



Annual Report

For The Year Ending - June 30, 2024

Hartland, Connecticut

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TOWN OF HARTLAND, CONNECTICUT
For the year Ending - June 30, 2024**

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Dedication

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to our friends
and neighbors who passed away
between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Joseph Edward DeSteph

Roger Anthony Dupuis

Julia T. Watson

Paul Hamilton Sikes

Kenneth Rafoss

Kaitlyn Ann Walker

Carolyn S. Irwin

William D. Cardin

Barbara A. Bocon

Jean Ann Delton

Edward H. Geigner Jr.

Roland Lee Brown

Joel Charles Hence

David W. Barrett

Herbert Thomas Crunden

Joyce Mueller

Ronald Albert Mills

Gene P. Gower

Linda S. Brown

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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- Masking for Covid is now voluntary in all Town buildings. All Boards/ Commissions have the option of being in person, via Zoom, or both.
- Hartland's Affordable Housing Plan is required to complete a survey every 5 years and is an unfunded mandate by the State. The Hartland Housing Commission was established to be a resource/advisory commission to focus on legislation, housing data, communications, and other related issues, to help continually comply with the Affordable Housing Plan State mandates.
- Command Corp installed a new system for wireless security and fire monitoring at the town hall, including smoke alarms and heat sensors.
- MDC finalized negotiations with the 1st Selectman to sign over the deed of the Gaylord House to the Town of Hartland with the 2.04 lot that it sits on. The remaining land (including the ball field) will be leased to the Town for 99 years at a cost of \$1.00
- Local Life Scout proposed a project of rebuilding the decking and stairs to the larger bunk house at Camp Alice Merritt
- HARP Project Food Bank has been completed at Nellie B West Building
- Agreement made with the State of Connecticut to house Hartland's Emergency radio and other equipment at no charge in the State's "secured enclosure" (with backup generator) on South Rd.
- Frontier installed internet at Berg Field and cameras were added for security on Town property
- Homeland Security Annual Emergency exercise was held in June

HARP Board

- ARP Grant

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- Funds used for Culvert repairs, EHVFD equipment, WHVFD equipment, EHVFD New Truck deposit, Cleaning of air vents at Town Hall, Architect plans for NBW, new stove, microwave, kitchen vent, counters, removal of vent, spray insulation, etc. with additional projects to be identified
- Catalyst Construction Service (New Haven) to demo two chimneys on Nellie B. West Building to the roof line and rebuild both with flashing at the roof line and waterproofing. Both chimneys to be capped with bluestone
- JD Building Remodeling (New Hartford) to renovate the exterior of Nellie B West building
- Farmington Valley Home Service (Goshen) to put in ductless HVAC at Nellie B West building
- Purchase of Generator for Nellie B West building

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORT

	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Balance in Account
001 Selectmen	36,485.00	36,485.00	614.98
002 Probate Court	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
003 Elections	24,343.00	24,343.00	0.00
004 Board of Finance	1,040.00	1,040.00	0.00
005 Auditors	16,505.00	16,505.00	0.00
006 Assessors	62,918.00	62,918.00	5,851.19
007 Board of Assessment Appeals	1,250.00	1,250.00	711.12
008 Tax Collector	54,805.00	54,805.00	169.65
009 Town Treasurer	31,750.00	31,750.00	0.00
010 Town Clerk	61,140.00	61,140.00	4,403.51
011 Legal Counsel	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00
012 Planning & Zoning	1,110.00	1,110.00	0.00
013 Zoning Board of Appeals	500.00	500.00	330.56
014 Wetlands Commission	4,030.00	4,030.00	1,976.50
015 Building Official	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
016 Fire Marshal	7,056.00	7,056.00	71.92
017 Enforcement Officer	12,058.00	12,058.00	115.42
018 Town Halls & Office Buildings	66,200.00	66,200.00	0.00
019 Administrative Exp. & Printing	19,195.00	19,195.00	0.00
020 Copier	4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00
021 Social Security/Medicare (town)	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.00
022 Registrars	15,725.00	15,725.00	0.00
023 Memberships/Contributions	9,706.00	9,706.00	0.00
024 Office Administration	111,485.00	111,485.00	0.00
025 Cemetery	9,300.00	9,300.00	0.00
026 Tax Refund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,123.35
027 Salt Abatement	5,345.00	5,345.00	0.00
028 Alice Merrit Recreations Area	4,205.00	4,205.00	636.25
029 Medical Insurance	86,808.00	86,808.00	0.00
030 Commission on Aging	5,370.00	5,370.00	108.05
031 Contingency Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
032 Insurance & Bonds	123,930.00	123,930.00	0.00
033 Life Insurance	1,152.00	1,152.00	297.72
034 Fire Protection	180,136.00	180,136.00	0.00
035 Communications & Civil Defense	25,583.00	25,583.00	0.00
036 Highways	638,157.00	638,157.00	0.00
037 Waste Disposal/Recycling	177,314.00	177,314.00	0.00
038 Health District	14,183.00	14,183.00	0.25
039 Visiting Nurse	11,027.00	11,027.00	1,002.00
040 Vital Statistics	50.00	50.00	50.00
041 Ambulance Service	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00
042 Miscellaneous	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
043 Recreation Commission	26,500.00	26,500.00	0.00
044 Library	12,225.00	12,225.00	0.00
045 Principal & Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
046 Animal Control	20,300.00	20,300.00	0.00
047 Pension	17,500.00	17,500.00	705.00
048 Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
049 Conservation Commission	200.00	200.00	200.00
050 Capital Outlay	89,000.00	149,938.42	68,363.73
051 Municipal Reserve	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00
	2,248,986.00	2,309,924.42	87,731.20

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Elected:		
First Selectman	D MAGI WINSLOW	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
Selectman	R SCOTT LEVAN	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
Selectman	D GREGORY M. SOTTILE	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
Town Clerk		
Asst. Town Clerk	U THERESE GUNDERSEN	08-01-23 TO 08-01-27
	R LINDA G. GUNDERSEN	08-01-23 TO 08-01-27
	U ALI NARVESEN	08-01-23 TO 08-01-27
Town Treasurer		
Tax Collector	KAREN T. ESEPPI	10-21-23 TO 10-21-25
	R CHERYL HIGGINS	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
Board of Finance		
	R TIMOTHY J. IRWIN	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	D PHILIP H. GROTH	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	U TOM KEAN	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	U NICOLE A. BERNABO	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	R HEATHER M. GUST	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	R LAURA B. IRWIN	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
B.O.F. Alternate		
	R JOHN A. FERRO	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	D FRANK J. MONCHUN	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	VACANCY	
Board of Education		
	D PAMELA J. WEBER - CHAIR	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	R TIMOTHY J. IRWIN- VICE CHAIR	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	R AMY LEVAN	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	D AMANDA LUKINGBEAL	11-16-21 TO 11-16-27
	R ELLEN G. SMITH	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	R STEVEN A. ABRAHAMSEN	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	D KENE DALEY	11-21-17 TO 11-21-23
	R MICHELLE D. FERRARI	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	R JOE PENMAN	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	D GWEN WELCOME	11-07-23 TO 11-18-25
Assessor Clerks		
	U MAUREEN WATSON	11-18-23 TO 11-18-24
	D JUNE SHEW	04-01-22 TO 04-01-26
	R CAROL BLOUIN	08-12-23 TO 08-12-27
	R CONNIE IRWIN	10-10-23 TO 04-01-26
Board of Assessment Appeals		
	D BEATRICE ISABELLE	11-19-19 TO 11-21-23
	D FREDERICK G. WRIGHT	11-16-21 TO 11-18-25
	R BRETT WATSON	11-16-21 TO 11-18-25
	R HEATHER PENMAN	11-21-23 TO 11-16-27
Constables		
	D JENNIFER L. ABALAN-KERSHAW	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
	D BRAD A. WRIGHT	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
	D FREDERICK G. WRIGHT	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
	R BRETT WATSON	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
	R MICHAEL RYAN	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
	R WILLIAM HILLBRECHT	11-21-23 TO 11-18-25
Library Trustees		
	U BRENDA BABBITT	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	U CHERIE HENSELDER	11-16-21 TO 11-18-27
	R ANDREA WRIGHT	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	U PAMELA W. LANGER - CHAIR	11-19-19 TO 11-18-25
	R JOSEPH PENMAN	11-02-21 TO 11-18-25
	D KENE DALEY	11-21-23 TO 11-20-29
	D AMANDA LUKINGBEAL	11-16-21 TO 11-18-27
	R AMY BOURQUE	03-13-23 TO 11-18-25
	R LAURA STEVENS	02-13-23 TO 11-16-27
Planning & Zoning		
	R WARREN K. HAAG - CHAIR	05-20-24 TO 05-20-29
	R PAUL LACHAPPELLE	08-09-21 TO 08-09-25
	R ELLEN S. SMITH	01-24-24 TO 01-24-29
	U KEVIN MAHON	05-21-22 TO 05-21-27
	R ARLEN MEYERS	05-14-24 TO 05-14-29

