

Woodbury Annual Report 2015



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Dear residents and friends of the Woodbury Community,

This Annual Report is presented by the Board of Finance in accordance with the Town of Woodbury Charter. Department heads and commission chairmen have provided reports of their activities and work completed during the last fiscal year, July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. Also included is the meeting attendance record for their board members. Our thanks to Peter Arnold for taking the time to photograph each of the department heads for inclusion with their annual reports.

We have included the memorial recognition of our former First Selectman, the late Gerald D. Stomski, who had been a dedicated member of our community before retiring to North Carolina.

Lastly, we hope you appreciate the featured artwork of Woodbury Artist, Mark Potter, who captured our bucolic countryside and its changing seasons through his paintings of the many farms and landscapes in our community. We would like to thank Barbara Potter for assisting with this project and hope that our residents, as well as friends of the community, will enjoy the end product.

Best wishes,

Woodbury Board of Finance

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William Butterly, First Selectman

Welcome to the 2015 edition of our Town's Annual Report. In these pages you will find write-ups about Woodbury's various boards, commissions and departments and what they have accomplished this year for you, the citizens of Woodbury.

The 2015-year was a busy and productive one for the three-person Board of Selectmen. The annual budget was passed on the second vote, and, as in 2014, provides the town with a continued high level of services with no dollar amount increase to the taxpayers. This accomplishment is especially notable considering the 10% decrease in the grand list resulting from the 2013 revaluation process, and was accomplished in large part to the spirit of cooperation forged among the boards of Selectmen and Finance as well as the various town departments. Good things do happen when we all work together.

In a similar vein, by working together with the Finance Board and the Highway Department, the BOS was able to put together a long-term capital improvement bond package that, among other things, will allow us to catch up on some of our overdue road projects. We authorized a program that will in some way rehabilitate about 19 miles of roads over the next 3 years at a cost of \$3.6 million. The bond package also authorized upgrading capital equipment from trucks to playground equipment over the next 5 years. In addition, we were able to use various grants to have all 90+ miles of town roads professionally inspected and classified so that further repairs can be prioritized objectively and efficiently.

Our newest initiative this year was "What's On in Woodbury" or W.O.W. W.O.W.'s positive programs were collaborations among the Public Library, Parks and Recreation, and Senior Center staff, and all W.O.W. programs (W.O.W.@woodburyct.org) are open and free to the entire community. It is the intent of the W.O.W. committee to bring programs that enhance our community life in a positive way, and help make Woodbury a better place in which to live.

The first W.O.W. event was held in February 2015. In the months since, W.O.W. has presented 16 events attended by 1303 people. Programs have ranged from family movies to lectures on "Music and The Brain" to "Islamism," weekend free concerts at the Woodbury Senior Community Center; the return of the Summer

Concert Series at Hollow Park; and the first ever Woodbury Youth Film Fest. This fall, the first Woodbury Fall Fest: "Meander on Main Street" will be held, with food trucks and town restaurants promoting their fare, community organizations and businesses setting up kiosks, plus live entertainment, exhibitions, a community scarecrow contest and even a pumpkin derby. The Fall Fest will also serve as the kick-off to the next big event: "WOODBURY READS", a community-wide initiative to read the same book, "Pay it Forward" (versions for both adults and youth will be available), along with activities promoting kindness and compassion in our hometown.

Other noteworthy and more visible accomplishments include improved access to the Boyd Building by the creation of a stair-less walkway from the library, and the granting of permission to create three, fifteen-minute parking spaces along the north driveway. Following a pedestrian-car accident on Main Street South last winter, we are working with the state to move the pedestrian crosswalk north of Judson Avenue into a better-lit area. The Charter Revision Commission completed its job and the proposed revisions will appear on the ballot in November for voter approval.

It has been a busy year and the progress that has been made is the result of the efforts of many people. As you look through this report, take note of the people who give their time on various boards and commissions and thank them for their efforts. Look into how you, too, might get involved in areas of interest to you. Also please note the various departments and town employees who also work hard to earn your trust and let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Regular Meeting Attendance: First Selectman Butterly – 100%; Selectman Overton - 76%; Selectman Perkinson - 94%. Special Meeting Attendance: First Selectman Butterly – 95%; Selectman Overton – 79%; Selectman Perkinson – 95%.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Tammie Fiske, CCMA II, Assessor

Kathryn Krigsman-Devine CCMA I, Assistant Assessor

The final net assessment for the October 1, 2014 Grand List was \$1,132,215,258. This was an increase of .4546% from last year. Real estate increased by .4092%, motor vehicles decreased by 1.1604% and personal property increased by 8.2686%. The overall increase is typical for the current economy. The state each year has been reimbursing the town less and less for many of its

programs due to the economy, which also affects the mill rate.

There are more businesses being operated from home. Many hours are spent on researching and locating these businesses and adding them to the Grand List. Business owners should be aware that State Statute requires all businesses to declare Personal Property for tax purposes. Permits for operating all types of businesses can be obtained from the Land Use office and Trade names should be filed with the Town Clerk's office. Personal Property forms are mailed out on or about October 1st each year as a courtesy; however, failure to receive a form does not absolve a business owner from filing and will incur a 25% penalty on the assessment for not filing or not filing on time.

Commercial property owners are expected to submit an Income and Expense form every year except the year after the revaluation. Forms were sent out in the spring and expected back on June 1st. This information is confidential, as it is used in determining the values on commercial properties during the time of revaluation. As a reminder, owners who do not return the form by June 1st each year will be subject to a 10% penalty on the assessment of the property as required by law.

We have placed various forms and applications on the Town's website for public access. Also, field cards are available online through a link located in the Assessor's section of the Town website or directly by www.equalitycama.com. The link to the GIS maps is on the Town's main page; for easy access, go to www.woodburyct.org. As a reminder, the GIS directly links to the Equality field cards for easy viewing and printing.

We encourage taxpayers to view their current property information online or at our office. We are also currently in the process of taking new photographs to replace older or missing ones for the property cards and doing some of the inspections in house to save money for the 2018 revaluation. If you need to appeal your

assessment, forms are available in the Assessor's office and on the website under the assessor tab on February 1st each year. Per state statute, all applications must be returned this year on or before February 19th to the assessor's office. If you have any questions, please call the office.

On a final note, my assistant Kathryn Krigsmann-Devine passed the CCMA I test last November. It is a difficult test to pass and I congratulate her on her achievement.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Bonnie Sherman, Chairman

The Board of Assessment Appeals had one meeting in September of 2014 for motor vehicles and three meetings in March 2015 for real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle combined. There were four appeals for motor vehicles in September 2014, of which all four resulted in a reduction. In the month of March 2015, there were eighteen applications for real estate and one for motor vehicle. The Board approved nine reductions for real estate and one reduction for motor vehicle.

There are three elected members on the board and Linda Leigh is the Clerk. Constance Jones was re-elected for another four-year term in November 2013. Bonnie Sherman is running for re-election this November 2015. Robert Giannotti has resigned effective July 23, 2015. We appreciate all his dedication over the past two years. Nancy Mackey has been appointed to fill the remainder of the term and has been nominated for election in November 2015.

Meeting Attendance: Constance Jones (50%), Robert Giannotti (100%), Bonnie Sherman (100%)

Woodbury Facts and Figures

	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Grand List	1,230,947,381	1,237,661,106	1,127,091,418	1,132,215,258
Increase/Decrease	8,220,661	6,713,725	-110,569,688	5,123,840
Tax Rate	23	23.4	25.69	26.07
Number of:				
Residential Condos & Puds	745	745	745	745
Dwellings	2973	2992	3001	3012
Comm Bldgs/Apts/Condos/Ind/Public	319	325	324	325
Residential & Commercial Lots	412	419	400	398
Property Transfers	105	117	131	174
Motor Vehicles	10,577	10,527	10,561	10,484

* Revaluation year



ANIMAL CONTROL

Judy Umstead, Animal Control Officer
 Dana Natrillo, Asst. Animal Control Officer

State Statute and Town Charter determine the duties and responsibilities of the Animal Control Department; but that is not where our responsibilities end. Our main objective is to promote safety and well-being for Woodbury residents and their pets. We are taking proactive measures to prevent animal cruelty by investigating all complaints and providing education to the public. We are working very closely with D.E.E.P. to resolve the increased wildlife issues (including bobcats) and to help residents safely coexist with them. We still continue to test raccoons, bats, and skunks suspected to be carrying the rabies virus.

Woodbury residents continue to be compliant with dog licensing. All dogs six months of age and older, are required by State law to be licensed every year in the month of June. Woodbury Animal Control strives to ensure all dogs are licensed.

Measures continue to be taken to revitalize the animal shelter to make it more welcoming to town residents and a more comfortable and safe environment for the animals in our care. We hope to continue to improve the shelter in an effort to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of dogs taken in. We are still trying to install fencing around the facility to enable the dogs to exercise and to provide a space for the public to interact with the dogs.

Since the last fiscal year we have received over 600 phone calls which do not reflect calls for information, adoption or missing/lost pets. We have seen an increase in the number of roaming or dumped dogs, conflicts with wildlife, bites and infractions.

The following is a brief summary of activity: Impounded 53, Redeemed 34, Sold as pets 15, Bites 6, Infractions 4.

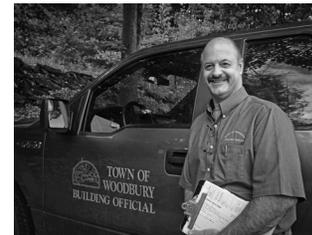
Any questions, complaints or concerns regarding laws pertaining to and keeping animals may be directed to the Animal Control officer at 203-910-3228 or email: animalcontrol@woodburyct.org.

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ad hoc Committee
 Joseph Donato, Chairman

The BEDC had seventeen meetings in fiscal 2014-2015. Some of the accomplishments of the committee include recognition of the passing of a great man, Mr. John Chamberlain, providing their full support behind the "Imagine Woodbury" initiative, printing of Welcome to Woodbury Brochures, and various studies made by the Committee to assess the business climate of Woodbury.

Meeting Attendance: Joe Donato 88%, Ray Manzi 100%, John Chamberlin 86%, Karen Reddington-Hughes 100%, Jack Well 88%, Robert Clarke 100%, Alex DeSorbo 75%.



BUILDING OFFICIAL

Gary J. Testa, Building Official

General responsibilities of the Building Official are to insure compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 29 and 31; 2005 State Building Code and Chapter 4 of the Town Ordinances for all new structural, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical constructions to include issuance of all necessary building permits, collections of fees and all necessary inspections of work for permits issued. Prior to the issuing of a Building Permit, approvals may have to be obtained first from Land Use, Historic, Sanitation, Fire Marshal and Public Works. Town requires that Town Taxes be paid before a Building Permit can be approved and issued for the construction or alteration of any building on any lot or parcel of land within the Town of Woodbury where past taxes are owed.

	7/1/13-6/30/14	7/1/14-6/30/15
New Single Family Dwellings	7	4
Alterations & Additions to Single Family Dwellings	69	82
New & Alterations Commercial Structures	8	10
Accessory Structures (Garages/Barns/Sheds)	25	20
Pools & Hot tubs	9	10
Mechanical Permits (Plb, Hvac, Elec)	358	310
Roofing	59	55
Siding & Windows	23	28

	7/1/13-6/30/14	7/1/14-6/30/15
Generators	18	15
Demolition	5	4
Tents	18	7
Woodstoves/Gas Log Sets/Pellet Stoves	16	26
Solar Installations	4	19
Decks	15	16
Total Value of Permits	\$10,441,210	\$11,593,050
Total of Fees Collected	\$85,304	\$98,322

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Frederick R. Leavenworth, Chairman

When the Conservation Commission was established in 1965, they were asked for a priority list of open space parcels to be preserved. These were as follows: Woodbury Reservoir, The Hollow, Orenaug Park, and the Pomperaug River Corridor.

Fifty years have passed, and the Hollow now consists of nearly 100 acres, Orenaug Park has grown from 11 acres to approximately 80 acres, and considerable land along the Pomperaug, Nonnewaug and Weekepeemee rivers adds additional open space. These parcels help preserve water quality in the river and in the aquifer beneath.

The Reservoir property, however, has proven to be elusive. Many times during the past 50 years the water company has expressed a desire to sell but has not followed through. Last year, with approval from the State of Connecticut, they have entered into negotiations with the town to sell. The 240 acres of property comprising the Reservoir property are very important. The parcel is exceptionally scenic, and its location serves to connect other large parcels of open space. It also provides watershed protection and a green space corridor between the growing towns of Woodbury, Middlebury and Southbury.

Our Litter Control Program has received regional and state recognition. Two town-wide cleanups, spring and fall, are held each year and now we have more than 65 miles of town roads being picked up by "Adopt-A-Road" volunteers on a regular basis.

