

Ellington

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IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

POW MIA CHAIR

This empty chair is reserved for our 82,000 American servicemen who are still missing. This chair will serve as a reminder of all the sacrifices made for our country by these American servicemen, who have for too long been forgotten by all but their families and friends.



VETERANS' PROJECT

The US Military veterans of Ellington wish to place a prominent bronze statue in town to recognize men and women who served in our military. Bronze, like our heroes, is strong and durable in all weather. They hope that this permanent statue be a proud landmark for residents and those passing through our town that Ellington honors those who have served and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Perhaps you can help organize a fundraiser or make a contribution to help fund this project. Any and all ideas are welcome.

For more information, contact Joe Palombizio, our Veterans Representative at 860-870-3182.

A special fund has been created for this purpose and all donations via check should be made out to:

Ellington Veterans'
Project Fund
c/o Finance Department
55 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029



WALL OF HONOR 2020 INDUCTEE

ROBERT TEDFORD

For 43 years, Robert Tedford was the Ellington Recreation Department, and his tenure as Ellington's Parks and Recreation Director included countless instances where he went above and beyond, excellently serving all members of the community before his untimely passing.

A graduate of Ellington High School, Bob's journey through various athletic endeavors began well before it became his profession; the dedication he showed in his role as Recreation Director was unparalleled and left lasting impressions on all he came across.

Bob was responsible for the development and implementation of each and every program in Town for over four decades; he searched and advocated for new resources and taught lifelong lessons not only about sports, but about "sportsmanship, fair play, leadership, resilience, and commitment to others," as was stated in the application submitted on his behalf. Bob's contributions to the community also included the Summer Concert Series and the Community Gardens at the Batz Property; he worked tirelessly to provide a wide variety of recreational offerings for all.

A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at the site of the Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park.



"Bob touched so many lives, people of all ages. He took on so many roles: supervisor, coach, referee, mentor, the list goes on and on, and there wasn't a single thing he did that didn't have a lasting impact on someone," First Selectman Lori Spielman said.

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Dear Fellow Ellington Resident:

Before we get into the Town financials, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Town to its new Finance Officer, Tiffany Pignataro. The Town is fortunate to have someone with her education, talent and work ethic. Over the past few months that she has been on the job, she has shown that the Town's finances are in good hands.

I would thank all of the employees and volunteers who work to keep our Town one of the best towns in the area to live. We need to recognize those who protect us and keep us safe; our police, volunteer firemen and EMTs who are on duty protecting us and our homes 24/7. Our school system is one of the best around as it prepares our youth to be successful in their future. We need to recognize our administrators, teachers and volunteers for their dedication in making our district as good as it is. Also, our children and adults benefit from very comprehensive recreational programs. Our roads and Town properties are well maintained by the hard working members of our Department of Public Works. Hall Memorial Library provides our citizens with a multitude of services and our Senior Center provides our seniors with an extensive list of programs.

With regard to the Town financials, the past budget season has been truly unique due to the pandemic. The virus dictated that we needed to dramatically alter our normal budget procedures and the Governor provided the needed relief in that regard by giving the towns' Boards of Finance the ability to set the mill rate for the 20/21 year. The growth of the Town and its needs would have indicated that an increase in the spending was needed. Recognizing the pandemic's effects on the Town residents and businesses, it was felt that we needed to keep the mill rate the same as the expiring year. Our First Selectman Lori Spielman, along with members of the Finance Office, worked with Department Heads like Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Ellington Schools, and Tim Webb Director of Public Works along with many of the other department leaders, to find ways of cutting their spending both for the expiring year and for the coming year. The result was that we were able to maintain the mill rate of 32.6 which is a zero increase over the 19/20 year.

I want to thank all 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 did a commendable job in managing the funds necessary to provide the services the Town needs while keeping the best interests of the taxpayer in mind. I especially want to recognize the efforts of Tiffany, Felicia, Gail and Patti who worked tirelessly during the past budget season.

August 24, 2020


John Rachek, Chairman

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of sixteen (16) regular meetings plus six (6) special meetings. Four (4) public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called five (5) Town Meetings; however, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, an Executive Order from Governor Lamont changed the format for passing the Town Budget. Therefore, the Annual Budget Town Meeting was not held. 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 2019-2020:

AGREEMENTS

- Approved the memorandum of Understanding regarding school safety and security initiatives jointly enacted by the Ellington Board of Education, The Town of Ellington and the Resident State Troopers Office
- Approved the agreement between Nucleus Augmented Reality and the Town of Ellington
- Entered into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of the EVFD Replacement Pumper

CONTRACTS

- Executed a contract 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, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
- Awarded the contract for the 2020 Reappraisal and Revaluation to eQuality Valuation Services of Waterbury, 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, 2019-June 30, 2020.
- Authorized the Finance Officer to renew the contract with Cooker Construction for a one-year extension for snow plowing services, and authorized the First Selectman to execute the contract extension
- Renewed the contract with Ellington Electrical to June 30, 2020.
- Ratified the contract between The Town of Ellington and EMS Professional and Volunteer Ambulance Corps IAEP Local R1-512 Employees Union.
- Ratified the contract between The Town of Ellington and Town Hall Employees AFSCME, AFL-CIO Local 1303-473 of Council 4 Union contract, effective July1, 2019-June 30, 2024.

- Ratified the contract between The Town of Ellington and Ellington Police Union Local 32693 Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Union contract, effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022.
- Ratified the contract between The Town of Ellington and Ellington Public Works Department and Custodians Local 1303.009 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Union contract, effective July1, 2019-June 30, 2023.
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded a contract for manhole covers and frames to MBS Construction in Vernon, CT
- Awarded the contract for Emergency management tactical gear to North American Rescue LLC of Greer, SC
- Awarded the contract for mechanical services to Action Air Systems, Inc. of Manchester, CT
- Awarded the contract for cleaning services of the Town facilities to Adams and Adams Building Services, Inc. of Enfield, CT
- Awarded the contract for the service and maintenance of the Town's computer system to The Computer Company of Cromwell, CT
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for the Capital Project Accounting System Conversion to Tyler Technologies, Infinite Visions of Plano, TX
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for the EVFD Replacement Pumper to the Sutphen Corporation of Dublin, OH
- Awarded the contract for the Town website redesign to Active Internet Technologies, LLC< DBA Finalsiste of Glastonbury, CT

EQUIPMENT

- Referred the Ellington High School Lights Installation Proposal to the Board of Education for review to the Planning and Zoning Commission to submit an 8-24 report.
- Authorized the purchase of a DR String Trimmer for maintenance of trails to be used by trained volunteers
- Awarded the contract for an Ellington Ambulance Corps Ambulance to Eastford Fire and Rescue Sales of Eastford, CT
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of surplus equipment
- Authorize the President of the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to sell the 2013 GMC Ambulance to Hunter's Ambulance Service for \$15,000, to be deposited into the Ambulance Charging Fund

FINANCES

- Adopted a resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to abate any outstanding taxes in excess of said net sales and further authorize the tax collector to release all outstanding tax liens on land related to the estate of Dora Pearl
- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$125
- Approved the lease for the EVFD Urban Interface Pumper
- Approved the transfer of \$142,108 for FY 2019-2020 from Account 1065 Salary Adjustment to various Town Departments' Accounts to cover the cost of Salary Increases
- Adopted a resolution recommending the appropriation of \$56,430,000 for costs related to various renovations, improvements and additions to Windermere Elementary School
- Authorized the Tax & Revenue Collector to remove old credit balances for the 2011 through 2014 Grand Lists for a total of \$127.81
- Adopted a resolution pertaining to a modified schedule for the FY 2020-21 Budget

GRANTS

- Accepted Grant Award: Senior Center North Central Area Agency on Aging to the Town of Ellington Nutritional Partnership Project (\$4,000)
- Accepted Grant Award: Senior Center Wheelchair Accessible

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- Vehicle for Transportation of Elderly and/or persons with disabilities (\$2,400)
- Accepted Grant Award: State of CT Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant (\$8,035.50)
- Accepted Grant Award: State of CT Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Homeland Security Grant
- Accepted prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for FY 2020-21, and appropriated the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$3,139,517

ORDINANCES

- Recommended the adoption of Ordinance - Right to Farm
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Section 70-7 - Fees for GIS Information and the adoption of the new Fee Schedule
- Recommended the adoption of Ordinance - Illegal Discharge/ Illicit Connection Storm water Drainage Systems
- Recommended the approval of revisions Chapter 46 - Citations
- Recommended the adoption of Ordinance - Permit/Permit Fees for Specific Occupancies
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Chapter 74, Article I - Fire Zones
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Chapter 74, Article II - Open Burning
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Chapter 17, Article II - Use of Outside Areas
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Chapter 10 - Alcoholic Beverages
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Article II - Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks
- Recommended the approval of revisions to Chapter 48 - Wetland and Zoning Violations

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Adopted the Policy Fee Schedules for Penalties and Fines
- Adopted a Tax Deferment Program, per the Governor's Executive Order 75

PROPERTY

- Approved the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Robert Tedford Memorial to rename Brookside Park, 45 Saddle Mill Road, to Robert Tedford Memorial Park
- Accepted Roadway and Private Improvements to Highfield Estates II
- Approved the installation of outdoor lights for the football field at Ellington High School
- Adopted a resolution recommending the appropriation of no more than \$110,000 for costs related to the acquisition of 72 Maple Street
- Entered into a partnership with the Northern Connecticut Land Trust for preservation of open space for the Wraight Properties, utilizing \$90,000 of the Open Space account
- Referred the Stein Road Parking Area project to the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Accepted the donation of Assessor Parcel 108-008-0001, Webster Road

STAFF

- Appointed Gregory White as Finance Officer/Treasurer
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Gary Berube, DPW Custodian
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Dustin Huguenin, Recreation Director
- Reclassified the Youth Services Director job from a Union position to an Exempt position
- Reclassified the Senior Center Director job from a Union position

- to an Exempt position
- Acknowledged the resignation of Michael LaPointe, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Approved the revisions to the Human Resources Coordinator/ Executive Assistant Job Description and reclassified the position from exempt E-3 to exempt E-4
- Reassigned LouAnn Cannella to the position of Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant
- Approved the revisions to the Executive Assistant/Website and Social Media Coordinator job description
- Reassigned Julia Connor to the position of Executive Assistant/ Website and Social Media Coordinator
- Approved job description for an Administrative Assistant/ Recording Secretary for the First Selectman's Office
- Appointed LouAnn Cannella as Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary and Julia Connor as Board of Selectmen Deputy Recording Secretary
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Kayla Condon, Youth Services Program Coordinator
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Troy Langer, Maintainer I
- Authorized the First Selectman to hire a full-time Administrative Secretary II for the Human Services/Recreation Departments
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Devan Dove, EMT/Driver
- Hired Patrick Sweeney, Police Officer – Part-time
- Promoted Kristen Harp to Assistant Youth Services Director
- Acknowledged the passing of Marcia Downs, Hall Memorial Library Bookkeeper
- Acknowledged the retirement of Linda Judd, Library Assistant I
- Acknowledged the resignation of Mary Jo El-Hachem, Reference Librarian
- Hired Michelle Farella, Reference Librarian
- Hired Rebecca Einsiedel, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary, First Selectman's Office
- Transferred Bart Alexander from SRO to PT Police Officer
- Transferred Jose Martinez from PT Police Officer to SRO
- Acknowledged the resignations of Kelly Nelson and Hannah Scrivener, EMTs/Drivers, Per Diem
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Stephanie Mather, Administrative Clerk, Town Clerk's Office
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Mark Balkan, Senior Center Van Driver
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Kevin Furbush, Police Officer
- Granted Regular Employee Status to James Keeney, Police Officer
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Jose Martinez, Police Officer
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Sydney Kern, Deputy Fire Marshal
- Approved job description for Recording Secretary for Land Use Boards/Commissions
- Approved job description for Kitchen Manager, Senior Center
- Hired Kelly Phillips and Erich Martin, EMTs/Drivers, Per Diem
- Acknowledged the retirement of Deborah Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Michael Girard, EMT/ Ambulance Driver
- Granted Regular Employee Status to David Dodge, EMT/ Ambulance Driver
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Kristen Harp, Assistant Youth Services Director
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Julia Connor, Executive Assistant/Website and Social Media Coordinator
- Granted Regular Employee Status to LouAnn Cannella, Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant
- Acknowledged the resignation of Gregory White, Finance Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Benjamin Pare, Maintainer I
- Hired Christine Post, Recording Secretary, Planning Department
- Approved the Assistant Animal Control Officer – Per Diem job description
- Hired Claire Rich, Senior Center Kitchen Manager
- Hired James Muratori, Maintainer I

- Acknowledged the resignation of Gary Wilson, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Susan Maheux, Senior Center Bookkeeper
- Hired Tracy Cycenas, Assessment Aide
- Appointed Kevin Kenzenkovic as Temporary Finance Director
- Hired Eric Boucher and Nicole Usher, Assistant Animal Control Officers, Per Diem
- Hired Aaron Gelber, Fire Inspector I, Per Diem
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kristyn Stauffer, Library Assistant
- Acknowledged the resignation of Jose Martinez, School Resource Officer
- Hired Erica Botti, Senior Center Bookkeeper
- Hired Ashley Dabbondazza, Anna Mae Wasielewski and Luci Pantuosco, Library Assistants I
- Hired Rhonda Villanova, Bookkeeper/Recording Secretary, Hall Memorial Library
- Rehired Ryan Decker, DPW Seasonal Worker
- Acknowledged the resignation of Paige Flanagan, EMT/ Ambulance Driver
- Acknowledged the resignation of Thomas Davenport, Marine Constable
- Appointed James Keeney as School Resource Officer
- Promoted Erich Martin, EMT/Driver, from per diem to part-time status
- Appointed Tiffany Pignataro as Finance Officer/Treasurer
- Authorized the First Selectman to fill the Department of Public Works Fulltime Maintainer I position
- Hired Joann Bolles, Administrative Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Todd Harmon, Police Officer
- Acknowledged the resignation of Troy Langer, Maintainer I
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Patrick Sweeney, Police Officer
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Rebecca Einsiedel, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Erich Martin, EMT/ Ambulance Driver
- Hired Hunter Foisy, EMT/Driver, Per Diem
- Acknowledged the resignation of Jacqueline Wagner, Tax Clerk
- Acknowledged the resignation of Lori Smith, Recording Secretary, Permanent Building Committee
- Authorized the First Selectman to fill the Fulltime Custodian Position
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Kelly Phillips, EMT/Driver
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Stephanie Mather, Administrative Assistant II
- Granted Regular Employee Status to Christine Post, Recording Secretary, Planning Department

OTHER ACTIONS

- Granted Special Event License: Great American Jeep Rally – September 14, 2019
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Granted the request of the Ellington Recreation Department and the Ellington Athletic Booster Club to close Town roads for the October 26, 2019 10K, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run
- Selected Bill and Cathy Greene as the Wall of Honor Recipients for 2019, honored at an induction ceremony on September 7, 2019
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture
- Elected James Prichard as Deputy First Selectman
- Reappointed Dorian Reiser Famiglietti from the firm Kahan Kerensky and Capossella, LLP as Town Attorney
- Reappointed Patrick McHale from the firm Kainen, Escalera & McHale, PC as special Counsel for all labor matters
- Reappointed the firm of Day Pitney, LLP for all bonding matters
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

- Established an Ad Hoc Government Study Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee
- Accepted the donation of a park bench in honor of Nicholas J. DiCorleto, former Finance Officer and Robert Tedford, former Recreation Director, to be installed at Arbor Park
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Beautification Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Trails Committee
- Adopted a Fair Housing Proclamation, Resolution and Policy Statement
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Established the Ad Hoc Long-Term Recovery Committee

BOARD OF FINANCE



Board of Finance
Back Row (L-R) Barry Pinto, Joseph Wehr, David Olender
Front Row (L-R) John Rachek, Chairman; Douglas Harding, Peg Busse

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.

