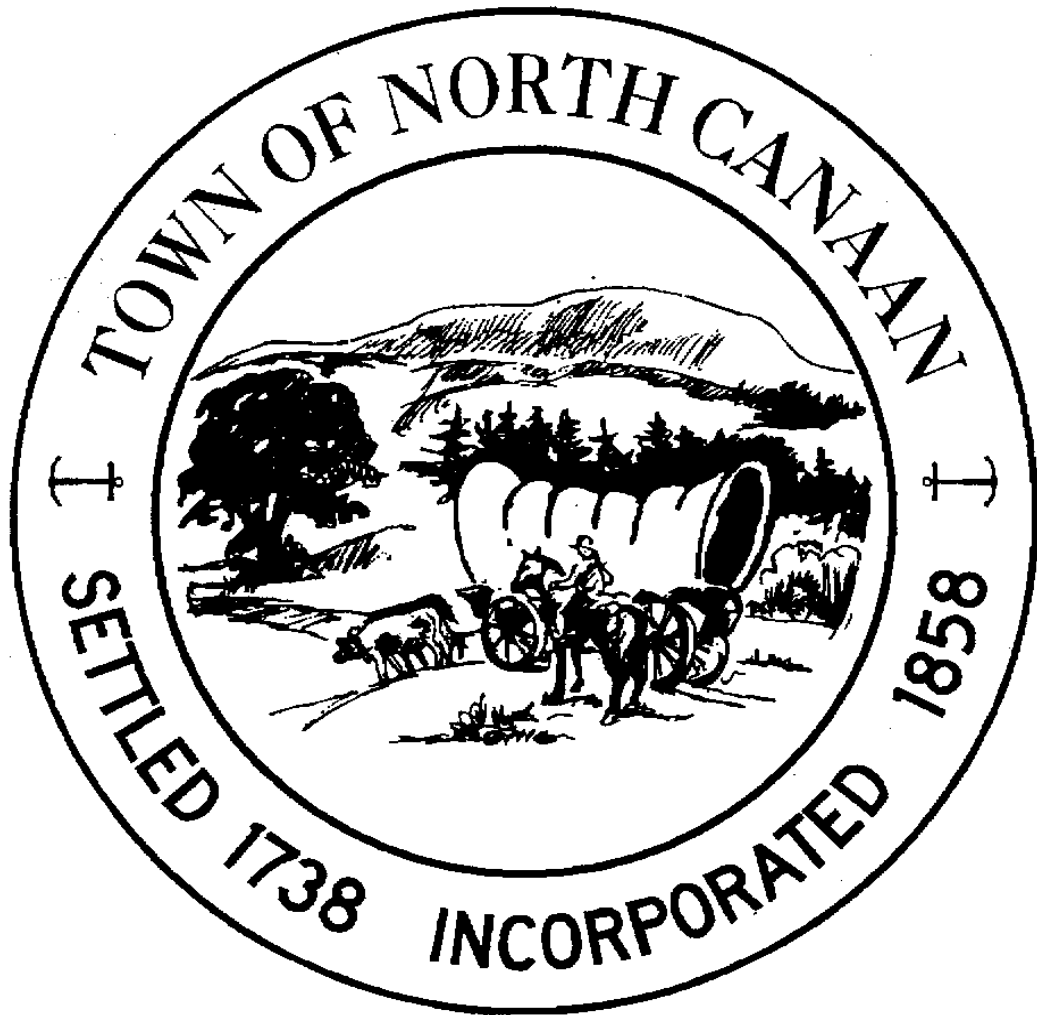


Town of North Canaan

Annual Report

For the year ending June 30, 2013



Town Office Hours

Selectmen: 860-824-7313	Monday & Wednesday: 7:30 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00 Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 6:00
Tax Collector: 860-824-3134	Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00
Town Clerk: 860-824-3138	Monday - Thursday: 9:30 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00
Assessor: 860-824-3137	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00
Treasurer: 860-824-3144	Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 – 3:00
Building Official: 860-824-3132	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00
Social Services: 860-824-3133	Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00 Other days by appointment
Transfer Station: 860-824-3142	Monday & Thursday – Saturday: 8:00 – 4:00 Sunday: 8:00 – 11:30 AM
Litchfield Hills Probate: 860-824-7012	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 – 4:00
Fire Marshall/Burning Official: 860-824-3132	Call for appointment.
Zoning Officer: 860-824-3132	Call for appointment.

Regular Board and Commission Meetings

Board of Selectman:	Monthly – First Monday 7:00 PM
Board of Finance:	Monthly - Second Wednesday 7:30 PM
Board of Education:	Monthly – Second Thursday 7:00 PM
Planning and Zoning Commission:	Monthly – Second Monday 7:00 PM
Inland Wetlands Cons. Commission:	Monthly – Fourth Thursday 7:00 PM
Recreation Commission:	Monthly - Third Tuesday 7:00 PM
Library Directors:	Monthly – Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

For exact date, time and place check with the Town Clerk's Office.

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Facts and Figures

Separated from Town of Canaan	1858
Population	3400
Elevation	702
Area	19.6
Paved roads	33.9

Number of voters	1985
Republican	480
Democrat	470
Unaffiliated	1019
Minority parties	16

Grand List:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Taxable real estate	296,577,780	260,825,420
Taxable personal	55,874,400	56,095,280
Taxable motor vehicle	22,826,390	22,941,910
Gross total	375,278,570	339,862,610
Less exemptions	30,767,460	30,897,230
Net taxable	344,511,110	308,897,380
Exempt properties	48,845,910	37,611,210

Elected Town Officers

Board of Selectmen:	Douglas E. Humes, Jr. 1 st Selectman - 2013 Charles P. Perotti - 2013 Susan J. Clayton - 2013
Board of Finance:	Louis E. Allyn, Chairman – 2013 William Minacci – 2013 Frank A. Ghi – 2015 Glenn J. Rogers – 2015 Nancy J. O’Connor – 2017 Shannon L. May-Vernalli – 2017
Board of Education:	Dolores S. Perotti, Chairman – 2015 Richard L. Greco – 2013 Karen G. Riccardelli – 2013 Claudia Callinan – 2013 Susan E. Warner – 2013 Dorothy W. Cecchinato – 2015 Beth L. McGuire – 2015 Laurie J. Perotti – 2015
Region I Representative:	Laura V. Freund – 2013
Town Clerk:	Carolyn C. O’Connor – 2013
Town Treasurer:	Emily M. Minacci – 2013
Tax Collector:	Jennifer J. Jacquier - 2013
Board of Assessment Appeals:	David W. Jacquier – 2013 Richard G. Crane, Sr. – 2015 Thomas J. Gailles. – 2015
Judge of Probate:	Diane S. Blick – 2014
Justice of the Peace:	Anthony G. Gandolfo – 2016 Nancy L. Gandolfo – 2016 Evelyn E. Hedus – 2016 Heidi Reineke-Kelsey – 2016 Lynne H. Martin – 2016 Clementine C. McGuire – 2016 Carolyn C. O’Connor - 2016
Library Directors:	Melanie K. Neely – 2013

Lance Beizer – 2013
Stephanie L. Shearer – 2015
Marjorie A. Stevenson – 2015
Rose Marie Lane-Lopez – 2017
Clementine C. McGuire – 2017

Planning & Zoning Commission:

Steven P. Allyn, Chairman - 2013
Daniel J. Adam – 2013
Frank A. Montagna – 2013
Peter J. Brown – 2015
Norman A. Tatsapaugh – 2015
Alternates:
Joseph Gulotta – 2013
Martin J. McKay – 2013
Timothy Abbott – 2015

Registrar of Voters:

Democrat
Republican

Lawrence Potts – 2016
Anna E. McGuire – 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Brian D. Allyn – 2013
Matthew Freund – 2013
John M. O'Connor – 2013
Donald T. Martin – 2015
David A. Woodruff – 2015
Alternates:
Diana M. Ghi - 2013
Philip J. Eichman – 2015
George H. Johannesen – 2013

Appointed Town Officers

Town Council:

Judith Dixon

Town Auditor:

Michael Zemaitis

Town Secretary:

Dorothy Paviol
Nancy Bagnaschi

Assistant Town Clerk:

Jean A. Jacquier
Teri Aitken

Assessor:

Linda Bertaccini

Assistant:

Carroll A. Segalla

Beautification Committee:	Kimberly Funkhouser, Chairman Joseph Baldesseri, Founder True Anderson Tom Zetterstrom
Building Official: Assistant:	Ernest Sinclair Cheryl Duntz
Burning Official:	Brian Allyn
Civil Preparedness	Dinnie Light
Commission on Tourism:	Sandra Brown
Council of Governments:	Douglas E. Humes, Jr.
Dog Warden: Assistant:	Lauren Foley Jonathan Routhier Gregg Tidd
Economic Development Commission:	John Lannen
Fire Marshall: Deputy:	Daryl O. Byrnes Robin Denny
Greenway Committee:	Geoffrey Drury, Chairman Douglas E. Humes, Jr. John Lannen Ian McCunn Leroy Riva John Taylor Tom Zetterstrom
Historian:	Kathryn W. Boughton
Homeland Security:	Dinnie Light Peter Clark
Housatonic River Commission:	Patricia Lynn Fowler
Housatonic Youth Service:	A. Paul Ramuni
Housing Authority:	Deborah A. Bergenty – 2013 Charles P. Humes – 2015 Joseph Howard – 2016

Inland Wetland Conservation Commission:	Helen S. McGuire – 2018 *Vacancy - 2014 Gregg A. Polanski, Chairman – 2014 Matthew R. Freund – 2013 Michael S. O’Connor – 2013 Barry Brown – 2017 Robert P. Jacquier - 2017 <i>Alternates:</i> *Vacancy – 2011 (3)
Librarian:	Norma DeMay
Litchfield County Dispatch	Lee Baldwin
Northwest Connecticut Transit District:	Debra Hester
Recreation Commission:	Thomas J. Bunce, Jr. – 2013 Becky Cahill – 2013 Erin Fowler - 2013 Tammy MacDonald – 2015 Thomas Olownia – 2015 Glenn Rogers – 2015 Tiffany Riva Allyn - 2017 Marilisa Camardi – 2017 Francis Perotti – 2017
Recreation Director:	Adam Bunce
Resident Trooper:	Jason St. John
Social Service Agent:	BJ Christinat
Superintendent of Schools:	Patricia Chamberlin
Torrington Area Health District:	Julie Prue
Town Highway Department:	Bryon Carlson, Supervisor
Transfer Station:	Dinnie Light
Tree Warden:	Corey Bush
Zoning Enforcement Officer:	Ruth Mulcahy

Summary of Town Meetings

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JULY 24, 2012

ITEM 1: To see what action the Town will take to transfer \$90,000.00 from the Capital Nonrecurring Account for the North Canaan Ambulance Corp for the purchase of a new ambulance, as recommended by the Board of Finance. PASSED.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2012

ITEM 1: To designate banks in which Town Funds are to be deposited. Designate Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, Litchfield Bancorp, Torrington Savings Bank, People's United Bank, and any other Bank Selectmen may choose for deposit. PASSED.