The Commission held 10 regular monthly meetings in FY 2014-2015. Attendance was as follows: Dick Leavenworth (chair.) 100%; Joanne King 30%; Jeff Sherman - 70%; Lori Hart (v.chair.) - 100%; Skip Hobson - 90%; Justin Quinn - 0% (of eligible meetings); and David Taylor – 80%.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

George Bauer, Chairman
Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Superintendent

The Regional School District 14 serves the two towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury. The Board of Education consists of four members from the town of Bethlehem and four from the town of Woodbury and act as one governing body over the school district.

Mission

The Region 14 community ensures an engaging and positive learning environment where every student is valued as a respected contributing member of society, who graduates prepared to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Board of Education Goals

All students will graduate equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to be prepared for successful future in a global society. Regional School District 14 will attract, develop and retain the highest quality teachers, administrators, and staff. Regional School District 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology enabling a 21st century modern learning environment that mirrors our educational values.

The district's primary focus is to "Inspire Excellence" in all parts of the school community. A district improvement plan outlines progress goals in teaching and learning over the course of the next five years. Current improvement initiatives for 2015-2016 will provide for a 1:1 Chromebook initiative, increased literacy supports, interactive white boards in every classroom, 18-21 transition programs, strings instruction, high school block scheduling, curriculum writing, and security and maintenance projects. Key priorities in the district improvement plan include:

Strategic Priority #1:

If we identify the knowledge and skills needed for students to be college and career ready in the 21st century and develop a guaranteed, standards-based curriculum, then there will be clarity, consistency and equity to what all students will learn and what all faculty teach.

Strategic Priority #2:

If we foster leadership at every level of the organization through a focus on instructional improvement and student learning outcomes, then instructional leadership will be enhanced district-wide leading to improved instruction and student learning.

Strategic Priority #3:

If we increase meaning engagement with parents and community members then a spirit of "one school community" and Region 14 pride will continue to develop.

Strategic Priority #4:

If we prioritize our needs based upon student outcomes, then we will make informed decisions when allocating resources in order to ensure safe and secure facilities equipped with technology enabling a 21st modern learning environment that mirrors our educational values.

Four schools make up Region #14: Nonnewaug High School, Woodbury Middle School, Bethlehem Elementary and Mitchell Elementary.

Nonnewaug High School includes students from more than twenty surrounding communities through our nationally recognized Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Center, making our high school a unique community of learners. With approximately 770 students, Nonnewaug is large enough to offer a wide variety of academic, vocational, athletic, and co-curricular opportunities, yet small enough for all to enjoy close connections and relationships in the classroom, in clubs, and on the field. This year we are running a new schedule that will enable students to study topics in greater depth. We look forward to our continued growth in utilizing technology for learning. Our ninth graders will be the first in our school issued chrome books as part of our District's 1-1 initiative. We continue to be proud of our many accomplishments that include awards for Team Beta, Treble Choir, Athletic Team, and FFA.

Woodbury Middle School student groups organize social events that are appropriate and engaging for young adolescents. The Woodbury Middle School Leo Club, WMS Athletics, Youth Action Council, Green Team, Student Council, and Parents in the Middle (PIM) completed service and community projects for the greater Woodbury and Bethlehem communities. Students collected shoes, eyeglasses, coats, food for distribution to families in the greater Waterbury area; made hundreds of sandwiches to be distributed at a nearby soup kitchen; raised money for families dealing with loss, and helped the Lions Clubs of Bethlehem and Woodbury in their community work. We are also very excited about the 1-1 Chromebook initiative that all our middle school students are experiencing.

Bethlehem and Mitchell Elementary Schools' goal in every classroom is that each child is actively engaged in meaningful learning. We offer a comprehensive curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade 5 with a strong emphasis on balanced literacy; focusing on the development and integration of reading and writing skills. Through our mathematics program, students develop abilities in problem solving, communication, reasoning, and applying mathematical concepts. We stress the importance of being a good citizen in daily activities. For the first time we'll be rolling out a 1-1 Chromebook initiative for all students in grades 2-5.

COMMISSION FOR THE ELDERLY

Sharon Botelle-Sherman, Chair

The Woodbury Commission for the Elderly has had a strong record of studying the conditions and needs of Woodbury residents, ages 60+, in relation to housing, economics, employment, health, recreational and other matters. By studying and establishing an information baseline, priorities can be identified, objectives established and a plan of action developed. As one of its major goals for 2014 and 2015, the Commission for the Elderly chose to study "affordable senior housing."

It is clear that Woodbury, like Connecticut and the rest of America, is aging. The timely "Conversation on Aging: Housing" activities/assessments thus produced much valuable information, providing a sound basis for planning.

The Process: A multi-faceted approach was used to gather information from close to 300 community residents by (1) conducting 2 focus groups, attended by key community leaders and seniors, and (2) distributing and analyzing 2 surveys, e.g. a print survey distributed to residents and an online survey distributed by the Park and Recreation Department to its constituents. **One of the key results of the senior housing study found that 65.17% of the survey respondents indicated that Woodbury is not currently meeting affordable senior housing needs.**

Recommendations: As a result of the Commission for the Elderly senior housing study, the following recommendations were made to the Board of Selectmen and appropriate Boards/Commissions:

- Help seniors remain in their home by:
 - Providing tax relief/liens;
 - Providing home loan programs/grants to fix up senior homes; and,
 - Creating a chore service.
- Provide awareness regarding available housing suitable for seniors.
- Establish more housing options by:
 - Reviewing zoning regulations to accommodate modifying existing structures;
 - Investigating the possibility of "step-down" housing to retain middle to affluent Woodbury taxpayers;
 - Offering incentives to builders for construction of affordable senior friendly housing or require new construction projects to designate 25% or similar % of the building to affordable housing.
 - Offering tax rebates to owners who make apartments handicapped accessible.

In addition, other innovative or "out of the box" ideas were suggested to meet the needs of community dwelling older adults, such as:

- Cohousing: Older adults rent a home together, sometimes from an owner who is also older and onsite. Each person has a private bedroom, but share other household areas and duties.
- Home modification grants: Community sponsored access to funds to be used to modify homes to allow people to remain in their own homes.
- Student Housing: An older person rents a room or in-law apartment to a younger person or young couple at a reduced rate in exchange for some help with household maintenance chores.
- Handyman Registry: The Senior/Community Center or other local point of access could provide a list of available handymen, etc. Some communities successfully write grants to assist with paying for needed services for those with low-income issues.
- Concierge services: Private associations are increasingly forming concierge service organizations. In return for an annual fee, members can access a full time-concierge employee, who will coordinate transportation, handyman, nutritional services, etc.
- Multi-generational housing areas: Consider developments especially designed to include people at all stages of life, which might include a community gathering center and communal activities.

After a comprehensive study of this issue, the Commission for the Elderly concluded and **recommends that affordable housing be established as a Town priority, so that the affordable housing needs of ALL residents are considered and a balanced approach to a healthy, vibrant community can be struck.**

Attendance Record (10 meetings per year): Peter Arnold (90%), Bea Arneson (90%), Sharon Botelle-Sherman (100%), Robert Budney (80%), Dale White (100%). Alternates: Clare Smith Bennett (30%) and Darylle Willenbrock (40%)



ELDERLY SERVICES

Loryn Ray, Director

The Department of Elderly Services is home to the Woodbury Senior Community Center, our town's focal point for aging-related services and programs. Our services are targeted for those over the age of 60, and

include transportation, congregate and home-delivered meals, health and wellness services, outreach and social services in partnership with our Municipal Agent for the Elderly, and a full range of programs at the Woodbury Senior Community Center. We also provide information and referral services for people of all ages, operate the town's Medical Loan Closet, manage rentals of the Senior Community Center, ensure readiness of the Center for use in emergency situations, and this year, created WOW (What's on in Woodbury) with staff from the Woodbury Public Library and the Woodbury Parks and Recreation departments.

Over the last year, seniors received 6778 meals through our congregate and meals on wheels programs. The Senior Bus provided 5112 trips to town seniors and those adults under 60 with a disability; an average of 426 trips per month. The Senior Center registered 166 new members for a total registration of 995, and 3660 distinct programs were offered through the Senior Center. These programs served 978 unduplicated people over the age of 60, with nearly 75 % of those utilizing more than one service; over 22000 check-ins were recorded at the Senior Center. Information and referral services were provided to families, caregivers, and service providers; over 300 direct social services and outreach services were provided by our Municipal Agent for the Elderly. Much of our contact with seniors and those who care for them comes by telephone - we field approximately 750 calls per month. Many of these programs and services would not happen without the assistance of our volunteers, who contributed 1800 hours to help make our programs and services possible.

Additionally, 310 instances of health services were provided at the center, including blood pressure clinics, foot-care services, dental cleanings, ask-a-nurse consultations, and health screenings. The medical loan closet serves our community well; an average of two medical equipment loans occurred each week, with a total of 125 pieces of gently used medical equipment loaned for free to area residents.

Outreach efforts were a focus this year; several new outreach programs were started. Holiday Cheer provided gift baskets, a personal visit and follow up services to 16 homebound seniors who have limited social connections. "Meals on China" is a new outreach program established to provide a "dinner out" to those who are largely homebound; the recipient invites and guest, dinners for two are donated by local restaurants and are delivered by volunteers, complete with flowers. Calls to Care matches willing seniors with a volunteer who calls regularly to check in and chat with the senior.

Community partnerships continue to be a source of both help and assistance to the community. Flu and pneumonia shot clinics were held with the Pomperaug District Department of Health. The Senior Center sponsors an ongoing food drive for the Food Bank, held a targeted soup drive for the Food Bank, and donated produce from the Center's garden. Senior Center volunteers collected food donations at the annual Community Trick or Trunk and delivered them to the

Food Bank. We partnered with the Woodbury Lions' Club to provide an in-depth vision screening event. A spring Community Resource Fair was developed with assistance from the Mitchell Elementary School PTO Special Education Committee and Advocates of Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP); this event offered townspeople a connection with services designed to help meet challenges at every stage of life. The Commission on Elderly undertook a detailed senior-needs housing study with support from Elderly Services Staff. Of course, the annual Indoor Mini-Golf weekend was held in February – an annual treat for housebound Woodbury residents.

The Senior Community Center building was well utilized in the last year as well. In addition to serving as the Senior Center and Medical Loan Closet, and the home of Social Services, the building was kept busy with over 120 evening events, 22 weekend private rentals, 12 blood drives, and 11 Town sponsored weekend events. The Center served as an official cooling center on 5 hot and humid days, and welcomed people on cold stormy days as well, with a cup of hot coffee or tea and a warm building.

WOODBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015

The Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 337 incidents during the fiscal year with an average of 11 firefighters per call. The Department maintained its two Fire Stations and its 7 pieces of apparatus, 1 gator and the Hazmat trailer. The firefighters responded to many types of situations which included some of the following: Fires – structures, cars, brush, forest fires, dumpsters, chimney, cooking, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Search & Rescue, Rope Rescue, Cold Water, Hazardous Conditions – Co, gas leaks, power lines down, Fire Alarms, Elevator Emergencies, Good Intent Responses and Weather Emergencies. When the Firefighters were called, they responded with an average engine response time of 8 min and 11 seconds (this is the time the first engine arrived on scene) and provided the citizens with well trained, properly equipped and the most knowledge and professional group of Officers and Firefighters that are dedicated to protecting the Town of Woodbury.

The officers for the year were: Chief – Janet Morgan, Deputy Chief – Frank Morgan, Captains – Corey Shaker and Dave Lampart, 1st Lt. – Kurt Gengenbach and Ben Kiessling, 2nd Lt – Chris Start and Keith Northey, Company Engineers – Don Harris and Don Hutchins, and the Department Chief Engineer Don Harris.

This year the department added four new trainees added to its ranks with one making full

membership, the others are complete the require training to do so. Our current roster of firefighters is 46 ~ 43 are active, 3 are trainees. Our goal is to reach 70 which according to our A & O is a full roster.

Training is always a big part of The WVFD. Firefighter I certification, approximately 100 hours of basic firefighting skills, is one of the first steps we encourage all of our trainees to obtain. This training allows them to perform almost all functions on an emergency scene. The total hours of training received by the firefighters this year was approximately 11,982 and all this took place along with their fire call responses and full time jobs.

The Association of the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department continues to provide the funding for a Department's website that keeps the firefighters and community up to date with current news and information. The address is: woodburyfd.org, please take the time to take a peek at it, it gets updated daily. There are pictures of events, fires and other "happenings". The department also Tweets on Twitter. The Association has also raised funds to purchase back the departments very first motorized fire truck and holds Bingo every Friday night to raise funds to have it restored to its original spender. This project has progressed to a point that a vender has been chosen and the truck will soon be gone and when it returns, it will look as new as the day it was purchased.