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, which is the record of all taxable and tax-exempt real property, business personal property, and motor vehicles. This is accomplished by identifying and valuing all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st 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 and complete the October 1, 2019 Grand List
- Enhance and update the GIS parcel base layer and property maps annually
- Successfully implemented and completed the conversion of the CAMA database and commenced the 2020 Revaluation of Real Estate with eQuality Valuation Services, LLC

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	0/1/17	10/1/18	10/1/19
Real Estate	1,193,450,181	1,214,508,158	1,218,733,27
Personal Property	3,851,125	56,879,762	63,622,708
Motor Vehicle	137,867,285	142,923,980	148,746,155

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 2019 through December 2019, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

DANA STEELE, P.E.
J.R. RUSSO & ASSOCIATES, LLC

The Town engineer is appointed by the Board of Selectman to provide engineering consultation services to Town officers, departments, boards and commissions. During the past year as Town Engineer, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC has provided the following services:

- Met with Town officers and prospective developers to discuss and provide guidance for preliminary development plans.
- Reviewed site design plans, traffic reports and drainage calculations submitted to the Planning Department, Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency in regard to Town requirements and sound engineering practice and provided written comments for consideration in the approval process.
- Prepared bond estimates and recommendation for reduction of bond amounts for erosion control on private projects and public improvements such as new subdivision roads.
- Reviewed as-built surveys for completed projects to verify conformance with the approved plans and recommend acceptance of completed public improvements.
- Assisted the Planning Department and Public Works in preparing plans for town infrastructure improvements:
 - Replace sidewalks along Main Street (design completed, out to bid)
 - Expand parking lot for Memorial Hall Library (design progressing)
 - Veterans' memorial on town green (preliminary design completed, need funding)
 - Install sidewalks along Middle Butcher Road (construction completed)
 - Install sidewalks along West Street (design progressing)
 - Improve drainage and repave Schoolhouse Road (under construction)
 - Parking for frisbee golf site on Stein Road (design completed)
 - Improvements to Glenwood Road cul-de-sac (construction completed)
 - High School drainage improvements (design completed)
 - Drainage improvements to East Porter Road (design completed)

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
- Safety and Health Committee Requirements
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects
- Retained Moody's Aa3 credit rating
- Affordable Care Act reporting requirements
- Assisted in the voluntary CIRMA and OSHA review of Town
- Assisted Board of Education with Dental Self Insurance Fund
- Closed out Capital projects to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance
- Reduction in CIRMA rates due to Town proactive risk control enhancements
- Assisted in the Security Awareness Training and Testing
- Assisted Insurance Advisory Committee in 2020 benefit renewal
- CIRMA Worker's Compensation Assessment
- Medicare Part D Creditable/Non-Creditable Notices
- CIRMA Policy Renewal
- OSHA 300A requirement
- Electrical Services Contract Renewal
- Assisted with updating Town Policies Selling/Purchasing Land
- EVFD: Urban Interface Pumper Lease
- Sale of 2013 Ambulance
- EVFD: Replacement Pumper ET-143 Lease
- Assisted EVFD State of CT 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act Grant
- LOSAP Administration

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

- 2020 Reappraisal and Revaluation
- Emergency Management Tactical Gear
- Mechanical Services
- Cleaning Services
- EVAC Ambulance
- Auditing 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 contingency funds
- Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

TAX AND REVENUE 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 2018 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts

	5,834	Real Estate
	987	Personal Property
	6,370	Motor Vehicle
	2,760	Supplemental Motor Vehicle
Totaling	\$46,738,036	

COMPARISON	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Current Collections	\$43,133,192	\$44,059,690	\$46,043,904
Back Collections	272,940	147,995	128,747
Interest, Liens & Fees	226,6671	78,027	182,989
Collection Rate	99.4%	99.4%	99.2%

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	• Real Estate 1st installment • Personal Property 1st installment • Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	• Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	• Trash Collection Fee
JANUARY	• Real Estate 2nd installment • Personal Property 2nd installment • Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax <i>only if applicable</i>
APRIL	• Sewer Usage Fee
JUNE	• 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 in 2019 for \$5,500.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public.
- Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- Recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website under land records.

SUMMARY	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Births	138	138	127
Marriages	86	87	79
Deaths	98	102	117
Land Records Filed	2,092	1,882	1892
Maps Filed	23	27	45
Trade Names	43	35	36
Dog Licenses	2,291	2,386	2124
Kennel Licenses	8	8	9
Sports Licenses	203	582	497
Liquor Permits	21	20	13
Veteran Discharges Filed	41	39	32
Cemetery Deeds Filed	34	37	25
Aircraft Registrations	16	14	14

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Planning Department assists citizens, the general public, businesses, government officials, design professionals, and developers with general land use inquiries, permitting requirements, and compliance activities associated with zoning, subdivision, and wetlands regulations. Staff provides technical and administrative support to six permanent land use commissions: 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. In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, the Planning Department helps to direct long-range planning and local GIS (Geographic Information Systems). Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner Wetland and Zoning Officer, full-time Land Use Assistant, and a part-time Recording Secretary.

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.

This past year has presented a number of challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and I have spent much time working with the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, Human Services and Parks and Recreation so that town operations and services could be maintained as effectively and efficiently as possible. In addition, during the past year as Town Attorney, I have worked with the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen on the following: revisions to ordinances and review and updates to a number of general Board policies; contracting relative to the provision of various services for the Town; and acquisition of properties to expand the Town Hall campus. I have also worked with the Board and various other departments on contracting relative to improvements to Town infrastructure, including new sewer and sidewalk construction projects. I have provided counsel to the Planning Department and land use commissions on a number of new development proposals and in the review of various conveyances to the Town in connection with approved developments. Additionally, I have worked with the Tax Collector to collect on various delinquent accounts.

BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD/Plan) for the town. The POCD is a policy document that guides land use, development patterns, preservation strategies, and capital investments for certain infrastructure and community facilities for the next decade.

During this report period, the PZC worked with the POCD Update Committee (Update Committee) to update Ellington's Plan. Assisted by Planning Department staff and consultant Goman York, members from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency, Conservation Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Economic Development Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission served on the Update Committee.

The update process involved several monthly public meetings, three public information sessions, a formal community survey and comments from a variety of commissions and departments. An updated Draft Plan was circulated for review and available for comment for more than three months prior to adoption. The Capitol Region Council of Governments and Board of Selectmen (BOS) endorsed the Draft Plan and it was formally adopted effective November 30, 2019.

The PZC is also responsible for 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. Through its staff, the PZC ensures that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans. This is accomplished through plan review, site inspections, issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance, and enforcement actions. The PZC also provides recommendations to the BOS regarding improvements to public infrastructure or municipal land transfers for consistency with long-term land use goals and objectives.

The subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools the PZC uses to implement development practices. These regulations are living documents and amended from time to time in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Three (3) zoning regulation amendments:
 - Section 6.3 Signs (repeal existing regulations and replace with new section), effective 7-1-2019;
 - Section 7.1 Accessory Apartments (increase maximum size and add 2 bedroom limitation), effective 7-1-2019;
 - Section 6.3 Signs (Add 6.3.7 B – provisions for changeable electronic fuel pricing), effective 3-15-2020.
- Three (3) subdivision applications approved, resulting in six (6) new building lots.
- Twenty-three (23) other zoning applications reviewed involving site plans and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes, and referrals to the BOS regarding municipal improvements, municipal land transfers, or bonding actions.

- One hundred and sixty-nine (169) Zoning Permit applications processed.
- Presented Chapter 152 - Illegal Discharge and Illicit Connection Stormwater Drainage System Ordinance, adopted December 9, 2019.
- Assisted with annual compliance to Ellington's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).
- Participated in the Capitol Region Council of Governments annual Active Transportation Audit for Streets.
- Presented updates to Article III Fees for GIS Information, amended December 9, 2019.
- Provided administrative and public outreach support for Main Street West Sidewalks and Pedestrian Improvement Project funded through the Department of Transportation's Community Connectivity Program.

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

- Five (5) agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Two (2) modifications or extensions approved for existing agency permits.
- One (1) wetlands map amendment approved.
- Two (2) positive referrals to the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-26(e) for subdivision or resubdivision.
- Five (5) requests accepted for uses permitted as of right and non-regulated uses.
- One (1) decision on a corrective order for violation of the wetlands regulations.
- Twelve (12) administrative agent applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.

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

- Recipient of Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development from the Connecticut Economic Development Association.
- Successfully nominated Oakridge Dairy and The Modern Milkman for Economic Development and Best New Business and The Ivy for Beautification for annual county chamber award.
- Suspended temporary sign restrictions limiting the number of temporary signs per property and number of days temporary signs may be posted to assist Ellington businesses advertise alternative practices and special offerings resulting from Executive Orders for COVID-19.
- Established a Temporary Outdoor Dining Certification streamlined approval process to enable Ellington food establishments to offer outdoor dining during Reopen Connecticut resulting from Executive Orders for COVID-19.
- Members of the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce and staff representation on the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. In addition, the ZBA hears appeals from people who feel that department staff 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

- Seven (7) variance applications approved (two (2) with conditions).
- One (1) variance application denied.
- One (1) location 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 other conservation areas. 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 other conservation strategies.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed two (2) subdivisions for open space including one (1) recommendation for fee-in-lieu-of land and one (1) recommendation for land set-aside.
- Continued to support the farmland preservation program.
- Proposed Right To Farm Ordinance, effective July 31, 2019.
- Supported the Ellington Hockanum River Committee and efforts to create and maintain trails around the Hockanum River.
- Coordinated updates and enhancements to GIS mapping (e.g. open space and passive recreational trails).
- Participated in the second annual Northern Connecticut Agricultural Summit providing education on farm exemptions, regulations and permits.
- Recommended Ellington partner with the Northern Connecticut Land Trust to fund a portion of acquisitions costs to preserve an eleven (11) plus acre parcel within the Shenipsit State Forest; land successfully transferred to Northern Connecticut Land Trust October 2019.
- In partnership with the Connecticut Water Company, participated in the Ellington Farmers Market Green Day 2019 providing educational outreach for water conservation.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

The DRB is advisory to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and provides recommendations for exterior design elements for commercial, industrial, mixed-use, multi-family, and special use permits in residential zones.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed design elements for screened outside storage, construction of phase II building and associated site improvements at 72 Windermere Avenue for DeML Enterprises, LLC.
- Reviewed design elements for the construction of four full-size soccer fields, parking and access roads, concession and restroom buildings, and associated site improvements on properties along the east side of Windermere Avenue near the Vernon town line.
- Endorsed redesigned Design Review Guide.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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. Based on Ellington's portion of the Vernon Plant Upgrade, the WPCA increased the Hockanum System user fees.
- Continued to monitor H2S levels at Pump Stations.
- Completed the Stein Rd sewer extension and High Ridge Rd sewer replacement projects. Several Stein Rd residents have tied in.
- Reviewed future capital improvements projects.
- Approved the 2020-21 Budget and worked with Finance to include the WPCA budget, which is funded by user fees, into the Town's budget reporting process.
- Fuss & O'Neill projects-Flow Allocations, Upgrade to Vernon Pump Station, Extension of the Sewer Service Area.
- Projects this fiscal year – Big Y Express, Windermere Village.

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 2019-20; therefore, the Permanent Building Committee did not meet.

REGISTRARS 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, farmers' 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 were both reelected in the 2018 election to serve a four year term. The Republican Registrar, Wanda DeLand, has served the town in this capacity for 16 years and Democratic Registrar, Lois Timms-Ferrara, has held the position since April 2018. Both Registrars have completed Connecticut Elections coursework and examinations and are state-certified. They are active in the Tolland County Registrars organization and have assumed committee positions in the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC) to an effort to advance the field.

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 to complete a registration card. There are also registration cards available at Hall Memorial Library that may be dropped off or mailed to the Registrar's Office.

In Ellington, there are two voting districts: District 1 typically holds elections and primaries at the Ellington High School and District 2 votes at Crystal Lake School. The town has experienced a 2.3% increase in active voters over the last year with 10,357 voters currently, compared with 10,125 last year. This table reflects the number of registered voters by political affiliation compared to the last three years at this time in each of our districts:

DISTRICT ONE	2020	%	2019	%	2018	%
Democrats	2,029	25.2%	1,939	24.6%	1,855	24.5%
Republicans	2,110	26.2%	2,094	26.6%	2,072	27.3%
Unaffiliated	3,767	46.8%	3,716	47.2%	3,529	46.5%
Other	146	1.8%	130	1.6%	129	1.7%

DISTRICT TWO	2020	%	2019	%	2018	%
Democrats	568	24.8%	558	24.8%	556	25.6%
Republicans	664	29.0%	662	29.5%	620	28.5%
Unaffiliated	1,013	44.2%	987	43.9%	963	44.3%
Other	45	2.0%	39	1.7%	35	1.6%

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

New England Aquatic Services (NEAS) spent 7 1/2 days using two crews and 96.15 Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting hours between July 29, and August 7, 2019 removing Variable-Leaf Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) from various areas in the lake and Red-Leaf Pondweed off of the Northeast Cove. Six hours were spent performing the Annual Maintenance by surveying the lake for previously undetected invasive plants (7 bags). Work off of the Town Beach consisted of 51.15 hours (93 bags), 7 hours (14 bags) in the Dam Area and 32 hours (90 bags) of pondweed off of Northeast Cove for a total of 96.15 hours (204 bags). Approximately 1.42 acres were cleared.

Water Quality monitoring was performed from April through November of 2019 in the open water areas of the lake and along Aborn Brook. Parameters being tested are water clarity, phosphorous, dissolved oxygen and temperature in the main body of the lake, and total phosphorous and nitrate nitrogen in Aborn Brook. Water clarity in the lake was poor in April at 3.5 meters (m) suggesting a winter watershed loading of nutrients. The 6 m clarity recorded in September was the only reading greater than 5 m. The goal for Crystal Lake is for all readings to exceed 6 m. All remaining readings in 2019 varied between 3 and 4.7 m, each lower than the long term averages, showing significant deviation from the goal. The poor clarity of 3 m in July indicates the possible presence of cyanobacteria.

Total Phosphorous (TP) in the top and middle of the water column ranged between 7 and 17 ppb in 2019. The goal is to remain below 10 ppb for the entire season in these top and middle water layers. Bottom water TP can be slightly higher but should remain below 25 ppb. In 2019, TP in the bottom waters ranged from 8 to 124 ppb. TP in the upper waters (top and middle) was elevated above the 10 ppb goal during April, June and July, with July having the highest seasonal values of 16/17 ppb. Bottom water TP exceeded the 25 ppb goal in June (35 ppb) and August (124 ppb) indication internal sediment release. In September, TP in the whole water column was low, closer to long term average values. It has been recommended that bottom samples for next year should be taken from a greater depth of 13 – 14 m to more accurately reflect the concentrations at the bottom.

Inlet water samples were collected from Aborn Brook, Route 30 near the dam and from the west shore in April. Total phosphorous (TP) and total nitrogen (TN) were relatively low at all locations. From May through September samples were collected from three locations along Aborn Brook near Route 140 (when flowing). In May, TP concentrations were elevated but acceptable. By June, all three locations had elevated levels. In July and August the brook was dry, but the TP at the other two locations remained elevated, with one particularly concerning with a concentration of 239 ppb. That reading indicates a severe nutrient input. By September, TP on two of the locations had decreased to 10 ppb. Nitrate nitrogen (NOx) concentrations were elevated at one location in every month, suggesting that a nutrient input is occurring upstream of that sampling point. Ammonia nitrogen (NH3) levels were tested in the brook locations in May, August and September. Levels ranged from 13 to 65 ppb. Since there should be little or no ammonia in the inlet waters, this indicates a potential contributing upstream source. Additional testing is recommended.

Northeast Aquatic Research performed a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of the littoral (deep) lake on August 26, 2019 and issued a report in April 2020. Twenty five species were documented. *Sagittaria teres* (Quill-Leafed Arrowhead), a wetland emergent plant was the only dominant species (greater

than 20% frequency). *Nitella* (Stonewort) was the most dominant submerged and fully aquatic species. All other aquatic plants were present at relatively low frequencies. The invasive *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (Variable-Leaf Milfoil) was present at seven waypoints throughout the lake and particularly dense in the Dam Area at the north end of the lake. Variable-Leaf Milfoil was found in the same locations as in 2018, indicating that the diver suction harvesting efforts have been largely successful in preventing the species from spreading throughout the lake.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2020 – 2021:

- Continue water sampling the lake waters from April through November. The deep samples should be taken at a depth of 13-14 m.
- As recommended by the Crystal Lake Association (CLA) the additional water testing will be continued in Aborn Brook to help determine the source of the upstream pollutants.
- Field investigations with possible expansion and repositioning of the water sampling and testing locations is recommended.
- If the Secchi disc depth readings falls to 3 m or less, the phytoplankton in the lake water should be examined to determine if cyanobacteria are present.
- Continue the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake.
- Clear milfoil from the Dam Area at the north end of the lake. These plants are being fragmented and spreading around the lake.
- Remove milfoil in the Town Beach Area
- Remove milfoil and pondweed off of the Northeast Cove.
- Try to find a solution to eliminate the milfoil in the 1 acre Route 140 Pond across from the Town Beach which is believed to be adding to the milfoil in the lake. Herbicide treatment could be a possible solution.
- Continue the bottom barrier placement performed by the Crystal Lake Association to control milfoil in Aborn Cove near the mouth of Aborn Brook and in the Dam Area, as required.
- Perform a comprehensive lake wide aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2020.

Suction harvesting is anticipated to begin in August, 2020.

AD HOC 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 six (6) 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, Senior Center and the Rotary.

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

The Trails Committee has experienced a busy twelve months and its team of ten was able to expand its reach with the help of a number of groups and individuals who assisted us with cleaning, clearing, blazing, and building and installing bridges at our different town trails. The committee is grateful for the assistance of numerous boys and girls scouting organizations in Ellington, the Big Y sponsored group of employees who helped us build bridges on the expanded Kimball Ridge Loop Trail, and our stewards Emily Boone, David Bidwell, and Tanya Engler who volunteered to take on assignments to hike and clean up Kimball, Moser, and Metcalf trails respectively, as well as, keep the committee abreast of any downed branches or trees requiring attention. The Kimball trail with its flowing brook and waterfalls has been extended and now enables hikers' access to the Shenipsit Trail that connects to a range of longer paths. Also, a new trail is being developed on the Moser property off of Stein Road where a grand opening is expected in 2021.

