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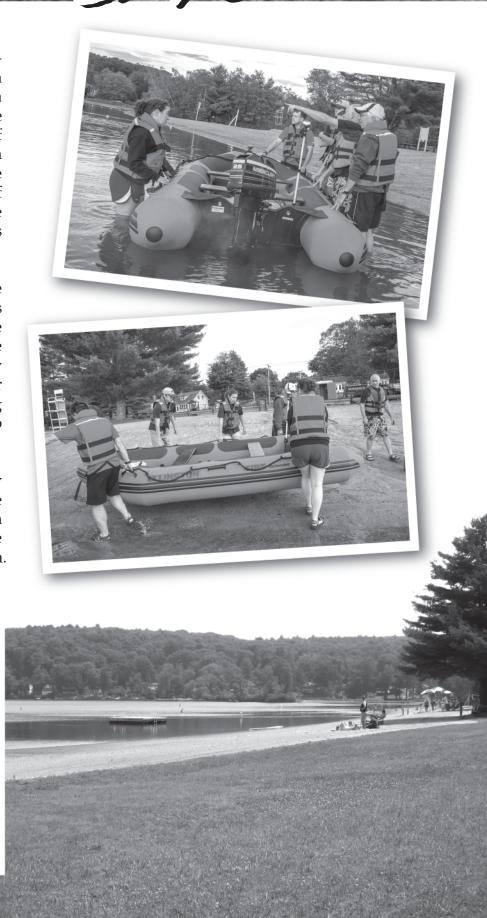
Constal Lake

Crystal Lake has an area of approximately 200 acres, with a maximum depth of 50 feet (15.2 meters) and a mean depth of 20 feet (6 meters). The deepest water is located in the center of the lake. Principally it is fed by Aborn Brook, located at the south end, and the outlet dam is located at the north end of the lake. The ratio of water inflow rate is such that the water in the lake is replaced about once every year.

Artifacts found at the north end of the lake indicate that the Nipmuc Indians resided here and called the lake Wabbaquasset, meaning 'place where cattails grow'. The lake was origionally called Square Pond or Ruby Lake after the garnets found in the surrounding hills. In 1889 the name was changed to Crystal Lake.

Today, the entire shore is lined by residential property with only one public beach located on Sandy Beach Road (Rt. 140) at the south end of the lake, operated by the Town of Ellington.









TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

ROBERT J. CLEMENTS Chairman

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Dear Ellington Residents:

Nothing stays the same forever and Ellington is no different. Several changes have occurred within the last year which have impacted the quality of life here in Ellington.

For one, a bond issue for 20 years @ 3.18% was issued in the amount of \$10,630,000 to finance several programs which the voters had asked for. Those programs include, renovations to the Windermere School to accommodate the reassignment of students in all the schools, a redesign and upgrade of the long overdue Crystal Lake School project, the purchase of the development rights from the Bahler Farm, the Charter Farm and the McKnight Farm guaranteeing a certain amount of "open space" in Ellington in an effort to maintain the rural nature and environment of the town. Included in that bond, in addition to those projects already mentioned are the additional athletic fields on Pinney Street.

Also we are asking for bids on a lease purchase agreement for a replacement fire truck for the Crystal Lake Fire Dept. The truck it is replacing has outlived its cost effectiveness to keep in service.

In the south end of town we are contemplating the purchase of 6 Nutmeg Drive (formerly Skips Wastewater Services) to be used as a satellite fire station for that end of town. Currently we are leasing space in that area at considerable cost for a smaller building. The cost savings of buying an existing building that meets the needs and requirement of the Center Fire Department as opposed to starting from scratch and building our own building could amount to millions of dollars. Hopefully this project can be completed before the year is over.

Many thanks to all the people in town who serve on the Boards and Commissions (without compensation) that make this town run. Without them, the cost of government would be prohibitive.

Many thanks also to the various Department Heads who submit budgets to us for operating expenses for constantly looking for a more efficient way of managing their departments. Ellington is truly blessed to have such high quality people serving the Town of Ellington.

We look forward to providing the "most bang for the buck" to the citizens of Ellington into the future.

October 22, 2015

Robert J./Clements, Chairman

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen is collectively responsible for the administration of the town offices, the maintenance of the town highways and parks, the public safety of its citizens, the keeping of financial accounts and the appointment of administrative officers, boards and commissions.



Board of Selectmen

Back Row (L-R): Melinda M. Ferry, James Prichard, A. Leo Miller, Lori Spielman Front Row (L-R): John Turner; Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman; Ronald F. Stomberg

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of twelve regular meetings plus six special meetings. Four public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called six town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2014-2015:

AGREEMENTS:

- Adopted the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy [C-PACE] Program Agreement
- Approved the Revised Emergency Services Agreement for Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute the Agreement between Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, Inc. and the Town of Ellington

CONTRACTS

- Grand List to Vision Government Solutions, Inc. of Northboro, Massachusetts, in the amount of \$111,200
- Awarded the contract for snow plowing for 2014-2015 to Barber Utilities, LLC of Ellington
- Awarded the contract for mechanical services for 2015-2017 to Action Air Systems, Inc.
- Awarded the contract for cleaning services for 2015-2017 to Adams and Adams Cleaning Services Inc.
- Awarded the contract for Sub-accounting Investment Services to People's United Bank
- Awarded the contract for the FY 2015-16 Small Cities Grant Application Preparation and Program Administration to Community Opportunities Group, Inc., Boston, MA
- Awarded the contract for Electrical Services to Ellington Electrical Contractor, LLC
- Awarded the contract for chip seal of the Town roads to New England Asphalt Services LLC of Northford, CT and All-States Asphalt, Inc. of Sunderland, MA
- Awarded the contract for computer service and maintenance to The Computer Company, Cromwell, CT

FINANCES

- Approved an additional appropriation for \$58,000: (\$33,000) Police Vehicle (\$25,000) Replace Police Radios
- Set Trash Collection Fee \$125
- Approved additional appropriation for Town Hall Addition and Renovation Study (\$32,480)
- Increased the Fixed Assets value amount for Capital Improvement requests from \$10,000 to \$20,000
- Approved revisions to the Emergency Services Incentive Program
- Sent Budget to Town Meeting; budget passed at Town Meeting on May 12, 2015. Grand Total \$53,958,936

GRANTS

- EVFD Redesign and Renovation Grant (\$200,000)
- Connecticut State Library Historic Document Preservation Grant for the Town Clerk's Office (\$5,000)
- Connecticut State Library Services and Technology Act Grant for an Oral History Project (\$5,000)
- Department of Transportation Grant for Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Resident Trooper Towns (\$37,575)
- Department of Transportation Grant for High Risk Rural Roads-Speed Enforcement Program (\$15,190)
- Office of Policy Management Grant for Police and Youth Services Side by Side Program (\$10,000)
- Office of Policy Management Grant to Connect to Nutmeg Network for Broadband Fiber High Speed Internet (\$33,000)
- Office of Policy Management Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant for Town Hall Addition (\$500,000)
- Department of Environmental Protection for Floating Boardwalk-Hockanum River Trail (\$6,000)
- Department of Transportation Speed Enforcement Grant (\$19,000)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

• Revised the EDC Tax Abatement Policy

PROPERTY

- Accepted the donation of 0.2 acres of land located at 200-204 Sandy Beach Road
- Approved receipt and acquisition of development rights of approximately 118.98 acres of land situated on Middle and Abbott Roads (Bahler Farms)/Approved at Town Meeting on September 2, 2014

ORDINANCES

 Approved the revision to the No Smoking Policy and sent it to Public Hearing on January 12, 2015; Approved at Town Meeting on February 9, 2015

STAFF

- Granted permanent status to Troy Ciesco, Land Use Technician
- Granted permanent status to Deborah Landry-Schiessl, EMT/ Ambulance Driver
- Hired Scott Fine, EMT/Ambulance Driver
- Accepted the resignation of Paul Prouty, Maintainer I/ Department of Public Works
- Hired Jonathan Morisett, Part Time EMT/Ambulance Drive
- Hired Jeremy Powell, Police Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Linda Worthington, Senior Center Van Driver
- Hired Ginger MacHattie as the Administrative Secretary II in the Building Department
- Reclassified Leonard Descheneaux from the position of Assistant Foreman to Foreman/Department of Public Works
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kevin Lonergan, Deputy Assessor

- Hired Keith J. Jarvis, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- Hired Denis M. Giroux, Maintainer I, Department of Public Works
- · Hired Kenneth J. McCarthy, Senior Center Van Driver
- Reclassified Kimberly Bechard from the position of Administrative Assessment Technician to Deputy Assessor
- Reclassified James S. York, II to Supervisory Deputy Fire Marshal
- Acknowledged the retirement of Jack A. Rich, Assistant Foreman, Department of Public Works, after 41+ years of service
- Hired Alysia McDowell, Recording Secretary, Ethics Commission
- Acknowledged the retirement of Jean Baseel, Assistant to the Senior Center Director, after 6 years of service
- Reclassified Samantha Baer, Senior Center Assistant Director
- Promoted Kevin Gambacorta to Assistant Foreman, Department of Public Works
- Hired Susan Maheux, Senior Center Bookkeeper
- Acknowledged the resignation of Diane Cassano, Finance Office Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Claude Robert, Senior Center Transportation Secretary
- Hired Carl Badeau, Brush Drop-off Facility Attendant, Department of Public Works
- Hired Tressa Giordano, Youth Program Coordinator
- Hired Donald Bridge, Jr., Police Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Nicholas Delorme, Senior Center Custodian
- Acknowledged the resignations of Bryan Goulet and Christie Mason, EMTs/Drivers
- Hired Patricia Choiniere, Finance Office Clerk
- Hired Travis Provera and Brett Sherman, DPW Seasonal Workers
- Hired Joseph Amodio, Senior Center Custodian
- Hired Joseph Tarzi, Recording Secretary, Charter Revision Commission

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted the resignation of Richard Petrucci from the Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees
- Appointed Daniel J. Sclare to the Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees to replace Richard Petrucci

OTHER ACTIONS

- Issued a Special License to Brent Moser for September 13, 2014 Jeep Show
- Selected Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow as the 2014 Wall of Honor Recipient
- Proclaimed Mildred Arens Dimock Day in honor of her 100th birthday – September 6, 2014
- Appointed Dorian R. Famiglietti, Esq. from the firm of Kahan Kerensky and Caposella LLP as Town Attorney for the period August 19, 2014 through December 7, 2015
- Updated the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Adjusted the Building Permit Fee Schedule
- Established a Charter Revision Commission
- Held Annual Public Works Open House
- Recommended to the State Department of Transportation that the Waiver to Permit Delayed Parachute Jumping at Ellington Airport be renewed for one year
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 10 years of service: Mary K. Clements, Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees; Ann Marie Hayes, Board of Education; Steven J. Hoffman, Inland Wetlands Agency; James M. Prichard, Board of Selectmen; Carol A. Strom, Planning and Zoning Commission
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 30 years of service: John W. Turner, E911 Municipal Coordinator; Edward A. Duell, Water Pollution Control Authority

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is Financial Authority of the town. The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds. The Board also represents taxpayer interests in other policy or operational matters which would affect the tax base or impact the future receipt of taxpayer funds. While the Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Director to establish and enforce fiscal policy, and implement the recommendations of the town auditors. The Board also directs fiscal policy such as the establishment of Reserve Funds, and the allocation of funds among sectors such as departmental budgets, capital expenditures and debt service.

The Board of Finance meets monthly, except during the period of January through April, when it meets weekly toward assembling the annual budget.



Board of Finance:

Seated L-R: Barry Pinto, Robert Clements-Chairman, Douglas Harding Standing L-R: Michael Varney, John Racheck, Mark Joyse

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.
- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List, (the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property in the Town of Ellington). This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. The objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established

by the October 1, 2010 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are targeted to benefit active military servicemen and veterans, the totally disabled, the blind, senior citizens, manufacturers, charitable organizations, farmers and owners of land classified as farm, forest and open space.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2014 Grand List
- Enhance and update the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Initiate and manage the ongoing Revaluation for the 2015 Grand List

TAX BASE

Grand List Total	s 10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14
Real Estate	1,113,939,027	1,126,320,506	1,141,179,653
Personal Propert	y 40,317,050	44,157,235	45,777,946
Motor Vehicle	117,200,796	121,673,858	124,566,690
TOTAL	\$1,271,456,873	\$1,292,151,599	1,311,524,289

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2014 through December 2014, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen in 1963, James Thompson of the firm of Buck & Buck Engineering in Hartford was appointed as the Town Engineer. In November 1980, the Ellington Board of Selectmen established the policy that the Town Engineer shall be utilized by all town boards and commissions. Upon the request of a town agency, designation of a temporary town engineer for a particular function to be performed may be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed subdivisions and made recommendations to various land use commissions.
- Reviewed and issued recommendations to land use commissions regarding proposed commercial, industrial, and residential site plans and permits.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Finance Officer is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all financial transactions for the Town of Ellington. Other duties include the investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversees Information Technology
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects –Senior Center/ Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations/Human Services/Recreation Building Improvements
- Prepare Study for Increasing Fixed Asset Value for Capital Improvement Requests from \$10,000 to \$20,000
- Moody's presentation for Bond Issue \$10,630,000 Aa3
- Bond Issue \$10,630,000 Crystal Lake and Windermere School Improvements, Pinney Street Athletic Fields, and Farm Acquisition Development Rights-Bahler Farm, Charter Farm, McKnight Farm. Twenty year Bond Issue, interest rate 3.1453%
- Completed Lease for DPW Replacement Street Sweeper -\$170,000
- Completed Lease for BOE System-wide Technology Equipment for Windermere School and Ellington Middle School - \$285,455
- Assisted in the implementation of the upgraded telephone system for General Government Buildings
- Awarded Grant for Nutmeg Network Grant; Broadband Fiber High Speed Internet

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the following projects:

- Bid-To Provide Food Services at Town Beach
- RFP-The Complete Reappraisal and Revaluation
- Bid-Sanitary Sewer Extensions, Maple Street (RTE 140) & West Shore/Stafford Roads (RTE 30)
- Bid-To Provide Cleaning Services of Town Facilities
- Bid-To Provide Mechanical Services
- Bid-Crystal Lake Elementary School Expansion & Renovate As New Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment/Technology Package Phase 2 of 3 CT DOE#048-0058 EA/RR/PS
- RFP-Sub-Accounting and Investment Services
- Bid-Crystal Lake Elementary School Expansion & Renovate As New Technology Package Phase 2 of 3 CT DOE#048-0058 EA/RR/PS
- Bid-Chipseal of Town Roads
- RFP-Service and Maintenance of Computer System
- Bid-Audit Services for Years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Bid-Sanitary Sewer Replacements, McKnight, Hughes & Lewis Circles
- Bid-Sidewalk Extension, High School to Cider Mill Heights Maple Street (RTE 140)

The Finance Office assisted the Board of Finance in the following areas:

- Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
- Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and contingency funds
- Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

The Finance Office assisted the Permanent Building Committee in the following areas:

- Senior Center Building Project
- Crystal Lake School Renovation, Addition, Alterations and Improvements Project
- Windermere School Renovations, Alterations, and Improvements Project
- · Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer use and assessments. These responsibilities are governed by Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, and Town Ordinances.

A consistently high rate of collection is the key to fiscal stability for the town and remains the number one priority of the Tax Collector. Balancing the need to maintain a high rate of collection with the sensitivity necessary to deal with the individual taxpayer issues is an integral part of the tax collection function.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2013 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,846 Real Estate

872 Personal Property

15,893 Motor Vehicle

2,675 Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$37,424,319

COMPARISON	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Current Collections	\$34,866,838	\$35,893,052	\$36,992,464
Back Collections	309,220	355,220	314,571
Interest & Liens	351,896	319,824	259,848
Collection Rate	98.7%	98.8%	99.1%

There are several statutory methods used to collect past due taxes. Liens are placed on all past due real estate accounts, demand letters are prepared and mailed and non-responsive accounts are referred to the Town Attorney for Tax Sales or foreclosure. UCC liens are filed with the Secretary of State on all past due personal property accounts. All past due motor vehicle accounts are reported to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

The Tax Office provides ongoing technical information and assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, bankers, appraisers, and leasing companies. We deal electronically with escrow services and banks which make it more critical for the customer to ask questions if there is a discrepancy.

TOWN CLERK PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office consist of the following, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statutes govern the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of Vital Records.

- · Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of absentee ballot election material for all elections, primaries, referenda.
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- · Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- · Aircraft Registration Official
- · Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and lawsuits and submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On-line Dog registration is available through the Town website.
- Awarded Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$4,000.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public.
- Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- All recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office.

SUMMARY	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Births	137	148	140
Marriages	87	81	87
Deaths	86	96	92
Land Record Recordings	2983	2803	2267
Map Filings	37	35	45
Trade Names	51	34	53
Dog Licenses	2329	2360	2383
Kennel Licenses	8	10	7
Sportsman Licenses	96	521	429
Liquor Permits	10	16	16
Veterans Discharges	38	27	32
Cemetery Deeds	21	41	27
Aircraft Registration	25	29	25

PAYME	NT DUE CALENDAR
JULY	 Real Estate 1st installment Personal Property 1st installment Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	• Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	• Trash Collection Fee
JANUARY	 Real Estate 2nd installment Personal Property 2nd installment Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax only if applicable
APRIL	• Sewer Usage Fee
JUNE	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee Dog License Fee

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The planning department serves five permanent land use commissions and one Ad Hoc commission. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board. Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner Wetland and Zoning Officer, a full-time Land Use Technician and a part-time Administrative Secretary.

In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. The planning department also coordinates closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the commissions and then incorporated into local planning documents. Related policy objectives are then translated into land use regulations and related procedures. Planning Department staff assists elected and appointed officials to achieve these objectives by administering the regulations and procedures.