ITEM 2: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow such sums as may be necessary to fund ordinary expenses of the Town. PASSED.

ITEM 3: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a Highway Department truck as recommended by the Board of Finance. PASSED.

ITEM 4: To authorize the Board of Finance to transfer Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Town Equipment, Capital Reserve Account to the Equipment Account and to secure any additional funds as may be needed to complete a lease purchase agreement for said Town Highway Truck. PASSED.

ITEM 5: To receive and act upon the report of the Officers of the Town. PASSED.

ITEM 6: To act on a proposed Town Ordinance regarding a "Leash Law" for dogs. PASSED.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

JUNE 11, 2013

ITEM 1: To approve the renewal of the lease to the North Canaan-Canaan Little League, Inc. for the sum of \$1.00 for the parcel of land located upon school property. PASSED.

ITEM 2: To authorize the First Selectman to renew the contract with the State of Connecticut to hire a Resident Trooper at an annual cost, to the Town, not to exceed \$84,441.77 or whatever increase is authorized by the legislature the June 30, 2015. PASSED.

ITEM 3: To take action upon the estimate of the Board of Finance expenditures of the Town for ensuing fiscal year and to make such specific appropriation as may appear advisable in accordance with Section 7-344 of the General Statutes, as amended. PASSED.

ITEM 4: To authorize the Selectman to renew the sell the Grange Hall Property at 263 East Canaan Road to Paul Vernali for the sum of \$1.00 with the stipulation that the building be torn down. PASSED.

Summary Budget

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Board of Selectmen Budget:	\$ 2,518,182	\$ 2,512,374
Board of Education Budget:	<u>\$ 7,988,151</u>	<u>\$ 8,262,649</u>
Total Budget:	<u>\$10,506,333</u>	<u>\$10,775,023</u>
Total to be raised by town taxes 2013-2014:		\$7,996,846
Grand List October 2012:		\$308,897,380
Mill Rate:		25.5

First Selectman

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Another year has seemed to slip by. While there seems to be many negative things happening around our world, we in North Canaan, have had some positive things happening. That is not to say that we are not affected by things that take place outside our boundaries, but we did have a slight increase in the Mill Rate, not that the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen and Board of Education worked very hard to maintain our tax rate, but loss of State Aid and more tuition costs to Region #1 did affect our bottom line.

On the positive side we are grateful to the State of Connecticut for the increase to Town Aid Roads which we will use over the next two years on our Highway system, and the Four hundred thousand dollar Grant for Canaan Union Station, which we hope will clear the final hurdles for completion.

We also purchased land in back of the school from the Wycoff family to improve security to the school and future Town use. We will be improving our technology system in the Town Hall and continue to encourage business to come into our Community.

We continue to encourage those in the downtown to use what Façade Grant money we have available to make improvements to the downtown Building Fronts.

I would like to thank all Organizations and Boards who make our Community a great place to live and bring up a family, or retire. We are fortunate to have a great Fire Company, and Ambulance staff. They not only provide a vital service in Emergency Care, but also help out with many town functions during the year, as well as our dedicated Municipal employees.

To those citizens heading south, take care, be well and see you in the spring.

As always, it's an honor to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas E. Humes, Jr.

North Canaan Elementary School

The children of North Canaan enjoy a school environment that promotes a culture of learning and positive growth. Resources and materials are allocated generously and willingly to support the effort to educate youngsters. We are most fortunate to have strong community support for the children. The building is a bright, cheerful place to learn. The facility is extremely well maintained and secure; long range planning includes schedules for replacement and painting. Energy efficiency is constantly pursued, and more efficient interior and exterior lighting is in place to reduce electricity costs. The 2012-2013 school year marked the first season with new windows and the school is tracking savings.

Providing a safe environment is a top priority. For many years now the school has focused on building security and use of cameras, locks, a buzz-in system, etc. have been in place for many years. Each year the hardware is evaluated, tested, and in many cases enhanced. This year special safety glass was installed. Emergency plans are reviewed annually and the staff is well trained in protocols and safety procedures. Drills take place frequently and student response is incomparable. The school has a safety committee which meets regularly and includes members of the town's emergency response team, representatives from the fire and ambulance departments, and the State Police, as well as school staff members.

Use of technology continues to broaden in the classroom as it is integrated with learning. Twenty-seven interactive whiteboards are in use throughout the building, including the music and art rooms and library. SmartBoards are used by teachers as an instructional tool. Important student feedback is provided instantly through a student response system and short answers have become the springboard for discussion. In addition, students use word processing and presentation programs, digital imaging, photo editing, scanning, and spreadsheets to create various charts and graphs. Carts of lap tops are heavily used throughout the building each day, whether students are writing and editing stories in a second grade classroom or doing an experiment in an eighth grade science lab. Teachers also make use of iPads and an endless number of quality apps to enhance, reinforce, and supplement student learning. Students become proficient in skills through computer classes taught by Beth Johnson who seeks to link the curriculum of each grade and subject to the teaching of important technology skills.

Grant dollars also help to fund professional development for teachers. All professional development seeks to enhance instructional skills and aid in the achievement of our students. There is a high degree of professionalism among the faculty as evidenced by the ability to test new methods and adopt new developments and educational practices as a way to improve the education offered to our children.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (known around the school as PBIS) has become part of our culture. PBIS is not a program but rather a framework for making decisions that affects students school wide in order to benefit all within the context of guiding, selecting, and adopting best practices for academics and behavior expectations. Students are taught expectations in all areas of school life from the classroom to the playground and can readily explain the core values of safety, respect, and responsibility.

In an effort to discover the world beyond town boundaries, students have been exposed to a number of cultural, academic, and arts programs. We have also been fortunate to send students on field trips to complement their learning. For example, the fourth grade visited Hartford as the culmination of Connecticut

history and geography studies. They also participated in the regional arts day held at The Hotchkiss School. The sixth grade participated in SM&SH day (fun with science and math) at The Hotchkiss School, the seventh grade went to Boston after studying the Revolutionary War in social studies and reading historical fiction in literature classes, and the traditional annual eighth grade trip was to Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Hershey) and included an appropriate mix of learning and fun--the highlight was a baseball game where the class saw the Boston Red Sox play the Philadelphia Phillies. Other classes visited the Palace Theatre in Waterbury and the Warner Theatre in Torrington to see theatrical productions of stories. Area farms were explored, the fifth grade toured Hancock Shaker Village, and students left the building to learn local history and explore the rivers. The fifth grade also went to Nature's Classroom for one week in Becket, Massachusetts where all disciplines were taught in an environment of exploration and experiment. Weather, marine biology on the Sound, and ordering in Spanish at a Mexican restaurant were all part of learning that occurred beyond the walls of the classroom. In addition to field trips, the faculty seeks to bring the world beyond into the classroom through the use of technology, such as the SmartBoard, which engages students and helps connect learners to the larger world.

Early Kindergarten, a program which was launched three years ago has a curriculum written by our teachers. This is an innovative and creative way to address the learning needs of four and five year old children. The class is being taught by Leigh Ann Merrill and is highly successful. Students concentrate on phonemic awareness, learning school routines, and building number sense in an age appropriate environment of learning and discovery. Even in its infancy, there has been a great deal of interest from other school districts who are considering adopting such a program which benefits those children who are age eligible for kindergarten.

Aside from full days at school our students also demonstrate their talent throughout the year in concerts, sports, and drama performances. The school sponsors soccer, basketball, baseball and softball to middle school students and this year's teams demonstrated not only athletic prowess, but sportsmanship and setting positive examples for younger students. To demonstrate academic prowess our students compete in Quiz Bowl coached by Doug Murray, social studies teacher and Mathletics, an after school program that is web based and led by Board of Education member Karen Riccardelli. This year's annual drama club production delighted audiences the first week in April. Under the direction of NCES music teacher David Gaedeke, the school band performed at winter and spring concerts, at the tree lighting ceremony to usher in the holiday season in town, and later in the year on Memorial Day by representing the school in the parade and Dough Boy ceremonies. Early Childhood teacher Mary Davidson led concerts for Early K-2 and showcased musical talent of our students at Geer and Noble Horizons.

Every year I write that the treasure of the town is truly its people, and this year is no exception. It is truly an honor and a joy to work here. The Board of Education is extremely conscientious and dedicated to providing a quality education, the staff has endless energy and enthusiasm for teaching and learning, and when all ingredients are combined, great things happen. Do drop by the school for a visit—you should be proud of your community school.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary A. Keilty
Principal

Superintendent of Region One

As the 2012-2013 school year draws to a close, we begin to reflect upon our many achievements throughout the region. It is always a challenge to enumerate these accomplishments, in that there is so much happening in each of our seven schools; hence, I will attempt to highlight some of our major accomplishments. Students, staff and faculty returned with great enthusiasm to well-organized openings throughout the district. The year commenced with the hiring of Principal Florence Budge in Kent. Salisbury Board of Education hired Lisa Carter as interim principal, and Lee H. Kellogg Board hired interim principal, Jennifer Law. Both interims were subsequently appointed as principals of their respective schools commencing July 1, 2013. Teachers and students found this to be one of the smoothest openings ever with an extraordinary new administrative team at work throughout the entire region.