The trails in town have attained quite a significant following from the Trails Facebook page (976 followers) and the nearly 200 people receiving email communications about our hikes, work groups, and the many professional visitors who bring their expertise on a variety of trail-related topics. Over the past year, Trails members have scheduled educational walks about birds of prey, fungi of the forest, a botanical walk, and a moonlight walk with the Astronomy Society of Connecticut setting up powerful telescopes that allowed more than 70 viewers of the night skies to see Jupiter and Saturn.



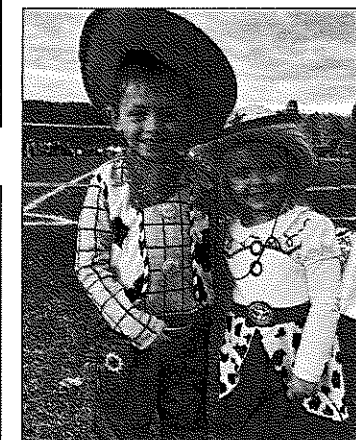
Big Y work party helps build a bridge



Super Heroes go to Trail of Treats!



A very long line of eager participants at the Trail of Treats!



Howdy Partner! Trail of Treats Fun!

Keep Ellington Mooving!



Benches for tired hikers



Having fun hiking with a group



Fungi of the Forest Lesson



Batz refreshed children's garden

PUBLIC SAFETY



RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

The Ellington Resident State Troopers Office serves as the primary Law Enforcement contingency for the Town of Ellington. The State Police team consists of Resident State Trooper Supervisor Sergeant Brian Santa #165, TFC Jacob Bissailon #841, TFC Timothy Merrill #432, TFC Tyler Burnell #1091 and Trooper Patrick O'Brien #804. The Ellington Town Police Officer team consists of fourteen sworn Police Officers. Officer Joseph Decker CC25 serves additionally as the Police Support Specialist. The Resident State Troopers Office also provides Marine Patrol support on Crystal Lake through the use of three certified Marine Patrol Officers. The Resident State Troopers Office is supported by Troop C in Tolland for all daily operations. The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads.

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

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 Bissailon (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 board meets the first Thursday of each month at the Ellington Resident Troopers Office.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION

Prescription medications are collected from the Prescription Drug Collection Box and transported to the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) for destruction. Approximately 259.2 lbs of prescription drugs have been collected for destruction.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Resident State Troopers Office continues to staff the Ellington Public School system with School Resource Officers. For the 2020/2021 School year Officer James Keeney and Officer John Barth will fill the SRO positions.

DARE PROGRAM

The Resident State Troopers Office continues to provide two DARE Officers for the 2020/2021 School Year. TFC Bissailon #841 and Trooper O'Brien #804 have been selected to teach the DARE curriculum.

MAJOR ACTIVITY (January 2019 - January 2020)

Totals Calls	12,957
Accidents	168
DUIs	29
Burglaries	4
Alarms	374
Larceny	45
Traffic Stops	1,723

BUILDING OFFICIAL

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

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
New Single Family Homes	30	25	19
New Commercial Buildings	2	0	5
New Multi-Family Buildings	3	0	0
Residential Alterations & Additions	47	46	29
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	220	243	202
Mechanical/Electrical	634	692	539
Other	105	74	202
Totals	1041	1080	1095
Field Inspections	1392	1315	1079
Estimated Construction Value	\$23,620,320	\$20,017,731	\$19,028,112
Permit Fees Collected	\$377,851	\$288,192	\$308,357



FIRE MARSHAL

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 Ellington home and although there was a great loss of property, no one was injured. To help keep your family safe, check your smoke alarms weekly, change batteries twice per year, and practice exit drills in your home.

Photo credit: J. Carilli Sr.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	1999-2000	2009-2010	2019-2020
Investigations	60	56	45
Criminal (Felony and Misdemeanor ¹)	25	21	0
Non-Criminal	34	30	38
Undetermined	1	5	7
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	0
Non-Fatal	0	1	1
Building Fires	13	13	6
Motor Vehicle Fires	8	9	1
All Other Fires	25	26	12
Hazardous Materials Incidents	8	6	4
Fire Losses, Total (X \$1000)	\$173.6	\$340.5	\$118.6
Criminal	\$50.1	\$0.8	0
Non-criminal	\$123.5	\$64.2	\$110.6
Undetermined	\$28.0	\$275.5	\$8.0
Value of All Properties Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$1339.5	\$2078.8	\$18815.7
Enforcement Inspections	75	1278	1461 ³
Commercial	9	199	234
Public Assembly	13	45	54
Educational	16	6	21
Residential (Multi-family)	16	938	1001
Hazardous Materials	19	17	13
Other	2	73	43
Drills	-	-	48
Enforcement Citations Issued (Misdemeanor)	113	248	117
State Licenses and Permits Approved	34	35	25
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	57	19	12
Arrests or Referrals	5	3	4

¹ Misdemeanor violations cited as a result of code enforcement inspections are not included here; they are shown at Enforcement Inspections.

² Not administered or recorded by this department at that time.

³ Number of inspections significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic shut-down.



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: Frederica Weeks, Peter Hany Jr., Michael Gallagher

SECRETARY: Michael D. Varney

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldmann

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	Douglas Parent
Jonathan Allen	Cody Fongemie	Jeffery Parent
Timothy Bahler	Jared Fongemie	Daniel Parisi
Bryan Blotniski	Vince Gambacorta	Cole Prato
Steven Breault, Sr.	Katherine Hany	Keith Ruff
Frederick Bird	Peter Hany, Sr.	Noah St. Germain
Jordan Chamberlin*	Nicole Hazzard	Randall Smith
Joe Carilli, Jr.	Brad Hoffman	Regan Toomey
Dominick Cristelli	Alex Jacques	John Turner
Adam D'Agostino	Greg Larensen	Dennis Varney
Richard Daugherty	Eric Martin	Madeline Varney
Markus DeLeon	Jake Miceli	Aaron Virkler
Amanda Drost	Kaila Morrow	John Vogel
Gary Feldman, Jr.**		

LIFE MEMBERS

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

CADET MEMBERS

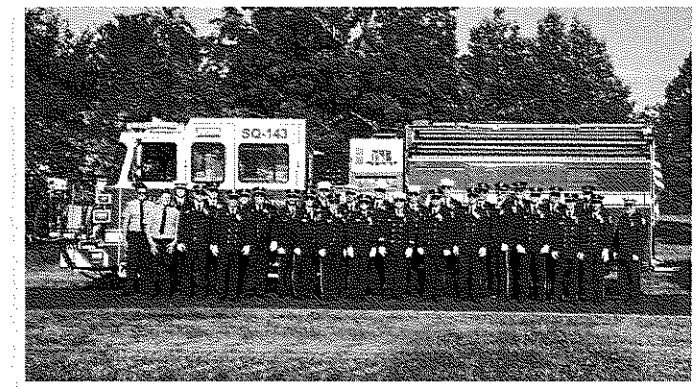
Josh Carroll	Aaron Hinze	Cole Kilgore
Kieran Foster	Chris Hoover	George Magnuson
Norman Hannah	Liam Kent	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Ted Graziani
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*2019 Firefighter of the Year

**Currently on Military Leave



EVFD at Fireman's Fair Parade, September 7, 2019

Photo credit: B. Feldman

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud to recognize 92 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. During this period, the department responded to 895 emergency calls totaling 566 hours, which equated to more than 4599 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.....29
Structural/Building fire.....12
Cooking Fire3
Chimney Fuel Burner/Boiler Malfunction or Fire Confined...5
Vehicle/Mobile Property fire1
Forest, Brush, grass fires4
Refuse, Construction, Dumpster, Landfill fire.....2
Outside fire other0
Fire Other.....0
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition.....1
Rescue, Emergency Medical Service604
Medical assist, assist EMS crew536
Vehicle accident, Extrication from vehicle61
Search for Person on land1
Extrication, Rescue other.....2
Water Rescue0
Trapped by Power lines0
Rescue Standby or other Rescue1
Hazardous Condition, Standby79
Hazardous Condition Other.....1
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill4
Natural Gas or LPG Leak5
Chemical Hazard1
Carbon monoxide incident11
Electrical Equipment problem/Overheated Motor15
Power line down.....30
Arching, shorted electrical equipment4
Vehicle Accident no Extrication8
Service Call55
Service Call , Other6
Person in Distress7
Lock Out3
Water or Steam problem/Water Evacuation5
Smoke, odor removal2
Public service assistance/ Assist Invalid8
Assist police or other government agency.....14
Unauthorized Burning3
Cover assignment, standby, move up7
Good Intent Call45
Good Intent Call , Other10
Cancelled enroute, wrong location22
Authorized controlled burning, Prescribed fire2
Odor of Smoke Steam or vapor3
Hazardous Materials Investigation.....6
Other (Vicinity alarm, EMS other).....2
False Call80
False call other.....4
Alarm System malfunction24
Unintentional alarm.....47
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.....5
Malicious Alarm.....0
Other3
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Standby2
Special Type of Incident, other.....1
Citizen complaint.....0
Totals:895

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 3700 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural Water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including: Emergency Medical Technician Refresher, Fire Officer IV, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following areas; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. All courses were accredited by one or more of the following agencies: The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, as well as other recognized organizations/agencies.

Members of our department also attended specialty courses held at the Symposium in the Sun, sponsored by Volunteer Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Clearwater Beach Florida.

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 mask, SCBA cylinders, and all fire extinguishers.

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

FACILITY

The 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 needed upgrades and storage issues.

The department's south end station located at 6 Nutmeg Drive houses 5 department vehicles including the department's aerial, an engine, a service vehicle with the Hazard Materials trailer and a 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 Plans, 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 their 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 safety awareness. 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

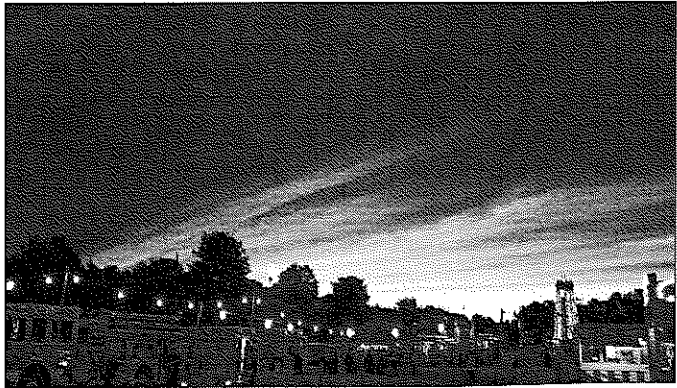
It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted a program to provide funds to run a volunteer incentive program as a way to attract new volunteers as well 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 92nd 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.



Fireman's Fair 2019

Photo credit: Fred Bird Photography

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 ensures 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 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 can 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 supplement operating expenses, capital improvements and dispatcher training.

The Department of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications has revised the formula for funding of the regional communication centers. Those changes will take effect for fiscal year 20-21. It is not anticipated that the revisions will be detrimental to the operations of the regional centers. The member towns of the regional centers will continue to supplement the operational expenses for the dispatching 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, communication links across the county and working thru the sunseting of the low band communications network are challenges that are being addressed.

A Mobile Command unit has been outfitted for field service assignment for large and lengthy duration events. A fixed repeater site has been constructed that enhanced the communications for the Ellington emergency services as well as a local transmitter for incident alerting.



CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Timothy Seitz
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brian Pippin
DEPUTY CHIEF: Chad Adams
FIRE CAPTAIN: Robert Edwards
EMS CAPTAIN: Annmarie Seitz
1ST LIEUTENANT: Fred Sharpe Jr.
2ND LIEUTENANT: James Adkins
3RD LIEUTENANT: Charles Pippin
4TH LIEUTENANT: Bryan Harvell
SECRETARY: Annmarie Seitz
TREASURER: Bryan Harvell

MEMBERS

Chad Adams	Kimberly Gallicchio	Chuck Pippin
James Adkins	Doug Gebhardt	Alberto Rivera
Krystina Adkins	Bryan Harvell	Cindy Rivera
Michael Allen	Ryan Lentocha	Douglas Rogala
Shannon Bennett	Bob Ludwig	Annmarie Seitz
Thomas Descheneaux	Elaine Lupoletti	Timothy Seitz
Raleigh Dunn	Richard Mead	Dakota Sharpe
Britney Edwards	Jacob Moore	Fred Sharpe Jr.
Michael Edwards	Arthur Pastuszak	Scott Small
Robert Edwards	John Perrier	John Streiber
James-Paul Forbes	Brian Pippin	Anna Tuttle

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Jessica Harvell Cindy Bregoli David Bregoli

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison Paul McDonald

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMEN: Mike Discenza

CO-CHAIRMEN: Mike Bialozynski

CLERK: Annmarie Seitz

BOARD: Annmarie Seitz, Bonnie Brush, Salvador Jardin

The Crystal Lake Fire Department continues to serve the Crystal Lake Community with superior fire and emergency medical services while also providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department members have proudly volunteered to serve their community for the last 86 years. The primary mission of CLFD will always be the protection and preservation of life and property during each fire, medical, or rescue related emergency. The department is staffed by trained volunteers who are state and nationally certified Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Emergency Medical Responders. All members operate out of "Station 42", which is located at 316 Sandy Beach Road, and is home to all of the department's apparatus and equipment. Annually the members volunteer thousands of hours of their personal time, which is time away from their homes and families, to keep their neighbors and community safe. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the membership which makes the success of the department possible.

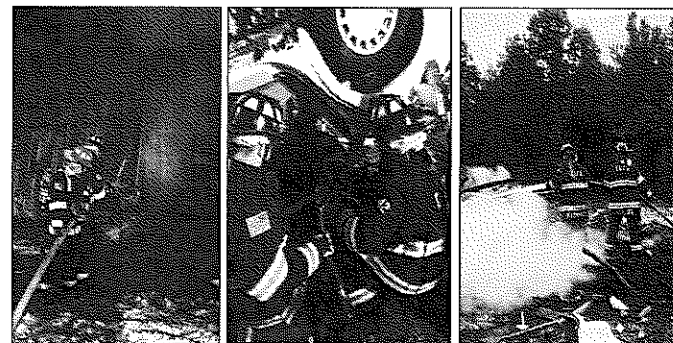
The Crystal Lake Fire Department responded to a total of 240 calls for service, totaling 2199 hours volunteered to fulfill the emergency needs of the community. CLFD is fully prepared to respond to and mitigate numerous types of emergencies, including structure fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents, water emergencies, and technical rescues.

In order to effectively operate at various emergency scenes each member has to maintain, often exceeding, the strict skills and certifications required by the State of CT and the department. This is done through in-house training drills/classes and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Regional Fire School, Eastern Connecticut Regional Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Our members participated in a total of 1594 hours of training during the course of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Some of the courses that our members typically complete include: Fire Officer, Fire Service Instructor, Firefighting, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Medical Services, Incident Command, Incident Safety Officer, Live Burn Exercises, Rapid Intervention Team, Extrication, Search and Rescue, Scuba Diving, and Technical Rescue.

This past year several members of the department, along with other agencies in the Town of Ellington, completed training in tactical emergency casualty care. This training is part of the new active shooter hostile environment protocol recently adopted by the town. The purpose of this training is to make sure all town wide emergency responders are prepared to respond and work cooperatively at active shooter scenarios to provide patient care in hopes for the best possible outcome during an extremely difficult situation.

For decades CLFD members have visited the Crystal Lake School every October during national fire prevention week to educate the students on the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students in grades K-6 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about fire safety including how to keep their family safe and the proper use of 9-1-1. The children are shown the equipment firefighters use on the trucks and are given the ability to touch some of the tools, but most importantly they are taught how imperative it is to prevent fire related emergencies.

Medical emergencies make up the largest portion of our call volume in district. Crystal Lake residents have become accustomed to receiving a quick response from a trained professional providing the best care possible whenever a 911 call has to be made. This is what we always strive to provide at every call, every time. Our highly trained medical personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders, work seamlessly with multiple agencies, including Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. If a patient should require a more advanced level of care, members will work closely with an Advanced Life Support provider, known as a Paramedic, usually provided by Ambulance Service of Manchester (ASM) or American Medical Response (AMR). At times, CLFD will request a Life Star Helicopter should a patient sustain an injury or illness requiring rapid transport to a far-away facility that provides a higher level of care. Our main concern is always making sure our patients receive the best pre hospital care possible in a timely manner.