TOWN ATTORNEY

My first year as Town Attorney has been a busy and productive one. I have been working with the First Selectman's Office and various Town Departments on a number of fairly routine matters. Although these matters may be fairly routine, they are the types of matters that keep the Town running smoothly and efficiently and make Ellington a desirable community in which to live do business. I have been working with the Planning Department to offer legal opinions, when necessary, relative to new development proposals and reviewing various conveyances to the Town that have been required in connection with approved developments. I have also been assisting the Public Works Department, Water and Sewer Department, Town Engineer and Finance Officer on bidding and contracting for the multitude of services required to operate the town, from construction of new sidewalks, sewer extensions and road improvements to contracting for computer maintenance and annual auditing services. I have been working with the Assessor to procure services for the 2015 town-wide revaluation and to resolve a few miscellaneous tax appeals, as well as providing services to the Tax Collector to collect on a number of delinquent tax accounts. For the First Selectman, I have been reviewing and updating contracts for provision of emergency services, evaluating possible sites for a new fire department, negotiating the acquisition of development rights and open spaces, and reviewing various ordinance revisions. Ellington is truly fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and professional group of individuals working towards the Town's best interests and it has been my pleasure to work with them all. I look forward to many more years of serving the Town of Ellington.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) for the town, as well as processing subdivision, site plan, special permit, and other development applications. These applications are processed in accordance with regulations such as the zoning and subdivision

regulations. In addition, the PZC reviews proposed public improvements for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the acceptance of proposed public streets and improvements and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans. This is accomplished through plan review and site inspections and the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

The PZC pursues implementation of the goals and objectives of the POCD. The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every ten (10) years. The PZC last conducted a comprehensive amendment to the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

- Establishes land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourages economic development;
- Protects natural, scenic and cultural resources, and promotes quality of life for residents;
- Enhances and preserves the rural character and small-town aesthetics:
- Establishes zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Creates more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner.

During this fiscal year, the commission concluded a study on Ellington's main commercial corridor - Route 83 (West Road) from the Vernon town line to the northern boundary of the Ellington Airport property. The study initiated to coordinate limited sanitary sewer capacity within the Hockanum Sewer Service Area and included a comprehensive analysis of existing multi-family developments and governing regulations and evaluated existing land uses, zoning, and build-out to help guide future development.

Following a public information meeting and a complete analysis of existing multi-family developments, the residential chapter of the POCD was amended to provide additional guidance for future residential build-out. And, after several months of review, including two public information sessions and many formal meetings before various land use commissions and policy-making boards, the PZC endorsed a final Route 83 Corridor Study as an appendix to the POCD.

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of these regulations are now being reviewed and amended over the next several years in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven (7) Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 reviews, resulting in positive referrals.
- Four (4) zoning regulation amendments.
- One (1) subdivision application approved, resulting in three (3) new building lots.
- Thirty-five (35) other zoning applications were reviewed composed of site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes or statutory referral reports.
- One (1) administrative action was processed changing approval classification and addition.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY (IWA)

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect inland wetlands and watercourses. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) and floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred and fifty (250) feet away from these resources, as well as direct impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, notices, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Five (5) agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Four (4) modifications to existing agency permits approved.
- Six (6) administrative agent applications approved approved with modifications or conditions.
- Four (4) requests for notification of permitted & non-regulated uses accepted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

The EDC is committed to fostering a pro-business environment which encourages a growing, sustainable and diverse tax base. The EDC continuously looks to facilitate communication between businesses and town officials. The EDC adopts policies consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and strives to improve the quality of life in Ellington.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to support tax abatement/incentive programs such as C-PACE, a commercial property assessed clean energy program.
- Supported legislation to facilitate greater availability of natural gas for Ellington homes and businesses.
- Continued to support shop-local, buy-local initiatives through promoting Shop Ellington - an interactive online and mobileaccessible business directory.
- Members of the Tolland County Chamber Economic Development Committee.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. In addition, the ZBA hears appeals from people who feel that department staff had made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations, or if they have been denied a zoning permit from the designated Enforcement Officer(s). The ZBA also currently approves locations for an applicant who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although this authority given to the ZBA has been the subject of many statutory revisions in recent years, it is subject to change during any upcoming state legislative session.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fifteen (15) variance applications approved (five (5) with modifications or conditions).
- One (1) variance application denied.
- Three (3) variance applications withdrawn.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space and farmland preservation. The commission is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed one subdivision for open space set-aside or fee-in-lieu of open space.
- Continued to support properties for consideration under the farmland preservation program. During this fiscal year, the McKnight Farm, generally situated in the northwestern section of Town on the easterly side of Green Road and the northerly and southerly sides of Muddy Brook Road, received final approval for permanent preservation of approximately one hundred and twenty-two (122) acres.
- Completed a comprehensive review of the Ellington Plan of Conservation (POC), a document intended to help balance development of land with the need for clean air, clean water and protected natural areas. The POC was last updated in 2006.
- Continued to support the Hockanum River Committee (HRC) in their efforts to create and maintain trails around the Hockanum River. The HRC, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, with support from the Board of Selectmen, received a four thousand eight hundred dollar (\$4,800) grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the construction of a boardwalk along the Hockanum River.
- Continued to support Energize Connecticut Initiatives.
- Created and published a new Open Space and Preserved Farmland GIS (Geographic Information System) map.
- Assisted with the creation of the Ellington Hockanum River Trails brochure.
- Co-sponsored a Building Healthy Communities by Design Workshop with the North Central District Health Department.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

The DRB is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) regarding design elements for commercial and industrial developments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Endorsed design guideline elements contained in the Route 83 Corridor Study that was adopted by the PZC as an appendix to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).
- Expanded future design review authority to include multifamily developments.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The State of Connecticut grant funds focus has shifted from new housing construction to rehabilitation of existing units. As a result, our proposal to build new elderly housing units has been temporarily suspended. We intend to apply for rehabilitation grant funds in April of 2016. Final decisions as to how to use these funds have not yet been made but will likely include replacement of sidewalks and roofs, as well as replacement of unit heat pumps.

Unit occupancy remains high and turnover very low. But, in May and June of 2015, 4 units were vacated. It is expected that new tenants will occupy these units by September 2015. The wait list of applications is currently at 60 for applications received thru 12/31/14. Another 20 new applications have been received in 2015.

In November 2014, Albert Wachsman resigned from our board of commissioners. Aaron Foster was appointed to fill this vacancy. Timothy Collins was reappointed for another 5 year term commencing in June of 2015.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five member board with the responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the two sewer systems in the Town, the Hockanum Sewer System that collects residential and commercial sewage for treatment at the Vernon Sewer Plant and the Crystal Lake Sewer System that collects residential sewage for treatment at the Stafford Sewer Treatment Plant. All town sewer maintenance is handled by the Public Works Department by agreement with the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Maple St Sewer Extension and West Shore/Stafford Rd Extension Awarded to Avery Construction.
- AppGeo Completed Sewer Layer for Ellington GIS MapGeo
- Sewer Benefit Assessments Waived for Town Hall and Annex
- Set Sewer User Fees for Hockanum and Crystal Lake systems
- Went out to Bid and Awarded Contract to JDC Enterprises for Sewer Line Replacements on Hughes, Lewis and McKnight Circles.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms.

The Democratic Registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican Registrar is Wanda DeLand.

The registrars are responsible for organizing and conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for registering and maintaining accurate voter records for the town and numerous other duties. In addition, the Registrars must attend two annual conferences and this past year a mandatory certification program has been put in place which all registrars must attend.

This past November, the State and Federal election was held. Both districts voted at Ellington High School due to renovations at Crystal Lake. For the State and Federal election District #1 had at the time 7,210 registered voters with 4,189 voting in person for a voter turnout of 58 percent. District #2 had 2,101 registered voters with 1,260 voting in person for a total voter turnout of 60 percent. There were also 171 absentee ballots received town wide and 91 voters who registered and voted on Election Day.

As of June 30, 2015 District #1 has 1,704 registered Democrats, 1,698 registered Republicans, 3,617 registered as Unaffiliated and 93 registered in other political parties for a total of 7,112 voters. District #2 has 495 registered Democrats, 484 registered Republicans, 1051 registered as Unaffiliated and 26 registered in other political parties. The total registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,168 which is a decrease of 13 registered voters from the preceding year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with

construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During fiscal Year 2014-15 the focus of the Permanent Building Committee was and continues to be the Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition and Windermere School Alteration project. The Committee met 12 times.
- The Senior Center project is complete and aside from a few minor items to be purchased, is ready for close out by the committee. This summer the irrigation and parking lot expansion projects will be completed.
- Phase I of both the Crystal Lake School and Windermere projects have been completed this fiscal year. The weather this winter hampered some of the masonry work on the Crystal Lake addition but thanks to all involved, the schedules are being met. The addition to the Crystal Lake School has been constructed, the landscape completed, all utilities have been run to the building and the ball fields constructed. This summer the renovation to the existing building will begin. The playscapes for both Crystal Lake and Windermere were approved and purchased. At Windermere School, the Pre-K classrooms, playscape and administration areas will be the focus.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (BAA)

The purpose of the BAA is to hear appeals of taxpayers who believe there is an error in the assessed value of their real estate, motor vehicle or personal property. The three member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen conducts appeal hearings and adjusts assessed values, if necessary, based on the board's determinations.

The BAA conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles in September. Shortly after the appeal, the BAA deliberates and the applicant is notified by mail prior to the first day of either April for real estate and personal property or October for motor vehicles of the Board's decision.

Taxpayers who feel their property is incorrectly assessed should visit the Town Assessor's Office and complete an appeal application prior to the cutoff date of February 20th. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing scheduled in March. Motor vehicle appeals held in September may be completed on the night of the hearing and are heard on a first come first heard basis.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

New England Aquatic Services spent 10 days and 108 Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting hours between August 4, and August 19, 2014. One and one-half (1.5) days were spent removing Large Leaf Pondweed and Variable Leaf Milfoil (milfoil) from an area just outside the Northeast Cove. One-half (0.5) day was spent performing the Annual Maintenance by surveying the lake for previously undetected invasive plants. None were found. The remaining 8 days were spent harvesting milfoil in a large patch off of the Town Beach and Aborn Brook /

Aborn Cove. The funds available for suction harvesting were expended before the milfoil removal in this area was completed.

Water Quality monitoring was performed throughout the 2014 season in the open water areas of the lake and Aborn Brook. In 2015 the two (2) inlet channels were also added for testing. Parameters being tested are phosphorous, dissolved oxygen and temperature in the main body of the lake and total phosphorous and nitrate nitrogen in Aborn Brook and the two inlet channels. Water quality in the lake continues to be good.

Northeast Aquatic Research performed a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of the littoral lake in September 2014 and issued a report with recommendations for work during FY 2015 – 2016.

Aborn Cove and the Northeast Cove were not included in this survey. The findings and recommendations for FY 2015 – 2016 are as follows:

- Continue the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake.
- Remove Red Leaf Pondweed off of the Northeast Cove, and the sporadic plants off of the Town Beach
- The Large Leaf Pondweed found in the previous year off of the Town Beach is no longer present.
- Milfoil: a) There are numerous plants located offshore of the Town Beach. They are mostly outside the area worked by New England Aquatic Services. It appears that several of the larger plants in this area may reach the surface in the future and that this area is probably being seeded by the plants in the Aborn Cove / Aborn Brook Area. Continue removing plants in this area. Also consider removing plants in the shallow and more difficult area in Aborn Brook. b) No plants were found in the main channel by the dam at the north end of the lake. Several small plants were found along the northeast shore by the dam. c) Several plants were found off of the Northeast Cove, though much less than in 2013. Remove these plants. d) Consider controlling milfoil in the Route 140 Pond.
- Perform a comprehensive lake wide aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2015.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House in its capacity as a 501 (c) (3) organization called the Friends of the Pinney House Inc., received a HPTAG grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. The \$5,000 Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant required matching funds and thanks to the hard work of Jim Gage, we were able to secure a generous donation from the Vranos Foundation, which enabled us to be eligible for the grant. The funds from the grant are being used to hire an historic architect, Bob Hurd, to draw up preliminary plans for the rehabilitation and restoration of the interior for use as a Cultural Arts and Education Center for the Town of Ellington. When Bob completes his project, we will meet with Town officials to share our vision for this historic property and to seek their approval as well as to encourage their ideas and suggestions.

PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The Memorial Day Parade preparation continues to be our major undertaking, which was again co-chaired by Alan Lewandosky, Jim Stemmerman and Bruce Warkentin. Special attention was given to this event as it celebrated the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Three Middle School students interviewed three WWII Veterans guest participants to summarize their war experiences. These experiences were related to the audience by these students as part of the ceremony.

The Flag Day ceremony was attended by members of the Patriotic Committee, Boy Scouts, Fire Department personnel as well as members of the public.

We were again the Ellington representatives for the Wreaths Across America and the ceremony held at noon on December 13, 2014. We have purchased four 8x12 signs to advertise this event which will be placed on the main routes into Ellington in mid-October. We began a more active role of advertising this program and our group. Our flag expenditure was \$1080 allowing us to purchase 72 flags that was funded by revenue of \$905.39. Additionally we received 80 wreaths from an unnamed donor that had a value of \$1200.Our net expenditure was only \$175 for 152 wreaths that were placed on the graves of our service men at the Ellington Cemetery.

The maintenance of the POW/MIA Monument was transferred from Boy Scout Troop 96 due to their financial issues. The Monument was in serious disrepair and required many hours of volunteer work from our group, the Public Works Department and one grandson to bring it to an appropriate appearance. The total cost for this renovation was approximately \$800 verses quotes from a local nursery of \$2500-\$3100. There will be ongoing maintenance issues involving plant watering and weeding.

The Ellington Youth participation program was successful in finding one interested youth, Daniel Joy, a junior at Ellington High School. Two of our members were vetted by the State Police/FBI to allow us to work with our town's youth. Additional inquires to the Town Youth organization and St Luke Church were not successful. Our youth member will be 18 next month and will be eligible to join our group as a full-time voting member.

The "Field of Flags" project at the Town Cemetery has been tabled until 2016.



Entertainment at Ellington Farmers' Market

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police is to protect life and property. The team consists of a Sergeant, four Resident State Troopers, fourteen Town Officers, three Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland. The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads. Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents, Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies along with periodic DWI saturation patrols and speed enforcement under state issued grants. In conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture, we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.
- The Town-wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of any neighborhood to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- During the past year the Resident Troopers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunken driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.
- The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.
- The Resident Troopers' Office in conjunction with the Board of Education conducted safety audits of the schools and established two full-time School Resource Officer positions. The town will continue to have one full-time School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The following is a brief summary of the Police Team's Major Activities:

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Criminal Cases Investigated	302	349	302
Motor Vehicle Investigations	174	215	176
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	3,318	3,353	3,001
DWI's	18	38	35
Marine Safety Inspections	759	687	656
Calls for Services	11,420	10,857	11,021

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for the public safety, health and welfare, as it relates to the use and occupancy of all town buildings and structures.

The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex.

Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

ACTIVITY REPORT

20	012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
New Single Family Homes	40	46	24
New Commercial Buildings	2	2	6
New Multi-Family Buildings	0	4	7
Residential Alteration & Additions	44	41	45
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	158	158	199
Mechanical/Electrical	669	692	668
Other	149	131	133
Totals	1,062	1,074	1,082
Field Inspections	1,291	1,261	1,373

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Department of Town Fire Marshal performs both investigative and code enforcement roles within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Administrative and criminal search warrant applications and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed with the court system when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are mandated (more than 2,500 inspections) by state statute. This requires enforcement of the following State of Connecticut codes: Fire Safety, Fire Prevention, Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Explosives, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Liquid Natural Gas, Gas Equipment, Fireworks and Special Effects, Oil Burner Equipment, Tents and Portable Shelters. Numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes are also enforced. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes and arrest warrant applications are prepared when appropriate. In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes, and explosives operations. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are examined and approved prior to the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy are approved for those occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code. All open burning is regulated, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals are regulated, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary. Of the more than three hundred enforcement citations issued, many resulted in the issuance of construction permits for abatement work, with those fees reflected in the Building Department revenues.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1994-1995	2004-2005	2014-2015
Investigations	80	58	47
Criminal	29	23	14
Non-criminal	44	33	30
Undetermined	7	2	3
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	2	0	3
Building Fires	24	10	11
Motor Vehicle Fires	7	3	8
All Other Fires	26	35	21
Hazardous Materials Incidents	14	6	7
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$ 158.2	\$ 218.2	\$ 505.9
Criminal	\$17.5	\$ 60	\$ 0
Non-criminal	\$ 132.7	\$ 157.6	\$ 462.9
Undetermined	\$8	\$ 0	\$ 10
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$ 2,336.9	\$ 3,448.5	\$ 1,913.2
Enforcement Inspections	81	606	1,095
Commercial	16	76	48
Public Assembly	14	24	32
Educational	6	9	19
Residential (Multi-family)	2	437	987
Hazardous Materials	37	28	5
Other	6	31	7
State Licenses and Permits Approved	51	34	19
Open Burning Permits Processed/Approv	red N/A	18/18	15/13
Enforcement Citations Issued	8	232	127
Arrests and / or Referrals	3	2	0

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.



CHIEF: Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brendan L. Burke

DEPUTY CHIEFS: Jack Rich, II, Karl S. Neubecker

CAPTAINS: Robert Smith, Peter Hany, Jr.*

LIEUTENANTS: Thomas Adams, Valerie Adams, Bradford Hoffman

SECRETARY: Michael D. Varney TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

Jonathan Allen Michael Bahler
Clayton Bannock
Fred Bird
Bryan Blotniski
Steven Breault, Sr.
Dominick Cristelli
Richard Daugherty
Donald Davis
Gary Feldman, Jr.
Michael Gallagher
Kevin Gambacorta

Leonard Aronson Authur Caldwell **Daniel Connors** Jerry Connors

> Justin Breault Julia Busky

MEMPEDO

MEMIDERS	
Kim Gambacorta	Daniel Parisi
Sarah Gambacorta	William Petras
Vincent Gambacorta	Keith Ruff
Mitchell Griswold	Andrew Slicer
Blaize Levitan	Randall Smith
Jae-P Levitan	Regan Toomey
John Meigel	Regan Toomey
Matthew Moser	John W. Turner
Kelly Nelson	Dennis C. Varney
Earl Palmer-Lavoie	John Vogel
Douglas Parent	Frederica Weeks
Jeff Parent	

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Descheneaux, Sr. Jack Rich Allan Lawrence, Jr. Robert Sandberg, Sr. Robert Levandoski Allen Smith Robert Parlante

CADET MEMBERS

Tim Bahler Jared Fongemie Katherine Hany Evan Gerber Nicole Hazzard Ana Gilchrist Seth Virkler Chris Hany

HONORARY MEMBERS Robert Federigan

Stephan Chase

*2014 Firefighter of the Year

Ted Graziani

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud recognize 87 years of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. Currently the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department is rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) as a class 5/8B. During the past several years, the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth, the town has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become sick or injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the sick and injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit, frequently supported by the LifeStar Helicopter transport team, are requested.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. formally signed a multi-year agreement in 2009 to provide services to the Town of Ellington as outlined in the Town of Ellington Charter as revised.