The Officers and Firefighters that make up the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department continue to grow with the ever-changing needs of the Town of Woodbury and its residents. We are always looking for members. If you are a resident of the town or work a full time job in town and are over 18 years of age – consider stopping by and seeing what it takes to be a member. We are a great "family" to belong to and can always add another member!



FIRE MARSHALL
Janet Morgan

The Woodbury Fire Marshal's Office continues to strive to meet the statutory requirements as set forth by Connecticut General Statute Chapter 541, as well as numerous codes referenced through out these statutes. Part of the code requires this office to annually inspect all buildings and facilities of public service and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code. This covers all occupancies except one and two family dwellings and premises used for manufacturing. As

statutes change, so must this office to keep current with the ever-changing rules and regulations. All the staff, as required, is constantly in training and educational classes in order to provide the best possible services to the Town of Woodbury.

To eliminate hazards in a new or existing structure, this office conducts a plan review prior to construction, occupancy change and renovations as per State Code requires. The plan reviews ensure the public's safety is provided for and that the CT. Fire codes are adhered to.

Annual inspections, required by the Code, are becoming completed with many less violations due to the help of the property and business owners in the town. Over the past several years the property owners, business owners and tenants have all stepped up and done all the little things that make the fire code and annual inspections work. They all understand the importance of fire and life safety and with only a few needing an "extra little nudge" they have all made Woodbury a safe place to shop, live and do business in. There are 592 occupancies that require this annual inspection. This office conducted 586 of those inspections. Due to scheduling, fire investigations and other day to day operations the office could not inspect every occupancy before the end of the year. This does not mean they will not get inspected; they are just off the normal cycle. This office re-inspected 87 occupancies because there were unprepared or did not meet Fire Code requirements and needed time to make the necessary corrections. This number of re inspections has decreased as property owners and occupants understand the importance on keeping up with fire safety.

The iPad and the Firehouse Software App continues to streamline the inspection progress. When the inspection is complete the report is immediately emailed to the property owner and many of the state forms needed to renew licenses can then be filled out and emailed right from the field. This means less paper, envelopes and mailing cost. The entire inspection process runs much smoother, it takes a few extra moments in the field but saves hours in the office entering the day's inspections into the computer.

The Fire Marshal's Office full time staff consists of Janet B. Morgan, Fire Marshal and the Administrative Assistant, Robin Tofield who both are in the office Monday – Friday. The Deputy Marshals are – Mike Devine (DFM2), Brian Proulx (DFM3) and Ned Dalton (DFM4) and William Garms (DFM5) who perform inspections, investigate fires and perform other duties as requested by the Fire Marshal on an on call basis. The office investigated 104 incidents, issued 542 burning permits, and inspected 22 underground oil tank removals. They also performed 15 plan reviews and followed up on numerous complaints from concerned citizens.

The Woodbury Fire Marshal's Office continues to maintain a website. The information contained on the site should help property owners understand fire code requirements from simple campfires to annual inspection requirements – be sure to check it out: woodburyfm.org.

The website also contains all the rules, regulations and town ordinance information for brush burning permits and recreational burns.

This year the office the office is striving to have all tank pulls on line for easier access for homeowner's owners and banks to have access to these records.

The Woodbury Fire Marshal's Office is continuing to make Woodbury a Fire Safe Community and to raise the public awareness of Fire Prevention. Our Office motto: "Fire Prevention ~ Everyone ~ Everyday", states our overall objective for the town.

Board of Fire Commissioners meeting attendance: E. Caisse 83%, J. Arndt 75%, M. Gransky 100%, A. Eisenboss 100%.



LAND USE

Kathy Castagnetta, Town Planner

The Land Use Department services the residents of Woodbury by assisting them with land use matters including answering questions regarding Zoning, Planning, Inland Wetlands and Historic District Regulations and the Land Use application process. The Land Use Department provides support to the Land Use Commissions and Agencies by reviewing applications, enforcing regulations, drafting regulations and providing administrative support including posting of agendas, legal notices and supervision of land use clerks and ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements. Other functions of the Land Use Department include preparation of grant applications and preparation of the Town MS4 Stormwater Permit application.

During the past fiscal year, the Land Use Department accomplished the following:

- Continued the implementation of the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development including approval of new Middle Quarter District regulations and review of potential new ordinances.
- Began discussion of revisions to Signs and Home Occupation Regulations.
- Restructured departmental staff to include a new fulltime planner and a part-time (15 hours per week) Land Use Enforcement Officer.
- Reviewed departmental procedures and implemented statutorily required actions.
- Reviewed Commission and Agency procedures.
- Provided support to the SDAT project.

- Coordinated with other town staff at weekly Development Services Team meetings regarding town development projects.
- Prepared grant application for the Woodbury Reservoir Open Space Acquisition.
- Began review, organization and consolidation of 60 years of Woodbury Land Use records to enhance document retrieval.
- Reviewed requirements for Town DEEP MS4 Stormwater Permit and coordinate water testing
- Researched and reviewed process for Road Discontinuance.
- Reviewed and processed the following applications and permits during the fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015):
 - Historic District Commission: 12 Applications
 - Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency: 42 Applications, 7 Enforcement issues
 - Planning Commission: 1 Application, several 8-24 Referrals, Review of 2005 Subdivision Approvals (including modification, extension and bond renewal), and Review of proposed Zoning Regulation amendments
 - Zoning Board of Appeals: 9 Applications
 - Zoning Commission: 12 Applications, 9 Reviews for New Business/Tenants, 9 Enforcement issues

Land Use office staff processed 120 Zoning permits during that time. Goals for next year include:

- Provide support to the Historic District Commission
- Revise Zoning Regulations including Signs, Home Occupation and Main Street Design District
- Continue discussions and recommendations to the Board of Selectman for a Property Nuisance Ordinance, a Right to Farm Ordinance and a Municipal Citation Ordinance.
- Continue support for the SDAT project.
- Begin review of Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Regulations for possible revisions.
- Begin discussions regarding the 2015 POCD.
- Continue Development Services Team meetings
- Improve communication between the Woodbury Business and Economic Development Committee and the Land Use Office.
- Continue Land Use Records organization and consolidation.
- Continue staff development with completion of CAZEO training and DEEP Inland Wetlands Training for Land Use Enforcement Officer, CZET training for Land Use Administrative Assistant and DEEP Inland Wetlands Training for Town Planner.
- Prepare DEEP MS4 Stormwater Permit application and submit to DEEP
- Continue research and review of potential roads to be discontinued.
- Review of land use application and permit fees to ensure they are covering the cost of processing and statutory legal notices and propose revisions, as necessary.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Susan Cheatham, Chairman

Woodbury is very fortunate to have a rich cultural history. This history manifests itself in the many well-preserved examples of early architecture found along both Main Street North and Main Street South. Two Historic Districts founded by authority granted to the Town of Woodbury under Chapter 97a of the Connecticut General Statutes are located along portions of Main Street North and Main Street South. The preservation of these historic structures and the areas in which they have survived is the main purpose of the Historic District Commission.

The Commission is responsible for regulating structures, signs and site development activities within the Town's two Historic Districts. The Commission recently approved the replacement of the roofs on the two historic houses on Main Street owned by Woodbury Telephone Company and was pleased to give approval for the renovations of King Solomon's Lodge in anticipation of their 250th Anniversary celebration.

The Commission held 11 regular meetings in the fiscal year 2014-2015 during which 12 applications were reviewed and approved. Commission members' meeting attendance in FY 2014-2015 was as follows: Susan Cheatham (Chair) – 100%; William Drakeley, Jr. – 45%; Maureen Donnarumma (Vice Chair) –91%; Lois Fital – 73%; Frank Sherer 82%; and Nancy Bailey (alternate) 73%; Marc Kroll (alternate) 73% and Robert Kolesnik, Jr. (alternate) 64%.

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

Mary Tyrrell, Chairman

Wetlands and watercourses are irreplaceable natural resources that help to define Woodbury's character and contribute significantly to our quality of life. Regulation of our wetland resources provides town residents with a variety of benefits including protection against flooding, safe drinking water by protecting important ground water recharge sources, a diverse habitat for both plants and animals, and preservation of open space.

As provided in the State Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, the Woodbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency regulates construction and land use activities within wetlands and within a 100 foot regulated upland review area surrounding all wetlands and within a 500 foot regulated area of all vernal pools. The primary purpose of the Agency is to ensure that any development, filling or dredging activity avoids or reduces potential impacts to the wetlands resource.

The agency reviewed 42 applications covering a variety of regulated activities in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, of which 4 were withdrawn and 1 was denied. The Land Use Enforcement Officer, as agent, performs inspections and provides reports and recommendations

to the Agency. Seven wetlands enforcement issues were inspected in the fiscal year.

The agency held 21 regular meetings in FY 2014-2015. Members' regular meeting attendance in FY 2014-2015 was as follows: Mary Tyrrell (chair.) – 100%; Charles Lewis – 86%; Martha Newell – 95%; Sue Windesheim – 81%; Ernest Werner – 62% (*absences due to extenuating circumstances*); Donald Richards (alt.) – 90%; Michael Gransky (alt.) - 90%; Wes Clow (alt.) – 86%

PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Travers, Chairman

The Planning Commission functions as the authority concerning subdivision of land in Woodbury in accordance with Section 8-25 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission is also responsible for preparing the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and provides reports on conformance of certain municipal and regulatory actions with the Town Plan, Middle Quarter District Plan, and Main Street Design District Plan in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24. The Commission is also the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town.

Residential development activity remained at a historically low level during FY 2014-2015. The last subdivision application, for example, was submitted early in 2014. Consequently meeting agendas have been devoted to routine matters including enforcement items, 8-24 referrals from the Town of Woodbury and consideration of action items from the current Plan of Conservation and Development.

Each year the commission accepts nominations for outstanding volunteer service and recognizes that service through the Rosenberg Award, given in memory of former commission member Bernard Rosenberg. This year, the Rosenberg Award was presented to Sharon Botelle-Sherman and Robert Taylor for their many contributions to the Town and to civic organizations.

The Commission held 11 regular meetings in Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Members' regular meeting attendance in FY 2014-2015 was as follows: Robert Travers (Chair.) – 91%; Mary Connolly (Vice Chair.) – 73%; Eileen Denver – 91%; Joel Serota 91%; Louis Alba – 91%; Mike Berez (alt.) - 0%; Andrew Chapman (alt.) – 73%; Kathryn Sherer (alt.) – 91%.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Michael Novak, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Appeals (board) responsibilities are to consider requests for variances from provisions of the zoning regulations, special exceptions for changes of non-conforming uses, and appeals to rulings of the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO).

The Board's decisions on variances to the zoning regulations are based on specific statutory guidelines regarding hardship created by unusual conditions affecting a parcel of land but not generally affecting the district in which it is situated. Hardships, therefore, cannot be personal in nature and are based on restrictive lot attributes that do not arise, or are not otherwise caused, by actions of the owner or applicant.

The Board considered 9 applications in fiscal year 2014-2015 including Variance Requests, Special Exception for Extension/Expansion of a non-conforming use, a Special Exception for Change of Use, and an appeal of a Zoning Enforcement Decision.

During FY 2014-2015 the Board held 13 regular meetings. Members' attendance was as follows: Michael Novak (chair.) – 85%; Joe Donato – 77%; Frank Kovacs – 85%; Ron Judson - 23%; Claudette Volage – 85%; Robert Ratzenberger (alt.) – 85%; Adam Goldberg (alt.) – 46%; Wayne Anderson (alt.) – 77%

ZONING COMMISSION

Robert Clarke, Chairman

The Woodbury Zoning Commission establishes use districts in the Town of Woodbury and administers and enforces regulations applicable to most land use activities. The various use districts are designed to encourage harmony in land use and to avoid to the extent possible, close proximity of conflicting land uses.

The zoning review process ranges from administrative zoning permits to complex special permits and site development plans that require public hearings and extensive review. The construction of single-family homes, pools, sheds; decks and similar projects may be reviewed and permitted by an agent of the Commission such as the Land Use (Zoning) Enforcement Officer or the Town Planner. More complex proposals, such as new commercial construction, certain multi-family housing developments, or changes of use within the specific districts, generally require a formal application and site plan review by the Commission in order to make an informed determination as to the proposal's compliance with local regulations. These reviews are conducted within the parameters set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes.

During the fiscal year 2014-2015 the Commission reviewed twelve applications including activities such as Special Events, Changes of Use, Site Plan Modifications, Special Exceptions and Earth Excavation. Nine New Businesses were reviewed. Twelve Enforcement Issues were inspected. The Commission also proposed and passed Regulation Amendments regarding the Middle Quarter and Aquifer Protection areas of the Zoning Regulations.

