to near normal and the year ended on a positive note.

National media has publicized data indicating significant learning loss for students at all grade levels. This has not been the experience for students in Region One. State summative data indicate that, while not yet attaining pre-pandemic levels of achievement, most students finished the year meeting or exceeding grade level expectations in the tested areas of English/Language Arts, Math and Science. Additionally, students were able to participate in school plays and concerts, art shows, athletic competition and field trips. Everyone worked together to successfully navigate COVID-19 disruptions, including substitute teacher and bus driver shortages.

As school staff worked hard to return schools to normal operations to the greatest extent possible, they closely monitored student mental health and the impact the pandemic has had on students. Administrators have used some of the federal ARP/ESSER funds to hire support students by adding counseling staff to ensure the presence of trained clinicians to support them. They have also planned team-building, student discussion groups and other engaging activities to cultivate safe and healthy school climates.

With respect to physical plants, school building committees continued to complete repairs and any new construction projects as needed.

Finally, administrators have worked with school safety committees to ensure that schools are safe and secure.

Region 1 staff, students and their families successfully weathered another challenging year as a result of their commitment to engaging in high quality learning experiences while caring for the well-being of one another. We are proud of and thankful for the strength of the Region 1 community.

SALISBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL

STEPHANIE MAGYAR, PRINCIPAL

The 2021-22 Salisbury Central School year was a stark contrast to the previous year; gone were mask mandates, mandatory student cohort groupings, and stringent quarantining restrictions and practices. The sense of normality was like a breath of fresh air, as we experienced the return of all-school celebrations such as the Veterans Day assembly, the Halloween Parade, the Winter Festival of Lights, the Talent Show, and Field Day. As always, Salisbury Central School staff continued to work together to foster a tight knit learning community, always prioritizing the needs of our students and families. We continued to strive for the highest standards and appropriate challenges for all learners. We ended the 2021-2022 school year with an enrollment of 307 students.

Our SCS team, made up of over 80 teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers, and special educators is at the heart of the school's success. The teaching staff engages in regularly scheduled professional learning in order to refine and grow their practice. Professional learning in 2021-2022 focused on social emotional learning, diversity and inclusion, curriculum, and technology. In addition, we continue to benefit from the support of local residents and organizations such as Women Support Services, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Salisbury Family Services, local private schools, and more. In 2021-2022, we were excited to be able to invite parents into the building in person for an open house, family/teacher conferences, spring concert, and an all-school talent show. Teachers continued to utilize email, newsletters, and Seesaw to maintain the connection between school, parents, and our community. In addition, the administration sent family check-ins every trimester to create an easy method to gather stakeholder feedback.

Salisbury Central's curriculum is aligned with the Connecticut Core Standards as well as other relevant standards such as NGSS for science, or those for physical education and unified arts. Teachers seek opportunities for authentic and interdisciplinary learning experiences. We continue to find a variety of ways to measure student progress including solving real world problems, presentations, research projects, performances, project-based assessments, multimedia displays, and more. We emphasize student centered learning in order to support the habits of work and mind. We look for ways to allow students to take ownership over their learning through self and peer assessment, co-creation, reflection, student led conferences, and more. The SCS data teams meet weekly to monitor students' progress and growth.

Students at SCS continue to benefit from a variety of experiences designed to enrich our curriculum. Two of our most well-known K-5 enrichment programs are LAE (language arts enrichment) and MASE (math and science enrichment). While the 2021-2022 schedule did not allow for our traditional middle school enrichment block, there continued to be a focus on activities to strengthen social emotional well-being and to build a sense of community despite the distancing requirements. In 2021-2022 the middle school continued the "HOW through Cinema" initiative, which tied movies to our Habits of Work through the engagement of activities and to meet curriculum standards using content from the films. Additional social-emotional learning opportunities were also provided through "Start with Hello" week, International Dot Day, Read Across America Week, STEAM week, Spirit Days, Field Day and more. We continued to create meaningful whole school virtual and outdoor assemblies. Our eighth graders were able to participate in an overnight field trip to Boston, the highlights of which included a visit to the New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall, and a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park. In addition, sixth graders enjoyed a four-night stay at Nature's Classroom in Ivoryton, CT. The S.O.A.R. (Seek Originate Aim Reach) program ran virtual and in-person programming after school for students in K-8. The Region One sports and extracurricular initiative kicked off its inaugural year with offerings including soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and art garage.

The entire SCS family would like to thank the Salisbury community for their ongoing support. We appreciate all that the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Finance do to ensure our success.

CHORE SERVICES, INC.
JANE MACLAREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chore Service, founded in 1992, provides in-home, non-medical assistance to seniors and people with disabilities within the community so that they may remain safely and independently at home. Chore employs local, caring people to provide essential services such as house cleaning, laundry, companionship, transportation, yard work, etc. to residents in North Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury/Lakeville and Sharon. Services are partially funded by a grant from the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging which subsidizes clients aged 60 and over regardless of income. Client contributions supplement the grant along with donations from towns, churches, charitable foundations and donors so that the program can remain affordable for everyone. When necessary, referrals are made to the VNA, physicians, social workers, etc. to assure safety.

