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ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

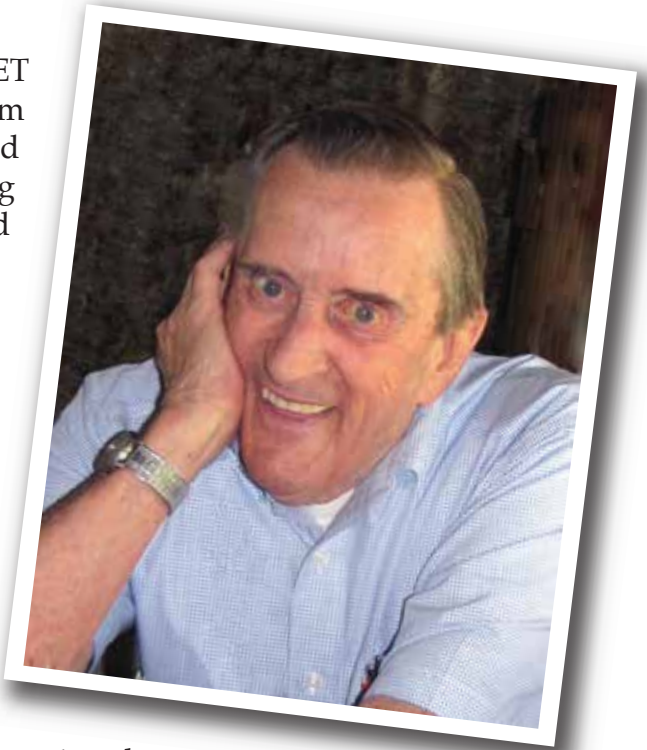
WALL OF HONOR 2018 INDUCTEE

SHERWOOD MERK

Born in Rockville, Sherwood had a 40-year career as a SNET installer-repairman, but he didn't let that stop him from enjoying his other interests, including back road crosscountry traveling throughout America (including Alaska), repairing clocks, hitting the slopes at Fox Hill, and spending days at the Crystal Lake Water Skiing Club.

However, his real passion was the development and growth of Ellington Rescue Post 512; this unique program allows high school students to receive emergency medical training and assist on ambulance calls during the school day. A thirty-year EVAC volunteer, Sherwood was instrumental in the reestablishment of the Post, and spent twenty years serving as the advisor, trainer and leader of the program, one of the only of its kind in the State of Connecticut. In his time overseeing Ellington Rescue Post 512, it transformed from a fledgling group to a renowned organization of exceptional youths.

During the years under Sherwood's tutelage, the Post received such accolades as the IBM Give and Learn Award, resulting in Ellington High School receiving \$80,000 worth of new computers, as well as the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America.



First Selectman, Lori Spielman said "Sherwood had immeasurable influence on Ellington's youth. Many attribute their careers in the medical field to his guidance and mentoring, and these individuals stayed in touch with him throughout the years."

The impact of Mr. Merk's contribution to the Town of Ellington is widespread and his spirit of helping others will continue to be felt by many. His absence may be felt from his tables at the Chuck Wagon and Gerry's Donuts, but through his induction to the Wall of Honor, he will never be forgotten.



A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the site of the Wall of Honor located in Arbor Park.



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Dear Fellow Ellington Residents:

Before we get into the financial highlights, I would like to thank all the employees and volunteers who work to make our town a truly great place to live. We need to recognize those who protect us and keep us safe. Our police, volunteer firemen and EMT's who are on duty protecting us while we are sleeping in our warm beds. Our town has one of the best educational programs around and we need to thank our school administrators and teachers, whose dedication and concern for the future of our children provide this most important service. In addition, our children and adults benefit from well run and comprehensive recreational programs. Our seniors benefit from a new senior center. We all benefit from the services offered by Hall Memorial Library. Our town roads and facilities are well maintained. Thank you to all those who make Ellington the town it is.

Last year at this time we were experiencing a dilemma as we did not know how much in state aid we would be receiving. This, as you can well imagine, made our budget making process very difficult. Ultimately, the state cut the amount of aid it provided Ellington by approximately \$1,450,000 from what it provided us for the 16/17 FY. Fortunately we did not have to send out supplemental tax bills or cut core services as many of our surrounding towns were required to do. We instituted a freeze on new hires and any non-critical spending plus we were fortunate to have funds left over from the 16/17 year including \$190,000 from the Board of Education. This allowed us to live within the budget approved by the voters.

Another major occurrence during the past few months is that Moody's confirmed our financial rating of Aa3 which is very good for a town our size. The town's financial rating has a direct impact on its ability to borrow and borrow at a competitive interest rate. Not all Connecticut cities and towns were so fortunate.

Now the news for the coming year. We will maintain the existing mill rate of 31.7 which is a zero increase over the past year. We were able to do this due to the state returning some of the cuts they made in state aid, an increase in the grand list of 2.29% and sound management of our limited funds by all departments.

I want to thank all the members of the Board of Finance and members of our town Finance Office who have managed the difficult job of balancing the financial needs of the various departments with the concerns of the taxpayers. They have done a commendable job in managing the funds necessary to provide the services necessary and expected while keeping the best interests of the taxpayer in mind.

August 3, 2018



John Rachek, 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, Sarah D. Cook, John W. Turner, Ronald F. Stomberg
Front Row (L-R) James M. Prichard, Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman; David E. Stavens*

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fourteen (14) regular meetings plus four (4) special meetings. Three (3) public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called seven (7) 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 2017-2018:

REFERENDA:

- May 15, 2018: annual town budget: "Shall the town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total for the fiscal year 2018-2019, \$58,396,875?" Vote: Yes 362, No 308

AGREEMENTS:

- Revised the language of the Procedure/Agreement for Hiring Ellington Town Police Officers for Traffic Control at Highway Construction Sites/Special Events to clearly define that travel time is not included in the calculation of hours
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the lease agreement between the Town of Ellington and Oakridge Dairy, LLC, to lease for agricultural purposes thirty seven (37) acres of property at \$6,475 per year, from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2019; thirty (30) acres of property at \$5,250 per year from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020 and twenty three (23) acres of property at \$4,025 per year from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022 in accordance with the lease agreement.

CONTRACTS:

- Authorized the First Selectman to execute the agreement between Prospect ECHN Home Health, Inc. d/b/a Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut and the Town of Ellington, effective July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018
- Awarded the contract for the purchase of breathing apparatus for Crystal Lake Fire Department to Firematic Supply Co. Inc. of Rocky Hill, CT in the amount of \$165,719.72

- Awarded the contract for the purchase of breathing apparatus for Ellington Volunteer Fire Department to Shipman's Fire Equipment Inc. of Waterford, CT in the amount of \$58,844.90 and Firematic Supply Co. Inc. of Rocky Hill in the amount of \$336,819.68
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Ellington with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police, for the services of five (5) Resident State Troopers for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.
- Awarded the contract for the 2017-18 snow plowing season, effective November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018, to Cooker Construction, LLC of Somers, Connecticut, as recommended by the Director of Public Works
- Renewed the contract with Adams & Adams Building Services, Inc. to provide cleaning services for a one-year extension to December 31, 2018
- Ratified the contract between the Town of Ellington and Ellington EMS Professionals and Volunteer Ambulance Corps IAEP Local R1-512 Employees Union Contract through June 30, 2019 and authorized the First Selectman to execute said contract
- Awarded the contract for consulting services to assist with the Plan of Conservation and Development Comprehensive Review and Update to Goman & York of East Hartford, CT as recommended by the Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation and Development Update Committee
- Awarded the contract for lead paint inspection services for the FY 2017 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program to Enviroplan, LLC and authorized the First Selectman to execute the contract agreement
- Authorized the First Selectman to award contract to Nana's Ice Cream, Stafford Springs, CT for ice cream vendor services at Sandy Beach for the 2018 season
- Renewed the contract for the service and maintenance of the Town's computer system for an additional year to April, 2019, with The Computer Company of Cromwell, CT
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute the agreement between Prospect ECHN Home Health, Inc. d/b/a Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut and the Town of Ellington, effective July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

EQUIPMENT:

- Released the title and authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of the Board of Education 2008 GMC Savanna Passenger Van, as requested by the Board of Education
- Released the title and authorized the return to Bolles Motors of the Board of Education 2010 Jeep Liberty, as requested by the Board of Education
- Waived the bidding process for a Crystal Lake Fire Department F-550 Mini-Pumper Demo Forestry Truck from HME Incorporated for \$200,000, with a lease between the Town and Leasing 2, Inc. for five years at an interest rate of 2.45%
- Awarded bid for EVFD Triple Pumper Fire Truck from Five Star Fire representing Sutpehn for \$589,748.96, with a lease between the Town and Leasing 2, Inc. for five years at an interest rate of 2.45%
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of the 2002 International 36,000 GVW Truck with an all-season dump body as requested by the Director of Public Works
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to exchange equipment with the Town of Granby, where the Town of Ellington receives a top dressing unit for athletic fields and the Town of Granby receives a tailgate spreader unit
- Authorized the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department to dispose of a Poseidon Breathing Air Compressor, defragmentation fill station, and retired MSA air packs
- Awarded bid for Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps ambulance to Eastford Fire and Rescue Sales, Inc. of Eastford, CT in the amount of \$219,632.00

FINANCES:

- Closed out the following Annual Budget Capital Projects-Prior Years to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for FY 16-17: DPW Mower - \$5,123.55; Brookside Park Pavilion Needs - \$383.00; Arbor Park Maintenance - \$8.30; HML Reroof Original Building - \$14,260.41; Town Green Gazebo - \$11,085.65; Municipal Broadband Connection - \$4,088.85; Girls Softball - \$17,194.32; Myers Nursery - \$10,569.47; EVAC Protective Response Gear - \$3,387.41; EVAC Radio Equipment - \$147.64; EVAC Service Vehicle - \$12,151.33; CLFD-COMM FCC Radio - \$1,913.07; TOTAL - \$80,313.00
- Set the Trash Collection Fee at \$125
- Granted an assessment abatement of 50% to Oakridge Dairy, LLC, to apply to the October 1, 2017 Tax List
- Approved the appropriation of \$80,313.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for FY17-18 to the Annual Town Budget Capital Outlay for FY17-18 to the following accounts: Town- wide Sidewalks - \$20,000.00; Parking Lot Renovations - \$30,000.00; Sidewalk Extension West Road/Route 83 - \$30,313.00
- Approved the transfer of \$62,299 for FY 2017-18 from Account 1065 Salary Adjustment to various Town Departments' Accounts to cover the cost of salary increases, as specified in the salary adjustment schedule recommended by the Finance Officer and approved by the Board of Finance
- Authorized the Finance Department to accept donations on behalf of the Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation, related to the proposed Middle Road project.
- Approved the appropriation of \$76,540 from the Unassigned-General Fund Balance FY 2018-19 to FY 2018-19 Debt Service Account for the Board of Education Computer Replacement Lease

GRANTS:

- Authorized the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents as related to the Community Connectivity Grant Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to file an application and to provide and execute any and all related documents, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Ellington, as related to the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to enter into and sign agreements and execute any documents on behalf of the Town of Ellington with the Department of Agriculture of the State of Connecticut relating to the grant application for the Farm Viability Program
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Ellington and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents as related to the State Homeland Security Grant
- Authorized the First Selectman to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Ellington and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents as related to the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Application
- Authorized the Finance Officer/Treasurer to sign and execute the Maintenance of Effort Certification Document on behalf of the Town of Ellington with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation relating to the Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Dial-A-Ride Services) for 2019.
- Authorized the First Selectman to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town of Ellington, a grant from the State of Connecticut Neglected Cemetery Account, and to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said grant.

ORDINANCES:

- Approved the Finance Officer's request to include sewer charges, rates of assessments within Ordinance 32-5 [Withholding of Permits for Tax Delinquent Property/Authority to Withhold Approval] and sent them to Public Hearing and Town Meeting

- Approved the revisions recommended by the Town Attorney to Town Solid Waste Ordinance 149-1 through 149-17 and sent them to Public Hearing and Town Meeting
- Approved the revisions recommended by the Town Attorney to the Ordinance Concerning Competitive Bidding [Ellington Code 28.1-28.3] and sent them to Public Hearing and Town Meeting

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- Accepted the proposed amendments to the Town of Ellington Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy to include Farm Provisions, as provided for by Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81m, and as recommended by the Economic Development Commission
- Adopted the proposed Policy Regarding Traffic Control Requirements as proposed by Sgt. Santa

PROPERTY:

- Accepted S200504 – Ferguson Way, Drainage and Sidewalks for Freedom Ridge Subdivision as defined on the copy of the executed deed and as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Authorized the Town of Ellington to enter into a partnership with Northern Connecticut Land Trust Inc. for the protection of open space concerning the purchase of the Bellante Property located at 14 Sandy Beach Road

STAFF:

- Acknowledged the resignation of Jeremy Powell, Police Officer
- Promoted Brittany Lemire to Administrative Secretary I, Human Services/Recreation
- Acknowledged the resignation of Amy Harrington, Assistant Animal Control Officer [per diem]
- Acknowledged the resignation of Karen Vaiciulis, Deputy Assessor
- Granted Permanent Status to Phillip Kidney, WPCA Technician/Maintainer II
- Acknowledged the resignation of Thomas Dillon, EMT/Driver [Part-Time]
- Hired Benjamin Barry, Kelly Phillips and James Jehnings, EMTs/Drivers [Part-Time]
- Granted Permanent Status to LouAnn Cannella, Executive Assistant/Website & Social Media Coordinator
- Reclassified Carl Dojan to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal
- Promoted/Granted Permanent Status to Laura Plona to the position of Deputy Assessor
- Acknowledged the resignation of Debra Riley, Democrat Deputy Registrar of Voters
- Acknowledged the resignation of Susan Luginbuhl, Democrat Registrar of Voters
- Acknowledged the resignation of Savannah Blantz, Recording Secretary for Land Use Commissions
- Acknowledged the resignation of Nancy LaRussa, Assistant Town Clerk
- Appointed Lois Timms-Ferrara, Democrat Registrar of Voters
- Acknowledged the retirement of Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal, effective September 30, 2018
- Appointed James S. York, II, Fire Marshal, effective September 30, 2018
- Changed status of Sydney Kern to full-time Fire Inspector II/Granted Permanent Status
- Hired Alisha Goss, Senior Center Administrative Secretary I
- Acknowledged the resignation of Brittany Lemire, Recreation/Human Services Administrative Secretary I
- Acknowledged the resignation of Ben Barry, Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Driver
- Acknowledged the resignation of Ronald Fairchild, Reference Librarian
- Acknowledged the resignation of James Jehnings, EMT/Driver
- Changed the status of the two School Resource Officers from part-time to full-time
- Granted a one-year leave of absence to Todd Harmon, Police Officer
- Hired Kristen Wasielewski, Administrative Secretary, Recreation/Human Services
- Hired Rachel Oakes, EMT/Driver
- Hired Kimberly Gambacorta, Assistant Animal Control Officer

- Hired Melinda LaBruna, Assessment Aide
- Acknowledged the resignation of Heidi Tucker, Deputy Tax & Revenue Collector
- Granted Permanent Status to Sydney Kern, Fire Inspector II
- Hired Andrew Hayes, Adam Betz, and Brendan Hailer, DPW Seasonal Workers
- Hired Alexia Merkouriou, Seasonal Administrative Clerk, Town Clerks Office
- Acknowledged the resignation of Michael C. Joslin, Senior Center Lead Driver
- Acknowledged the resignation of Adam Betz, DPW Seasonal Worker
- Appointed Elizabeth Nord, Democratic Deputy Registrar of Voters

OTHER ACTIONS:

- Appointed JR Russo & Associates as the Town Engineer for the Land Use Commissions, Town Planner, and Public Works Departments, along with any additional engineering needs of the Town, for an indefinite term
- Assigned Jim Thompson of Buck & Buck Engineers to continue to oversee the engineering needs of the Water Pollution Control Authority
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Established Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation & Development Update Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture
- Selected Yale Cantor as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2017; honored at an induction ceremony on September 9, 2017
- Granted the request of the Winterfest Committee to hold the 2017 Winterfest on the Town Green on Saturday, December 2, 2017
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee
- Granted Special Event License: Oakridge Dairy Public Farm Tour – October 28, 2017
- Entered Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Somers for temporary use of the Somers Animal Control Facility
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Granted the request of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department to use Brookside Park for the Annual EVFD Carnival
- Held the Annual Public Works Open House
- Held the Inaugural Earth Day Celebration on the Town Green and Congregational Church parking lot
- Adopted Sustainable CT Resolution
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the Letter of Commitment for Budget Stabilization Program for Liability-Automobile-Property Coverages between the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), the Town of Ellington and Ellington Board of Education for the policy period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Authorized the First Selectman to assist the proposed Town magazine vendor with the solicitation of advertising in order to defray the cost to the Town.
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 10 years of service: Cynthia Costanzo, Parks and Recreation Commission; Gary T. Feldman, Sr., Permanent Building Committee; Susanne Hannigan, Human Services Commission; Bryan Harvell, Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee; Shawn Koehler, Water Pollution Control Authority; Christopher Todd, Economic Development Commission; John Turner, Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee; Janet Wieliczka, Library Board of Trustees
- Recognized the following Board/Commission/Agency members for 30 years of service: Tom Boscarino, Parks and Recreation Commission; Ken Braga, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Granted Special Event License: Truck and Tractor Pull – June 23, 2018
- Granted Special Event License: Great American Jeep Rally – September 15, 2018
- Granted Special Event License: Mud Bog – September 22, 2018
- Granted the request of the Organizers of the November 3, 2018 5K Road Race to close Town roads during the event

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is the 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 the 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

Back Row (L-R) Barry Pinto, Michael Varney, David Olender

Front Row (L-R) Peg Busse, John Rachek, Chairman; Douglas Harding

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 annually compile the Grand List (record of all taxable and tax-exempt real and personal property). This is accomplished by identifying and valuing all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1 of each year. 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 fair market value as established by the October 1, 2015 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1 of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are based on 70% of original cost less depreciation for equipment and machinery filed annually.

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are directed 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

- Implement the October 1, 2017 Grand List
- Enhance and update the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Successfully implement and complete the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA)

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/1/15	10/1/16	10/1/17
Real Estate	1,151,738,450	1,168,608,715	1,193,450,181
Personal Property	46,312,830	51,016,562	53,851,125
Motor Vehicle	130,222,777	134,557,157	137,867,285

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 January. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2017 through December 2017, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

In July, 2017 the Board of Selectmen appointed J. R. Russo as Town Engineer for the Town Planner, Public Works and any additional engineering needs. Buck & Buck Engineers in Hartford continued throughout the fiscal year as Engineer for the Water Pollution Control Authority. 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.

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 –Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations
- Retained Moody's AA3 credit rating
- Affordable Care Act reporting requirements
- Streamlined Chart of Accounts for State of Connecticut reporting requirements
- Assisted in the voluntary CIRMA and OSHA review of Town
- Assisted Human Resources with updating Personnel Rules and Regulations
- Assisted Human Resources with employee trainings to reduce liability
- Assisted Department of Public Works updating the Animal Control Facility
- Assisted the Recreation Department creating the Poulin Fund
- Assisted the BOS with revision of ordinance Ellington Code 32-5
- Reduction in CIRMA rates due to Town proactive risk control enhancements
- Created Town exposure Control Plan-OSHA requirement
- Budget Presentation at the Senior Center
- Lease-EVFD Air Compressor and MSA SCBA
- Lease-CLFD Forestry Truck
- Lease-Board of Education Van
- Lease-Board of Education Computer
- Prepare Bonding Resolutions for the Town Hall Addition Renovation/Turf Athletic Fields

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

- RFP- Plan of Conservation and Development Comprehensive Review and Update
- RFP- Snow Plowing Services
- BID- Fertilization of Town and Board of Education Turf Areas
- RFP- Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Ambulance
- RFP- Water Pollution Control Authority On Call Wastewater Consulting and Engineering Services

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

- Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
- Standardization of all budget documents
- Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

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

- 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 2016 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,829	Real Estate
869	Personal Property
16,536	Motor Vehicle
2,846	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$43,415,099

COMPARISON	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Current Collections	\$40,168,926	\$40,648,318	\$43,133,192
Back Collections	386,964	208,464	272,940
Interest & Liens	359,914	237,455	226,667
Collection Rate	99.4%	99.4%	99.4%

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.

PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR

JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate 1st installment Personal Property 1st installment Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trash Collection Fee
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate 2nd installment Personal Property 2nd installment Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax <i>only if applicable</i>
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer Usage Fee
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee Dog License Fee

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
- Issues and maintains all Raffle & Bazaar Permits

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 \$4,500.
- 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

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Births	133	137	138
Marriages	57	87	86
Deaths	95	101	98
Land Record Recordings	2,117	2,437	2,092
Map Filings	46	51	23
Trade Names	51	23	43
Dog Licenses	2,377	2,319	2,291
Kennel Licenses	6	10	8
Sportsman Licenses	334	400	203
Liquor Permits	21	18	21
Veterans Discharges	35	24	41
Cemetery Deeds	24	29	34
Aircraft Registration	27	18	16

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Planning Department serves six permanent land use commissions. 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, and a full-time Land Use Assistant.

In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff provides assistance to members of the development community and 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

Dorian R. Famiglietti
Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela, LLP

The Town Attorney is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be the legal advisor to the Board, the First Selectman and all Town officers, departments, boards and commissions in all matters affecting the Town. During the past year as Town Attorney, I have been involved in the following:

- Counseling the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen on: various budget issues and priorities; adoption of new ordinances and revisions to existing ordinances; contracts for the provision of certain services to the Town; contracts for the purchase of various equipment for the fire departments; contracts for the purchase of new computers for the Board of Education; continuing issues relative to improving the efficient and cost-effective provision of emergency services to the residents of the Town.

- Assisting the 2017 Charter Revision Committee on various matters being considered in connection with the preparation of its draft report.
- Working with the Assessor and Tax Collector to represent the Town in a handful of tax appeals and collecting a number of delinquent tax accounts, via tax sales and foreclosures.
- Working with the Planning Department and land use commissions on: legal opinions relative to new development proposals; reviewing various easements being granted to the Town in connection with approved developments; reviewing amendments to the Zoning Regulations; and contracting for the update to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Working with Public Works on: contracting relative to the provision of various services for the Town; contracting for the replacement of the Library roof; and acquisition of easements in connection with sidewalk improvements along Middle Butcher Road.
- Assisting the Water Pollution Control Authority on sewer benefit assessments.

BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

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 infrastructure for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Through its staff, the PZC ensures 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. During this report period, the Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation & Development Commission was established and efforts are underway to comprehensively review and prepare amendments to the 2008 POCD. 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 rural character and small-town aesthetics;
- Supports policy to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Supports comprehensive and flexible land use goals to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the town uses to implement conservation and development practices. These regulations are living documents and amended from time to time in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Four (4) zoning regulation amendments including:
 - Section 7.15 Alternative Energy - Solar (New section)
 - Section 7.9 Rear Lot Requirements (Remove residential only restriction)
 - Section 7.1 Accessory Apartments (Remove 1-bedroom limitation and increase floor area of apartment from 35% to 50% of floor area of primary dwelling or 1,000 s.f. maximum)
 - Section 6.3.8 Temporary Signs (Repeal existing regulations and replace with new section)
- Three (3) subdivision applications approved, resulting in four (4) new building lots.
- Fourteen (14) other zoning applications were reviewed involving site plans and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes, and referrals to the Board of Selectmen regarding municipal improvements or bonding actions.
- One hundred and sixty-one (161) Zoning Permit applications were processed.

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. The IWA regulates activity within the wetlands and watercourses as well as areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred and fifty (250) feet away from the resource. The IWA does this by way of approving permits in accordance with the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, and enforcing the regulations through field inspections, permit suspensions or revocations, notices of violation, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines. The regulations also permit some operations and uses as of right or as nonregulated however the IWA must be notified to make this determination prior to the commencement of the activity.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Thirteen (13) agency permit applications approved/ approved with modifications or conditions.
- Five (5) modifications or extensions approved for existing agency permits.
- Three (3) positive referrals to the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-26(e) for subdivision or resubdivision.
- Eight (8) administrative agent applications approved/ approved with modifications or conditions.
- Five (5) requests accepted for uses permitted as of right.

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

- Support of tax abatement/ incentive programs. Recommended amendments to the Ellington Economic Development Tax Abatement Policy to add a provision for farms.
- Support shop-local, buy-local initiatives through promoting Shop Ellington - an online and mobile-accessible interactive business directory.
- Members of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce and staff representation on the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, Board of Directors, and Manufacturers Council.



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 made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations. 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sixteen (16) variance applications approved five (5) with conditions.
- One (1) variance application denied.
- One (1) variance application withdrawn.
- Three (3) locations approved for dealing in and/or repairing motor vehicles.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space, farmland preservation and energy conservation. 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, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed three (3) subdivisions for open space recommendations.
- Support the farmland preservation program.
- Support the Ellington Hockanum River Committee and efforts to create and maintain trails around the Hockanum River.
- Coordinated efforts to update and enhance mapping of passive recreation trails.
- Conducted a Cost of Community Services Study analyzing costs versus revenues for commercial/industrial, residential, and open space/farm/vacant development.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

The DRB is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather it makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) regarding design elements for commercial, industrial, and multi-family developments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed site development plan for a daycare facility at 135 West Road.
- Reviewed building addition and site development plan for Desco Professional Builders at 290 Somers Road.
- Reviewed design elements for the construction of commercial buildings, fueling facility, and site development plan for Big Y Foods, Inc. on the west side of West Road across from 135 West Road.
- Reviewed revised site development plan associated with extensive renovations and an addition for Bolles Motors at 84 West Road.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)

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

- Continue to update AppGeo Sewer Layer for Ellington GIS MapGeo
- Set Sewer User Fees for Hockanum and Crystal Lake systems
- Continued to monitor H2S levels at Pump Stations.
- Held Public Hearing for Ellington Ave and Upper Butcher Rd assessments
- Held Public Hearing for Mountain St, Green St, Ivy's at Ellington and Ellington Ave benefit assessments and caveats filed.
- Reviewed future capital improvements projects.
- Projects this fiscal year - Aberle Farms, Deer Valley, Ivy's at Ellington, Windermere Village.
- Developed documents for RFQ for On Call Engineering for WPCA.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The registrars are responsible for organizing and conducting elections, primaries and referenda. They are also accountable for registering and maintaining accurate voter records for the town. These activities include annually canvassing town residents who are on the voter rolls but have not exercised their right to vote in several past consecutive elections with the objective of updating active voter files. They also hold voter registration drives at the high school, farmer's market and other venues.

Registrars in all towns report to the office of the Secretary of the State who serves as the Commissioner of Elections for the State of Connecticut and is charged with administering and implementing election laws in state and federal elections. Each registrar undergoes a rigorous training and testing regimen to secure certification by the State of Connecticut and must maintain their certification through a continuing education program designed specifically for election officials. The registrars work closely with the Town Clerk in many aspects of elections.

The Registrars of Voters are elected officials of the town who serve four year terms and will be on the November 2018 election day ballot. The Republican Registrar is Wanda DeLand who has served for thirteen years and has completed the requirements for full state certification. Susan Luginbuhl who served Ellington with distinction for fifteen years in the position of Democratic Registrar resigned in March 2018. Lois Timms-Ferrara, a Democrat and resident of town for 19 years has taken on these duties in April 2018. As of this writing, Lois is halfway through the certification program.

In November 2017 there was a municipal election held to fill several offices within our town governing bodies. Voter turnout for that election was 32.7%. In May of 2018 the Budget Referendum was held at the Ellington Senior Center. The town budget was passed, however voter turnout was a low 6.9%.

There are two voting districts in town: District 1 holds elections and primaries at the Ellington High School and District 2 votes at Crystal Lake School. There are a total of 9,759 active registered voters in town, compared with 10,385 last year. This table offers the number of registered voters by political affiliation compared to last year at this time in each of our districts:

DISTRICT ONE	2018	%	2017	%
Democrats	1,855	24.5%	1,961	24.2%
Republicans	2,072	27.3%	2,142	26.4%
Unaffiliated	3,529	46.5%	3,876	47.8%
Other	129	1.7%	122	1.5%

DISTRICT TWO	2018	%	2017	%
Democrats	556	25.6%	564	24.7%
Republicans	620	28.5%	631	27.6%
Unaffiliated	963	44.3%	1,054	46.1%
Other	35	1.6%	35	1.5%

If you are interested in registering to vote or wish to update your name, address or political party affiliation on your voter registration file, you may do so online at www.sots.ct.gov or drop by Town Hall at 55 Main Street. There are also registration cards available at Hall Memorial Library that may be dropped off or mailed to the Registrar's Office.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (PBC)

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

There were no town building projects taking place during FY 2017-18; therefore, the Permanent Building Committee did not meet.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

New England Aquatic Services (NEAS) spent 14 days and 140.5 Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting hours between August 7, and August 31, 2017 removing Variable Leaf Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*). Twenty of the hours were donated to the Town of Ellington by NEAS. The Crystal Lake Association provided \$3,000 to help fund the work. Four hours were spent performing the Annual Maintenance by surveying the lake for previously undetected invasive plants. Work off of the Town Beach consisted of 76.75 hours (1.7 acres), 25.5 hours (1.23 acres) in the Dam Area, 14 hours (0.21 acres) off of Northeast Cove, and 20.25 hours (0.3 acre) in Aborn Cove for a total of 140.5 hours (4.93 acres).

Water Quality monitoring was performed throughout the 2017 season in the open water areas of the lake and in Aborn Brook. 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. Water quality in the lake was mostly all excellent indicating that Crystal Lake had water quality equal to or better than most prior years. Aborn Brook has had increased nitrate levels in the past few years. Continued and additional monitoring is recommended. Additional lake monitoring into November is recommended to verify that the dissolved oxygen is replenished at the lake bottom at the end of the season.

Northeast Aquatic Research performed a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of the littoral lake on September 26, 2017 and issued a report on October 3, 2017. The results and recommendations are as follows:

Variable Milfoil: The plant survey revealed 5.55 acres of milfoil in the lake. The milfoil was most prevalent in the Northeast Cove Area (1.6 acres), the Dam Area (1 acre) and outside the Town Beach Area (2.78 acres). There were also scattered patches (0.18 acre) outside Northeast Cove and a small area in Aborn Cove. Comparing to the 2016 survey the divers reduced the coverage area and density outside the Town Beach Area, the Northeast Cove and an area along the western shore. A few plants remain in the areas worked due to possible missed plant and regrowth. The Dam Area and the Town Beach Area should be prioritized for harvesting in 2018.

Mud-mat: During the 2017 survey Mud-mat (*Glossostigma*) was found to have expanded to occur almost continuously along the western shoreline in shallow water (about 18") and small patches along the eastern shoreline. Although Mud-mat is generally not perceived as a nuisance species, it should be closely monitored to insure that it does not become an issue in Crystal Lake.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2018-2019:

- Continue the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake.
- Clear milfoil from the Dam Area at the north end of the lake (1 acre). These plants are being fragmented and spreading around the lake.
- Remove milfoil in the Town Beach Area (2.78 acres)
- Remove milfoil off of the Northeast Cove.
- Perform a comprehensive lake wide aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2018.

Suction harvesting is anticipated to begin around the second week in August, 2018.

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The Ellington Patriotic Committee was established in 2009. Its primary function is to develop, plan, arrange, supervise, and conduct programs and activities that foster pride and patriotism among the citizens of the town and to make recommendations for such programs and activities to the Board of Selectmen for approval, when required.

The committee organizes and conducts Memorial Day activities, including parades at both Crystal Lake and the center of town, services at the Crystal Lake Cemetery and Center Cemetery and an indoor program held in the Gordon Getchell Auditorium at EHS. Each ceremony at the cemeteries and EHS include remembrances of the 17 Ellington residents who gave their lives in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Lebanon. The committee also raises funds with Wreaths Across America in order to place wreaths on veterans' graves in town cemeteries at a ceremony in December. Additional programs conducted by the committee include a special flag burning ceremony in June to discard of worn or damaged American flags.

It is the committee's goal to encourage the citizens of Ellington to participate and offer suggestions for future programs.



Memorial Day Service at Center Cemetery

AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Ellington Ad Hoc Beautification Committee was established in 2017. Its primary function is to enhance the beauty of the Town's public access areas and to help promote pride in our community. The Committee has five (5) members and meets periodically during the year to plan and to work on projects that take place during the different seasons.

Attractive large flower pots are planted up during the spring and are placed around the center of Town where they can be enjoyed. You can see them at the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Hall Memorial Library, the Animal Control Office and the Senior Center. Beautiful red, white and blue flower pots were placed at the Rotary.



Town Hall



Hall Memorial Library

The Committee is responsible for organizing and implementing the Annual Scarecrow contest in the fall and the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest in December. The Committee encourages residents and businesses alike to participate in and enjoy these town-wide events.

The Ad Hoc Beautification Committee welcomes new members and new ideas. Contact the First Selectman's Office for more information.

AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE

Keep Ellington Moooooving!



The Ellington Ad Hoc Trails Committee was established in 2017. Its primary function is to maintain and advance the Town's trail system, thus promoting pride in the community of Ellington and creating more opportunities for residents to enjoy the Town. The Committee consists of ten members and they have been very busy.

They have held numerous workdays, putting in countless hours clearing debris from areas of the West Road Trail and the Metcalf Property, and members have been seen blazing and marking trails to make navigation easier for new hikers! They have a very active online presence through the Ellington Trails Committee Facebook page, where news of future events and projects can be found. Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Ellingtontrails/>.

The Committee wants to "Keep Ellington Moooooving" and is working hard to provide residents with beautiful local trails that all ages can enjoy.



New bridge over the Hocaknum River



Ribbon cutting at the Batz Trail

ETHICS COMMISSION



Pictured left to right: Charles McCleary, Derek Reed, Vice Chairman; Alysia McDowell, Recording Secretary; Wilfred A. Duchesneau, Chairman; Jane Roets (Julia Marquis not pictured)

The Ethics Commission was established to promote and affirm the ethical behavior of the Town's boards, commissions, employees, and officials, both elected and appointed. The Commission operates under a Code of Ethics that was approved by the Board of Selectmen in January 2014. The Commission is available to receive inquiries and requests for advisory opinions submitted from town officials, employees, consultants or residents regarding possible code violations. The procedure for submitting a complaint is outlined in the Code of Ethics which can be found on the Town website on the Ethics Commission page. The "Ethics Complaint Form" is also available on the website or may be obtained through the Town Clerk's Office. The Commission is also charged with disseminating informational and educational materials to enhance public awareness of the Code of Ethics.

The Commission consists of five members who serve staggered terms of four years. Vacancies are filled by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Ellington Town Charter. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected annually. Currently the Commission meets quarterly over the course of the year and is served by five residents of the Town.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House has been functioning primarily as the Friends of the Pinney House, Inc, which is the name of our tax-exempt organization. The same group of people are on both committees, but using our 501(c)(3) status allows us to pursue grants and accept donations and, in this capacity, we are not a part of the town government.

We have received donations from several supportive Ellington residents, which we truly appreciate, and a few years ago we received a generous, private donation which allowed us to apply for a grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. This grant required matching funds. The purpose of the grant was to hire an architect with preservation experience to draw up preliminary plans for our vision for the Pinney House. We hope to restore the downstairs interior of the house to its original 18th century splendor and to make it available to citizens as a community center emphasizing the cultural arts and education.

Since the upstairs was so rearranged and damaged during its many transformations in the 20th century and there is very little historic detail to restore, our plan is to convert the upstairs to office space.

We hired Mr. Bob Hurd of the ARCHITECTS in Hartford CT to draw up the plans for this vision. The plans were completed in Nov 2016 and we presented them to First Selectman, Lori Spielman in January 2017, with both the architect and representative from the CT Trust present. In April 2017 we presented a timeline of the work that was completed at the Pinney House to the Board of Selectmen. This timeline began with the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee in 2004 and progressed to the renovation of the exterior of the building which we completed in 2011, using the funds from a STEAP grant from the state. The timeline concluded with the recent architectural plans for the renovation of the interior.

In July of 2017, a group of state officials visited the Pinney House at our request, to help us in our continuous efforts to secure funds and to make suggestions for the proper use of the building. Rep. Chris Davis, Rob Michalik of the Dept. of Economic Development, and Mary Dunne of the State Historic Preservation Office were in attendance. They were all impressed with the antiquity of the house and its fine proportions and historic detail that were still in place after more than 2 centuries. The Pinney House also boasts an impressive history that speaks to its importance as a relic of our colonial past and the prominence of its original owner in our state history. The state officials approved of our plan for the house and were going to research grants that might be applicable for the Pinney House. They also suggested that the office space upstairs might be useful for the town since the town needed additional office space, and that, if town officials chose to use the space, they might help us with the completion of the project. However, town officials led us to believe that this was not a viable option because of its lack of proximity to town hall and the difficulty of finding a town service that could function adequately at the Pinney House. Other issues were mentioned as well, some of which were already addressed in our plans. For example, we plan to make the building handicap accessible which will solve one problem and the parking situation, we believe, can be worked out satisfactorily. Another problem, that of not placing too much load on the old building, means that the occupants of the office space would have to be chosen carefully so that this would not be a big issue.

Most recently, in October of 2017, Greg Farmer from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation visited the Pinney House after a spell of heavy rain. We noticed water getting into the basement. We had been concerned about moisture since the architect alerted us to the problem. Mr. Farmer identified several areas that needed to be addressed in order to solve the water problem. We have been implementing these changes, with the help of the town, for the past several months. Hopefully, we will have this problem solved with one or two more small improvements.

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House is committed to the completion of this restoration project. It has been a very long process. As the Friends of the Pinney House, Inc., we are continuing our search for sources of funds so that we can finish the job. In the meantime, we watch over the Pinney House, as does the town, to make sure that all is well.

We are always looking for new members. Donations to our 501(c)(3) are always helpful.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Resident Troopers Office (RTO) is committed to reducing motor vehicle crashes, thwarting criminal activity and providing residents with a safe environment to live and raise families. This is accomplished through strict enforcement of state statutes, community policing models, D.A.R.E program, School Resource Officer (SRO) program and active preventative patrol. The RTO continues to supplement enforcement efforts with periodic DWI saturation patrols under the CT DOT Highway Safety Office DWI Grant.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the past year the RTO has continued its tradition of becoming immersed within the community by participating in Town events and assisting Youth Services. Troopers/Officers provide traffic safety and foot patrol to events including the Fireman's Parade/Carnival, Winterfest/5K Race, Sprint Triathlon, Farmers Market, Jeep Rally/Mud Bog and MDA Motorcycle Ride. The RTO also provides a child ID kit that allows parents to obtain fingerprints and photographs of their children to be used if they become missing/lost.

The Ellington RTO serves as host and lead agency for the Tri-Town (Ellington, Stafford and Somers) Juvenile Review Board (JRB). The JRB consists of TFC R. Richardson (Ellington RTO), sworn member of Somers RTO, sworn member of Stafford RTO, member of Youth Services and a member of State DCF. The JRB is intended to divert from Juvenile Court children who have committed minor delinquent acts or whose behavior at home or school indicates they are at risk of delinquency. The JRB process is voluntary and informal, and include options such as warnings, counseling, apologies or community service.

The Ellington RTO also continues its service to the Crystal Lake community of Ellington by providing Marine patrol services on Crystal Lake and increased patrol services on weekends/holidays. Our Marine Patrol administers vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake to promote water safety.

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for 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 completed within one or two days of an inspection request.