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of our emergency service delivery team.

For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., visit our award winning websites at www. ellingtonfire.org, facebook.com/ellingtonfd or leave us a message at 860-870-3190.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. During this period, the department responded to 703 emergency calls, 563 hours, donated more than 5977 man-hours for emergency services.

Significant incident activity for the year included multifamily structure fires, and several large mutual aid fires. Most significant were the extensive volunteer hours spent responding to and assisting residents and businesses during the significant snow events this last winter.

To report an emergency, enhanced 911 telephone services are available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center. The following outlines the emergency activity and related services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

Fire, Explosion47
Building fire19
Cooking Fire confined to containe2
Chimney or flue fire contained to chimney or flue1
Passenger Vehicle Fire7
Road freight or transport vehicle fire1
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire2
Forest, woods or wildland fire3
Brush or brush and grass mixture fire4
Grass fire2
Outside rubbish fire other1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire2
Special outside fire other1
Outside equipment fire1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition1

Rescue, Emergency Medical Service	468
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	
EMS call excluding motor vehicle accident with injury .	100
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	32
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	3
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	
Lock-In	
Search for Person on Land	
Extrication, rescue other Extrication of victims from vehicle	
Water and ice related rescue Rescue or EMS standby	
Hazardous Condition, Standby	
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	
Gas leak (Natural or LPG)	
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	
Toxic condition, other	
Carbon monoxide incident	5
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	
Heat from short circuit (wiring) defective or worn	
Power line down	24
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	1
Accident, potential accident, other	3
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	
Vehicle accident, general clean-up	
Service Call	60
Service Call , Other	8
Person in Distress	2
Lock Out	
Water problem, other	
Water evacuation	
Water or Steam leak	
Smoke, odor removal	
Public service assistance, other	
Assist police or other government agency	3
Public service	
Unauthorized Burning	
Cover assignment, standby, move up	
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched & cancelled en route	
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	
Authorized controlled burning	
Prescribed fire	
Smoke scare, odor of smoke,	
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	
False Call	
False alarm or false call other	
Telephone, malicious false alarm	
Bomb scare, no Bomb	
System malfunction, other	
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	
CO detector activation due to malfunction	10
Unintentional transmission of alarm	4
Sprinkler activation, no fire- unintentional	1
Smoke Detector activation no fire- unintentional	
Detector activation, no fire – unintentional	
Alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional	
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	
Severe Weather Standby	
Special type incident, other	
Citizen complaint	1
TOTALS	777

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year, Ellington firefighters spent over 8000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural Water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, or some other recognized organization/agency, accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attended specialty courses held at the International Fire Chiefs Conferences and the New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Springfield, Mass.

Live burn exercises were conducted regionally by EVFD personnel for area departments utilizing the departments live burn trailer, which was funded by a federal grant.

We are very proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I13
Fire Fighter II/III20
Fire Service Instructor I9
Fire Service Instructor II4
Fire Officer I
Fire Officer II5
Safety Officer6
Pump Operator5
Aerial Operator8
Hazardous Materials Operational14
Hazardous Materials Technician18
Emergency Medical Technician
Emergency Medical Responder21
Emergency Medical Services Instructor3

EOUIPMENT

A new inflatable boat was purchased with capitol funds and placed in service along with additional ice/cold water rescue equipment.

All safety inspections for apparatus and equipment were conducted as required by DOT, DMV, OSHA and NFPA. It should be noted that extensive efforts are necessary to meet these regulations. Examples of specific annual tests include: apparatus, ladder, hose, pump, SCBA, SCBA cylinders, and all fire extinguishers.

This year we continued a program with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to consolidate the purchase of our respective agencies emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

FACILITY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department continues to occupy a second facility through a lease agreement. This additional facility is located in the southwest section of town on Nutmeg Drive. This facility allows our department to respond from a location with a ladder / pumper truck, fire pumper and a small rescue, as well as store the utility terrain vehicle. The center fire house located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and all department offices, equipment and records. Department meetings and trainings are also conducted at this facility. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response and Incident Management Teams and the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department also actively participates on several State Fire Rescue Disaster Plan; Strike Teams and Task Forces. Responses of our members of these teams included several incident management team activations around the state, hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region, dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area as well as Strike Team and Task Force deployments in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty- one. Cadets participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they engage in their own training and activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization.

As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization where there training continues.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education presentations were conducted. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and mind a safety presence. These included visiting the elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, and Pre-K programs. During the year we also gave numerous tours to groups at our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted a program to provide funds to run a volunteer incentive program in an attempt to attract new volunteers as well as increase the activity of the current members. Members are paid a monetary stipend based on their activity levels. Since the inception of the program, we believe the program has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff.

FUTURE PLANNING

The town continues to experience an increased growth rate and we have continued planning to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved and additional facilities to adequately provide protection to the community, apparatus replacement and relocation, are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency

services committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this, the 87th year of our service to the community, a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the internet at www.ellingtonfire.org or www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. I was appointed Ellington's E911 Municipal Coordinator in July of 1985 by the Board of Selectmen. Since the start of the statewide E911 emergency network your local coordinator has maintained a Master Street Address Guide, MSAG, for the telephone computer database. This insures that all streets and all street numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the E911 database guide. New streets are added to the database at time of construction. Existing streets are adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during the course of a year conflicts will arise and need to be reviewed by this office. I also consult with the Planning Department and Building Official concerning street names and house numbering.

In cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers Office, this office insures the efficient handling of all 911 calls for assistance. As a member of a regional dispatch center that serves as our Primary Service Answering Point, PSAP, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate. During FY 14-15, 1,346 911 calls were received from the Town of Ellington. This does not include the cell phone calls that may have been transferred by other area dispatch centers for an Ellington service.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's distributes funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers across the State of Connecticut. The funding formula for distribution of these revenues supplements operating expenses, capital improvements and dispatcher training. That funding has been held to FY 09-10 funding levels. Any increase in operating expenses, salary or capital project costs are passed along to the member towns of the regional center. The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications is reviewing the content of a report on the operations of Primary Service Answering Points across the state. It is of the greatest importance that any adjustments to the funding formula continue to support the regional concept of shared services.

Efforts have continued to further develop the use of the Computer Aided Dispatch, CAD programs to further benefit the user agencies. Locally, a detailed address layer was developed for Ellington's MapGeo program.

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter-operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan. Dispatch software upgrades, base radio replacements and compliance with the FCC narrow banding requirements have been addressed. A new robust microwave link to the radio tower facility was completed. Plans were completed in FY 14-15 for the upgrade to the radio console equipment. The installation will be made early in FY 15-16. The process of upgrading all Connecticut PSAP's to the next generation of 911 equipment was started with a cut over expected in early September 2015.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks **DEPUTY CHIEF:** Brian Pippin

CAPTAINS: Timothy Seitz, Rob Edwards **LIEUTENANTS:** Bryan Harvell, Britney Edwards

SECRETARY: Annmarie Seitz **TREASURER:** Bryan Harvell

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James Adkins	Bryan Harvell	Chuck Pippin
Chad Adams	Brian Legare	Cindy Rivard
Mike Allen	Richard Legare	Doug Rogala
Shannon Bennett	Bob Ludwig	Paul Secker
Jessica Casey	Sam Ludwig	Annmarie Seitz
Brandon Clark	Elaine Lupoletti	Timothy Seitz
Dannielle Decina	Ashley Marks	Kyle Sorant
Tom Descheneaux	Chris Marks	John Streiber
Britney Edwards	Jacob Moore	Susan Trisler
Rob Edwards	Erik Person	John Wrynn
Megan Jones	Brian Pippin	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Larry Booth	David Bregoli	Jessica Harvell
Frank Sutton	Lois Goodin	Sarah Rogala
Cindy Bregoli	Gretchen Harvell	Reka Wrynn

LIFE MEMBERS

Paul McDonald William Morrison Thomas Trapp

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis
CO-CHAIRMEN: Chuck Christman
CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Joe Kuzia, Chris Marks

The Crystal Lake Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department has proudly served the Crystal Lake Community for the last 80 years this year. The department is staffed by state certified Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders and continues to operate out of the Firehouse located at 316 Sandy Beach Road where all apparatus and equipment is housed. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

The department responded to a total of 276 calls for service, totaling 3,999 man hours volunteered to fulfill the emergency needs of the community. These emergencies included responding to and mitigating hazards at structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials leaks, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents, water and technical rescue.

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The members of the Crystal Lake Fire Department participated in a total of 3,688

hours of training during the course of the year. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Medical Services, Incident Command, Live Burn Exercise, Rapid Intervention Teams, Search and Rescue, Rescue Technician Core, Water Rescue, and Ice Rescue.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department has numerous certified scuba divers on the department. Department members certified as divers may also participate as part of the Tolland County Dive Team. These members train with the dive team attending drills and meetings each month.

This year we had 6 members of the department participate in a Regional Training for Rapid Intervention Teams along with 4 other mutual aid departments. This training was to standardize the training and skills that members participating on RIT teams, who operate in extremely adverse conditions to rescue an injured or disoriented firefighter, have available to them. This class was the first of its kind in the county laying framework to expand and include other departments.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders, work side-by-side with Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. In addition, for serious medical emergencies requiring advanced care we work with the ASM & AMR Paramedics and the Life Star Helicopter. Our members train diligently and routinely to make sure our patients receive excellent pre-hospital care.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has over 30 members on our roster. The department is continuously looking to expand its membership with new members. We also offer a junior program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and train and operate with the fire department members under the supervision of an advisor.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, and most importantly fire prevention.

The Fire Officers of the department have also completed over 8,500 hours of administrative and support work to complete all required reports, testing, and paperwork as well as assuring proper coverage of the district ensuring the residents receive premier service when they are in need.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe place to live in. We would also like to thank all the businesses and residents of the Crystal Lake area for their support in the community and all donated monies toward the purchase of equipment. We hope for everyone's continued support and hope the best for the community and all the residents.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Fires and Explosions Total	23
Structure Fires	14
Vehicle Fire	1
Natural Vegetation or Brush Fire	8
Outside Rubbish Fire	1
Rescue Call Total	.151
Emergency Medical Incident or Assist	. 119
Motor Vehicle Accident/ Vehicle Extrication	
Search for Person in Water	2
Technical Rescue	2
Hazardous Condition Total	14
Chemical Spill or Leak	5
Carbon Monoxide Incident	
LP Gas Leak	1
Power Line Down	

Service Call Total	37
Service Call, Other	17
Person in Distress	
Water Problem	2
Smoke Odor Problem	1
Public Service Assistance	2
Cover Assignment, Standby	14
Good Intent Call Total	13
Good Intent Call, Other	10
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	2
Authorized Controlled Burning	
False Alarm Call Total	
False Alarm or False Call, Other	7
Alarm System Malfunction	2
Unintentional Alarm Activation	
Carbon Monoxide Activation, No CO	
Severe Weather Standby	4
Special Type of Incident	
TOTAL	276

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for the constant review of the Town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security. The OEM receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We are asking everyone to go to the CRCOG (Capitol Region Council Of Governments) web site at GET READY CAPITOL REGION, this site contains very important information on how to prepare for a disaster. It also shows how to make your own emergency supply kit, plans for persons with special needs and more. We have upgraded our Emergency Notification System to reach more people in times of a disaster. We have tested the EMERGENCY MESSAGES with those already in the system. We still have some work to do on the non-emergency messages that will be available with the system. We will update our progress on the Town web site.

After Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the south, the need for communities to become more self-reliant in the first 72 hours after a disaster, became more evident, and the formation of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was born and is supported by Federal, State and Local Emergency Management/Homeland Security Departments. The Ellington CERT is supported and managed by the Ellington Office of Emergency Management.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when First Responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

If you would like information on how you can help your families, neighbors and fellow citizens by joining the Ellington CERT, please call the Emergency Management office at (860)870-3182 or email the Deputy Director of the Emergency Management Office, John Streiber, at jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov. You must be at least 18 years of age before you may be activated in an emergency/disaster.

The winter of 2014 – 2015 was not as bad a winter as some that we have had in the last five years, however we did partially activate the Emergency Operations Center for the "Blizzard" on January 26, 2015. We did get a lot of snow but not the amount which was forecasted. The center was manned by members of the CERT. Our team is also activated to do things like aiding our sister team in Vernon for the annual Fire Works Display. In the past we have also assisted with the flu clinics and other charitable events. As in the past the OEM also participated in the processing and filing the proper paper work for the declared Damage Assessment Forms for reimbursement for our unexpected expenses due to the storm.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains and operates Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large- scale emergency situation, maintenance of an emergency shelter of record.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS



PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Dan Flanagan
TRAINING: Brandon Bartell
SECRETARY: Matt Lontz
TREASURER: Nancy Stillman
SCHEDULING: Doreen Connor

SUPPLY: Alisa Smith

MAINTENANCE: Mark O'Donnell PUBLIC RELATIONS: Paige Flanagan

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Doreen Connor Nancy Stillman Renee Cyr Paige Flanagan Cassandra Smith Annalise Hurley Don Lanier Matthew Lontz Dan Flanagan Alexis D'Aloisio Andrew Slicer Dorota Gdula Brandon Bartell Joe Glomboske Peter Hany Sr. Jennifer Rice Mark O'Donnell Alisa Smith Koralia Burz Gregory York Allison Jenkins Simon Hessler Blake St. John Rachel Oakes Bruce Hoffman Daniel Hunt Rebecca Crank Kim Courville

PAID STAFF

Tonya Glomboske Debbie Schiessl Kristin Fries Kerri Pliszka Scott Fine Brittany Martin

Thomas Dillon Jon Morriset Bryan Goulet

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Krista Schulz

Becky York Diane Turner Laura Lakenbach

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Tyler McKenney

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault Ray Close Jean-Marie Currier Angie Sandberg John Watts Denise Rioux

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 53 years. EVAC responded to 1092 EMS requests during the 2014 calendar year, 75 of which were in the Crystal Lake district. EVAC also responded to 79 mutual aid calls to the towns surrounding Ellington. All crews and equipment meet or exceed the State of Connecticut requirements and remain fully licensed through examination and inspection.

An active first response system allows EVAC and both fire departments to render immediate lifesaving care when it is needed most. All members are provided with emergency medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims in acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and ongoing training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conferences. This allows EVAC members to remain educated concerning the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision and delivery of emergency medical services. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of first aid and CPR training to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town has been expanded to provide ease of public access and maximize the chance of survival during acute cardiac arrests. As a result of this effort the Town of Ellington was designated a Heartsafe Community by the American Heart Association.

As a responsible municipal member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments and the town to streamline services and reduce costs to the taxpayers whenever possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for town wide fire and rescue services. Funding for this is provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing resulting in a reduction of the town budget.

EXPLORER RESCUE POST 512

Alisha Albee	Aaron Virkler	Morgan Gill
Megan Chamberland	Julia Busky	Halie Glowacki
Julia Scavetta	Julia Mack	Alyssa Walters
Gabriela Ewald	Walter Albee	•
Logan McDonald	Zack Fuska	

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Ellington Rescue Post 512. All of these high school students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as EMR's or EMT's and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition to the rigorous medical training they must excel at. The Rescue Post is one of only two programs in the State of Connecticut that allows students to ride on ambulances and has been active in Ellington for over 45 years. In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year that benefit both the community and EVAC.

Rescue Post 512 could not function without the adult advisors who volunteer their time and knowledge.

Tonya Glomboske, Head Advisor

Joe Glomboske Kristin Fries Bryan Goulet Debbie Schiessl Kim Courville Laura Lackenbach

HIGHLIGHTS

EVAC continued the tradition of awarding scholarships to graduating Rescue Post members who planned to continue their education in the medical field.

Earlier this year the Corps recognized several members for their years of service. Wendy Pospisil and Kristin Fries received five year awards. Andrew Slicer received a ten year award. Renee Cyr was recognized for 25 years of service. Peter Hany Sr. was recognized for 35 years of dedicated service as an active member. Nancy Stillman was named Volunteer of the Year 2015.

MEMBERSHIP

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for good members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care at any hour of the day. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information call us at (860)870-3170 or visit us on the web at www.ellingtonambulance.org.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Ellington Animal Control is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to domestic animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone by way of voice mail. We come under the supervision of the First Selectman. The officers also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as impounding stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officer. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for unlicensed dogs on our delinquent list begins. The Officers do assist the police and the public with animal emergencies. This department also works closely with Emergency Management to ensure a plan is in place to provide temporary shelter for residents and their pets, in the event of a disaster. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to ensure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Ashlee O'Rourke. The shelter is open to the public Monday Friday 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M and Saturday - Sunday from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. To reach Animal Control, please call (860) 870-3155. Appointments are required to visit animals available for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinguished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officer is available for after hour emergency calls by contacting the Ellington Resident Troopers Office. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals and wildlife that has had confact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. All other wildlife calls are handled through the State of CT D.E.E.P. Wildlife Department at (860) 424-3011. All routine calls for our department will be handled during our normal office hours. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate about laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control will be conducting a yearly 'Door to Door' survey in search of unlicensed dogs. This survey is requested by the State of CT per CT General Statue 22-347. The completed survey allows the town to keep a larger percentage of revenue from the dog license fees. The Survey is also a way of verifying dog license compliance and the requirement for a current rabies vaccination, as the dog owner must present a copy of their dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Vaccination against Rabies is extremely important with the increasing incidents of Rabies cases in the area. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans and pets.

Join Ellington Animal Control's Facebook page to stay up to date on news, lost & found animals and pets available for adoption. Our Facebook page has been a great asset to our department to spread word fast and efficiently. We are very grateful for the support and help we get through our network of friends. Keeping the community involved and up to date on current events and news is extremely important for our department. We do ask that you please contact our office directly by telephone for complaints and reports of lost & found animals, so we can attend to them promptly.