From July 2021 through June 2022, Chore Service provided services to 42 Salisbury residents. These residents received over 1650 hours of help with chores such as cleaning, errands and yard work so that they could continue to remain safely in their homes. Nine Chore Workers who live in Salisbury earned over \$44,350 last year.

Safety for both clients and workers remains a priority. COVID safety protocols and training remain in place with PPE supplied to workers and clients in need.

The need for services continues to grow and no one is ever turned away for lack of ability to pay. Like many businesses in our community, Chore continues to be affected by the labor shortage and found it essential to increase worker wages to provide a competitive wage.

Our federal grant monies are depleted before the year ends, so we are delighted that the Town of Salisbury continues to contribute to these services. Many thanks to those that have supported and continue to support Chore Service. We are most grateful for the generous support of all our donors, including the Town of Salisbury.

Chore Service remains committed to helping our most vulnerable community members. If you need assistance or know someone who might benefit from our services, please call **860-435-9177** or visit our website at www.choreservice.org. Also, if you are looking for employment or volunteer opportunities and would like to make a difference in someone's life, please give Chore a call.

Visit: www.choreservice.org for more information.

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COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AFFILIATES (CMHA)

RAYMOND J. GORMAN, PRESIDENT/CEO

Thank you for your support of CMHA in FY 2022. Community Mental Health Associates, Inc. (CMHA) is a leading resource in behavioral health care and substance abuse treatment, and is the only state-licensed, nonprofit mental health clinic serving all of Litchfield County. This report details programs and services provided in FY2022, and offers information on CMHA's collaborations, programs, and capacity.

Our staff are trained in numerous therapies and provide advanced and effective evidence-based care for clients and their families every day. CMHA receives consistently high-quality ratings from state entities and other partners.

CMHA continues to offer Telehealth Services, including intakes and prescription services, to the Litchfield County area due to client demand and its unprecedented success - the kept appointment rate remains above 80%, higher than pre-pandemic. Additionally, inclement weather and the inability to access reliable transportation is not a concern with the provision of Telehealth, and client retention rates (87%) underscore the success of Telehealth for both ongoing and new clients.

If required, either by the client or their physician, in-person services are accessible for clients via the Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington, an FQHC with CMHA staff on-site, or our Waterbury and New Britain facilities, for which transportation can be arranged. We remain committed to providing essential behavioral health treatment to the residents of Litchfield County.

Funding Sources - CMHA received funding from a variety of sources, including its own annual fund drive, employee giving campaign, private donations, town grants, fees and insurance payments, as well as the state of Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF), Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), and federal substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Programs and Activities

Outpatient Mental Health - CMHA's outpatient services include individual, family and group psychotherapy, psychological and psychiatric evaluation, medication management, behavioral health home services, peer engagement and support, and case management. Treatments include Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for children, and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) for adults. When people in need of treatment do not have insurance, CMHA helps them to enroll in Medicaid, if eligible, and to access other benefits. CMHA also offers a sliding fee schedule. *In FY22, CMHA's outpatient services aided 914 people, and provided more than 420 clinical sessions every month and over 9,877 sessions over the course of the year.*

Parenting Support Services - CMHA programs receive funding from the CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) to operate countywide services for parents/caregivers of children 3-17, utilizing a menu of evidence-based therapies for families and children. All treatment uses a combination of home visitation, individual and group therapeutic sessions, and other modalities as needed. CMHA staff work with parents in their homes to provide parenting coaching for DCF-referred families with children with behavioral issues. This program features the use of evidence-based curriculums: Triple P for children ages 6-12, Triple P Teen for children ages 13-17, and Circle of Security (COS-P) for children ages birth-6. *In FY22, 126 families received in-home parenting services.*

Intensive Family Preservation - This intensive in-home program designed to support families in crisis when children are at imminent risk of out of home placement by DCF. 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 FY22, 204 families received intensive, home-based support, counseling, and parenting assistance – a nearly 72% increase from FY2021.*

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:

Acts 4 Ministries
All About You Home Care Services
Catholic Charities Family Service Center
Center for Human Development (CHD)
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Chrysalis Center
Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington (regional FQHC)
Department of Children and Families Region 5
Connecticut Junior Republic, Inc.
EdAdvance (Regional Education Service Center)
Family & Children's Aid
Family Resource Center
Family Strides
FAVOR-CT, Inc.

Friends In Service to Humanity of Northwest CT, Inc. (FISH)
Emergency Shelter
Focus Center for Autism
Homeless shelter at Winsted Y
Litchfield County OBGYN
Litchfield County Pediatrics in Torrington
Markowski, M.D. Joel A. (Torrington pediatrician)
Midwestern CT Council on Alcoholism, Inc. (MCCA)
McCall Center for Behavioral Health
Mental Health Connecticut - Torrington
New Opportunities, Inc.
Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce
Northwest CT YMCA

Operation Overflow Winter Homeless Shelter – Torrington
Prime Time House, Inc. / with The Connection
ProHealth Physicians of Torrington, Inc.
Susan B. Anthony Project, Inc.
The Connection, Inc.
Tides of Mind Counseling
Torrington Chamber of Commerce
Torrington – Winsted Pediatrics, Inc.
Visiting Nurse Services of CT
VNA Northwest, Inc.
Wellmore Behavioral Health
Western CT Mental Health Network,
Winchester Emergency Shelter
Y House - Torrington YMCA

CMHA provided more than 8,132 hours of service to 1,218 individuals and families in the Waterbury and Torrington region, with more than 420 clinical sessions completed on average every month.