The Commission meets twice a month to allow for work sessions to discuss potential regulation amendments. In the fiscal year 2014-2015 the Commission held 23 meetings. Attendance at the

meetings in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 was as follows: Robert Clarke (Chair.) - 96%; Charles Cosgriff – 65%; Theodore Tietz, Jr. – 87%; Jon Quint 83%; Beverly Deickler – 78%; John Chamberlain (alt.) – 75% (*of eligible meetings*); David Lampart (alt.) 87%; Lawrence McDonald (alt.) – 74%; Jack Well (alt.) 90% (*of eligible meetings*)



PUBLIC LIBRARY

George Madsen, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Patricia Lunn, *Director*

Woodbury Public Library is proud of its record of serving the community, but well aware of the need for constant improvement. In Fall 2014, the Library Board of Trustees and staff conducted a survey of Woodbury residents to find out what they wanted from their Library. Of the 560 respondents, almost two-thirds wanted more space and better technology, while 58% wanted a lounge area with better seating, better traffic flow and self-checkout. During the past year, the Library undertook a number of measures to respond to these recommendations. The staff upgraded the Library website; extended free Wi-Fi availability; installed a book self-checkout station at the main circulation desk; reorganized the area near the front windows to accommodate a reading lounge; and completed the planning for a computer lab where classes in computer and internet technology will be offered later this year. The Town allotted storage space for infrequently used books in the basement of the Senior Center, freeing up space to expand the teen area. The result: an airier, more welcoming and more efficient Library.

The Library Board of Trustees and staff conducted an extensive review of ways to enhance the Library Gallery, the only space in the library that will accommodate mid-sized programs including lectures, films, classes and dance/stage recitals. The Library Board prepared a bid for an architect to conduct a design and feasibility study to include installation of a new audiovisual system (using funds donated by the Friends of the Library for that purpose) and reworking of the room's acoustics. As it is now, the ceiling tiles and the walls deaden the sound, rendering programs virtually inaccessible to many Woodbury residents. The architect would also examine a proposal to replace the room's four columns with steel beams to enhance circulation in the room as well as to improve visibility for films, dances, speakers, or other presentations, eliminating the current problem of "obstructed view" seats. Finally, the architect

will recommend ways to upgrade the lighting, and refurbishing the walls and floor.

Starting in Spring 2015, the Library Director joined with the Directors of the Senior Center and the Parks & Recreation Department to plan joint presentations under the new "What's On in Woodbury" program. Between February and May 2015, 731 people from the community attended 10 events presented by WOW. The Library Board and staff, with the help of a Nonnewaug High School student, began production of a print version of the Library's monthly online newsletter to improve outreach to all Woodbury residents.

Finally, the Library Board complied with its statutory requirements by conducting a full review of Library policies and guidance, updating where necessary to ensure an efficient and transparent management of this important community resource.

The Library Board of Trustees held 10 regular meetings and 4 special meetings. Attendance: George Madsen (100%), Sylvia Herbstritt (80%), Linda Grayson (100%), Barbara Potter (100%), Leslie Lebl (90%), Joyce Drakeley (100%) and Jane Gallagher (60%).

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

Ad Hoc Committee

Our Open Space Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee (OSAAHC), is one of the Town of Woodbury's most exciting and important committees. One of our responsibilities is to identify land that might be available for purchase by the town.

Purchasing land is mandated by the Town of Woodbury's Plan of Conservation and Development. Another responsibility is fundraising to support these purchases.

We are an appointed committee by our First Selectman, Bill Butterly and Board of Selectmen. I am proud to be Chairman of this committee and serve with outstanding committee members: Claudette Volage, our Vice Chairman, and a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Bob Clarke, who is Chairman of the Zoning Commission for the town. We welcome new committee members. It's a wonderful way to give back to our community knowing what we accomplish will continue to serve our town for generations.

Open Space is more than "open space" since it is part of a Greenway that connects the town of Woodbury to our neighboring towns. It is a vast network that goes for miles. It benefits our residents that hike and want the long walks through pastoral settings. It has other recreational activities that include equestrian trails, cross country opportunities for skiers, those that love discovery of nature's wildlife and fishermen that believe their prize catch is just a cast away.

We acquire what is of benefit to our residents. Properties that we are unable to acquire or that are unavailable for purchase also have a benefit for our town. On these properties we ask the owners to kindly open their gate for the benefit of their neighbors so we may

pass through. We hope that you will be able to take advantage of our open space and enjoy your time outdoors.

One current property that the committee is reviewing for purchase is the Woodbury Reservoir property that consists of 242 acres of land in two parcels. This property has a long history and once served as a trolley bed along the route from the Town of Woodbury to Waterbury.

The Town is currently in negotiations with the owner, Aquarion Water Company. It is a spectacular property and part of a watershed that feeds into an aquifer.

RESERVOIR PROPERTY TASK FORCE

Regular meeting attendance (3): Serota 67%, Perkinson 100%, Volage 67%, Leavenworth 67%, Lacadie 67%, Fuller 67%, Milnor 100%. Special Meeting attendance (12): Serota 100%, Perkinson 67%, Volage 67%, Leavenworth 73% , Lacadie 92%, Fuller 92%, Milnor 100%.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Timothy Drakeley, Chairman
Jennifer Miller, Director

This past year has been a busy one. Under the leadership of Jenifer Miller, Director, Mike Lodice the Park Superintendent and part time office assistant, Jordan Veach, the department has offered a wide variety of programs and activities for all ages. The Department continues to offer new opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all our residents, adding new programs from Ultimate Frisbee to Art in the Park for toddlers, from a free basketball clinic to Zumba Sentao. This winter we held our first snowman making competition that proved a popular diversion during an especially challenging winter.

Our parks continue to see heavy and regular use by residents and visitors every day throughout the year. Five sports organizations use the facilities to run their programs, there are approximately 45 reservations for private events each year, and there are four major events held at the parks each year. Added to this were the WOW (What's On in Woodbury) sponsored summer concert series and outdoor movie night. The high volume of usage of our parks is only possible due to the diligent

work of our Superintendent of Parks, Michael Lodice and his part time seasonal staff who work tirelessly to maintain and improve our parks.

The Commission and Department continue to support cultural opportunities in Woodbury. During the past year the support and collaboration with the newly formed Community Theatre at Woodbury (CTAW) has yielded great results for the town. We saw three highly successful, self-funded, theatrical productions held at the Old Town Hall that have enhanced the life of the people of this town and drawn others to visit. CTAW engages people of all ages and talents, both on and off the stage! There are four productions planned for the upcoming season, and other outreach programming in the works. This has been a wonderful addition to the programming of the department and a wonderful engaging social opportunity for residents.

The Parks and Recreation Department has maintained an online presence since 2005. The use of the Department web site to view and register for programs, find information and directions to our facilities, needed program and event information remains strong. The Department continues a vital role of providing friendly face-to-face assistance when needed, thirty percent of all registrations are either in-person or via a telephone conversation with office personnel. We continue to pride ourselves in our high level of customer service.

With this online presence we continue to connect with the past and future participants through email marketing, sending out over 280 email blasts each year, a monthly newsletter, and a pull out flyer in the local paper three times a year. We endeavor to reach more and more households each year through these measures to a wider and wider audience.

Thanks to resident support for the 2014-15 budget we were able to replace an aging truck and skid steer with a plow used to maintain the sidewalks after a snowstorm, plus a multitude of other department projects. This new equipment dramatically reduced maintenance costs and repairs to the old machinery and has improved efficiency and productivity of department tasks.

This year has also seen collaboration and strengthening of its ties with two other town departments with the formation of WOW (What's On in Woodbury). The Public Library and The Senior Center staff is now working with the Parks and Recreation department to provide more opportunities for residents and visitors in Woodbury by merging our resources and ideas. This has been very well received and is going from strength to strength, we look forward to this continued collaboration.

We would like to thank the many business, residents, town staff and organizations who support the Department and Commission's effort to provide recreational opportunities in Woodbury. We could not do it alone; your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Meeting attendance: Tim Drakeley 67%, Ron Taurick 58%, Katharine Nichols 92%, Arnaud Bourgeois 50%, Leslie Gamsjager 83%, Anne M. Delleccio-Matta 100%,

Kenneth Nottie 83%, Robert Willis 33%, Don Murphy 100%.



RESIDENT TROOPER'S OFFICE

Sgt. Joseph Roden - Woodbury Resident Trooper Supervisor

The town of Woodbury continues to contract with the State of Connecticut for the services of a Resident Trooper Sergeant. Under the Resident Trooper program, the Resident Trooper supervises the town's police staff, and has direct access to all of the resources of the Connecticut State Police for the town. The Resident Trooper's Office is comprised of the Resident Trooper Sergeant, an evening shift Resident Trooper, seven (7) fulltime town police officers, and eight (9) part-time town police officers. All of the Woodbury Officers possess unique knowledge and experience, which have greatly enhanced the Resident Trooper's Office's ability to accomplish its missions. These officers have the experience and knowledge to investigate any incident with little need for additional outside assistance.

Between 7/01/2014 and 6/30/2015, the Resident Trooper's office, along with troopers from Troop L, Litchfield, responded to 7188 calls for service (CFS). This was a decrease from 7951 from the previous year. These totals are broken down to include, but not limited to the following general categories; Alarms (545), Burglaries (6), Criminal Mischief (22), Disturbances (54), Domestic (17), DWI (10), Harassment (15), Larceny (53), Medical Assists (528), Missing Person (3), Narcotics (32), Patrol Check (2313), Robbery (0), Traffic Accident (173), Traffic Stop (2028), Untimely Death (6), and Administrative Services (218). While these listed categories are not all encompassing, they represent the majority of the total calls for service.

Woodbury continues to be a very safe community to live. The majority of the crimes that occurred in the town are property crimes, with the overwhelming majority having a drug nexus. The use of both illegal "street" drugs such as cocaine, crack, and heroin along with the improper use of prescription medications, continue to be a route source of the larcenies that have occurred in the town. Drug dependent individuals continue to go into vehicles, homes, and businesses to steal items to fund their addictions. The experience and dedication of both the town officers and the patrol troopers from Troop L, has led to the successful identification, apprehension, and conviction of many of the individuals committing these crimes in the town of Woodbury.

Speeding continues to be identified by town residence as being the largest problem in town, particularly on the rural back roads. During this period, the Resident Trooper's Office received a grant for \$20,590.00 for the purchase of 2 speed enforcement devices (radars) and extra speed enforcement shifts.

On January 18, 2015, Officer Romano retired from full-time service after over ten years of dedicated service to the town. Officer Romano brought with him the concept and practice of "Community Oriented Policing" which has left an indelible mark on the Resident Trooper's Office and the town. Officer Romano was replaced by a second Resident Trooper assigned to evening shift. This Trooper has a wide array of skills, knowledge and abilities that were immediately evident upon his assignment.

The Resident Trooper's office continues to be actively involved within the community. The office works diligently with the school district on safety and security issues, with the Resident Trooper being a member of the ad hoc safety and security committee. The Resident Trooper's office is an active member with the local prevention council, Advocates for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP). With the help of ASAP, the Resident Trooper's office held two (2) "Drug Take Backs", collecting unneeded or unwanted medications. Additionally, the Resident Trooper's office sponsored the third annual "PIG ROAST" at Hollow Park. This cookout was free to the community and featured laser tag and a video game bus, which was sponsored by ASAP. Additionally, the Resident Trooper's Office has been instrumental in the establishment of a Juvenile Review Board (JRB). This Board is designed to be a diversionary program for a juvenile charged with minor crimes. It allows for the juvenile to receive consequences for these minor crimes while keeping the juvenile out of the Juvenile Justice System.

The Woodbury Resident Trooper's Office is dedicated to serving the town by providing professional law enforcement through enforcing both state statutes and town ordinances and partnering with the community. The town police officers possess a wealth of knowledge and experience that continues to benefit the town greatly. The initiatives undertaken by the Resident Trooper's Office are in direct response to the public's concerns as we seek to improve the quality of life for both Woodbury residents and visitors alike. Law enforcement should be viewed as a partnership between the community and the police. Please do not hesitate to call or stop into the Residents Troopers' Office with concerns or solutions to problems within our community.