The State of CT Animal Population Control Program, is currently offering a Low-Income Pet Sterilization voucher. This program helps CT low-income residents by providing vaccination/sterilization vouchers for their pets. An application must be completed and submitted to the CT State Animal Control Division. Applications are available at our office or online. To qualify, the applicant must already qualify for one of six low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call (860) 713-2507.

This past June, we coordinated our 4th Annual Rabies Clinic with the Ellington Center Animal Clinic and the Ellington Farmer's Market. Dr. Prichard, Dr. Valli and Dr. Laston all attended this year, along with several volunteers, to administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. All proceeds from the microchips and vaccines were donated to our shelter to help impounded animals in need of medical attention. We were able to raise a total of \$1,662.00! Thank you to the Ellington Farmer's Market for allowing us to be there and partake in the festivities, as well as the Ellington Center Animal Clinic for donating their time, resources and to coordinate such a great fundraiser for the shelter. The support of the community by attending the Rabies & Microchip clinic is such a great feeling. Hope to see you next year too!

We are very happy to announce that we should have our new vehicle here within the next month or so. It is finally time to retire the old van, for the repairs have become too expensive and the rust has overtaken the frame. Our new vehicle will be equipped with all of our necessary equipment as well as four wheel drive now! We are often called out for emergencies in all kinds of weather. Now we will be able to do so safely and efficiently.

PET ADOPTION

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets on Petfinder.com. This website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes, as well as post found animals in search of their owners. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets.

Dogs and cats are adopted out under the Connecticut Animal Population Control Program. This program is for pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides two free vaccinations and assists with the costs of sterilization. The Animal Population Control Program intends to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats and to also reduce the cost and burden to the towns coping with pet overpopulation. The fee for

adopting a pet from a pound in Connecticut is \$50 which includes a voucher for vaccinations and sterilization.

Adopted dogs will continue to be micro-chipped, at a minimal cost to the adoptee. This is made possible from the help of Home Again Microchips. The reason behind microchipping, is to be able to reunite lost pets back to their owners and for animals to spend minimal time in a shelter. Ensure that your pet will be returned to you and contact our office or your local veterinarian, to have your pet microchipped. If your pet is already microchipped, please make sure it is registered with your current address and phone number.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

We are always grateful for the donations that are brought to us throughout the year. We usually have an abundance of blankets, towels, dog treats and dog toys. The animals here appreciate your generosity!

As some of you may know, our facilities are a little outdated. Our department is planning on pushing forward with researching our options for building a new facility. As the town grows around us, unfortunately the animal facilities are being forgotten. As the population of people grows, so does the amount of animals in town. Our limited hours here and outdated resources are a concern. In the future, please support our efforts for having a new animal control facility constructed.

"Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet."

~Colette

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Complaints Investigated	1126	1077	1066
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	39	41	56
Animals Adopted	36	22	26
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	5	8	4
Animal Bites	42	24	21
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	6	20	12
Infractions/Summons Issued	13	9	8
Total Impounded Animals	81	91	98
Licensed Dogs	2328	2360	2382

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow from all public streets and ways; maintain and operate storm sewers and other drains; care for and maintain all town buildings other than those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; prepare or supervise the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction or reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, drains, public buildings and other structures and construct or supervise the construction of the same; to care for parks, grassed areas in streets and public grounds, including athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission; to plant and care for trees within the street line; to enforce ordinances imposing on owners of property obligations to construct and maintain sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drains; contract with the Water Pollution Control Authority for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. The Public Works Department crew put in an all-out effort to accomplish the day-to-day demands put on the Department and still be able to accomplish other jobs over and above their daily duties.



ROAD WORK:

This fiscal year we continued to use the hot in place paving process on Middle Butcher Rd and Windsorville Rd followed with a chip seal. The following



streets were chipsealed: Green St, Sweeney St, Amy Lane, Crystal Ball Court, West Shore Rd, Sugar Hill Rd and Teaberry Ridge. We paved over the chipseal on Amy Lane, Teaberry Ridge and Sugar Hill Rd. This was a new process for us which we will continue. Muddy Brook Rd, Meadow Brook and Hoffman Rd were paved in preparation for a rubberized chip seal process. The following streets were crack sealed: All of Crystal Ridge Subdivsion, Mosely Plains, Ellington Highlands, Pease Farm Rd, Ridgeview, Justin, Meagan, Ryan, Elderberry, Cranberry, Lookout Landing, Overlook Rd, Bridge, Gloria, Joel, Cindy, Randy, Punkin and Franlee Lane. We milled Hughes, Lewis, McKnight and Charter Road in preparation of underground utility replacement work this summer. Drainage was installed on Hopkins Rd in the fall. We accomplished a large number of road projects and we appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience.

BUILDING PROJECTS: A new gas furnace was installed in the DPW. Fuss & O'Neill was hired to do the Design Build for the Town Hall Addition; a STEAP grant from the State was awarded to the town for this project. The key fob access system was expanded to include the Public Works Garage. The gazebo at the Town Center Green was replaced by a donation from Kloter Farms. The Pinney Street fields were completed, seeded and the guardrail installed. Millings from the road work were placed in the parking area at the fields on Pinney St. The Town Hall parking lot was repaved after the sewer was installed and the Senior Center Parking lot was expanded and paved this spring. In conjunction with the Recreation/Human Services building addition, the Troopers Office was renovated as they inherited more space by the vacating Recreation/Human Services Dept. The project included an expanded locker room to include a shower, new flooring and roof repairs.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: This year we purchased a Ford pickup and small dump truck and a hammer for our mini excavator. The gas pumps were replaced with the FuelMaster system.

SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL: Last winter we received 70" of snow. The crews went out 22 times for plowing or treating of roads for ice. There were 6 named storms and many of these storms were two day storms. The blizzard in January qualified for FEMA reimbursement which we applied for. We purchased 2,714.91 tons of Clear Lane and 253 tons of salt.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. Ellington residents recycled 1,415 tons of materials in 2014-15. The MidNEROC household hazardous program is working well and saving the Town money. Residents can continue to bring

electronics, waste oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and propane tanks to the shed at the Public Works Complex. NO paint is to be dropped at the Public Works shed; paint goes to the MidNEROC facility. This shed is only open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM and on the MidNEROC schedule which is the first and third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The town website has all the details on this program. Over the last 12 months, residents have dropped off 1600 gallons of waste oil and 50.29 tons of electronics.

MISCELLANEOUS: We held our second successful open house at our facility on May 21. We had 50 people come through. The children were able to climb into the equipment and have truck rides in our yard. We also participated in Safety Day at the High School and Truck Day at the Hall Memorial Library.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY: The Public Works Director is also the WPCA Administrator. The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of all water pollution facilities in Ellington. The Town is responsible for 110 grinder pumps and 7 pump stations. We are continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station and have signed off on the procedures presented by Country Pure Foods to handle these levels. We are continuing our grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake. Sewer lines are being flushed out on a continuing basis as time permits. The sewer extensions on Maple Street and Stafford Rd/West Shore Rd were inspected and completed this fiscal year. A new monitoring system was installed at the Crystal Lake Pump Station that reports the flow directly to the Town of Stafford. The Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) program was instituted and all establishments with grease facilities were visited and given the regulations. They have been followed up on with visits by our staff to make sure they are in compliance. Preliminary meetings have taken place to draw up an agreement between the Towns of Ellington, Vernon and Stafford to apply for a grant and share the cost to purchase a sewer camera truck. The WPCA has approved entering into the agreement.

RECREATION: The Public Works Department installed another new scoreboard at Brookside Park. We have also been working to preserve the playing fields with turf maintenance items including overseeding and aerating. The Public Works Department working with the Town Engineer worked through the permits and details and went out to bid for the construction of two playing fields at the Pinney Street open space area. The contract was awarded to All Phase Enterprises LLC.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

- 1. Continued commitment of the four-year road-resurfacing program.
- 2. Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program.



Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, providing free and equal access to a variety of materials and programs for all residents. The Library plays an active role in the community a preschooler's door to learning, a formal education support center, as a popular materials library, and a community reference source and gathering place.

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for education and entertainment. The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, eBooks and digital audiobooks, music and audiobooks on CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and equipment, such as eBook readers and mp3 players. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and reference non-circulating collection. For materials not found in this collection there is an interlibrary loan service that facilitates loans from libraries around the state or the country, including multiple copies of titles for book discussion groups and materials for genealogy research. Also available are computers for word processing and Internet access, black and white and color photocopiers and printers, a digital scanner, a fax machine, a digital microfilm reader/printer, a computer lab, notary service, exam proctoring, and meeting space for formal and informal gatherings. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, recommend reading materials, and assist with usage of computers.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for residents of all ages. Story time sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, creative projects and their own summer reading program. Through the Young Adult Advisory Board, Hall Memorial Library provides Ellington High School teens with a place to perform community service hours as part of their graduation requirement. For adults, there are book discussion series, reading programs, cultural programs, concerts, movies, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, out-reach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis. There is also a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 115,328 patrons, circulating 128,686 items and answering 3,591 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop, and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and truck day. The "Read to the Dogs" program continued to draw many children to the Library on Saturday mornings. These biweekly sessions provide an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to read aloud to specially trained "book loving" dogs. As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a story telling program that was attended by over 100 children. The science-themed summer reading program "Fizz, Boom Read!" featured a variety of performers and arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

For teens there were book discussions, including two intergenerational programs with members of the senior center, a read-athon, a variety of craft programs and their own summer reading fun. Multiple copies of the titles on the required summer reading lists for Ellington Schools and surrounding schools were available.

Programming for adults covered cultural, historical and educational topics, featuring Pysanka Egg-Making, Nepalese cooking, and Uncluttering tips, as well as presentations on financial management, retirement planning, college funding, healthy eating and cooking, cake decorating, painting and drawing, computers and technology, author talks, and book discussion groups. A big hit was the Victorian Tea Party, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, with a surprise visit by Queen Victoria herself. Bi-weekly movie showings of newly released DVDs continued to be a hit and a new popcorn machine provided a tasty treat. Programming was provided for the Ellington Historical Society, which holds its meetings at the Library. Copies of titles for book discussion groups were provided to 13 library and community-based groups throughout the year.

Friday night music returned to Ellington at our coffee house series that began in the fall. In the cozy atmosphere of the after hours library, complete with café tables and candle light, folks were entertained by a variety of musicians and groups, from folk to jazz to cabaret.

The Library applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Federal Institute for Museums and Libraries to conduct an Oral project here in Ellington. Nineteen taped interviews from a previous Cultural Arts Commission project done in 2000-2001 were recovered, digitized and transcribed. Fifteen new interviews have been conducted by a corps of trained volunteers and thirty additional people are scheduled to be interviewed. This will become an ongoing project of the library, in an effort to preserve the history of our community.

The Library hosted sessions of Recreation Department programs throughout the year, including preschool enrichment programs and adult exercise classes. The Social Services department presented speakers and programs for parents. Over 1400 meetings of community groups were held in the Library's meetings rooms, including meetings for community and sports groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, the monthly gathering of the Ellington Mom's Club, and dozens of tutoring sessions. A variety of local artists displayed their work in the exhibit area in the main hallway and children shared their varied collections in the display cases in the Children's Department. Displays in the Nellie McKnight historic area were provided by the Ellington Historical Society.

In cooperation with the Ellington Public Schools, the Library presented another series of workshops for parents to help them prepare their children for kindergarten. Entitled "Investigations, Activities & Explorations Around Early Literacy & Numeracy Skills", the sessions were presented by Children's Librarian Pat Grundman, K-8 Language Arts Coordinator Robin Kline and K-8 Math Coordinator Leslie Mancuso. The Friends supported our literacy efforts by contributing funds to purchase some new readalongs—kits with audiobooks and books, in the convenient Playaway format.

The collection of digital resources took a leap forward, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. A new digital entertainment / media service, Hoopla, enables library card holders to borrow movies, videos, and music straight from a browser, tablet. The number of e-books and e-audios available continues to expand, with over 13,000 e-books and 4900 e-audio books accessible on our two platforms, OneClick Digital and OverDrive.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the 6th grade Windermere Instrumentalists. The annual holiday "Not-Just-Trees" Festival once again transformed the library with imaginative seasonal decorations created by community members and groups.

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in a plan that included goals for improvements to the library facility and services. Building upgrades this year included replacement of windows in the Children's Room, refinishing of the wood front doors of the original building, painting of all other exterior doors, and renovation of the staff workroom.

The Friends of the Library continue to be an integral part of the library operation, funding the summer reading programs, refreshments for Winterfest, subscriptions for passes to area cultural attractions, maintaining the armillary planter, and providing seed money for new and exciting projects. Their funds are raised through two large book sales, the Book Cellar used book store and the holiday cookie sale. New members are always welcome!

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, serving as an important community resource for the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	37,999
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	5,317
Children's Books and Periodicals	
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	
TOTAL	128,686

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	38,038
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	3,374
Children's Books and Periodicals	
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	8,348
TOTAL	70,490

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	9,709
Young Adults	[°] 895
Children	
TOTAL	
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Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continue to make a concentrated effort to provide a cross section of quality programming on a year-round basis. An earnest effort has been made to create and offer programs, both on a passive and non-passive basis, for all age groups within the community. Additional special events and "creative" programming continue to be of interest to the residents of the community, providing department staff with the opportunity to plan and implement family oriented activities too.

The recreation department is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 860-870-3118, and the fax number is 860-870-3198.

Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30-1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is: recreation@ellington-ct.gov. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form.

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington

applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours. In addition, the recreation and human services departments share the services of (2) part-time support staff..

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Those who volunteer are a vital component of the department. We are always indebted to those who have the time, talent, and ability in providing assistance with coaching, transportation, and encouragement.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 450 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. In addition, the recreation department provides preseason certification in CPR/FIRSTAID/AED classes (NO fee) for all volunteers that contribute to the town's programming needs. All coaches/volunteers must complete a background check form and receive clearance before becoming a member of the department.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or

individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A hiking program formed three years ago has been well-received and meets at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings at Arbor Park before heading out to the defined location for that day.

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events. The following is an example of such efforts.

Pre-school programming has continued to be a very successful component of the department's year-round offerings, specifically for ages 2 through 5.

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program continued to increase, both male and female, including the K-2 instructional program.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The recreation department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreational teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission is proud of the fact that coaches, players and spectators, in general, are well versed in their roles regarding their sport, along with promoting good sportsmanship.

Fall/Winter: To become eligible for selection to a travel team, a player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics. Their placement is based on evaluations submitted by independent evaluators. Travel teams compete against surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program.

Although participation is the key component, providing the coaches with the "tools" for coaching is the number one priority.

SHARED SERVICES

The recreation department continues to interact, on a daily basis, year-round, with the Board of Education's business office/school staff, and in particular the Board of Education's custodial staff, whose dedication and assistance in greatly appreciated.

The everyday assistance from the Department of Public Works does not go unnoticed, as the parks crew takes special care in keeping up both park and school facilities.

The support and in-kind services that are provided by both agencies are greatly appreciated, as the continual behind the scenes support helps identify Ellington as a quality community.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, continues to support the need for the formulation of a long-term athletic facility plan. The various boards and agencies have continued to review the short and long-term needs of the community, and this will continue to be an ongoing process. The Commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities.

Summer day camp has entered its 13th year of full-time hours. The department will continue to publish quarterly newsletters, using the Ellington Connection as the main vehicle for keeping the public informed of current and upcoming programs. The town website, with instant access, will have the same, and, in some cases, updated information.

In the spring of 2012, the Town of Ellington implemented a program to enhance the safety of the children that participate in contact athletics, specifically soccer, lacrosse and football. The program, ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most

scientifically validated computerized evaluation system.

The Pinney Street Athletic Fields' renovation/construction project has been underway since May of 2014 and may be available for use in the spring of 2016. This renovation will accommodate new lacrosse and soccer fields for youth programs.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ÅLL of the part-time staff that service town programs. Ellington is fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

The major renovations on the old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse have been completed (across from Sandy Beach). The parks and recreation department continues regular use of the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking and bicycle trails, as well as potential new athletic fields to support the current strain on the existing facilities.

Vandalism has been limited the past year, but increased supervision at the various parks and schools may be part of that decrease.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A thank you goes out to former Commission member Matt Maznicki for providing valuable support to the youth soccer program.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	<i>7</i> 5	<i>7</i> 5	75
Beach Passes	313	204	227
Swim Lessons	165	157	243
Open Swim	63 days	63 days	62 days
Boys' Basketball	229	362	346
Girls' Basketball	112	189	200
Men's Basketball	90	85	65
Summer Basketball	70	60	70
Instructional Basketball	100	156	147
Men's Volleyball	15	15	0
Co-Ed Volleyball	40	40	25
Girls' Softball	120	135	140
Instructional T-Ball	80	110	97
Co-ed Adult Softball	75	100	75
Junior Soccer	520	475	423
Indoor Soccer	55	40	50
Letters to Santa	70	55	45
Tennis Lessons/Camp	220	210	194
Sports Coaches' Clinics	80	70	60
Mini Programs	1,900	1,850	1,650
Basketball Camps	90	<i>7</i> 5	80
Red Cross Courses	25	60	30
Integrative Programs	26	21	15
Teen Activities	250	190	175
Track & Field	100	85	76
Adult Fitness	25	110	40
Yoga	45	39	40
Jukido	30	27	63
Little League Baseball	255	220	225
Football	125	150	150
Lacrosse	164	210	201
Soccer Camps	145	137	144
Vacation Camp	90	78	<i>7</i> 5
Triathlon-Summer	89	192	179
American Heart Association	20	62	50
Afterschool Bowling	116	114	117
CPOHeart Babysitter	30	22	30

Information Guide

AREA

Ellington is located 16 miles, northeast of Hartford with 34.8 square miles of area.

ALTITUDE

The altitude ranges from 200 feet to 950 feet above sea level. Most of the town is approximately 450 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the town are 74 degrees during the summer months and 25 degrees during the winter months. Wind directions are south to southwest in the summer, and north to west in the winter.

POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2014, the population was approximately 15,795.

GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Selectman form of government, which operates under a charter adopted in 1975. The Town Meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government. The Board of Finance recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting for approval and sets the tax rate.