These services include individual, family, and group therapy, psychiatric evaluations, and medication management.

Community Mental Health Associates, Inc. (CMHA) is a private non-profit treatment provider headquartered in New Britain, with several locations providing a variety of services throughout northwest and central Connecticut. CMHA partners with clients and the community to promote recovery from mental illness and addiction, treating more than 7,500 adults and children each year. CMHA is Connecticut's first fully Joint Commission accredited Behavioral Health Home and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Visit cmhacc.org to learn more.

HOUSATONIC RIVER COMMISSION

WILLIAM R. TINGLEY, CHAIRMAN

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) held eleven regularly scheduled monthly meetings over the past year. Meetings took place at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Due to the continued challenges with COVID, all but two meetings were held over Zoom. The Commission is made up of representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen in each of the following towns along the Housatonic River: Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon. The HRC is responsible for monitoring and advising these seven towns on issues that involve the Housatonic River and working to maintain an environmentally healthy and scenic river corridor. The annual dues requested from each town are \$400 per year.

The process of recognizing the Housatonic River through the National Park Service's (NPS) Wild and Scenic designation as a Partnership River with federal financial support continues with significant help from Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). Quarterly meetings of the Housatonic Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee have continued with representatives from NPS, HVA, CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), FirstLight Power, and Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG). At these meetings, each group provides updates on their work addressing issues in the Housatonic River Management Plan including HVA's successful River Information and Outreach (RIO) program, fishing management (CT DEEP), and river access. Tremendous time and energy have been spent on river access as dynamic changes in river usage resulted in noteworthy action by towns to maintain safety. HRC's mission includes maintaining public access, and the proposed Ruggles Landing is being partnered with the state and town of North Canaan to allow for safe river usage.

Now two decades since the historic EPA/GE/Pittsfield consent decree HRC continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the rest of the Housatonic River.

As always, land use issues within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a significant concern. We continue to support efforts to address invasive plant species along the waterway, with several members working to monitor and in some cases control troublesome, aggressive invasives in the inner river corridor. Monitoring the work of the Housatonic Railroad, including their track repair, herbicide use, and derailment risk also continue. The River Commission provided comments and suggestions on many proposed projects as development along the river continues to increase significantly. All towns are reminded to please be sure that the HRC is notified of any proposed project within the River Corridor.

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

HOUSATONIC YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

KELLY PARKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Birthday HYSB! In December 2021 the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau celebrated its 30th birthday...30 years of service to the youth and families of Region One.

We proudly serve the Northwest Corner as the only mental health agency providing FREE clinical services to children ages 3-21 and their families and we continue to grow and expand our programs to meet the increasing needs of our communities.

The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves the towns of North Canaan, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall, and Kent. Our licensed clinicians provide a variety of free services that promote the overall health and wellbeing of children and their families and impact the lives of thousands living in our community.

Post-pandemic fallout continues to have a huge impact on the work that we do; families are still coping with loss, anxiety, feelings of isolation, and hesitation about how/when to return to “normal” while also facing judgment and even criticism for those decisions. We have also noted a significant increase in truancy cases being referred to our Juvenile Review Board. During the 2021-2022 school year, HYSB worked with 132 students in the region for individual counseling. Of those, 36 students resided in Salisbury, representing a 71% increase in Salisbury students seeking services from the previous year.

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year our clinical staff visited each of the 7 public schools as well as some of our private schools weekly to provide in-person counseling services to children during the school day. One of the critical differences between HYSB and other providers is our relationships with the school communities. This partnership allows us to be in the schools during the school days bringing the services directly to the students and eliminating the barriers of transportation, scheduling, parent/caregiver availability, etc.

In addition to our counseling services, HYSB offers custom group programming which is based on the unique needs within each community and designed to provide a safe environment where children can connect with their peers and HYSB social workers to discuss sensitive topics and share strategies for overcoming adversity, and learning when and how to engage with other adults and authorities.

Your annual support allows HYSB to make a difference in the lives of thousands in our community.

Through the funding from the Town of Salisbury and generous donors across Region One, HYSB is able to continue to offer our free services, such as mental health counseling, community outreach, youth empowerment and summer internship programs as well as case management services, referral services, and other services for the children and families. We are incredibly grateful for your continued financial support and look forward to continuing our work together for the children and families in our community.

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Beth L. McGuire, *Chief Clerk*
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It is with great pleasure that I report to the residents of the Litchfield Hills Probate District the activity of the Probate Court for fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and request this report be included in the Town's next published Annual Report.