Our smooth opening was interrupted by Hurricane Sandy with the loss of two school days in late October. We were more fortunate than most in regard to damage and power outages from downed trees. We appreciate the emergency response teams in each of our towns that aided with communications, clean-up and restoration of power to our buildings. Like last year October has been a challenging weather month.

Six teachers celebrated 25 years of service and two others were honored for 35 years of service. In addition to this celebration, we welcomed seven new teachers to our regional schools this year. They were supported through a relatively new State required program called “TEAM” (Teacher Education and Mentoring). Under the direction of our Assistant Superintendent, many of our teachers worked this past summer in the content areas of: mathematics, science, language arts and social studies to develop and revise curriculum. Numeracy and literacy were the focus as regionally we are aligning curricula to the State adopted Common Core State Standards. We are indeed fortunate to have incredibly dedicated faculty and staff working for the greater good of students and our schools. On average regionally, eighty-eight percent of our faculty have a masters or advanced degree. The Federal No Child Left Behind Act requires all educators to be highly qualified.

Annually, initiatives and goals are established by administrators in our schools along with their faculties; regional initiatives this year were as follows:

1. To improve student achievement as evidenced by multiple data sources such as local, regional, state, and national assessments with benchmarks established by each school through the implementation of Scientifically Research Based Instruction (SRBI), Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), and Common Core State Standards
2. To revise regional teacher and school leader evaluation plans
3. To promote active citizenship within and among faculty, staff and students using the following indicators: positive behavior intervention support, school spirit, self-management, increased involvement, communication, respect, outreach, and leadership (building developmental assessments and systematic responsibilities to at-risk youth).
4. To implement a “guaranteed and viable curriculum” tied to comprehensive formative and summative assessments utilizing “best” instructional practices – for example:
 - Regional Grade Level Meeting – focused on Common Core Standards
 - Strategies for Intervention
 - Framework for Teaching
 - Regional Assessments Aligned to Common Core State Standards

Principals, working with their faculties, developed building goals that supported the regional initiatives, and each faculty member then developed their professional goals to accomplish the building goals. This coordination allows us to provide professional development in an efficient and effective manner. We recognized the value of teacher and leader development and offered multiple workshop and conference opportunities to support continuous growth and development. Professional development this year supported initiatives such as “Teacher Evaluation Plan Revisions/Input”, “Seminar Programs”, now in its third year for not only freshmen, but inclusive of sophomores and juniors, as well. Ongoing teacher development also included “Scientifically Research Based Interventions” and “Positive Behavior Intervention & Support”, as well as “Technology”. Grade level meetings continued to focus on the new Common Core State Standards and the development of regional formative and summative assessments. Research has shown that significant improvement cannot occur without quality and ongoing teacher development. In addition to the completion of a new teacher evaluation plan, with a twenty-six member committee comprised of all administrators and representative teachers from each school, we have maintained our commitment to address the new Common Core State Standards and student achievement.

Academically, throughout the region our students continue to excel on the State standardized test; however, we continue to analyze results to focus our work in areas of need with continuous improvement as a constant in every school. All of the Region One schools met “Adequate Yearly Progress” as defined by the State. We continue to outperform State benchmarks on the Connecticut Mastery Test and our high school grade 10 CAPT test at both the State Goal and Proficient levels. Our high school students have been accepted at outstanding colleges and universities this spring, such as: American International College, American University, Brown, Cornell, Endicott, Franklin Pierce, Harvard, Michigan State, Skidmore, University of Connecticut, Southern Connecticut State University, and University of Tampa just to name a few. Acceptance in these outstanding institutions reflects the quality of our students in a broader global community.

Our high school students continue to benefit from our communities’ generosity. A relatively new scholarship, The Margaret Derwin Scholarship, was established last year through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. The student selected for this scholarship will receive support up to \$5,000 for a national or overseas summer community service program and up to \$25,000 for tuition and associated costs of attending the college of their choice for each of their four years. This \$105,000 Margaret Derwin Scholarship will change the life of a student. A second scholarship, that has impacted our visual arts program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School has been The Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship which was established in 2004, to promote continued education in a chosen discipline within the spectrum of visual art. This scholarship consists of four annual payments of \$10,000 and is administered by the Foundation for Contemporary Art, Inc., a not for profit charitable organization. We continue to be awed by the support we receive from community members, with the high school offering some 138 scholarships for our seniors, totaling well over \$100,000 annually. With the cost of higher education, these scholarships have a profound impact on the likelihood of students continuing their education.

Programmatically, our elementary students continue to benefit from such regional events as Regional Chorus and Band, Grade 4 Arts Day, Math & Science Day, musical theatre, athletics, camps, and Geography and Quiz Bowl competitions. Due to the geographical vastness of our region, we feel it is essential to pull students together, as they will be classmates at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In addition, our elementary students benefit from field trip experiences to such places as Washington, D.C., Montreal, local and state museums, Connecticut State Capitol, theater experiences, which serve to enhance their school experience. Our high school students visited China and experienced lifetime memories, as well as new understandings of the culture of China. These opportunities provide extracurricular experiences that

enrich the lives of our children. As we attempt to educate the “whole” child this comprehensive programming continues to be essential.

Financial needs have caused our schools to create long-range plans for capital projects. While the economy seems even brighter than last year, we continue to be conservative in addressing the building needs in each school. Sound fiscal planning and monitoring by our business manager and seven principals have served us well. Cornwall has completed painting and power washing, drainage work and insulation work to improve energy efficiency. North Canaan replaced windows and some doors along with plumbing repairs, tile floor replacement and interior painting. Lee H. Kellogg completed extensive painting of the exterior and small roof repairs, as needed. Kent completed exterior painting and upgraded to a computerized system to control room temperatures. Salisbury had no major projects last summer; however, they will continue with their maintenance and repair plans and look to future work to replace windows. Planned summer work completed at Sharon Center included replacement of lockers, carpet, cleaning of the air handling system and roof replacement. At Housatonic Valley Regional High School, the district completed a sloped roof replacement project in the summer of 2012, and American Disabilities Act compliance issues will begin to be addressed in the summer of 2013. All schools addressed security upgrades and school safety plans as a result of the tragedy in Newtown.

The 21st Century Fund, an endowment fund through Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, planned and hosted along with the Regional Board of Education the opening of the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center. The Region One Board has been an active supporter and partner in the finance and support of this worthy school – community partnership. We wish to thank all involved with the Science Technology building as this work would not have been accomplished without the help of the “21st Century Committee” and the “Action Committee”, and all other supporting committees throughout the past six years. This exciting project affords our students and community members with enhanced science, mathematics and technology opportunities. The Board of Education has assumed full responsibility for this building with an established Science Technology Advisory Committee to provide general oversight. In addition, I would be remiss not to mention our outstanding custodial staffs throughout our region who maintain our buildings and grounds on a daily basis, especially after the interesting weather we experienced this year. Careful planning and ongoing maintenance of our buildings protect the major investments that our communities have made in all facilities.

The Central Office successfully negotiated two certified contracts and three non-certified contracts this school year. We have a new administrative contract collective bargaining unit in Regional School District #1 which is currently in negotiations. Generally, the Business Office continues to support the needs of regional schools when necessary, or when requested to do so.

In closing, it is ever important that we remain focused on the needs of our students throughout the region while dealing with declining student enrollment. We have been monitoring and reporting enrollment projections that will continue declining if those predictions remain accurate. It has been an exciting year from our educational perspective; our dedicated and talented staff, faculties and administrators continue to work toward success for all children. We remain very appreciative of the contributions made by our community volunteers and our Boards of Education in maintaining our seven schools as the treasures that they truly are.

Respectfully,
Patricia Chamberlain

Beautification Committee

No Report Submitted.

Building Official

We have passed another year with just minor activity in the Building Industry. However, the construction of a new facility at Mountainside and work starting at the addition at Beckley House at Geer are ongoing projects that will provide work and housing for people in the area.

As soon as the State Legislature adopts a new Building Code (proposed for December 31, 2013) there will be many new requirements to adhere to.

We continue with reroofing projects, new electrical services, emergency generators, windows, siding and swimming pools.

I still find that there are some people installing pools and sheds without taking out permits. I'll be happy to review the code requirements with anyone.

Just a reminder that according to Connecticut State Statute the owner is responsible for taking out permits and contractors must be licensed and call for inspections and Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance.

Number of Permits:	242
Permit fees:	\$29,478
Commercial Construction:	\$1,367,163
Total Construction:	\$3,945,905
New Homes:	1

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest B. Sinclair, R.A., C.S.I.
Building Official

Housing Authority

The North Canaan Housing Authority owns and operates Wangum Village, a 40 unit elderly and disabled, low income housing project. The objective of Wangum Village is to provide safe affordable housing for people who are on a limited income and make it possible for them to live independently.

Each resident pays 30.5% of their income minus a utility allowance. The base rent for a single apartment is \$115.00 and a double is \$125.00. Wangum Village does not receive rental subsidy from HUD, the State of CT or the Town of North Canaan. The only rent we receive is what residents pay.

All of the apartments are on ground level. We have twelve (12) doubles, twenty-eight (28) singles, two of which are now fully UFAS compliant, and a Recreation Hall. There is a laundry room, which has energy efficient washers and dryers. Each apartment has a kitchenette and living room, bedroom, and a bath.

This Fiscal Year we received \$128,955.00 in annual rental income, which averages to be \$268.66 monthly per unit. We also collected \$5,625.93 in other income which consists of laundry income, interest income and miscellaneous refunds received throughout the year. Our total expenses for the fiscal year equaled \$139,523.76.

This year eight apartments were vacated seven of which have been filled by new tenants. Three apartments were being kept open, two for renovations and the other is being used as the interim hall while the new community hall is rebuilt.