STREETS

The Town has 94 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 30.5 mills applied to the 2014 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate was completed in 2010.

SEWERS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority manages three major sewer systems: Longview, Hockanum River and Crystal Lake. Approximately 90% of the commercially zoned land has direct access to the sewer system. Windermere Industrial Park has either direct or reasonable access to the sewer system.

WATER

The Town is serviced by CT Water Co. which have the capacity of accommodating approximately 70% of the commercial and industrial zoned land. Shenipsit Lake is the largest local water source which spans the borders of two adjoining towns. Crystal Lake is located in Ellington and stretches over an area of 175 acres. The Hockanum River runs north-south and is located in the southern part of town.

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of 2014 is 2,458 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$84,699 as of the 2013

HOUSING

As of the 2012 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,415 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

The Town has a privately-owned airport that is centrally located to provide air carrier service to both New York and Boston. The airport can accommodate both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

RECREATION

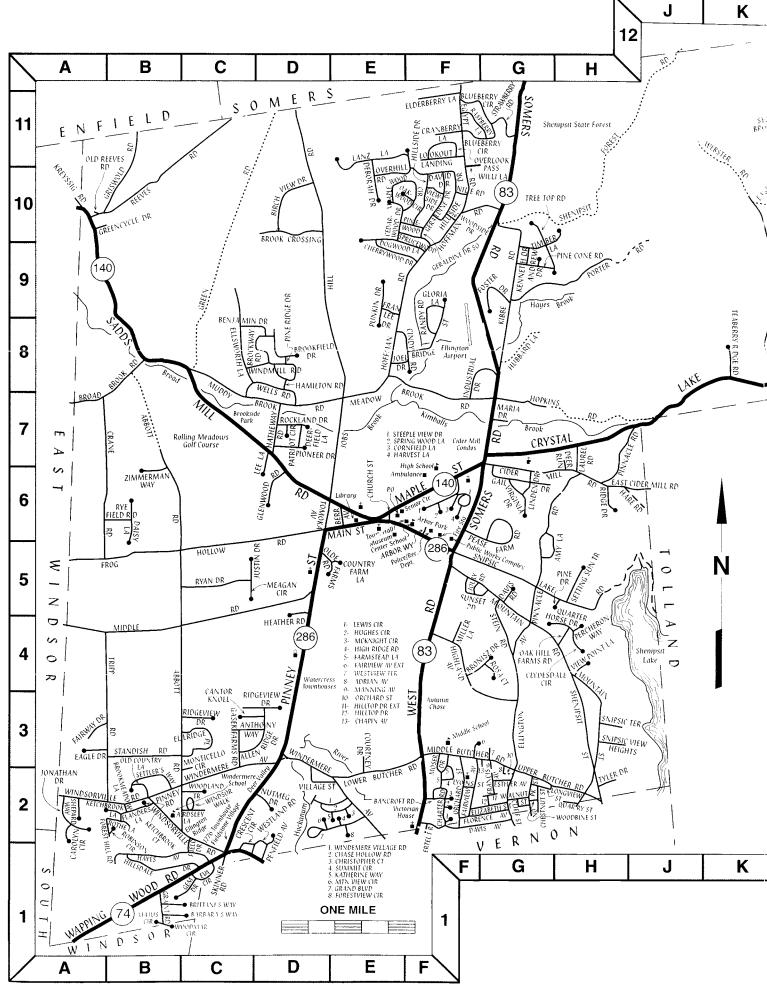
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. Brookside Park Pavilion was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Recreation Department. In 2012, four new tennis courts were completed at Schwartz Field next to Ellington High School. The Pinney Street fields were constructed and completed in 2015. When usable, they include lacrosse and soccer fields.

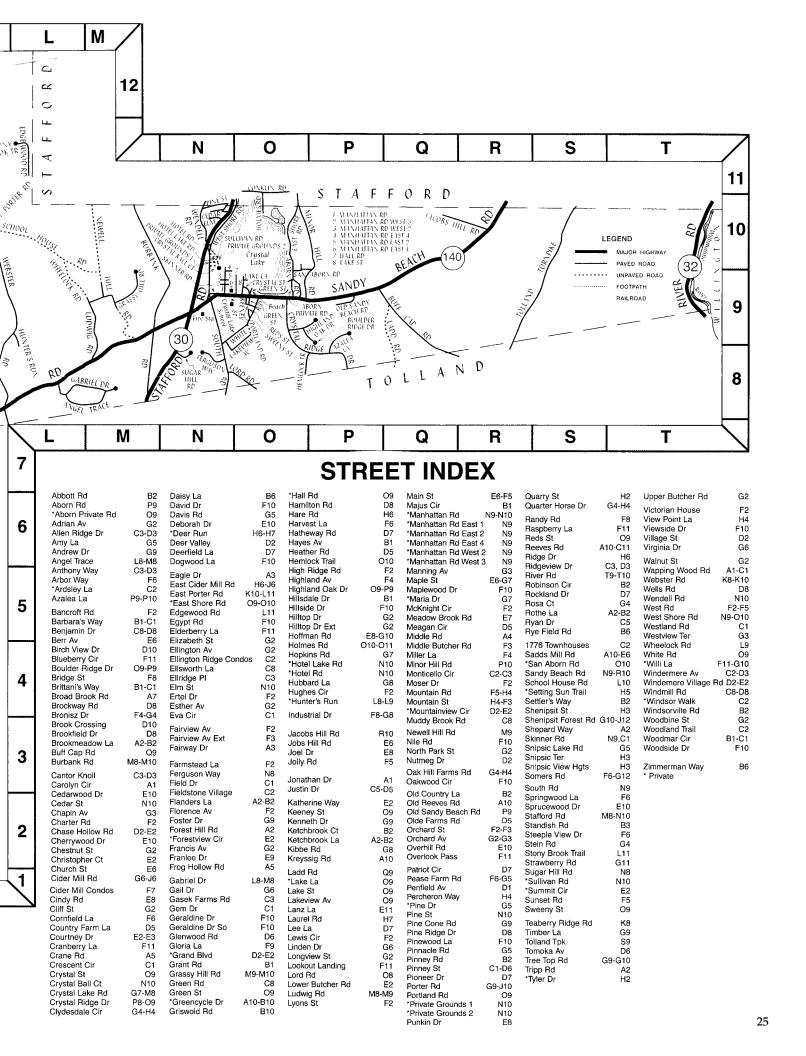
LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automotives, industrial designs and printing. The Farmers Market runs Saturdays from May - October; 9am -12:00pm in Arbor Park.

SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 40 Maple Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.





Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Human Services Department is the Town's principal agency for providing social service needs to the community. These services identify and provide programs which cover a wide spectrum of activities in public health, income support, food assistance, heating and shelter requirements. It is the purpose of the Commission to preserve and improve these activities for all Ellington residents in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

PROGRAMS

The Human Services Department is responsible for the administration and oversight of social service health care, and transportation programs within the community. The Commission is charged with reviewing funding requests from various service providers in an attempt to deliver quality service in the interest of meeting resident needs. Programs are classified in two categories: direct service or community based.

DIRECT SERVICES

These services entail active hands-on involvement with residents processing information or determining eligibility for programs. Programs include:

- Benefit Counseling, Discretionary Program Assistance, Food Bank Sign-Up, Camp Connri
- Operation Fuel, Salvation Army, Tri-Town Fuel Bank, Ellington Fuel Bank, Camperships
- ACCESS Fuel Program, Renters Rebate Program, Boots N' Shoes, Salvation Army Vouchers

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Quality community services not offered directly by Human Service staff are available to residents.

These additional services are positive supports and some offer 24-hour availability while others are by appointment or referral. Services include advocacy, domestic violence prevention, legal counseling, case management, transportation, health assessment and education, and sheltering. Services are:

- Hockanum Valley Dial-a-Ride, Soldiers, Sailors, & Marine Fund, AARP Tax Program
- Tri-Town Shelter, Sexual Assault Crisis Unit, Regional Mental Health Board, Kidsafe CT
- Visiting Nurse Health Care Services of CT, Interval House

HIGHLIGHTS

The additional space at Arbor Commons and the construction of a new senior center, have made it possible for this department to expand its program and service offerings. Our website and senior newsletter keep the public informed of new programs and services.

DIVISION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

The department is divided into four divisions: Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent, Senior Center, Human Services, and Youth Services. Each division has its own budget and offers programs and services unique to its division. Listed below is a summary of services provided by Elderly Outreach and Human Services.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
35	45	28
6	16	1
17	14	26
207	210	217
2	2	6
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116	118	133
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ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center is a place that provides an environment for an individual age 60 years and over to enhance a healthy lifestyle that maintains independence, dignity, self-respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, educational, informational and healthy activities and programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center was established in 1997 with its original location at 16 Church Street. In January 2014 the Senior Center moved to its present location at 40 Maple Street.

During the first year, the Senior Center showed an increase in participation by 300 individuals bringing the total to 597 participants. The new building offers the ability to have more activities and programs. Programs are categorized as nutrition, health and wellness, education, transportation, social and recreational activities. The Maple Street Kitchen received its Food Services License from North Central District Health Department. On September 16, 2014, the kitchen opened for business with the Maple Street Kitchen team of dedicated volunteers. A new newsletter was created, the Maple Street Monthly mailed to all residents. Also, the Senior Center revised its website with the assistance of the Media Team of volunteers with technical expertise.

Staff consists of two full-time positions for the Director and Assistant Director; part-time employees; Bookkeeper, Lead Driver, two Drivers, two transportation secretaries and two custodians. The Senior Center is a host site for the Easter Seals Senior Community Services Employment Program that employs a receptionist who works 15 hours per week.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

NUTRITION: The Maple Street Kitchen team serves home cooked meals twice a week at \$4.00 per person. We are extremely fortunate to have many volunteers. Volunteer positions include a manager, cook and prep workers. Volunteers for Maple Street Kitchen team are vital to the success in the food services program. Volunteers are trained by staff under the ServSafe food services guidelines as required by the health department codes of regulation.

FITNESS PROGRAMS: A variety of classes are offered at a minimal cost by instructors trained in easy exercises, simple circuit, yoga and tai chi. Line dancing and ballroom dancing classes are held weekly by a dedicated volunteer.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS: Blood Pressure and Diabetic Screening provided at no cost by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc., scheduled twice a month.

Hand massages, a relaxation technique, done monthly by a retired registered nurse.

A Podiatry Clinic is held monthly by a registered nurse at a minimal cost to individuals.

The Walking Club individuals meet daily to walk as a group. This group also keeps track of the miles walked.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT: Group meets monthly and is facilitated by Anna Turner, MSW, Elderly Outreach Social Worker. For more information contact Anna Turner at 860-870-3131 or aturner@ellington-ct.gov.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES: Computer-friendly classes are scheduled for individuals who would like to learn how to use a computer to tech savvy individuals who need a little more training. Classes are individually scheduled for a time frame of 30 to 60 minutes. Technology classes are provided by a highly trained volunteer.

NUTRITIONAL CLASSES: UCONN Health Educators in the field of nutrition offer classes on healthy eating by presenting a 6 week course on the subject. This course presented information and discussion. In addition, healthy recipes were made on site for participants.

AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons offers the following programs by trained AARP volunteers.

SMART DRIVER: A safety driving course is held quarterly and conducted by an AARP representative. Participants who successfully complete this class may be eligible for a reduced insurance premium.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM: Income Tax forms are prepared by AARP volunteers from February through April by individual appointments.

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

THE BETTER AGE CLUB: This social club was the first in the town established in 1975 under the Recreation Department with meetings held originally at the Crystal Lake School. In 1997, the Senior Center was the meeting place for the BAC to hold monthly social gatherings. In 2008, the BAC continues under the Human Services Department/Senior Center.

THE ELLINGTON MEN'S CLUB: Volunteer program leaders hold monthly meetings on topics ranging from health, financial to social programs that includes golfing and auto shows to name a few. The Men's Club gives enormous assistance to the Senior Center in fundraising events and with the food services program. MUSICAL INSIGHTS: This is a music appreciation program that began in 1997. Volunteer program leaders plan and implement a prestigious program on a variety of styles of music with a synopsis of its origins and conductors. The Musical Insights program is a unique learning style presented by volunteers.

MEMORIES AND CREATIVE WRITING: Participants meet monthly to share writings of memories from topics of interest. This therapeutic program began in 2002.

ELLINGTON SINGERS: Singers meet weekly to share musical talent under the choral direction of Barbara Caramante. The singers give a fabulous Spring Musicale in April. The Spring Musicale 2014 was a standing room only performance!

TRAVEL: Trips are offered throughout the year with a variety of traveling opportunities. Travel on one day excursions, 3 day/ overnight trips and cruises.

GARDENING THYME: Flowers, vegetables and herbs are planted and maintained by volunteers.

GAMES: Bridge and setback, dominoes, shuffleboard, wii bowling.

ELLINGTON CHESS MATES: Play chess either inside the building or outdoors with the giant chess set.

OPEN BILLIARDS: Billiards open to the public daily; opportunities to learn the game and to participate in tournaments.

CUT-UPS CARVING CLUB: Woodcarving techniques are taught weekly by volunteers who welcome novices to this fun and enjoyable hobby.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES

SEW & SO: Unique class that meets weekly since 1997. Many talented individuals share their expertise with each other in sewing and knitting, creating crafts and jewelry. This group donates craft items made during the year to be sold at the annual holiday bazaar held at the Senior Center on the first Saturday in November.

Ceramics, decorative painting, needle crafts and oil painting and water color classes are held weekly by volunteers and or instructors.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Since 2001 transportation services are offered to residents for grocery shopping and activities at the Senior Center. In 2003 transportation services expanded to offer rides for medical appointments through the EMATS–Ellington Medical Transportation Services. Residents must be at least 60 years of age. If residents are under the age of 60, transportation services can be used, if the individual receives disability benefits. Residents must apply for transportation services.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers have opportunities to share their expertise and interest in a variety of areas; gardening, technical and media support, crafts, receptionist, programs and activities and fundraising. Staff is extremely grateful for all the volunteers who help us in making the Senior Center successful. We appreciate the opportunity you give us in working with you.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The North Central District Health Department provides Ellington with full-time health department services and is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day for emergencies.

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Fred Journalist and Dianne Trueb serve as Ellington's representatives to the Board.

The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services, a Director of Food & Institutional Services (all Registered Sanitarians), a part-time Emergency Response Coordinator, a part-time Health Educator, seven full-time sanitarians and a support staff of approximately 1.5 clerical workers. The Department has a medical advisor and a part-time bookkeeper and contracts for auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention and surveillance and health promotion in the District's population. The District is responsible for programs in a number of areas including:

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases, undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations followup and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for septic system repairs and/or expansion.
- Review of laboratory testing of well water for approval of new wells for homes.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.
- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.
- Inspection of housing units in response to physician's positive lead blood tests in children.
- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.
- Monitoring the health status of the population.
- Assistance to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.
- Development and implementation of Regional Points of Dispensing (POD) clinics to dispense medications or vaccinate for post exposure to biological agents, pandemic influenza or other natural outbreaks; all hazard emergency response plans to respond to, mitigate and recover from, natural and manmade disasters to protect the populations of the District.

HIGHLIGHTS

The North Central District Health Department tests bathing waters at Crystal Lake. The areas tested satisfactory during the past summer; however, in the past, rain events have resulted in elevated bacteria counts which necessitated the closure of the beach for a few days. Geese congregating on the beach have also caused elevated bacteria levels. The cleaning of the beach and monitoring of the goose population has resulted in good water quality.

In general, building activity is down throughout the District. Ellington is still one of the District's busiest towns for septic related work. No new subdivision soil test applications or plans were received for review.

- 14 Permits to Discharge were issued through June 30, 2015.
- 5 Well Permits were issued.
- 5 New septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 9 Repair septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 86 Building additions (decks, pools, sheds, garages, etc.) were reviewed.

The Health District enacted Barber Shop, Beauty Salon and Nail Salon Regulations pursuant to state statutes to license and inspect these salon facilities. In Ellington, 17 salons were inspected and licensed this past year with reinspections conducted as necessary.

The District inspects complaints related to housing, trash, rodents and insects, sewage and water quality and the food service industry (restaurants, etc.).

One of our main functions in Ellington is the licensing and inspection of food service facilities providing protection against food borne illness to the public. There were 43 facilities

including five public schools licensed during this period with 84 inspections, 11 reinspections and 4 other food inspections conducted. Three plans were submitted for review for new or renovations to existing food service facilities along with their related inspections.

We received 58 temporary event permit applications including 15 for the Ellington Farmer's Market. Each temporary event application received by our office is evaluated by a staff inspector. Depending on the complexity of the proposed food service, our department will inspect evening and weekend events as needed.

The Health District is responsible for conducting follow-up interviews and on some occasions, follow-up inspections related to possible food borne illness. The food borne alerts form (for single cases) and the enteric disease interview form (for confirmed cases) are both confidential and are submitted to the State Health Department for review once completed by our staff.

In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service inspections, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to, certain food recalls.

Each year, six public swimming pools are inspected and the pools are licensed.

NCDHD inspected two day care facilities for annual safety and environmental health issues.

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The activities and funding associated with the Block grant began in October of 2014. Initial contact was made with Town Officials from Ellington to explain the initiatives associated with the grant. These included organizing and conducting a town audit by Mark Fenton for healthy living. An introductory letter was sent on October 17, 2014 and follow up visits were made on October 29, 2014. The Town Planner, Lisa Houlihan, took this project under her wing and did an outstanding job organizing and promoting the meeting which took place on June 9, 2015. This meeting was a big success a total of twenty- four persons attended with many holding key positions in the town.

As Lisa was planning and organizing this meeting with Mark Fenton, NCDHD Health Education was collaborating with both Lisa Houlihan and Mark Fenton as well as promoting the program, and soliciting community support by speaking with community business owners about the Mark Fenton project and the construction of community bike racks. This resulted in forty-two independent outreach efforts and the construction of two bike racks containing a medallion chosen by the town, for a total cost of \$1,395.00. These rack are currently awaiting final approval on the medallion design with anticipated delivery to Ellington by this fall.

Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Section

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has continued its strong relationship with the Town of Ellington and in particular the Office of Emergency Management Director.

The Department sends a representative to the Ellington Emergency Response organizational meetings to ensure coordination and that the needs of Ellington residents in an emergency are met. In the event of future needs to enact medical counter measures, the Health District works with your local emergency management director.