Station 42 continues to be dispatched by Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, where they handle all of its emergency communications. The department also continues to participate in the county wide emergency task force through our mutual aid agreements providing manpower, equipment, and water to our surrounding communities should the need arise. The dedicated Fire Officers of the Crystal Lake Fire Department have completed 7382 hours of administrative and support work including completing all incident reports, equipment testing, and town required paperwork. The Officers serve the department in a supervisory role at all emergency calls in and out of district and are in charge of running meetings and routine operations at the station. The Officers are also responsible for making sure there are always members available to provide proper coverage of the Crystal Lake district ensuring the residents receive immediate service when they are in need.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has 38 members and is always looking to expand its membership with new residents who take an active interest in the fire or medical services. Training is provided by the department for new dedicated volunteers! If you would like to receive more information about volunteering please stop into the fire station Mondays at 7pm and speak with a member, visit www.crystallakefire.org, or call (860)870-3174. CLFD offer a junior membership program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and have the opportunity to train with adult members and operate on the scene of emergencies while under the supervision of an advisor to learn about fire and medical services.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Fires and Explosions Total	23
Structure Fires	12
Cooking Fires	3
Chimney Fires	3
Natural Vegetation or Brush Fires	5
Rescue Call Total	155
Emergency Medical Incident or Assist	120
Motor Vehicle Accident/ Vehicle Extrication	17
Search for person on Land	2
Rescue EMS Other	13
Technical Rescue	3
Hazardous Condition Total	18
Carbon Monoxide Incident	1
Electrical Wiring Problem	3
Power Line Down	14
Service Call Total	27
Public Service Assistance	9
Unauthorized Burning	3
Cover Assignment, Standby	15
Good Intent Call Total	9
Dispatched and Cancelled En Route	9
False Alarm Call Total	8
Smoker Detector Activation	5
CO Detector Activation	1
Alarm System Malfunction	2



ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Bruce Hoffman
TRAINING: Joe Glomboske
SECRETARY: Melissa McCann
TREASURER: Joshua Rosenfeld
SCHEDULER: Alisa Smith
SUPPLY: Dorota Gdula
MAINTENANCE: Peter Hany, Sr.
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Rebekah Gerber

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Aditi Agrawal	Ed Landsberg	Nancy Stillman
Ryuan Anderson	Melissa McCann	John Streiber
Leah Azab	Nicole Nguyen	Jake Sylvester
Dorota Gdula	James O'Donnell	Noah Welti
Rebekah Gerber	Aedan Randall	Greg York
Peter Hany, Sr.	Joshua Rosenfeld	

PAID STAFF

Caitlin Connelly	Mike Girard	Erich Martin
Kim Courville	Tonya Glomboske	Chelsea McNally
David Dodge	Deborah Landry-	Rachel Oakes
Hunter Foisy	Schiesl	Kerri Pliszka

LIFE MEMBERS

Ray Close	Joe Glomboske	Angela Sandberg
Doreen Connor	Bruce Hoffman	Krista Schulz
Jean-Marie Currier	Steve Kratzke	Alisa Smith
Renee Cyr	Denise Rioux	John Watts
Dan Flanagan		

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical services to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 58 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 EVAC members that live in Ellington are provided with first responder medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible.

In this past fiscal year alone, EVAC responded to 1,325 calls in our town. We strive to provide the best possible care, and are always training for the next call.

EVAC continues its commitment to continuing medical education with online training assignments and monthly training drills. There are many opportunities for additional training and courses with local hospitals and our mutual partners in the region.

EVAC CPR and First Aid qualified instructors offer training to various organizations and individuals in our community.

As a responsible municipal member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments to streamline services and reduce costs to taxpayers whenever possible. EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for the town-wide fire and rescue services. For example, money generated by ambulance billing funds EMS supply purchases, resulting in a reduction of the town budget. This money was also used to purchase a new ambulance this year, replacing our 2013 truck with a new 2019 Ambulance 543.

During the past year, EVAC, along with Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and Crystal Lake Fire Department, Ellington CERT, Connecticut State Police and Ellington Police completed training for active shooter events and have activated a Rescue Task Force in case of one of these incidents. About thirty five members across all three Ellington Departments are part of this Task Force and train in the TECC (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care) program, which is a civilian version of the U.S. military program. This program is meant to teach participants how to respond to active shooter events as medical providers. Our Rescue Task Force has been outfitted with ballistic helmets and body armor.

EVAC also participates in the national awareness campaign called Stop The Bleed, which trains bystanders the basics of bleeding control. Classes have been completed for all of our members, and are available to the community as needed.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, friends, neighbors, and the Town of Ellington for your continued support throughout the year and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many businesses, individuals, churches and other organizations have been very generous in providing equipment to keep us and our families safe, as well as monetary donations, meals, and many words of encouragement. We have been extremely blessed and lucky to have such a generous community and cannot thank each of you enough. Your support is so important to us as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

In this time of uncertainty, we have been staffing both of our ambulances, and many volunteers and paid staff have stepped up to fill the hours. We are so thankful for the dedication and sincerity of each of our members and the sacrifices that their families are making.

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for motivated 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 our newly updated website at www.ellingtonambulance.org. Check out our Instagram @ellingtonambulance or Facebook @ellingtonamb to learn more about us and all of the exciting things that we do!

ELLINGTON ANIMAL CONTROL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

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 through our 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 for the year, a search for unlicensed dogs on the delinquent dog license list begins. There is a penalty for Failure to License under CT. Statue 22-349 which is a \$75 fine. 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, Assistant Animal Control Officer, Kathy DiBacco as well as three per diem Assistant ACO's, Kim Gambacorta, Eric Boucher and Nicole Usher. 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. 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.

Ellington Animal Control has a Facebook page with animal care information, 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 when funds are available. 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 20, 2020 a Rabies Clinic was hosted by the Ellington Center Animal Clinic with assistance from Ellington Animal Control. The doctors and staff from Ellington Center Animal Clinic administered Rabies vaccines and implanted Microchips. Ellington Center Animal Clinic donated the proceeds from this clinic to be used for the medical needs of the animals at the Ellington Animal Control Facility. **Thank you to the Ellington Center Animal Clinic** for donating their time and resources and for coordinating 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 posting 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 Town of Ellington has passed a new Policy regarding Nuisance Barking. This policy gives the Animal Control Department specific steps to follow for the enforcement of the barking dog part of the Connecticut Statue 22-363 which covers nuisance dogs. It is our hope in the future that a town policy will be passed for vicious or dangerous dogs which also comes under CT. Statue 22-363.

Also new are changes made by the State of Connecticut regarding Quarantine orders for animals that bite or attack humans or any domestic animals. There are changes to the duration and location of quarantine. These changes became effective on July 1, 2019. The quarantine period for a dog, cat or ferret that has bitten or attacked a person or another animal is shortened from 14 days to 10 days. If the animal has a current rabies vaccination, a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret may be quarantined on the premises of the animal's owner if the ACO determines the premises are adequate for quarantine purposes. However, if the animal does not have a current rabies vaccination, a biting or attacking dog, cat or ferret must be quarantined in a public dog pound, veterinary hospital or commercial kennel approved by the state veterinarian and must receive a rabies vaccination on the 10th day of quarantine. It is very important to keep your pets Rabies vaccinations up to date.

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Town of Ellington has issued a No Cash policy. If you must make payment to Ellington Animal Control for redeeming your dog, adoptions, quarantine fees or any other matter, we can only take checks or Postal money orders.

On a final note, Ellington Animal Control would like to thank all 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.

Such short lives our pets have to spend with us and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day. John Grogan

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:

- Roads Overlaid - Sprucewood, Oakwood, Maplewood, Cedarwood, High Ridge Rd, Middle Butcher lower section, shimmied Burbank, Mountain, Glenwood.
- Glenwood Rd catch basin and drainage work in cul-de-sac.
- Streets Rubber Chip Sealed-Pinnacle Road.
- Full reclamation and repaving of parking lot at Ellington Ambulance Corps.
- Ongoing catch basin replacements in Woodside in preparation of paving. Catch basin repairs on Tripp Rd, Standish, Hatheway Rd, Jonathan, Miller Lane, and Keeney St.
- Schoolhouse Rd improvements began. Tree work and drainage work done this fiscal year in preparation of paving (see photo below).



- Inspection and inventory of all catch basins in Town for MS4 Requirements.

BUILDING PROJECTS

- Town Hall Renovation project completed December 31, 2019.
- Library Roof Replacement and Solar Panel installation completed.
- 99 Main Street & 72 Maple Street started clean up and preliminaries for demolishing.
- Middle Butcher Road sidewalk project completed.
- Main St to Pinney St sidewalk public information meeting held.
- Sewer projects inspected this year; Windermere Village, Big Y Express
- Worked with First Selectman and Emergency Management to coordinate COVID-19 response and subsequent reopening.
- DPW Crew installed plexi-glass barriers at all offices, drop boxes outside Town Hall

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

- Freightliner Plow Truck, Police Cruiser, Blower for Roadside Mower, Laser.

SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL

- 6 Call Outs for 28" of snow
- Purchased 2,713 tons of Treated Salt, 214 tons of road salt.
- Tested out pretreatment of roads with brine courtesy of the Town of Manchester.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

- 2019-20: Ellington residents recycled 4,510 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 35.17 tons
- Textiles recycled 6.78 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.

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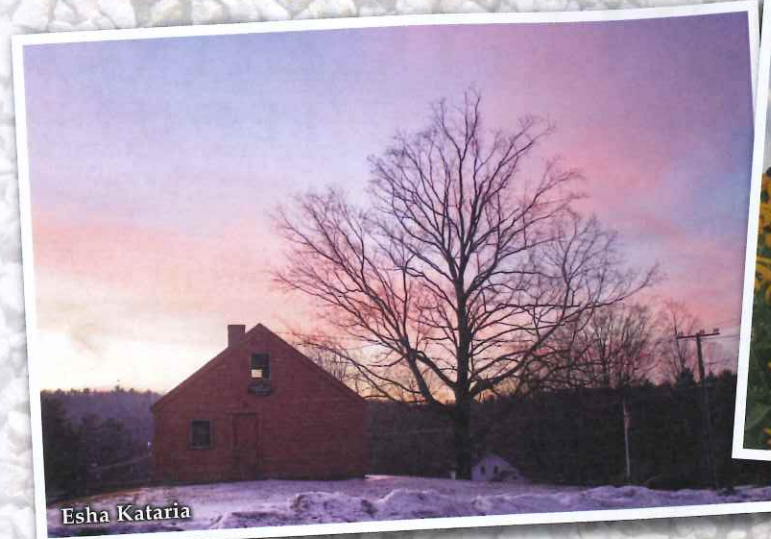
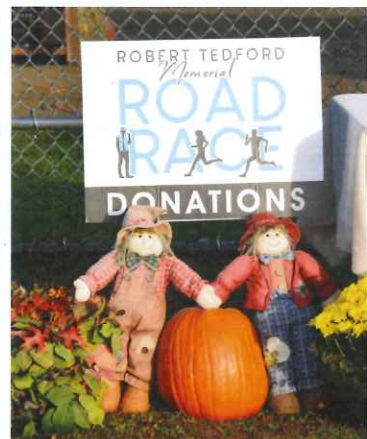
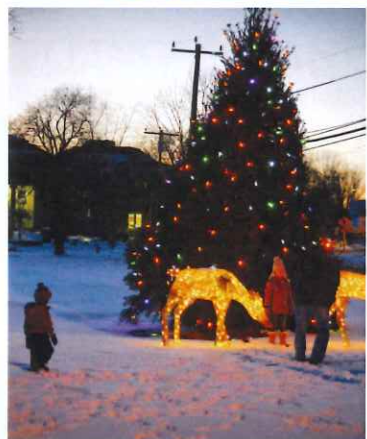
- 6 Evictions
- Shade Sail installed at Center School
- Participated in Four Town Fair Parade
- Fabricated and installed gate for winter closure of Snipsic Lake Rd.
- Collected expenses and submitted to FEMA for March-June for COVID-19.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

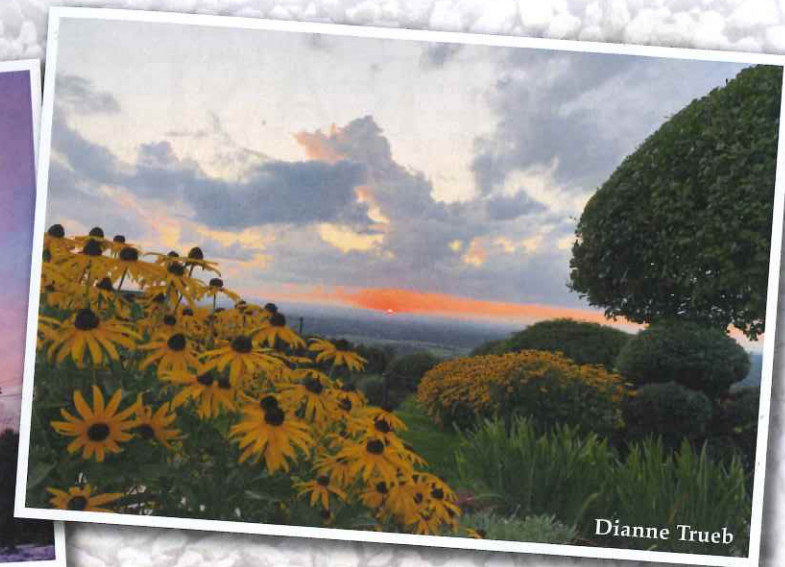
- Continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station
- Continuing grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake
- Inspected sewer line installation on Stein Rd and High Ridge Replacement.
- The Fats Oil and Grease (FOG) program is continuing to be monitored
- Sewer camera truck used in conjunction with Stafford and Vernon. This year we used it on Stein Rd, High Ridge Rd and Town Hall Annex.
- Replaced Muffin Monster at Vernon Pump Station
- Wet well inspection at Vernon Pump Station with Fuss & O'Neill
- Installed new heater at Meadow Brook Pump Station

RECREATION

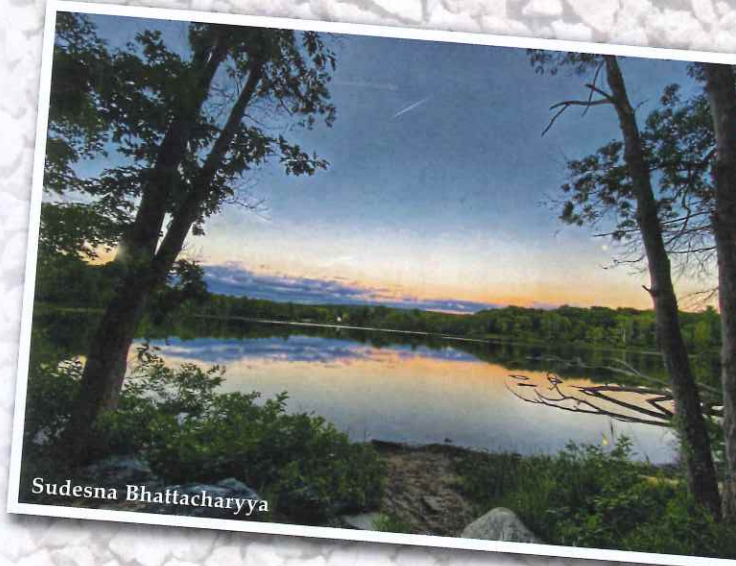
- Over seeding and aerating fields
- Yearly inspection of bleachers and grandstands
- Pinney Field Scoreboard Installation
- Irrigation repairs
- Tennis Court Cleaning



Esha Kataria



Dianne Trueb



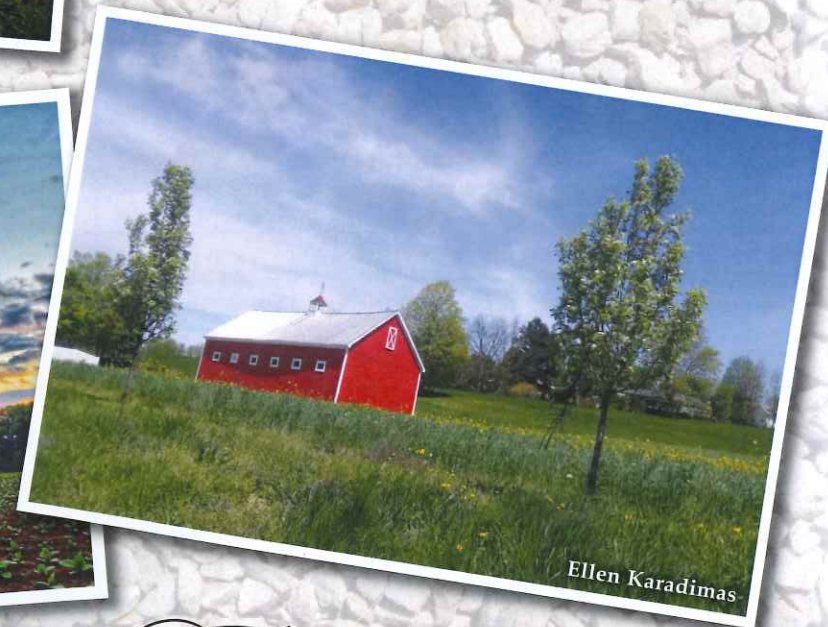
Sudesna Bhattacharyya



Carolyn Pregony



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Ellen Karadimas

FRONT COVER
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TRASH & RECYCLING

2021 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) consists of; the 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 issues, 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 their assistance is needed during disasters.