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P&Z Alternates	VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY	
Wetlands Comm.	D CAROL MIERZWA- CHAIR U THOMAS A. DAUKAS U MARGARET KAWA R KIM BURKHART R ENOS (STEVE) STEVENS R MAUREEN WATSON R BRIAN KERSHAW R CHARLES A. CONSTABLE JR. - VC	03-13-23 TO 03-13-28 03-13-23 TO 03-13-28 03-13-23 TO 03-13-28 03-21-19 TO 03-21-24 02-15-22 TO 02-15-27 08-12-19 TO 08-12-24 08-12-19 TO 08-12-24 09-13-23 TO 09-13-28
Wetlands Alternates	D WILLIAM EMERICK U DONALD MURRAY R JAMES D. FARRELL	03-15-23 TO 03-15-26 09-13-22 TO 09-13-25 02-13-23 TO 02-13-26
Citation Hearing Officer Citation Officer	SHAWN HIGGINS JENNIFER ABALAN-KERSHAW	
Judge of Probate	JAMES P. STECK	
IWC/P&Z Enforcement Officer	SCOTT EISENLOHR	
Zoning Board of Appeals	R HAROLD P. GROTH - CHAIR D ELLIOTT E. JESSEN R PAM WEBER, SECRETARY R BRIAN KERSHAW R DEAN NICHOLSON	03-11-19 TO 03-11-24 05-21-22 TO 05-21-27 05-21-22 TO 05-21-27 08-20-20 TO 08-20-25 07-12-22 TO 07-12-27
ZBA Alternates	VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY	
Bldg. Board of Appeals	D JOSEPH ALICATA R DONALD E. HAWLEY R PHILIP SKARET VACANCY	03-08-21 TO 03-08-26 07-12-22 TO 07-12-27 02-08-21 TO 02-08-26
Recreation Comm.	R TODD SHELANSKY, CHAIR R JENNIFER DALENE D TARA NIELSEN D IVANA WALKER VACANCY VACANCY	10-20-21 TO 10-20-24 03-16-22 TO 03-16-25 02-13-23 TO 02-13-26 02-13-23 TO 02-13-26
E. Hartland Cemetery W. Hartland Cemetery	DOUG WATSON MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN	
Comm. on Aging	U HILARY WILSON (MUNICIPAL AGENT) R HARLAN BROSE R JAMES G. HOLCOMB VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY	12-01-22 TO 12-01-26 07-01-22 TO 07-01-24 07-01-22 TO 07-01-24
Animal Control Officer Asst. ACO	JENNIFER ABALAN-KERSHAW NICOLE ABALAN HEATHER HOLTHAM	

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Fire Marshall Deputy Fire Marshall	PETER P. SEVETZ, JR. MARK SEVETZ	
FVHD	LYNETTE D. ROBITAILLE	05-17-23 TO 05-17-26
Social Services	MAGI WINSLOW, DIRECTOR JENNIFER ABALAN-KERSHAW, ASSISTANT	
Hartland American Rescue Plan Board	MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN GREG SOTTILE KAREN ESEPPI NORMAN GUNDERSEN	
Hartland Affordable Housing Committee	GREG SOTTILE ELLEN SMITH MARILYN COLLINS KATE STOETZNER KAREN CHICOINE SUSAN PEARSON PATRICIA REBILLARD	
Hartland Housing Commission	MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN GREG SOTTILE JORDAN BRANEM KIM BURKHART	
POCD - Hartland Ten-Year Plan Committee	KRISTEN ANDERSON GREGORY SOTTILE PAUL STOLTZE TOM KEAN FRED JONES	
Hartland Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Committee	MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN GREG SOTTILE BRIAN KERSHAW HEATHER GUST	
Hartland Public Safety Board	MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN GREG SOTTILE JENNIFER L. ABALAN-KERSHAW	
Registrar of Voters	R PATRICIA G. RASKAUSKAS R CONNIE IRWIN, DEPUTY D MATTHEW J. SWEET D MELISSA SOTTILE, DEPUTY	01-06-21 TO 01-08-25 APPOINTED 03-24-21 10-03-22 TO 01-08-25 APPOINTED 11-10-21
Justice of the Peace	D MARIANNE M. WINSLOW U MELISSA H. BELLEROSE U BARBARA TERRY D FREDERICK G. WRIGHT R SHAWN HIGGINS D WILLIAM J. GILLIAND D GARY W. LEVVIS	01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 01-04-21 TO 01-06-25 12-27-23 TO 01-06-25
Tree Warden	SCOTT LEVAN	

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Winsted Youth Service Bureau	JENNIFER ABALAN-KERSHAW KIMBERLY RIGGOTT	
Emergency Mgmt. Director	THEODORE JANSEN	
Assist. Emergency Mgmt.	JENNIFER ABALAN-KERSHAW BRETT WATSON	
Tri Town Cable	MAGI WINSLOW HARALD BORDEWIECK SCOTT LEVAN	
Conservation Committee	MAUREEN WATSON WILLIAM GILLIAND MAGI WINSLOW SCOTT LEVAN GREG SOTTILE	02-08-21 TO 02-08-25 02-08-21 TO 02-08-25 02-08-21 TO 02-08-25 02-08-21 TO 02-08-25 02-08-21 TO 02-08-25

FARMINGTON RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Lower Farmington River & Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Study Committee	SUSAN MURRAY KATHY DUNN BETTINA HALL, ALTERNATE SAM SLATER, ALTERNATE
Upper Farmington River Coordinating Committee	DAN BOWLER, COORDINATOR ROBERT BEEMAN, ALTERNATE
Forest Management Study Committee	DAN BOWLER CAROL BLOUIN HUBERT PARMELEE MAGI WINSLOW CONNIE IRWIN JEAN LEVAN
Hogback Watershed Recreational Committee	VACANCY
NW Region Mental Health Board	VACANCY

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TOWN OF HARTLAND

TREASURER'S OFFICE
EAST HARTLAND, CT 06027

TREASURER'S REPORT
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE

Cash on Deposit July 1, 2023	\$1,290,319.37
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RECEIPTS

Taxes:

General Property Taxes including Interest and Fees	\$6,058,979.05
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Licenses & Permits:

Pistol & Raffle Permits	\$770.00	
Waste Disposal Fees	<u>9,923.86</u>	\$10,693.86

Revenues From Use Of Money & Property:

Rent - Town Hall & Cable TV	\$60.00	
Interest on Invested Funds	107,873.99	
Interest on Cemetery Funds	210.08	
Rent - Winsum House	9,600.00	
Miscellaneous	21,681.93	
Electricity Credits	<u>7,555.50</u>	
		\$146,981.50

Revenues From Other Agencies:

Planning & Zoning	0.00	
Building Official	31,063.07	
Wetlands Committee	1,090.00	
Town Clerk Fees	7,251.00	
Conveyance Taxes	19,489.29	
Assessors	128.00	
Program Fees	<u>25,758.72</u>	
		\$84,780.08

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GENERAL FUND cont'd

RECEIPTS

State of Connecticut:

Education Cost Sharing	\$1,071,722.00
Pequot Grant	6,593.00
Principal & Interest on Bonds (School Bldg)	0.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	48,075.41
Town Aid Roads	141,156.33
Telephone Allocation	5,149.33
Grant in Lieu of Taxes	73,219.11
Adult Education	1,293.00
Elderly Tax Relief	0.00
Veteran's Grant	926.50
Disability Exemption Grant	306.75
Special Education Grant	0.00
LOCIP	27,432.31
LOCIP Prior Years	0.00
MUNICIPAL Stabilization Grant	76,110.00
Municipal Projects Grant	955.00
Per Capita Tax Relief	0.00
	\$1,452,938.74

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,754,373.23
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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$9,044,692.60
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DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen Orders Paid	\$2,222,193.12
Education Orders Paid	<u>\$5,540,930.02</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,763,123.14
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BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024	\$1,281,569.46
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MUNICIPAL RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES

MUNICIPAL RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES

BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$822,362.92
RECEIPTS		
Transfer from General Fund - Current Year Budget	\$125,000.00	
Interest Earned	18,744.15	
Cell Tower Income	144,248.46	
		<u>\$287,992.61</u>
		\$1,110,355.53
DISBURSEMENTS		
EH Pumper	\$343,493.45	
		<u>\$343,493.45</u>
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$766,862.08</u>

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Perry M. Ransom Fund	\$200.00	
F. G. Merriam Fund	2,221.62	
Hartland Hollow Fund	1,083.93	
Talcott Banning Fund	215.25	
A. M. Tiffany Fund	423.71	
Wilber S. Miller Fund	261.45	
Charlotte Viets Fund	366.37	
Albert A. Newton Fund	322.81	
Carlton Osborn Fund	251.80	
Warham H. Williams Fund	1,069.83	
Octavia Williams Fund	1,062.01	
		<u>\$7,478.78</u>
BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$7,478.78
RECEIPTS		
Interest Earned		<u>210.08</u>
		\$7,688.86
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to General Fund	\$210.08	
		<u>210.08</u>
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$7,478.78</u>

Karen T. Eseppi
Treasurer

September 10, 2024

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND

	BALANCE July 1, 2023	Income	Interest Earned	State & Other Grants	Tfr from Surplus	Tfr from Mun Res	Tfr from Gen Fund	Disbursements	BALANCE June 30, 2024
SELECTMEN:									
LIBRARY	685.26	645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,225.00	(15,784.98)	(2,228.72)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	64,353.00	2,831.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67,184.00
DOG FUND	18,158.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,547.50	(35,579.77)	6,126.61
TEN YEAR PLAN GRANT	9,517.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,517.19
RECREATION FUND	92,222.23	14,637.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,500.00	(31,995.12)	101,364.87
HISTORIC DOC PRESERVATION	8,320.58	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,870.58
Food Bank/Infirmary	4,093.40	91.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4,185.21)	0.00
TAX REFUND	133.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.49
WH Cemetery Mntnace Fund	7,162.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,162.47
EARLY VOTING	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4,552.53)	5,947.47
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,728.00	(1,728.00)	0.00
AMERICAN RELIEF PLAN	149,467.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(131,278.94)	18,188.68
FIREMEN'S COMPENSATION	9,554.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,414.18	(39,414.18)	9,554.18
WHVFD	5,905.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,284.00	(70,253.28)	(4,063.34)
EHVFD	657.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,575.00	(63,958.39)	(725.62)
SR ACTIVITY FUND	1,726.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(116.72)	1,609.94
OPIOID SETTLEMENT	3,465.34	3,304.98	599.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(7,370.17)	0.00
CEMETERY FUND 2023	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
PECK ORCHARD BRIDGE	76,930.56	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	93,930.56
LIBRARY FRIENDS ACCT	3,840.99	22,306.55	0.00	11,099.85	0.00	0.00	226,273.68	(581.15)	3,504.84
	456,345.56	22,306.55	0.00	11,099.85	0.00	0.00	226,273.68	(406,798.44)	326,227.20

	BALANCE Jul 1, 2023	Income	Interest Earned	State & Other Grants	Tfr from Surplus	Tfr from Mun Res	Tfr from Education	Disbursements	BALANCE
EDUCATION:									
SECURITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RURAL EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,094.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	(21,094.83)	0.00
PEGPETIA	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,433.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,433.00
ESSER RIGHT TO READ	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,270.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	(14,270.86)	0.00
ESSER II	(15,513.00)	0.00	0.00	101,585.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	(86,072.10)	0.05
ESSER SP ED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CARES COVID GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE	193,253.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,798.36	(113,799.25)	125,252.11
ROOF PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	177,740.00	0.00	0.00	157,383.84	0.00	0.00	45,798.36	(214,142.21)	145,685.16
TOTALS - SPECIAL ACCTS IN GEN FUND	634,085.56	0.00	0.00	157,383.84	0.00	0.00	45,798.36	(214,142.21)	471,912.36

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RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TAXES</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	\$600,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600,000.00
AUGUST	2,548,794.36	411.41	48.00	2,549,253.77
SEPTEMBER	231,227.24	3,303.13	73.00	234,603.37
OCTOBER	23,654.84	1,887.30	0.00	25,542.14
NOVEMBER	24,718.10	1,198.92	24.00	25,941.02
DECEMBER	39,891.12	1,880.01	0.00	41,771.13
JANUARY	1,438,421.38	2,490.93	24.00	1,440,936.31
FEBRUARY	972,814.36	1,625.84	0.00	974,440.20
MARCH	105,542.01	2,712.61	48.00	108,302.62
APRIL	21,018.79	1,793.77	24.00	22,836.56
MAY	10,275.85	749.88	0.00	11,025.73
JUNE	<u>20,870.90</u>	<u>3,359.30</u>	<u>96.00</u>	<u>24,326.20</u>
	<u>\$6,037,228.95</u>	<u>\$21,413.10</u>	<u>\$337.00</u>	<u>\$6,058,979.05</u>

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Balance July 1, 2023	\$0.00
Paid	<u>0.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance July 1, 2023	\$0.00
Paid	<u>0.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Bonded Indebtedness - June 30, 2024	<u>\$0.00</u>

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BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance worked closely with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education and the Town Treasurer to approve and monitor the expenditure of funds collected through property taxes, fees, and grants.

From the fiscal year 2023/2024, the Board of Education returned \$100,000 and the Board of Selectmen returned \$19,367.47 from unexpended funds. The year end balances were \$766,862.08 in Municipal Reserve and \$1,281,569.46 in the General Fund.

Cell tower revenue continues to be deposited into the Municipal Reserve Account to fund future capital projects. Several lavatories at Hartland School underwent a complete overhaul during the year and were upgraded to current standards.

Anyone interested in learning more about the financial workings of the Town is encouraged to attend Board of Finance meetings or to consider a position on the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Kean
Chairman

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Imma Canelli

The 2023-2024 school year was a very productive and successful year for Hartland School. Hartland School was recognized as a SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION for the State of Connecticut for the second year in a row!! This is a recognition given to the top 10% of the schools in Connecticut. This is the third time in the past five years that we received this honor. This accountability measure was not calculated for two of those five years due to COVID so as you can see. This is huge for our students and staff. Hartland School is very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. We would not be able to continue to provide a high-quality education without the complete trust and support of the Hartland Board of Education and the citizens of the Town of Hartland. Please know that we are extremely grateful.