We replaced four hot water heaters, three refrigerators and four stoves. Five apartments were painted and other apartments had new light fixtures, faucets, doorbells and miscellaneous replacements.

We were awarded the Community Block Development Grant last year and construction is close to completion. Our community hall has been expanded. The hall and two apartments are now handicap accessible and we have upgraded the fire alarm and pull cord systems. The parking lot was repaved, the visitor parking lot was made larger and additional light posts were installed. We are excited and very thankful for this opportunity to make these much needed improvements.

The Housing Authority has many committed employees working at Wangum Village. Ashleigh Bergenty has been our Executive Director for eight (8) years now. Steve Bergenty is in charge of all the outdoor maintenance, along with helper Jason Bergenty and Travis Morey. Orville Humes has done an excellent job on indoor maintenance. Timothy Gomez does all of our painting. Brenda Phair cleans vacant units and Dorothy Farrell cleans our community hall. Deborah Borgert joined our team and is in the process of making the gardens at Wangum looking truly beautiful. Helen Crump serves meals for Torrington Nutrition three (3) days a week in the main hall at Wangum Village.

Currently we have one vacant seat on the board which we are looking to fill. Deborah Bergenty is our Chairman, Charles Humes is our Secretary, Helen McGuire is our Treasurer, and Joseph Howard is our Tenant Commissioner. The Board meets once a month to discuss any problems or plans that they have for Wangum. I wish to thank each of them for their cooperation over the past year. I could not have done it without them.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9a.m. to Noon, phone: (860)824-0521, fax: (860)824-0521, e-mail: WangumVillage@yahoo.com. Main contact is Executive Director - Ashleigh Bergenty

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashleigh Bergenty, Executive Director - NCHA

Inland Wetlands Commission

During the year the Commission held six regularly scheduled meetings. Five applications were submitted for review. All five were approved.

On September 26, 2013 a new wetlands map was adopted by the Commission. A copy can be seen at the Town Hall.

In addition, the Commission responded to numerous requests for information about wetland areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Brown, Secretary

Planning and Zoning Commission

As always, the 2012-2013 year for the North Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission was highly productive, approving expansion projects on both Mountainside Rehabilitation Centers and Geer's campuses. As a commission, we look forward to the positive impact both projects will have on the town by adding new residents and jobs which will enrich our community and grow our town's economy.

The commission saw no changes to its membership, nor has the commission decided to change its chairpersons.

The members of the commission, as well as myself, would like to thank the members of the Selectmen's office, Assessor's office, and the Tax Collectors office, along with special thanks, as always, to Cheryl Duntz; Secretary of the Building official, for help with all of the applications agendas and public notices, along with Ruth Mulcahy; for her work as the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

As Chairman, I would like to thank all of the staff and commission members for your continue hard work and dedication towards the Town of North Canaan.

Recreation Commission

The Town Pool continues to be a popular gathering place during the summer months. Under the direction of Adam Bunce, the pool was open from mid-June until the end of August. Children from the Canaan Child Care Center and Camp AHA were frequent swimmers. Pool activities included swim lessons and Swim Team competition. Lessons were well attended and funds collected allowed for updated equipment, new pool supplies and life guard swimsuits to be purchased. Repairs were done to the Pool House over the winter, and the windows are schedule to be replaced in summer 2013.

The Commission again financially supported the three week summer recreation program overseen by Linda Peppe at the North Canaan Elementary School. Average weekly enrollment was 40 students and provided educational and fun activities.

Adult volleyball continues year round with many participants. The Tennis Courts were repaved and new equipment purchased. The batting cage next to the tennis courts, as well as the basketball hoops at the pavilion were used and enjoyed by many.

Field Work is a regular ongoing project. Adam works hard to coordinate and maintain the upkeep of the fields which includes mowing, raking, weed control, re-seeding, spreading clay, etc. The Commission appreciates all the volunteers and donations of time and resources that help with this task.

Summer League Baseball, for children ages 9-12, went well and hosted 28 players, offering clinics two nights a week with weekly games. Babe Ruth continues to be a challenge with unclear and inconsistent rules, as well as a lack of organization of the league itself, but 14 boys ages 13-16 enjoyed the sport. Girls Softball was also well attended. These summer sports would not be as successful without the help and dedication of parents and volunteers.

Adam continues to maintain and improve the North Canaan Recreation Commission website and has started a Facebook page. The website provides information about the Commission, a calendar of events, schedules and forms for Recreation Commission programs, as well as scores and updates.

Canaan Youth Soccer is now overseen by Adam and the Commission. This is not an easy task as it has been lead by LeighAnn & Geoff Merrill for many years. The Commission appreciates all that the Merrill's and their dedicated volunteers have done for the soccer program in North Canaan. The season went well with a smooth transition. Soccer Boot Camp, held in August, which is a warm up to the fall season, hosted over 50 participants.

A donation was given to the Junior Fire Company this year to help support their Halloween festivities.

The Commission offered a holiday decorating contest this year for the first time with residential and commercial categories, ending with a gathering at the Pavilion with Santa and refreshments. There were a dozen entries and a well-attended gathering with prizes awarded; this event was considered a success.

The pavilion was flooded for an ice rink again this year. Ski Trips in January and February were coordinated by the Commission along with the elementary school. Transportation, chaperones, discount tickets, scholarships and funding were provided for 29 participants to enjoy Mohawk Mountain.

The Commission held its 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in March and joined with the CFC Ladies Auxiliary for its 2nd Pancake Breakfast. The Egg Hunt was so well attended that extra goody bags had to be made on the spot as over 100 children came for a glimpse at the Easter Bunny and egg collecting!

Surveillance cameras were placed at the Pavilion/Playground areas due to vandalism. More camera installation is budgeted for summer 2013. These will be installed at the pool house. Action was required as the pool fencing was tampered with and the new pavement on the tennis courts was damaged this spring. Hopefully, this will deter mischief and keep our recreation areas safe for all the community to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy MacDonald, Chairperson

Social Services Agent

Due to the economic crisis we have faced these last few years, requests for assistance have come in at an ever-increasing rate. In addition to physical and/or mental illness, loss of employment, death of a loved one, divorce, and other personal crises, residents have been confronting a tremendous rise in energy, housing and food costs which are anticipated to continue into the upcoming season. Through the Local Relief Fund and donations to the Community Network Fund, the Town of North Canaan is able to provide immediate support to its residents during these times. Some of these donors have also experienced severe loss in revenue, so we may have to stretch charity dollars further and be more creative in getting help to people in need.

In addition to funding from the Town of North Canaan, funding and support have been acquired through the generosity of various organizations such as The Canaan Foundation, The Salvation Army, The Wellner Family Community Trust, The Berkshire Taconic Foundation, The Foundation for Community Health, Christ Episcopal Church, North Canaan Congregational Church, Canaan Northwest Lions Club, the, Salisbury Bank and Trust, St Joseph's Church, and donations from private individuals. The Northwest VNA provided us with Stop & Shop gift cards at Christmas and fresh produce vouchers this summer.

We had a warm winter this year, but funding for fuel was cut by 40%, so we had to scramble to find other ways to help people in need of energy assistance . There were over 130 applicants to the state's energy assistance, the Northwest Fuel Bank helped 7 families receive up to \$450 of fuel oil each, and our own Community Network and Relief funds helped over 30 families to stay warm. Operation also provided \$500 to 6 families.

The Christmas Gift Program was a huge success, helping over 60 families to provide gifts to their children at holiday time. The Social Services Office is so grateful to the Lions Club, Troop B, our local churches, Geer, Salisbury Bank & Trust, Becton-Dickenson, Stop & Shop, and the many private donors for their unflagging support of this program. Also, thanks go to The Daughters of Isabella and the ladies of St. Joseph's Church for the abundant and delicious meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A large part of the social worker's job is making referrals to other agencies and sources of help. We have assisted clients in finding housing, meeting medical and prescription needs, accessing counseling for mental health needs, job searches, transportation, chore service needs, payment plans to avoid utility shut-offs,etc. The Social Worker's job is different every day and busy every minute of the day. It is also incredibly rewarding. I look forward to many years of service to my town.

Respectfully Submitted,
BJ Christinat
Social Worker

Streetscape Advisory Committee

The Streetscape Advisory Committee met three times during the year for general planning and maintenance purposes, as well as providing targeted input to the Selectmen on several specific projects and issues. In the absence of any new grant funding, no major construction work could be undertaken, but that has been the case for a number of years now and presumably will be until the state and national economies recover to pre-recession levels.

Our Committee, however, sees coordinated infrastructure upgrades such as sidewalk and street lighting work and the relocation of utility poles and wires off the downtown streets as only one aspect of its mission. We have other important work to do even when those projects are on hold. A major part of that other work relates to the street trees whose number and quality have so much to do with the look and feel of Canaan's business and residential streets. We may never fully recapture the majesty of the arching American elms that dominated the Town's streetscapes 75 or 100 years ago, but it is a worthy goal to do what we can to give our streets the same kind of stately, gracious and inviting aspect they had when the elms ruled.

We have become aware in recent years that significant numbers of Canaan's large maples, which replaced the dying elms over a relatively short period and are now collectively reaching the end of their natural life span, are disappearing one by one from residential streets near the town center, and in most cases are not being replaced. The process is so gradual it is easily overlooked, but the cumulative effect is a loss of visual character that needs to be systematically addressed if we are not suddenly to find ourselves with significant blank spaces along one or both sides of what have until quite recently been truly "tree-lined" streets.

The Streetscape Advisory Committee has accordingly been focusing recently on planning for the pruning and other maintenance needed to prolong the lives of still-healthy trees near the Town center, and for the planting of replacements to fill in where diseased or dying trees have had to be removed. This has included work on mapping both the existing trees and the gaps, monitoring the conclusions and implications of the recently completed State Vegetation Management Task Force Report, planting key tree replacements in places like the Douglas Library, and applying for America the Beautiful grant funds to help with additional replacements. A letter of protest sent to CL&P on behalf of the Streetscape Advisory Committee concerning the slipshod and excessive "enhanced pruning" work done by the utility on Granite Avenue and Ashley Falls Road, among other places, in the fall of 2012 was unsuccessful in persuading the utility to contribute to the cost of planting replacement trees. It is hoped, however, that America the Beautiful or other third-party grant funds will make it possible to do that work in the near future.