<u>Type of Matter</u>	<u>2020 – 2021 FY Number of Matters</u>	<u>2021 – 2022 FY Number of Matters</u>
Fee Waivers	99	78
Decedent's Estates	1,355	1,389
Trusts	205	162
Conservators	226	222
Name Changes	46	24
Guardian of the Person & Estate	126	95
Guardian of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities	154	167
Adult Commitment	2	0
Children's Matters:		
Adoptions/Termination of Parental Rights and		
Emancipation of a Minor/Determine Paternity	12	10
Power of Attorney Accounting Matters	4	0
Total probate matters handled	2,227	2,147

Throughout the pandemic, the Court has remained open, all cases have been timely processed and hearings promptly scheduled. Currently, hearings are held either in-person, by teleconferencing or by Webex video conferencing.

The category Fee Waivers represents the number of matters which were handled by the Court for which no probate filing fee is collected due to the fact that the Petitioner is indigent.

This is the last Report which I will be providing. Effective January 1, 2023 I am retiring as I am reaching the mandated retirement age set by statute. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Judge of Probate for the past 16 years.

The Court Staff joins me in extending our sincerest appreciation to the town leaders, residents and professionals who utilize the services of the Probate Court for your past and continued support.

NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL

JILL GROODY MUSSELMAN, CHAIRMAN

Providing housing options that are affordable for young adults, young families, seniors, and those who work in our towns has never been more important or urgent. Creating these housing options is the focus of the members of the Northwest Connecticut Regional Housing Council.

The Council is made up of representatives from each town's local housing organization who meet quarterly to report upon and gain valuable information for their town-specific planning and housing development. At meetings, we learn from each other as we share the progress and current hurdles we are encountering in our varied town housing initiatives. Questions raised and hands-on ideas and resources cause attendees to leave the meetings with possible next steps, support, and resources. The Council also advocates for the funding resources critically needed by our local housing organizations to build affordable housing in our towns.

The Housing Council has a website with resources for our local housing organizations and people looking for information about affordable housing in Northwest Connecticut. The site contains links to all the housing organizations in our region, frequently asked questions, photos of the affordable housing in our region and stories from employers and residents about the importance of affordable housing options in our towns. Check it out at: www.nwcthousing.org.

We thank David Berto of Housing Enterprises Inc. for attending our meetings and providing technical assistance to our housing organizations. We thank our member towns for their financial support, NHCOC for administrative support, and Jocelyn Ayer of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity for hosting our meetings and organizing speakers. Our towns' \$100 annual dues are a cost-effective investment in our area's future. For more information on the Regional Housing Council or the local housing organizations which are members, visit www.nwcthousing.org.

H A V E M O R E Q U E S T I O N S ?

For information on housing efforts or resources in **individual towns**, see www.nwcthousing.org for a list of local housing organizations and visit their websites to contact them directly.

For more information on the Northwest CT **Regional Housing Council**, inventory of housing options in the region, or other questions contact:

Jocelyn Ayer, Director, [Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity](http://www.litchfieldcountycenterforhousing.org)
at jocelyn@thehousingcollective.org

NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

ROBERT A. PHILLIPS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) consists of the Mayors and First Selectmen from 21 member towns in the Northwest Corner. It is one of the nine Councils of Governments that have been established in Connecticut.

NHCOG generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues of municipal concern, oversee COG planning projects, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation. Additional information on COG initiatives and activities is available at: www.northwesthillscog.org.

NHCOG experienced a complete organizational changeover during the last Fiscal Year (FY), which consisted of the latter half of 2021 and the first half of 2022. Executive Director Rick Lynn retired after more than 30 years and was replaced by Robert Phillips prior to the start of the FY. Office Manager, Darlene Krukar retired after more than 20 years of service to the region. Community Development Director, Jocelyn Ayer assumed a new position outside of the COG, as did Janell Mullen; former Regional Planner for the COG. Staffing needs were analyzed along with a strategic planning exercise which resulted in modified titles and roles such as Assistant Director, Senior Regional Planner, and Financial/Office Manager, which were filled by Emily Hultquist, Kathryn Faraci and Sarah Better, respectively. Emily brought many years of previous experience with her from the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), Kathryn retired from the state DOT and brought her 35 years of expertise to the region, and Sarah brought banking experience as well as small business management to the COG.

Prior to the restaffing efforts, NHCOG operated with only two staff for approximately 2.5 months. Despite these staffing challenges, work continued on the implementation of the COG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region later in the FY. Major strategies outlined in the CEDS include expanding access to high-speed fiber optic broadband (Fiber to the Home – FTTH), promoting tourism/arts/culture, supporting local farms, strengthening manufacturing, and encouraging entrepreneurs and innovation. A new round of funding from US EDA was applied for and granted at the end of the FY and will provide for an update to our 5-year CEDS and continued implementation of the goals and objectives.

NHCOG continuously promotes the on-line Interactive Regional Trail Map that was developed by the COG in cooperation with the Housatonic Valley Association to promote access to the public trails in the region.

NHCOG is allocated about \$2M each year from ConnDOT for priority local road improvement projects and projects are currently in various stages of approval/development in Burlington, Litchfield, Torrington, and Winchester.

NHCOG also serves as the oversight agent for approximately \$385,000 in Homeland Security Grant funding that is received each year for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 5. There are a number of projects and equipment acquisitions to support this program within multiple Emergency Support Function groups in Region 5 (all of NHCOG and portions of NVCOG and WESTCOG).