ACTIVITY REPORT

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
New Single Family Homes	45	25	30
New Commercial Buildings	0	7	2
New Multi-Family Buildings	4	5	3
Residential Alteration & Additions	49	49	47
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	216	201	220
Mechanical/Electrical	690	690	634
Other	141	101	105
Totals	1,145	1,078	1,041
Field Inspections	1,401	1,491	1,392
Estimated Construction Value	\$26,348,775	\$39,362,870	\$23,620,320
Permit Fees Collected	\$419,754	\$611,014	\$377,851

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 and code compliance inspections of most properties (single and two-family residential properties are exempt) are mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Applications for administrative and criminal search warrants and for arrest warrants are filed with the court system when determined by investigation to be appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections are conducted of all special events and all permanent or temporary buildings, occupancies, facilities, whether new, existing or under construction or renovation. The number of mandatory annual inspections approaches 2,850.

In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes, explosives operations and open burning. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are examined for approval prior to the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy are approved following completion of that construction.

Comparison statistics are provided below as an aid in determining the effects of the past twenty years of town growth and the Town's ability to meet its lawful obligations to fire investigation and code enforcement functions.



Fire destroyed this camper during a non-code compliant (misdemeanor violation) refueling process. Events such as this highlight the ongoing need for fire code compliance to ensure the safety of our community.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1997-1998	2007-2008	2017-2018
Investigations	73	57	31
Criminal (Felony and Misdemeanor)	20	11	3
Non-Criminal	53	39	24
Undetermined	0	7	4
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	0	1	0
Building Fires	13	17	9
Motor Vehicle Fires	12	4	7
All Other Fires	24	10	5
Hazardous Materials Incidents	24	9	7
Fire Losses, Total (X \$1000)	\$46.7	\$1,354.5	\$131.8
Criminal	\$1.0	\$0	\$0
Non-criminal	\$45.7	\$830.3	\$85.8
Undetermined	\$0	\$324.2	\$46.0
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$1,646.5	\$1,927.4	\$5,359.5
Enforcement Inspections	90	936	1,761
Commercial	17	149	142
Public Assembly	18	70	54
Educational	8	14	10
Residential (Multi-family)	25	636	1,480
Hazardous Materials	19	36	13
Other	3	23	62
Enforcement Citations Issued (Misdemeanor)	171	272	138
State Licenses and Permits Approved	30	42	46
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	**	15	13
Arrests or Referrals	11	2	1

* Misdemeanor violations cited as a result of code enforcement inspections are not included here; they are shown at Enforcement Inspections.

**Not administered by this department at that time.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.



CHIEF: Jack A. Rich II

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brendan Burke

DEPUTY CHIEFS: Robert Smith, Karl S. Neubecker

CAPTAINS: Thomas Adams, Kimberly Gambacorta

LIEUTENANTS: William Petras, Frederica Weeks

SECRETARY: Michael D. Varney*

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldmann

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Jared Fongemie	Daniel Parisi
Jonathan Allen	Michael Gallagher	Cole Prato
Timothy Bahler	Vince Gambacorta	Keith Ruff
Frederick Bird	Katherine Hany	Randall Smith
Bryan Blotniski	Peter Hany, Sr.	Noah St. Germain
Steven Breault, Sr.	Peter Hany, Jr.	Regan Toomey
Jordan Chamberlain	Nicole Hazzard	John W. Turner
Dominick Cristelli	Bradford Hoffman	Anthony VanLeuvan
Matthew Daskal	Thomas Jackson	Madeline Varney
Richard Daugherty	Greg Larensen	Dennis Varney
Donald Davis	Erich Martin	Aaron Virkler
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	Douglas Parent	John Vogel
Gary Feldman, Jr.**	Jeffery Parent	

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Jack Rich
Arthur Caldwell	Allan Lawrence, Jr.	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Daniel Connors	Robert Levandoski	Kevin Gambacorta
Jerry Connors	Robert Parlante	Allen Smith

CADET MEMBERS

Josh Carroll	Aaron Hinze	Ryan McConnell
Andrew Clark	Chris Hoover	Norman Hannah
James-Paul Forbes	Liam Kent	Nicholas Willett
Allison Godek	Cole Kilgore	Kaila Morrow
Ethan Hany	George Magnuson	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Robert Federigan**	Ted Graziani
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*2017 Firefighter of the Year

**Currently on Military Leave

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud to recognize **90 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 within 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 Life Star 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 website at: www.ellingtonfire.org, our Facebook page at: 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. During this period, the department responded to 771 emergency calls totaling 566 hours, which equated to more than 5164 donated man-hours for emergency services. Significant incident activity for the year included multi-family structure fires and several large mutual aid fires.

The following outlines the emergency activity and related services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

Fire, Explosion	36
Rescue, Emergency Medical Service	490
Hazardous Condition, Standby	83
Service Call	52
Good Intent Call	30
False Call	78
Other	3
Totals:	772

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.

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year, Ellington firefighters spent over 7500 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. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department hosted a nationally recognized speaker to increase operational safety. 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 Refresher, Fire Officer III, 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 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 Ledyard CT.

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 extremely 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.

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 were necessary to meet these regulations due to the age of the front line apparatus. Examples of specific annual tests include: annual apparatus safety inspections, 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.

Also new this year Ellington Volunteer Fire Department purchased new self-contained breathing apparatus for our firefighters which replaced our old and outdated ones. Our current SCBA meets the new NFPA standard 1981, 2018 edition.

FACILITY

The center fire house located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and most 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. This facility has had, and continues to receive, renovations to address upgrades and storage issues.

The departments south end station located at 6 Nutmeg Drive houses 5 department vehicles including the departments aerial, an engine, a service vehicle with the Hazard Materials trailer, and UTV.

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 in addition to 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.

CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. Cadets have the opportunity to participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership in addition to their own dedicated training and activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted to assure they are not exposed 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 programs were conducted including presentations at Kindergarten through Grade 2 elementary schools, Pre-K programs in addition to other area nursery schools. The presentations were designed for younger children with the emphasis on attempting to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and awareness of safety. During the year we also provided several 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 90th 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.



Paving the driveway and parking lot at Station 243, July 2018

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. 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.

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 Department 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.

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. The radio console equipment was completely upgraded. Infrastructure improvements have been made at the dispatch center as well as some remote tower sites to keep up with the ever increasing communications needs. Our PSAP has moved to the next generation 911 platform supplied by the State of Connecticut. The dispatch center staff has begun the process of moving to a new version of the Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD). It is expected the process will be complete in late 2018. A Mobile Command unit has been outfitted for field service assignment for large and lengthy duration events.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brian Pippin

DEPUTY CHIEF: Timothy Seitz

CAPTAIN: Bryan Harvell

EMS CAPTAIN: Rob Edwards

1st LIEUTENANT: Annmarie Seitz

2nd LIEUTENANT: Shannon Bennett

3rd LIEUTENANT: Chad Adams

4th LIEUTENANT: Annmarie Seitz

SECRETARY: Annmarie Seitz

TREASURER: Bryan Harvell

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Rob Edwards	Alberto Rivera
Chad Adams	James Forbes	Doug Rogala
Mike Allen	Bryan Harvell	Annmarie Seitz
Shannon Bennett	Brian Legare	Matthew Seitz
Haiden Casey	Richard Legare	Timothy Seitz
Jessica Carey	Bob Ludwig	Fred Sharpe Jr.
Brandon Clark	Elaine Lupoletti	Nicholas Sharpe
Dannielle Decina	Jacob Moore	Scott Smalls
Tom Descheneaux	Brian Pippin	John Streiber
Britney Edwards	Chuck Pippin	Anna Tuttle

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Thomas Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Christman

CO-CHAIRMAN: Timothy Seitz

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Annmarie Seitz, Joe Kuzia, Bob Ludwig

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 84 years. The department's primary mission remains the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies. 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 membership that makes the success of the department possible. The members contribute thousands of hours of time away from their homes and families to make the emergency service delivery in the fire district as effective as possible.

The department responded to a total of 300 calls for service, totaling 3,632 man hours volunteered to fulfill the emergency needs of the community. The fire department is prepared to respond to and mitigate numerous emergencies such as 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 2,924 hours of training during the course of the year. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: Fire Officer, Fire Service Instructor, Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Medical Services, Incident Command, Safety Officer, Live Burn Exercises, Rapid Intervention Teams, Extrication, Search and Rescue, and Technical Rescue.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department has been able to expand on its number of certified SCUBA divers on the department and have

done extensive training in Crystal Lake learning different rescue techniques and maintaining their skills. Department members certified as divers and support may also participate as part of the Tolland County Dive Team. These members train with the dive team attending drills and meetings each month.



We would like to formally thank the residents of the community for supporting us this year in the purchase of a new 2017 Ford F-550 Mini-Pumper built by HME Ahrens-Fox. The new apparatus is a smaller version of an attack pumper designed to be taken off the primary roadway or into area the larger apparatus is unable to access. The apparatus is equipped with a 1500gpm pump and 300 gallons of water on board as well as a class A foam system, giving it the same ability as its larger counter parts. This apparatus has already proven itself to be an excellent addition to the department and will serve the town for the next 25 years.

We would also like to thank the community for their support in allowing us to purchase our new SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) which is worn by the firefighters entering environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health. These new SCBA are state of the art technology in the fire service and will serve the department for the next 15 years. They will give the firefighters operating in hazardous environments enhanced safety features and new technology allowing them to operate more safely and effectively under strenuous conditions.

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 continue to 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. If you would like to receive more information on volunteering please stop into the fire station and speak to a member, visit our webpage at www.crystallakefire.org, or call us at (860)870-3174. We also offer a junior membership program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and get the opportunity to train and operate with the fire department members and learn about the fire service under the supervision of an advisor.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School during the national fire prevention week to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-6 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, see and touch equipment used by firefighters so they have more understanding in the event of a fire, and most importantly fire prevention.

The Fire Officers of the department have also completed over 8,900 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	39
Structure Fires.....	35
Vehicle Fire	1
Natural Vegetation or Brush Fire.....	3
Rescue Call Total	205
Emergency Medical Incident or Assist.....	162
Motor Vehicle Accident/ Vehicle Extrication	37
Search for person on Land	1
Search for Person in Water	2
Technical Rescue.....	3
Hazardous Condition Total	13
Chemical Spill or Leak	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident.....	3
Electrical Wiring Problem.....	1
Power Line Down	8
Service Call Total	30
Service Call, Other.....	9
Person in Distress.....	2
Smoke Odor Problem	4
Public Service Assistance	1
Cover Assignment, Standby.....	14
Good Intent Call Total	4
Good Intent Call, Other	2
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	2
False Alarm Call Total	6
False Alarm or False Call, Other.....	2
Alarm System Malfunction	2
Unintentional Alarm Activation	2
Special Type of Incident	3

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Services encompasses; Emergency Management Director, two Deputy Directors and the Ellington CERT Team under the direction of a Deputy Director. The Unit’s mission is to prepare the Town to respond to all emergency incidents; weather related, hazmat and human initiated mass casualty events. The primary goals of the OEM Office are the preservation of life, recovery from emergency incidents and the education of the Town residents, schools and businesses in preparing for an emergency incident.



Purpose

The OEM develops, maintains and updates Emergency Operation Plans. The plans enable the Town to respond to all emergency incidents in an expeditious and coordinated manner. Preparation for emergency incidents entails; training drills, testing equipment, response time, coordination with fire, police, ambulance and hospitals in the Tolland County area. During an actual Emergency Incident, the First Selectman is the Director of the emergency response. It is OEM's responsibility to have current data concerning the Towns; businesses, schools and population areas. This information will provide the scope of an Emergency Incident. The OEM manages Town resources during a disaster. The OEM is the conduit between the Town and the State and Federal Government, when there is a need for their assistance during disasters.

Preparation, Training, Activities

During the spring of 2018, OEM conducted a Town-wide test of the Everbridge Emergency Notification System. Residents were contacted via; text, email, cell phone or hard line phone. Many notifications were made during the test exercise.

In August 2018, the North Central District Health Department, determined there were high levels of bacteria in Crystal Lake. The water was unfit for human usage. The information was forwarded to Town businesses and Residents through the Everbridge Emergency System. Subsequently, when the Health Department approved the lake for human usage, Residents and Town Businesses were notified via the Everbridge System.

OEM initiated a marketing program for Town residents to enroll in the Everbridge Notification System with an ultimate goal of 100% compliance. To enroll in Everbridge call OEM; 860-870-3182.

OEM, coordinating with the Fire Marshal Office, Police and school officials are working to strengthen school responses to all potential hazardous incidents. (Human, chemical, fire, etc.)

During a large scale Emergency Incident, a number of special services are activated. The Ellington High School is the primary Town Emergency Shelter. The Middle School and the Crystal Lake School are the back-up Emergency Shelters. Each shelter has an emergency generator providing full power to each facility. The Ellington CERT team operates the shelter during activation. Ellington ambulance personnel and Police have a presence at the shelter when it is open.

In 2018, forty cots were obtained to increase the overnight capacity of the Town Shelters. Bariatric cots were included. These cots are larger than the normal cot, to allow space for a medical device if needed by a shelter occupant.

In the past year the OEM applied for and received grant money to help offset the cost of OEM operations.

The Ellington OEM participated in the Governor's 2018 Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative. The exercise entailed a severe weather related incident. The Town Emergency Operations Center was opened to respond to the incident.

OEM made upgrades to the Town Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Town Ambulance Building. Upgrades to the EOC communication capability are planned for the 18-19 fiscal year.

The Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Directors participated in many training and education exercises, related to emergency Incidents.

OEM is working with Ellington Emergency Services Units in conducting a Mass Casualty exercise for the fall of 2018. The exercise will simulate the collapse of a large facility in Town. There will be 20-25 victims.

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

The team is composed of volunteers from Ellington and surrounding Towns. Currently the CERT group has thirty-five members. The Team is supported by Federal and State money. CERT members receive training in fire safety, basic first aid, Ham Radio, traffic management, (members help provide traffic and crowd control at events, parades, fireworks displays, Fairs) in Ellington and surrounding Towns in the Tolland county area. Additionally, CERT provides assistance to first responders and non-hazardous search and rescue. The Ellington CERT program has a Ham Radio Team that has the capability to provide communications during Town Emergency Incidents. The Ham Radio Team can provide communications assistance to other Towns in the Region during their emergency incidents.

In the fall of 2017, Ellington CERT members participated in a criminal investigation - searching for evidence. The search was in conjunction with a State Police investigation involving the recovery of a body in Shenipsit Lake. CERT members searched a heavily wooded four mile area that followed the Ellington border of Shenipsit Lake. The goal was to find evidence that was related to the body found in the lake.

During the last Holiday Season, the CERT Team worked with the Human Services Dept. and adopted needy seniors and one family in need. The CERT Team provided; food, gift cards and gifts to the needy people/families.

Ellington CERT Members provided over 500 hours of volunteer time during the 17-18 year.

The Ellington CERT members are to be congratulated for their outstanding service to Ellington and surrounding Towns. If you want information to become a member of this outstanding group; email Deputy Emergency Management Director John Streiber at: jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov. You must be 18 years of age, pass a criminal background check and successfully complete the 24-hour CERT Basic Training Course to become a CERT member.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany

VICE PRESIDENT: Simon Hessler

TRAINING: Joe Glomboske

SECRETARY: Jean Marie Currier

TREASURER: Dan Huntl

SCHEDULING: Alisa Smith

SUPPLY: Brandon Clark

MAINTENANCE: Peter Hany

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Doreen Connor

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Lyndsey Blanchette
Kori Burz
Brandon Clark
Jean-Marie Currier
Chris Dinicola
Gabriela Ewald
Jessiba Fernando
Dan Flanagan
Dorota Gdula

Peter Hany
Michael Hardy
Simon Hessler
Bruce Hoffman
Heather Howe
Dan Hunt
Edward Landsberg
Matthew Lontz
Sean Milligan
James O'Donnell

Paul O'Neil
Rachel Oakes
Jennifer Rice
Angie Sandberg
Erin Schirra
Alisa Smith
Nancy Stillman
John Streiber
Gregory York

PAID STAFF

Colin Boske
Caitlyn Connelly
Chris Cox
Thomas Dillon

Scott Fine
Paige Flanagan
Tonya Glomboske
Laura Goulet

Deb Landry-Schiessl
Jon Morissett
Kerri Pliszka
Jefferson Smith

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell

Bryan Goulet

Allison Jenkins

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault
Ray Close
Jean-Marie Currier

Renee Cyr
Joe Glomboske

Denise Rioux
Angie Sandberg
John Watts

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps. (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 55 years. 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 (AEDs) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims of acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and on-going 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 Heart-Safe 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.

ELLINGTON RESCUE POST 512

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Cole Angell	Naomi Luginbuhl	John Orvitz
Becca Cargill	Alice Mahon	Grace Palmer
Michaela Doyon	Emily Mead	Isha Patel
Rachel Iverson	Logan McDonald***	April Phelps ***
Alex Jacques	Hannah Mozzer	Amanda Pretty
Lauren Johnson	Cynthia Mutua	Noah Welti
Suchet Kadari	Sylvia Mutua	Nick Willett
Madison Killoran		Emily Fitzgerald

***denotes those who graduated*

ADVISORS

Tonya Glomboske - Head Advisor

Joe Glomboske	Caitlyn Connelly	Bryan Goulet
Deb Landry -Schiessl	Paul O'Neil	Laura Goulet

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Ellington Rescue Post 512. All of these high students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as either EMRs or EMTs and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition the rigorous medical training they must excel at.

In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year. Post members have started a new tradition of "Boxes of Hope". Members sleep in boxes over- night and collect non-perishables from members of the community. These items are then turned over to our town pantry at Social Services. ERP also adopts a family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not only are they helping those less fortunate, but they are also learning about those less fortunate.

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 or night. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information, please call us at 860-870-3170 or visit us on our web-site at www.ellingtonambulance.org

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps would like to take this opportunity to thanks 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. 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 animal control facility by the officers. 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 the delinquent dog license list begins. The Officers do assist the police and the public with animal emergencies. 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.

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Kathy DiBacco. The shelter is open to the public seven days a week by appointment only. To reach Animal Control, please call (860) 870-3155. Appointments are required to visit the animals available for adoption. The Animal Control Facility, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State of CT D.E.E.P. Wildlife Department at (860) 424-3011. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that pets 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.

Join Ellington Animal Control's Facebook page to stay up to date on news, lost & found animals and pets available for adoption. 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 properly.

The State of CT Animal Population Control Program, offers 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 the low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call the State Animal Population Control Program Unit at: (860) 713-2507.

On June 9, 2018 a Rabies Clinic was held at the Ellington Farmer's Market. It was sponsored by the Ellington Center Animal Clinic with assistance from Ellington Animal Control. The doctors and staff from Ellington Center Animal Clinic administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. Ellington Center Animal Clinic donated a portion of the proceeds from this clinic to a fund for the medical needs of the animals at the Ellington Animal Control Facility. Thank you to the Ellington Farmer's Market for allowing us to be there and partake in the festivities, as well as a Huge Thank you to the Ellington Center Animal Clinic for donating their time, resources and to coordinate such a great fundraiser for the animals at the Ellington Animal Control Facility. The support from the community attending the Rabies & Microchip clinic was fantastic!

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 unaltered pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides two 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 under this program is \$50 which includes the voucher.

HIGHLIGHTS

The new perimeter fencing at the Animal Control Facility has been completed and looks great. The old stockade fencing was very worn out and we decided to go with a more permanent chain link fencing that will last much longer. The perimeter fencing is required and insures that the animals are safely confined and prevents after hours visitors from having contact with the animals.

The interior walls in the dog pound have all been replaced. We have a bright new look as well as some upgrades to our old sink and plumbing. This was long overdue and since this is a very old facility it is important to keep it up to date and in good repair.

On a final note, Ellington Animal Control would like to thank the local town people, girl scouts, school groups and the local businesses that have made donations to the Ellington Animal Control Facility. These donations help make the animals that come through our facility a little more comfortable and well fed. It is wonderful to work for a community that cares so much for animals.