Other projects and concerns with which the Committee has been involved during the year include relocation of certain streetlights; continued research into appropriate sconce lighting and related controls (as well as funding) for building façade lighting; upgrading and relocation of Greenway display signage; meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss cooperative efforts to promote installation of floral window boxes by main street businesses; and encouraging training for the Town crew to develop in-house expertise in identifying and controlling invasive plant species as an integral part of their maintenance work in North Canaan.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Drury, Chairman

Canaan Child Care Center

Canaan Child Care Center's Mission Statement

The Canaan Child Care Center is a non-profit organization. We offer affordable, educationally based child care for children three to eleven years of age in a safe, structured, nurturing environment.

Our program is designed to enhance our children's social, emotional, physical and developmental growth, which fosters independence, creative thinking with memories that will last a lifetime.

The Canaan Child Care Center is a small, non-profit organization that began as a group of local families trying to find childcare for their children. In the early 80's we became a licensed daycare facility with a capacity for 8 toddlers and 17 preschool children. We also have before and after school programs, and a summer program. Over the years, our services have developed from babysitting to our current educationally based programs.

The Canaan Child Care Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality childcare programs at affordable prices. Currently we offer three programs: preschool, before school, and after school. We currently have 22 preschoolers and five before and after school children. We are a United Way Agency and these funds support our scholarship program to financially assist qualifying families. Our center is also a provider with Connecticut's Care 4 Kids program. We received a School Readiness Grant from the State five years ago which is used to assist 13 of our families pay for full time child care preparing the children for Kindergarten.

Our Intergenerational Program is like no other. The residents of Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation and Geer Adult Day Center and the children of the Canaan Child Care Center enjoy a special relationship. The goal is to provide an intergenerational program that provides activities or programs that increase cooperation, interaction or exchange between our preschoolers and the residents of Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Geer Adult Day Center. They involve the sharing of skills, knowledge, or experience between old and young. The program connects persons of diverse ages; physical and cognitive abilities; and cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds to foster community, understanding, and a sense of well-being.

The second program that is very important to us is our visits to the public Library. The Staff at the Canaan Child Care Center are intentional teachers, they teach the children to look beyond available resources at the child care center for information on subjects that the children are most interested in learning about, resources that may not be available at our center.

While at the library, the children attend a weekly story hour along with children. The story hour is open to us as well as other children in the community.

PURPOSE

- Introduces children to quality literature in an entertaining and enriching atmosphere.
- Provides the child with an opportunity to learn new words, to be exposed to new concepts, and to interact with new friends in a group experience.

- Acquaints children with a wide range of library materials and resources, as well as encourages the development of a lifelong love of books and reading.

Our demographics in this area include many single-parent and low income families. Currently, these families make up the bulk of our client families. We have kept our rates among the lowest in our county and, with the help of the United Way, are able to offer a scholarship program to qualifying families. We also participate in Connecticut's Care 4 Kids childcare assistance program. Meeting the needs of the community is our number one priority.

Hard work from a dedicated staff at the Canaan Child Care Center has improved quality for children! The center uses the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS), a national research-based self-improvement tool, to look at interactions with children, set up of the classroom, and appropriate learning activities. Year one, they received a 2.7 (out of 7.0). Staff then poured on the energy, enthusiasm, and passion. The second year the center achieved a score of a 6.0! The State Department of Education, which helps fund the site through School Readiness funds, was thrilled with this improvement. The Canaan Child Care Center is now accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Another goal of this hard working center is to relocate/grow in order to accommodate families in Canaan and the surrounding towns who need quality, affordable care.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Chapell

Canaan Fire Company

The members of the Canaan Fire Company continue to provide excellent service and protection to the town of North Canaan under the leadership of Chief Lee Baldwin. Supporting him in directing our forty members at calls and activities are Deputy Chief Brian Allyn, Assistant Chief Steve Kroehle, Captain Robert Foley, Captain Shanna Foley, 1st LT Michael Foley, 2nd LT Matthew Jasmin, Fire Police Captain Tim Redlund and Fire Police LT Chris Wohlfert. Serving as executive officers of the Canaan Fire Company are President Ryan Foley, Vice-President Jerry Callinan, Treasurer Robin Foley and Secretary Maribeth Weaver. Our expanding group of Junior Firefighters are flourishing under the guidance of head advisor Jerry Callinan.

At the Annual meeting of the corporation, Jerry Callinan received the Annual Chief's Award for his notable contributions to the company during the previous year. Charles Perotti was recognized for his forty five years of continuous service to the Canaan Fire Company. Maribeth Weaver was recognized for twenty years of service to the company, while Josh Labshere and Kristopher Palmer were acknowledged for five years of service. Top Responder Awards were given to Charlie Perotti, Cody Luminati, Leo Gustafson, Brian Allyn and Alex Callinan. This award signifies the top three members, one officer, and one junior firefighter that attend the most fire calls during the year.

Fund-Raising efforts, which included our Annual Dance, Railroad Days Raffle, Boot Drive and Food Sales, were all deemed a success. The annual golf tournament, held jointly with the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance was a great money maker and a fun day for all included. Our annual muster, which allows area departments to show off their firefighting skills by competing in fire-related games on the Lawrence Field was well attended and offered lots of entertainment and many laughs.

The members of the Canaan Fire Company would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the residents and the businesses of North Canaan for their continued support. We would especially like to thank the employers of our volunteer firefighters for their patience and generosity by allowing employees to volunteer during the busy work day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maribeth Weaver
Secretary

Chore Service

No Report Submitted.

Douglas Library

The Douglas Library continues to thrive and meet the needs of its patrons. Circulation is up 7% from last year and our offering of downloadable eBooks and downloadable audios has also increased. With our 24/7 online catalog, we are able to easily fill requests from other libraries in the state as well as for our own patrons.

Children's programs have been quite successful; Laura Moran creates a wonderful Friday morning story hour for the young crowd and we are pleased to work with NCES in enhancing and promoting the summer reading program. We offer musical programs for children as well as crafts and science events and the ever popular annual Gingerbread house workshop.

We continue to offer events for adults and families with several artist receptions and exhibits and musical concerts offered this past year. We have added a bi-weekly knitting group, one-on-one computer tutoring in addition to our ongoing programs such as the monthly book discussion group and the weekly Scrabble night. Our holiday party, with items for sale and fabulous food and drink, held in early December, is a much anticipated social event for our friends and patrons.

The library received a sprucing up this year with power washing generously donated by P&K painting and exterior front foyer paint and materials donated by C.A. Lindell and Son. Three new trees were donated by the town and planted by the town crew and the Beautification committee in the rear of the library. We appreciate the hard work and incredible energy of our many volunteers, both young and old.

Douglas Library continues to rely on fundraising to meet our operating budget and gifts and donations are always welcome. (We only receive about 60% of our operating budget from the Town of North Canaan.) The 2nd floor of the library is open during regular library hours and guests are welcome to peruse our book sale rooms.

Despite being a small library with a limited budget, we are proud of what we offer and encourage everyone to stop by. You can also find us at www.douglaslibrarycanaan.org and on Facebook.

Norma DeMay
Library Director

Douglas Library

Stock Report

Number of items in library July 1, 2012:	20,987
Number of items discarded this year: (Items lost: 30)	350
Total Number of items added this year: (Gifts and donations: 200)	575
Number of items in Library July 1, 2013:	21,182
Number of Books on Tape/CDs owned July 1, 2013:	819
Number of Videos/DVDs owned July 1, 2013:	1069

Circulation Report

Adult Fiction	6,405
Adult Non-Fiction (and periodicals)	3,967
Juvenile Fiction	3,250
Juvenile Non-Fiction	819
Overdrive Download eBooks & Audios	359
Music CDs	131
Books on Tape/CD borrowed:	1,083
Videos/DVDs Borrowed:	5,188
Paperbacks Borrowed	281
Books Lent on Connecticard	2,470
Inter-Library Loans Borrowed	2,046
Inter-Library Loans sent to other CT Libraries	2,724
Patron Computer Use	1,558

Library Membership

New Membership:	144
Actual Membership July 1, 2013	1,108
Number of Days Open:	199

Library Staff:

Norma DeMay, Library Director;
Assistant Librarians: Pam Farzan and Laura Moran.

Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society

Here are some of the events and activities that have made this a very active year for the Society.

Our summer lecture series at the South Canaan Meeting House, which was previously called "Tuesdays at 6", was transformed into "First Tuesdays at 7". Attendance was higher because the new schedule allowed more people to fit the series into their busy lives.

This December the Society had its third very successful house tour of Falls Village homes. Next year will focus on homes in North Canaan.

The Historical Society received a STEAP grant of \$200,000 for structural repairs and renovation at the South Canaan Meeting House. The work will start in the spring.

One of the two apartments in the Falls Village Depot was fully renovated. Rent from these apartments forms a significant part of the Society's income.

The Falls Village Depot is also home to the Society's office and historical research activities. The archivist and some other volunteers assist many people each year in locating information about their families and events in the histories of North Canaan, Falls Village, and Amersville. Half of the first floor of the Depot is devoted to the museum of the Society.

The museum is undergoing a complete renovation, starting with lovely display cabinets that were inherited from the FDR Museum in Hyde Park when it was totally redesigned. A \$10,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor has led to a major fund-raising effort by the Society. When finished the Society will have \$20,000 for the museum.

The officers of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society at this time: Charles Lemmen, President; Crystalle Carlson, Vice President; Jeremy Dakin, Vice President; Judy Jacobs, Treasurer; Cheryl Aeschliman, Recording Secretary; Lilian Lovitt, Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Clark, Archivist. The curators: Elizabeth Clark for the Falls Village Depot; Ian McCunn for the South Canaan Meeting House; Ashley DeMazza for the Beebe Hill Schoolhouse; Mary Margaret Cortesi is the Assistant Curator.