In 2021, NHCOG continued coordination of numerous popular programs such as a prescription assistance program in cooperation with the Foundation for Community Health, a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in cooperation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Northwest Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative, and the region's cooperative purchasing program. The Fuel Bank program partnership that was previously managed by NHCOG was concluded.

NHCOG also continued to assist local organizations including the Regional Housing Council, Northwest Hills Road Supervisors Association, Recycling Advisory Committee, and the Housatonic River Commission.

In addition, NHCOG continued to host a quarterly "5th Thursday" forum for area Planning, Zoning, and Conservation Commission members to meet and discuss items of mutual interest, hear guest speakers, and provide input on regional plans. However, two of the planned events had to be cancelled due to insufficient staffing levels.

Serving as officers of NHCOG during FY 2021-2022 were Don Stein, Chairman; Bob Valentine, followed by Henry Todd, Vice Chairmen; Charlie Perotti, Secretary; and Michael Criss, Treasurer.

SALISBURY FAMILY SERVICES

PATRICE MCGRATH, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Social Service Director 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 Service Director 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.

Forty-eight households in the Town of Salisbury applied for and received grants from the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and twenty-two households received grants through the SFS fuel bank in the 2021-2022 heating season.

Indian Mountain Lower School supplied a turkey and all the trimmings for many of our families at Thanksgiving. SFS provided twenty-six turkeys at Thanksgiving and forty-four \$100.00 gift cards for food at Christmas. Food vouchers and gift cards are being distributed to those in need of food all through the year.

SFS holiday program served thirty children in fourteen families. Twelve children received gift cards for Back-to-School clothing and supplies. During the summer of 2021 twenty-three children were able to attend camp through the SFS camp scholarship program. SFS provides financial assistance to working families with children enrolled at EXTRAS, Housatonic Child Care Center, and Hotchkiss daycare all through the year. SFS also provides assistance with Region One preschool costs.

Fifty-five households were the recipients of a second SFS “boost” which was Salisbury Family Services’ local stimulus. All recipients were surprised and delighted.

The Hewat Community Garden had a bountiful and nearly fully subscribed season. Excess produce grown by the gardeners was donated to the Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville.

The McChesney Fund is available to qualifying Salisbury residents for assistance with the purchase or renovation of homes in the Town of Salisbury. Last year one new McChesney loan was made and three McChesney loans were repaid.

SFS remains committed to helping our neighbors through difficult times. Please call 860-435-5187 if you are in need of assistance or if you know someone who might benefit from our services.



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SCOVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

KARIN GOODELL, DIRECTOR

Many changes have marked the past year at Scoville Memorial Library. Our Library Director of 20 years, Claudia Cayne, retired in December of 2021. Taking her place at the helm of the library is Karin Goodell, the former Library Director at the Beardsley Library in Winsted, Connecticut, where she was for 14 years. There are other new staff members, including our Children's Services Coordinator, Kendra Percy, and Coordinator of Adult Programs, May Castleberry. All the library staff, including the newcomers and the seasoned, have been working diligently this past year to adapt and meet the needs of the community as it realigns. We are beginning to see circulation and library usage return to pre-COVID levels for the first time in two years.

The library resumed in-person programming as of April 2022. Many programs remained in hybrid form, giving people the option to attend via Zoom or in person. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Bates Foundation, we obtained an OWL device and upgraded our computer systems to better accommodate online programming, meetings, and learning.

The library's events were very well-attended as we explored new concepts in programs, such as excursions to local attractions like the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, poetry readings in the beautiful Oak Room of the Library, and outdoor storytelling performances around firepits with families. We continued to offer favorite activities from the past few years, including meditation and movement classes with Kathy Voldstad, weekly yoga and breathing with Suzanne from Be Well Community Yoga, and a six-week literary discussion series on Edith Wharton led by local favorite Mark Scarborough. For children, the fun and learning continued with outdoor family story times, the weekly teen writing club, Danny Tieger's online musical romp for preschoolers, and Reading Buddies, a mentoring program in collaboration with the Hotchkiss School and Salisbury Central. The capacity to reach more people through hybrid programs meant we had over 6,000 adults and 4,000 children participate in library-sponsored and co-sponsored events!

In the past year, we reached out to the community in collaboration with other organizations and with outreach services. Weekly visits for on-site story times to local preschool programs, special visits for programs to inspire literacy and learning at Salisbury Central, planning community activities with the Salisbury Association and Noble Horizons, and delivering library books to Noble residents are just a few of the ways we brought the library's services beyond the building.

The Friends of the Library funded several of our programs for adults and children and supported digital access to the New York Times and other digital collections. They also helped fund a program we initiated offering passes to area cultural institutions and attractions for library patrons. We are thankful for the continued generous support of the community we serve. Each gift made to the library helps put our great ideas into action!



www.scovillelibrary.org

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New Expanded Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-5pm

Thursday 10am-7pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

Sunday 1pm-4pm

THE CORNER FOOD PANTRY

MARY TAYLOR, PRESIDENT

The Corner Food Pantry was founded with a singular mission: We provide nutritious food to individuals and families in need. The households we serve are comprised of people of all ages from babies to the very elderly often with several generations living under one roof. Our clients include people living on fixed incomes, and many working at jobs below or at minimum wage. We are their food safety net.

