



CORNWALL TOWN REPORT  
2019 - 2020

# WELCOME

Adelina Grace Aguilar

Aidan Michael Bruehl

Hugo Palmer Cheney

Owen Charles Fox

Theo Antonio Garofano

Mason Paul Hurlburt

Idelyn Alice Julian

Elliot Simon Kirschner

Charley Alexandra Latka

Isaac Norris Mastrocola

Lucas Edward Mastrocola

Hatcher Doskow Mejia

Cate Kristen Rose

Henry Camp Russ III

Avery Hayden Shaw

Source: Town Clerk records and the Cornwall Chronicle

# FOND ADIEU, SALUTE

Peter Allen Barrett

Anne (Pandy) Bevans

Jack W. Bryant

Amanda Chase

Gerti Colbert

Allis F. Edelman

Erwin Sheppard Edelman

John W. Elliott

Janet Gold

Alida White (Lessard) Hare

Susan Calhoun Heminway

Jay P. McDonough

John W. Perry

Jack W. Richmond

Ralph (Dusty) Sandmeyer, Jr.

Celia Senzer

Betty Silbert

Ryan Charles Otto Watts

Phyllis Wojan

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**Agricultural Advisory Commission**

Garrick Dinneen  
CHM William Dinneen, Jr.  
Chris Hopkins  
Wendy Kennedy  
Jennifer Larson  
Ted Larson  
Gordon M. Ridgway  
Brian Saccardi  
Susan Saccardi  
Lynn Scoville  
Hunt Williams

**Animal Control Officer**

Bradford Hedden 672-2917  
Asst. Jack Malahan 672-6230

**Assessor**

Barbara Bigos 672-2703  
JoAnne Dodge  
Kayla Johnson  
OFFICE HOURS:  
Wed 9-3  
Tues 1-4

**Board of Education**

Iris Hermann '23 U  
Hugh Cheney '23 D  
Dave Cadwell '21 D  
CHM Catherine Tatge '21 D  
Rachel Matsudaira '23 R  
Emilie Pryor '21 R  
CLERK: Anne Kosciusko  
672-2939  
REP. TO HVRHS BOARD:  
John Sanders '20

**Board of Finance**

Lisa Lansing Simont '21  
Carl Zejke Hermann '25  
John LaPorta '21  
Janet Carlson '25  
David Hubbard '23  
CHM Joseph Pryor '23  
ALTERNATES:  
Simon Hewett '21  
John Brown, Jr. '21  
CLERK: Barbara Herbst

**Board of Selectmen**

**FIRST SELECTMAN:**

Gordon M. Ridgway '21

**SELECTMEN:**

Priscilla Pavel '21  
Marina Kotchoubey '21

**CLERK:**

Jonathan Berry  
Tel. 672-4959  
FAX 672-4068  
cwselectmen@optonline.net

**Board of Assessment Appeals**

Blaine Matthews '23  
CHM Roger L. Kane '23  
David Samson '21

**Building Code Appeals**

David Williamson 672-4959

**Building Official**

Paul Prindle 672-0711  
HOURS: 8:00-9:00 am

**Emergency Management Director**

Diane Beebe  
Marc D. Simont, Asst.  
John Bevans, Asst.

**Conservation Commission**

Vacancy '20  
Vacancy '19  
CHM Patrick Mulberry '21  
Debbie Bennett '21  
Vacancy '19  
Kate Freygang '20

**Cornwall Grange #32 Trust Fund**

Wendy Kennedy '21  
Debra Tyler '22  
Susan Saccardi '20

**Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**

PRES: Anne Kosciusko  
CHIEF: Fred Scoville III

Rescue Capt. Zack Sawicki  
(For a list of volunteers, see p. 42)

**Demolition Officer**

Paul Prindle 672-0711  
HOURS: 8:00-9:00 am

**Fire Marshal**

Stanley MacMillan,  
364-0909  
Deputy: Timothy Limbos  
Charles Carlton Jr.  
Robert Norton

**Historian**

Dorothy Clarke-Wolfe '21

**Housatonic River Commission**

Philip W. Hart '20  
ALT Barton Jones '21

**Highway Department**

FOREMAN:  
James Vanicky  
CREW:  
John A. Malahan, Jr.  
Fred Scoville II  
Town Garage: 672-6230

**Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency**

CHM D. Stevenson Hedden '21  
William J. Hurlburt '21  
Debbie Bennett '21  
Peter Demy '21  
Roger Kane '21

**ALTERNATES:**

Vacancy '21  
Vacancy '21

**Judge of Probate**

Diane Blick 860-824-7012  
LITCHFIELD HILLS PROBATE  
COURT, DISTRICT 24

**Justices of the Peace '21**

Kenneth C. Baird  
Dave Cadwell  
John F. Brown, Jr.  
Gordon Scott Cady  
Nita Colgate  
Margaret Cooley  
B. Daniel Evans  
Mark Hampson  
Allen G. Herkimer II  
Judith A. Herkimer  
Carl Hermann  
Lisa Lansing Simont  
Dominique Lasseur  
Phyllis Nauts  
Priscilla Pavel  
Ann M. Schillinger  
Julia Mary Scott  
Debra Tyler  
Katherine West  
Phillip Rollin West  
Barbara S. Yohe

**Cream Hill Lake Study Group**

Ivan Miller '21  
Betty Spence '21  
Heidi Cunnick '21  
Nancy Berry '21  
Richard Griggs '21

**Hammond Beach Advisory**

Marci Silverman  
Rachel Matsudaira  
Raymonde Burke  
Martha Lane  
Janet Carlson

**Land Use Administration**

Karen Griswold-Nelson  
Administrator ZEO and Clerk  
HOURS: Tues. & Thurs 9-12  
860-672-4957  
*See Planning & Zoning, Zoning  
Board of Appeals and Inland Wetlands  
Agency*

**Municipal Agent  
On Aging**

Heather Dinneen 672-2603  
HOURS: By appointment  
Food Pantry - see page 34

**Economic Development Commission**

Lee Pryor '21  
Kathryn Sandmeyer Ward 21  
Richard Bramley '22  
Bianka Griggs '22  
Todd Piker '20  
Simon Hewett '20  
Richard Sears '20  
Priscilla Pavel '21  
CHM Janet Carlson Sanders '21  
Arnon Fischer '22  
Dee Solomon '22 (non-voting member)

**Northwest Regional Tourism**

Bob Ensign '22



## *Town Office Hours*

*Monday - Thursday  
9 to noon and 1-4 PM  
unless otherwise noted*

### Park and Recreation Commission

Shanna Robinson '21  
Erin Berry '20  
Wendy McFarlane '20  
Stephen Saccardi '20  
CHM John Sanders '21  
Johan Winsser '21  
Stacy Dolan '21  
Melissa Bronson '20

#### ALTERNATES:

Vacancy '19  
Vacancy '20

#### DIRECTOR:

Jennifer Markow  
672-4071  
Mon & Wed 9-12

### Hammond Beach

DIRECTOR: Marina Kotchoubey

### Planning and Zoning Commission

Stephen Saccardi '25  
Anna Timell '23  
CHM Jill Cutler '23  
James LaPorta '21  
Phill West '21  
Keith Bodwell '25

#### ALTERNATES:

Vacancy '23  
Thomas Eucalitto '21  
Vacancy '21

### Social Services Administrator

Heather Dinneen 672-2603

### Recycling Coordinator

Ted Larson 672-4079

### Registrars of Voters

Republican  
Cara Y Weigold '21  
Democrat  
Jayne W. Ridgway '21

### Sydney M. Kaye Fund Advisory Committee

Vacancy '21  
Lynn Scoville '21  
Virginia Potter '22

### Tax Collector

Jean Bouteiller '21  
672-2705  
Monday 1-4  
Wednesday 9-12/1-4

### Torrington Area Health District Representative

Josh Tyson '22  
860-489-0436

### Town Clerk

Vera L. Dinneen '22  
672-2709  
Town Office Hours

#### ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS:

Jennifer Kenniston-Larson  
Karen Griswold-Nelson

### Treasurer

Richard Bramley '21

### Finance Office

Barbara Herbst 672-2707  
Mon/Thurs 9:00-5:00  
Tues/Wed 8:30-12:30

### Tree Warden:

Fred Scoville III '21  
Bruce Bennett, Asst. '21

### Zoning Board of Appeals

George Wolfe '21  
Joanne Wojtusiak '25  
Ian Elwell '23  
Betty Spence '21  
CHM Don Bardot '25  
Amy Worthington-Cady '23