PREPARATION, TRAINING, ACTIVITIES

In October 2019 the Office of OEM, working with the Ellington Fire Departments, Ellington Ambulance Corps, State and Town Police, and Tolland Mutual Aid, conducted a live exercise, involving a Mass Casualty School Shooting Incident. The exercise was conducted at Ellington High School. Ellington's newly trained, Rescue Task Force, provided Tactical Emergency Casualty Care to the victims during the exercise.

EMS Units treated more than twenty victims during the exercise. Victim's injuries were; evaluated, prioritized, and victims transported to medical facilities if needed.

In October of 2019, OEM conducted a Town-wide test of the Everbridge Emergency Notification System. The system contacts Ellington Residents when there is an Emergency Incident in Town. Residents are contacted via; text, email, cell phone or hard line phone.

OEM, coordinated with the Town Fire Marshal Office, Police and school officials in strengthening school responses to all hazardous incidents.

During large scale Emergency Incidents, Ellington High School and Crystal Lake School are the primary Town Emergency Shelters. The Middle School is the back-up Emergency Shelter. Each shelter has an emergency generator providing full power to each facility. Each facility is able to provide; heat, food, showers and overnight stays for residents in need, during an Emergency Incident. The Ellington CERT team operates the shelters during activation. An Ellington Ambulance member and a Police Officer are assigned to the shelter when it is open.

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

Coronavirus Pandemic

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Office of Emergency Management, worked with the Small Business Association in picking up and distributing various PPE (personal protective equipment); masks, gloves, thermometers etc. to twenty-nine businesses in Ellington that requested the PPE from the Small Business Association.

The CERT Team provided a donation of meals to the Ellington Ambulance Corps for their time, efforts and work during the Pandemic.

The CERT Team assisted the Town of Enfield with a large distribution of masks on 6/4/20. Approximately 30,000 masks were distributed to more than 5,000 individuals.

In March of 2020, the Office of Emergency Management prepared to conduct a House of Worship Safety Presentation for the various religious groups in Ellington. The Fire Marshall Office, Ambulance Corps and Resident State Troopers Office were to conduct the presentation. Due to the Pandemic, the presentation was cancelled. It will be rescheduled to a future date.

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

The Ellington CERT team is composed of volunteers from Ellington and surrounding Towns. The CERT Team has twenty-seven members. The Team is supported by Federal and State funds. CERT members receive training in; fire safety, basic first aid, Ham Radio and traffic management. Members provide traffic and crowd control at; parades, fireworks displays, and Fairs in Ellington, and Towns in the Tolland county area. Additionally, CERT provides assistance to first responders and assists in non-hazardous search and rescue incidents. The Ellington CERT program has a Ham Radio Team that has the capability to provide communications during Town Emergency Incidents. The Ham Radio Team provides communication assistance to other Towns in the Region during emergency incidents.

CERT members conduct an annual food drive in September to benefit the Ellington Food Pantry. (Please contact any CERT member to contribute) CERT members march in parades in Ellington and surrounding Towns.

During the last Holiday Season, the CERT Team worked with the Human Services Dept. and adopted needy seniors and a needy family. The CERT Team provided; food, gift cards and gifts to both groups.

Eight CERT members enrolled in the, "Food Safety First Course." The course certifies CERT members to operate kitchens at the Ellington Emergency Shelters during Emergency incidents. The Certification is required by the State Health Dept.

The CERT team sponsored a booth at the "Trail of Treats" event sponsored by the Ellington Trails Committee. Several members of the CERT Team provided traffic control assistance at the event.

An A.T.T. First Net account was established for the CERT Team. First Net, is the priority communication line First Responders utilize during emergency incidents.

Ellington CERT Members provided over 950 hours of volunteer time during 2019-2020.

Volunteer time was spent in; training, attending meetings, providing services to Ellington and assisting other Towns with their projects and activities.

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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS & FACILITIES GUIDE

CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE

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.

ARBOR PARK

Arbor Park is located on Main Street in the heart of town. Arbor Park offers a nice area to walk. This park is not managed by the recreation department. Reservation inquiries should be made at the office of the First Selectman.

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 plots.



ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL PARK

Robert Tedford Memorial Park (formerly 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. The 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 recreational swimming, certified swim lessons and sunbathing opportunities on hot summer days.

SCHWARTZ PARK

Schwartz Park is located at Ellington High School at 37 Maple Street, and houses 4 full sized tennis courts and a covered gazebo.

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



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 aligned 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 a rewarding activity, and more importantly, 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. 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: Robert Tedford Memorial 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, fitness classes and special events.

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

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.

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.

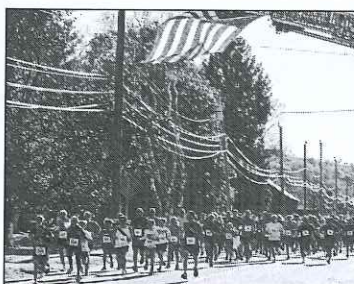
The continued support of services offered by the Department of Public Works should be acknowledged. The magnitude of park and beach maintenance-repairs generated by DPW is outstanding.

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.

Additional gratitude should be extended to the Hall Memorial Library for allowing the department to hold various preschool events on site.

HIGHLIGHTS

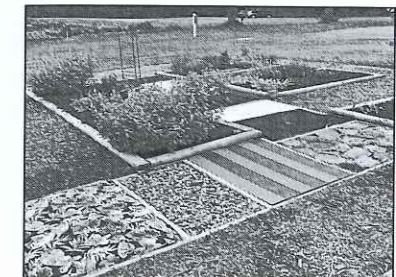
The 2019/2020 calendar year was filled with a variety of enrichment activities, athletic programming, special events and creative projects. Below are some of the more exceptional highlights from the year.



Robert Tedford Memorial Road Race

The Town's annual 5k was restructured on October 26, 2019 to honor longtime Recreation Director Bob Tedford. The inaugural event also served as the official dedication of the newly

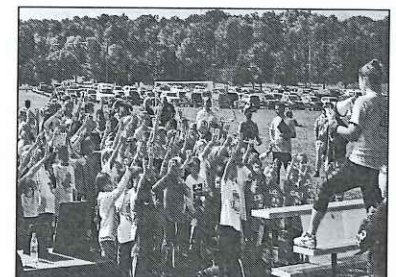
designated "Robert Tedford Memorial Park." The event drew hundreds of participants from throughout the North East, most of whom were positively impacted by Mr. Tedford in so many ways. The event concluded with words from some of those closest to Mr. Tedford including Cynthia Constanzo, Thomas Boscarino, Tressa Giordano, Gina Gunn, James Desrocher and Sherry Krauss. The success of the event can be attributed to the hardwork and dedication of countless members of our community including the Recreation Commission, the Robert Tedford Memorial Ad Hoc Committee and most notably the Tedford Family.



Batz Property Enhancements

Batz Property was host to numerous facility improvements provided by the Ellington Trails Committee, Public Works Department and Local Eagle Scout Samuel Reed. A "sensory garden" that has a collection

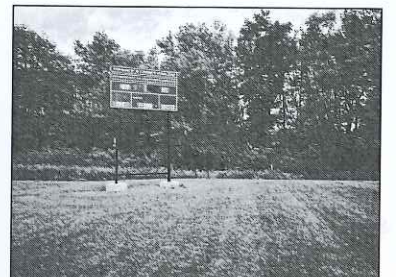
of plants that are appealing to the five senses and accessible for all was created by the Trails Committee, and farm tables were also constructed and installed by local Eagle Scout Samuel Reed. Rachel Dearborn and other members of the Ellington Trails Committee also coordinated the first ever outdoor exploration program which introduced dozens of Ellington youth to the great outdoors located in their very own backyard.



JRP Annual 3v3 Soccer Tournament

The annual Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation soccer tournament was held on October 14, 2019 and received great support from players, spectators and sponsors alike. The event was made possible thanks

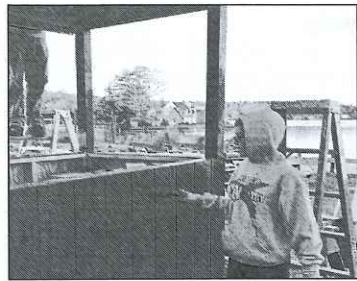
to the efforts of Sarah Poulin and the Jacob Roger Poulin Foundation as well as the Desrocher family including Cindy, James, Nick and Kevin. Jacob Roger Poulin was a happy, hockey playing four year old who had an affinity for seeing the best in everyone and always made everyone around him feel loved. The event was created to honor his life and all proceeds from this annual event go to support the missions of the JRP Foundation.



Hunter K. Giroux Scoreboard at Pinney Street Fields

On November 2, 2019 the Ellington Recreation Commission and Department honored longtime commission member and coach Hunter K. Giroux by installing and dedicating a new

electronic scoreboard in his honor. The event was attended by many community members including a large contingency of Mr. Giroux's family. The scoreboard was made possible by proceeds from an annual memorial basketball tournament in his honor, as well as by generous donations from the Ellington Lacrosse Association and many others. The Public Works Department and town electrician John Streiber worked hand in hand to complete installation.



Facility Improvements
Town of Ellington parks and facilities host thousands of parents, players, spectators and outdoor enthusiasts annually. As such, facility improvements both large and small are frequently required. This is done in no small part by our town's public works

department who installed the new Robert Tedford Memorial Park Sign in the summer of 2019 in addition to a brand new stainless steel volleyball station system. Other notable improvements include the construction of new post and rail fencing in the Sandy Beach parking area by Eagle Scout Andrew Ferruolo and a new gate guard shack which was constructed by Eagle Scout John Gerlach.



Summer Concert Series
In the summer of 2019 Ellington continued its great tradition of offering its annual summer concert series. The series kicked off on Sunday, June 24 and ran every Sunday through August. Sounds from all generations and genres were covered much to our

residents delight. Performances were held by local bands like the Kenn Morr Band, Big Deal Rock Band, Cover 2 Cover, WhoDat? and Gina Gunn and the Bullets. Unfortunately, due to public health guidance the summer concert series of 2020 was suspended.



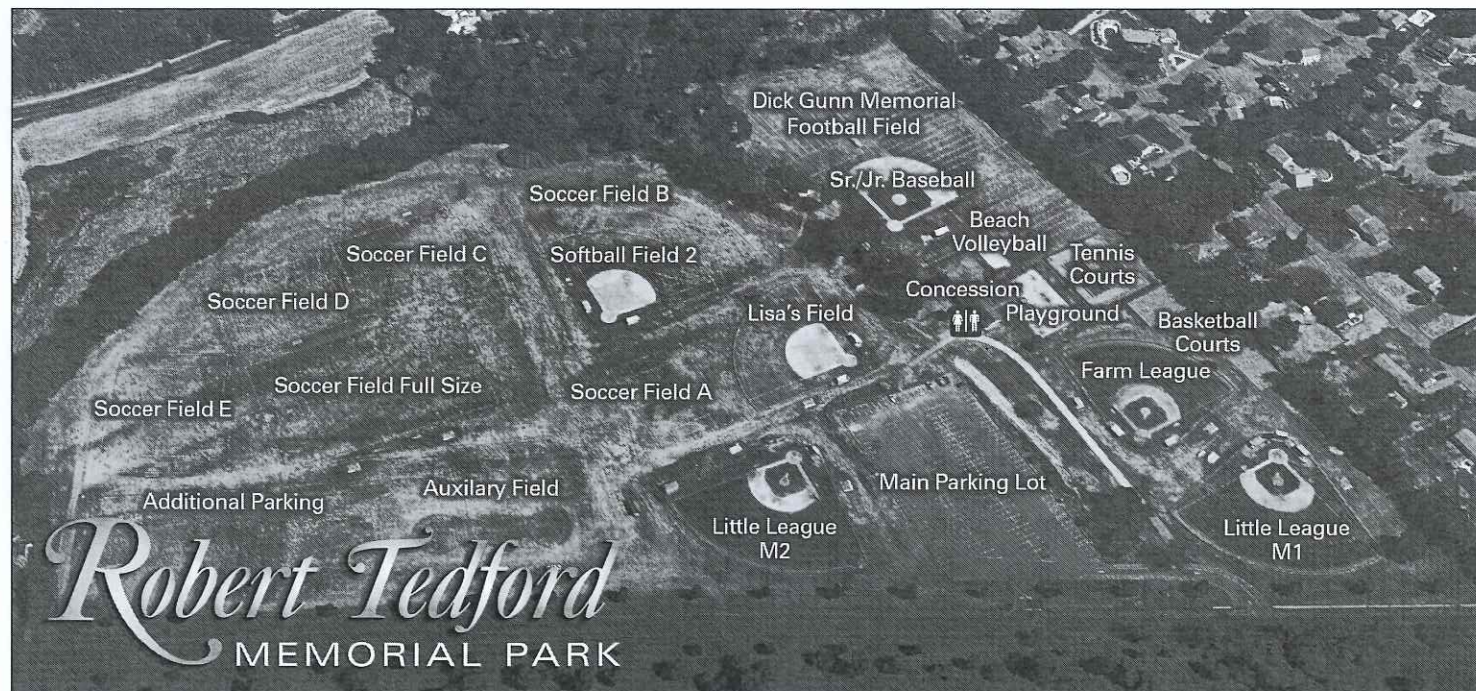
Recreational Programs
The Recreation Department offers hundreds of enrichment, recreational and leisure activities in addition to special events, camps, and waterfront operation throughout the year. Additionally the recreation department directly manages the town's youth

soccer and basketball programs. Both the soccer and basketball programs prosper due to the commitment of the countless volunteers that dedicate their free time to develop the children of our community's leadership, teamwork and relationship building skills. Special thanks should be extended to the Ellington Public School systems administrative officers and custodial staff for accommodating and providing safe access to their facilities for all to enjoy.



Summer Camp & Waterfront

The summer of 2020 brought many changes as a result of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, however, our department's highly regarded camp and waterfront remained accessible to all Ellington residents. The beach opened much earlier than most inland waterfronts on June 20, albeit with many new safety precautions and infrastructure components. Marked parking spots, as well as wifi access for credit card readers were installed to better accommodate patrons during the new transition. Summer Camp was again offered on June 29 and similar to the waterfront many safety precautions were instituted including, daily temperature checks for staff and participants, social distancing requirements, group cohorts and curbside pick-up and drop-off.



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 here. 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 eaudiobooks, digital magazines and digital audiobooks, music and audiobooks on CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and specialty items such as cake pans and lawn games. 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, digital scanners, fax machine, digital microfilm reader/printer, 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 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.

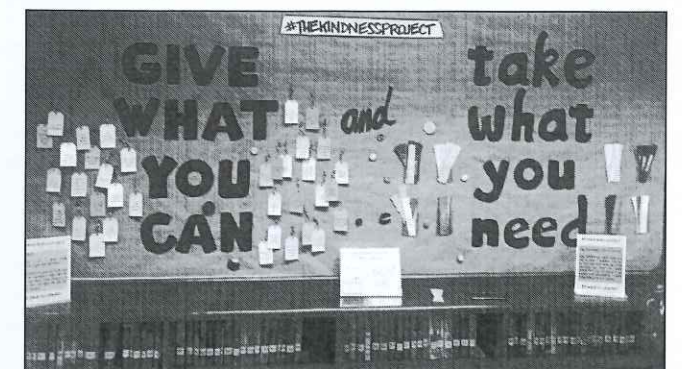
HIGHLIGHTS

The FY19-20 year kicked off with "A Very Harry Summer", a spectacular summer reading program for all. The Children's Room was transformed into Hogwarts and Platform 9 3/4. There were wands to make, spells to learn, books to read and treats to be earned at Honeydukes Sweet Shop. The sorting hat decided the members of the houses, who then competed to see who could read the most books over the summer and win the golden snitches. Programs featuring owls and animals, sewing and singing, cupcakes and puppetry, movies and magic filled out these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer all generously funded by the Friends of the Library. The teens had their magical adventures also, making Harry Potter themed T-shirts and beautifully decorated wands, and of course reading. Many thanks to Luann's and Kloter Farms for the coupons for cupcakes and ice cream cones for prizes. Adults enjoyed the bi-weekly movies and summer sessions of the coffee house music series.

The schedule of programs for all ages continued into the fall and winter. Storytime sessions for children ages 9 months to 5 years were held, the "Read to the Dogs" program continued every other Saturday and the ever-popular Truck Day was held on October 5. Saturday morning story time sessions were added, and a Coding for Kids program series was taught by a generous patron.

Several families finished the "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" program that was kicked off in March of 2018, with several more close behind. The "1,000 Books" is an incentive program for parents and children to develop a reading habit and have fun and together time while doing it.

Maker programs for adults ramped up using the sewing machines and portable kitchen funded by the Friends of the Library. Eleven sewing classes were held, with eager sewers learning and perfecting their skills by making placemats, totes, kimonos and aprons. A certification program was established, allowing sewers to use the machines on their own time in the library. Cooking programs ranged from home-made ravioli and Italian appetizers to jam and jelly and treats made with puff pastry. Wool felting, a crafting skill, has become very popular and multiple classes were offered. Additional programming for adults included, among over 35 others, a visit from George Washington, an overview of medical marijuana, KonMari organizing, a history of Friendly's Ice Cream Company, scenes from the Nutcracker performed by the Hartford Ballet and the popular monthly Coffee House music 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 the return performance of "The Hot



Encouraging kindness in the Teen Library.