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

ROAD WORK:

- Rubberized chipseal treatment placed on Crane Rd, Broad Brook Rd, Reeves Road Ext. and Griswold Road.
- Sidewalk repairs on Pine Ridge, Wappingwood Road, and Maple St.
- Catch basin repairs throughout Woodside Acres in preparation of paving. Other catch basins repaired as needed on Elderberry Lane and Lookout Landing.
- Paving completed on Cider Mill Rd, Blueberry, Raspberry, Deborah, Lanz, David and Overhill Rd.

BUILDING PROJECTS:

- Continued to work with Fuss & O'Neill on the Town Hall Expansion and Turf Fields.
- Work with CRCOG on Route 83 Sidewalk project
- Animal Control Facility rehab
- Work with Engineer on Middle Butcher Rd sidewalk and road project.
- Generator installation at Station 243
- Sewer projects inspected this year Deer Valley North apartments, Windermere Village, Aberle Farms

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

- 2018 Freightliner Plow/Dump truck
- Staff Car for First Selectman
- Security cameras and monitors purchased and installed throughout the town buildings.
- Parks trailer
- Sweeper for the Steiner

SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL:

- 23 Call Outs for 64" of snow
- Purchased 3,025 tons of Clear Lane and 362 tons of salt

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:

- 2017-18: Ellington residents recycled 1,362 tons
- The DPW shed is 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 9:00 am -12:00 noon
- Electronics Recycled 39.73 tons
- Textiles recycled 2.35 tons. Textiles are either donated or recycled depending on the condition. Also included are linens, footwear, belts, hats and purses as well as stuffed animals. Items must be bagged.

MISCELLANEOUS

- DPW held its Annual Open House on May 24.
- The DPW oversaw 7 evictions in the community.
- Working on the Jacob Poulin project to develop conceptual plans for Middle Rd.
- Installed solar powered LED sign at intersection of Windsorville/Pinney Rd.
- Installed new flagpoles at the Roundabout.
- Installed new scoreboards at the High School baseball and softball fields.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY:

- Continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station
- Continuing grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake
- Sewer lines being flushed out on a continuing basis as time permits

- The Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) program is continuing to be monitored
- Sewer camera truck continues to be used in cooperation with Vernon and Stafford. Additional training received. Used on Windermere Village.
- Sewer lines cleaned in Longview area of Town.

RECREATION:

- Over seeding and aerating fields
- Flag Pole installation at Brookside Park
- Yearly inspection of bleachers and grandstands
- Continued field preparation on a daily basis as required.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

- Continued commitment of the five-year road-resurfacing program
- Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program



The Department of Public Works Annual Open House on May 24, 2018



Earth Day
CELEBRATION

April 21, 2018



Town Employee



Scariest



Best Business



Fan Favorite



Royal Flush

Scarecrow Contest Winners 2017



Fan Favorite



Best Theme



Judges' Choice

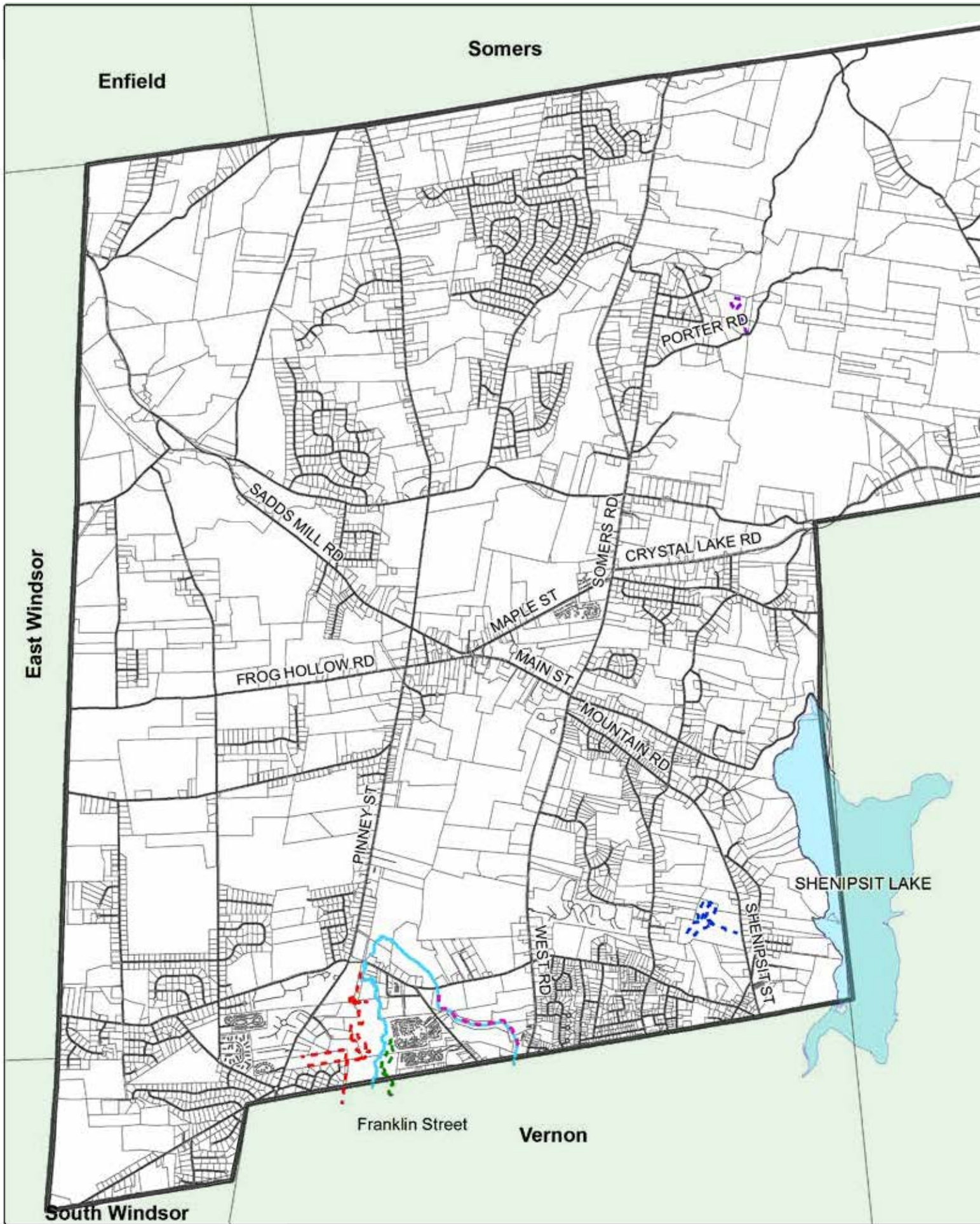


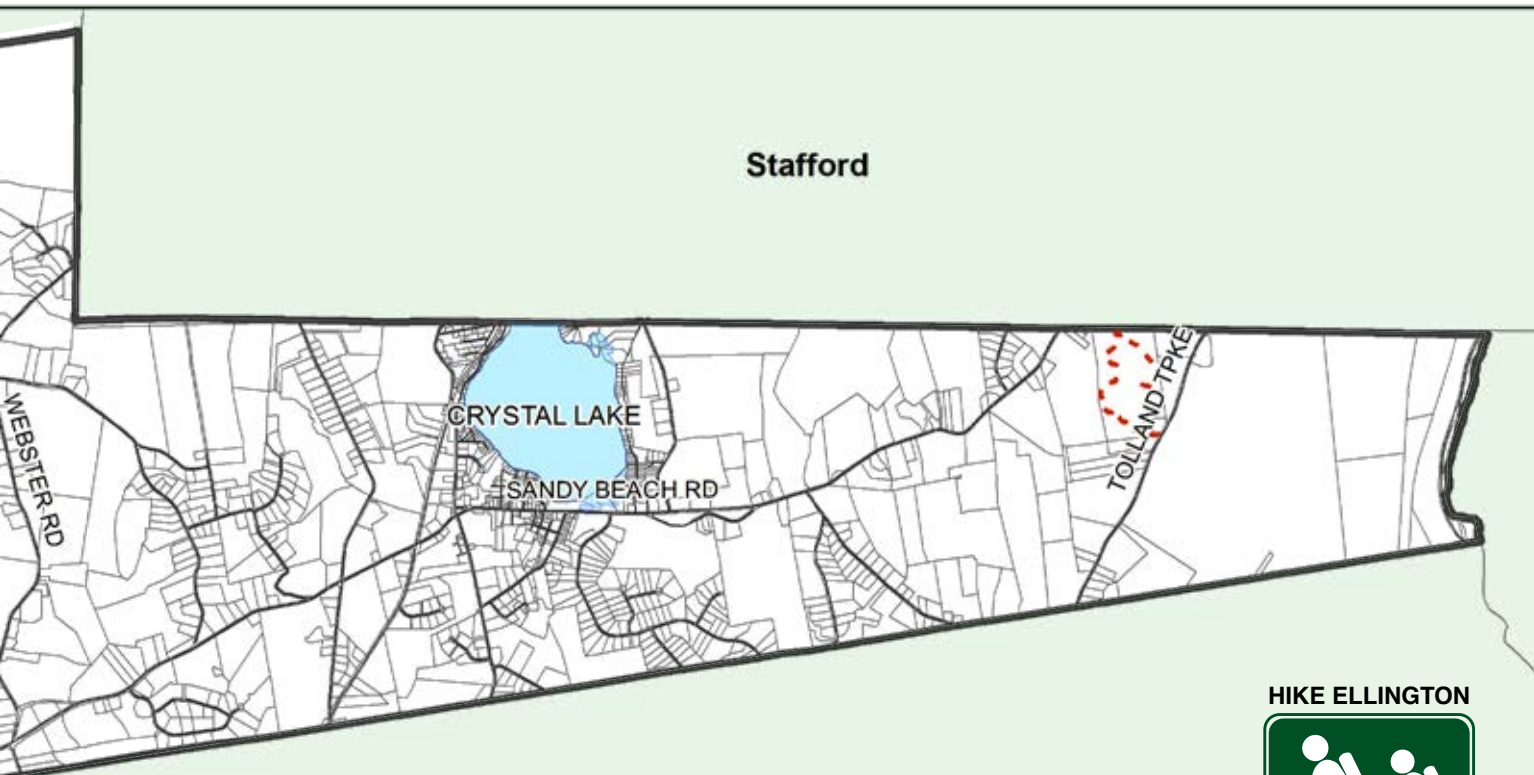
Most Creative



Most Festive Business

Holiday Lighting Contest Winners 2017





HIKE ELLINGTON



KEEP IT GREEN,
KEEP IT CLEAN

Ellington Trails Map

ELLINGTON, CT



Legend

Trail Name (Location)

- 1 --- Sunset Hill Trail (Porter Rd)
- 2 --- Balanced Boulder Trail (Tolland Tpke)
- 3 --- Windermere Trail (Windermere Ave)
- 4 --- Franklin Street Trail
- 5 --- West Road Trail
- 6 --- Batz Trail (Shenipsit St)

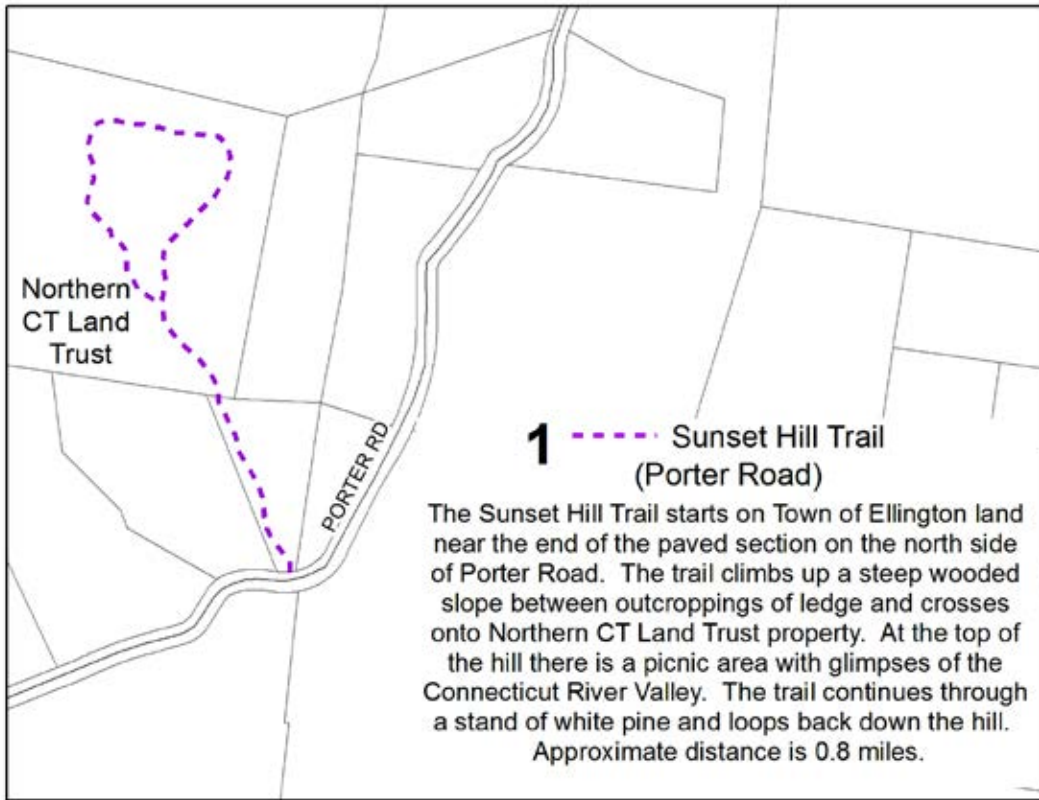
— Hockanum River

□ Parcels

□ Town Boundary



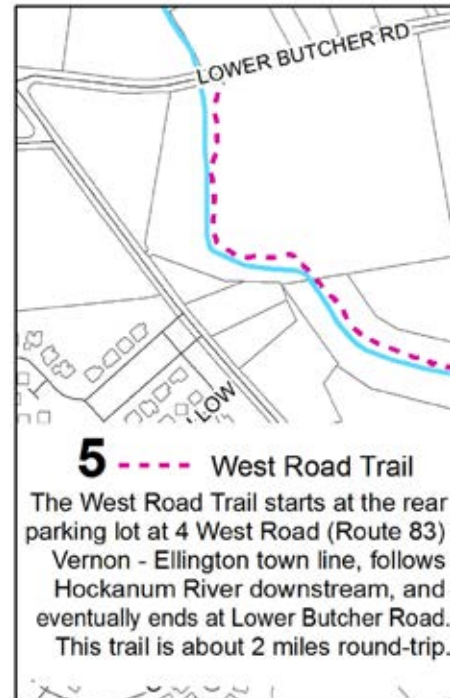
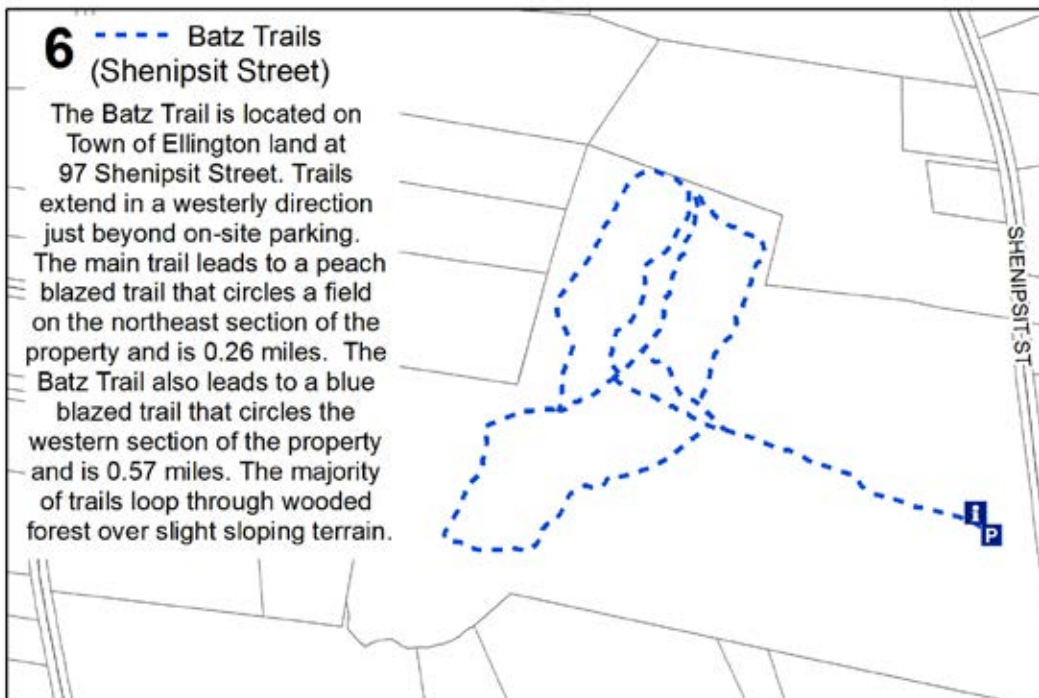
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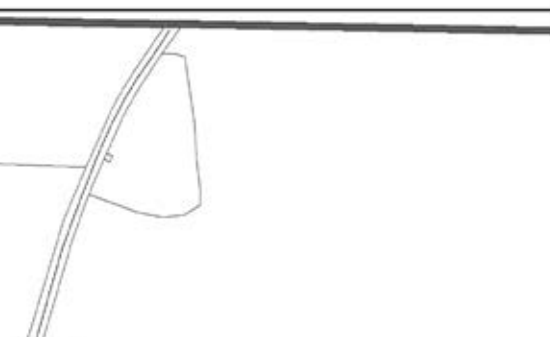


Ellington Trails Map

ELLINGTON, CT

- Hockanum River
- Parcels
- Town Boundary





2 --- Balanced Boulder Trail (Tolland Tpke)

The Balanced Boulder Trail is located on the Northern CT Land Trust's 58 acre Ernie Boothroyd Nature Preserve on the Tolland Turnpike. There is limited parking along the side of the road. The trail climbs gradually through stands of mountain laurel and occasional rock ledges. The trail forms a large loop and skirts the edge of a marsh before returning to the starting point. Sightings of deer, turkeys and other wildlife have been reported. Total distance is approximately 1.2 miles.