POMPERAUG HEALTH DISTRICT

The Pomperaug District Department of Health completed another busy year serving the residents of Woodbury, Southbury and Oxford. The District is both a regulatory agency and, through education, immunization, and screening, serves to enhance the public health of all

our residents. The District completed 3255 flu vaccinations including 800 children under 18. Our active Medical Reserve Corps was expanded with trainings in working with disabled populations and immunizations. The Pomperaug Health District is a governmental agency administered by a Board of Directors that meets eight times per year. Wayne Wood is our Woodbury member. Mr. Wood has attended meetings in the past fiscal year. Our various activities for fiscal year 2015 are shown below:

Service & Activity Level

Environmental Health

Septic System Permits: New & Repair	102
New Home Approvals	46
Deep Soil & Percolation tests	72
Well Permits	61
Building Additions	262
Restaurant Inspections	128
Health Complaint Investigation	46

Community Health

Influenza Vaccinations	3,205
Pneumonia Vaccinations	23
Childhood Vaccinations	857
Zostavax (shingles) Vaccinations	16
Cardiovascular Checkups	1,400
Rabbies Vaccine Clinic – PETS	82
High Risk TB Screenings	25
Chronic Disease Self Management (# people)	36
Vaccination Training for Nurses (medical)	32
Balance Fall Prevention (#people)	24

REGION 22 PROBATE DISTRICT

In 2014, The Region 22 Probate District completed the fourth year of service to approximately 73,000 residents in Woodbury, Bethlehem, Oakville, Watertown, Washington, Southbury, Roxbury, and Oxford.

Those who use the court usually have experienced the loss of a loved one, or are dealing with family members who may no longer be able to care for themselves. Understanding the stress and difficulties that families face, the court and staff focus on providing personal, helpful service that people deserve from their probate court.

This year, the court processed applications for decedent’s estates, trusts, guardianships of adults with intellectual disability, changes of name, conservatorships, and guardianships of the estate of minors.

In addition, Judge Calabrese presided over many children’s matters in the Waterbury Regional Children’s Court. The Region 22 Probate District participates in the regional children’s court because it provides an additional level of resources particularly helpful to families in crisis. These resources are not available outside the regional children’s courts. Probate Court Officers, who have master’s degrees in social work and extensive experience working with children and families, are available to families involved in matters in the children’s court. Probate Court Officers meet with families outside of hearings and help them access critical resources to help them work through problems and challenges under the oversight of the court.

During the year, Judge Calabrese conducted free seminars on a variety of probate topics at senior centers and other locations throughout the 7-town district. Topics included The Hows and Whys of Probate after the Loss of a Loved One; Living Trusts: Myth versus Reality; Legal Incapacity, Conservatorships, and the Probate Court; and Wills. Judge Calabrese also published a number of articles in the Town Times newspaper in Watertown focusing on legal incapacity; many of those articles are available on the probate court’s website, which may be accessed through the Town of Woodbury website.

A number of measures have been taken in 2014-15 to improve the security of the court facility. Many of them were recommended in a security assessment performed by Officer Chris Grillo of the Southbury Police Department. In 2014, all Connecticut probate courts had security assessments performed by local law enforcement. Court security has been a priority issue for all Connecticut courts over the past 2 years. Connecticut probate courts are unique among other Connecticut courts because of the accessibility of the staff and informality of proceedings. Security measures in place in other Connecticut and federal courthouses, such as marshals, metal detectors and restricted access, are largely absent in our probate courts. Improvements in our probate court are designed to enhance security for the public and court staff, while preserving the informality and access that the public deserves.

The staff of the court includes Gail Cesarello, Chief Clerk; Amanda Cesarello, Heather Hoyt, Pamela Osborne, Millie Johnson, Page Overhiser, and Cynthia Gilbode.

The court is open 5 days a week from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and is located at 501 Main Street South in Southbury, on the first floor of the Southbury Town Hall. The mailing address is Post Office Box 720, Southbury, CT 06488-0720; phone (203)262-0641; Website: <http://www.southbury-ct.org/content/996/278/353/default.aspx>

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

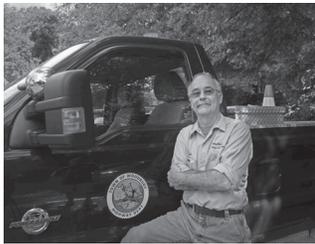
Christopher Laux, Chairman

The Public Building Commission has been busy with the continuing review of maintenance and capital projects in the Town's buildings.

General Maintenance Projects, such as small building improvements and repairs, require only a simple review of the scope of work and their associated costs, along with making appropriate recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Those projects are noted in the minutes of the monthly meetings.

Capital Projects require a more intensive review, such as the development of bid specifications for the solicitation of proposals for construction projects. These projects include lead remediation and painting of the Parker Academy; renovations to the exterior of the Old Town Clerk's Building and proposed alterations and additions to the Library.

The commission held 8 regular monthly meetings in FY 2014-2015. Members' Regular Meeting attendance in FY 2014-2015 was as follows: Christopher Laux 87.5%, Victor Faggella 62.5%, Edward Hart 75%, Frank Pacilio 75%, and Peter Sola 62.5%.



PUBLIC WORKS

Rich Lamothe, Director

The Department of Public Works staff includes: Director, Rich Lamothe; Administrative Assistant, Marge Warner; Mechanic, Joe Puglio; along with the Equipment Operators Mike Crownshaw, Bill Kern, Stu Kimball, Ed King, Ron Smith, Josh Talarico, Pete Wall and Lee Warner.

The Department of Public Works maintains 92 miles of improved road with 8 miles of unimproved. This year the Department continued with maintenance, capital projects and road improvements. Training continues with the crew assuring safety and complying with DOT and OSHA regulations. Drainage improvements were completed on Sherman Hill Road installing five new catch basins as well as improving the site line. The retention pond on Silver Brook Lane was opened. The cross culvert on Quassapaug Road was replaced and the riverbank on Old US Rt.6 #2 was stabilized. The department assisted with the Town's communication system excavating a trench for the "hard wiring" beginning at the Police Department continuing to the Senior Center.

Paving was completed on Curtiss Road Extension and after the improvements on Old Sherman Hill Road and Mill Bridge. Crack sealing was completed on North Gate Road, Timber Lane and Jack's Bridge Road.

The winter season for the Public Works consisted of 36 events. The Town continued to use both chemically treated and environmentally safe material for snow and ice control, anticipating that Spring Season cleanup could be minimal. The crew placed 1500 Tons of salt along with 6,500 Tons of sand.

Regular maintenance continues throughout the year with sweeping the roads, catch basin cleaning, road-side mowing, pot hole patching, tree trimming and tree removal. Safety improvements were also completed with guardrail installation on Middle Road Turnpike, Quassapaug Road and Minortown Road.

The Transfer Station/ Recycling Center processed approximately 1535 Tons of municipal waste, 522 Tons of bulky waste and 736 Tons of recyclables, roughly a 160 Ton increase from last year since the inception of "Single Stream" recycling. Other items recycled totals are: 133 Tons of metal, 4000 gallons of used motor oil, and 66 Tons of electronics. Brush brought to the Transfer Station/ Recycling Center once again was double-ground and produced mulch, a usable product made available to residents.



REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Judith W. Henderson, Registrar of Voters
 Anne Cushman Schwaikert, Registrar of Voters

During the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, the following votes and related activities were held:

Date	Vote
23 July, 2014	Third Referendum on Town Budget -- Passed
12 August, 2014	State Primary – Republican
4 November, 2014	Gubernatorial Election
17 November, 2014	Town Meeting to Vote on Possible Arts Council; Vote was a tie and therefore failed
05 May 2015	Region 14 Budget Referendum – Passed
12 May 2015	Manual Recount of Region 14 Budget Referendum ballots mandated by closeness of the Tabulator count; validated Tabulator results
30 May 2015	Town Budget Referendum –Failed
22 June 2015	Budget Town Meeting
26 June 2015	Second Referendum on Town Budget scheduled but due to timing of filing legal notice, was rescheduled for July.

The number of active electors in Woodbury as of June 30, 2014 compared with 2013 was:

Affiliation	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2014	Change
Democrats	1554	1601	47
Republicans	2373	2413	40
Unaffiliated	2620	2671	51
Other	76	30	-46
Total	6623	6715	90

Anne Cushman Schwaikert and Robert F. Clarke continued in office as Democratic Registrar of Voters and Deputy Registrar of Voters, respectively. Judy Henderson and Nancy Mackey continued in office as Republican Registrar of Voters and Deputy Registrar of Voters, respectively.

During their regular office hours on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10:30am, the registrars processed 297 new voter registrations, 299 changes in registration and 357 removals. Input for these actions came from registration cards submitted by mail, in person or online by voters, DMV records, notices from the Secretary of the State, and death notices from a combination of newspaper obituaries and the website tributes.com.

In addition to maintaining the accuracy of Woodbury's voting records both in the paper files and the state database, the registrars processed over 100 voter lists, vote results party enrollment reports and other reports for party committees, candidate and candidate committees, research companies and private individuals.

The annual canvass of all Woodbury voters was held from January through May 2014, and notices were mailed to voters who could not be located in town and who, according to data from the Post Office's NCOA (National Change of Address Database), had moved

either within or out of town. A total of 50 voters (29.3%) responded. (While we always wish for a bigger response, it far outpaces the 2% to 5% average response rate for unsolicited direct mail (Source: Direct Marketing Association) Voting records for the respondents were adjusted to match information received from the voter. Voters who did not respond were moved to Inactive status.

The registrars held a special registration session at Nonnewaug Regional High School in June for 18-year-olds and those who will turn 18 on or before the Municipal Election on November 3rd.

The Registrars and Deputy Registrars attended statewide conferences sponsored by ROVAC and the Secretary of the State in Late Summer of 2014, Fall of 2014 and Spring of 2015.

With memories of the October, 2012 snowstorm and 2013's Tropical Storm Sandy still fresh, the Registrars and Town Clerk continue to abide by, and fine-tune our Emergency Plan for Elections which was approved by the Board of Selectmen in 2013. Since that time, all election/referendum moderators have been required to read and understand the printed Emergency Plan for Elections and have it available in the polling

place(s). Thankfully, we had no emergencies this past fiscal year.

Two new state laws resulted in changes, both in how people register and vote:

In the November 5, 2013 Municipal Election, citizens could, for the first time, register to vote AND vote on Election Day. Registrars set up a separate polling place in the Shove Building Conference Room, adjacent to their offices, so that the registrars could immediately validate new voter in the CONNverse voter database, after which the voter was given a ballot and completed it in the adjacent conference room. In Woodbury, we registered 30 voters that day, three times last year's total. We expect that the voter awareness of this service grows the availability of Election Day Registration will considerably improve the turnout.

The second law, providing for Online Voter Registration, was phased in during the first half of 2014. Instead of having to request a paper registration card to be picked up in person or mailed, citizens who have a CT driver's license or state-issued identity card can now go to the Voter Registration page on the Secretary of the State's website:

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>
Up until now, there has been limited publicity for this new feature during the debugging phase, but we are starting to see quite a few new voters registered this way, and we expect the numbers will grow with increased publicity and public knowledge.

As part of the 2014-2015 session of the State Legislature, Denise Merrill, the Secretary of the State, presented draft legislation to the General Administration and Elections Committee, part of which, if passed, would have replaced the current system of elected registrars from different parties with a single registrar appointed by the municipality. Connecticut's registrars, and our state association, ROVAC, while in favor of those sections of the proposed legislation designed to improve the accuracy and efficiency of elections, were against the proposed change to our function, for numerous reasons, not the least of which would be the loss of the checks and balance offered by two registrars of different parties. At the public hearing held by the General Administration and Elections Committee of the State Legislature in March, over 100 registrars as well as ROVAC leadership were in attendance. A number of registrars, including both registrars from Woodbury, submitted written testimony to the committee arguing against the single registrar proposal; and the chairman of ROVAC, Melissa Russell testified in person. Largely because of ROVAC's turnout and testimony, the GA&E Committee directed the Secretary of the State to convene a committee consisting

of representatives from her office, ROVAC and SEEC (the State Elections Enforcement Commission) to revise the draft legislation and represent the result both to the GA&E committee and the Legislature. The legislation developed by the Committee was subsequently passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Malloy, keeps the system of 2 elected registrars per municipality and also includes provisions requiring registrars to be certified and continuing the process of computerizing Connecticut's elections, both of which measures were heartily endorsed by Woodbury's registrars and ROVAC.

Looking forward to FY2014-2015 and beyond, we are following several pieces of legislation and initiatives that, if passed, will make voting even easier and more convenient than it has ever been, and enable technologies to speed the flow of elections and increase the accuracy of election records.

But as always, we in the Elections Department can only do so much – we can't and would never want to force people to turn out and vote. Voting is an important privilege and responsibility of citizenship. So, if you are reading this report, are 18 or over, not in prison or on parole, and are not currently registered, we strongly encourage you to call us, stop in to the Town Clerk's office, or go online to: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do> and get registered. If you are currently registered, we urge you to vote.

We hope we will see all Woodbury Voters – including you – at the polls in FY2015-2016.