Board members: Geoff Brown, Norma DeMay, Sylvia Wismar, Larry Bulson, MaryLu Sinclair, William Beebe, Tom Jaycox, and Michael

Geer Adult Day Center

The Geer Adult Day Center is a small non-profit organization started in 1979 as part of the on-going services offered by Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Our goal and mission has remained the same, to enhance the quality of life and maintain independence for our participants while supporting family efforts of keeping their loved ones at home and active within the community.

The Center is open to all adults who are in need of daytime supervision or socialization regardless of age, sex, race creed or religion. Our participants are individuals who are physically impaired, socially isolated or are limited in their ability to function independently within their communities or at home. The Center's program hours are Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

The Geer Adult Day Center provides door-to-door transportation for the participants within a 25 mile radius. This service is provided to the towns of Cornwall, Falls Village, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Goshen, Barkhamsted, Winsted, Norfolk, Colebrook, Torrington, Bantam, Litchfield, Warren, New Hartford, Kent and the neighboring towns in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

Our therapeutic programming includes music, exercise, arts & crafts, entertainers, activities that stimulate thinking and problem solving, community out trips, gardening and much more.

Our Center is a medical model which includes an on-site registered nurse during program hours to monitor general health needs. Individual care plans are developed. Blood Pressures, weights and glucose monitoring are recorded on a regular basis. Showers and personal care are also offered.

A continental breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks are provided according to nutritional needs and dietary restrictions.

- In addition, a Caregiver's Support Group is offered every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm.
- A Blood Pressure Clinic is open to the community Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The Geer Adult Day Center also operates a Dial-a-Ride service providing transportation to individuals residing in the towns of Sharon, Canaan, Falls Village, Cornwall and Lakeville/Salisbury.

Transportation is available Monday through Saturday. Call 824-7067 for more information or to reserve a ride. There is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. (24 hour notice is requested)

Housatonic River Commission

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) held eleven regularly scheduled monthly meetings the past year. Meetings took place at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Cornwall Consolidated School. The annual dues requested from each town remain at \$350 per year.

A key focal point for The Commission this year was our agreement to pursue the process of Wild and Scenic Act designation for the Housatonic through the National Park Service. Wild and Scenic consideration of our section of the Housatonic by the Department of the Interior in 1978 was actually the impetus for the formation of HRC. It was generally felt at that time that a Federal Act might be contradictory to our best local interests, and as a result HRC was formed by the seven towns along the banks of the 40 mile stretch studied by the National Park Service. In the course of the 35 years following, Wild and Scenic designation has clearly become an Act embracing local control and serving as an extra level of protection from potentially harmful projects such as energy developments, road expansions using federal funds and waterway alterations in perpetuity. HRC has studied the issue at length and heard testimony from numerous watershed groups throughout New England who had nothing but positive input about their partnership with the Park Service. After careful consideration HRC decided this year to start the process toward designation and is currently developing a plan for sharing information and gauging public support.

The Commission continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the River. HRC members are regular attendees of the CCC public meetings in Massachusetts where information is shared and comments are received about the cleanup process. The continued imminent status of the plan for “Rest of the River” (including all of Connecticut) finds HRC continuing to push for the EPA to fully explore alternative technologies that are both less disruptive than the standard dredging and covering, and more effective than “monitored natural recovery”.

As always, land use developments within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a major component of our efforts. During the year, the Commission provided comments and suggestions on several proposed projects along the River, and were pleased to see enforcement agencies have agreed too many recommendations to protect the Housatonic from poorly designed projects that could negatively impact our valuable river resources. All towns are reminded to please be sure that the HRC is notified on any proposed project within the River Corridor.

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

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau

Established in 1991, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau is a 501c3 nonprofit founded to respond to the needs of the children, youth and families living in the Region One School District. The towns we serve include North Canaan, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. The focus of the organization is to provide a variety of service options that promote the overall health and wellbeing of children, youth and families living in the Region One area. HYSB helps youth up to age 21 and their family. We offer individual and family clinical therapy, advocacy, prevention and referral services, enrichment programming, outreach and community events. Services are free and without income restrictions, an approach that creates an open-door policy for children and their parents to find help when they need it.

This year has been busy: over the last school year, HYSB provided over 600 free hours (worth approximately \$50,000+) of counseling for area children, youth and/or their family members. This represents a 41% increase in service hours from last year. Beyond this, we provided support in the areas of crisis intervention, ongoing case coordination and parent education. Our newly launched Youth in Philanthropy program, HYSB Internship Project and the Outdoor leadership Programs are going strong. Our longstanding F.Y.I. workshops continued to engage families each month, the “Empowering Young Women” project remained on its successful path, the annual Battle of the Bands brought out talented bands, we once again celebrated youth and young adult musicians at our annual Music Mountain event, and our Donald T. Warner Community Service Award recognized the incredible efforts of Lea Davies.

All of our work would not be possible without your generous support. We remain deeply grateful to the Town of Salisbury for their continued fiscal support and look forward to working as partners to promote the overall health and wellbeing of children, youth and families living in the Town of North Canaan.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Pohl, MSW
Executive Director

North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance

Once again this has been a very busy year answering 702 emergency calls.

Summer 2012 we placed into service our brand new 2012 Chevrolet ambulance equipped with a power stretcher. The stretcher not only makes it a safer lift for the patients but it also lessens the risk of injury to our members.

Fund raising continues with our annual family breakfast, held at the end of Railroad Days, as well as our joint Golf Tournament fund raiser with Canaan Fire Company. Thank you to all the members of both organizations for their hard work pulling off this very successful event. Our sincere thank you to the many local businesses that contribute to our tournament.

After many applications and a lengthily public hearing at the Department of Public Health, we received our Paramedic certification from the State of Connecticut on December 26, 2012. On May 6, 2013, after purchasing all needed advanced life support equipment, hiring many seasoned paramedics, going through many inspections, we went live as a paramedic service. Being a paramedic service means that the first ambulance out will have a paramedic immediately available. There is a paramedic in our headquarters 24/7, unless on a call. The paramedics are capable of many advanced life saving techniques. There are many people and organizations we would like to thank for their aid and assistance with this great achievement. To all our members, new and old for stepping up to the new challenges, the First Selectmen, Douglas E. Humes Jr. for always supporting our efforts, Fred Rosa the Sharon Hospital EMS Coordinator, Dr. Richard Bennek the Medical Director of Sharon Hospital, Sharon Hospital and their staff, Bob Holdsworth and Lenny Guercia of the Holdsworth Group our professional consultants and Randy DiBella our attorney. Without their advice, support and guidance this upgrade in life saving emergency care would not have been possible.

On behalf of the membership, thank you to our Chief of Service and president, William Minacci for your vision and hard work that made this achievement a reality!

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily M. Minacci
Treasurer

Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health

CMHA's Northwest Center is Litchfield County's leading resource for mental health care.

Founded in 1952, Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health (NWC) is part of Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. (CMHA). CMHA's Northwest Center is a licensed outpatient mental health clinic and family service agency with Joint Commission accreditation. In addition to CMHA's locations in 3 other cities and towns, CMHA served the residents of Litchfield County through service offices in Lakeville and Torrington.

CMHA's NWC remains the only state licensed, nonprofit mental health clinic serving all of Litchfield County. The Center also serves clients from border towns in New York State including Millerton, Amenia and Dover. CMHA's Litchfield County offices operated eleven programs and provided over 13,680 hours of service to more than 1,368 individuals and families.

In fiscal year 2012-13, more than 26 North Canaan area residents received services from one of the many programs at CMHA's Northwest Center.

Funding Sources:

Annual Fund Drive and Annual Event

Private Donations

Town Grants

Fees and Insurance Payments

Department of Children and Families

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

United Way of Northwest CT

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

The Bissell Fund

Civic Family Services

Private Contracts

Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc

Current Programs and Activities

Outpatient Mental Health

CMHA's NWC operated two outpatient mental health clinics in the past year, serving people of all ages: children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Services include individual, family and group psychotherapy, psychological and psychiatric evaluation and medication management and case management. In addition, CMHA continued its contract with Trinity Glen, a residential substance abuse treatment facility in Sharon, CT, to provide medication management services.

From 2012-13, CMHA responded to more than 1,236 requests for service in its Litchfield County outpatient clinics. *Approximately 555 people receive services monthly in the clinics for a total of over 8,859 visits annually. CMHA's Northwest Center provides more than 738 clinical sessions every month.* These services include individual, family, and group therapy, psychiatric evaluations, and medication management.

CMHA's Litchfield County programs receive funding from the CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) to operate two distinct county-wide services:

Parent Aide/Family Enrichment is a home-based family support program that provides parenting, advocacy, case management, consultation, and crisis intervention, especially where there are concerns about child abuse or neglect.

From 2012-2013, 69 clients received this home based service.

Intensive Family Preservation is a program designed to maintain severely emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children in their homes with their families.

From 2012-13, 30 clients received intensive, home-based support, counseling and parenting assistance.

Community Support Program (CSP) is offered to adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Services include individual, group, and family therapy, medication management, and on-going advocacy and recovery support groups. The groups are offered in our Lakeville and Torrington offices. This program is funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

In 2012-13, over 34 individuals received services.

CMHA's NWC also provides services to divorcing parents through the court-required **Parent Education Program**. This six hour course helps parents learn how to lessen the impact of divorce on their children. The Parent Education Program is offered in our Torrington office. *In 2012-13, 197 divorcing parents completed this training.*

Collaborations:

- Two years ago, CMHA contracted services from PrimeTime House to provide community support and social rehabilitation services to the chronically, severely mentally ill served by the Lakeville office. This funding resulted in the opening of a new Club House in Lakeville. These case management services enable CMHA clients and other community residents to access additional support for social and vocational activities. To date, PrimeTime averages 40 contacts per month with clients and serves 34 clients in Clubhouse activities.
- CMHA's Substance Abuse Action Council partnered with Winsted for a prescription drug take-back; participated with the North West Regional high school for a Child Safety Day; presented information on current drug trends at NW regional School #7; and provided alcohol safety training to Warner Theater employees in Torrington.