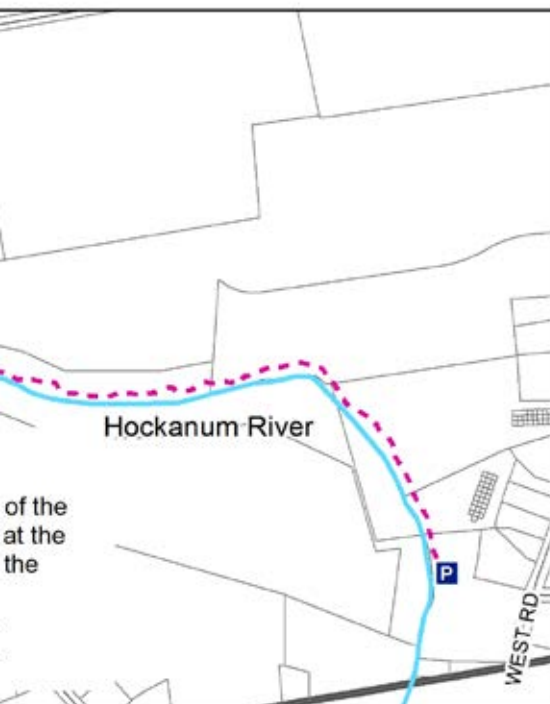
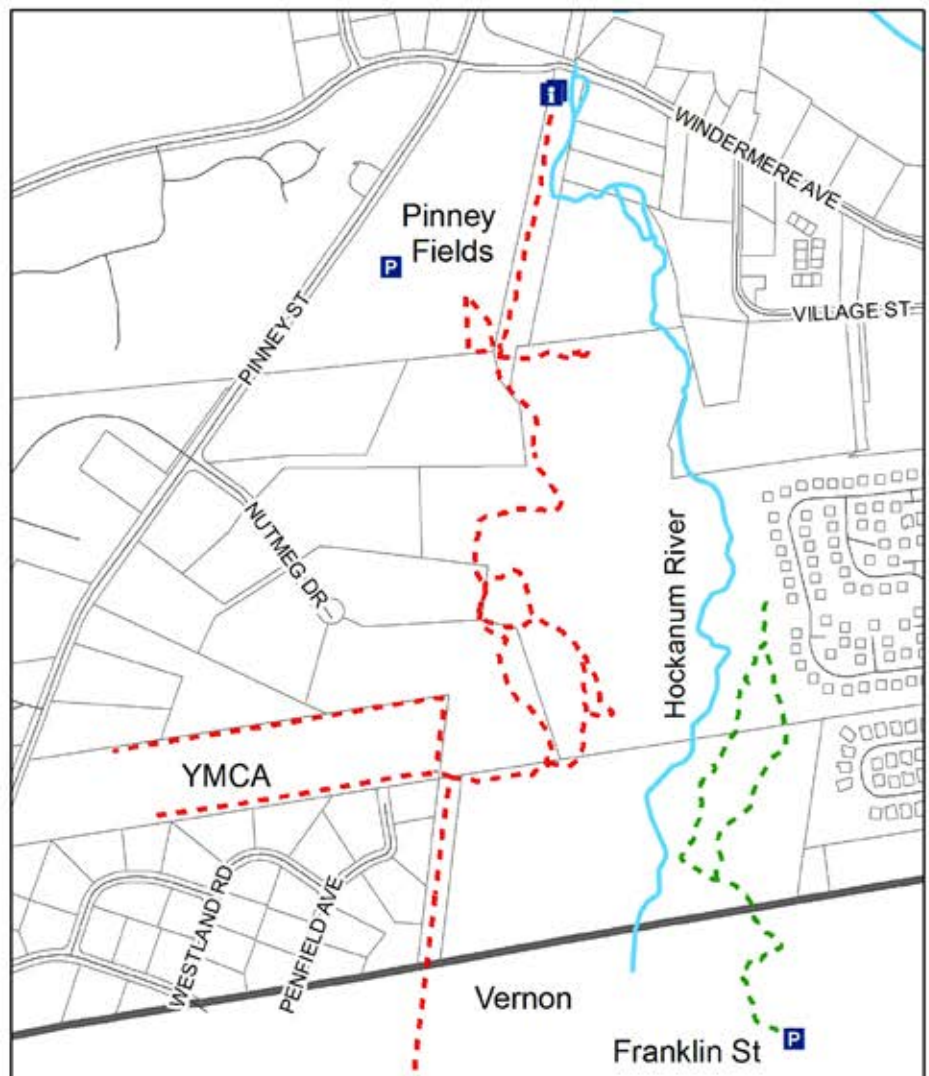
Trail Features



Kiosk



Parking

3 --- Windermere Trails (Windermere Ave)

The Windermere Trail starts at the Windermere Avenue bridge parking lot and follows the river and an old railroad line through dense forest with views of wetlands and ferns, and past a pond for a hike of about 2 miles round-trip.

There are several trails that lead off from the Windermere Trail. These include the Spur Trail 0.2 miles round-trip, the Pinney Fields loop trail 0.13 miles, and the Y Trail 0.5 miles on the YMCA property.

4 --- Franklin Street Trail

The Franklin Street Trail starts in Vernon on Franklin Street, near the Windsorville Road intersection. It proceeds upstream past lush wetlands, tall blueberry bushes, ground ivy and spectacular views of the Ellington Marsh section of river, past several benches facing the river to a high point and beyond. It is approximately 1.5 miles round-trip.

Pinney Fields

YMCA

Vernon

Franklin St

Hockanum River

WINDERMERE AVE

VILLAGE ST

PINNEY ST

NUTMEG DR

WESTLAND RD

PENFIELD AVE



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Trash & Recycling Collection

2019

Recyclables are collected every other week. Shaded weeks = pick-up weeks

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D = one day delay for New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas

When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.

All items for curbside pick-up must be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day

VETERANS' SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (VSR)

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The responsibility of the Ellington Veterans' Service Representative is to:

- Ensure that our Veterans and Service Members have access to the support services to which they are entitled.
- Act as the coordinating agency in all matters concerning veterans and their dependents.
- Assist with connecting to the services and facilities of the veteran's organizations.

The VSR, working with the Department of Public Works and supported with contributions from Community members and organizations, established a tribute to all military members, "Past + Present" at the rotary located at the corners of Pinney Street, Windsorville Road, Skinner Road, and Wapping Wood Road. The tribute consisted of flags from all branches of military service and a POW flag surrounding the U.S. flag, the CT State flag and Town of Ellington flag.

An enhancement to the Veterans Memorial located on Sandy Beach Road across from the Crystal Lake School has been approved and is scheduled for completion during the fall of 2018.

Mr. Palombizio, working with the Human Services Department, established a monthly Coffee House meeting for Veterans. The meetings are held at the Hall Memorial Library on the third Thursday of the month. The meetings start at 10:30 a.m. All Veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Topics include information about Veterans programs, available benefits and include speakers. There is also a social component that enhances the experience by being in the company of other veterans. If you have any questions, please call Joe Palombizio at (860) 870-3182 or email jpalmobizio@ellington-ct.gov. We hope to see you there.

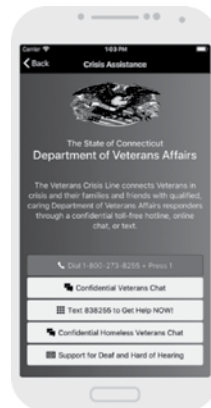
CT VETERANS MOBILE APP:

For iPhone, iPad and Android Devices

The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Mobile Application allows Connecticut Veterans and residents to access crisis assistance by phone, text, and online chat. CT DVA services are available through the app menu, including an interactive map of Veterans clinics and hospitals in Connecticut.

The application will allow users quick access to:

- Crisis Assistance by Phone, Text Message and Online Chat
- Veterans Benefits and Services
- Healthcare and Hospitals
- Housing
- Business and Jobs
- Supporting a Veteran
- Flag Status
- Connecting with DVA on Social Media



First Selectman Lori Spielman with local firemen at Wreaths Across America ceremony



Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony at Ellington High School



Veterans' Day Ceremony, from left to right: Tim Larson, State Senator; Lori Spielman, First Selectman; Joe Palombizio, Town Veterans' Affairs Representative; Officer Bart Alexander, and Ted Graziani, Patriotic Committee member.

RECREATION

Parks & Facilities Guide

ARBOR COMMONS COMMUNITY ROOMS

These rooms are located within the Parks and Recreation Department office complex. These rooms are used for meetings as well as small group programs.

ARBOR PARK

Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk.



Arbor Park in the heart of Town

BATZ PROPERTY

Located at 97 Shenipsit Street, Batz Property is 44.86 acres of mixed forest-wild flowers and a grassy parking lot. This is the location of the community garden club.

BROOKSIDE PARK

Brookside Park is located on Route 140, approximately two miles from the center of Town. This facility has baseball, softball, soccer & football fields. There are also tennis courts, a safe structured playground, a volleyball court and a covered pavilion. Brookside Park Pavilion can be rented for small gatherings.

ELLINGTON SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Recreation Department utilizes the Ellington Public Schools as often as possible for many programs. The schools offer use of gym space for such activities as basketball, volleyball, and other indoor programs. The schools also allow usage of softball and baseball fields during the season.

SANDY BEACH

Sandy Beach is located on Crystal Lake on Route 140 in the northern end of Town. Our beach offers swimming and sunbathing opportunities on hot summer days.



Beautiful Crystal Lake

SCHWARTZ PARK

Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 860-870-3118.

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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 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is: recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form. Visit our website at: parkrec.ellington-ct.gov and like us on Facebook.

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. In addition, the parks and recreation and human services departments have realigned their front office format to include one, shared, full-time staff member. A part-time

administrative secretary still supports parks and recreation. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, water safety instructors/lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours; applications are also available on the Parks & Recreation website.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Volunteer assistance continues to be a benchmark within the community, regardless of the activity. Serving as a volunteer is time-consuming but rewarding, and more importantly, it is vital to sustaining a viable community.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 300 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 pre-season certification in CPR/FIRSTAID/AED/BBP 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 participant in the departments programs.

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), Pinney Street Fields, 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 that was formed six years ago has been well-received and meets at 9:00 am on Tuesday mornings at Arbor Park before heading out to the defined location for that day.

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 and youth soccer programs continued to increase.

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 is greatly appreciated.

The continued support of services offered by the Department of Public Works should be acknowledged. The magnitude of park and beach maintenance-repairs generated by DPW is outstanding.

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.

Thanks to the continued support from the Hall Memorial Library for allowing the department to hold various preschool events on site, and for hosting the seasonal schedule for online (ImPACT) concussion testing for the town’s youth.

HIGHLIGHTS

Incremental but noticeable improvements have been made at each park facility, as well as Sandy Beach at Crystal Lake, and the town’s Boards and Agencies continue to review the short and long term needs of the community.

Summer day camp has entered its 16th year of full-time hours.

Our Facebook and website pages have updated program 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 annual summer town-wide musical was held in late July, with over 100 participants. A thank you to Jane Roets for continuing to be supportive in all aspects of making this program

work, with support from parks and recreation and youth services.

The October 2017 Road Race/Fall Festival was extremely successful, with an all time high of registrants: (170). Appreciation to the following groups for assisting: Ellington Athletic Booster Club, Rise Above Youth group, UCONN community service students, Ellington Center Fire Department, Ellington Police Department, and Select Physical Therapy. Bahler Brothers provided assistance as well as special events for the children!

The 2017 Sprint Triathlon enrolled 96 participants and went off without a hitch. Thanks to Joy Bostick and Rob Backman for their support in making this event successful, as well as the Crystal Lake Fire Department, Ellington Police, Peddle Power, New Balance, Women’s Auxiliary Fire Department, Select Physical Therapy, and all the volunteers that manned a ‘station’!!

The various Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations have continued to provide valuable assistance to a number of in-house parks’ projects, including the Batz Property, Hockanum River Linear Trails, Pinney Fields, etc.

The Pinney Street athletic fields continue to host league matches for soccer and lacrosse, based on their respective seasons.

The Crystal Lake School house (across from Sandy Beach) continues to serve the Parks and Recreation Department for regular use, including summer hours at the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL 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 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.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Summer Day Camp (avg. day)	80	85	90
Beach Passes	358	412	335
Swim Lessons	240	160	167
Open Swim	79 days	72 days	70 days
Boys Basketball	356	371	258
Girls Basketball	210	168	164
Men’s Basketball	110	80	66
Summer Basketball	65	63	78
Instructional Basketball	117	92	141
Men’s Volleyball	0	30	21
Co-Ed Volleyball	40	50	53
Girls Softball	145	140	90
Instructional T-Ball	40	60	60
Co-ed Adult Softball	60	90	75
Youth Soccer	423	510	492
Instructional Soccer	232	154	229
Indoor Soccer	50	30	40
Letters To Santa	75	65	70
Tennis Lessons/Camp	140	215	144
Sports Coaches’ Clinics	65	110	85
Mini Programs	1,600	1,875	1,900
Basketball Camps	85	90	110
Red Cross Courses	45	75	65
Integrative Programs	20	24	33
Teen Activities	210	185	240
Track & Field/Cross Country	101	90	86
Adult Fitness	35	140	147
Yoga	30	55	45
Jukido	30	29	37
Little League Baseball	240	175	150
Football	125	150	140
Lacrosse	210	221	218
Soccer Camps	75	70	66
Vacation Camp	80	60	40
Triathlon-summer	95	95	86
American Heart Association	40	60	41

LIBRARY



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is a welcoming community resource for all residents seeking reading materials in various formats, research materials for school projects and life-long-learning, items for leisure and entertainment, access to computers and the internet, and great programming for all ages. The friendly staff provides personalized services to aid in research, assist with computer skills or find that just-right book. But there is so much more that happens here!

The Library has long served as the community center for Ellington. Residents come to the library for more than just the items on the shelves or even the programs offered. Community groups hold their meetings here, tutors teach their students here, students of all ages work on their group projects here, and friends and neighbors meet and catch up here. They enjoy and use the library as a space to collaborate, interact and connect.

No matter how you choose to use your library we hope you visit often and leave with a smile on your face!

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library, as the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, provides all residents 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 these collections 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, passport acceptance service, exam proctoring, and meeting spaces 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. Activities 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. For adults,

there are book discussion series, reading programs, cultural programs, crafts and hands-on learning experiences, concerts, movies, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, outreach 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 104,816 patrons, circulating 119,911 items and answering 3,575 reference questions.

Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, a special story time visit by the Tooth Fairy, the annual holiday ornament workshop, and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers, movies and truck day. The "Read to the Dogs" program continues to draw many children to the Library on Saturday mornings. These biweekly sessions provide an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to specially trained "book loving" dogs. The summer reading program "Build a Better World!" featured a variety of performers and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library.



As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Tellabration" story telling program that was attended by over 100 children in November. Sponsored by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, our Tellabration is part of an international celebration of the art and craft of storytelling. Literacy programs were also done as part of a cooperative with Vernon Regional Adult Ed.

For teens there were book discussions, several food-focused programs—making chocolate bark, edible sculpture and homemade pizza, and their own summer reading fun, featuring prizes and a crafts. For summer reading assignments, relevant titles were available for the required summer reading lists for Ellington Schools and surrounding schools.

Programming for adults featured a variety of cultural, historical and educational topics. For the "makers" there was cupcake decorating, terrarium building, votive candle holder making and fascinator hat fashioning. For the adventurers there were travel tips for a trip to Italy, hiking in the mountain of New England, and Henry Ford's camping adventures. Other topics included decluttering, couponing, antiques evaluation, healthy chocolate treats, financial planning, solving cold cases, and author talks. The Mysteries and More Book Discussion group explored America with a series of "road trip memoirs" and then solved the crime with Sherlock Holmes in his various incarnations. Twice-weekly movie showings of newly released DVDs continued to be a hit and freshly-made popcorn provided a tasty treat. Copies of titles for book discussion groups were provided to 13 library and community-based groups throughout the year.

Friday night music continued at our popular coffee house series. In the cozy atmosphere of the after-hours library, complete with café tables and candle light, folks were entertained by an

array of musicians and groups, from folk to jazz to cabaret. A special treat was an evening with “The Rolling Beat”, a local teen band that plays a wide variety of pop ranging from Neil Diamond to The Beatles to Jackson 5. Cookies were donated by Subway of Ellington.

The Library hosts the meetings of the Ellington Historical Society and provides the programming that follows their business meetings. Topics this year included a look at the Civilian Conservation Corp program in Connecticut, the use of herbs in early American households and a visit by Dolly Madison, wife of the fourth U.S. President. These programs as well as the Society’s meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in history and Ellington is encouraged to attend.

Over 1000 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, the Tri-Town Parkinson’s Disease Support Group and dozens of tutoring sessions. The Library again hosted sessions of Recreation Department preschool enrichment programs throughout the year. And the newly formed Veteran’s Coffee House welcomes veterans from around the area on the third Friday in the McKnight Community Room. 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.

The popularity of digital resources continues to grow. In response, our collection expanded to include over 12,000 e-books and 6,800 e-audio books accessible on our platforms, RBDigital and OverDrive. A collection of 65 popular magazine titles is also available. And the HOOPLA digital platform provides access to over 460,000 audiobooks, ebooks, streaming music and video, ebooks for children and now comics.

The Library has a collection of passes to area museums and attractions, generously funded by the Friends of the Library. These passes allow for free or discounted admission to 21 venues around Connecticut and New England, and are reservable and printable using an online system accessible from the Library website. This program has proven convenient and popular and passes were used 605 times. New additions this year were The Springfield Museums, which includes the Dr. Seuss Museum, and The New Britain Museum of American Art.

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. We also joined in Ellington’s first annual Earth Day celebration on the green, offering a “green” craft, info about recycling opportunities in



town and the fun of Magic Dan. And to celebrate the total solar eclipse in August, community members of all ages gathered on the front lawn for an eclipse viewing party, complete with eclipse glasses, a variety of viewing devices, crafts, snacks and music.

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in goals for improvements to the library facility. This year’s project was the renovation of the restrooms. All the restrooms, both for the public and staff are now fresh and clean and up-to-date.

In late 2017, the Hall Memorial Library was chosen from applicants from up and down the East Coast to participate in

an Institute of Museum and Libraries Services federal grant-funded program called Excite! Transformation for Libraries. A team of staff and Board members attended several training sessions, learning techniques and language to interact with and excite our community about the library and its services. As our culminating project, we identified a segment of our population we felt the library could be serving better—23 to 29-year-olds—and reached out to them through a series of discussion groups. The result is “Adulting 101”, a series of programs specifically for this age group featuring a variety of life-skill topics presented in an informal, conversational manner.

The Friends of the Library continue to be an integral part of the library operation, funding the summer reading programs, refreshments for Winterfest, Book Page book review source, and subscriptions for passes to area cultural attractions, maintaining the armillary planter, and providing seed money for new and exciting projects. This year they funded six sewing machines to support the library’s expanding “making and doing” programming. They kicked off a series of “Coffee, Tea and History” programs, hosting a visit by Abigail Adams. Other historical dignitaries will stop by several times throughout the next year. Their funds are raised through two large book sales in spring and fall, the Book Cellar used book store and the holiday cookie sale. And for the third year there was an exciting additional event—mini-golf in February! Through the hard work of the Friends, staff and community sponsors, the library was transformed into a giant mini-golf course for “Take Your Child to the Library Day”. Each hole was sponsored by a local business, with Kloter Farms serving as the flagship sponsor. Great community fun for all!



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

FY 2017-18 STATISTICS:

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	36,624
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	4,421
Children’s Books and Periodicals	41,045
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials.....	29,868
Digital (ebooks, eaudio, etc.)	10,880
Museum Passes	<u>605</u>
TOTAL	123,443

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	38,868
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	3,114
Children’s Books and Periodicals	21,079
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials.....	<u>9,619</u>
TOTAL	72,680

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	11,209
Young Adults.....	1,063
Children	<u>2,278</u>
TOTAL	14,550

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. This includes help with heating and food assistance, back to school and holiday programs, advocacy, referrals, and assistance with state and federal benefits.

DIVISION OF SERVICES

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.

HUMAN SERVICE DIVISION PROGRAMS

The Human Services Department is responsible for the administration and oversight of programs addressing the health, emotional, social, educational and recreational needs for residents of all ages. The Human Services 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 Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Operation Fuel, Food Bank, Fuel Bank, Benefits Counseling, Back to School Assistance, Holiday Assistance, Camperships, Salvation Army and other discretionary programs.

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 (Transportation, Counseling & Food Pantry), Interval House, Visiting Nurse Health Care Services of CT, Big Brother Big Sister, YWCA/ Sexual Assault Crisis Unit, Cornerstone Foundation, North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Kidsafe and Connecticut Legal Services.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center welcomes individuals at least age 55 years old to participate in programs. Our purpose is to help participants maintain their independence, dignity and self-respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, nutritional, educational and informational programs that promotes healthy aging.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center continues to offer a variety of programs to over 700 participants that spans in ages from 55 to 98 years old. Programs include nutrition, health and wellness, fitness, educational, social and recreational and transportation.

North Central Area Agency on Aging awarded the Senior Center with two grants. One grant awarded is for the nutrition program and another grant is for medical transportation through EMATS - Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services.

The nutrition and wellness programs have expanded during the year by offering more lunches and interactive wellness activities. The Maple Street Kitchen offers lunch two additional days by volunteers preparing café style lunches. Under the wellness program, another activity began, "The Happy Wanderers" with scheduled and planned bi-weekly hikes.

A successful holiday craft vendor fair was held on the first weekend of December with the assistance from many dedicated volunteers. Volunteers help with many activities that also includes planting and maintaining the flower and vegetable gardens.