Flashes”, a talented trio of ladies who perform everything from Broadway to blues. During their performance here in 2019, unbeknownst to us all, the show was recorded, and subsequently a great CD was produced, so their return visit was a celebration. The twice-weekly movie showings of newly released DVDs continued to draw a crowd and freshly-made popcorn provided a tasty treat.

The Mysteries and More Book Discussion group enjoyed an eclectic range of titles and the Jane Austen Book Club continued their pursuit of all things Jane. Copies of titles for book discussion groups were provided to 15 library and community-based groups throughout the year. The Tuesday morning knitting group enjoyed their time creating together and another group was formed for Thursday afternoons.

Over 800 meetings of community groups were held in the Library’s meetings rooms, including meetings for community and sports groups, Scouts, the monthly gathering of the Ellington Mom’s Club, the Tri-Town Parkinson’s Disease Support Group and dozens of tutoring sessions. The Veteran’s Coffee House welcomed veterans from around the area on the third Friday in the McKnight Community Room. And the Library again hosted sessions of Recreation Department preschool enrichment programs throughout the year. 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.

This year marked the Sweet 16th Winterfest celebration, with musical performances by Ellington Schools’ music departments, delicious supper offerings at the Congregational Church, and the wonderful Torchlight parade sponsored by the Ellington Fire Department. The Library has served since the beginning as a cornerstone of this fun community event.

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in goals for improvements to the library building. This year’s projects included an upgrade to lighting, roof replacement on the addition and installation of solar panels, and thanks to Public Works, the painting of the walls in the Reference Room and adjoining areas—a fresh new color.

This year saw the retirement of long-time Library Assistant Linda Judd, and sadly, the passing of Library Bookkeeper Marcia Downs. Kristyn Stauffer and Heidi Hoffman, who began their library careers as Pages when teenagers and moved on to be Library Assistants chose to move on to new life chapters.

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. 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 fifth year there was mini-golf in the library in February! Through the hard work of the Friends, staff and community sponsors, the library was again transformed into a giant mini-golf course for “Take Your Child to the Library Day”. Each hole was sponsored by a local business, with Merrill Industries and Kloter Farms serving as the flagship sponsors. Great community fun for all!

All these life-as-we-know-it events and activities came to an abrupt halt in March 2020 as the COVID-19 global pandemic began to be felt in Connecticut. The Library was closed to the public effective March 16 and all programs were cancelled. The staff, being considered essential workers, reported to work in a new world of frequent hand-washing, face masks and social distancing. Plans were quickly made for ways to serve the citizens in a safe and efficient manner:

- The library offered curbside pickup of items that patrons requested by phone, email or using the online request system. By the end of June over 1300 people had enjoyed this service and it is being continued.
- Due dates and library card expiration dates were extended.

- Items returned in the drop slots were sanitized and then quarantined before being handled further.
- The Children’s Librarian recorded story hours that were published weekly.
- Adult book discussion groups went virtual, meeting using Zoom.
- Staff worked in conjunction with the school media specialists to locate and provide online resources for students and teachers. Over 250 library cards were issued or updated for students and teachers, so they could access the online resources.
- New eBooks and eAudios were purchased to fulfill the burgeoning need of students and other patrons.
- A new professional development database, Hoonuit, was added to help people with their technology skills while working at home.
- A little free library was set up at the front portico, offering books, DVDs, games and puzzles free for the taking.
- The staff reached out and did over-the-phone check-ins with residents.
- Notary services, passport applications and library card applications were done outdoors.

In addition to the public services, many in house projects were accomplished including a major collection reorganization project in the adult section that resulted in better labeling and spacing of materials to enhance access. Programming ideas for summer activities in this new normal were developed, with an eye to fun, family adventures to have outside the library.

With constant evaluation of the situation, input from State and local agencies and careful consideration of the safety of the staff and patrons, a plan was formulated to reopen the building in early July.

Once again the library has been busy, inside and out, serving as an important community resource for the citizens of Ellington. In a year that started magically and ended unimaginably we worked endlessly to provide services to our patrons during the ongoing pandemic, maintaining a sense of community and the familiar during a difficult time. And we will continue to do so.

STATISTICS 2019-2020

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	27,023
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	2,120
Children’s Books and Periodicals	29,143
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials.....	19,959
Digital (ebooks, eaudio, etc.)	17,045
Museum Passes	268
TOTAL	95,730

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	33,054
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	2,685
Children’s Books and Periodicals	22,379
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials.....	9,287
Databases	22
TOTAL	67,441

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	5,793
Young Adults.....	535
Children	1,082
TOTAL	7,411



The Library is honored to host this “Reserved” seat for those servicemen who are still missing.

SOCIAL SERVICES

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

DIVISION OF SERVICES

The department is divided into three divisions: Human Services, Senior Center and Youth Services. Each division has its own budget and offers programs and services unique to its division. Cumulatively, the departments are responsible for the administration and oversight of programs addressing the health, financial, emotional, social, educational and recreational needs for residents of all ages. Residents are provided direct service or referred to community-based programs.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Human Services 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. Human Services consists of a full time Director, a full time Elderly Outreach/Social Worker, a part time Food Bank Coordinator and a full time Administrative Assistant (shared with Recreation).

DIRECT SERVICES

Direct services provided by the department include active, hands-on involvement with processing information or determining eligibility for programs. Programs include Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Food Bank, SNAP (food stamps), Fuel Bank (fuel delivery or shut off assistance), Benefits Counseling (Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid), Back to School Assistance, Holiday Assistance, Camperships, Salvation Army and other discretionary programs. Most programs require income and residency information. Some also require proof of assets.

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 (Domestic Violence Shelter), Visiting Nurse Health Care Services of CT, Big Brother Big Sister, YWCA/Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Cornerstone Foundation (Homeless Shelter), Amplify (formerly the North Central Regional Mental Health Board), Kidsafe and Connecticut Legal Services.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

The Human Services Director is the Municipal Agent for the Elderly. This statutorily required position’s charge is to disseminate information to elderly persons, assists such persons in learning about community resources and publicize such resources and benefits. Additionally, they are to assist with applying for federal and other benefits, as well as, report to the chief elected official or chief executive officer of the municipality, and the Department of Rehabilitation Services, any needs and problems of the elderly and any recommendations for action to improve services to the elderly.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

On August 8, 2019 a Little Food Pantry (Grandma’s Pantry) was installed in front of our offices. The Pantry is available for use 24/7/365. Nonperishable donations also may be placed inside at any time. The Pantry was a coordinated effort between the Human Services Department and the Family of Estelle Williamson, who it is dedicated to. Estelle’s wish was that no person go to bed hungry. We are very grateful to the many people who stock the pantry and help Estelle’s wish come true.

HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Per the Town Charter, the Human Services Commission (8 Members) shall act as an advocate of the physical and mental health needs as well as the social service needs of the community and shall investigate such needs and assist both the public and private agencies in procuring health and social services for the town residents, provided that such assistance is requested. The Human Services Commission is also charged with reviewing funding requests from various service providers in an attempt to deliver quality service in the interest of meeting resident needs.

STATISTICS 2019-2020

- 26 families/individuals utilized Food Bank monthly (average).
- 66 families/individuals received food and grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving.
- 76 children and 38 senior/disabled persons were adopted and 81 families/individuals received grocery gift cards for the Holidays.
- 184 Energy Applications were processed.
- 64 Renters Rebate applications processed.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

Please note that on March 16, 2020, the Senior Center closed to the public due to COVID-19. On April 6, 2020, transportation services were no longer available to residents for safety purposes. As of this report, the Senior Center and transportation services remain closed. This report reflects programs and services provided prior to COVID-19, as well as, services and programs that are currently being offered remotely. Please call the Senior Center for more information. We look forward to reopening, and will once it is safe to do so.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center welcomes individuals to join us at 40 Maple Street who are at least age 55 years old. Our mission 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.”

CONTACT US

Please contact the Senior Center at (860) 870-3133 for further information.

Monday: 8:30am-6:00pm, Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00pm, Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm.

The monthly newsletter and calendar, “Maple Street Monthly” is available on the town’s website <http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct>. If residents do not have access to the website, please call us to request a copy to be mailed to you. Also, be sure to find us on Facebook.

HIGHLIGHTS

For 2019-2020, the Connecticut Department of Transportation awarded grant funding (Section 5310) for a new bus. The bus is expected to arrive in the Fall of 2020. In addition, two grants were awarded from North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc., for EMATS, the Ellington Medical Transportation Appointments Services and for congregate meals under the Ellington Nutritional Partnership Project. The Senior Center acquired a new position for a seasonal, part-time Kitchen Manager.

Staff has transitioned to offering programming online via Zoom and Facebook Live. Please check out our newsletter for more information. Also, staff continues to provide information and referral services to residents. In addition, participants of the Senior Center were asked to complete a survey to help the Department determine what participants thoughts are about returning to the center and what programming they would participate in. This information is being used to finalize our reopening plans.

STAFFING

The Senior Center is staffed by a full time Director, Assistant Director and an Administrative Secretary. Part-time staff includes a Bookkeeper, Drivers, a Transportation Secretary and a Kitchen Manager.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Transportation services is offered to residents who are age eligible. To meet the age eligibility requirement a person must be at least 60 years old or between the ages of 18 -59 and who receive Social Security Disability benefits. Transportation services for residents include rides for social, nutritional, recreational and educational programs. Transportation services includes rides to grocery stores, banking, post-office and for non-emergency medical appointments.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Nutrition: The Maple Street Café is open three days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and is served in the dining room. Volunteers cook and serve lunches. All meals are cooked to order from a new seasonal menu. Lunches cost \$4.00 donation.

Wellness Programs: The Visiting Nurse & Health Services offers a monthly blood pressure and diabetic screenings. The Pedi-Care LLC offers a monthly podiatry clinic by a registered nurse. Fall Prevention Classes are held quarterly. A quarterly new program, "Guy Talk" offered and co-sponsored with Hartford HealthCare Tallwood Urology & Kidney Institute. Flu Shot clinic held in the Fall, sponsored by North Central District Health Department.

Fitness Programs: Simple Circuit, Advanced Line Dancing, Ballroom- Polka, CrosSculpting, walking and hiking, meditation, yoga and chair yoga classes. Simple Circuit, Chair Exercises, Meditation, Yoga and Tai Chi continue to be offered via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Social and Recreational Programs: The Ellington Singers, Spring Musicales and Winterfest performances, Carving Club, Knitting, Crafts, Memories and Creative Writing, Bridge, Setback, Billiards, Shuffleboard, Chess, Horseshoes, Board Games, Wii Bowling. Many trips are offered for day outings, overnight excursions and cruises. Concerts & Cookouts held during the summer.

EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

State Legislative Informational Updates, Elderly Social Worker Informational Sessions, AARP Smart Driver Education Classes, AARP Income Tax Preparation, History for Fun and TED (Technology, Education, Design) Talks. TED Talks and Elderly Social Worker Informational Sessions continue to be offered via Zoom and Facebook Live.

VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

The Senior Center staff is grateful for the twenty-two active volunteers who do a variety of tasks and programs. The active volunteers dedicated a total of 1,540 hours.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year 2018 -2019	773 Participants
Fiscal Year 2019-2020	566 Participants (COVID-19)
Fitness Classes	
7/1/2019 - 3/16/2020	2266 occurrences of participation
3/17/2020 - 6/30/2020	687 occurrences of participation (COVID-19)
Social/ Recreation	
7/1/2019 - 3/16/2020	645 occurrences of participation
3/17/2020 - 6/30/2020	113 occurrences of participation (COVID-19)

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS STATISTICS

Beginning March 16, 2020

- ZOOM: 115 attendees for all the active classes
- YouTube: 724 views
- Facebook: 178 likes and reached 36,303 people with posts
- Website: 4,006 visits



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 young adult 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 Assistant Director, part-time Prevention Coordinator, part-time Program 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 2019-2020 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had approximately 13,970 children and their families participate in our programs including in school assemblies, afterschool programs and other events.

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding 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 59 children and families were provided this service.

Recess Zone: A program offered at three elementary schools (Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake School) that offered a fun, creative and exciting activity for children to do during recess. Fall and winter sessions were held.

In-school Programs: Youth Services provided conflict resolution, coping skills, mindfulness and social skills programs to several classrooms in the Elementary Schools. In partnership with the school district, we trained the school staff and piloted suicide prevention and mental health curriculum in the schools as part of the two year grant initiative.

Mindfulness Program: Youth Services provided a mindfulness program to youth and their families.

Infant/Toddler Playgroup and Playtime: A great place for young children and their parents to socialize, do arts and crafts, discover, encourage parenting networking and having lots of fun. Three sessions a week are 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 the middle school with team scavenger hunt that provides prizes. It is 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.

Kindness Rocks, Creative Journaling, Water Coloring, Dream Catchers, Embroidery Headphones, and Stained Glass: Fun one night glasses for youth and families.

Leadership Challenge: A program for 4th, 5th and 6th graders teaching leadership skills. Members of the community spoke and ran activities with the youth.

1-2-3 Learning About Me: A program for Kindergarteners to learn about emotional regulation. This year we expanded to 1st graders too.

Wingman Program: A group of high school students were trained to work with middle school students on inclusion and kindness towards each other.

Mental Health First Aid: One day training on how to help someone going through a mental health crisis – how to access services needed.

Outreach Bags: Crafty bags, self-care bags and outdoor fun bags were provided to during the COVID-19 shutdown. Youth Services worked to get resources and materials to Ellington Families. We also created many successful videos on social media to help families during this time.

Safe Sitter and Safe at Home: A certificate courses to teach youth to be babysitter and how to stay safe a home.

Crafty Nights: A program designed to create crafts based on a book that is read.

Family Photo Sessions: Another activity created recently where a talented staff member, who is a photographer, volunteered her time to take photos of families and recent graduates in Ellington.

Close to Home Magazine: Youth Services created a magazine to raise awareness, give information and help end the stigma of opioid crisis. It was mailed to every household in Ellington last summer.

Parenting Programs: Youth Services facilitated various parenting program this year including: vaping 101, social media dangers, anxiety and depression, QPR training, supporting parents of LBGTQ children, supporting parents who have children with special needs, adult self-defense, autism sensitivity training and suicide prevention curriculum nights. We also assist families with advocating and working with the schools and other outside agencies to help their children.

Outreach to the Community through several farmers markets, open houses at the schools, cow chip bingo, and social media we were able to talk to the community and spread the word about our programs and services.

Juvenile Review Board and Truancy Board: Youth Services staffs the Juvenile Review and Truancy Boards. These boards meet once a month to help members of the Ellington Community in assessment, case management and referrals.

Be Kind to Your Mind: As part of the mission of Decide to be Kind, mental health resources were distributed this year including: "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. This year we created the "Kind Farm Gift Bags and activity booklet" and we created "HOPE" a guidebook for preventing and managing depression. Youth Services started the "Speak Free" Movement for young adults and HOPE Alliance for high school students. Distributed 100 self-care bags to high school students to promote good mental health.

The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC):

The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) is a long standing group that has coordinated 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 Office, faith and business community leaders and student and parent representatives. DPYC financially supported several programs in and out school such as the College Power trips at the Middle School, Peers Are Wonderful Conference, Red Ribbon Week, Community Theatre Mentorship Program, Middle School True Colors Trip and Gallery Night. We also fund assemblies at the schools. The DPYC also distributed a prevention newsletter, supported the Drug Take Back Day and the drop box for prescription medication at the Resident State Troopers' office. Through a grant, we also provided Narcan Training to members of the community.

Rise Above: a group of high school students in Ellington whose mission is to offer high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills along with being role models to their peers and youth. Rise Above continued in its 10th year with over 100 members. They remain 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 ever-popular Dodgeball Tournament for middle school students, volunteered at the Robert Tedford Memorial Race, Trail of Treats and Wingman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



During the 2019-2020 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, placed an emphasis on three areas of focus: Social Emotional Learning (SEL), High Quality Teaching, and Efficient Operations. A major highlight of the year was the welcoming, on-boarding and coaching of the two new elementary principals and two new co-principals at EMS. Altogether, 8 out of 9 of our building administrators are in year one or two in their current position. Due to their collective teamwork we saw significant improvements in aligning our practices across all schools in the following areas:

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Increases regarding perceptions of student discipline and behavior (as measured by Winter Panorama survey)
- Implicit Bias and Cultural Awareness training of staff across all schools
- Improving transition planning, as well as parent and student communications, from Gr. 6 to 7 and Gr. 8 to 9
- Increased focus and programming implemented across all schools in the areas of stress management and mindfulness

High Quality Teaching

- Aligned Problems of Practice (POPs) across all schools focusing on Math
- Initiated community wide academic enrichment discussion
- Participation in National Center for College and Career Transitions (NC3T K-12) Pathways cohort
- Aligned Kindergarten orientation and placement process across elementary schools
- Aligned K-6 intervention programming expectations and intervention criteria
- Implementation of streamlined process for teacher growth & evaluation plan developed through PDEC
- Ellington was selected to present at the State Department of Education's Annual Performance Matters Conference, "Mindset: A Hidden Factor Impacting Test Results"
- Implementation of Distance Learning

Efficient Operations

- Infinite Campus Transition (including data migration and staff trainings)
- Communications streamlined and reorganized to better reflect the Vision and Mission of School EPS (examples: Annual Report, School Newsletters, Refreshed BoE Facebook Page, Webmaster Training, school/district calendar improvements)
- School Security - Run Hide Fight Training was delivered to all students and staff
- Budget neutral resource management: reorganizing specialists roles in order to better meet the needs of students/teachers (both academically and behaviorally)
- Infinite Visions transition planning (streamlining business office software)

Immediate Challenges

- School Closure due to COVID-19
 - Preparing for the operational requirements of reopening school in the fall (school day scenarios, transportation, health and safety planning, communications, etc.)
 - Preparing to meet unknown academic and social emotional needs of students upon return to school

Recommendations for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Reopening will drive Planning and Priorities - all of the following are subject to change based on changes to expectations surrounding return to school.