Hartland School has developed a Strategic School Plan. As a result of the hard work of our professional staff and the various stakeholders in the community, the aforementioned goals were achieved at varying degrees. The following were the goals addressed by the Hartland Board of Education and our staff during the 2023-2024 school year:

I. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

Goal: Hartland School staff, parents, and the community will work together to support students to meet the competencies of the Portrait of a Successful Student and support the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for continuous growth.

The curriculum, instruction and assessment committee created a working draft of a Portrait of a Successful Student. The staff will begin school wide discussions and implementation of the Portrait of a Successful Student during the 2024-2025 school year. The staff will participate in professional development focused on implementing self-directed professional learning aligned to teacher goals. Teachers will set up professional learning plans for 2024-2025 aligned to the new teacher evaluation system.

We have revised the K -3 curriculum to meet the Science of Reading requirements. We have implemented IAB's in grades 3 - 8 to support student learning and provide necessary supports. Bi-monthly grade level curriculum meetings are held with the instructional specialist focusing on data and instructional supports.

II. SCHOOL COMMUNITY, CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Goal: Hartland School staff, alongside parents and the community will provide a safe and caring learning environment that is well informed, models mutual respect and enhances student learning.

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Hartland School has created and implemented school wide activities to create a sense of belonging. We enjoyed the Egg Drop challenge, Buddy Reading, Turkey Trot, and many other exciting activities. We also have a very active Student Council that plans many activities for our students. In addition, our students have enjoyed a variety of field trips, middle school dances and our Holiday Senior Luncheon which is a favorite for our school community. We hold weekly meetings to analyze discipline referrals, look for patterns and create needed interventions. Students are recognized in many ways for their accomplishments and achievements. We honor our Shining Stars in grades K - 5 and we have Honor Roll recognition for our students.

III. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Goal: Provide various technologies and platforms to support students and staff in communicating and accessing information in a digital age.

We are very excited to have a STEAM teacher working with our grades K-8 students. We have a fully implemented Maker Space for all of our students where innovative, creative and challenging work is happening. Our students are thriving in our MakerSpace/STEAM lab. We are in the process of revising our IT curriculum to integrate learning into the content areas. We have designed a new school website which will begin July 1, 2024.

IV. FACILITIES

Goal: Enhance and maintain a facilities infrastructure to support innovative teaching and learning in a safe environment.

We have provided a high-quality facility that is safe, clean and in good repair to meet the curricular and extracurricular needs of all students. We have continued to upgrade our bathrooms, paint our classrooms, refinish the gym floor and replace water fountains in the middle school wing. We have also painted and carpeted the main office.

V. FISCAL

Goal: Practice responsible budgeting by maximizing financial resources with balancing needs with a desire to ease the tax burden.

District spending is consistently monitored to ensure alignment with the established budget. Due to the close monitoring of the budget, the BOE was able to give back \$100,000 to the Town of Hartland in June 2024.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Salaries:

100 Supt/Principal	221,794.18
110 Teacher Salaries	1,417,640.71
115 Substitutes	28,448.57
120 Head Teacher	2,500.00
125 Extra Curricular Activities	13,362.01
130 Secretary	68,124.06
140 Office Aides	56,206.83
150 Other Instructional Staff	94,675.96
160 Custodial Services	113,357.44
180 Business Assistant	69,646.20
190 Nurse Salary	<u>65,107.32</u>
	2,150,863.28

Benefits:

200 Medical/Dental Benefits	326,657.05
210 Social Security	70,427.29
220 Unemployment	20,160.72
230 Life Insurance	5,013.20
240 Pension Insurance	<u>29,065.00</u>
	451,323.26

Purchased Services:

300 In-service	11,200.06
310 M.D. Salary	0.00
320 Atty. Fees & Enumeration	3,144.74
330 Contracted Services	34,957.80
340 Other Exp. for Build & Repairs	110,597.11
350 Transportation	334,022.31
360 Tuition	1,760,424.92
365 Purchased Professional Services	401,394.27
370 Cultural Arts Education	2,260.00
380 Dues And Fees	20,803.10
390 IT Services	<u>28,071.23</u>
	2,706,875.54

Utilities:

400 Electricity	19,616.99
410 Telephone	3,628.58
420 Heat	<u>77,194.03</u>
	100,439.60

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Supplies & Materials:

500 Teaching Supplies	24,097.62
520 Custodial Supplies	17,013.10
530 Textbooks	9,585.47
540 Special Ed	3,650.29
550 Computer Software	41,051.38
555 Computer Supplies	7,319.61
560 Library	6,339.10
570 Health Supply	1,299.23
580 Other Exp & Supplies	<u>6,384.96</u>
	116,740.76

Capital Outlay:

600 Instructional Equipment	14,687.98
610 Classroom Furniture	0.00
620 Office Equipment	0.00
630 Maintenance Equipment	0.00
640 Capital Equipment	<u>0.00</u>
	14,687.98

Total Budget Expenditures	5,540,930.42
Appropriated Budget	5,640,931.00
Additional Appropriation	0.00
Amount Under Expended	100,000.58

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GRADUATES

Zahar Albert Daley	Everett Michael Haury
Rachel E. Hawley	Luke Stephen Hoidalen
Gavin Thomas Lauer	Davyn Quinn Murray
Brady M. Nielsen	Francesca Hayun Story
Noah Swiniarski	Travis J. Thrall

HARTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Pamela Weber - <i>Chairperson</i>	Ms. Amanda Lukingbeal
Mr. Tim Irwin - <i>V. Chairperson</i>	Mr. Joe Penman
Mrs. Michelle Ferrari - <i>Secretary</i>	Mrs. Ellen Smith
Mr. Steven Abrahamsen	Mrs. Gwen Welcome
Mrs. Amy Levan	

Mrs. Alissa Goguen, *Principal*
Mrs. Imma Canelli, *Superintendent*

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The 2023 Grand List showed a slight decrease in the value in all categories by .2%. DMV issues continue to be monitored as they come up.

The Board of Assessor's welcomed Connie Irwin, who will be attending Assessor Training Courses.

Donna Murphy (CCMA II) certified the 2023 Grand List for the Town of Hartland and has been retained for the 2024 Grand List signing.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND TOWN CLERK

Registrars of Voters and Town Clerks jointly administer Election events for the Town of Hartland. Many tasks follow a prescribed process, among them are registering new Electors, preparation of Ballots, administering Absentee Ballots, running the Election event, reporting Results, keeping up to date on state Election IT programs and maintaining certifications and continuing education for themselves and Poll Workers.

During the Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024, the Town held a Municipal Election, a Presidential Preference Primary in preparation for the 2024 Presidential Election, and our May Budget Referendum.

Our 2023 Municipal Election elected 22 candidates to fill offices on our Town Boards and Commissions i.e., First Selectman, Selectmen, Constables, Board of Finance, Board of Education, etc. With 420 votes cast, our voting turnout was 28.35%.

January 2023 began a new Election cycle and the initial implementation of Early Voting (EV). The design of Early Voting began to fall into place and was first introduced with the Presidential Preference Primaries with four days of Early Voting in addition to Primary Day. The Town had 13.1% of registered Democrats and 11.7% of registered Republicans vote in their respective primaries.

Our May Budget Referendum passed with 74 yea votes to 14 nay, resulting in a 6.1% turnout.

As we entered the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, upcoming Election events would be August 13, 2024, Republican State Primary with 7 days of Early Voting. And November 5, 2024, Presidential/State Election with 14 days of Early Voting.