#### ALTERNATES:

Fred Scoville '20  
Vacancy '24  
Vacancy '22

### Zoning Enforcement Officer

See Land Use Administrator p. 9

### Sanitary Transfer Station

Manager Ted Larson  
Assistant William Berry  
Furnace Brook Road (672-4079)  
For additional information, see back cover

## *Civic Organizations*

### Cornwall Child Center

Cream Hill Road, West Cornwall  
DIRECTOR: Amy C. Martinez  
672-6989

### Cornwall Historical Society

7 Pine Street, Cornwall Village  
PRESIDENT:  
Lisa Lansing Simont  
**HOURS:**  
Sat, 10 am-4 pm and  
Holiday Mondays 1-4 pm  
Otherwise by appointment, call 672-0505

### Cornwall Housing Corporation

PRESIDENT:  
Maggie Cooley

### Cornwall Library

30 Pine Street, Cornwall Village  
DIRECTOR:  
Margaret Haske Hare  
**HOURS**  
Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10 am-5 pm.  
Wed. Noon-7 pm. Sat 10 am-2 pm.

### Hughes Memorial Library

Lower River Road, West Cornwall  
PRESIDENT:  
Jerome Doolittle  
672-6374  
**HOURS**  
Friday, 4-7 pm;

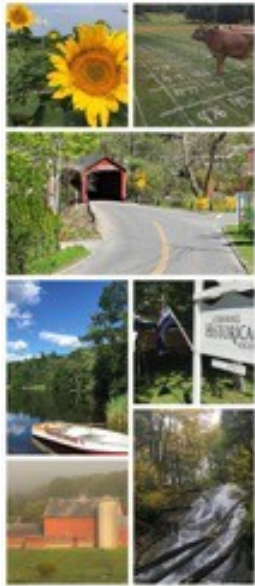
For more civic organizations, go to  
[www.cornwallct.org](http://www.cornwallct.org)

Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm



For updates see <https://www.explorecornwallct.com/>

## Town of Cornwall Business Directory



### Accommodations

The Amselhaus  
(860) 248-3155  
[theamselhouse.com](http://theamselhouse.com)

The Cornwall Inn  
(860) 672-6883  
[cornwallinn.com](http://cornwallinn.com)

Hitching Post Country Motel  
(860) 672-6219  
[cthitchingpostmotel.us](http://cthitchingpostmotel.us)

### Agriculture/Forestry

Birdseye & Tanner Brooks Farm  
(860) 672-6906  
[betbrooksfarm.com](http://betbrooksfarm.com)

Buck Mountain Herbs  
(860) 671-1545  
[buckmountainherbs.com](http://buckmountainherbs.com)  
Calf and Clover Farm  
(860) 672-0261

Cornwall Co-Op Farm Market  
(860) 671-1545  
Pine Street  
[cornwallcoopfarmmarket.com](http://cornwallcoopfarmmarket.com)

Enchanted Forestry  
(860) 672-6771

Gunn Brook Farm  
(860) 672-0203  
[gunnbrookfarm.com](http://gunnbrookfarm.com)

H&W Tree and Landcare  
(860) 671-0979

Hedden Forest Products  
(860) 672-6023

Hedgerows Angus Farm  
(860) 672-0082

Hurlburt Farm and Forestry  
(860) 672-6725

L.M. Stevens Forestry, LLC  
(860) 672-6065

Local Farm  
(860) 672-0229

Maple Hill Farm  
(860) 672-0173

New England Naval Timbers  
(860) 480-3402  
[newenglandnavaltimbers.com](http://newenglandnavaltimbers.com)

The Original Cornwall Farm Market  
(860) 672-2969  
[cornwallfarmmarket.org](http://cornwallfarmmarket.org)

RD Farm  
(860) 946-3720  
[rdfarmlbuylocal.com](http://rdfarmlbuylocal.com)

Ridgway Farm  
(860) 672-0279  
[ridgwayfarm.com](http://ridgwayfarm.com)

Scoville Landscaping and Tree Service  
(860) 672-0031  
[scovilletree.com](http://scovilletree.com)

Winsser Tree Care  
(860) 866-8505  
[winssertreecarect.com](http://winssertreecarect.com)

### Animal Services

Housatonic Veterinary Care  
(860) 672-4948  
[housatonicvet.com](http://housatonicvet.com)