- Continue to develop and streamline reopening planning process with the following systems:
- EPS Reopening Advisory Committee, BoE Governance Process, PDEC, Admin Council, and other community partners and stakeholder groups
- Provide continued support for Infinite Campus Implementation (specifically August review training sessions for secretaries, nurses, and K-6 classroom teachers)
- Continue to clarify Distance Learning Expectations
- Identify best practices/lessons learned from Distance Learning that will improve in-person instruction when we return (that support the EPS Vision of the Graduate, attached)
- Develop clear communications plan with specific expectations for schools and the district
- Continue to collaborate with EEA (Ellington's teacher union), teachers and administrators on Implicit Bias
- Continue Wellness Initiatives (including the Wellness Committee)
- Continued partnerships with Town Services and other local and regional agencies to support SEL initiatives
- Better Align District Improvement Plan action steps to BoE Subcommittee structure
- Continued discussion and planning regarding space constraints across all schools that will continue to be a challenge - specifically at CES, EMS, and WES

EPS VISION

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

EPS MISSION

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

EPS 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.

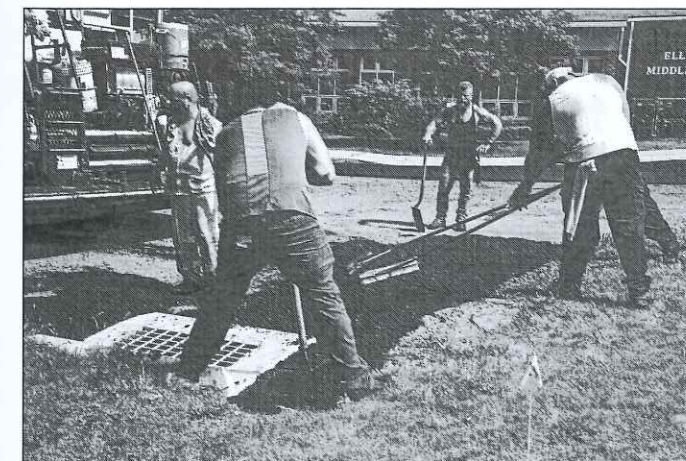
ELLINGTON VISION OF THE GRADUATE

Ellington Public Schools' Graduates will develop the skills that will allow them to be exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world.

Ellington Public Schools develop students who are:

Self-directed and Reflective Learners

- Pursues learning in areas of personal interest
- Sets goals to advance learning based on reflection and feedback
- Demonstrates perseverance and flexibility in pursuing goals



Paving the driveways and parking lots of Ellington Middle School

Involved Citizens

- Participates and contributes to the enhancement of community life
- Pursues opportunities to learn about other cultures and different points of view
- Demonstrates awareness of the impact of personal actions on others and the world

Co-creators and Collaborators

- Works synergistically and equitably to achieve a common goal
- Recognizes their own and other perspectives to enrich their learning

Problem Solvers and Innovators

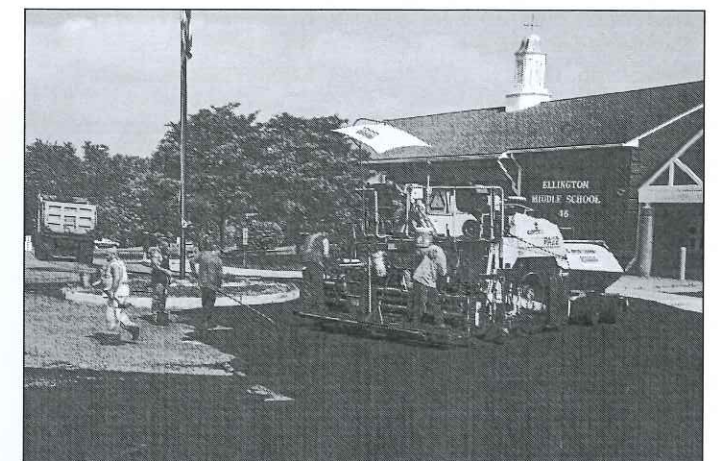
- Engages in inquiry around real-world problems
- Translates ideas into actionable solutions
- Takes intellectual risks
- Thinks divergently

Effective Communicators

- Communicates ideas in compelling, impactful ways
- Demonstrates an awareness of audience and adjusts style and tone accordingly

THE CLASS OF 2020

Ellington High School Class of 2020 graduated on Friday, June 5, 2020. Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools, presented diplomas to 184 seniors. The statistics for the Class of 2020 are as follows: 114 graduates plan to attend four-year colleges, 29 plan to attend two-year colleges, 5 plan to attend technical school, 5 plan to join the military, 8 graduates plan to enter the workforce, and 23 will pursue other opportunities or are undecided. The following class scholars represent the highest five percent of the Class of 2020: Ashka Patel, Joseph Champeau, Samantha Curtis, Ariana Behavar, Clara Mattson, Alexis Cantin, Kayva Sajeev, Spencer Segal and Olivia Santini.



ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2020



CLASS OFFICERS

Jaimee DelPiano
John MacGillis
Nicholas Sivo
Matthew Tebbetts
Clarissa Welti

Jacob Alicea
Abdullah Alrz
Cole Angel
Hunter M. Avtges
Ariana Bahavart
Micah Owen Bahler
Leah Christine Bannock
Galen A. Beeloo
Benjamin Beturne
Sofia Teresa Bianca
Rayna S. Bidwell
Nora Elizabeth Birmingham
Joseph R. Boissonneau
Kathryn Grace Bonanno
Cody Boulette
Timothy C. Brier
Hannah C. Bucklin
Connor Francis Cahill
Christopher M. Canavan
Alexis Megan Cantint
Ethan Neil Carl
Aidan O'Brien Caron
Kayla Elizabeth Carpenter
Brooke Isabella Casella
Joseph W. Champeaut
Logan Dean Charest
Lauren D. Christensen
Nathan Alan Clapp
Eva M. Cohen
Madison A. Cramer
Savion Raymond Cross
Samantha Lynn Curtist
Natalie Marie Dagon
Cole Daniel
Lily Nicole Daniel
Nicholas S. Dannenfeler
Audrey Anne Davis
Jeremy R. Davis
Ferdene Cannon Deadwyler
Jaimee Luisa DelPiano
Jace Desmarais
David Michael Desrocher
Marek Aden Dexter
Tavaris J. Dion-Edwards
Michael A. Dixon
Meagan E. Dobrowolski
Noah Dragon

Michael Dumas
Raleigh Ann Dunn
Abigail Salome Edelstein
Kylie M. Elsass
Zachary Elsass
Joseph Eshun
Allison Kate Essig
Colton R. Falletti
Owen David Feindel
Andrew J. Fitzgerald
Evan M. Fitzgerald
Emily C. Fitzgerald
Quinn Fornal
William Alexander Forst
Desiré Rene Foss
Hailey Elizabeth Fox
Mason Conor Frey
Dylan Gargiulo
Danielle Mae Giacalone
Sydney Marie Gill
Christian W. Gilnack
Emma M. Gorham
Christina Joann Gottier
Caroline C. Gray
Rebecca Sarah Griffin
Drew A. Hall
Noah J. Hale
Hunter C. Harrell
Andrew Stephen Heyman
Ashley Elizabeth Hill
Aaron Hinze
Sydney Hock
Madison Elizabeth Holden
Eban James Holmes
Christopher W. Hoover
Lasya Jasti
Katelin Clara Johndrow
Lauren Margarette Johnson
Alexander E. Karaja
Nicholas Karaja
Emily Suzanne Kocur
Maria Kristensen
Skylar Audrey Kubas
Tiffany Ann LaPlante
Jonathan Lapointe
Gavin Laughlan
Marlissa My'Angel

Dominique Lee
Sarah Margaret Litty
Zachary James Longo
Wade C. Luginbuhl
Edward Cristopher Lundy
John Andrew MacGillis
Emma Mack
Sara N. Makula
Urwa Ahmad Malik
Abdul Malik
Alex Turbo Maningas
Mackenzie Calla Manley
Alyssa Caitlin Martin
Lauren Rose Martino
Clara Rose Mattson
James Joseph Maznicki
Ethan McAllister
Kelly A. McCallister
Ashley R. McMahon
Amanda M. McTighe
Emily Michelle Mead
Shannon Elizabeth Milligan
Austin Richard Molloy
Lily Suzanne Moreau
Edward B. Moriarty
Marisa Lynn Morneau
Ethan David Moser
Dylan W. Munroe
Cynthia Wambui Mutua
George F. Nai
Adam Jeffrey Nordmark
Jack Edward Olender
Mia Rose Overgaard
Rebecca Ann Pack
Victoria K. Palmer-Lavoie
Kayla Christine Panagrosso
Miranda Rose Papineau
Ashka Tejendra Patel
Garrett P. Phelps
Lucas Potash
Blake Hunter Printy
Jack V. Purnhagen
Michael Puttin
Aaron C. Pyne
Nathaniel D. Pyne
Sarvenaz Ranjbar
Andrew J. Raymond

Larissa M. Regan
Carla Emily Rios
Kyle J. Robin
Siena Emilia Rosato
Amber Skye Ruel
Theresa Y. Ryan
Kavya Gopika Sajeev
Olivia Day Santini
Sadie Belle Sanville
Tessa Jane Sanville
Nathan Walter Schneider
Spencer Phillip-Aron Segal
Dakota Sharpe
Liam Ethan Shepard
Talel Jawad Shreidi
Jacob Austin Sirica
Nicholas Ambooken Sivo
Cody James Skoglund
Heather Rae Slater
Griffin Small
Elijah M. Smith
Tianna R. Smith
Andrew C. St. Amand
Holley V. Stavitski
Aaron Brendan Stein
James Matthew Sternat
Cooper Rex Allen Stone
Kalagena Marie Sullivan
Justin M. Swicklas
Matthew Thomas Tebbetts
Madison Joy Teeple
Drew A. Thibert
Skylar Joy Townsend
Ryan M. Trotter
Sophie Renee Vallez
Steven F. Villanova
Thomas Shane Viviano
Jack Walch
Sophia Marie Walker
Parker Walters
Robert Timothy Wehr
Clarissa Elise Welti
Alicia Wilcox
Delaney Leanna Wilk
Ethan M. Wilkie
James P. Woodward
Ryan Kevin Zahner

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Attained honor roll status each quarter during his/her high school career are wearing Silver Honor Cords.
Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society are wearing Gold Honor Cords.
Members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society are wearing Pink Honor Cords.
Members of the National Art Honor Society are wearing Rainbow Honor Cords.
Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society are wearing Black/White Honor Cords.
Senior Class Officers are wearing Black Honor Cords.
Student Council Officers are wearing White Honor Cords.

PEOPLE SERVING YOU

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Lori L. Spielman
Executive Assistant/Website & Social Media Coordinator:
Julia Connor
Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant:
LouAnn Cannella
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary: Rebecca Einsiedel

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Kathy Kane-DiBacco
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Kim Gambacorta
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Eric Boucher
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Nicole Usher

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Kim Bechard
Deputy Assessor: Laura Plona
Assessment Aide: Tracy Cyncenas

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

EMT/Ambulance Drivers:
Tonya Glomboske, Deborah Landry-Schiesl, Kerri Pliszka,
Erich Martin, Kelly Phillips, Caitlyn Connelly,
Kimberly Courville, David Dodge, Hunter Foisy,
Michael Girard and Rachel Oakes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Joseph Palombizio
Deputy Director: John Streiber
Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Tiffany Pignataro
Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer: Felicia LaPlante
Accounting/Payroll Specialist: Gail Moran
Finance Office Administrative Assistant: Patricia Choiniere

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: James York
Deputy Fire Marshals: Sydney Kern and Carl W. Dojan
Burning Officials: James York, Carl Dojan and Sydney Kern

HUMAN SERVICES

Director of Human Services: Joy Hollister
Elderly Outreach Social Worker: Rebecca Stack
Administrative Secretary II: Stephanie Mather
Food Pantry Aide: Mary DiBenedetto

LIBRARY (Hall Memorial Library)

Director: Susan Phillips
Children's Librarian: Patricia Grundman
Reference Librarian/Program Coordinator: Francie Berger
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: Ashley Dabbondanza

Library Assistant I: Gay Szumyk
Library Assistant I: Laurie Wormstedt
Library Assistant I: Heidi Hoffman
Library Assistant I: Lindsay McKeegan
Library Assistant I: Tara Clynch
Library Assistant I: Anna Wasielewski
Library Assistant I: Luci Pantuosco
Reference Librarian: Linda Callahan
Reference Librarian: Susan Slaga-Metivier
Reference Librarian: Ronald Fairchild
Reference Librarian: Michelle Farella
Bookkeeper: Rhonda Villanova
Page: Caitlin Coonan
Page: Benjamin Lipman
Page: Taylor Paton

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Joy Hollister

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director of Health: Patrice Sulik, MPH, RS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director of Recreation: Dustin Huguenin
Assistant Director of Recreation: Mary Bartley
Administrative Secretary I: Tina Modzelewski
Administrative Secretary II: Stephanie Mather

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
Recording Secretary: Christine Post
Recording Secretary: Samantha Getchell

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:
Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Office Supervisor
TFC Jacob Bissaillon
TFC Timothy Merrill
TFC Tyler Burnell
Tpr. Patrick (PJ) O'Brien
Town Police Officers: Michael Bard, John Barth, Aaron Blank,
Donald Bridge, Arthur Carlson, III, Edward "Joe" Decker,
James Desso, Stephen Estes, Kevin Furbush, Joseph Grayeb,
Sebastian Magnano and Patrick Sweeney
School Resource Officers: Bart Alexander and James Keeney
Marine Police Officers: Allen Bump, Michael Hesnan
and Jack Sauve
Police Support Administrator: Edward "Joe" Decker

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Works: Timothy Webb
Administrative Assistant II: Lori Smith
Foreman: Thomas Modzelewski
Assistant Foreman: Kevin Gambacorta
Crew Chief/Grounds: Bob Ouellette
Lead Mechanic: Taylor Olson
Mechanic II: Perry Dikeman
Maintainer II: Patrick Roy
Maintainer II: Ronald Moser
Maintainer I: Shawn Bull
Maintainer I: Richard Daugherty
Maintainer I: Colton DuBois
Maintainer I: Denis Giroux

Maintainer I: Spencer Hutchinson
Maintainer I: Keith Jarvis
Maintainer I: James Muratori
Maintainer I: Benjamin Pare
Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki
Maintainer I: Daniel Whitman
Lead Custodian: Kim Gallicchio
Custodian: Dana DiNallo
Custodian: Gary Berube
Custodian: Victoria Brooks
Brush Drop-off Facility Attendant: Carl Badeau

SENIOR CENTER
Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani
Senior Center Assistant Director: Samantha Baer
Senior Center Administrative Secretary II: Alisha Goss
Senior Center Bookkeeper: Erica Botti
Senior Center Cook: Claire Rich
Senior Center Lead Van Driver: Kenneth McCarthy
Senior Center Van Drivers: Jeanne Magurany, Mark Balkan
Senior Center Transportation Secretary: Jasbir Jutla

TAX DEPARTMENT
Tax and Revenue Collector: Ann Marie Conti
Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector: Diane Varholak
Tax Clerk: (Vacant)

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Diane H. McKeegan
Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Donna Hosey
Administrative Clerk: Joann Bolles

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

YOUTH SERVICES
Youth Services Director: Diane Lasher-Penti
Assistant Youth Services Director: Kristen Harp
Prevention Coordinator: Kayla Condron
Program Coordinator: Jessica Maitland

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	TERM EXPIRES
Lori L. Spielman, <i>First Selectman</i>	December 2021
James M. Prichard, <i>Deputy First Selectman</i>	December 2021
Sarah D. Cook	December 2021
Melinda M. Ferry	December 2021
David E. Stavens	December 2021
Ronald F. Stomberg	December 2021
John W. Turner	December 2021

BOARD OF FINANCE	
John P. Rachek, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2023
Peg Busse	December 2021
Douglas Harding	December 2021
David J. Olender	December 2023
Barry C. Pinto	December 2021
Joseph Wehr	December 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION	
Michael Purcaro, <i>Chairman</i>	November 2021
Gary Blanchette	November 2021
Jennifer Dzen	November 2021
Jennifer Mullin	November 2023
Elizabeth Nord	November 2023
Marcia Kupferschmid	November 2021
Kristen Picard-Wambolt	November 2021
Kerry Socha	November 2023
Michael Young	November 2023
Miriam Underwood	November 2023