On May 21, 2025, we will hold the annual Budget Referendum. A possible Municipal Primary would occur on September 9 with our Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025, with 14 days of Early Voting.

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HARTLAND ANIMAL CONTROL

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) Jennifer Abalan Kershaw functions as a full-time service for the Town of Hartland. Hours of availability are 24/7. The MACO is assigned the responsibility of investigating and taking any appropriate enforcement action regarding incidents involving domestic and wildlife animals.

The MACO operates the Granby/Hartland/Barkhamsted Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street, Granby. It provides a safe haven primarily for roaming dogs, which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are being conducted.

The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding and other supplies, which are greatly appreciated. These items help to facilitate the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter.

Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping off donations by contacting the MACO at 860-978-1876 or by email: aco@hartlandct.org

For the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the MACO handled the following types and numbers of calls for service:

<u>Registered dogs:</u>	185 Licensed
	2 Replacement or Transfers

Dog Bites:	3
Roaming dogs:	21
Barking/nuisance dogs:	2
Impounded dogs:	14
Abandon dogs/cats:	2
Dog/cats adopted:	2

<u>Domestic and Wildlife:</u>	
Injured animals:	38
Deceased animals:	12
Livestock calls:	1
Wildlife calls:	101
Positive rabies cases:	0

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HARTLAND FIRE MARSHAL

There were forty fire incidents reported to the Fire Marshal during fiscal year 2023/2024. (Excludes Fire Department responses to EMS and out-of-town mutual aid calls). No significant fire losses were reported during the fiscal year. Most of the Fire Department responses included motor vehicle collisions, fire alarms, grass fires, chimney fires, carbon monoxide alarms, hazardous situations (downed electrical lines) and miscellaneous service calls. No fire losses were reported at these incidents, and no firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths were reported.

Fire safety starts with awareness of the most prevalent causes of accidental fires. They are: Cooking; unattended cooking is listed as the number one cause of home fires, the remaining causes are heating equipment such as space heaters, faulty electrical wiring, smoking and careless disposal of smoking materials, as well as candles and similar sources of open flame.

The Fire Marshal’s Office and your Fire Department cannot over emphasize the importance of having properly operating smoke alarms for your home. One-half of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms. Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor as well as both inside and outside of each sleeping area of your home. Test your alarms regularly for proper function and replace expired smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. (Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be replaced when ten years old).

Residents who desire to burn brush on their property must obtain a written permit from a Town of Hartland ‘Open Burning Official’. State law and regulations allow open burning of brush on residential property with the permit. Open burning is only allowed on a sunny or partly sunny day from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please visit the Town of Hartland website; <https://hartlandct.org>. Once at the Town website click on ‘Departments’ and then ‘Fire Marshal/Open Burning’. This will display the full details regarding open burning regulations.

FIRE MARSHAL STATISTICS / ACTIVITY

Fire Incidents reported / investigated	40
Non-fire incidents (includes EMS responses)	111
Fire Marshal Training Hours	26

Respectfully Submitted:
Peter P. Sevetz, Jr.
Fire Marshal

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management can be defined as the joint activities of Town Government and local residents to minimize the effects of severe emergencies. These actions must utilize available Town resources and individual skills as effectively as possible. To accomplish this goal, emergency pre-planning is required.

ACTIVITIES

On October 18, 2023, four representatives of Town Emergency and Social Services participated in a statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) at the Town Hall. This tabletop exercise was conducted to review all communication methods: radio, landlines, cell phones, and emails with our town officials. Also reviewed was the communication method called WebEOC which is the software used to contact the State Emergency Management Office.

Also in October 2023, the Town sent a mailing to all residents that identified the town emergency shelters that would be used for a local or town wide emergency.

A second EPPI was held this fiscal year on June 12, 2024, to review the Town's Emergency Election Procedure document dated April 2024. This document identifies numerous incidents that may interfere with the Election process and how to mitigate these incidents.

It was noted that in addition to the final voting date on November 5, 2024, Early Voting will occur from October 21, 2024 to November 3, 2024.

Let us all make that extra effort to prepare for that unexpected medical emergency (learn CPR) or weather emergency (enough supplies to be completely independent for 72 hours).

Respectfully Submitted,
Theodore Jansen
Emergency Management Director

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COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging (COA) consists of the Municipal Agent and up to ten committee members (currently two), with the purpose of researching, proposing, and implementing programs and services for the senior citizen residents of the community. The Commission on Aging is funded by the town budget, following the same fiscal calendar, and serves in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen with the collective needs of the demographic and recommendations to fulfill those needs.

During this fiscal year, continuing effort was made to gather information for our senior demographic, while also finding the best ways to reach, engage, and provide resources to the seniors.

To help reach the most senior citizen residents with news and information, a few different tactics are being implemented, including a new Facebook page for Hartland Seniors, an updated email list, a more comprehensive and updated mailing address list, a “seniors Google calendar”, and a recorded message line, where upcoming events can be listened to by just calling from any phone.

In an effort to gain more resources and to network with other COA agents, I have been attending Community Health Improvement Plan “CHIP” meetings and workshops being hosted by the Farmington Valley Health District, where we work to identify issues with the senior community and find solutions for these issues, and have also been involved with starting a healthy aging work group/task force with local agencies, that specifically targets the aging population and the increase of fall related injuries, and to find ways to educate and minimize/eliminate fall risk factors for seniors.

I attended two meetings with CT’s Aging and Disability Services supervisor to learn about different funding opportunities for our senior community, and a grant proposal was submitted to the State of Connecticut COA for funding to be used for the HVAC at Nellie B, but the state withdrew funding from the Commission on Aging, and it was not approved.

Our seniors partook in a fall luncheon with a presentation from “Choices”, the annual Holiday luncheon with performances from the Hartland School students, and we held our first 9 week session of the FVHD “Matter of Balance” class, which were all great successes!

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COMMISSION ON AGING (continued)

Assistance was also requested by seniors, and help was supplied in the form of rides, help moving heavy objects at home, welfare checks, smoke alarm battery installation, and equipment acquisition and loan for post surgery.

We will be starting a weekly Chair Yoga class to help seniors increase/maintain flexibility, mobility, and balance, and this fall, we will be hosting another “Matter of Balance” session.

The COA will continue to communicate Hartland Happenings to our seniors, and will look into additional ways to relay information. We also have multiple “lunch and learn” luncheons planned to involve and to support our senior demographic, and hope to be able to provide more opportunities for the seniors to gather, with the completion of the Nellie B. building, later this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Wilson

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RECREATION COMMISSION

Committee Chairperson - Todd Shelansky

Committee Vice Chair - Jennifer Dalene

Committee Secretary - Tara Nielsen

Committee Members - Ivana Walker

It is the mission of the Town of Hartland Recreation Committee to utilize town resources for the maintenance and improvement of existing recreational areas as well as the development of new recreational opportunities for the community. The Committee continues to support youth sports and the maintenance of Berg Field as well as the Alice Merritt property for the enjoyment of the Town. The Committee welcomes all community members to attend posted meetings for suggestions, feedback and discussions on town recreational planning activities. In fulfilling the mission, the Committee seeks to bring together the greater community across all age groups to foster the community spirit with the collaborative creation of socially engaging activities.

Accomplishments 2023-24

The Hartland Recreation Committee continued to focus on several upkeep and improvement initiatives, primarily at Berg Field and the Alice Merritt property. The Committee also remained focused on the financial prudence both in staying within targeted financials and submission of the budget. The Committee continued to manage and oversee field and grounds improvements including the observation and maintenance of the field and any necessary repairs. The Committee continues to be engaged in efforts towards reaching our financial goal to build the playground apparatus. We support the Annual Senior Luncheon and frequently consult on ideas to support more community events. We continue to sponsor our town sports teams including baseball, soccer and basketball. The Committee seeks and encourages partnerships. Longer term capital expenditures such as field drainage and field maintenance are being monitored and accounted for in annual submissions & reconciliations. Monthly and annual activities such as meetings, budget submission financial checks and balances took place throughout the year.