Environmental Health

The inspections and investigations are listed on the following pages. It should be noted that raw numbers are no indication of time spent or the relative complexity of inspections; therefore a comparison is only possible in the most general sense.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Soil Tests

Son rests	29	17	
New	17	3	26
Repair	12	14	9
Septic Permits			
New	15	13	5
Repair	9	12	9
Septic Inspections	80	88	41
Well Permits	14	15	5
B-100 Reviews (on well and/o	r septic) -	74	86
Plans Reviewed	•		
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	-	11	11
New Plot Plans	5	24	13
Repairs	9	12	13
Wells Only	2	2	3
Well Water Test Reviews	10	12	4
Permits to Discharge	17	18	14
Food Licenses Issued	42	41	39
Temporary Food Permits	50	40	58
Food Service Inspections	135	91	84
Food Service Reinspections	-	6	11
Other Food Service Inspection	ons -	10	4
Plans Reviewed for Food	3	3	3
Food Orders Issued	8	8	8
Complaints (Total)	23	23	23
Garbage & Refuse	2	3	2
Housing	8	9	16
Rodents & Insects	_	-	0
Sewage Overflow	5	7	2
Water Quality	1	1	0
Food Complaints	3	2	1
Salon Complaints	_	-	0
Food Related Illness Com	plaints 3	-	0
Miscellaneous	-	1	2
Complaint Orders Issued	2	1	1
Swimming Pool Inspections	6	6	6
Day Care Inspections	4	7	7
School Inspections	-	5	5
Salon Inspections	11	12	17
Bathing Beach Sampling:			
East Windsor Reservoir	approx	imately 28 sam	oles ver season
Blood Lead Level			F
Case Reviews	0-9 ug/dL - 250*	0-4 ug/dL - 269	0-4 ug/dL - 261
	10-14 ug/dL - 0	5-9 ug/dL - 2	5-9 ug/dL - 12
	15-19 ug/dL - 0	10-14 ug/dL - 0	10-14 ug/dL - 3
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2012-2013

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2013-2014

17

2014-2015

The Health Department monitors the blood lead level test reports through the State Health Department monitoring system, AMAVEN@. Blood lead levels above 5 ug/dL start to receive varying degrees of attention.

20+ ug/dL - 0 15-19 ug/dL - 0 15-19 ug/dL - 0

20-65 ug/dL - 0 20-65 ug/dL - 1

- 5-14 ug/dL Receive a letter with educational material and a request for a follow-up venous blood test within 90 days.
- 14-19 ug/dL Receive a letter with additional material and require a follow-up venous blood test with a home visit to evaluate potential lead hazards.
- 20+ ug/dL Require epidemiological investigation and home environmental inspection for those children with positive results following confirmed venous blood test results.

The State of Connecticut's requirement that all children under the age of six be tested is starting to reveal low levels of elevated blood lead levels often associated with older housing.

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. offers Home Health, Hospice and Wellness Services to residents of twenty-five communities in Eastern and North Central Connecticut. VNHSC is part of the continuum of care that communities depend on to provide services to their elderly, frail and disabled residents.

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy Medical Social Work Home Health Aide

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

Routine Hospice Home Care Inpatient Hospice Care Respite Hospice Care Continuous Hospice Care Hospice Volunteers Pastoral Care Bereavement Services

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Alzheimer Support Groups
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Diabetic Nursing
Enterostomal Therapy
Intravenous Therapy Services
Nutritional Counseling
Ostomy Support Group
Palliative Care
Psychiatric Nursing
Rehabilitation Nursing
Stroke Support Groups
Tele-Health Monitoring

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

Corporate Wellness Elder Wellness Flu Immunization Lifeline

Meals-On-Wheels

V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions Home Care Aides Homemakers Live-Ins Personal Care Attendants

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	2,634
Physical Therapy	1,136
Occupational Therapy	438
Speech Therapy	28
Medical Social Work	118
Home Health Aide	<u>1,367</u>
Total Visits	5,721
HOSPICE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	186
Physical Therapy	3
Occupational Therapy	0
Chaplin	0
Medical Social Work	4
Home Health Aide	<u>335</u>
Total Visits	528
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	891 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	23 (Residents)

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

As a department of Ellington Human Services, Youth Services mission is to provide programs and services, while building relationships which bond youth in a positive way to their families, schools, peers and community.

The staff of Youth Services is here to support and assist children from birth to 18 years old through their life transitions. Youth Services provides programs that strengthen and develop life skills needed to succeed in the many challenges facing the youth of today. The staff of youth services consists of a full-time director, a part-time youth program coordinator, prevention coordinator, rise above advisor and volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2014-2015 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs in school assemblies, afterschool programs and other events.

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided to families. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, approximately 55 children and families were provided this service.

123 I am me: During the summer we have an evening 123 I am me for pre-k to 3rd graders.

Rachel's Challenge: This year Youth Services partnered with Windermere Intermediate School to present a parent workshop on bullying and facilitated an after-school program for 5th and 6th grade students on positive peer interaction and community service

Safety Town: A summer program for children beginning Kindergarten which expands the children's knowledge of safety as it relates to fire prevention, personal safety, bus and car safety, stranger awareness and playground safety.

Finding the Leader in Me: 5th and 6th grade students joined Ellington High School student leaders in a fun-filled group setting to explore the following "habits" of effective leaders: Being Responsible, Having a Plan, Balancing Time, Prioritizing, Listening before Talking, Working Together, and Thinking Win-Win

Side By Side: This year we received a grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to provide a program with a main goal to engage and encourage youth to achieve their full potential through community support and increase opportunities to develop responsibilities and make positive choices. This is program is in partnership with resident state troopers and Rise Above student leadership group.

Just Girls: Designed and led by high school girls, this program gives middle school girls an opportunity to hear from guest speakers and share ideas on a variety of topics with a goal of cultivating self-confidence, self-respect, and self-worth.

Discover Art: This program was created by a high school student who wanted to mentor younger students in developing their art skills.

JournalMEArt: Created by a high school student to work with younger youth on using mixed media, painting, drawing and collages to create a unique book. The activities are focused on building self-confidence as you draw about what makes you awesome.

Think Good. Feel Good. Be Good: This program helps youth gain an understanding of anxiety and learn effective ways to manage it through practical exercises, ideas to use for home and strategies for developing calming skills.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feelings, communication, and social skills. The 6th grade students had the opportunity to participate in Journey Adventure Program. We also worked with Ellington High School's Gay/Straight Alliance and U-Knighted Week. Also in partnership with Ellington Schools, we ran a group on divorce, social skills, provided childcare for parent events and preschool literacy programs at the library.

Parenting Programs: Youth Services facilitated three parenting programs this year: Positive Parenting Series and Parents of Special Needs Children speaker series and Parenting tips for a Positive summer.

Homework Clubs: We provided over 20 weeks of tutoring to more than 75 students in grades 1st to 6th grade afterschool at Windermere and Center School.

The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for over fifteen years. The group's mission is to create and sustain a positive youth culture for Ellington's youth through collaboration among the community, schools and town agencies. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers, faith and business community leaders and student and parent representatives. DPYC financial supported several programs in and out school like college power trips at Middle School, Peer Are Wonderful Conference and Art Gallery. The DPYC also served as the coalition for several grants for the prevention of underage drinking and prescription drug misuse in Ellington over the last 8 years. A newsletter was published and posted to the web page and distributed digitally three times a year for parents of children in grades 6 through 12 in town. Pens and calendar school magnets were distributed at all open houses in the fall.

Rise Above, a group of high school students in Ellington with a mission of offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills along with being role models to their peers and youth continued in its eighth year with over 60 members. They remain to be a presence in the community through service as well as encouraging alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly throughout the school year in the evening. A Core Group of 12 members served as the executive board for the group. The group started the year off with the annual Fall Festival at Brookside Park and the ever-popular Dodgeball Tournaments for high school and middle school students. In late February, over 300 community members attended an amazing celebration of the arts at a new event, Gallery Night. Local artists of all ages displayed their work while young pianists entertained the crowd and the EHS Culinary Club provided the delicious desserts.

Later that month, they raised funds for the Austin P. Tautkus Memorial Scholarship Fund at their annual Small Town Big Talent Community Variety Show. This spring's events included co-sponsoring the kids' games at Relay for Life and hosting a College Night with EHS alumni returning to share their college experiences with current high school students. The year wrapped up with over thirty Rise Above members visiting EMS to talk to the 8th graders about high school and sponsoring old-time games and patriotic hat making at the Ellington Farmer's Market on July 4th.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as a link between the Ellington senior residents and/or families/caregivers to programs and agencies that can enable the resident to access services that are beneficial to them in the community. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington senior residents and their families, providing information and counseling on service options/interventions, and long term care issues. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker also functions as the Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington. Call 860-870-3131 to contact the Elderly Outreach Social Worker/Municipal Agent if you have questions about any program/issue for a senior Ellington resident.

SERVICES

- Conducts in home visits and individual need assessments, then provides detailed information on care options
- Attends ongoing CHOICES training with the North Central Area Agency on Aging to facilitate assisting Ellington residents with issues regarding Medicare, Medicaid, COBRA, Medicare Part D enrollments and the Medicare Savings Program.
- Assists residents with their applications for the Medicare Savings program, Food Stamps/SNAP, tax credit programs, Renters Rebate, Energy Assistance applications, the CT Home Care Program for Elders, Veteran's services & USDA grants.
- Collaborates with other town departments (Senior Center, Tax Assessor, Fire Marshall, Resident Trooper, and Emergency Management Advisory Committee) to facilitate services for Ellington senior residents.
- Works with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services/Protective Services for the Elderly to assist at risk individuals in Ellington who have issues of fraud, neglect, or abuse.
- Coordinator for the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program which functions to provide programs and services to Ellington senior residents to reduce the incidents of fraud or exploitation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Annual TRIAD Senior Safety Day program held on June 6th on "Getting the Scoop on Senior Safety" attended by 36 persons. Presentations by Caitlyn Howes from CT Community Care Inc. on the FEMA "Ready" emergency preparedness program, and Officer John Bart addressed recent car break-ins, and other local safety issues. Ten "Yellow dot" photos done by Fred Bird; and DMV green envelop for hearing impaired drivers distributed as requested.
- TRIAD sponsored Flu shot clinic attended by 45 seniors this year.
- Facilitated TRIAD sponsored Sept 2014 "Drug Take Back Day" with resident troopers office; informational programs at the Ellington Senior Center on Medicare updates for 2015 by the North Central Area Agency on Aging; and "How's Your Balance?" by Sandee Wood RN with the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT
- Addressed Veteran's service with 25 persons (PTSD services, Aid and Assistance pension, and medical care and tax credit benefits).
- Received 33 calls regarding transportation and referrals made to EMATS and Dial a Ride.
- Assisted 24 clients with Elderly Homeowner Tax credit forms and completed 32 Renters Rebate applications.
- 59 client contacts for the Access Energy Assistance program; 20 regarding utility assistance and 5 regarding weatherization program.
- 36 client contacts regarding Social Security benefit; 41 contacts

- regarding Medicaid/Title 19, 29 contacts regarding Medicare; 66 calls about Medicare Part D prescription drug programs; 48 calls about Medicare Advantage plans; 42 inquiries on Medicare supplemental insurance plans; assisted 93 clients with the Medicare Savings Program. The Medicare Savings Program can assist low income Medicare recipients with lowering the cost of their prescription medications and avoiding the "donut hole".
- Spoke with 48 caregivers regarding support services for themselves and their dependent family member; information on respite programs, in-home services, and local caregiver support groups; 13 contacts about Adult Day health centers; and responded to 25 calls about care for persons with dementia.
- Received 62 calls about senior housing option (assisted living/ affordable housing)
- Facilitator for monthly Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease support group meetings. This year 54 people attended the "April is Parkinson's Awareness Month" program and luncheon and enjoyed the presentation by Dr. DeMarcaida and local physical, speech, & occupational therapist.
- Provided information and assistance to 8 Ellington residents on burial/cremation issues.

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent also serves as the Elderly Outreach Worker for the Town of Ellington.



Shoppers at Ellington Farmers' Market

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Crystal Lake School expansion and renovation project

INTRODUCTION

During the 2014-15 school year, the district continued implementation of the Common Core State Standards, with curriculum revisions in many areas. Revised intermediate report cards were implemented, reflecting a unified approach to performance reporting across grades K-6. The middle school staff reported student progress on standards identified for specific courses, rather than letter grades only, in updated report cards for grades 7 and 8, and began preparation for student-led conferences in the 2015-16 school year.

The addition of Google Apps for Education has helped to transform teaching and learning in the Ellington Public Schools. Ellington Public Schools believes that technology integration is essential in providing high-quality learning experiences, which develop 21st century skills in communication, collaboration, problem solving, inquiry, and critical thinking. These experiences should engage and empower our students and teachers to be contributing members of a global community. Students in grades 1-12 have access to Google Apps, which support communication, sharing, and collaboration. Students can access Google accounts at school using one of the 1,400 district-owned Chromebooks or personal devices. Students can also access their accounts at home using any device with an Internet connection. Our upgraded wireless infrastructure and increased access to technology has helped launch this transformation.

Students in grades 3-10 will utilize Google Apps to begin a digital portfolio during the 2015-2016 school year. The creation of a digital portfolio empowers students to be active participants in their personal and academic growth to prepare them for a rapidly changing and complex world. Students will self-select and reflect upon work across a variety of academic and social categories. The portfolio supports personalization of learning and reflection on individual growth across grade levels.

During the 2014-2015 school year, teachers in grades K-5 implemented a new mathematics program, *Bridges in Mathematics*. The *Bridges* program is a comprehensive K-5 mathematics curriculum that equips teachers to fully implement the Connecticut Core Standards for Mathematics in a manner that is rigorous, coherent, engaging, and accessible to all learners. The curriculum focuses on developing students' deep understandings of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems. *Bridges* blends direct instruction, structured investigation, and open exploration.

Staff and administration at Windermere School have linked with The Discovery Center, whose vision is "to work toward a future where people of all ages recognize, accept, value and celebrate individual and cultural diversity". The Discovery Center began in 1992 as a program affiliated with the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and as a vision of Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman. The Discovery Center facility is located in Woodstock, CT at Camp Woodstock. Our current fifth graders (next year's sixth graders) will participate in an overnight experience in the fall. Many school districts have participated in this program for several years and tout the wealth of curricular information and rich life-experiences offered to their students through their participation.

A district dyslexia team met throughout the year to review the new disability category added under IDEA, Specific Learning Disability/Dyslexia. Kristy LaPorte and Robin Kline facilitated the meetings. The team consisted of reading teachers, special education teachers, school psychologists and speech language pathologists. This team reviewed the new regulations, current assessments used to determine Specific Learning Disability and any new assessments which may be required. The team also reviewed current reading interventions for students with decoding and fluency weaknesses and determine the strengths of our current staff.

The Ellington Board of Education Curriculum Committee approved several new courses for the 2015-2016 school year. In an effort to increase the opportunities for students to participate in rigorous coursework through the UCONN Early College Experience (ECE), the district will offer ECE French and ECE Physics for the first time this fall. Additionally, the AP/ECE Calculus AB course will now be offered as a more advanced course, AP/ECE Calculus BC. With these additional courses, the district now is offering a total of 21 different AP or UCONN ECE courses. The Curriculum Committee also approved the expansion of electives offered at EHS, including Speech and Debate, Robotics, Fashion Design, and Yoga for Health and Fitness.

For the 2014-15 school year, 144 EHS students took 232 Advanced Placement exams in Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, German Language, Latin, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art 2-D, Studio Art Drawing, U.S. Government and Politics and U.S. History. 109 of the 144 students, or 75.7%, received scores of 3 or better. Ten students were named AP Scholars, seven students were named AP Scholar with Honor and twelve students were identified as AP Scholars with Distinction. Nicholas Bennett, Kyle Fitzgerald, and Daniel Joy met the requirements to enter the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. They were among the 50,000 highest scoring participants from a pool of over 1.5 million 2013 PSAT test takers. This was the first year that the BOE funded the PSAT test for all sophomores.

This year's Openings Knights Players' programming included productions of 30 x 60, "Anything Goes", "It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play", "Snow Angel", and "Time Flies." Snow Angel was also performed at the Connecticut Drama Festival. Ellington High School was one of two schools to represent Connecticut at the New England Drama Festival in Vermont. Each year OKP strives to provide a theater experience that both the students and the community find rewarding and enriching.

Ellington High School submitted a Two-Year Progress Report to the New England Association of Secondary Schools (NEASC) as part of the ten year accreditation process. The Committee was

pleased to learn of the school's progress, specifically commending the following:

- the development of a formal five-year process for regularly reviewing and revising the school's core values, beliefs and learning expectations
- the initiation of special faculty meetings with a common theme to allow staff to interact within and across departments
- the use of data from the school-wide rubrics to support the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and address identified needs
- the focus on cross-disciplinary connections including the addition of cross-disciplinary co-taught courses
- the professional development opportunities for teachers related to the delivery of differentiated instructional strategies
- the employment of student self-assessment and reflection strategies on a school-wide basis to improve personalization of instruction
- the review and revision of school wide grading practices
- the school's appointment to the Advanced Placement Honor Roll for expanding opportunities and improving the performance of Advanced Placement students

Annually NEASC requires that the high school report out to the public student progress on achieving the schools 21st Century Learning Expectations. The following table indicates the high school's progress for the 2014-2015 school year:

% of Students Status by Class by Academic Expectation

2015	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	0.50%	95.5%
Creates or performs effectively	0.00%	100.0%
Reads effectively	0.50%	99.5%
Think critically & solve problems	0.00%	100.0%
Utilize technology effectively	0.00%	100.0%
Writes effectively	0.50%	99.5%
2015 Total	0.24%	99.76%

2016	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	0.54%	99.0%
Creates or performs effectively	44.0%	98.5%
Reads effectively	3.78%	98.0%
Think critically & solve problems	1.08%	100.0%
Utilize technology effectively	11.35%	94.1%
Writes effectively	2.70%	98.5%
2016 Total	10.54%	89.46%

2017	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	.96%	99.04%
Creates or performs effectively	51.92%	48.08%
Reads effectively	9.62%	90.38%
Think critically & solve problems	1.44%	98.56%
Utilize technology effectively	11.35%	84.13%
Writes effectively	2.70%	97.30%
2017 Total	14.18%	85.82%

2018	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	2.29%	97.71%
Creates or performs effectively	45.71%	54.29%
Reads effectively	21.14%	78.86%
Think critically & solve problems	2.29%	97.71%
Utilize technology effectively	54.86%	45.14%
Writes effectively	5.29%	94.71%
2018 Total	23.05%	76.95 %
GRAND TOTAL	1.62%	88.38%

The Ellington High School Class of 2015 graduated on Friday, June 19, 2015. Diplomas were awarded to 202 seniors. The statistics for the Class of 2015 were as follows: 123 students plan

to attend four-year colleges, 53 students plan to attend two-year colleges, 2 students plan to enter technical schools, 4 students plan to join the military, 14 students plan to enter the workforce, and 6 students remained undecided. EHS said goodbye to this year's foreign exchange students: David Bergoee of Denmark, Julian Herms of Germany, and Teresa Lindtner of Austria

Katherine Lee, the daughter of Christopher and Karla Lee, is the class valedictorian. She was a member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society and was named a National Merit Scholar. Katherine was the recipient of both the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar Athlete Award and Art Award for 2015. Katherine was the recipient of the Holy Cross Book Prize, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, President's Award for Educational Excellence, and AP Scholar Award. She was named a scholar athlete during each of the three sports seasons. Katherine was selected as an all-conference athlete and received the Coaches' Award in Cross Country. Katherine served her school community as a tutor, a member of Peer Advocates for a Better Society, and AP Chemistry Lab Preparation. Katherine plans to attend Cornell University, pursuing a career within the fields of math, science, and medicine.