The 2021-2022 fiscal year has been challenging for our organization. COVID protocols and the incredible increase in number of clients have led us to deliver bagged groceries to clients at their cars.

Individuals served weekly this year 2022 versus 2021 has increased significantly. We are facing a sustained increase of 10% across the board for food with some items as much as double in cost.

Our volunteers gave out roughly 175,000 pounds of food, equivalent to 146,000 meals to approximately 4,000 families over the year.

This would be an impossible task if it were not for a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers and generous donors! Supporters of the Pantry are vital to our mission and we welcome community members to volunteer.

For more information about The Corner Food Pantry or to receive assistance please contact us:

Physical Location:

80 Sharon Road
Lakeville, CT 06039
Telephone: 860-435-9886
Email: thecornerfoodpantry@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

The Corner Food Pantry
PO Box 705
Lakeville, CT 06039

HOURS

Fridays: 3:00 - 4:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00 – 10:00am

Board of Directors: Nancy Bayersdorfer, Jane Capecelatro, Betsy Clark, Kayne Clawson, Kay Garner, Allison Gray, Sarah Gunderson, Michele Haab, Amanda Halle, Sue Keim, Holly Kempner, Kathy Mera, Isabel Sloane, Mary Taylor

TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

ROBERT RUBBO, MPH, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

The TAHD served over 133,000 people in twenty boroughs, cities, and towns covering 611 square miles.

The TAHD **Community Health Program** partnered with DPH and FoodCORE to investigate: **7** giardiasis, **4** campylobacteriosis, and **14** salmonellosis cases. TAHD guided schools, daycares, and community members on a variety of health issues and administered **563** flu vaccines to residents. TAHD consulted with 7 residents regarding potential rabies exposures submitting **7 specimens** to the DPH Laboratory for rabies testing. Ticks brought in by **64** residents were sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Lyme disease bacteria testing.

TAHD is an active member of **Fit Together**, a Northwest Connecticut Healthy Eating and Active Living Initiative. The 5210-fitness initiative is the cornerstone of the groups outreach and educational efforts. Fit together allocates its resources for community assistance and has awarded \$15,000 in mini grants to community partners to support projects that align with Fit Together's mission and strategies. These included funds to assist the Torrington Kids Marathon, a new Torrington Kids Golf program, the Torrington Middle School Fitness trail, fitness equipment for the Gilbert School and healthy snacks and healthier food preparation at Café Yum in the Torrington Public Schools. Fit Together supported sustainable healthy environmental opportunities in Torrington and Winsted by designating funding for a new all level fitness trail along the Sue Grossman Still River Greenway.

TAHD is an active member of the **Litchfield County Opiate Task Force (LCOTF)** and a member of the LCOTF executive committee, working on strategies and solutions to the opiate epidemic. TAHD received a grant to provide programming for the Statewide Expansion and Response Project for the Overdose Detection Mapping Application to ensure comprehensive coordination of services. This application along with the data from the medical examiner's office and our Spike response alert allows our team to respond to a suspected drug overdose. TAHD staff provided training to local pharmacies and medical offices on the CT Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System, Naloxone administration, Medication Assisted Treatment, and Resetting Pain Expectations as part of the **Academic Detailing on Opioid Safety**. TAHD is also part of Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation (RCORP) aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high-risk rural communities. This will advance RCORP's goal by strengthening and expanding prevention, treatment, and recovery services to enhance rural residents' ability to access treatment and move towards recovery.

TAHD entered into a contract with United Way of Connecticut (UWC) to expand upon cross-sector efforts within the state to implement a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention to reduce suicide morbidity and mortality among three key vulnerable populations in the state: 1) middle-aged adults 35-64 years of age, particularly those in high-risk occupations or with serious mental illness or substance use disorder, 2) young adults 18-24 years of age and 3) adolescents 10-17 years of age.

TAHD is an active member of the **National Diabetes Prevention Program** working to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. This is a yearlong, lifestyle change program designed for people with prediabetes and those at high risk for type 2 diabetes. Goals for participants include 150 minutes of weekly activity and 5 to 7% weight loss. TAHD began the first program in November at the Winchester Senior Center. At completion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion.

The TAHD **Immunization Action Program (IAP)** worked with local providers and hospitals to ensure compliance with CT childhood immunization laws. TAHD has partnered with 12 medical and 40 community-based organizations in the district to educate, bring awareness, and encourage immunization. TAHD provided medical providers with educational materials for staff and patients to promote vaccine confidence and promoted educational events. For community partners, we have set up displays in libraries, museums, food banks and attended numerous events such as back-to-school night & health fairs. TAHD distributed approximately 100 posters in public spaces such as post offices, coffee shops, libraries, and town halls. To encourage vaccination, TAHD continues to utilize social media.

The TAHD **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** provided case management for more than 40 children with blood lead levels ($\geq 5\mu\text{dl}$) as well as provided educational information to more than 100 families. Abatement/Remediation Orders were issued for 1 property. 2 abatements were completed.