Upcoming Plans for 2024-25 and Beyond

The Committee will continue to assess town recreational properties for further improvements. The baseball/soccer shed is being replaced and getting water to the snack shack is being investigated. Funding efforts towards the Playground Project will continue. Lastly, new members for the board are always welcome. If interested, please reach out to one of the members on the board or please attend one of the monthly meetings.

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

The Town of Hartland Inland Wetlands Commission, originally mandated by the State of Connecticut, is charged with protection of wetlands within town borders.

Wetlands include streams, rivers, and pond shores. In the State of Connecticut, a wetland is defined by soil type; for example, bogs and swamps are wet, whereas hillsides and pastureland may be dry, but still considered wetlands.

The Commission processed the following: Applications, Permits, Modifications to Existing Permitted Applications, Permit Extensions, Denied and Withdrawn Applications, Revoked Applications, Wetlands Commission Jurisdictional Rulings, Wetlands Enforcement Agent Determinations, Complaints/Show Cause Hearings, Cease and Desist Orders, and Show Cause Hearings:

Applications Accepted	2
Permits Issued	1
Permitted Application Modifications	0
Permits Extended	0
Applications Denied	0
Applications Withdrawn	0
Applications Revoked	1
Jurisdictional Rulings	0
Agent Determination	2
Public Hearing on Applications	0
Complaints	3
Cease & Desist Orders	0
Show Cause Hearings	0

Members:

Carol Mierzwa-Chairman
Enos Stevens - Vice Chair
Kim Burkhart
Chuck Constable
Thomas Daukas
Margaret Kawa
Brian Kershaw

Alternate Members:

William Emerick
Donald Murray

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HARTLAND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Items covered by the Planning and Zoning Commission are:

1. Building Permit Applications & Questions
2. Questions on Zoning Requirements
3. Re-Subdivisions Questions
4. Updating Zoning Regulations
5. Handling residents who build structures without obtaining building permits.

For the Commission
Warren K. Haag
Chairman

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HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Hartland Library want to thank the residents of Hartland and the Hartland Town Hall personnel for their support - both fiscally and for use of our space as well as their positive response to our many changes and additions.

The Library has benefitted by the addition of Hoopla and Libby as each of these digital platforms have far exceeded the patron use and number of borrows. Being able to instantly download audio/ebooks, CDs, magazines, TV shows, music, and comics for patrons of all ages and interests has allowed them to enjoy reading and learning in many various ways.

The Library has finally moved to a self-check and self-return system after a years-long search for an affordable option. We were assisted in our quest through the Connecticut Librarians Collaborative and the good will of mkSolutions and Alexandria presidents. We learned that this move was necessary when we discovered that our old system was not keeping accurate information on our patrons or our materials. During the relabeling system we were notified that we had 6,000 books not 3,000. Trustees are now free to assist patrons and both patrons and Trustees can easily see what is available.

The Library Trustees continued focusing on reaching out to and inviting in the community. We increased the size of our Community Information table and continued our participation at the Hartland Fire Department Carnival, the Hartland Historical Society Christmas event and the local Easter event. We have also been able to augment our materials in several important areas by responding to patrons who wished to donate valuable non-fiction materials.

In the Fall, we held our first Open House which was a Grand Reveal for the Hartland Historical Society's antique canoe which originally belonged to the Hartland Girl Scout Camp. The beautifully restored canoe now hangs - upside down - from a beam in the Children's Section of the Library. The Open House brought many residents into the Library and this extended into the Community Room where the Library and local artisans offered items to purchase. This community event also brought many old friends and neighbors together.

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HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (continued)

The Library replaced a broken shade and repaired all of the shades in the building; had the floors in the library and the entrance stripped and double waxed; stripped and painted the metal railings and added planters which provide seasonal planting. All of which present a pleasant welcome to our patrons.

In the 2024-2025 year ahead we are reaching out to other Hartland organizations to offer a West Hartland Day, continuing to be present on Election Day, at the EHFD Carnival, the Santa event and the Easter event. We also hope to bring students from the Hartland School on field trips to the Library as well as to work with residents on a new Career section of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Langer, Chair, Board of Trustees
and all members of the Hartland Public Library Board

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**EAST HARTLAND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

The overall mission of the East Hartland Volunteer Fire Department is to serve the people of East Hartland by protecting their lives, environment and property. We also strive to improve the quality of life by providing outstanding service to the citizens and visitors of our community.

The East Hartland Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members, ie (Fire, EMS, Fire Police and Rope Rescue). Any training that is needed for new or established members is provided by the Dept. Stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening to see what we are about.

As of June 30,2024 our new Engine 2 is almost completed. It should arrive in town by late July or Early August.

Please remember to call 911 for any emergency or any situation that does not seem normal!

The East Hartland VFD is led by the following officers:

Chief. Chris Davis
Assistant Chief. Jason Cooke
Fire Captain Connor Davis
EMS Captain Shawn Higgins
1st Lieutenant Manny Hernandez
2nd Lieutenant Connor Fairchild

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Davis,
Chief, East Hartland Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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WEST HARTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The mission of the West Hartland Volunteer Fire Department is to provide fire protection and emergency assistance to the citizens residing in or traveling through the Town of Hartland, west of the Barkhamsted Reservoir, and any other mutual aid department or Fire District requesting aid.

The West Hartland Volunteer Fire Department currently has 18 members; whose primary function is fire fighter (x11), fire police (x1), medical responder (x1), contributing/life member (x2), and junior members (x3).

Our Department utilizes two pumpers, one tanker-pumper, and one light rescue, for the majority of our calls, and has a brush truck, ATV with a rescue trailer, and a Zodiac boat for calls requiring this specialized equipment.

Last fiscal year (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024) the West Hartland Volunteer Fire Department had a total of 85 calls.

- 44 Fire Calls, including fires and related calls, vehicle accidents, and rescues
- 41 Medical Calls
- 0 HAZMAT

Our monthly business meetings are held at the firehouse on the first Tuesday of each month and all in-house training/drills are conducted on all other Tuesday nights, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Our closest mutual aid fire departments, by distance, are Riverton, Colebrook (Forge Co.), Pleasant Valley, Tolland, Mass, and East Hartland. Our ambulance services are provided by Winsted Ambulance Association and New Hartford Ambulance.

The West Hartland Volunteer Fire Department relies completely on community volunteers to remain operational. If you have any interest in joining our department, as a firefighter, EMS responder, fire police, truck driver, junior member, or auxiliary member, please stop by the fire house any Tuesday night, email the Department for a return phone call at westhartlandvfd@gmail.com, call 860-379-5536, or visit WestHartlandFire.com. All training and equipment is provided by the Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew F Wilson, Fire Chief
West Hartland Fire Department

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FY23-24 ANNUAL REPORT

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOC) consists of the Mayors and First Selectmen from twenty-one (21) member towns in the Northwest Corner. It is one of the nine Councils of Governments that have been established in Connecticut.