Recent Important Events

- The economy continues to impact private philanthropy, however this year's gala in Lakeville raised \$69,000 in much-needed revenue. These funds are dedicated to providing services in CMHA's Torrington in Lakeville offices.
- With the current depressed economic climate in Connecticut, it is unclear what state budget cuts may be instituted and what the financial impact will be on CMHA's services. Philanthropy continues to be impacted by the uncertain economy.
- The Foundation of Community Health has awarded CMHA a grant to embed a psychotherapist in pediatrician practices to improve access to behavioral healthcare for children

Northwestern Connecticut Council of Governments

The Northwestern Connecticut Council of Governments (NWCCOG) is comprised of nine member towns - Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Warren and Washington. The NWCCOG's Board is made up of the first selectman from each member town. The NWCCOG provides a regional forum for information exchange and cooperation on issues of mutual concern to member communities and delivers technical assistance and information services to the towns. The Council meets on the first Thursday of the month except in August and November.

This fiscal year, NWCCOG submitted a grant application to the Federal government for rail improvements and to the State government for shared regional economic development services. Funding for Pre-disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning was secured from FEMA. The NWCCOG worked with Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, as it has for the past several years, to apply for and secure a Conn. Department of Transportation grant for an elderly and disabled transportation program.

The NWCCOG, in cooperation with LHCEO and the Northwestern Conn. Economic Development Corporation, assisted in the completion of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to serve as a strategic plan for investments in economic development for the 20 town region. The CEDS includes significant data and analysis and an "action agenda" to support agriculture, workforce development, manufacturing, tourism, and small businesses.

During the 2013 legislative session, NWCCOG members met with local State legislators to review proposed legislation. NWCCOG members, in cooperation with the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials (LHCEO), urged local legislators to take action on a number of issues important to the two Regions. NWCCOG also helped to facilitate local and regional participation in the State's Plan of Conservation Development and Locational Guide Map.

Two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days were held – one in October at the Torrington Waste Treatment Plant and the other in June at the Canaan Town Garage- co-sponsored by LHCEO. Vehicles from around the Northwest Corner arrived at the sites to properly dispose of common household hazardous materials.

The NWCCOG continued to provide staff support to the Housatonic River Commission and the Northwestern Conn. Regional Housing Council. The NWCCOG also continued to provide financial services to the Northwest Corner Fuel Bank, the NWCT Regional Planning Collaborative and the Foundation for Community Health's Prescription Assistance Program.

The NWCCOG continues to cooperate with LHCEO, the Northwestern Ct./Litchfield Hills Public Safety Task Force and the State in emergency operations planning for the member towns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn Ayer
Executive Director

Northwestern Connecticut Regional Housing Council

While there is a general need for work force and affordable housing in the Northwest Corner, these needs are town-specific. The Northwestern Connecticut Regional Housing Council is playing a key role in helping area towns develop solutions for younger families who want to remain in the area and older households that have too much house for their needs.

The Housing Council, with volunteer representatives from member towns, meets quarterly around the table of the Northwestern CT Council of Governments (COG). Seated with us is the staff of the COG, and we will now be able to draw upon the full housing background of Jocelyn Ayer.

At our meetings, we share resources, obstacles and progress made along the pathway to housing solutions. Representatives help other representatives and member towns are helping member towns. As a result of this collaboration, the Northwest Corner is seen as a housing leader within our state.

The Housing Council thanks its 13 member towns, some from the LHCEO, for their financial support. The \$100 annual dues from the towns is a cost effective investment.

William Bachrach, Vice Chairman

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Northwest Conservation District

The Northwest Conservation District (NCD) is a local environmental non-profit organization serving 34 municipalities in northwestern Connecticut. Our mission is to promote the conservation and wise use of natural resources through education and technical assistance services.

TECHNICAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

This past year we assisted our towns' land use commissions and staff with over 100 site development reviews covering hundreds of acres of land, ranging from agricultural and residential to commercial and urban settings. Each time we review and make recommendations on proposed land use changes, we are balancing development with protection of water and other sensitive resources. We provide practical science based solutions, using the latest technologies such as LID- Low Impact Development, to ensure that projects work with the landscape instead of against it. The need for our expertise in controlling erosion and managing storm water run-off continues to grow due to more recent and frequent and intense storms events. We also provide field inspections and consultation to local citizens seeking environmental information, referrals or technical assistance. On a daily basis, citizens call or visit us for solutions to environmental management issues. Our unique depth of expertise continues to serves local residents well in resolving many environmental problems. Our GIS Center provides many field surveys, maps and reports to support the acquisition of open space or solve environmental issues. Our GPS capacities are applied to trail mapping, wetlands projects, school improvement projects and asset management as well.

GETTING RESULTS IN LAND PRESERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE PLANNING.

Our projects this year include the completion of a rain garden and bioswale in Winchester to protect the water quality in the Still River Watershed and the construction of two stormwater wetlands to clean up runoff generated by a one hundred lot subdivision in Thomaston, CT. We are partnering with the City of Torrington in securing grant funding to construct a porous pavement municipal lot, which is currently eroding dirt and gravel into a nearby stream. We continue to make process in creating a wildlife habitat at Native Meadows on the Housatonic River in New Milford and partnering with the regional NRCS in providing soil and water quality protection assistance to the agricultural community in the 34 towns that we serve.

EDUCATION AT AN EARLY AGE LEADS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE FUTURE

Our support for the Envirothon Program continues to provide hands-on science for high school students. This year, as part of this natural resource based curriculum and field day completion, each team explored habitat management relating to the New England Cottontail. Local schools swept the statewide Field Day competition held at Sessions Woods in Burlington. First was Housatonic Valley Agriscience and second was Housatonic Regional High School. Other local environthon schools included Litchfield High, Hotchkiss, Marvelwood, Nonnewaug and Wamogo. Visit www.ctenvirothon.org for more info.

EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, FISH AND PONDS

This year marked the 31st Anniversary of our Annual Earth Day Plant Sale. Thanks to the efforts of many amazing volunteers, our four day event at the Goshen Fairgrounds resulted in thousands of native plants, evergreen seedlings, shrubs and perennials for Wildlife Habit planted by local gardeners. We also continue our bi-annual Trout Stocking Programs for the renewal of aquatic resources in local ponds and streams.

OUR OUTREACH AND WEBSITE.

The District publishes the “Voice of Conservation” newsletter bi-annually and continues to increase our capacity to communicate with our members and the public through our website, www.conservect.org/northwest.

OUR RECOGNITION AND THANKS TO YOU

Our year culminated in our District being awarded a 2013 Environmental Merit Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in recognition of our exceptional work and commitment to the environment. As stated by Sean Hayden the Executive Director of NCD, “Long standing partnerships working with municipalities has made NCD the trusted independent voice, recognized and respected for their abilities to solve environmental problems”. We, at NCD, share our pride in this award with all 34 communities that we serve.

Torrington Area Health District

No Report Submitted.

VNA Northwest, Inc.

VNA Northwest, Inc. provided a variety of health care services to North Canaan residents during the past year, including:

- **450 skilled nursing** visits
- **68 physical therapy** calls
- **264 home health aide** service hours
- A nine-session **Bend & Stretch Clinic**
- A **flu and pneumonia** clinic at Wangum Village

Blood pressure clinics were offered at Beckley House, Stop & Shop, and Wangum Village. These sessions have been found to be invaluable in early detection of a wide range of health problems.

Full Report of Services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Town or Grant Paid Service</u>	<u>Service Paid By Other Payor</u>
Blood Pressure Screening Clinic	27 hours	
Flu Clinic		1 clinic
Nursing:		
Maternal/Child Health		
Adult Health Guidance	143 visits	
Skilled Nursing		450 visits
Physical Therapy		68 visits
Medical Social Worker		7 visits
Occupational Therapy		52 visits
Home Health Aide		264 visits
Bend & Stretch	\$1,000.00	

Women's Support Services, Inc.

Women's Support Services, Inc. (WSS), a non-profit organization, provides free and confidential services to those affected by domestic violence and abuse in the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and surrounding areas. We provide crisis intervention and client centered services as well as violence prevention education. These services include a 24-hour confidential hotline, short-term safe shelter, referral to long-term shelter, individual counseling and safety planning, support groups for women and children, legal advocacy, transportation, information and referral. WSS staff is available to accompany persons to court, assist in obtaining financial assistance, housing, employment, clothing, daycare and other needs. In addition to providing direct services for victims of abuse, WSS is committed to violence prevention education and continues to offer free programs in the schools and communities we serve.

From July 2012 through June 2013, WSS worked with 757 individuals (691 adults and 66 children), responded to 403 crisis contacts (phone calls and walk-ins) and provided 472 individual counseling sessions for persons in our service area. WSS provided short term shelter to 10 individuals and referred 10 individuals to long term or alternative shelter programs. During that period, 75 individuals (16 adults and 59 children) attended support group sessions totaling 552 contacts. WSS also provided clients with 999 units of information and referrals. Our community educator and staff were active in the schools and with community groups, reaching 5,343 participants. Through our car donation program, we were able to transfer ownership of 4 cars to local residents in need.

Our Board of Directors continues to explore ways to help our clients. Ongoing fundraising efforts support our Client Emergency Fund which was created to help individuals with a variety of critical financial needs. These efforts have also led to the creation of a Legal Fund, to help clients access and pay for necessary legal costs and a Housing Fund, to help clients obtain safe and affordable housing. Our strategic planning committee continues to work on ways to address our client's needs. WSS provides ongoing violence prevention education throughout the Region #1 School District. Topics such as cyberbullying, bullying, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, self esteem, and others, have been well received in local schools. All curriculums are age appropriate and are available for children in pre-K through 12th grade. Community collaborations and partnerships are developed and existing relationships are strengthened in order to better serve the community. In addition, support and advocacy is provided to local victims of domestic violence at the Bantam Criminal Court in Bantam, CT.