Intergenerational activities included "Music Mondays" initiated and coordinated by an Ellington High School student. Students performed a monthly variety of music venues. Students in the National Honor Society coordinated the annual "Senior Prom" for participants to enjoy. During the academic calendar year students with an advisor assist the Maple Street volunteers. Bailey O'Brien and Eve Mattson, Girl Scouts in Troop 10188, designed and installed a "Little Library" as part of their Silver Award program.

STAFFING

The Senior Center is staffed by a full time Director, Assistant Director and an Administrative Secretary. Part-time staff includes a bookkeeper, two custodians, three drivers and a transportation secretary.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Transportation services are offered to residents to the Senior Center for social, nutritional, recreational and educational programs. Transportation is also offered for residents to go to grocery stores and to medical appointments. To be eligible to receive this service, a resident must be at least 60 years old or disabled under the age requirement. Registration is required in advance to scheduled rides.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

NUTRITION: Maple Street Kitchen volunteers cook and serve lunches on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Lunch cost is \$3.50 donation meal. Café lunches available on Mondays and Tuesdays includes salads and sandwiches. "Culture Corner" a quarterly special lunch that included Indian, Polish and Japanese menus. "Summer Concerts & Cookouts" included a monthly barbeque with various musical entertainers.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS: Blood Pressure and Diabetic screenings is free and provided by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc., is on site twice a month. Pedit-Care LLC offers a monthly podiatry clinic. Appointments for footcare are scheduled in advance with a registered nurse and payment is rendered at the time of service. A bi-annual "Health and Wellness Fair" is planned with vendors displaying products and services.

FITNESS PROGRAMS: A variety of classes are held daily and offered at a minimal cost by trained instructors. Some of the programs are Yoga, Simple Circuit, Line Dancing, Ballroom- Polka and CrosSculpting classes. Activities for fitness also includes walking and hiking clubs.



Senior Hiking Club

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS: The Ellington Singers with an annual Spring Musicale and Winterfest performances, Co-Ed Golf Leagues, Carving Club, Knitting, Crafts, Memories and Creative Writing, Art Classes, Bridge, Setback, Billiards, Shuffleboard, Chess, Horseshoes, Board Games, Wii Bowling and Trips to a variety of day and overnight excursions.



Senior Center Annual Picnic

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: Musical Insights and Multi-Media Presentations, 1:1 Technology Classes, Men's Club, History for Fun, AARP Smart Driver Education Classes, AARP Income Tax Preparation, Visiting Nurse Presentations, UCONN Nutritional Program and Legislative Updates.

For further information contact the Senior Center at (860) 870-3133 or visit us on Monday from 8:30am-6:00pm, Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30 am -4:00pm, and on Friday from 8:30am-1:30pm.

The monthly newsletter, "Maple Street Monthly" is available at the Senior Center or by visiting the town's website <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct>. Make sure to find us on Facebook.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VISION STATEMENT

All North Central District Health Department member communities, regardless of circumstance, enjoy optimal health status and achieve the highest quality of life possible.

MISSION STATEMENT

The North Central District Health Department promotes and protects the optimal health status and well-being of our communities by:

- Administering public health regulations
- Promoting and engaging community partnerships
- Promoting primary prevention and health education

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 Health, a Chief of Environmental Services, a Director of Food & Institutional Services (all Registered Sanitarians), 1 FT Public Health Emergency Preparedness staff, a full-time Health Educator, 1 part-time Public Health Nurse, seven full-time sanitarians, 2 part-time Sanitarians and a support staff of approximately 2.5 clerical workers. We also have a full-time Bookkeeper. The Department contracts with Dr. Melvin Spielberg, who serves as our Medical Advisor.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Health District hired a Part-Time Public Health Nurse to improve our capacity to respond to public health emergencies and provide routine services for our member towns. The District has secured contracts with three (3) insurance companies in order to bill for flu vaccinations, which also provides a revenue stream for the District. The Public Health

Nurse is also working to provide in-home services for those with serious asthma through the "Putting on Airs" program.

Funding was provided to the Batz Community Garden and Windermere Trails to purchase fruit trees, mulch and signage to support Ellington fruit tree trails.



Community Garden Plot at the Batz Property



1-3: Scouts building the raised beds for the youth garden

4: Shed for tools on the left, crushed stone for the base of the Pavilion, youth garden raised beds in foreground.

5: The shed was purchased with funds from the NCDHD Grant Award. The water collection pavilion also used NCDHD funds and you can see one of the 250 gallon storage containers behind the pavilion.

The District also collaborated with Preschool of the Arts to fund a garden growing project to educate the children about growing healthy food.

The District is conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that will inform short and long term planning for our member towns.

Food Services

The Department conducts food service inspections under Section 19-13-B42 of the Connecticut Public Health Code. The Department is responsible for plan review for all proposed food service operations or additions to existing operations.

In addition to inspection of restaurants, the Department inspects cafes, bakeries, cafeterias, food vendors at fairs and carnivals, itinerant food vendors, shellfish vendors, grocery stores, food facilities in rest and convalescent homes, clubs where food and liquor are served or dispensed and bake sales and dinners sponsored by church, fraternal and other non-profit organizations. The Health Department also inspects cafeterias and eating facilities in the public and private school systems.

No. of Facilities	43
No. of Schools	5
No. of Food Service Inspections.....	126
No. of Food Service Re-inspections.....	5
No. of Other Food Inspections	21
No. of Food Plans Reviewed for new or renovations to existing facilities along with related inspections	5
No. of Temp Events	37
No. of Ellington Farmers Market Participants	19

Day Care Centers

Day care centers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. North Central District Health Department conducts an environmental inspection once every two years and provides that inspection to the state as is required for re-licensure.

No. of Day Care Centers	10
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Investigation of Food Borne Outbreaks

It is the responsibility of the Health Department to follow up on and investigate possible outbreaks of food borne illnesses.

On-Site Sewage Disposal

The Health Department is responsible for the issuance of permits for on-site sewage disposal facilities. Location and method of installation are governed by the Connecticut Public Health Code and are enforced by this department.

Subsurface investigation requires preliminary site reviews, comprehensive soil testing, review of plans, installation inspections and a final issuance of a Permit to Discharge.

Soil Test for New Lots.....	20
Soil Test for Repair	13
Plans reviewed for Subdivision (total no. of lots) ...	0
Plans reviewed for New Lots.....	14
Plans reviewed for Repairs	22
Septic Permits - New	14
Septic Permits - Repair	18
B-100 Reviews for Change of Use, Additions, etc. on well and/or septic	75
Permits to Discharge Issued	24

Private Well Drilling Permits/Approval of Water

The Health Department reviews plans and application for private wells and reviews laboratory reports for well water testing.

Well Plans Reviewed.....	11
Well Permits Issued	22
Well Water Tests Reviewed	24

Housing Complaints, etc.

The Health Department is responsible for following up on complaints involving rented dwellings or multi-family dwellings where there is a potential public nuisance, possible health hazard or the like. Areas of concern include: heat loss, unsanitary conditions, sewage disposal, water supply, drainage, vermin, lighting, ventilation, etc.

Housing.....	1	Rodents & Insects:	1
Sewage Overflow	1	Water Quality.....	1
Food Services.....	2	Refuse/Garbage	1
Total Complaints	7		

Communicable Diseases

The Health Department conducts follow-up in response to communicable diseases, including tuberculosis (TB), enteric diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis and other reportable diseases as required by the Public Health Code.

Barber Shops, Beauty Salons and Nail Salons

The Health District reviews and approves plans for cosmetology salons and shops and licenses and inspects these establishments.

In Ellington, 11 salons were inspected and licensed this past year with re-inspections conducted as necessary.

Environmental Protection

The Health Department responds to cases of environmental contamination or spills including: oil spills, cases of suspected toxic dumping or contamination, radiological emergency, water pollution, and the like. The Department then works in cooperation with the town and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to undertake source investigation and abatement.

Public Pools and Recreational Areas

The Health Department inspects recreational areas during their seasonal use on a routine basis, taking water samples and testing for bacterial quality at approved recreational bathing areas. Toilets, bathhouses and other supportive facilities are also inspected. Public swimming pools are licensed and inspected.

Crystal Lake Beach Samples: The North Central District Health Department tests bathing waters at Crystal Lake between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year. Heavy rain events can result in elevated bacteria counts which necessitate temporary beach closure.

Public Swimming Pools Licensed and Inspected: 6

School Health Services

The Health Department consults with the school nurses and medical advisors of the eight towns in cases where our expertise is requested. School reporting of communicable diseases provides surveillance information important to the District and the State.

Lead

Lead poisoning is one of the most common yet preventable diseases in children. Even relatively low levels may lead to permanent damage to the nervous system and brain, interfere with growth, make learning difficult and affect I.Q. scores. The Department is currently following up on six (6) cases of elevated blood lead levels in Ellington.

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.

Public Health Preparedness

The Health District works continuously with Public Health partners in Regions 3 and 4 to plan, train and exercise to develop our capacity to respond to a local, regional or state public health emergency. Staff participated in the Governor's Statewide Exercise this June; the Director was stationed at Ellington's Emergency Operation Center during the exercise. The District participates in Ellington's Emergency Management meetings.

Health Education

The Health District currently receives a Preventive Health Block Grant, as well as an Opioid Abuse Prevention Grant. These grants have enabled the Department to transition the Health Educator from Part-Time to Full-Time status to better serve our population. Highlights of this year's activities are detailed previously in this report.

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

- Companions
- Home Care Aides
- Homemakers
- Live-Ins
- Personal Care Attendants

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Home Health Care Visits

Skilled Nursing	1,786
Physical Therapy	1,484
Occupational Therapy	669
Speech Therapy	40
Medical Social Work	55
Home Health Aide	566
Total Visits	4,600

Hospice

Skilled Nursing	365
Physical Therapy	68
Occupational Therapy	3
Chaplin	21
Medical Social Work	36
Home Health Aide	576
Total Visits	1,069

Meals-On-Wheels	52 (Two Meal Packets)
Elder Wellness Programs	43 (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 full-time youth program coordinator, part-time prevention coordinator, program instructors, 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 2017-2018 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 12,866 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.

Recess Zone: A program offered at three elementary school, Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake School this year; youth services offered a fun, creative and exciting activities during recess. We did a fall and winter sessions.

In-school Programs: Youth Services provided conflict resolution, coping skills and social skills programs to several classrooms in Ellington Elementary Schools.

Mindfulness Program: Youth Services provided a mindfulness program to Windermere students in their Zen Zone and Plant the Seeds evening program.

Infant/Toddler Playgroup: A great place for young children and their parents to socialize, do arts and crafts, discover, parenting networking and have lots of fun, three sessions a week offered at the old Crystal Lake School House.

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.

Ready Set Kindergarten: Youth Services developed this program to help children get ready for kindergarten by learning skills needed to start the school year off right.

EMS Scavenger Hunt: A fun day when incoming 7th graders get a chance to learn the layout of middle school with team scavenger hunt with prizes. A chance to meet and talk with 8th graders as they help with the scavenger hunt.

Discover Art: An art class for youth that gives them a chance to explore all types of art and develop new skills.

Creative Connections: A program that uses children's books to teach social skills and inspiring arts and crafts.

Fairy and Jurassic Gardens, Mason Jars, Shell Painting, Icky Sticky, Upcycle Art: Fun nights of creating gardens, crafts and slime.

Daddy Daughter Hair Night: Fathers and daughters come on for the night and father learn how some basic styles on how to do their daughters hair.

Friendship Project: A six week program which offered creative, interactive activities that will focus on friendships, reducing girl drama, wise decision making and self-worth.

Future Scientists: This program is created by two high school students who wanted to inspire young girls to have passion for science.

Project Tinker: A summer program filled with experiments, inventions, tinkering and more.

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.

Parenting Programs: Youth Services facilitated various parenting program this year: Vaping 101, Tech Talk with Officers Tina Roy, Tech Talk: Screenagers, Angst: Reducing the stigma of Anxiety, QPR training and College 101 Parent Panel

Pie and Paint Nights, Canvas and Cupcakes: A great partnership with LuAnn's bakery and café was created to offer the community a fun night of painting and food.

Rugged Farmer Obstacle Course: Fit for the Farm was a great community partnership at Brookside Park that brought over 300 people to run the course with obstacles like bring home the bacon, cow pie target toss and broken tractor.

Decide To Be Kind Campaign: The Decide to Be Kind Committee was formed in the summer of 2015 by Ellington Youth Services and the Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) with a mission to provide inspiration, education and resources to build a kinder and more compassionate community. Our hope is that individuals, families and businesses will have a growing awareness of what happens when we consistently practice and cultivate kindness in our everyday lives by: Being kind on social media, practicing good sportsmanship, celebrating diversity, being understanding of mental health issues and being kind, friendly, and compassionate in our daily interactions. This year the campaign continued with rock kindness garden in Arbor Park, Peyton Hearts, Spirit Lacrosse, Dance and Karate and Brookside Clean Up. As part Visit the website www.decidetobekind.com for more information.

Be Kind to Your Mind: As part of the mission of Decide to be Kind, mental health resources were created this year: "More Than Okay: A Guidebook for Prevention and Managing Everyday Anxiety" and the cartoon series "Kind Farm Series" to help young children learn ways to cope with anxiety.

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 20 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, Red Ribbon Week, Dare, Safe Graduation and Gallery Night. Pens and calendar school magnets were distributed at all open houses in the fall. We also distributed a prevention newsletter, and supported the take back day and drop box for prescription medication at the resident state troopers' office.

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 ninth year with over 100 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 13 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 *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 Jordyn Marie Engler Memorial Scholarship Fund at their annual *Small Town Big Talent Community Variety Show*. This spring's events included Ninja Course 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.

ELDERLY OUTREACH SOCIAL WORKER / MUNICIPAL AGENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker (EOSW)/Municipal Agent serves as a resource of information to elderly town residents & their families for details on programs, services, and agencies that may enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment. The EOSW serves as an advocate for Ellington elders and their families to provide information and counseling on service options/interventions and educational information. The EOSW/Municipal Agent is a trained CHOICES counselor by the North Central Agency on Aging on Medicare & health insurance issues.

SERVICES

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessments for programs and services. Works in collaboration with local visiting nurse agencies to coordinate in-home care services to benefit the elder.
- Works with the Emergency Management Team regarding preparedness for community emergencies, & meets with Ellington senior residents to review location of shelters &/or "sheltering in place" preparations.
- Makes appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/ case management on an as-needed basis.
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to Medicare and supplemental health insurance, emergency call systems, the Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid/Title 19, USDA SNAP (food stamp) benefit, Veteran's Health Services, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the

Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, legal aid services, and information on funeral & burial service options.

- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders &/or family members who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on the State of CT Office of Policy & Management tax credit programs for elderly re homeowners & eligible veterans.
- Assists eligible seniors in applying to the ACCESS Energy assistance program & Operation Fuel.
- Co-facilitator for the Ellington Veteran's Coffeehouse which meets monthly at the Hall Memorial Library.
- Facilitator for monthly Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease support group.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided information to 144 contacts about the Medicare Savings program; 75 contacts about Medicare Advantage plans; 52 calls regarding Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits; 60 contacts on Medicare; 63 inquiries about supplemental health insurance; & 39 contacts about Medicaid.
- 40 contacts from Ellington resident contacts about SNAP/food stamps
- Reviewed housing options with 81 callers. Had 21 calls about home repair/modification questions & referred callers to the Housing Rehabilitation office & the USDA Rural Development program.

- 50 contacts about legal issues & 9 calls regarding Living Wills.
- 17 persons sought information on Veteran's issues (VA healthcare, in-home services, tax credit programs, and Tri-care for Life).
- Advised 13 callers on programs & services to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease/dementia & support groups; 41 calls on nursing home issues; and 127 calls on in-home care options. Provided information to 33 contacts regarding the CT Home Care Program for Elders.
- Assisted 72 Ellington residents in completing an application for energy assistance &/or utility savings program issues.
- Made 349 home visits with Ellington residents to address in-person their questions/concerns and assist with applications for various programs of benefit to them. Met with 432 persons in office to review & discussed their concerns/service questions and made referrals to appropriate programs.
- 18 contacts received regarding request for transportation.
- Gave information on dental services to 11 clients; 9 vision care contacts; & 16 clients called about emergency call systems.
- 4 contacts on Hospice benefits & worked with 5 families on burial issues & options.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Calls	1975
Office	432
Correspondence	698
Home Visits	349

ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

During the 2017-18 school year, the Ellington Public Schools continued to work to create a culture of learning that challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journeys. Building on our core values and beliefs, the district's improvement plan, adopted by the Board of Education in October, placed an emphasis on four areas of focus: Mastery-Based Learning, Equitable Opportunities, Innovative Practices, and Personalized Learning. The district established the Mastery-Based Learning Task Force, where parents, Board of Education members, students and educators worked collaboratively to learn more about this approach to teaching and learning, and to serve in advocacy and advisory roles as the district moves forward with implementation. In August, 2017, the Ellington Public Schools completed its transition to three K-6 buildings, as each elementary school kept its fifth grade students for sixth grade to complete their final year of elementary school. As part of the transition, the preschool program moved to Windermere School, where they were quickly integrated into the welcoming school community. The special services department opened a new facility in the center of Ellington, creating a space to serve students in the former Ellington Senior Center. The new space allows the district to provide transition services in the community for 18 to 21 year olds in the ECLIPSE program, while the TEPSEP program provides educational services for expelled students. Ellington is committed to continuing a strong tradition of high student achievement at EHS. The district has worked diligently with the Board of Education Curriculum Committee to increase student learning options for all students, adding many new courses and revising and updating other courses each year. New offerings approved for the upcoming school year include UCONN ECE AP Microeconomics, Personal Finance II, Academic

Writing Theory and Practice, Writing Center Internship, Aerospace Engineering, Game Design, Robotics II, Advanced Fashion Design, Culinary Road Warriors and Digital Photography - a wide range of courses to allow students to pursue their passions, develop new interests and develop of plan of study that helps them meet their own academic goals. In order to offer more options that will challenge high achieving students, 15 new AP or UCONN ECE courses have been added in the past seven years. With the addition of the Academic Writing Theory and Practice and Writing Center Internship courses, Ellington High School will be a UCONN partner school for 2018-2019 school year. UCONN will provide support, including an intern, to the high school to help establish the peer tutoring model for the writing center. Additionally, our students will be eligible to attend the writing center conference at UCONN in the fall. This is quite an honor and opportunity for our students as UCONN only works with one school each year as a partner school. For the 2017-18 school year, Ellington High School joined a small number of schools in the state to offer the prestigious AP Capstone Program. This two-course sequence is designed to equip students with the independent research, collaboration and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Seminar was offered in gr. 10-12 and AP Research will be offered to students in gr. 11-12 in the 2018-19 school year. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research certificate. The AP Capstone Diploma is awarded to students who also score 3 or higher on four additional AP Exams. AP Seminar may be taken as a stand-alone course. Ellington students performed well on the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment, with an especially strong performance in Language Arts. Students at Ellington High School continued to take the SAT as a state assessment, and a

field test of the assessment for the Next Generation Science Standards was undertaken in grades 5, 8 and 11. Based on the statewide accountability system, Ellington High School was awarded the distinction of being one of only eleven high schools in the state to achieve a rating in the highest level of performance, Category 1. The district continued the ongoing process of revising and refining the curriculum in multiple content areas. Ellington educators were invited to present at statewide, regional and national conferences, including ATOMIC, New England Secondary Schools Consortium High School Redesign Conference, and ASCD. Ellington moved forward with the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), with many staff members participating in training on phenomenon-based teaching. Ellington will be a host site for regional NGSS training this August, with more than two dozen educators joining Ellington teachers working to strengthen their approach to science instruction. Ellington Middle School was honored to host a visit by the League of Innovative Schools, with educators from across the state coming to visit EMS to see students and teachers in action. As recipient of the Schools of Excellence Grant, Center School hosted a Summer Institute, bringing teachers and administrators together to learn more about tiered models of instruction. This competitive grant was awarded to only 15 schools across the state and recognizes the outstanding work done by Principal Trudie Luck Roberts and the entire Center School staff in creating excellent practices in promoting student achievement.