The NHCOC membership generally meets monthly to discuss issues of municipal concern, oversee COG planning projects, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation. This past Fiscal Year the board met eleven (11) times and meeting recordings can be viewed at NHCOC's YouTube Channel at: www.youtube.com/@northwesthillscouncilofgov9418/videos Meeting agendas, minutes and additional information on NHCOC initiatives and activities can also be found on our website: www.northwesthillscog.org

BOARD LEADERSHIP

NHCOC Officers serving during the majority of FY 2023-2024 were as follows:

- **Chairman** - Dan Jerram (New Hartford)
- **Vice Chairman** - Michael Criss (Harwinton)
- **Secretary** - Patrick Roy (Roxbury)
- **Treasurer** - Tom Weik (Morris)

The NHCOC board membership approved a FY23-24 budget that incorporated increases in funding in several areas that have a direct benefit to the towns. These areas included an increase in the state Regional Service Grant (RSG) and an increase in the state Department of Transportation (CTDOT) planning funds for the region. With these funding increases, staffing was increased, and funding was set aside for consultants to perform project and planning related work that will directly benefit the region on short- and long-term basis.

In addition, two new areas of service were created that are unique to our region and the state's Council of Governments: 1) *Northwest Hills Community Health Network of CT*. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded the NHCOC \$1.2M in Rural Health Network Development funding to implement an adolescent mental health network over the next four years. This funding supports three clinical partners and a Rural Health Network Project Director. NHCOC is the only COG in the state with a fulltime position dedicated to rural health, and 2) *Regional Opioid Response Fund*. NHCOC convened nine towns in the region to pool their National Opioid Settlement Funds to pursue evidence-based opioid harm-reduction and prevention initiatives tailored to the needs of small, rural communities. To date, the RORF has expended approximately \$60,000, providing Leave Behind Kits to ambulance crews in participating towns,

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purchasing 12-months of harm-reduction supplies for the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force, and partially funded the first LGBTQ Harm Reduction position in the region. NHCOC is currently the only COG in the state to pool National Opioid Settlement Funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NHCOC, as a federally recognized Economic Development District (EDD), initiated a collaborative review process which culminated in a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. Major strategies outlined in the current CEDS include addressing the housing needs of the region, encourage business growth and expansion, support workforce development that aligns talent with needs of the regional businesses, increase tourism and strengthen the creative economy.

Additionally, three-year funding from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) was increased to \$70,000 (from \$60,000) for the upcoming FY 25 and will provide for the continued update to our five-year CEDS and continued implementation of the goals and objectives contained within.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

NHCOC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) at the end of FY23-24 to conduct a Transit Analysis Study which will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration, CTDOT and agency match in the next fiscal year. The focus of this study will be to aid in the development of a coordinated transit network that will serve the residents of the NHCOC region and provide a thorough analysis in addressing current and future transit demands.

Under the CT Department of Transportation's statewide Active Transportation Microgrant Program, three municipalities (Canaan, Torrington, and Warren) within the Northwest Hills region were awarded \$5,000 grants for the purpose of providing resources that would promote safe walking and biking in Connecticut.

Additional transit operating funds have been made available for elderly and disabled transportation within the NHCOC region through NHCOC's approved Congressional Direct Spending grant. This \$92,000 grant will provide funding for the Northwest CT Transit District, GEER, and Sullivan Center.

Approximately \$1M is allocated through the CTDOT each year for priority local road improvement projects (LOTICIP). Five municipalities within the region qualify under this program. Projects currently in various stages of approval/development are located in Burlington, Litchfield, Torrington, and Winchester.

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Under the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIPS) three projects were awarded in the amount of approximately \$3.1 million for Cornwall sidewalk construction project located on the West Cornwall Bridge, Salisbury Main Street sidewalk construction project, and Sharon sidewalk rehabilitation on Route 41 and 361,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

NHCOG serves as the oversight agent for approximately \$365,000 in Homeland Security Grant funding received each year for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 5. Several projects and equipment acquisitions support this program within multiple Emergency Support Function groups in Region-5 (all of NHCOG and portions of NVCOC and WESTCOC).

SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

In FY23-24, NHCOG continued coordination of numerous programs such as: 1) a prescription assistance program in cooperation with the Foundation for Community Health (program ended February 2024), 2) a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in cooperation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 3) the Northwest Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative sharing various roadway assets, and 4) the region's cooperative purchasing program for products and services relating to public works.

NHCOG also managed a new program serving as the fiduciary of a Produce Rx Program during the first half of the Fiscal Year.

LAND USE/CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION/SUSTAINABILITY

NHCOG serves as the Statutory referral agency for municipalities within and adjacent to the NHCOG regional boundary and reviewed thirty-four (34) zoning, subdivision and Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) referrals during the Fiscal Year. The agency also advised local municipalities in land use matters on an ad hoc basis as issues arose throughout the year.

NHCOG continues to host a quarterly "5th Thursday" forum for area Planning, Zoning, and Conservation Commission members to meet and discuss items of mutual interest, hear guest speakers, and provide input on regional plans. These also have been utilized to meet the new statutory requirements of Land Use Officials annual training program.

NHCOG has also assumed the role of Fiduciary for National Park Service (NPS) funding (\$135,000) allocated to the Housatonic River Commission (HRC) for the recent designation of

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federal Wild and Scenic status for a portion of the Housatonic River while continuing to partner with the 7-town membership of the HRC.

NHCOG also continuously promotes the on-line Interactive Regional Trail Map, developed by NHCOG, in cooperation with the Housatonic Valley Association to promote access and usability of the public hiking trails in the region.

The agency supports local conservation and preservation grant application and funding efforts through letters of support on an ongoing basis throughout the year upon request.

The state of Municipal Solid Waste in the region and its sustainable future was a key issue this fiscal year and ongoing into the next, particularly with the dissolution of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) on the horizon in 2025.

NHCOG also continued its support of the SustainableCT Summer Fellowship where college-level students perform valuable sustainability-related work for our member communities each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A Phillips, AICP
Executive Director

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**VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF
LITCHFIELD COUNTY, INC.
FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA, INC.**

The Farmington Valley VNA, now part of Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County (VNHLC), is pleased to have continued to serve the Town of Hartland with the following Public Health Nursing and Wellness programs over the past year.

• Blood Pressure Screenings:	81
• Blood Glucose Screenings:	6
• Flu Vaccine Patients:	58
• Health Supervision/Wellness Visits	12

VNHLC values being able to provide Blood Pressure Clinics, Blood Glucose testing and Flu Vaccine Clinics to residents of Hartland and communities we serve. These health and wellness offerings play a key role in residents being able to monitor their health in between visits with their own healthcare provider. In many instances our staff can provide advice and education to residents when there is confusion or concern.

VNHLC is a State licensed, Medicare certified, non-profit VNA providing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. VNHLC provides services in the areas of Skilled Nursing, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, Medical Social Work, Hospice, Dietary, Pediatrics, Wound Care, Chronic Disease Management, and non-medical Home Assistance Programs. Referrals for services are accepted from anyone and services are provided regardless of ability to pay, as long as contributions, grants and other appropriations are sufficient to cover these costs. We are pleased to continue to support the Town of Hartland residents. For additional information, please call 860-379-8561 or visit www.vnhlc.org

TOWN MEMBERSHIPS

WINCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU (WYSB)

480 Main Street, Winsted, CT 06098

Phone: 860-379-0708 / Fax: 877-233-0836 / www.nwcty.org/

Cathy Ohm, Executive Director, cohm@nwcty.org

The WYSB, a branch of the Northwest CT YMCA, serves at-risk youth and their families throughout Northwest CT, including Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, New Hartford, Norfolk, and Winchester. Their services include: Therapeutic Recreation, individual and family counseling, Rising Star Camp, case management, community awareness, child advocacy, drug and alcohol education groups, court advocacy for juveniles, crisis intervention, discussion groups and the Juvenile Review Board (JRB) a court diversion program for juvenile first time offenders. Hartland youth are served locally through the elementary school, as well as at the regional high school.