RETIREMENT & PENSION BOARD

Eugene F. Shugrue, Chairman

The Woodbury Pension Board is responsible for the prudent management and investment of the pension assets held in trust for Town employees eligible for retirement benefits. Pension fund assets, held at Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as of June 30, 2015 were valued at \$5,537,203.39, compared to \$5,358,249.10 as of July 1, 2014.

According to the actuarial adviser to the Pension Board, the Pension Plan's assets are adequate to meet our retirees' current and future benefits. For fiscal year end June 30, 2015, our Actuary recommended a Plan contribution of \$397,969. The Pension Board voted and approved such a \$397,969 Town of Woodbury contribution that was funded early in fiscal year July 2014 to June 2015.

For fiscal year end June 30, 2016, our Actuary recommended a Plan contribution of \$469,632. The Pension Board voted and approved such a \$469,632 Town of Woodbury contribution that has been included in next year's budget (fiscal year July 2015 to June 2016). Contribution levels at or above the Actuary's recommended amount insure adequate Plan fund levels

for future retirement benefits. To properly manage Plan assets we utilized competent outside actuarial and investment advisors including BPS&M of Brentwood, TN. and Wells Fargo Bank, NA.

Given the volatile conditions in the global capital markets and slowly improving economic climate, the Pension Board's investment policies and strategies were reviewed and deemed to be appropriate during the past year. Given this environment, Plan assets grew by slightly under \$180,000 during this same time period.

The Pension Board met five times over the past year, three regular meetings and two special meetings. These meetings were held to monitor the performance of the Pension Plan assets, approve Plan payouts, elect Pension Board Officers and working with outside advisors, assess the adequacy of the Plan's Investment Policy and strategies. Both Actuarial Advisors and Investment Advisors participated in several of these meetings.

A quorum was present at all Pension Board meetings over the past fiscal year. Member meeting attendance at the above mentioned five meetings was as follows: Mike Cunningham 60%, Marc Kroll 80%, Peter Mastroianni 100%, Eugene Shugrue 100% and Robert Taylor 80%.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Sandee Vicari, Director and Municipal Agent

During the year 2014-2015 this department continued to see an increase in activity. The new database has proven to be an asset to this department by keeping an accurate count of services provided.

This office provided 424 services to 571 people (couples and families count as a single unit). Sixty-five of the 571 were new to the office. 295 clients are single adults, 140 clients consist of families. 390 adults age 65 or older received services from this department.

In the year 2014-2015 one hundred forty four people applied for Energy Assistance and nineteen clients received aid from Operation Fuel. Seventy-four clients received Renters Rebate from the state. This office made five referrals to the Safelink phone program to get cell phones for those eligible. Twenty-one people were referred to the Food Bank. Eighty five (85) Seniors received vouchers from the Department of Agriculture for the Farmers Market. Fifty applications were made for the Medicare Savings Program. Twenty-one referrals were made to Community Services for oil assistance and propane.

There is ongoing involvement and reliance on the Woodbury Community Services which provides financial assistance in emergencies to clients as well as food from the food bank and gifts during the holiday times. This office continues to work closely with Protective Services when needed, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We assist with Medicare, Medicaid, Husky A, B, C, and D, and Medigap, Medicare D and ConnPACE referrals and applications.

Currently there are eleven open Protective Services for the Elderly cases in Woodbury. This is an extreme increase over the last fiscal year's two cases. These cases require time consuming case management and integration of services. As The elderly population in the town increases, these services are expected to increase also.

Membership in and attendance at informational meetings held by various organizations continues with the following organizations: Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA), The Home Care Program (CCCI), Connecticut Association of Municipal Agents for the Elderly (CAMAEE), and Connecticut Local Administrators of Social Services (CLASS).

The need and assistance offered by Social Services continues to be varied and complex from helping people receive food and medication to helping secure funds for rent and medical bills, assistance with

SHADE TREE AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Spring is the most active time of the year for the Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee. Five large trees were planted in Town Rights of Way and Parks. Forty-three young trees were added to the Town tree nursery. Tree maintenance continued with emphasis on Town Green tree pruning.

The Committee also managed the planting of a flowering crab tree memorial at Strong Preserve donated by friends of Gerry Stomski, former First Selectman and long-time Committee member.

In May, Bethlehem fourth grade students went on an educational tree walk led by Tree Warden, John Thomas. Bud Neal led two well-received Tree Care courses. Tree displays were mounted at the Library as part of an on-going publicity program.

Once again, discussion was held regarding extension of the Town Sidewalk system. No funding is currently available for this project.

The generosity of donors to the annual solicitation drive makes the tree program possible. Many thanks to all of you who participated.

Attendance: K. Campbell – 80%; D. Garred – 100%; D. Monckton – 100%; M. Pieper – 100%; P. Stephonaitis – 100%; J. Thomas – 60%; L. Warner – 100%; T. Zissu – 100%.

home care and doing ongoing needs assessments. In the last few months of the fiscal year this office has felt an increase need for affordable housing and rents that will continually be a growing trend.



TAX COLLECTOR

Linda G. Lewis CCMC, Tax Collector

The Current Year Tax to be collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was \$28,426,381.00 based upon a budgeted collection rate of 98.5%. The total actually collected was:

Current Year Taxes	\$ 28,333,965.90
Prior Years' taxes	451,149.22
Interest and Lien Fees	261,809.52
Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes	<u>232,225.63</u>
	\$ 29,279,150.27

The percentage of the current adjusted tax levy collected as of June 30, 2015, was 98.39%. The total collection rate including all taxes collected, current and prior years, interest and lien fees and supplemental motor vehicle taxes was 101.68%, \$242,769.27 more was collected than budgeted for total tax revenue.

Although the economy is supposed to have improved many taxpayers are struggling to pay. During the past fiscal year thirty-five foreclosures, committee deeds and deeds in lieu of foreclosure have been recorded in the Town clerk's Office compared to the previous two fiscal years which were twenty-five and twenty-eight respectively. As always, collecting back tax and helping delinquent taxpayers to become current are a primary concern.

For the second year in a row, tax bills were mailed late for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. After three referendums the budget finally passed and bills were mailed with a due date of August 1 and payable by September 2. The delay again caused a good deal of confusion for taxpayers, banks, attorneys and motor vehicle leasing companies. In addition, there is less time to collect current taxes, less interest collected from past due accounts and interest on the town's investments is reduced as well.

The Tax Collector continues to use the lock box services of Lighthouse Financial Services in conjunction with the town's local bank. The return envelopes provided to taxpayers with their bills have the lock box address in Woburn, Massachusetts. Lighthouse deposits

directly into the town's account and their automated process ensures that funds are deposited quickly.

The Collector can also receive payments online through the town's website, www.woodburyct.org, with the use of credit or debit cards or electronic payments from the taxpayer's checking or savings account. Convenience fees apply to cover administrative costs and vary by the type of payment made. The town, however, only collects the bill amount due. Taxpayers can also look up their bills, print copies and access payment history for income tax or other purposes.



TOWN CLERK

Linda L Carlson CCTC, Town Clerk
Suzanne Cooper, CCTC Assistant Town Clerk

State Statute and Town Charter determine the duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk's Office maintains permanent land records of all documents recorded and survey maps filed for the Town of Woodbury. You can find a list of all Boards and Commissions along with all meeting minutes and agendas for each board in our office. The Town Charter, the rules and procedures for Town Meetings, and the minutes of all meetings are kept as permanent record in our vault.

The Town Clerk is the Registrar of Vital Statistics. Records of Birth, Marriage and Death are permanent record in our office and date back to the 1700's. People are welcome to come in and research their ancestry from our records. Certified copies of these records can be issued according to the Connecticut General State Statutes. Veteran discharge papers are also filed here which entitles the Veteran to a Tax Exemption.

The Town Clerk's Office issues Dog licenses, Marriage licenses, and Hunting and Fishing licenses. Trade Name certificates are also available. Most forms are available on the Town Clerk's website for request of Marriage license, Birth Certificate certified copies, absentee ballots, trade name certificates and more.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are Notary Publics. Please note that wills and living wills are excluded from this service. The Town Clerk's Office is also responsible for issuing absentee ballots and registering voters in the absence of the Registrar of Voters.

The Town Clerk records and transcribes the minutes of all Town Meetings and certifies action taken by Town Meeting as to bonding and agreements. This office is the custodian of the Town Seal.

The following is a breakdown of the income collected by this office for this Fiscal year.

Land Record Recordings	\$ 80,557
Document Preservation	4,437
Open Space	59,160
Conveyance Tax – Town	156,999
Map Filings	130
Sport licenses	7,057
Dog licenses	11,577
Marriage licenses	990
Miscellaneous	21,994
Map Copies	1,119
Gross Income	\$343,971
Less fees paid to the State for Licenses, Document Preservation & Open Space	(\$102,602)
Net Income	\$241369

Vital Statistics:	#
Births	63
Deaths	76
Marriages	69

Following are the summary results of the Town Wide Referenda during Fiscal 2014-5:

July 23, 2014, Municipal Budget
 Shall town approve \$9,276,779 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015? Approved 739 YES vs. 654 NO.

August 12, 2014, Statewide Republican Primary

May 5, 2015, Region 14 Budget
 Shall budget of \$32,736,726 be approved? Approved 1328 YES vs. 1261 NO. Note that the towns' votes were: Woodbury YES-1028, NO-932 and Bethlehem YES-300, NO-329.

May 28, 2015, Municipal Budget
 Shall town approve \$9,646,438 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016? Failed 502 YES vs. 638 NO.

TOWN MEETING SUMMARIES

The following is a brief summary of the business conducted at town meetings held this fiscal year. Full minutes are available in the Town Clerk's office.

- July 15, 2014, Special Town Meeting
 2014-5 Budget presentation
 Moved to referendum
- November 17, 2014, Annual Town Meeting
 1. Appoint Andrew Sherman Trustee for Frank Ward Strong Fund. Approved

- 2. Appoint Andrew Sherman Trustee for Roger B Sherman Fund. Approved
 - 3. Receive 2014 Annual Report and Audit. Approved
 - 4. Receive State of Town Report. No action
 - 5. Approve establishment of "Woodbury Arts & Culture Commission. Motion failed in tie vote.
- March 17, 2015, Special Town Meeting
- 1. Consider resolution to appropriate \$3,605,000 for bonding to fund town road plan. Approved
 - 2. Consider resolution to appropriate \$2,065,000 for bonding to fund capital equipment plan. Approved
 - 3. Authorize BOS to enter into the State Clean Energy Agreement. Approved
- May 18, 2015, Annual Budget Meeting
- 1. Authorize BOS to enter into agreement with State for Aid in construction, improvements and maintenance of highways, bridges. Approved
 - 2. Authorize BOS to dispose of obsolete equipment valued less than \$10,000. Approved
- Discussion of the 2015-6 budget
 Moved to referendum.
- June 22, 2015, Town Budget Meeting
 2015-6 Budget presentation
- 1. Motion made to increase capital expenditures by \$18,500 for new field tractor. Approved
- Budget moved to referendum

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FUNDS
Andrew H. Sherman, Chairman and Trustee

From time to time, individuals or other entities may donate funds in trust to the Town of Woodbury to be used for specific purposes as directed by the donors. Such gifts may be made in one of two forms: either as non-expendable permanent endowment trusts, or as expendable trusts. All funds held in trust are comingled and invested in accordance with state statutes, with policies of the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the specific terms of the trust documents under which the funds were donated. Investment income accrues to appropriate expendable trusts on a pro rata basis. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Trustees of Town Funds adopted a formal investment policy, as well as policy guidelines for the expenditure of funds.

The Town Charter provides for three individuals to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve at will as Trustees of Town Funds. They are responsible for the administration and investment of the funds held in trust. In some instances, a donor may impose specific conditions on the administration of a trust, including the election of a single trustee. The Trustees of Town Funds ensure that these conditions are met. The chairman of the Trustees of Town Funds has traditionally been nominated and elected at the Town Meeting in November

of each year to serve for a one-year term, as the single trustee for trusts requiring one.

Generally the funds administered by the Trustees of Town Funds may not be used for purposes that are ordinary responsibilities of the Town or the regional school district. In some instances, however, they may be used to supplement funds used for such purposes. Gifts have been designated for education (such as prize money for scholarships), for assistance to residents in financial need, for the library, and for public works including maintenance of local roads and Town buildings. The Board of Selectmen directs the use of the expendable funds, subject to the fiduciary approval of the Trustees of Town Funds, and, in some cases, to the approval of other cognizant boards or commissions. As of June 30, 2015, the aggregate balance held in non-expendable endowment trusts was \$579,286.15, and the aggregate balance held in expendable trusts was \$279,211.26. During the calendar year ended December 31, 2014, the rate of return on trust investments was approximately 2.47%. In early 2015, the Trustees restructured the investments, which increased the rate of return to approximately 4% for the balance of the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Trustees authorized expenditures of \$10,000 for food vouchers for low-income residents; \$38,540 for an engineering software project in support of maintenance and repairs of town roads; and \$450 for three scholarships to graduating seniors at Nonnewaug High School. The funds for these expenditures were drawn from a number of expendable trusts permitting such expenditures. The funds were transferred from the Trustees' accounts to the Town Fiscal Office, which then issued checks following the Town's standard operating procedures.