VISION

Ellington Public Schools grows exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.

MISSION

Ellington Public Schools creates a culture of learning that challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journeys.

CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

- We empower students and staff with the skills to discover and pursue their own passions and to embrace opportunities to be courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.
- We create an equitable, inclusive and supportive culture where people are safe, accepted, and valued.
- We value learning as an enlightening, lifelong process that happens in multiple ways.
- We believe that positive relationships among all stakeholders create synergy and are the foundation for our learning community.
- We celebrate innovation, collaboration, creativity and multiple forms of success.
- We ensure that our learning environments are flexible spaces that encourage interaction, co-creation and independence.
- We have an unrelenting commitment to the belief that everyone can continually learn and grow.

THE CLASS OF 2018

The Ellington High School Class of 2018 graduated on Friday, June 22, 2018. Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools, presented diplomas to 170 seniors. The statistics for the Class of 2018 are as follows: 123 graduates plan to attend four-year colleges, 20 plan to attend two-year colleges, one plans to attend technical school, five plan to join the military, 17 graduates plan to enter the workforce, and four will pursue other opportunities or are undecided. The following class scholars represent the highest five percent of the Class of 2018: Daniel Meaney, Matthew Phillips, Danielle Bartlett, William Daigle, Rebekah

Gerber, Lia Guerette, Sylvia Mutua, Tin Nguyen, and Ian Pyne.

Daniel Meaney, the son of Daniel and Helen Meaney, is the class valedictorian. Dan is a member of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society and consistently earned high honor status. As a result of his PSAT score, Dan was named a National Merit Commended Student. He was selected for American Legion Boys State in 2017. At Boys State he was selected as Lieutenant Governor. Additionally, Dan was selected to represent Connecticut at American Legion Boys Nation where he was elected Secretary of the Senate.

Dan has exhibited school leadership qualities in many areas, serving as Class Treasurer, Executive Leader of the Band Department, Captain of the Cross Country and Track Teams, and Founder and Leader of the Debate Team. Dan has also demonstrated leadership and a strong commitment to the community through his roles as Volunteer Assistant Director for the Ellington Middle School Jazz Band, St. Luke's Youth Ministry Teen Leader, and Senior Center Volunteer.

Dan received the Gordon C. Getchell Scholar Athlete Award and was named a CAS Scholar Athlete in his senior year. He was selected for All Conference in both Cross Country and Track.

The performing arts have been an integral part of his high school years. Dan has achieved outstanding success on a competitive dance team with the Academy of Dance in East Longmeadow, MA. Dan played the French horn in the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble and piano in the Jazz Band. He served as the Band Department Executive Leader during his junior year and, together with a classmate, published a composition. This year he was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Dan will attend Harvard University in the fall with an intended concentration in computer science.

Matthew Phillips, son of Craig and Stephanie Phillips, is the class salutatorian. Matt is a member and current president of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society. He has earned high honor status every quarter throughout his high school years. Personally meaningful to Matt has been his involvement with the Teen Advisory Council of the National Stuttering Association. He was selected to serve a three-year term. In this capacity, he's able to serve as a role model and mentor for children and teens who stutter and help run associated family events. Of special note, this past fall Matt established the first Family Chapter of the National Stuttering Association in Connecticut.

Matt has served the school and community in many additional ways. Through the National Honor Society he played key roles in a silent auction to benefit a local foundation, an American Red Cross fundraiser for hurricane relief, and program entertainment at the Ellington Senior Center. He has been an active member of Rise Above, the Ellington Youth Services student leadership group, throughout his high school years and served as a Core Group Member. For the past three years he served as the co-chairperson for the Small Town, Big Talent Community Variety Show and during that time the show raised several thousand dollars for a local scholarship.

Music has been an important part of Matt's high school experience. He played alto saxophone in the Jazz Band and also in the Marching Band where he was the section leader. He also played the French horn in the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. For the last two years he was an officer for the instrumental music ensembles. This year he was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society and served on the Executive Council.

Matt will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall as a member of the Honors Program. He will major in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2018

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Tin Nguyen
VICE PRESIDENT: Danielle Bartlett
SECRETARY: Kaitlyn Bartlett
TREASURER: Daniel Meaney
SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON: Brenna Gonzalez

Nicholas Gennaro Abbruzzese	Logan Allen Discenza	Joshua Robert LaPointe	Wilfredo Rivera
Francis Brandon Issac Albee	Alexander Charles Domingos	Jack William Leslie	Paige D. Rivers
Victoria Rose Amundarain*	Stephanos Alexander Donzell	Julia Elizabeth Levandoski	Anthony Philip Rizzuto
Camden Thomas Angell	Michaela Jacqueline Doyon	Michael Christopher Libby	Jessica Rose Roberts
Tyler Angeloni	Mark William Dumas	William Joseph Longo	Austin Rodriguez
Rachael Lauren Arnold	Olivia Claire Dutkewych	Kristen A. Lundberg	Kylee Anne Rosa
Megan Elizabeth Aubin*	Emily Rose Dwire	Savanna Rose Macaluso*	Zachery Allen Roy
Veronica Rose Avery	Alexandra Dzen	Brian Mahar	Gillian Elizabeth Sanville
Sydney Elaine Avtges	Jacob Richard Edelstein	Isaiah Maldonado	Jacob Richard Schlenner
Ayesha Azam	Katiushga V. Einsiedel	Alison Mary Mangold*	Kevin Richard Schmelter
Bethany Jean Bahler*	Jacob R. Essig	Robert M. Martinez Ecker	Jennie Lynne Schneider
Joseph J. Bairos	Madison Ann Fox	Sara Lynne Mateya	Jesse Lee Schneider
Simon F. H. Barnes	Haley Lynn Foxe	Erin Frances McConnell	Jonathan Wilbur Schneider
Emma Jordan Barry	Jake Steven Frye	Molly Gaffney McGrath*	Nathan R. Schofer
Danielle Jordan Bartlett†	Andrew Robert Gaines	Hugh Patrick McKenzie	Michael Real-Getulio Sensano
Kaitlyn Rachel Bartlett	Maxwell G. Gale	Daniel Gavin Meaney†*	Zachary Frazer Petrozza
Austin R. Beaudry	Jeremy Patrick Gamble	Nicholas Morin	Sharpe
Evan Berak	Evan John Anthony Gargiulo	Bryan Scott Morris	Samantha Jean Slater
Ryan J. Bergeron	Rebekah Louise Gerbert†*	Nicholas J. Moser	Kory Patrick Smith
Collin James Berube	Renae Lynn Giard	Nathan Rosario Motisi	Alexander T. Smyth
Carla Rose Beutel	Aidan Antonio Gonzalez	Timothy Matthew Moynihan	Jack Macyn Soto
Rachel Beth Bingham*	Brenna Gonzalez*	Hannah Jean Mozzer	Elizabeth Ella St. Germain
Kameryn J. Boone	Christopher K. Gordon	Sylvia Njeri Mutuat†*	Avery Steullet
Lindsey Nicole Bourque*	Robert J. Gorman	Hunter Kenneth Arlington Neal	Jacob John Stone
Tyler C. Branon	Robert Grass Jr.	Jordyn K. Neal	Lauren Taft
Michael Anthony Brooks	Lia Antonina Guerette†*	Sarah Lynn Nedwick	DuranKeony Torres
Jared Clark Buffington	Meadow Joyce Hadzopoulos	Tin Anh Nguyen†*	Cameron R. Toth
Erin R. Busky	Ryan Halligan	Kathryn Rose O'Donnell	Shkëlqesa Uka
Rebecca S. Cargill	Joel Thomas Hany	Angel Chidinma Ojide	Lucas D. Van Deventer
Serena Marie Carl	Hannah S. Hearn	Danielle N. Paparian*	Abigail Clare Varney
Gina Claire Carroll	Alexa Rose Eleanor Herzog*	Lisa Maureen Paré	Grace Elizabeth Walker
Caroline N. Casey	Benjamin Alexander Heyman	John Edward Pasini	Payten Regan Walters
Victoria Ray Chandler	Alexandra Marie Hintze	Isha Ashish Patel*	Kara Alexis Waltman
Connor Stephen Clapp	Samantha G. Hoffman	Lauren Elizabeth Pearce	Sarah Elizabeth Ward
Erica Rosalie Clarke*	Rachael E. Iverson	Matthew Craig Phillips†*	Kyle Christopher Wardrop
Mark Richard Corbisiero	Alex A. Joslin	Nicholas J. Pina	Tessa Amelia Webb
Rebecca Ann Cyr*	Quentin P. Kaufman	Nathan J. Poland	Kaitlyn Grace Rosario Webber
Justine K. Dacres	Olivia B. Kent	Amanda Elizabeth Pretty	Olivia Joy Wentworth, In
William J. Daigle+*	Madison Lydia Killoran	Joshua Francis Prouty	Memoriam
Alexander Daley	Zackary A. Kindall	Ian Thomas Pyne†	Alyssa Michelle Wilkos
Julia Diane DeBaise*	Matthew J. Kirk	Aedan Daniel Randall	Nicholas Ryan Willett*
Elijah M. DeCarlo	Megan E. Knowling*	Kevin L. Redler	Alena Nicole Williams
Matthew Reis Desrocher	Alexandra Jeanette Krajewski	Dylan J. Rellis	Sierra Wooley
Madison Dexter	Bryce LaBier	Jack Rich	
Rhianna Dimovksi	Ryan Phillip LaDestro	Keith R. Richert	

† Class Scholar

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

PEOPLE SERVING YOU

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Lori L. Spielman

Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant:
Marie Sauve

Executive Assistant/Website & Social Media Coordinator:
LouAnn Cannella

Executive Secretary: Julia Connor

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach

Assistant Animal Control Officer: Kathy Kane-DiBacco

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Kim Bechard

Deputy Assessor: Laura Plonas

Administrative Assessment Technician: Melinda LaBruna

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

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

EMT/Ambulance Drivers:

Tonya Glomboske, Deborah Landry-Schiessl,
Kerri Pliszka, Paige Flanagan and Kelly Phillips

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Joseph Palombizio

Deputy Director: John Streiber

Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer: Felicia LaPlante

Accounting/Payroll Specialist: Gail Moran

Finance Office Administrative Assistant: Patricia Choiniere

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence

Supervisory Deputy Fire Marshal: James York

Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica and Carl W. Dojan

Fire Inspector II: Sydney Kern

Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence, James York, Robert DaBica,
Carl Dojan and Sydney Kern

HUMAN SERVICES

Director of Human Service: Joy Hollister

Administrative Secretary: Kristen Wasielewski

Youth Services Director: Diane Lasher-Penti

Youth Program Coordinator: Tressa Giordano

Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

Food Pantry Aide: Mary DiBenedetto

Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Vacant

Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani

Senior Center Assistant Director: Samantha Baer

Senior Center Administrative Secretary: Alisha Goss

Senior Center Bookkeeper: Susan Maheux

Senior Center Lead Van Driver: Kenneth McCarthy

Senior Center Van Driver: Jeanne Magurany

Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Jasbir Jutla

Senior Center Custodians: Claire Rich and Michael E. Joslin

LIBRARY:

Director of Hall Memorial Library: 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 Clynych

Program/Reference Librarian: Francie Berger

Reference Librarian: Linda Callahan

Reference Librarian: Susan Slaga-Metivier

Reference Librarian: Mary Jo El-Hachen

Bookkeeper: Marcia Downs

Custodian: John Abate

Page: Samantha Golden

Page: Heidi Hoffman

Page: Kristyn Stauffer

Page: Meghan McCoy

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Joy Hollister

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director of Health: Patrice Sulik, MPH, RS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Director of Recreation: Robert Tedford

Assistant Director of Recreation: Mary Bartley

Administrative Secretaries:

Tina Modzelewski and Kristen Wasielewski

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Lisa M. Houlihan

Assistant Town Planner and Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement

Officer: John D. Colonese

Land Use Assistant: Barbra Galovich

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:

Sgt. Brian Santa, State Troopers' Office Supervisor

TFC Jacob Bissaillon

Tpr. Timothy Merrill

Tpr. Jesse Benoit

Tpr. Tyler Burnell

Town Police Officers: Bart Alexander, Michael Bard,
John Barth, Aaron Blank, Donald Bridge, Arthur Carlson, III,

Edward "Joe" Decker, James Desso, Stephen Estes,

Joseph Grayeb, Todd Harmon and Sebastian Magnano

School Resource Officers: Bart Alexander and John Barth

Marine Police Officers: Allen Bump, Thomas Davenport,

Michael Hesnan and Jack Sauve

Police Support Administrator: Edward "Joe" Decker

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: Timothy Webb

Administrative Assistant II: Lori Smith

Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux

Assistant Foreman: Kevin Gambacorta

Crew Chief/Grounds: Jon Godek

Lead Mechanic: Taylor Olson

Mechanic I: Perry Dikeman

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT *(continued)***Maintainer II:** Joshua Hebert, Ronald Moser**Maintainer I:** Shawn Bull, Richard Daugherty,
Denis Giroux, Spencer Hutchinson, Keith Jarvis,
Bob Ouellette, Benjamin Pare, Patrick Roy,
Jason Suchecki and 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 Tax and Revenue Collector:** Vacant**Tax Clerk:** Jackie Wagner**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE****Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:** Diane McKeegan**Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:** 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:** J. R. Russo Surveyors • Engineers**TREE WARDEN:** Timothy Webb**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA):****Administrator:** Timothy Webb**Crew Chief/WPCA:** Rebecca O'Brien**WPCA Technician/Maintainer II:** Phillip Kidney

ELECTED OFFICIALS**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**Lori L. Spielman, *First Selectman*James M. Prichard, *Deputy First Selectman*

Sarah D. Cook

Melinda M. Ferry

David E. Stavens

Ronald F. Stomberg

John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2019

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BOARD OF FINANCEJohn P. Rachek, *Chairman*

Peg Busse

Douglas Harding

David J. Olender

Barry C. Pinto

Michael D. Varney

December 2019

December 2021

December 2021

December 2019

December 2021

December 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATIONTracey J. Kiff-Judson, *Chairman*

Gary J. Blanchette

Jennifer Dzen

Jaime S. Foster

Elizabeth Nord

Marcia Kupferschmid

Kristen Picard-Wambolt

Michael Purcaro

Kerry Socha

Michael Young

November 2019

November 2021

November 2021

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November 2021

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November 2019

November 2019

REGISTRARS OF VOTERSWanda Deland (*Republican*)Lois Timms-Ferrara (*Democrat*)**TERM EXPIRES**

January 2019

January 2019

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORSJohn M. Halloran Jr., *Chairman*

Mary E. Blanchette

Mary Clements

Gabbi Mendelson

Judy Stomberg

Janet Wieliczka

December 2019

December 2019

December 2019

December 2021

December 2021

December 2021

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONArlo Hoffman, *Chairman*William R. Hogan, *Vice Chairman*Carol A. Strom, *Secretary*

Sean Kelly

Ricci Hirth

Michael Francis

Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.

December 2021

December 2021

December 2019

December 2019

December 2021

December 2021

December 2019

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALSMark R. Spurling, *Chairman*Arthur G. Aube, *Vice Chairman*

Kenneth M. Braga

Mort Heideri

Michael Swanson

December 2019

December 2019

December 2021

December 2021

December 2021

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING****POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE** (*1 year to August 2018*)

Mary Bartley

Deborah Stauffer

Joy Hollister

Kevin Hayes

Lisa Kelly

Kathleen Larew

Diane Lasher-Penti

Katie O'Connell

David Pearson

John Reilly

Tim Merrill

Jane Roets

Sgt. Brian Santa

Beth Tautkus

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE*(1 year to May 2019)*David Arzt, *Chairman*

J. Albert Breton, Jr.

Jean Burns

Rodger Hosig

Victor Laptik

AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE*(1 year to April 2019)*Katherine Heminway, *Chairman*

Kay Luginbuhl

Carole Gerber

Kimberly Schneider

Joseph Palombizio

Carolyn Ann Wilcox

AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE*(1 year to April 2019)*

Erin Stavens, *Chairman*
 Lauren Desrocher
 Valerie Amsel
 Rachel Dearborn
 Cynthia van Zelm
 Lois Timms-Ferrara
 Cheri Murphy
 Pam McCormick
 Linda Anderson
 Judi Manfre

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE*(1 year to February 2019)*

John Turner, *Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative*
 David Olender, *Board of Finance Representative*
 Robert Edwards, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*
 Gary Feldman, Sr., *Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept. Representative*
 Jack Rich II, *Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative*
 Sarah Cook, *Board of Selectmen Representative*
 Douglas Harding, *Board of Finance Representative*
 Bryan Harvell, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*
 Simon Hessler, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*
 Joseph Palombizio, *Emergency Management Director*
 Peter Hany, Sr., *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE *(1 year to December 2018)*

Bruce N. Warkentin, *Chairman*
 Joseph Boucher
 Ted C. Graziani
 Dennis D. Kayhart
 Robert King
 Steven Villanova, *Student Rep.*
 Cheryl Samborski
 John M. Takach
 Rhonda Villanova
 Christian Sauer

AD HOC PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE COMMITTEE*(1 year to August 2018)*

William R. Hogan, *Chairman*
 Sean Kelly, *Vice Chairman*
 James Gage
 Shawn Koehler
 Hocine Baouche
 David F. Hurley
 Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
 Christopher Weitz

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE *(1 year to July 2018)*

Gerry Gillung, *Chairman*
 James Gage
 Marcia Kupferschmid
 Dale Roberson
 Debby Wallace

TERM EXPIRES**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS** *(3 years)*

Karen Neal	January 2021
Kurt Sullivan	January 2019
Vacant	January 2020
Alternates <i>(2 years)</i>	
Joseph Malone	January 2020
Vacant	January 2019

TERM EXPIRES**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS** *(5 years)*

Donald Gobeille, Jr.	April 2022
Dennis Milanovich	April 2021
Howard D. Reckert	April 2023
Frank Engel	April 2019
Vacant	April 2020

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT *(3 years)*

Galen Semprebon	June 2020
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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Ted C. Graziani, *Chairman*
 William Correia, Jr.
 Keith Durao
 Thomas Palshaw
 James Prichard
 John Ridzon
 Heather Stavens

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL*(2 years)*

Marc Diwinsky	June 2020
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CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL*(1 year)*

George Shaw	August 2018
Lois Timms-Ferrara (Alternate)	August 2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION *(4 years)*

Rebecca A. Quarno, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2019
David H. Bidwell, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	March 2021
Sean Dwyer	March 2022
James Gage	March 2019
George Nickerson	March 2021
Robert E. Zielfelder, Jr.	March 2022
Don-Christopher Hattin	March 2020
Alternates <i>(2 years)</i>	
Laurie Burstein	March 2020
Ann Harford	March 2019

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Robert M. Dawson III, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2021
Michele Beaulieu-Dzen	June 2021
Gary Chaplin	June 2021
Ronald F. Stomberg	June 2020
Kevin Zahner	June 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS *(4 years)*

Lois Goodin (Republican)	January 2019
Elizabeth Nord (Democrat)	January 2019

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION *(4 years)*

Sean Kelly, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2020
Christopher Todd, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	July 2019
David Hurley	July 2022
Donna Resutek	July 2021
Vacant	July 2022
Alternates <i>(2 years)</i>	
Stefanie Cunningham	January 2019
Sulakshana Thanvanthri	January 2019
Vacant	January 2019

ETHICS COMMISSION *(4 years)*

Wilfred A. Duchesneau, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2022
Derek Reed, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2019
Jane Roets	January 2020
Charles McCleary	January 2021
Julia Marquis	January 2020