Cathy Ohm

Julissa Martinez

Haley Stevens

Program Directors

Northwest CT YMCA - Winsted

Winchester Youth Service Bureau

YMCA Camp Wa Wa Segowea

NORTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1185 New Litchfield Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Phone: 860-626-7222 Fax 860-626-8833

info@nwcd.org / www.conservect.org

We continue to assist local towns with site plan reviews, wetland and soil evaluations as well as solutions to many kinds of environmental problems. We have used our excellent GIS mapping services for many town planning and open space preservation projects. Your commission members and citizens regularly benefit from our excellent environmental seminars and programs. In addition, we are delivering important assistance to your town in energy conservation, efficiency and the transition to clean renewable energy sources.

Larry Rousseau, Chairman

Cynthia Rabinowitz, Executive Director

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SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT

Safety - Healing - Growth
24 Hour Crisis Line - 860-482-7133

Susan B. Anthony Project has been providing free and confidential crisis services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for 42 years. We provide services in twenty towns in northwest Connecticut, including the Town of Hartland.

This year, we are requesting \$1,500 from the Town of Hartland to support Susan B. Anthony Project. We are grateful for your past and continued support and hope that you will fund this request, so together we can work to end interpersonal violence.

Services available to Hartland residents include a 24-hour crisis line, counseling, advocacy, and support groups for victims of domestic violence and their families. For example, our emergency shelter is available to women and their children during times of crisis, and our victim advocate accompanies victims to court following a domestic violence arrest.

In addition to our support services, our Outreach and Prevention Education program reaches thousands of youths and adults each year with our school-aged and camp programs as well as training and in-services to businesses, civic and community groups.

From January 1 - December 31, 2024, we provided 134 support services to 20 residents of Hartland.

We fully anticipate continuing to provide services and educational programs to residents of Hartland and rely on support from all towns in our service area.

If you need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Alisha Donovan, Executive Director

NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER
59 Field St., Suite 120, P.O. Box 59, Torrington, CT 06790
(860)-482-6586 • Fax (860)-489-8851
www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org

The Chamber offers many opportunities to network, generate new business, entertain clients and make a difference in this community. Their mission is promoting economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in Northwest Connecticut.

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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

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Of the 169 local governments in the State of Connecticut, 139 are suburban and rural jurisdictions under 30,000 in population. Small towns are home to over a million state citizens and taxpayers.

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns was founded in the belief that local government leaders from these smaller towns - and their residents - needed a strong voice within the legislative and regulatory decision-making arenas, both in Hartford and in Washington, D.C.

Since its establishment in 1975, COST has provided that voice.



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

The Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) is the all-volunteer body that implements the Upper Farmington River Comprehensive River Management Plan for the Wild & Scenic Farmington River. As part of that plan, the committee is charged with stewarding the natural and cultural components of the river corridor designated Wild & Scenic by Congress in 1994, from Colebrook through Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, to Canton. Over the decades, the FRCC has commissioned studies, built kiosks, protected hemlock stands, and launched an exemplary River Steward program, among many other things to protect and enhance the Farmington River on behalf of the towns and organizations in the watershed.

In 2022, the FRCC commissioned 10 new wooden kiosks from a local carpenter that have replaced existing kiosks at the river. The Farmington River Stewards had another successful year supporting safe public access to the river during the summer months. The FRCC provided financial support across the watershed to land trusts to complete acquisition of conservation land, controlled significant areas of invasive plants, released beetles to protect hemlock trees, and funded extensive water quality monitoring. The FRCC also helped member towns by supporting FRWA's survey of stream crossing which will identify faulty infrastructure, supported bank stabilization work on West River Rd., sent river town staff to Green Sno Pro training reducing the cost of de-icing roads, and supported natural resource inventories.

FRCC continued to support FALPS to assist in the cost of creating a historic interpretive loop trail along the Farmington River in Barkhamsted and Hartland, in memory of David Leff. FALPS has established a 1 mile easy walking loop trail through a centuries old historic industrial site. The trail begins at the north end of School Street in Riverton and continues along the Farmington River north through Hartland.

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are hosted either in-person or on video conference the third Monday of every month.

Member Representative
Dan Bowler (Hartland)
email: dbowler2@hotmail.com
(860) 559-3535

Farmington Valley Coordinating Committee
P.O. Box 395
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063
(860) 738-2456
www.farmingtonriver.org



Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook WILD & SCENIC



The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook were designated in 2019 under the Federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Act as Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers. The nine partner towns include of Avon, Bloomfield, Burlington, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, Simsbury and Windsor. Each town has a town appointed representative and alternate to the Management Committee.

The river and brook were designated wild and scenic based on five Outstanding Resource Values (ORV's); water quality, biodiversity, geology, cultural resources and recreation. Our management plan guides us in protecting and enhancing these ORV's and the watercourses and our committee, The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee (LFSWS) is dedicated to these purposes.

The excellent water quality of Salmon Brook in Hartland is a defining characteristic of the watercourse. The headwaters are largely undeveloped, wooded large tracts of contiguous core forests of northern hardwood and conifers that support robust biodiverse communities of forest interior birds, black bear, fisher, bobcat, otter and occasional moose. Trees on stream banks provide shade, keeping water temperatures low and vegetated buffers protect waterways from nonpoint source pollution. The exceptional water quality contributes substantially to the quality of water which provides recreational opportunities exemplified in Hartland by our Camp Alice Merritt Recreational Center, the legacy Loomis School's Darwin Club and property owners' enjoyment of the brook.

Hartland water is categorized as Class A and the Salmon Brook is one of the last true cold-water fisheries in the State of Connecticut, supporting thriving, breeding native populations of brook and brown trout.

During Hartland's fiscal year FY24, July 2023 - June 2024, Hartland benefited from the following projects made possible by LFSWS:

- LFSWS map mounted on Kiosk front panel in Berg Field
- Library display updated with our town's ORV's

For more info visit:

lowerfarmingtonriver.org or <https://www.facebook.com/LFSWS>

Susan Murray, Town Representative - 860-653-5345
Hank Prussing, Town Alternate



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FARMINGTON RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.
749 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

The Farmington River was named one of American Rivers Most Endangered Rivers of 2024 due to the conditions at Rainbow Dam in Windsor, including the closing of the Rainbow Dam Fishway due to ineffective fish passage, modified downstream releases, and cyanobacteria blooms affecting water quality both in the reservoir and downstream. Since this nomination, FRWA has received so much support from our membership base, local communities about being a voice to help restore and protect the Farmington River. FRWA and partners are in active discussion with Stanley Black & Decker about the status of Rainbow Dam and will remain the top advocacy priority going into 2025.

FRWA utilized our River Smart program to educate watershed residents about the effects of stormwater pollution at community events while handing out downspout diversion kits. We planted a bioswale and 4 tree wells at Edgewood Schools in Bristol, a rain garden at Resha Beach in Winsted, and a rain garden in Canton. We conducted stream crossing surveys to assess stream connectivity and aquatic habitat conditions, as well as completing aquatic insect surveys to assess stream health. We had our 37th Annual Farmington River Cleanup and hosted our 7th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Collinsville. Water quality monitoring continued to expand this year, with the addition of more conductivity and temperature loggers, and continued routine monitoring of *E.coli*, temperature, chloride, and conductivity to identify trends over time and make informed decisions about the health of the watershed. Keep an eye out for our 2024 Annual Water Quality Report on frwa.org in the 'resources' section.

Aimee Petras
Executive Director
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT

To the Board of Finance
Town of Hartland, Connecticut

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the Town of Hartland, CT's (Town) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Policy and Management's *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Town's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Single Audit (C.G.S. Section 4-230 to 4-236). Our responsibilities under those standards and the State Single Audit Act are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of the report.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Town's state programs.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State Single Audit will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on the compliance about the Town's compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State Single Audit Act, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Town's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State Single Audit Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Required by the State Single Audit Act

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State Single Audit Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



King, King & Associates, CPAs
Winsted, CT
February 25, 2025