TAHD **Environmental Health Program** resulted in the following inspections/licenses/permits: **868** food inspections, **349** temporary food permits, **121** new septic systems, **309** repaired septic systems, **207** private well permits, **111** private pool permits, **248** beauty salons & barber shops inspections, **560** house addition permits, **366** soil tests, **38** subdivision lots, **69** public pools were inspected, and **20** daycare centers inspected. Records show that approximately **366** samples were submitted to the state lab for testing of drinking water, beach and pool water, lead in water, soil and dust, and stool samples for pathogens. Sanitarians investigated **287** complaints of various public health concerns; **25** legal orders/voluntary compliances were issued for enforcement purposes.

The TAHD **Emergency Preparedness Program** continues to work with local and regional community partners. Activities included: outbreak investigations, contact tracing, consultation (health partners, public safety, town, and school officials) receiving and distribution of personal protective equipment, and vaccination clinics. A Point of Dispensing (POD) drill was done at the Torrington Middle School.

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The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** aimed its focus on local community education with a wide range of topics. Educational and training opportunities consisted of Heart Saver First Aid, CPR/AED courses, Mental Health during the COVID19 Pandemic, Opioid Crisis, recognition, and response, STOP the BLEED, and Emergency Preparedness in the home. TAHD's goal was to increase awareness and create a training curriculum so the public can better protect themselves and others in a safe, timely, and effective manner.

To date, TAHD has vaccinated 10,641 individuals for COVID through public and private clinics as well as homebound vaccinations. During November-January we held COVID-19 booster clinics. TAHD partnered with Hartford Healthcare, New Opportunities, Community Health & Wellness as well as The Office of Rural Health for the pediatric population and have hosted approximately 20 mobile vaccination clinics through DPH & Griffin Health Care. TAHD continues to distribute at-home COVID-19 test kits throughout the community including community centers, libraries, shelters, and food pantries.

The TAHD partners with Hydro Technologies lab for its **Water Testing Program**. Hydro Technologies, a full-service lab located in New Milford, CT offers a wide range of testing of drinking water. This partnership allows TAHD to offer a local option for water testing to its member towns. In addition, we offer free technical advice on private drinking water wells, sampling procedures, and water testing results.

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY, INC.

MICHELLE CASELAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County was created in 2020 by the mergers of Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (est. 1904), VNA Northwest (Bantam, est. 1928) and Foothills Visiting Nurse & Home Care (Winsted, est. 1922). The combined agencies will be caring for the residents of all towns in Litchfield County plus Burlington, Canton, and Hartland.

VNHLHC is a State licensed, Medicare certified, non-profit VNA providing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. VNHLHC provides services in the areas of Skilled Nursing, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, Medical Social Work, Hospice, IV Therapy, Dietary, Pediatrics, Wound Care, and Chronic Disease Management.

VNHLHC is very proud to be named to the HomeCare Elite for 9 consecutive years and identified as one of the best Home Care Agencies in the United States.

VNHLHC employs 115 people, 95% of whom reside locally in Northwest Connecticut.

VNHLHC cared for 2,442 patients and provided 56,861 patient visits in 2021-2022.

VNHLHC is proud of its long-standing history with the Town of Salisbury.

82 persons from Salisbury received home health services from VNHLHC during the past year.

Eighty-three (83%) percent of all our patients were age 65 or older.

VNHLHC also offers, with funding assistance from the town, the following services free of charge to residents of Salisbury:

- Flu Clinics
- Matter of Balance Classes – classes focus on how to maintain balance, continue moving and exercise at any age.
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Health Promotion Visits - VNHLHC receives an annual allocation from the town to help defray the costs of providing free Health Promotion visits and Public Health Programs. Health Promotion is a program in which certain elderly at-risk patients, who normally live alone and no longer qualify for insurance benefits, are routinely monitored free of charge by one of our staff nurses, therapists, social workers, or dietitians.

Structured Bereavement Groups are held twice a year. The groups are free and open to anyone in the community who has lost a family member or friend. The bereavement coordinator is also always available to meet privately with people. Just before the holiday season, an event, The Tree of Lights, is held to honor and remember VNHLHC patients who have passed within the past 18 months to which family members and caregivers are invited.

This past year VNHLHC was able to conduct public and many private flu clinics and administered more than 1,500 flu vaccines to mostly high-risk individuals. All ages, 18 and older, were welcome to attend.

Since VNHLHC is a non-profit health agency, the Board of Directors serve on a voluntary basis and represent all the towns in which full services are provided. The representatives from Salisbury for 2021-2022 were Louis J. Fox, John P. Charde, MD, Nancy Humphreys and Anne MacDonald.

Referrals for services are accepted from anyone and services are provided regardless of ability to pay, as long as contributions, grants and other appropriations are sufficient to cover these costs.