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	
Wanda Deland (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2023
Lois Timms-Ferrara (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2023

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	
Mary E. Blanchette, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2023
Mary Cone, Secretary	December 2023
John Halloran, Jr.	December 2023
Gabbi Mendelson	December 2021
Judy Stomberg	December 2021
Janet Wieliczka, <i>Treasurer</i>	December 2021

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	
Arlo Hoffman, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2021
William R. Hogan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	December 2021
Michael Swanson	December 2023
Sean Kelly	December 2023
Ricci Hirth	December 2021
F. Michael Francis	December 2021
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.	December 2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	
Arthur G. Aube, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2023
Kenneth M. Braga, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	December 2021
Mort Heideri	December 2021
Erin Stavens	December 2021
Michael Swanson	December 2021
Sulakshana N. Thanvanthri	December 2023

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL (1 year to April 2020)	
Thomas C. Boscarino, <i>Chairman</i>	Sherry Kraus, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Dustin Huguenin	Timothy Webb
Felicia LaPlante	Lisa Houlihan
Joanne Tedford	Kate Tedford

AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2020)	
Mary Bartley	Deborah Stauffer
Joy Hollister	Kevin Hayes
Lisa Kelly	Kathleen Larew
Diane Lasher-Penti	Amy Darling
Michael Nash	Beth Tautkus
TFC Tyler Burnell	Jane Roets
Sgt. Brian Santa	Rev. Dr. Jay M. Terbush
Melissa Abbuzzese	Brian Hendrickson
Jenna Miller	Ainsley Armstrong, <i>Student Rep.</i>
Easha Patel, <i>Student Rep.</i>	Gillian Paseka, <i>Student Rep.</i>

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE (1 year to May 2021)	
David Arzt, <i>Chairman</i>	
J. Albert Breton, Jr.	
Jean Burns	
Rodger Hosig	
Victor Laptik	

AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (1 year to April 2021)	
Katherine Heminway, <i>Chairman</i>	
Kay Luginbuhl	
Carole Gerber	
Maureen Eckels	
Joseph Palombizio	
Alyce Mayer	
Maggie Stabinski	
Vacant	

AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE (1 year to April 2021)	
Lauren Desrocher, <i>Chairman</i>	
Erin Stavens	
Valerie Amsel	
Ann McLaughlin	
Cynthia van Zelm	
Lois Timms-Ferrara	
Pam McCormick	
Linda Anderson	
Judi Manfre	
Vacant	

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 year to December 2020* / February 2021)	
John Turner, <i>Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative*</i>	
Joseph Wehr, <i>Board of Finance Representative*</i>	
Robert Edwards, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative</i>	
Gary Feldman, Sr., <i>Ellington Volunteer Fire Dept. Representative</i>	
Jack Rich II, <i>Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative</i>	
Sarah Cook, <i>Board of Selectmen Representative*</i>	
Douglas Harding, <i>Board of Finance Representative*</i>	
Timothy Seitz, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative</i>	
Daniel Flanagan, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative</i>	
Joseph Palombizio, <i>Emergency Management Director</i>	
Peter Hany, Sr., <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative</i>	

AD HOC GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE (1 year to February 2021)	
James Prichard, <i>Chairman</i>	Heather Stavens, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Sanford Cohen	Mary Percoski
F. Michael Frances	Dennis Clavet
John Ridzon	

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 year to December 2020)	
John M. Takach, <i>Chairman</i>	John Chandler, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Ted C. Graziani	Bruce N. Warkentin
Sara K. Landon	Christian Sauer
Cheryl Samborski	Vacant
Rhonda Villanova	Vacant
Joseph Boucher	Steven Villanova, <i>Student Rep.</i>

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE (1 year to July 2020)	
Gerry Gillung, <i>Chairman</i>	
Dale Roberson	
Marcia Kupferschmid	
Debby Wallace	
Vacant	
Vacant	

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 years)	TERM EXPIRES
Karen Neal	January 2021
Kurt Sullivan	January 2022
Sherri Czyz	January 2023
Alternates (2 years)	
Joseph Malone	January 2022
Vacant	January 2021

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 years)	
Donald Gobeille, Jr.	April 2022
Dennis Milanovich	April 2021
Howard D. Reckert	April 2023
Frank Engel	April 2024
Vacant	April 2020

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 years)	
Galen Semprebnon	June 2023

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)	
Marc Diwinsky	June 2022

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 year)	
George Shaw	August 2020
Lois Timms-Ferrara (<i>Alternate</i>)	August 2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Rebecca A. Quarno, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2023
David H. Bidwell, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	March 2021
Sean Dwyer	March 2022
James Gage	March 2023
George Nickerson	March 2021
Robert E. Zielfelder, Jr.	March 2022
Laurie Burstein	March 2020
Alternates (2 years)	
Ann Harford	March 2021
Vacant	March 2020

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 2024
Kevin Zahner	June 2024

TERM EXPIRES	
DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 years)	
Lois Goodin (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2023
Elizabeth Nord (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2023
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 years)	
Sean Kelly, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2020
Christopher Todd, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	July 2023
David Hurley	July 2022
Donna Resutek	July 2021
Danielle Hubley	July 2022
Alternates (2 years)	
Stefanie Cunningham	January 2021
Sulakshana Thanvanthri	January 2021
Bryan Platt	January 2021
ETHICS COMMISSION (4 years)	
Wilfred A. Duchesneau, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2022
Derek Reed, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2023
Deb Lynch	January 2024
Charles McCleary	January 2021
Brett Palmer	January 2024
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)	
Dennis Varney, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2021
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr., <i>Vice Chairman</i>	June 2023
Edward Jeski	June 2024
Michael Swanson	June 2022
Atherton "Joe" Ryan	June 2025
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)	
Susan Stack, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2024
Susan Hannigan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2024
Hocine Baouche	January 2022
Yale Cantor	January 2022
Teresa Cavanagh	January 2022
Jaime S. Foster	January 2020
Sarah Gaer	January 2022
Deanna Wambolt-Gulick	January 2024
INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)	
Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2023
Ron Brown, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	January 2021
Arthur G. Aube	January 2023
Hocine Baouche	January 2021
Jean Burns	January 2021
Steven J. Hoffman	January 2023
Katherine Heminway	January 2023
Alternates (2 years)	
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2022
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2021
INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)	
Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2023
Mark Boone	April 2023
Wilson D. Flynn	April 2023
Diane O'Hagan	April 2021
Jonathan Allen	April 2021
LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)	
Wanda DeLand	June 2020
MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)	
John H. Lally	January 2022
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)	
Dianne Trueb	June 2022
Fred Journalist	June 2022

TERM EXPIRES	
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2024
Thomas Boscarino	January 2024
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2024
Shay Drake	January 2022
Kevin Hayes	January 2022
Cheri Murphy	January 2024
Tara Kozik	January 2022
Sherryl Kraus	January 2022
Christopher Weitz	January 2022
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)	
Peter W. Welts, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2022
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	February 2024
Thomas Adams	February 2022
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	February 2022
Dale Gerber	February 2020
Katherine Heminway	February 2022
Jeff Olender	February 2024
Ronald Stomberg (<i>BOS Representative</i>)	December 2021
Gary Blanchette (<i>BOE Representative</i>)	November 2021
David Olender (<i>BOF Representative</i>)	December 2021
Sean Kelly (<i>P&Z Representative</i>)	December 2021
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES (2 years)	
Keith Durao	September 2021
Jonathan D. Moser	September 2021
VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)	
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2022
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2021
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)	
Daniel J. Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2021
Jeremy T. Galeota	April 2023
Paul F. Gilbert	April 2022
Shawn Koehler	April 2024
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2022
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 years)	
Ronald Brown	August 2021
Rodger Hosig	August 2020
Ronald F. Stomberg	August 2020

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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

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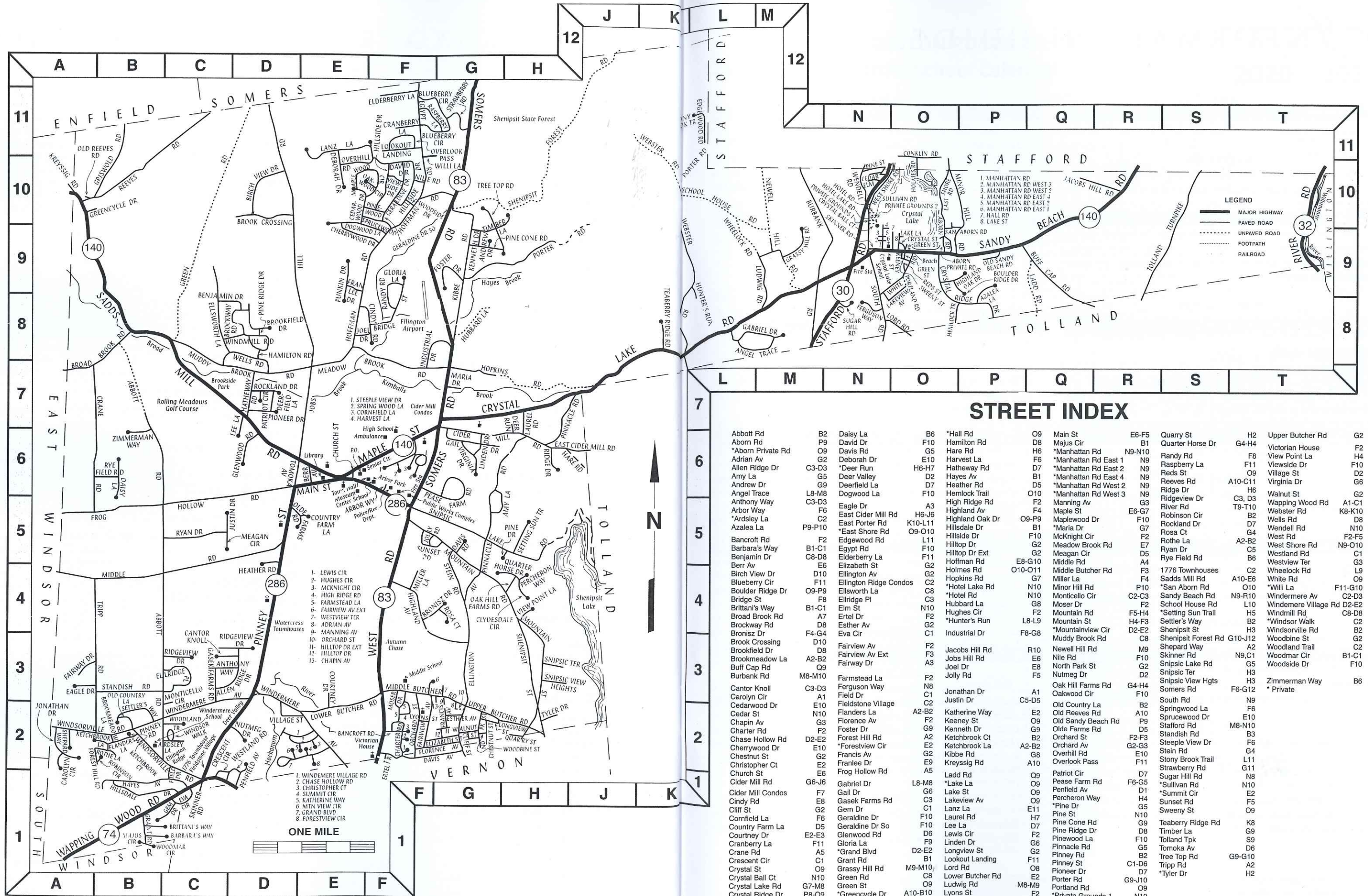
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INFORMATION GUIDE

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 2019, the population was approximately 16,195.

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 32.6 mills applied to the 2019 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate is currently being done.

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 2019-20 is 2,676 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, Robert Tedford Memorial Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. The Pavilion at Robert Tedford Memorial Park 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.



ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS District School Calendar

First Day: September 8, 2020

178th Day: June 14, 2021

2020 – 2021

AUGUST 2020								(0)								(17)								FEBRUARY 2021							
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- Schools Closed
- Schools/District Closed
- Professional Development Days/Schools Closed
- Purple Team – In Person
- Gold Team – In Person
- Distance Learning K-12
- Early Dismissal Day – Elementary
- Early Dismissal Day – EHS and EMS
- Early Dismissal – EHS
- Early Dismissal – EMS
- Late Opening – EMS
- Late Opening – EHS
- Early Dismissal Day – All District

SEE REVERSE FOR A LIST OF SCHEDULED EARLY
DISMISSAL/LATE ARRIVAL DAYS, INCLUDING A LIST OF
2020-2021 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

*EHS Graduation will take place on the 180th day of school - June 11, 2021. This graduation date will remain June 11, 2021 in the event school closings push back the 180th day. *The last day for students will be on June 14, 2021. *In the event of excessive snow days, a decision regarding April vacation will be made as early in March as possible.

Approved by Ellington BOE on 7/29/2020

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

(Area Code 860)

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	SCHOOLS	website: ellingtonschools.org
Lori Spielman, First Selectman		870-3102 (Fax)	Scott Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent, 47 Main Street	896-2300
LouAnn Cannella, HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant			Jennifer Brown, Admin. Assist./HR Coordinator	896-2312 (Fax)
Julia Connor, Executive Asst/Website & Social Media Coord			Special Education Services	896-2300
Rebecca Einsiedel, Administrative Assistant				
ANIMAL CONTROL, 21 Main Street		870-3155	Center School (Michael Verderame, Principal)	896-2315
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer		870-3554 (Fax)	Crystal Lake School (Susan Nash-Ditzel, Principal)	896-2322
ASSESSOR, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 199		870-3109	Ellington High School (John Guidry, Principal)	896-2352
Kim Bechard, Assessor		870-3197 (Fax)	High School Guidance Office	896-2357
Laura Plona, Deputy Assessor			Ellington Middle School	896-2339
Tracy Cycenas, Assessment Aide			(Michele Murray and Michael Nash, Principals)	
BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 57 Main Street		870-3124	Windermere School (Jennifer Hill, Principal)	896-2329
Raymond Martin, Building Official		870-3122 (Fax)	SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street	870-3133
Ginger MacHattie, Administrative Secretary			Erin Graziani, Director	870-3136 (Fax)
BURNING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3126	Samantha Baer, Assistant Director	
CEMETERIES, Rachel Dearborn		875-8204	Alisha Goss, Administrative Secretary	
D.E.E.P. CONSERVATION OFFICER, Laura Pettus		424-3333	Transportation	870-3137
ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	SEWER ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE	870-3140
Rebecca Stack, Elderly Outreach/Social Worker			Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		870-3182	Emergency Sewer Maintenance Number	870-3145
Joseph A. Palombizio, Director		870-3103 (Fax)	STATE ROADS	
FINANCE, 55 Main Street		870-3115	East Windsor DOT Garage	623-4473
Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer/Treasurer		870-3158 (Fax)	Vernon DOT Garage	875-4993
Felicia LaPlante, Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer			TAX DEPARTMENT, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158	870-3113
Gail Moran, Accounting/Payroll Specialist			Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector	870-3704 (Fax)
Patricia Choiniere, Administrative Assistant			Diane Varholak, Deputy Tax and Revenue Collector	
FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street		870-3126		
James York, Fire Marshal		870-3122 (Fax)	TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS	870-3105
HEALTH-North Central District Health Department		745-0383	Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk, 55 Main Street	870-3721 (Fax)
Patricia (Patrice) Sulik, M.P.H., R.S. Director of Health			Donna G. Hosey, Assistant Town Clerk	
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416		872-6923		
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	
Rebecca Stack, Elderly Outreach/Social Worker			Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant	
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280		870-3160	TREE WARDEN, 21 Main Street	870-3140
Susan Phillips, Director		870-3163 (Fax)	Timothy Webb, Tree Warden	
MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVE	870-3182
POLICE, 33 Arbor Way		875-1522	Joe Palombizio	870-3103 (Fax)
Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Office		870-3152 (Fax)	VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES	872-9163
POST OFFICE, 6 Church Street		875-6391	VOTING, 55 Main Street	870-3107
PROBATE COURT, 14 Park Place, Vernon		872-0519	Lois Timms-Ferrara, Democrat, Registrar of Voters	870-3108 (Fax)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 21 Main Street		870-3140	Wanda DeLand, Republican, Registrar of Voters	
Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator		870-3147 (Fax)	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way	870-3130
Tom Modzelewski, Foreman			Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	870-3198 (Fax)
Lori Smith, Administrative Assistant			Kristen Harp, Assistant Youth Services Director	
RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way		870-3118	Kayla Condon, Prevention Coordinator	
Dustin Huguenin, Director		871-3198 (Fax)	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT, 57 Main St.	870-3120
Mary Bartley, Assistant Director			John Colonese, Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Off.	870-3122 (Fax)
Tina Modzelewski, Administrative Secretary				
RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR				
Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department		870-3140		
			Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 289-7850	
			Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860) 684-3163	



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