Jonathan Wing, the son of Phillip Wing and the late Lynne Wing, is the class salutatorian. He was a member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society and was named the recipient of the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar Athlete Award for 2015. Jonathan received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, and the Harvard Club of Northern Connecticut Book Award. Jonathan served as the Captain of the school Cross Country and Indoor Track teams during his senior year. He was a member of the 2015 Connecticut Class M State Champion 4 x 800 team. Jonathan's commitment to the school community and the town is commendable. He was a founding member of the school Mock Trial Team, which advanced to the State Semi-Finals in 2013. Jonathan plans to attend Boston College where he will study psychology and English.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Over 100 parents volunteer their time in Center School, helping out in classrooms, in the library, on the playground, or in our many events. We had the opportunity to thank all our parent volunteers in celebration and honor during National Volunteer Week. Our gratitude and respect was shown to all the individuals who have dedicated their time to share their talents with our school, whether they had given one hour or many hours in service to the school.

Crystal Lake School celebrated the 40th Annual Pancake Breakfast/Sing-along on December 18, a beloved school tradition. Current and former CLS teachers organized the pancake breakfast. Students started their day being served breakfast by their teachers and then transitioned to the gym for a holiday sing along directed by Tim Adams.

Windermere principal David Welch has been asked to present at the National School Discipline Conference in Atlanta, GA. The topic for his workshop is Praising, Scolding, and Molding: A Systematic Approach to Discipline.

On Saturday, February 21st, both of the EMS Jazz Bands traveled to Enrico Fermi High School in Enfield, CT to participate in their 24th Annual Jazz Festival. The students worked incredibly hard to prepare for their performances and they did an excellent job. Both groups received a Silver Medal for their performances, and Aidan Caron received a certificate for Outstanding Musicianship.

In April, Katherine Lee and Nicholas Topor were honored at a banquet at the Aqua Turf by the Connecticut Association of Schools 17th Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts.

Music students attended the CMEA Music Festival at UConn in January and the New England Music Festival in March. Participating students were Jeremy Baouche, Erin Breen, Nicholas Cantin, Basudha Chaudhuri, Michael Gionet, Katherine Hany, Thomas Kindall, Rebecca Lindblom, Thomas Mackintosh, Ryan Michaud, Colby Villeneuve, Emily Walder, and Kate Walder. EHS music students Jeremy Baouche (Band), Emily Walder (Chorus), and Colby Villeneuve (Chorus) also participated in the CMEA All-State Music Festival.

As the Journal Inquirer reported, "a sea of students and purple T-shirts fill the bleachers in the high school gym Friday morning to cheer as a school's Special Olympics-sponsored Unified Basketball team played the varsity team for the first time ever. The game was part of "U-Knighted," week the schools week long celebration of diversity named for its Knights sports teams. The entire week was a huge success for faculty and students. The feedback was supportive, moving and encouraging as EHS continues to move forward with the recognition of diversity. The entire program was conceived and developed by the schools unified leadership committee that included students Erin Wardrop, Danielle Markowski, Erin Meaney, Brandon Bogrette, and Nick Toper.

In late February, 33 EHS Latin students joined over 150,000 others from all 50 states and several other countries in taking the 2015 National Latin Exam. Congratulations to the following 11 students:

Latin IV: Isabella Viega, magna cum laude

Latin III: Rebecca Lindblom, magna cum laude

Latin II: Jenny Boudreau, maxima cum laude, silver medal
Kayla Bonanno, maxima cum laude, silver medal
Grace Hinckley, maxima cum laude, silver medal
Lukas Merkouriou, maxima cum laude, silver medal
Tom Arbeiter, cum laude
Maria Savona, cum laude
Madison White, cum laude

Latin I: Dan Meaney, cum laude Aaron Virkler, cum laude

This year, the Ellington Community Scholarship Association awarded over \$74,000 in scholarships to 56 members of this year's graduating class. This marks the largest Ellington Community Scholarship Association distribution to date.

The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society: AnnRichelle Akko, Alisha Albee, Jonathan Bailey-Francois, Nicholas Bennett, Brandon Bogrette, Ryan Browne, Kelly Coffey, Courtney Conley, Kyle Fitzgerald, Leah Gervin, Halie Glowacki, Allison Gorman, Kristine Gouin, Nicole Hazzard, Daniel Joy, Kayla Lagan, Macy Luginbuhl, Danielle Markowski, Brigid McGrath, Erin Meaney, Madeline Meaney, Alyssa Powers, Twisha Shah, Erin Wardrop, Madison White, and Caitlin Wing.

Katherine Lee received the Gordon C. Getchell Scholar-Athlete Award, given to the varsity athlete with the highest scholastic standing. Emily Breen and Jack Connelly received the Sportsmanship Award presented to the boy and girl who perform well and demonstrate sportsman-like traits. Katherine Lee, Kevin Sisco and Thomas Mackintosh received the Coaches Award given to those students who have set an example by their character, tenacity, determination, leadership, and improvement. Katrina Gouin, James Costanzo and Jordan Dixon received the Thomas W. Hartman Athlete of the Year Award, presented to the outstanding boy and girl athlete. Emily Costanzo and Andrew Oliwa received the Outstanding Athlete Award that is given to the boy and girl who have excelled both athletically and in terms of their character. Daniel Hayes received the Distinguished

Service Award given to the athlete who makes significant contributions to the community through their time, actions, talents, dedication and strives to inspire others to do the same.

The high school athletic program completed a very successful school year. The Knights earned an overall record of 138-85-6. We were the NCCC Champions in Cheerleading, Boys' Cross Country, Boys Indoor and Outdoor Track, and Girls' Tennis. The Boys' Soccer and Cross Country teams were crowned State Champions. Ellington High School athletics produced 21 All Conference Athletes and 13 All-State Athletes. In addition, Allison Letizia was crowned an Academic All- American.

In June, the retirement of Mr. Stephen Cullinan, superintendent of schools, was recognized by the Ellington Board of Education. Mr. Cullinan led the district with honor and integrity for the past nine years and we are deeply grateful for his service to the children of Ellington and to the community. Dr. Scott Nicol was appointed superintendent of schools in April and began his tenure in Ellington on July 1.

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite spending less per student than nearly every district in the state of Connecticut. For the past five years, until 2013, Ellington ranked last in Connecticut in spending per pupil. In 2013-14, Ellington ranked 164th in spending out of 166 districts. Student achievement across all measures is most favorable. Academic awards and achievements listed throughout this report demonstrate that the students in the Ellington Public School continue to excel in a variety of venues.

During 2014-15 school year, the Ellington Public Schools continued to invest in technology improvements to enhance the education of our students. These additional devices were instrumental in meeting the requirements of the new state mandated on-line testing program. The district continues to implement the recommendations of the School Security audit completed by Resident State Trooper Patrick Sweeney and members of the Critical Infrastructure Unit of the Connecticut State Police. Numerous security improvements have been undertaken at all schools in the district. The entire community should expect that school security will continue to be a significant area of focus in the years ahead with the various town boards and agencies taking all appropriate measures to keep our children safe.

The Board of Education updated its Multi-Year Academic Support Plan which addresses the following twelve areas: Technology Infrastructure and Technology Supporting Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; Appropriate Level of Resources/Class Size; Administrative Capacity; Extended Day/Year Opportunities; Full-Day Kindergarten; Job-Embedded Professional Development; Board of Education Marketing Plan; Career Planning: Parents as Partners; Students and Staff Wellness; and Engagement, Challenge, and Personalization. This plan, including Actions/Strategies/Interventions; Timelines; Persons Responsible; and Means of Evaluation/Results Indicator, may be found on the district website and will be reviewed, evaluated and revised each year.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold, and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. The Ellington Board of Education has again increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. State mandated costs for magnet school tuition are beyond the control of the Board of Education and have risen dramatically. The current funding structure for magnet schools has placed an onerous burden on many towns including Ellington.

2015 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: James Costanzo
VICE PRESIDENT: Megan Nicoletti
SECRETARY: Gabrielle Stein
TREASURER: Nicholas Topor
SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON: Grace Kuraska

AnnRichelle Naa Angeley Akko Alisha Ann Albee* Myra Nicole Anderson Andrew Bahler* Timothy Edwin Bahler Robert E. Bailey Jonathan Robert Bailey-Francois Jeremy Karim Baouche* Lucas Daniel Barone **Justin Berak** Kathryne Mae Bergeron Kerri Lynne Bergeron* Brandon Lewis Bogrette* Keely Nicole Bouchard Jenny Boudreau Christopher Hunter Brawley Emily Anne Breen* Erin Elizabeth Breen+* Kristen Rose Breen+* Robert Michael Brisson Michael Donald Brunelle Adam Albert Buceivicius Julia Catherine Busky Megan Marie Chamberland Neil Paul Chamberland* Ian W. Chandler Basudha Chaudhuri+* Kelly P. Coffey* John Connelly Melissa Dawn Nadezhda Cooke Brandon D. Corbisiero Emily Costanzo* James T. Costanzo* Zachary David Couturier Miranda Jean Crabb Ronald S. Dagon Noria Lynn Davis Shane Lukas Deptula Benjamin J. Desilets Savannah Rae Deskis Vincenzo Michael DiCioccio Jordan Joseph Dixon Brendan M. Dougherty Christopher DuBois Zachary Mark Dumas

Melissa Fiondella Abigail Noel Fleury Dominique R. Foote Spenser L. Fornal **Joshua James Fraser** Nicole Anna French Caroline Rose Friedman Rachel Sarah Friedman Anne Lieu Fulton Ryan M. Gaidos Cristian Alberto Garcia Morgan Elizabeth Gill* Michael Matthew Gionet Arben Mal Gjonbalaj Haylee Cheyenne Godek Kelly Catherine Gorman* Kristine Anastasia Gouin Brennan Tyler Gould Aaliyah A. Graboski Bryan A. Grant Rachel Delaney Greenberg Paul B. Gresh* Daniel Roy Griffin Katherine Rose Hany Michael John Hardy James Robert Harney Kyle Andrew Francis Hartnett Daniel John Hayes* Jacob Henry Hinckley Eric Hoffman Christopher Jackson Taylor Leanne Jarvis Elizabeth Johnson Olivia Lisa Nadine Johnson Zachary Norman Johnson Shannon Marie Jones Kelton Kidd Thomas Paul Kindall* Benjamin Bruce Kloter Tae Joon Kloter Jacob W. Kranmas Timothy J. Kratzke Spencer Cahill Kraus Ashley Angela Kuehn* Grace Anne Kuraska Brittany R. Laneri Kiara Lazure Iordan Leach Jennika Melitza Lebron

Derek C. Littv* Tiffany Ann Luce Devin Andrew Luginbuhl Macy A. Luginbuhl Madison Leigh Lundeberg Brian C. Machado Julia Lin Mack Thomas Peter Mackintosh+* Sara Rose Magnanini Erin Keating Magnuson **Justin Thomas Malley** Jordan Tyler Allyn Marshall Ajeisha Marie Marti Macie R. Martin Austin Randall Masson Hayley E. McDonald Shane M. McGowan Lindsay Elizabeth McKenzie Daniel P. McPartland Ryan H. Michaud Elisha Kira Midyette Sean G. Milligan Jessica Leigh Mocadlo* Alycia Victoria Montas Karrick Ricardo Morgan Tyler P. Moriarty Megan L. Morneau Brianna Lorraine Muir Zachary T. Myjak Philip R. Nicolescu Megan Marie Nicoletti+* Megan Renee Niger Annika Rose Nordmark* Chase Denison Okeson Andrew Oliwa Darby Noel Oren Jeremy Owens Jessica Erin Palmer-Lavoie Riley K. Palozej* Megan Collette Paré Dominick E. Parisi Gwendolyn A. Paseka Eric James Pinard Jonathan Richard Plickys Spencer Andrew Plourde Aaron J. Reynolds Sarah Elizabeth Riley Gina Marie Rizzuto Alexander Nicholas Roberge Jennifer Irene Roy* Alfio P. Rubino Jordan Ruddock

Katherine Elizabeth Samson Pilar Justine Sandoval-Moberg Tianna Santoro Rhiannon Marie Scannell Julia Elizabeth Scavetta Holly Jensen Schipper Marissa Celine Sensano Taylor Roberta Setzler Kelsey Lynn Sgarlata Kierra Rose Shain* Lilia Perry Shea* Michael Alexander Sidiropoulos Kathryn Jean Sisco* Kevin James Sisco* Simon Kevin Skee Colin Alexander Smith Katherine M. Snyder David Adam Spencer Gabrielle Maya Stein Gavathry Sunil Zachariah Owen Swan Gabryel Page Swinyer Lindsey Carolyn Taft Presley A. Taylor Albert M. Tebbetts+* Nicholas David Topor+* Ashley Lauren Toth Anthony W. Tournaud Hannah Kerry Traynor Michael C. Tucker Nikolas J. Turano Madison Sorrel Unterstein Iordan Michael Vallee Lesley Gayle Van Deventer Nicole Marie Vasseur Isabella Elena Viega* Christopher James Vieweg Matthew William Vieweg Gilbert Joseph Violette III Joseph Alan Vogel Alyssa Marie Walters Tiara Nicole Watkins Krista Katherine Watson Christian Walter Welti Kyle A. Wesley Carling S. Willis Jonathan P. Wing+* Allasyn Mary Wingard Hao Xu*

Leon Russell

† Class Scholar

Iabari Duncan-West

Olivia Dawn Duval

Bailey Bradford Eckels

Jenna Louise Ferguson

Ryan Stewart Ferguson

Gabriela Rose Ewald

Joseph M. Dzen

Ian E. Leonard

Katherine Margaret Lee+*

Allison Briana Letizia+*

Honorary Diploma:

David Kristoffer Bergoee Julian Herms Teresa C. Lindtner

^{*} Attained Honor Roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.

Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society wore Gold Honor Cords.

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Black/White Honor Cords.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Maurice W. Blanchette

Executive Assistant/Human Resources Coordinator:

Marie Sauve

Executive Secretary: LouAnn Cannella

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach

Assistant Animal Control Officer: Ashlee O'Rourke

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Cindy Roman

Deputy Assessor: Kimberly Bechard **Assessment Aide:** Christine Kiessling

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Raymond F. Martin III **Administrative Secretary II:** Ginger MacHattie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Housing Rehabilitation Specialist & Clerk of the Works:

Chris Tennis

Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper: Linda Domingos

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

EMT/Ambulance Driver: Tonya Glomboske

EMT/Ambulance Driver: Deborah Landry-Schiessl

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Donald Davis

Deputy Director: John Streiber **Deputy Director:** Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.