Contact:

Phone: 860-379-8561

Fax: 860-738-7479

Email: homecare@foothillsvna.org

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Website: www.vnhlc.org

WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

DR. D. ELIZABETH MAURO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year has arguably been one of the busiest years Women's Support Services (WSS) has ever experienced. The numbers speak for themselves. During the past year we:

- Provided support services to **821 clients** - **23 of these clients were from Salisbury.**
- **Of this number, 412 were new clients. This is a nearly 30% increase in two years.**
The composition of our new clients includes:
 - 381 adults and 31 children
 - 297 female, 111 male clients, 4 clients who chose 'Other'
- Responded to **1485 hotline crisis requests – a nearly 65% increase in two years.**
- Provided **emergency shelter to 20 people for a total of 2,135 nights of shelter. This included 11 women, 2 men, and 7 children.**
- Provided criminal and civil court advocacy and support to **670 victims of family violence – a 44% increase over two years.**
- Conducted **194 prevention workshops to children and teens** in area schools. We are now active in every single elementary/middle school in the region, as well as Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

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The increasing requests for support and expansion of programming has fueled growth in other areas as well. WSS recruited an additional Advocate this spring, bringing our Client Services team to 5 full-time staff. We have also added a Director of Operations, bringing us to 12 full-time staff members altogether. We also moved into new offices this spring, and we now have the space to host events and training workshops – and room for all of our staff members! We are also in the midst of plans to create a welcoming community space, complete with kitchen and laundry, a dining area, and space for clients and their families to rest, do homework, and have a sense of normalcy, all while accessing vital services and supports under one roof. **Thank you to the Town of Salisbury for your grant of \$2,124 last year, which has been critical in helping Women's Support Services meet the increased requests from our clients and community.**

Our growing team has brought us diversity, critical skills, and increased capacity. Our new Director of Community Engagement, in collaboration with the Director of Clients Services, revised our prevention education program to create a seamless progression of lessons from grade 6 – grade 12. In the Region One Middle Schools and High School, every student will access WSS programming. Also exciting is the fact that our Prevention Education team has begun engaging parents around the topics we are discussing with their children at school. This is a critical point for helping parents and caretakers to reinforce the lessons and strategies their students are learning, and will also be a learning opportunity for them. The Director also revitalized our certification training program for volunteers and re-launched our *Early Years Program*, which focuses on Kindergarten - Grade 2. This program is largely volunteer-run.

We are also better able to serve our clients. We now have staff members who are bilingual in English and Spanish, we have more options for emergency and interim housing, and we have the capacity to provide consistent support to clients who enter the Rapid Re-housing program, but still need on-going support. Most clients need support beyond counseling. They need help accessing services, obtaining legal documents, negotiating with agencies, organizing meetings and childcare, etc. If they don't have a car or just need someone to be with them, there is an entirely different level of support that is required.

We are also expanding our community education program, which helps healthcare and emergency service providers identify victims of abuse and refer to them to our services. We are engaging area businesses and other community partners to ensure that we are reaching the people who need our services, to raise awareness about the many forms of domestic violence, and to spread the message that abuse is not acceptable and victims are to be believed, not blamed.

The on-going support of the Town of Salisbury has been critical to the continued strengthening of our programs and support services. Thank you.

I felt like a rock star reading to the class! The kids loved brainstorming. The class was very engaged and loved asking questions during and after hearing the story. It was the end of their school day when I left. As I walked outside, I overheard one of the students talking with her dad. She was excited to show him her paper and tell him about the story from class. I'm hoping that by bringing home her paper, she (and the other students) will share the lessons with her siblings and other people outside of class.

Amanda Gregg, WSS Volunteer

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen (BOS):

First Monday of the month, 5:00pm

Board of Education - Salisbury Central School (SCS BOE):

Fourth Monday, 5:30pm, Salisbury Central School

Conservation Commission

First Thursday, 6:00pm

Inland/Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC):

Second & Fourth Monday, 6:30pm

Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC):

Third Monday, (6:30pm, March through Oct. and 5:30pm, November through March)

Pope Land Design Committee (PLDC):

First Thursday, 10:00am

Recreation Commission:

Second Tuesday, 7:30pm

Region One Board of Education:

First Monday, 6:30pm

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (SAHC):

Third Thursday, 5:30pm

Salisbury Economic Development Committee (SEDC):

Third Wednesday, 5:30pm

Salisbury Fire Commission (SFC):

Second Wednesday, 5:30pm,

Lakeville Hose Company, 4 Brook St.

Salisbury Historic District Commission (SHDC):

First Tuesday, 9:00am

Salisbury Pathways Committee (SPC):

Second Monday, 5:30pm

Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC):

Third Wednesday (Bi-monthly), 5:00pm

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA):

Third Tuesday, 7:00am

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

Second Tuesday, 5:00pm

**Meeting dates may change when scheduled on a holiday*

***2023 Meetings will be held remotely until further notice*

Board of Finance (BOF):

All Meetings Begin at **6:00pm** (except where noted):

Thurs., Jan. 12

Quarterly Meeting

Wed., Feb. 8 (7:30pm)

Annual Town Meeting to receive Final Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Presentation of the Town Report.

Thurs., March 9

Receive initial budgets from the Board of Education (BOE) and Board of Selectmen (BOS)

Tues., March 21

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

Thurs., April 6

Quarterly Meeting

Mon., April 24 (7:30pm)

Public Hearing on Budgets immediately followed by Final Budget review. Vote on Budgets to present to Town Budget Meeting

Tues., May 2

Region One Referendum (12-8pm)

Wed., May 3 (7:30pm)

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

Tues., July 11

Quarterly and End of Fiscal Year Meeting

Tues., Oct. 17


Quarterly Meeting

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