WSS receives approximately 40 percent of its funding from town, state and federal grants. Our active Board of Directors, staff and over 20 volunteers work to raise the remaining funds necessary to assure that the needs of victims of domestic violence and abuse in our communities are met effectively. This joint partnership of public and private support has enabled WSS to meet these needs locally- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the past 30 years

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori A. Rivenburgh, M.A.
Executive Director

**Report of the Auditor
2012 – 2013**

Michael A. Zemaitis, CPA

Town of North Canaan, Connecticut

**Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources - Budgetary Basis
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

For the year ended June 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Current property taxes	\$ 7,176,509	\$ 7,176,509	\$ 7,253,138	\$ 76,629
Back property taxes	100,000	100,000	133,933	33,933
Interest and lien fees	75,000	75,000	107,829	32,829
Water assessments	4,500	4,500	4,979	479
Government grants:				
Education cost sharing	2,064,592	2,064,592	2,091,962	27,370
Education transportation	33,660	33,660	30,790	(2,870)
Tax relief for elderly and disabled	27,451	27,451	29,805	2,354
State revenue sharing	209,335	209,335	312,428	103,093
LOCIP	30,843	30,843	59,569	28,726
Mashantucket Pequot fund	22,963	22,963	24,454	1,491
Town aid road fund	94,915	94,915	-	(94,915)
Other grants	601	601	14,622	14,021
State owned property (PILOT)	23,757	23,757	22,769	(988)
Total government grants	2,508,117	2,508,117	2,586,399	78,282
Investment income	7,500	7,500	3,239	(4,261)
Departmental:				
Real estate conveyance tax	20,000	20,000	22,066	2,066
Housing authority	7,000	7,000	6,840	(160)
Probate	3,600	3,600	3,600	-
Building permits	30,000	30,000	30,263	263
Licenses and permits	10,000	10,000	4,669	(5,331)
Landfill permits and fees	37,000	37,000	30,109	(6,891)
Total departmental	107,600	107,600	97,547	(10,053)
Other revenues:				
Miscellaneous other	40,000	40,000	16,277	(23,723)
Telecommunications tax	24,700	24,700	15,301	(9,399)
Total other revenues	64,700	64,700	31,578	(33,122)
Total revenues	10,043,926	10,043,926	10,218,642	174,716
Other financing sources:				
Use of fund surpluses	462,407	462,407	-	(462,407)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 10,506,333	\$ 10,506,333	\$ 10,218,642	\$ (287,691)

Town of North Canaan, Connecticut

Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Budgetary Basis Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the year ended June 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 95,548	\$ 97,548	\$ 97,463	\$ 85
Probate court	2,470	2,470	2,470	-
Elections	11,700	11,700	10,018	1,682
Board of finance	3,100	3,100	831	2,269
Audit and Accounting	15,000	19,100	19,100	-
Assessors	61,800	61,800	59,062	2,738
Board of assessment review	500	500	700	(200)
Tax collector	32,851	32,851	31,066	1,785
Town treasurer	17,000	17,000	16,685	315
Town counsel	8,000	8,000	6,327	1,673
Town clerk	33,250	33,250	32,089	1,161
Tax refunds	5,000	7,000	6,799	201
Town Hall	48,900	52,700	52,615	85
Insurance	132,502	139,802	139,770	32
Payroll taxes	41,135	41,135	35,551	5,584
Employee benefits	247,760	247,760	232,400	15,360
Employee retirement	20,142	20,142	20,142	-
Computer services	9,000	13,300	13,236	64
Wetlands, travel and misc	500	500	126	374
Planning and zoning	12,000	12,000	12,053	(53)
Beautification committee	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Council of governments	7,737	7,737	7,627	110
Contingency	7,000	7,000	-	7,000
Total general government	813,895	837,395	797,130	40,265
Public safety:				
Fire protection	55,000	55,000	54,752	248
Crossing guards	6,152	6,152	3,018	3,134
Fire marshal	23,000	23,000	12,303	10,697
Police protection - resident trooper	79,341	84,841	85,371	(530)
Building inspector	48,647	48,647	48,647	-
Animal control	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
Traffic lights	600	600	299	301
Fire hydrants	22,486	22,486	17,108	5,378
Homeland security	4,000	5,000	4,904	96
Emergency medical dispatch	36,250	36,250	35,157	1,093
Total public safety	282,476	288,976	268,559	20,417

Town of North Canaan, Connecticut
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Budgetary Basis
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Continued)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Public works:				
Town garage	25,711	27,811	27,787	24
Road and bridge maintenance	50,000	38,000	37,740	260
Winter road maintenance	58,700	50,200	49,748	452
Equipment repair	30,000	32,400	32,843	(443)
Street lighting	8,500	8,500	8,051	449
Tree removal	4,000	15,500	15,329	171
Municipal parking	1,000	1,000	625	375
Fuel	33,000	32,000	31,864	136
Equipment replacement	5,000	5,000	4,935	65
Wages	169,200	169,200	169,958	(758)
Total public works	385,111	379,611	378,880	731
Health and welfare:				
Housing authority	5,000	5,000	2,806	2,194
Conservation district	1,150	1,150	1,150	-
Housatonic river commission	350	350	350	-
Northwestern transit district	1,193	1,193	1,193	-
Health district	18,448	18,448	18,448	-
Visiting nurse association	33,827	33,827	21,532	12,295
Vital statistics	50	50	60	(10)
Mental health center	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Ambulance service	11,250	11,250	11,250	-
Canaan child care	8,500	8,500	8,500	-
Local relief	9,500	9,500	9,564	(64)
Adult daycare	36,500	36,500	33,000	3,500
Social worker	17,474	17,474	17,377	97
Youth service center	10,727	10,727	10,727	-
Women emergency services	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Discretionary fund	6,000	6,000	5,694	306
Total health and welfare	167,469	167,469	141,651	25,818
Culture and recreation:				
Douglas library	72,000	72,000	72,000	-
Railroad days	8,000	8,000	7,915	85
Town historian	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Historical society	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Roraback building	15,000	18,000	18,018	(18)
Memorial day	1,000	1,000	1,546	(546)
Town recreation	71,750	97,750	99,247	(1,497)
Little league	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Youth basketball	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Youth soccer	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
AHA program	8,000	8,000	8,000	-
Foss Webb building	2,500	7,200	7,186	14
Total culture and recreation	183,250	216,950	218,912	(1,962)

Town of North Canaan, Connecticut
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Continued)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Sanitation:				
Recycling	20,000	20,000	17,458	2,542
Transfer station operations	17,000	17,000	18,267	(1,267)
Transfer station wages	53,045	53,045	53,757	(712)
Well monitoring	8,060	8,060	7,804	256
Hazardous waste removal	1,000	1,000	158	842
Landfill tipping fee - residential	83,000	61,000	60,177	823
Landfill tipping fee - nonresidential	128,000	93,000	89,670	3,330
Bulky waste removal	50,000	50,000	44,119	5,881
Hauling costs	30,000	28,800	23,129	5,671
Total sanitation	390,105	331,905	314,539	17,366
Education:				
Salaries and wages	2,644,402	2,644,402	2,613,429	30,973
Employee benefits	649,846	649,846	588,878	60,968
Program purchased services	50,580	50,580	59,526	(8,946)
Property services	165,388	165,388	218,130	(52,742)
Other services	339,934	339,934	330,038	9,896
Supplies and materials	206,649	206,649	230,387	(23,738)
Equipment	21,900	21,900	25,303	(3,403)
Region #1 tuition	3,909,452	3,909,452	3,863,951	45,501
Total education	7,988,151	7,988,151	7,929,642	58,509
Debt service:				
Principal retirements	124,501	124,501	124,501	-
Interest payments	26,375	26,375	20,645	5,730
Total debt service	150,876	150,876	145,146	5,730
Capital outlay	15,000	15,000	7,056	7,944
Total expenditures	10,376,333	10,376,333	10,201,515	174,818
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Capital nonrecurring fund:				
Fire equipment	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
Town equipment	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Ambulance equipment	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Reappraisal	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Town hall	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Swimming pool	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total other financing uses	130,000	130,000	130,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 10,506,333	\$ 10,506,333	\$ 10,331,515	\$ 174,818

Town of North Canaan, Connecticut

Report of the Tax Collector

For the year ended June 30, 2013

Grand List October 1,	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2012	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Net Amount Collectible	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2013
			Additions	Deductions		Taxes	Interest and Liens	Total	
2011	\$ -	\$ 7,416,181	\$ 6,348	\$ 24,733	\$ 7,397,796	\$ 7,222,214	\$ 28,719	\$ 7,250,933	\$ 175,582
2010	208,187		114	85,248	123,053	34,850	25,817	60,667	88,203
2009	105,687		115	93	105,709	54,485	22,141	76,626	51,224
2008	60,491		3		60,494	25,806	13,300	39,106	34,688
2007	38,831				38,831	9,748	9,339	19,087	29,083
2006	23,595				23,595	2,907	2,156	5,063	20,688
2005	17,712				17,712	118	260	378	17,594
2004	17,313				17,313	504	876	1,380	16,809
2003	10,379				10,379	163	133	296	10,216
2002	10,623				10,623	79	141	220	10,544
2001	9,657				9,657	2,607	4,705	7,312	7,050
2000	9,576		26		9,602			-	9,602
1999	9,736		82		9,818			-	9,818
1998	9,755				9,755			-	9,755
1997	7,466				7,466	80	206	286	7,386
1996	6,691			6,691	-			-	-
	<u>\$ 545,699</u>	<u>\$ 7,416,181</u>	<u>\$ 6,688</u>	<u>\$ 116,765</u>	<u>\$ 7,851,803</u>	<u>\$ 7,353,561</u>	<u>\$ 107,793</u>	<u>\$ 7,461,354</u>	<u>\$ 498,242</u>