On November 17, 2014, the Annual Town Meeting appointed Mr. Sherman as the trustee for the Roger B. Sherman Funds and the Frank Ward Strong School Fund, to serve from November 17, 2014 until November 16, 2015.

The Trustees of Town Funds held five regular meetings and one special meeting during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Members' attendance records were as follows: Andrew Sherman–100%; CharlesHeaven–100%; Heather Foster–100%. Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year, Ms. Foster resigned from the Trustees of Town Funds effective July 20, 2015.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William S. Garms, Director

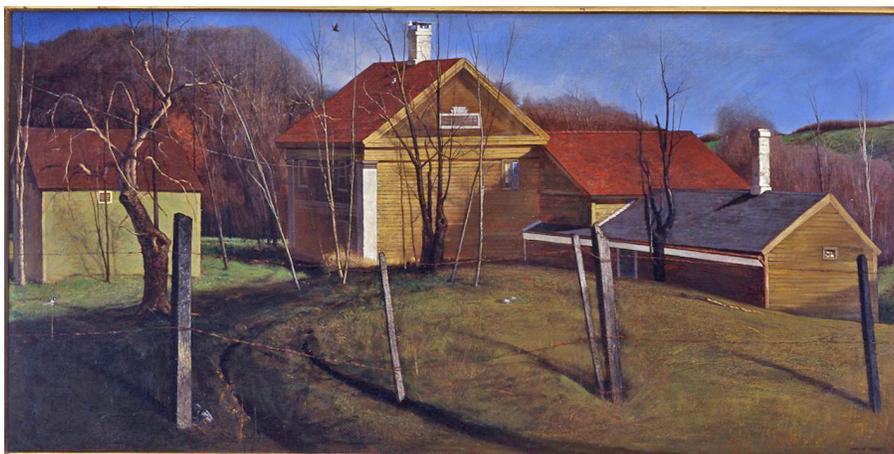
Fiscal year 2014-2015 was a time of transition as Director Randy Ashmore resigned and William Garms took over the position along with deputy director Dan Fennessy.

Several training evolutions have been undertaken including the 2015 ARES radio test, the results of which are still pending. A DEMAS High frequency radio test was also conducted, which was a success, ensuring communications with Region 5 EOC at the state level. An inventory of supplies at the EOC was conducted and a file generated. There have been informational meeting with Northeast Communications concerning possible upgrades at the tower sites.

A review of the towns Emergency Operations procedures is ongoing. Eversource representatives have gone over the town's Emergency Infrastructure and assigned priority areas to be repaired/maintained in an emergency.

The CERT team, which falls under the purview of the EMO, has been having its monthly meetings/training sessions and hopes to expand its membership. The CERT team has been activated for several training evolutions and a radio communication test has been successfully conducted.

There were no LEPC meetings conducted, however, they will resume at the end of October to discuss the upcoming winter season and preparation for the same.



BEFORE NIGHTFALL AT AUGUSTA'S
Acrylic/tempera on panel, 28 ½ x 57 ½ inches. 1968-1972

BOARD OF FINANCE

Alex Desorbo, Chairman

The General Statutes and the Town Charter of Woodbury give the Board of Finance specific responsibility for preparing the Annual budget, setting the property tax rate, approving special appropriations and transfers, determining financial record keeping, assigning an auditor and setting the property tax rate for the town. The Board is also responsible for publishing the Annual Report of the Town and presenting it at the Annual Town Meeting in November.

Town operations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 yielded a net General Fund surplus of \$386,329. Lower than budgeted operating costs contributed \$350,965 with contributions by most operating departments (led by Park and Recreation, Library) and fringe benefit costs. Overall revenues exceeded budget by \$35,364. Region 14 credited \$63,857 to the Town, accounting for 16% of the total surplus.

As noted elsewhere the Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB), the operating reserves of the Town, closed the year at \$3,378,697 or 10.7% of current year appropriations, in keeping with the Board's adopted Fund Balance Policy guidelines. This amount represents about 6 weeks of operating reserves.

In the FY ending 2015, the Woodbury share of the Region 14 budget was 68.9% (\$22,021,433) of the total \$32,055,775 Region 14 -15 appropriation. Education represented 70.4% (61.5% after applying the state Education Cost Sharing {ECS} grant) of the Annual Budget for the Town of Woodbury. Long awaited changes to the ECS grant award in the upcoming 15-16 has lessened the net Region 14 tax requirement by about 2% to 66.7% of the Annual Budget.

Anticipating continued difficulty in maintaining the Towns roads and capital equipment replacement requirements, the Board of Finance formed two subcommittees to identify and recommend a forward looking capital needs plan. As a result, working with the department heads and the Selectmen, Capital Roads projects and Capital equipment projections were examined over a 3 month period. Final recommendations were made by the Board of Finance and the Selectmen for a \$3,605,000 Roads and a \$2,065,000 Equipment appropriation and bond authorization. The total \$5,670,000, approved at a Special Town Meeting in March 2015, is structured to allow for flexibility in the financing and timing of the projects and guarantees our capital needs for the next 3-5 years can be addressed.

The outlook for the 2016-17 Budget is improved with the Capital projects financing authorizations and the increased ECS grant. However, Woodbury remains in the top ten towns in the state that rely almost entirely on property taxes and almost entirely on residential taxes for its revenues. The Board of Finance, with the Selectmen and town departments, in the last two years has held the impact to taxes from town operations to zero and will

strive to find avenues to mitigate mill rate increases in future budgets. The Board will look to continue to work closely with the Region 14 Board and Administration to encourage an economic and effective approach to district capital projects and funding implications.

The Board of Finance held 25 meetings in FY 2014-15 (11 Regular and 14 Special meetings). Attendance for 25 eligible meetings was as follows: Alex DeSorbo, Chairman 96%, Stan Love, Vice-Chairman 92%, Michael Cunningham 84%, William Monti 100%, Steven Tranguch 72%, Nancy Grasing (appointed December 2014) 93% (13 of 14). Former member: Charles Bartlett (resigned December 2014) 60% (6 of 10). The Board of Finance thanks Charles Bartlett for his dedicated service to the Town of Woodbury and his contribution to this Board.



FISCAL OFFICE

Manuel Gomes, Fiscal Officer/Treasurer

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$18,307,375 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$396,436 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$86,857. The increase is due substantially to a large road donation during the fiscal year offset by increased expenses for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) and pension.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,825,076, an increase of \$437,317 in comparison with the prior year. This increase is a result of positive operations in the general fund. \$2,456,089 of the total fund balance is non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned, leaving an *unassigned fund balance* in the amount of \$3,368,987.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$3,378,697, an increase of \$290,590 in comparison with the prior year. This represents 10.7% of total budgetary general fund expenditures and transfers out.

- During the fiscal year, the Town implemented GASB 68 related to pensions. GASB 68 required that the net pension liability be recorded on the government-wide financial statements. The result of implementing GASB 68 was a prior period adjustment as of July 1, 2014 to record the net pension liability of \$4,331,395. The current year pension expense was \$807,931 and the net pension liability at June 30, 2015 was \$5,539,408.

The Town adopts an annual budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,825,076. \$2,456,089 is not available for new spending because it has already been classified as 1) non-spendable as endowments of the permanent trust funds (\$323,045), 2) restricted (\$1,171,467), 3) committed (\$401,634) and 4) assigned (\$559,943).

The total fund balance increased by \$437,317 to \$5,825,076. This increase is substantially due to positive operations in the general fund.

The general fund is the operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$3,378,697. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it is useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 10.7% of total general fund budgetary expenditures and transfers out.

There was \$38,540 of additional appropriations as of June 30, 2015 funded by transfers in from permanent funds for road surveys.

There were budget transfers out from fringe benefits and contingency of \$50,327 and \$80,000, respectively. These budget transfers were used to fund items such as legal, police, and snow removal.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Town's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2015 amounts to \$20,895,027 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, collections, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment and vehicles, infrastructure and construction in progress. The total decrease in the Town's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$71,071 (0.3%). This decrease is due to depreciation of assets for the fiscal year offset by capital assets acquisitions during the year. Only those assets that cost \$5,000 or more with a useful

life exceeding two years are capitalized. Assets costing less than \$5,000 are expensed.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Acceptance of donated road (\$527,605 placed in service)
- Completion of telecommunications/telephone project (\$252,572 placed in service)
- Sale of 2 vehicles and 2 pieces of equipment with an original cost of \$83,590 with a loss on disposal of \$17,080

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had total bonded debt outstanding of \$4,285,000. The Town did not issue any bonds or BANs during the year. All debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town maintains an "Aa2" rating from Moody's Investor Service.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to 7 times total tax collections including tax collections from Woodlake Tax District. The current debt limitation for the Town is \$213,531,654, which is significantly in excess of the Town's outstanding general obligation debt. Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note III. E.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The unemployment rate for the State is currently 5.5%, which is a decrease from a rate of 6.6% a year ago. This is higher than the national average of 5.2%. The Town's inflation rate was 4.1%.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.
- Connecticut's economy continues to lag behind the national economy which has affected the amount of intergovernmental revenues the Town will receive in fiscal year 2016 and thereafter.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town's budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

Additional Information: This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances. The Audit of the Town of Woodbury presented at the Annual Town Meeting in November is available at the Town Clerk's office. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Fiscal Office.

**General Fund Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources -
Year Ended June 30, 2015 Budget and Actual**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Current property taxes	\$ 28,426,381	\$ 28,426,381	\$ 28,284,556	\$ (141,825)
Prior year taxes	270,000	270,000	451,149	181,149
Interest and lien fees	150,000	150,000	261,810	111,810
Supplemental motor vehicle tax	190,000	190,000	232,226	42,226
Telephone access grant	47,000	47,000	45,065	(1,935)
Total property taxes	29,083,381	29,083,381	29,274,806	191,425
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Miscellaneous state grants	10,000	10,000	29,137	19,137
OPM revenue sharing	50,066	50,066	-	(50,066)
MRSA municipal projects	52,522	52,522	53,522	1,000
Pequot fund	16,336	16,336	19,476	3,140
In lieu of taxes/state property	471	471	572	101
Boat tax reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Elderly circuit breaker	50,976	50,976	49,502	(1,474)
Veterans property tax exempt	2,908	2,908	2,220	(688)
Town aid roads	296,363	296,363	295,851	(512)
Education	942,926	942,926	942,926	-
Federal drug subsidy/retirement	7,180	7,180	6,814	(366)
Total intergovernmental revenues	1,429,748	1,429,748	1,400,020	(29,728)
Charges for services:				
Field fee income	5,500	5,500	8,360	2,860
Town clerk fees	155,000	155,000	238,893	83,893
Public safety permits	5,000	5,000	4,270	(730)
Building permits	80,000	80,000	98,782	18,782
Landfill fees	45,000	45,000	51,779	6,779
Assessor	1,200	1,200	940	(260)
Inland wetlands agency	2,500	2,500	1,964	(536)
Elderly transport	12,090	12,090	17,801	5,711
Planning commission	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)
Zoning commission	25,000	25,000	8,798	(16,202)
Zoning board of appeals	2,250	2,250	2,616	366
Historic district commission	300	300	750	450
Library fines/fees	7,500	7,500	7,214	(286)
Park and recreation program income	175,000	175,000	161,078	(13,922)
Ambulance fee reimbursement	4,000	4,000	333	(3,667)
Motor vehicle fines	500	500	625	125
Alarm fines	-	-	75	75
Dog fees	600	600	1,433	833
Total charges for services	523,940	523,940	605,711	81,771
Income from investments	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 20,581	\$ (23,419)
Other revenues	35,000	35,000	51,750	16,750
Total revenues	31,116,069	31,116,069	31,352,868	236,799
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance	225,000	225,000	-	(225,000)
Sale of town property	-	-	4,000	4,000
Cancellation of encumbrances	-	-	13,982	13,982
Transfers in	21,000	59,540	65,123	5,583
Total other financing sources	246,000	284,540	83,105	(201,435)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 31,362,069	\$ 31,400,609	\$ 31,435,973	\$ 35,364