	TERM EXPIRES
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)	
Dennis Varney, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2021
Judith Plantier, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	June 2022
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.	June 2023
Edward P. Jeski	June 2019
William Correia, Jr.	June 2020
Ted Yampanis, <i>Executive Director</i>	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)	
Susan Stack, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2020
Susan Hannigan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2020
Hocine Baouche	January 2022
Yale Cantor	January 2022
Teresa Cavanagh	January 2022
Jaime S. Foster	January 2020
Richard F. Petrucci	January 2022
Deanna Wambolt-Gulick	January 2020

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)	
Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2019
Ron Brown, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2021
Arthur G. Aube	January 2019
Hocine Baouche	January 2021
Jean Burns	January 2021
Steven J. Hoffman	January 2019
Mary Beth O'Neill	January 2019
Alternates (2 years)	
Vacant	January 2020
Vacant	January 2019

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)	
Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2019
Jonathan Allen	April 2021
Mark Boone	April 2019
Wilson D. Flynn	April 2019
Diane O'Hagan	April 2021
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., <i>Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)</i>	

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)	
Nancy Lemek	December 2018

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)	
Dianne Trueb	June 2019
Fred Journalist	June 2019

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2020
Thomas Boscarino	January 2020
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2020
Shay Drake	January 2022
Kevin Hayes	January 2022
Robert Larew	January 2020
Jennifer Mullin	January 2022
Sherryl Kraus	January 2022
Christopher Weitz	January 2022

	TERM EXPIRES
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)	
Peter W. Welti, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2022
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	February 2020
Thomas Adams	February 2022
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	February 2022
Dale Gerber	February 2020
Katherine Heminway	February 2022
Jeff Olender	February 2020
Ronald Stomberg (<i>BOS Representative</i>)	December 2019
Gary Blanchette (<i>BOE Representative</i>)	November 2019
John Rachek (<i>BOF Representative</i>)	December 2019
Sean Kelly (<i>P&Z Representative</i>)	December 2019
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES (2 years)	
Keith Durao	September 2019
Jonathan D. Moser	September 2019

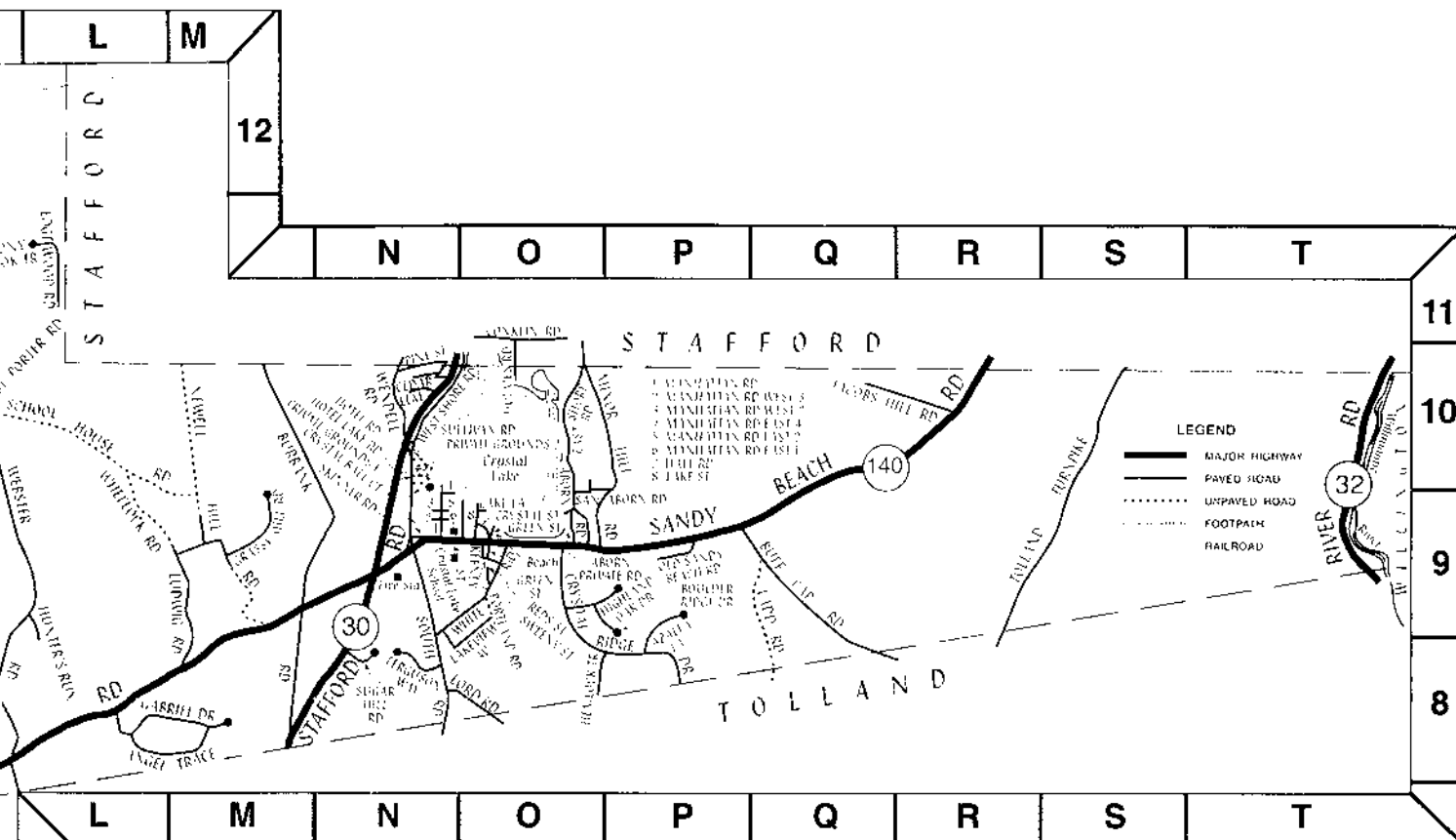
VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)	
Vacant	June 2020
Vacant	June 2019

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)	
Daniel J. Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2021
Edward Duell	April 2022
Jeremy T. Galeota	April 2019
Paul F. Gilbert	April 2022
Shawn Koehler	April 2020

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 years)	
Ronald Brown	August 2019
Rodger Hosig	August 2018
Ronald F. Stomberg	August 2018

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Yale Cantor	Nicole S. Albano
John M. Giordano	Maurice W. Blanchette
John M. Halloran, Jr.	Peter J. Charter
Mort Heidari	Christopher C. Davis
Joel P. Nadel	Ann L. Harford
Lori Ann Thomas	Sean C. Kelly
	Laurie Lemek
	Sharon J. McLaughlin
UNAFFILIATED	John P. Rachek
James Darby	Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
Keil S. Miller	Lori L. Spielman
Christina Marie Morin	David Stavens
Sylvie Nadeau	Ronald F. Stomberg
Bettie Jean Rivard-Darby	Rhonda Villanova
Vivian E. Sovinsky	
Elizabeth C. Waters	



STREET INDEX

Abbott Rd	B2	Daisy La	B6	*Hall Rd	O9	Main St	E6-F5	Quarry St	H2	Upper Butcher Rd	G2
Aborn Rd	P9	David Dr	F10	Hamilton Rd	D8	Mapus Cir	B1	Quarter Horse Dr	G4-H4	Victorian House	F2
*Aborn Private Rd	O9	Davis Rd	G5	Hare Rd	H6	*Manhattan Rd	N9-N10	Randy Rd	F8	View Point La	H4
Adrian Av	G2	Deborah Dr	E10	Harvest La	F6	*Manhattan Rd East 1	N9	Raspberry La	F11	Viewside Dr	F10
Allen Ridge Dr	C3-D3	*Deer Run	H6-H7	Hatheway Rd	D7	*Manhattan Rd East 2	N9	Reds St	O9	Village St	D2
Amy La	G5	Deer Valley	D2	Hayes Av	B1	*Manhattan Rd East 4	N9	Reeves Rd	A10-C11	Virginia Dr	G6
Andrew Dr	G9	Deerfield La	D7	Heather Rd	D5	*Manhattan Rd West 2	N9	Ridge Dr	H6	Walnut St	G2
Angel Trace	L8-M8	Dogwood La	F10	Hemlock Trail	O10	*Manhattan Rd West 3	N9	Ridgeview Dr	C3, D3	Wapping Wood Rd	A1-C1
Anthony Way	C3-D3	Eagle Dr	A3	High Ridge Rd	F2	Manning Av	G3	River Rd	T9-T10	Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6	*East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6	Highland Av	F4	Maple St	E6-G7	Robinson Cir	B2	Wells Rd	D8
*Ardley La	C2	East Porter Rd	K10-L11	Highland Oak Dr	O9-P9	Maplewood Dr	F10	Rockland Dr	D7	Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10	*East Shore Rd	O9-O10	Hillsdale Dr	B1	*Maria Dr	G7	Rosa Ci	G4	West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2	Edgewood Rd	L11	Hillside Dr	F10	McKnight Cir	F2	Rothe La	A2-B2	West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	C2	Egypt Rd	F10	Hilltop Dr	G2	Meadow Brook Rd	E7	Ryan Dr	C5	Westland Rd	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8	Elderberry La	F11	Hilltop Dr Ext	G2	Meagan Cir	D5	Rye Field Rd	B6	Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6	Elizabeth St	G2	Holmes Rd	E8-G10	Middle Rd	A4	1776 Townhouses	C6	Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10	Ellington Av	G2	Hopkins Rd	O10-O11	Middle Butcher Rd	F3	Saddis Mill Rd	A10-E2	White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11	Ellington Ridge Condos	C2	*Hotel Lake Rd	N10	Miller La	F4	*San Aborn Rd	O10	*Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9	Ellsworth La	C8	*Hotel Rd	N10	Monicello Cir	C2-C3	Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10	Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8	Elmridge Pl	C3	Hubbard La	G8	Moser Dr	F2	School House Rd	L10	Windermere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1	Elm St	N10	Hughes Cir	F2	Mountain Rd	F5-H4	*Setting Sun Trail	H5	Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7	Ertel Dr	F2	*Hunter's Run	L8-L9	Mountain St	H4-F3	Settler's Way	B2	*Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8	Esther Av	G2	Industrial Dr	F8-G8	*Mountainview Cir	D2-E2	Shenipsit St	H3	Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4	Eva Cir	C1	Jacobs Hill Rd	R10	Muddy Brook Rd	C8	Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12	Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10	Fairview Av	F2	Jobs Hill Rd	E6	Newell Hill Rd	M9	Shepard Way	A2	Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8	Fairview Av Ext	F3	Joel Dr	E8	Nile Rd	F10	Skinner Rd	N9-C1	Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2	Fairway Dr	A3	Jolly Rd	F5	North Park St	G2	Snipsic Lake Rd	G5	Woodside Dr	F10
Bull Cap Rd	O9	Farmstead La	F2	Jonathan Dr	A1	Nutmeg Rd	D2	Snipsic Ter	H3	Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	M8-M10	Ferguson Way	N8	Justin Dr	C5-D5	Oak Hill Farms Rd	G4-H4	Snipsic View Hgls	H3	* Private	
Cantor Knoll	C3-D3	Field Dr	C1	Katherine Way	E2	Oakwood Cir	F10	Somers Rd	F6-G12		
Carolyn Cir	A1	Fieldstone Village	C2	Keeney St	E2	Old Country La	B2	South Rd	N9		
Cedarwood Dr	E10	Flanders La	A2-B2	Kenneth Dr	O9	Old Reeves Rd	B2	Springwood La	F6		
Cedar St	N10	Florence Av	F2	Ketchbrook Ct	G9	Old Sandy Beach Rd	A10	Sprucewood Dr	E10		
Chapin Av	G3	Foster Dr	G9	Ketchbrook La	B2	Olde Farms Rd	P9	Stafford Rd	M8-N10		
Charter Rd	F2	Forest Hill Rd	A2	Kibbe Rd	G8	Orchard St	D5	Standish Rd	B3		
Chase Hollow Rd	D2-E2	*Forestview Cir	E2	Kreyszig Rd	A2-B2	Orchard Av	F2-F3	Steeple View Dr	F8		
Cherrywood Dr	E10	Francis Av	G2	Ladd Rd	O9	Overhill Rd	G2-G3	Stein Rd	G4		
Chestnut St	G2	Frankie Dr	E9	*Lake La	O9	Overlook Pass	E10	Stony Brook Trail	L11		
Christopher Ct	E2	Frog Hollow Rd	A5	Lake St	O9	Patriot Cir	F11	Sugar Hill Rd	G11		
Church St	E6	Gabriel Dr	L8-M8	Lakeview Av	O9	Pease Farm Rd	D7	*Sullivan Cir	N8		
Cider Mill Rd	G6-J6	Gail Dr	G6	Lanz La	O9	Penfield Av	F6-G5	*Summit Cir	N10		
Cider Mill Condos	F7	Gasek Farms Rd	C3	Laurel Rd	E11	Percheron Way	D1	Sunset Rd	F5		
Cindy Rd	E8	Germ Dr	C1	Lee La	H7	*Pine Dr	H4	Sweeny St	O9		
Cliff St	G2	Geraldine Dr	F10	Lewis Cir	D7	Pine St	G5	Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8		
Cornfield La	F6	Glenwood Dr So	F10	Linden Dr	F2	Pine Cone Rd	N10	Timber La	G9		
Country Farm La	D5	Glenwood Rd	D6	Longview St	G6	Pine Ridge Dr	G9	Tolland Tpk	S9		
Courtney Dr	E2-E3	Gloria La	F9	Lookout Landing	G2	Pinewood La	D8	Tornoka Av	D6		
Cranberry La	F11	*Grand Blvd	D2-E2	Lord Rd	F11	Pinnacle Rd	F10	Tree Top Rd	G9-G10		
Crane Rd	A5	Grant Rd	B1	Ludwig Rd	O8	Pinney Rd	G5	Tripp Rd	A2		
Crescent Cir	C1	Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10	Lyons St	E2	Pioneer Dr	G2	*Tyler Dr	H2		
Crystal St	O9	Green Rd	C8		M8-M9	Porter Rd	D7				
Crystal Ball Ct	N10	Green St	O9		F2	Portland Rd	G9-J10				
Crystal Lake Rd	G7-M8	*Greencycle Dr	A10-B10			*Private Grounds 1	O9				
Crystal Ridge Dr	P8-O9	Griswold Rd	B10			*Private Grounds 2	N10				
Clydesdale Cir	G4-H4					Punkin Dr	E8				

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 2015, the population was approximately 15,725.

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 31.7 mills applied to the 2017 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 2017-18 is 2,683 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 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2015 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,505 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, which include lacrosse and soccer fields, were constructed and completed in 2015.

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, automobiles, 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.



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2018-2019 School Calendar

DATES

First Day of School Aug 29

Last Day of School Jun 10*

*Tentative.....

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Teacher Prof. Learning . Aug 27
 Teacher Day Aug 28
 Labor Day Sept 3
 Columbus Day Oct 8
 Teacher Prof. Learning Nov 5-6
 Thanksgiving Nov 22-23
 Winter Recess Dec 24-Dec 31
 New Year's Day Jan 1
 Teacher Prof. Learning Jan 18
 Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 21
 Presidents' Day Feb 18
 Teacher Prof. Learning Feb 19
 Spring Recess Apr 8-12
 Good Friday Apr 19
 Memorial Day May 27
 Teacher Day June 11*
 *Tentative

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○○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○○

½ Day - All Schools Nov 21
 K-6 Conferences Nov 28-30
 7-12 Conferences Dec 5-7
 K-6 Conferences Mar 20-22
 7-12 Conferences Mar 25-27
 Last Day June 10*
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)
 Graduation June 10*
 *Tentative

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 10th. 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 22, 2019.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

(Area Code 860)

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

Non-Emergency Calls			Visit the website at ellington-ct.gov	
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 06029	
	316 Sandy Beach Road		TTD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196	
	Ellington Volunteer Fire Department	870-3190	Town Hall Hours	
	29 Main Street, P.O. Box 911		Monday	8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Police	Resident State Troopers' Office	875-1522	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
	33 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187		Friday	8:30 am to 1:30 pm
	State Police Troop C	896-3200		
	1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland CT			
ADMINISTRATION, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 187		870-3100	RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR	870-3140
Lori Spielman, First Selectman		870-3102 (Fax)	Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department	
LouAnn Cannella, Exec. Assist./Website/Social Media Coord.			SCHOOLS	website: ellingtonschools.org
Julia Connor, Executive Secretary			Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street	896-2300
Marie Sauve, Executive Assist./H.R. Coordinator			Jennifer Brown, Admin. Assist./HR Coordinator	896-2312 (Fax)
ANIMAL CONTROL, 21 Main Street		870-3155	Special Education Services	896-2300
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer		870-3554 (Fax)		
ASSESSOR, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 199		870-3109	Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)	896-2315
Kim Bechard, Assessor		870-3197 (Fax)	Crystal Lake School (Susan Nash-Ditzel, Principal)	896-2322
Laura Plona, Deputy Assessor			Ellington High School (John Guidry, Principal)	896-2352
BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 57 Main Street		870-3124	High School Guidance Office	896-2357
Raymond Martin, Building Official		870-3122 (Fax)	Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)	896-2339
BURNING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3126	Windermere School (David Welch, Principal)	896-2329
CEMETERIES, Rachel Dearborn		875-8204	SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street	870-3133
D.E.E.P. CONSERVATION OFFICER, Laura Pettus		424-3333	Erin Graziani, Director	870-3136 (Fax)
ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	Samantha Baer, Assistant Director	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		870-3182	Transportation	870-3137
Joseph A. Palombizio, Director		870-3103 (Fax)	SEWER ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE	870-3140
FINANCE, 55 Main Street		870-3115	Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator	
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer		870-3158 (Fax)	Emergency Sewer Maintenance Number	870-3145
Felicia LaPlante, Asst. Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer			STATE ROADS	
Gail Moran, Accounting/Payroll Specialist			East Windsor DOT Garage	623-4473
Patricia Choiniere, Administrative Assistant			Vernon DOT Garage	875-4993
FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street		870-3126	TAX DEPARTMENT, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158	870-3113
James York, Fire Marshal		870-3122 (Fax)	Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector	870-3704 (Fax)
HEALTH-North Central District Health Department		745-0383	TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS	870-3105
Patricia (Patrice) Sulik, M.P.H., R.S. Director of Health			Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk, 55 Main Street	870-3721 (Fax)
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416		872-6923	Donna G. Hosey, Assistant Town Clerk	
HOUSING REHABILITATION, 55 Main Street		870-3132	TOWN PLANNER, 57 Main Street	870-3120
HUMAN SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3128	Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner	870-3122 (Fax)
Joy Hollister, Director and Municipal Agent		870-3198 (Fax)	John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner	
Tressa Giordano, Youth Program Coordinator			Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant	
Deb Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator			TREE WARDEN, 21 Main Street	870-3140
Kristen Wasielewski, Administrative Secretary			Timothy Webb, Tree Warden	
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280		870-3160	VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVE	870-3182
Susan Phillips, Director		870-3163 (Fax)	Joe Palombizio	870-3103 (Fax)
MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES	872-9163
POLICE, 33 Arbor Way		875-1522	VOTING, 55 Main Street	870-3107
Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Office		870-3152 (Fax)	Lois Timms-Ferrara, Democrat, Registrar of Voters	870-3108 (Fax)
POST OFFICE, 6 Church Street		875-6391	Wanda DeLand, Republican, Registrar of Voters	
PROBATE COURT, 14 Park Place, Vernon		872-0519	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way	870-3130
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 21 Main Street		870-3140	Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	870-3198 (Fax)
Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator		870-3147 (Fax)	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT, 57 Main St.	870-3120
Lori Smith, Administrative Assistant			John Colonese, Asst. Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer	870-3122 (Fax)
RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way		870-3118	Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 289-7850	
Robert Tedford, Director		871-3198 (Fax)	Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860) 684-3163	
Mary Bartley, Assistant Director				
Tina Modzelewski, Administrative Secretary				
Kristen Wasielewski, Administrative Secretary				



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