Accounting Assistant/Deputy Treasurer: Felicia LaPlante

Administrative/Accounting Assistant: Gail Moran

Finance Office Clerk: Patricia Choiniere

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence

Supervisory Deputy Fire Marshal: James York

Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica **Fire Inspector I:** Scott Cunningham **Fire Inspector I:** Craig Stevens **Fire Inspector II:** Carl W. Dojan

Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence, James York, Robert DaBica,

Scott Cunningham, Craig Stevens

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton

Administrative Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino and

Tina Modzelewski

Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner
Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti
Youth Program Coordinator: Tressa Giordano
Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer
Food Pantry Aide: Mary DiBenedeto
Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani

Senior Center Assistant Director: Samantha Baer Senior Center Bookkeeper: Susan Maheux

Senior Center Van Drivers: Michael Joslin, Lead Van Driver;

Patrick Joyce and Kenneth McCarthy Senior Center Receptionist: Linda Sika

Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Florence Brennan

and Jasbir Jutla

Senior Center Custodians: Claire Rich and Joseph Amodio

LIBRARY:

Library Director: Susan Phillips

Children's Librarian: Patricia Grundman Library Assistant II: Lisa Kuraska Library Assistant II: Lisa Giaquinto Library Assistant II: Debra Cormier Library Assistant II: Cheryl Chamberlin

Library Assistant I: Kathy Boop Library Assistant I: Linda Judd Library Assistant I: Gail Szumyk Library Assistant I: Laurie Wormstedt

Library Assistant I: Lkhamsuren Rachel Lkhagvaa-Kukulka

Library Assistant I: Lindsay McKeegan **Library Assistant I:** Tara Clynch

Program/Reference Librarian: Francie Berger Reference Librarian: Linda Callahan Reference Librarian: Susan Slaga-Metivier

Bookkeeper: Marcia Downs Custodian: John Abate Page: Samantha Golden Page: Heidi Hoffman Page: Kristyn Stauffer Page: Renae Giard

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Interim Director of Public Health and

Environmental Services: Michael Caronna, M.P.H., R.S.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Director: Robert Tedford

Assistant Director of Recreation: Mary Bartley **Administrative Secretaries:** Cynthia Boscarino and

Tina Modzelewski

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Lisa M. Houlihan

Assistant Town Planner and Zoning and Wetlands

Enforcement Officer: John Colonese **Land Use Technician:** Troy M. Ciesco

Administrative Secretary II: Kristin Michaud

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:

Sgt. Patrick Sweeney, State Troopers' Office Supervisor

TFC Jacob Bissaillon TFC Ron Richardson TFC Keith Timme

Tpr. Brindiana Warenda

Town Police Officers:

Bart Alexander Michael Bard

John Barth Aaron Blank

Donald Bridge

Arthur Carlson, III Thomas Clark

Edward "Joe" Decker

Martin Dorey Joseph Grayeb Robert Hoffman Keith Loveland Sebastian Magnano Jeremy Powell **Marine Constables:**

Allen Bump

Thomas Davenport Michael Hesnan

Assistant Police Support Administrator:

Edward "Joe" Decker

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: Timothy Webb

Administrative Assistant II: Lori Smith
Assistant Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux
Assistant Foreman: Kevin Gambacorta

Lead Mechanic: Taylor Olson Mechanic I: Perry Dikeman Maintainer II: Jon Godek Maintainer II: Joshua Hebert Maintainer II: Ronald Moser Maintainer II: Rebecca O'Brien Maintainer I: Shawn Bull Maintainer I: Brian Conner Maintainer I: Richard Daugherty Maintainer I: Denis Giroux Maintainer I: Keith Jarvis

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Maintainer I: Keith Jarvis
Maintainer I: Bob Ouellette
Maintainer I: Benjamin Pare
Maintainer I: Patrick Roy
Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki
Maintainer I: Daniel Whitman
Lead Custodian: Kim Gallicchio

Custodian: Dana DiNallo

Brush Drop-off Facility Attendant: Carl Badeau

TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax and Revenue Collector: Ann Marie Conti

Deputy Collector: Brenda Gower

Tax Clerk: Dawn Stavens

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan

Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:

Bonnie Armstrong

Administrative Clerk: Donna Hosey

TOWN COUNSEL: Dorian Reiser Famiglietti, Esq.,

Kahan Kerensky & Capossela LLP

SPECIAL COUNSEL:

Day Pitney LLC (Bond Counsel)

Shipman & Goodman (Special Ed Counsel for

Board of Education)

Kainen, Escalera & McHale (Negotiations Counsel for

General Government and Board of Education)

TOWN ENGINEER: James Thompson,

Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN: Timothy Webb

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA):

Administrator: Timothy Webb Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith WPCA Technician: Rebecca O'Brien

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ELECTED OFFICIALS		ALI OINTED DOARDS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	TERM EXPIRES	AND COMMISSIONS
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman	December 2015	AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING
Ronald F. Stomberg, Deputy First Selectman	December 2015	AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CUITURE (1 years to Avenue 2015)
Melinda M. Ferry	December 2015	POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2015)
A. Leo Miller	December 2015	Tommy Arbeiter <i>, Student Rep.</i> Karen Bailey-Francois
James M. Prichard	December 2015	Mary Bartley
Lori L. Spielman	December 2015	Yale Cantor
John W. Turner	December 2015	Doris Crayton
Joint VI. Turner	December 2010	Kevin Hayes
BOARD OF FINANCE		Lisa Kelly
Robert J. Clements, Chairman	December 2015	Kathleen Larew
Douglas Harding	December 2015	Diane Lasher-Penti
Mark A. Joyse	December 2017	Erin McGurk
Barry C. Pinto	December 2017	David Pearson
John Rachek	December 2015	Spencer Plourde, Student Rep.
Michael D. Varney	December 2015	John Reilly
y		Ron Richardson
BOARD OF EDUCATION		Jane Roets
Daniel C. Keune, Chairman	November 2015	Deborah Stauffer
Gary J. Blanchette	November 2017	Beth Tautkus
Howard S. Friedman	November 2015	Isabella Viega, Student Rep.
Ann Marie Hayes	November 2017	ιδαθείτα ντέξα, διαμετά τερ.
Tracey J. Kiff-Judson	November 2015	AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE
Andrew McNamar	November 2015	(1 year to May 2016)
Kristen Picard-Wambolt	November 2017	David Arzt, Chairman
Michael Purcaro	November 2017	J. Albert Breton, Jr.
Dale C. Roberson	November 2015	William Merson, Vice Chairman
Michael Young	November 2015	Jean Burns
		Rodger Hosig
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS		
Susan J. Luginbuhl (Democrat)	January 2015	AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 year to June 2016)
Wanda Deland (Republican)	January 2015	Robert M. Dawson, III, Chairman
·		Michele Beaulieu-Dzen
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS		Gary Chaplin
John M. Halloran Jr., Chairman	December 2015	Janet Marshall
Mary E. Blanchette	December 2015	Kevin Zahner
Mary K. Clements	December 2015	
C. Peter Nickerson	December 2017	AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Daniel J. Sclare	December 2015	(1 year to February 2016)
Janet Wieliczka	December 2017	John Turner, Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative
		Brendan Burke, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	J	Robert Clements, Board of Finance Representative
Arlo Hoffman, Chairman	December 2017	Donald Davis, Director of Emergency Management
William R. Hogan, Vice Chairman	December 2017	Robert Edwards, Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative
Carol A. Strom, Secretary	December 2015	Gary Feldman, Sr., Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
Douglas Harding	December 2015	Representative
Ricci Hirth	December 2017	Douglas Harding, Board of Finance Representative
Robert G. Hoffman	December 2017	Bryan Harvell, Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative
David Stavens	December 2015	Simon Hessler, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative
		A. Leo Miller, Board of Selectmen Representative
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		Vacant, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr, Chairman	December 2017	
Mary B. Cardin, Vice Chairman	December 2015	AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 year to December 2015)
Kenneth M. Braga	December 2017	Wilson D. Flynn, Chairman
Arthur G. Aube	December 2015	J. Wiley Dumas, Vice Chairman
Mark R. Spurling	December 2015	David Grim
		Daniel Joy, Student Rep.
		Alan Lewandosky
		Andrew McCoy
		James Stemmerman
		John M. Takach
		Bruce N. Warkentin
		Vanagaina (2)

Vacancies (3)

APPOINTED BOARDS

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVA	ATION		ERM EXPIRES
OF PINNEY HOUSE (1 year to July 2015)		CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Gerry Gillung, Chairman		Rebecca A. Quarno, Chairman	March 2019
James Gage		David H. Bidwell, Vice Chairman	March 2017
Marcia Kupferschmid		Sean Dwyer	March 2018
Dale Roberson		James Gage	March 2019
Debby Wallace		George Nickerson	March 2017
Vacant		Vacant	March 2018
		Vacant	March 2016
		Alternates (2 years)	
AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR TH		Walter Moody	March 2016
PINNEY STREET TOWN-OWNED PROPERT	ГΥ	Ann Harford	March 2017
(1 year to March 2016)			
Gordon Oliver, Chairman		DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 years)	
Dominic Cristelli		Roberta Printy (Republican)	January 2019
Gary Feldman, Sr.		Debra A. Riley (Democrat)	January 2019
David Grim		Debia in Taley (Democrac)	junuary 2019
Lisa Houlihan		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	NT (4)
Mark Miller		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	
Lori Spielman		Sean Kelly, Chairman	July 2016
Timothy Webb		Christopher Todd, Vice Chairman	July 2015
Michael Wylie		David Hurley	July 2018
Vacant		Gilbert J. Gamboa, Jr.	July 2017
vacuit		Stanislav Moline	July 2018
		Alternates (2 years)	
	TERM EXPIRES	Stefanie Cunningham	January 2017
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 year		Donna Resutek	January 2017
John Rachek, Chairman	January 2018	Vacant	January 2017
Charles Jackson	January 2016		
Joel Nadel	January 2017	ETHICS COMMISSION (4 years)	
Alternates (2 years)	·	Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman	January 2018
James Knurek	January 2017	J. Wiley Dumas, Vice Chairman	January 2016
Vacant	January 2016	Grace Boucher	January 2016
	, ,	Vacant	January 2017
		Vacant	January 2019
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5)	uears)	vacant	junuary 2017
James Alexander	April 2020	HOUGING AUTHODITY (F)	
Donald Gobeille, Jr.	April 2017	HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)	T 2017
Dennis Milanovich	April 2016	Judith Plantier, Chairman	June 2017
Howard D. Reckert	April 2018	Timothy Collins	June 2020
Vacant	April 2019	Donald J. Gessay	June 2019
vacuit	71p111 2017	Robert C. Ohrt	June 2018
		Aaron J. Foster	June 2016
CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRIC	T (3 uears)	Ted Yampanis, Executive Director	
Galen Semprebon	June 2017		
Guien beinprebon	June 2017	HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)	
		Susan Stack, Chairman	January 2016
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION		Susan Hannigan, Vice Chairman	January 2016
Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Chairman		Hocine Baouche	January 2018
Mark Joyse, Vice Chairman		Yale Cantor	January 2018
Bruce Fader		Teresa Cavanagh	January 2018
Robert Harvey		Helen Filloramo	January 2016
5		Jaime S. Foster	January 2016
John L. Daigle, Jr.		Richard F. Petrucci	January 2018
Dale Roberson			, ,
Michael Stupinski		INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)	
		Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2019
COMMUNITALIZACION CITATINA ARTICALI	DV COUNCE	Ron Brown, Vice Chairman	January 2017
COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISOR	KY COUNCIL	Arthur G. Aube	January 2019
(2 years)	<u>.</u>	Hocine Baouche	
Marc Diwinsky	June 2016		January 2017
		Jean Burns	January 2017
		Steven J. Hoffman	January 2019
CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVIS	ORY COUNCIL	Mary Beth O'Neill	January 2019
(1 year)		Alternates (2 years)	T 201
George Shaw	August 2015	Vivian Sovinsky	January 2016
Alternate (vacant)	August 2015	Vacant	January 2017
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TERM EXPIRES

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)	
Audrey Kubas, Chairman	April 2019
Jonathan Allen	April 2017
Mark Boone	April 2019
Wilson D. Flynn	April 2019
Diane O'Hagan	April 2017

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)

Nancy Lemek September 2015

MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)

Vacant January 2016

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)

Dianne Trueb June 2016 Fred Journalist June 2016

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)

2016
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PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)

Peter W. Welti, Chairman	February 2018
Gary Magnuson, Vice Chairman	February 2016
Thomas Adams	February 2018
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	February 2018
Dale Gerber	February 2016
Katherine Heminway	February 2018
Lori Spielman	February 2016
Ronald F. Stomberg (BOS Representative)	December 2015
Gary Blanchette (BOE Representative)	November 2015
John Rachek (BOF Representative)	December 2015
David Stavens (P&Z Representative)	December 2015
Timothy Webb, Public Works Director (Ex-off	icio)

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES

(2 years)

F. Michael Francis September 2015 James M. Prichard September 2015

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

(3 years)

Carolyn Cook, *Chairman*William H. Enes, Jr.
October 2016
June N. Lyons
October 2015

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)

Vacant June 2016 Vacant June 2017

TERM EXPIRES

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 year)

J. Renee Irvin June 2016 Alternate: Vacant June 2016

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)

Daniel J. Paris, Chairman

Edward Duell

Jeremy T. Galeota

Paul F. Gilbert

Shawn Koehler

April 2017

April 2018

April 2019

April 2018

April 2018

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 years)

Ronald Brown August 2015
Rodger Hosig August 2016
Ronald F. Stomberg August 2016

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Yale Cantor	Nicole S. Albano
Thomas J. Dzicek	Clifford L. Aucter
John M. Halloran, Jr.	Maurice W. Blanchette
Mort Heidari	Peter J. Charter
Robert G. Hoffman	Robert J. Clements
James R. Josephiac	Dale T. Cunningham
Dennis Milanovich	Christopher C. Davis
Joel P. Nadel	Ron C. Hull
Thaddeus J. Okolo	Leonard A. Johnson
Mark R. Spurling	Sean C. Kelly
	Sharon J. McLaughlin
	Robert K. Pagani
UNAFFILIATED	Richard J. Sabonis
James Darby	Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
Christina Marie Morin	Ronald F. Stomberg
Betty Jean Rivard-Darby	Rhonda Villanova
Elizabeth C. Waters	Janet K. Wieliczka

Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

August

SMTWTFS

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September

SMTWTFS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

2015-2016 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 26 Last Day of School** Jun 6**

** Tentative

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Teacher InserviceAug 24 Teacher DaySept 7 Columbus Day......Oct 12 Teacher InserviceNov 3 ThanksgivingNov 26-27 Christmas RecessDec 24 - Jan 1 Martin Luther King Day ...Jan 18 Presidents' DayFeb 15 Teacher InserviceFeb 16 Good FridayFeb 16 Spring RecessApr 11-15 Memorial DayMay 30

October

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½ Day - All SchoolsNov 25

○○ EARLY DISMISSALS

Teacher DayJune 7

K-6 Conferences Dec 2-4
7-8 Conferences Dec 9-11
Christmas Recess Dec 23
7-8 Conferences Mar 21-23

K-6 ConferencesMar 16-18 Last DayJune 6**

High School ExamsT.B.D.

(4 days in January & June)

GraduationJune 10**

* Tentative

April

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May

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June

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 6th. If more than ten school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 14, 2016.

Approved: 11/19/14

TOWN OF ELLINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (Area Code 860)

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

		ERGENCY POLICE	, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911	
	Non-Emergency Calls		Visit the website at <u>ellington-ct.gov</u>	
Ambulance	Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps	870-3170	Town Hall	
	41 Maple Street, P.O. Box 71		Address: 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029	
Fire	Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department	870-3174	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 0602	9
	316 Sandy Beach Road		TTD/TTV Dhana for Hearing Impaired 970, 2106	
	Ellington Volunteer Fire Department	870-3190	TTD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196	
	29 Main Street, P.O. Box 911		Town Hall Hours	
Police	Resident State Troopers' Office	875-1522	Monday 8:30 am to 6:00	om
	33 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00	
	State Police Troop C	896-3200	Friday 8:30 am to 1:30	
	1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland CT		711ddy 5.35 diff to 1.35	ρ····
ADMINISTRAT	TION, 55 Main Street	870-3100	RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way	870-3118
	lanchette, First Selectman		Robert Tedford, Director	
	Executive Assistant & HR Coordinator		Fax	871-3198
	ella, Executive Secretary		RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR	870-3140
Fax	,	870-3102	Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department	1
	IROL, 21 Main Street	870-3155	Bulky Waste Disposal (All American Waste)	289-7850
	lach, Animal Control Officer	870-3133	SCHOOLS website: ellingtonschools.org	283-7830
		070 2400		000 2200
	Main Street, P.O. Box 199	870-3109	Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street	896-2300
Cindy Roman,	Assessor		Suzanne Levandoski, Admin. Assist./HR Coordinator	896-2300
Fax		870-3197	Superintendent's Fax	896-2312
	RMITS, 57 Main Street	870-3124	Special Education Services	896-2300
Raymond Mar	rtin, Building Official		Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)	896-2315
Fax		870-3122	Crystal Lake School (Michael Larkin, Principal)	896-2322
BURNING PER	MITS, 57 Main Street	870-3126	Ellington High School (Neil Rinaldi, Principal)	896-2352
Allan Lawrenc	ce, Fire Marshal		High School Guidance Office	896-2357
CEMETERIES, I	Rachel Dearborn	875-8204	Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)	896-2339
D.E.E.P. CONS	ERVATION OFFICER, Laura Pettus	424-3333	Windermere School (David Welch, Principal)	896-2329
	REACH, 31 Arbor Way	870-3131	SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street	870-3133
	Elderly Outreach Caseworker		Erin Graziani, Director	
	MANAGEMENT	870-3182	Transportation	870-3137
Donald Davis	VIANAGENENT	070-3102	Fax	870-3136
Fax		870-3103	SEWER ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE	870-3130 870-3140
	Asia Ctract	870-3103 870-3115		870-3140
FINANCE, 55 N		870-3115	Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator	070 2445
	Corleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer		Emergency Sewer Maintenance Number	870-3145
	te, Deputy Treasurer/Bills and Accounts		STATE ROADS	
Fax		870-3158	East Windsor DOT Garage	623-4473
	L, 57 Main Street	870-3126	Vernon DOT Garage	875-4993
	ce, Fire Marshal		TAX DEPARTMENT, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158	870-3113
Fax		870-3122	Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector	
HEALTH-North	n Central District Health Department	745-0383	Fax	870-3704
Michael Caronna, Interim Director of Health &			TOWN CLEDY DECISTRAD WITH STATISTICS	970 2105
Director of En	vironmental Services		TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS	870-3105
HOUSING AUT	THORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416	872-6923	Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk, 55 Main Street	
	s, Executive Director		Fax	870-3721
		970 2422		
	IABILITATION, 55 Main Street	870-3132	TOWN PLANNER, 57 Main Street	870-3120
	ICES, 31 Arbor Way	870-3128	Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner	
Doris Crayton	, Director		Fax	870-3122
Fax		870-3198	TREE WARDEN, 21 Main Street	870-3140
	L MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280	870-3160	Timothy Webb, Tree Warden	
Susan Phillips,			VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES	872-9163
MUNICIPAL A	GENT, 31 Arbor Way	870-3131	VOTING, 55 Main Street	870-3107
Anna Turner,	Municipal Agent		Susan Luginbuhl, Democrat, Registrar of Voters	
Fax	-	870-3198	Wanda DeLand, Republican, Registrar of Voters	
	ant Patrick Sweeney, 33 Arbor Way	875-1522	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way	870-3130
	e Troopers' Office		Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	1 2 2 2 2 3
Fax		870-3152	Fax	870-3198
	6 Church Street	875-6391	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, 57 Main St.	870-3130
FUSI OFFICE,	o Charch Street	012-0231		870-3120
PROBATE COU	JRT, 14 Park Place, Vernon	872-0519	John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning &	
DUBLICATION	IC 24 Main Charat	070 2442	Wetlands Enforcement Officer	
	(S, 21 Main Street	870-3140	Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 2	289-7850
	b, Director & WPCA Administrator		Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860)	
Fax		870-3147	TOURS TO THE PROPERTY OF THE P	. 5103