**General Fund Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Year Ended June 30, 2015 Budget and Actual**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
General government:				
Legislative	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,634	\$ 4,306	\$ 328
Board of selectmen	188,412	197,310	194,485	2,825
Judicial	10,489	10,489	5,163	5,326
Elections	44,784	50,264	48,852	1,412
Treasurer/fiscal	254,522	259,164	256,787	2,377
Board of finance	36,305	36,463	36,244	219
Assessor	114,514	118,293	115,938	2,355
Board of assessment appeals	5,216	1,774	444	1,330
Tax collector	98,519	106,481	102,951	3,530
Legal	155,000	147,995	140,535	7,460
Town clerk	129,352	135,254	132,640	2,614
Commissions for elderly	187,869	214,319	205,732	8,587
Town hall and buildings	204,165	212,168	201,474	10,694
Land use department	175,124	182,473	148,687	33,786
Total general government	1,606,771	1,677,081	1,594,238	82,843
Public safety:				
Police	954,027	964,520	953,139	11,381
Fire department	305,734	300,592	294,473	6,119
Fire marshal	104,352	100,537	98,006	2,531
Fire commissioners	1,088	1,110	553	557
Emergency management	146,521	146,521	136,287	10,234
Building official	111,680	115,056	111,377	3,679
Animal control	35,741	36,218	28,280	7,938
Total public safety	1,659,143	1,664,554	1,622,115	42,439
Public works:				
Highways	1,332,139	1,468,545	1,429,600	38,945
Sanitary/waste removal	367,120	365,151	334,066	31,085
Parks and lawn maintenance	56,500	58,469	57,558	911
Road surveys	-	38,540	38,540	-
Total public works	1,755,759	1,930,705	1,859,764	70,941
Health and welfare:				
Health department	81,374	81,853	81,852	1
Welfare/social services	33,024	34,040	33,214	826
Total health and welfare	114,398	115,893	115,066	827
Parks and recreation	408,182	405,430	351,393	54,037
Library	640,189	632,142	607,616	24,526
Education	22,085,290	22,085,290	22,021,433	63,857
Fringe benefits	1,963,037	1,912,710	1,911,762	948
Other expenditures:				
Payroll adjustment	\$ 64,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax refunds/prior years	5,000	5,000	3,954	1,046
Telephone repairs	500	500	-	500
Postage	35,000	29,753	25,703	4,050
Copy machine	1,100	1,100	763	337
Insurance/general	114,330	111,425	111,425	-
Radio repairs	500	500	-	500
Miscellaneous	3,600	3,600	1,791	1,809
Total other expenditures	224,374	151,878	143,636	8,242
Contingency	80,000	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Interest	138,750	138,750	138,750	-
Principal	390,000	390,000	390,000	-
Total debt service	528,750	528,750	528,750	-
Capital appropriations:				
Equipment/fixed assets	201,269	198,362	198,362	-
Site improvement	25,000	15,898	15,898	-
Capital road fund	69,907	69,096	66,791	2,305
Total capital appropriations	296,176	283,356	281,051	2,305
Total expenditures	31,362,069	31,387,789	31,036,824	350,965
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	12,820	12,820	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 31,362,069	\$ 31,400,609	\$ 31,049,644	\$ 350,965



BRIDGE AT LYNN'S CORNER
Oil, 14 3/8 x 18 1/4 inches, c1980

INFORMATION DIRECTORY

www.woodburyct.org

Police, Fire and Emergency	911	<i>Give your name and address and the nature of your emergency clearly. Do not hang up until you are sure your message has been understood.</i>
Police (Routine calls)	263-3400.....	Joseph.Roden@ct.gov
Fire Department (Routine calls)	263-3100.....	firechief@woodburyct.org

General Offices

Animal Control	910-3228.....	animalcontrol@woodburyct.org
Assessor	263-2435.....	tfiske@woodburyct.org
Building Official	263-5717.....	gtesta@woodburyct.org
Fire Marshal	263-3100.....	jmorgan@woodburyct.org
Fiscal Office	263-2449.....	mgomes@woodburyct.org
Land Use	263-3467.....	AFirlings@woodburyct.org
Library.....	263-3502.....	plunn@biblio.org
Park & Recreation.....	263-3113.....	jmiller@woodburyct.org
Probate Court	262-0641	
Public Works.....	263-3633.....	pworks@woodburyct.org
Registrars of Voters	263-4750.....	RegistrarDem@woodburyct.org RegistrarRep@woodburyct.org
Selectmen.....	263-2141.....	wdbysel@woodburyct.org
Senior Center	263-2828.....	lray@woodburyct.org
Social Services / Municipal Agent	263-4117.....	svicari@woodburyct.org
Tax Collector	263-3912.....	llewis@woodburyct.org
Town Clerk	263-2144.....	lcarlson@woodburyct.org

Schools

Superintendent's Office.....	263-4339.....	5 Minortown Road
Business Manager	263-4330.....	5 Minortown Road
Director of Special Services.....	263-0416.....	5 Minortown Road
Bethlehem Elementary School.....	266-7506.....	92 East Street, Bethlehem
Mitchell Elementary School.....	263-4314.....	14 School Street
Woodbury Middle School.....	263-4306.....	67 Washington Avenue
Nonnewaug High School.....	263-2186.....	5 Minortown Road
Agri-Science at Nonnewaug High School.....	263-4038.....	5 Minortown Road

Transfer Station

Bacon Bond Road, Woodbury Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8:00am - 3:30pm.

ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

William J. Butterly, Jr.
First Selectman
Barbara K. Perkinson
Martin S. Overton

Board of Selectmen

Secretary

Jan Krampitz

Fiscal Officer/Treasurer

Manuel Gomes

Town Planner

Kathy Castagnetta

Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics

Linda Carlson

Assistant Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics

Suzanne B. Cooper

Tax Collector

Linda G. Lewis

Assessor

Tammie Fiske

Animal Control Officer

Judith Umstead

Deputy

Renada Rickevuis
Dana Natrillo

Bd. Of Assessment Appeals

Bonnie Sherman, Chairman
Constance S. Jones
Robert Giannotti

Building Code Board of Appeals

James H. Churchill
Christopher Laux
Jeffrey Leavenworth, *Chr.*
Michael A. Novak
Frank A. Pacilio

Building Official

Gary Testa

Cable Advisory Committee

Jonathan Bernon

Naugatuck Valley

Regional Planning Agency

Robert Clarke
Robert Travers

Charter Revision Comm.

Wm. Drakeley, Sr., *Chr.*
Richard Anderson
Wayne Anderson
Deborah Fuller
Paul Hinckley
Frank Sherer
Richard Snider
Debra Tietz

Conservation Commission

Frederick R. Leavenworth,
Chairman
Lori Hart
John Hobson
Joann King
Jeffrey Sherman
David A. Taylor

Board of Education, Bethlehem:

George V. Bauer, *Chr.*
Carol Brown
Michael Devine
Pamela Zmek

Board of Education, Woodbury:

Charles E. Cosgriff, Sr.
John Chapman
Janet Morgan
Maryanne Van Aken

Commission for the Elderly

Beatrice Arneson
David Peter Arnold
Robert L. Budney
Sharon K. Sherman, *Chair*
Dale White
Darylle Willenbrock

Director of Elderly Services

Loryn Ray

Director of Social Services and Municipal Agent

Sandee Vicari

Emergency Management Advisory Council

Robin Lucas
Richard Lamothe
Janet Morgan

Julie Slivinski
Sgt. Joseph Roden

Emergency Management

William Garms, *Co-Director*
Daniel Fennessy, *Co-Director*

Board of Finance

Michael Cunningham
Alexander P. DeSorbo, *Chr.*
Nancy Grasing
Forest S. Love
William Monti
Steven J. Tranguch

Board of Fire Commissioners

Edward Caisse, *Chairman*
James Arndt
Anne F. Elsenboss
Michael Gransky
David Mirabilio

Fire Marshal

Janet Morgan

Fire Marshal's Deputies

Michael Devine
Brian Proulx
Ned Dalton
William Garms

Town Historian

David Strong

Historic District Commission

Susan Cheatham, *Chair*
Maureen Donnarumma
William Drakeley, Jr.,
Lois Fital
Robert S. Kolesnik, Jr.
Marc Kroll
Nancy Bailey
Frank Sherer, Jr.

Inland-Wetlands Agency

Mary Tyrell, *Chair*
Charles Lewis
Wes Clow
Martha Newell
Susan Windesheim
Donald Richards, Jr.
Ernest Werner
Michael Gransky

Library Director

Patricia Lunn

Library Board of Trustees

Joyce Drakeley
Linda Grayson
Sylvia Herbstritt
George Madsen, Chair
Leslie S. Lebl
Barbara B. Potter

Northwestern Regional Tourism District

William Monti

Town Meeting Moderator

Louis C. DeLuca

Northwest CT Public Safety Communication Center

Frank Morgan

Open Space Acquisition Ad- Hoc Committee

Joel Serota, *Chairman*
Robert Clarke
Linda Drew
Claudette Volage

Parks & Recreation Commission

Timothy Drakeley, *Chair*
Arnaud Bourgeois
Annemarie De-Lessio-Matta
Leslie Gamsjager
Katherine Nichols
Ronald Taurick
Robert Willis

Planning Commission

Robert Travers, *Chairman*
Louis G. Alba
Mary Connolly
Eileen Denver
Joel Serota
Andrew Chapman
Michael Berecz
Kathryn Sherer

Police Officers

Sgt. Joseph Roden,
Resident State Trooper
Peter Maronde, *State Trooper*
Frans Dielmans
Dana Lent
Richard Marsh
Alex Roberts

Lawrence Rockhill
Stephen Tokarz
Timothy Wright
Thomas Accousti, PT
Steven Alvey, PT
Robert Burke, PT
Timothy O'Hanlon, PT
George Romano, PT
Ronald Currier, SRO
Bobby Dickens, SRO
Thomas Federowicz, SRO
Norman George, SRO

Pomperaug District Dept. of Public Health

Wayne Wood

Public Building Commission

Christopher Laux, *Chairman*
Edward Hart
Victor Faggella
Frank Pacilio
Peter Sola

Registrars of Voters

Judith Henderson
Anne Cushman Schwaikert

Deputy Reg. of Voters

Robert F. Clarke
Nancy A. Mackey

Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee

Katharine Campbell, *Chair*
J. Dallas Garred
Priscilla Steponaitis
Thomas Zissu
Maribel Pieper
David Monckton
John Thomas
Lee Warner

Telecommunications

Ad-Hoc Committee

Glen Dains, Chair
Alexander DeSorbo
Kurt Gengenbach
Janet Morgan
Martin Overton

Town Retirement and Pension Board

Eugene Shugrue, *Chairman*
Michael Cunningham
Marc Kroll
Peter Mastroianni
Robert Taylor

Tree Warden

John Thomas

Trustees of Town Funds

Andrew Sherman, *Chair*
Charles Heaven
Heather Foster

Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force

Joel Serota, *Chairman*
Deborah Fuller
John Lacadie
Frederick Leavenworth
Virginia Mason
Arthur Milnor
Barbara Perkinson
Claudette Volage

Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Novak, *Chairman*
Wayne Anderson
Joseph Donato, Jr.
Adam Goldberg
Ronald Judson
Frank Kovacs
Robert Ratzenberger
Claudette Volage

Zoning Commission

Robert Clarke, *Chairman*
Beverly Deickler
Theodore Tietz
Charles Cosgriff, Jr.
David Lampart
Lawrence McDonald
Jon Quint
John Well



In Memoriam

Gerald David Stomski
1956 ~ 2015



On June 27, 2015, a commemorative tree was planted in honor of the dedication and commitment to the Town of Woodbury by the late Gerald D. Stomski, who served two terms as First Selectman until 2013 when he retired with his family to Hampstead, North Carolina.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TOWN MEETING

3rd Monday of May and November (8:00 p.m.)

Board of Selectmen

2nd and 4th Thursday (7:30 p.m.)
except Nov. and Dec., no 2nd meeting

Conservation Commission

4th Thursday (8:00 a.m.)
except Nov. and Dec., 3rd Thursday

Elderly Commission

3rd Monday (5:00 p.m.)
Except July and August

Board of Finance

2nd Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)
except November (1st Wednesday)

Board of Fire Commissioners

3rd Thursday (8:00 p.m.)

Historic District Commission

1st Monday (7:30 p.m.)

Inland Wetlands Agency

2nd and 4th Monday (7:30 p.m.)

Library Board of Trustees

4th Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)

Parks & Recreation Commission

4th Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)

Planning Commission

1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Town Retirement and Pension Board

Quarterly

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Monday (7:30 p.m.)

Zoning Commission

2nd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)
4th Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)

The above noted schedules are subject to modification during the year. All changes are recorded with the Town Clerk. Commission Agendas are filed with the Town Clerk prior to all meetings.



WINTER AT AUGUSTA'S
Watercolor, 20½ x 29 inches. 1970

Courtesy of New Britain Museum of American Art