Little Guild of St. Francis  
(860) 672-6346  
[littleguild.org](http://littleguild.org)

Nuisance Wildlife Removal  
(860) 318-1778

Thunderhorse Creative  
(860) 672-6844  
[thunderhorsecreative.com](http://thunderhorsecreative.com)

### Apparel, Gifts & Home Decor

KMC Jewel Inc.  
(929) 274-4789  
[kmcjewel.com](http://kmcjewel.com)

MMS Outfitters at Mohawk Mountain  
(860) 672-6100  
[mohawkmntn.com](http://mohawkmntn.com)

The Wish House  
(860) 672-2969  
[wishhouse.com](http://wishhouse.com)

### Appliances & Electrical Services

Bill's Major Appliances and Service  
(860) 672-0035

Cornwall Electric Company  
(860) 672-6124  
[cornwallelectricco.com](http://cornwallelectricco.com)

Hedden Electric  
(860) 672-2917

Hilltop Electric, LLC  
(860) 672-6855

Litchfield Hills Solar  
(860) 868-6047  
[litchfieldhillssolar.com](http://litchfieldhillssolar.com)

Starlight Lamp Repair  
(860) 672-0322

### Architects

John Harding  
(860) 672-6255  
[johnhardingarchitect.com](http://johnhardingarchitect.com)

Keskinen Architects  
(860) 672-2724  
[keskinenarchitects.com](http://keskinenarchitects.com)

Patrick Scott Mulberry  
(860) 672-0392  
[pmulberry.homestead.com](http://pmulberry.homestead.com)

Richard Swift Campbell  
(860) 672-0560

### Arts, Antiques & Crafts

Brendan O'Connell, Artist  
[brendanoconnell.com](http://brendanoconnell.com)

Cornwall Bridge Pottery  
(860) 946-9679  
[cbpots.com](http://cbpots.com)

Housatonic Fine Art and Framing  
(860) 619-8097

Lost Art Workshops  
(860) 672-6000  
lostartworkshops.com

Michael Trapp Inc.  
(860) 672-6098  
michaeltrapp.com

Milkhouse Pottery  
(860) 672-6369  
milkhousepottery.net

Peter Busby, Sculpture  
(860) 672-2543  
peterbusby.com

Reckless Rainbow Yarns  
recklessrainbowyarns.com

Richard Griggs, Thingmaker  
(860) 672-6209  
rgthingmaker.com

Souterrain Gallery  
(860) 672-2969  
wishhouse.com

Spotted Dog Gallery  
(860) 248-3038

The Clock Shop  
(860) 672-6229

Tim Prentice  
(860) 672-6728  
timprentice.com

Wallace Harding, Artist  
(860) 672-6255  
wallaceharding.com

### **Auto Services**

Charles' Big & Small Equipment  
(860) 480-6495

Hall's Garage  
(860) 672-6289  
hallsgaragect.com

Kent Road Motorsports  
(860) 866-4632  
kentroadmotorsports.com

### **Professional Services**

Digits and Sums Bookkeeping  
(860) 672-3487

Molly Hinchman PhD, Clinical  
Psychologist  
(860) 672-6386  
drhinchman.com

National Iron Bank  
(860) 672-6623  
ironbank.com

National Society of Compliance  
Professionals  
(860) 672-0843  
nscp.org

West Cornwall Publishing Company  
(860) 672-6484

### **Carpenters, Builders, Contractors**

Bo Barrett Painting  
(860) 672-6441

Chimney Rock Construction  
(860) 248-9684

Cornwall Bridge Granite Company  
(860) 672-4000  
cornwallbridgegranite.com

Cornwall Hardwood Floors  
(860) 672-4300  
cornwallhardwoodfloors.com

Cornwall Millwork  
(860) 672-2253

Cornwall Water Company  
(860) 672-6313

Daval Enterprises  
(860) 480-5975

Eastern Construction Professionals  
(860) 672-6865  
easternconstructionprofessionalsllc.com

Elwell Construction  
(860) 672-4302

Flasch Fabrication/Design  
(860) 672-5678

Fox Painting  
(860) 672-0192

Frost Excavating  
(860) 672-6815

Greenview Building & Design  
Company  
(860) 650-1756  
greenviewco.com

Housatonic Carpentry and Remodeling  
(860) 921-7316

Innovative Construction  
(860) 672-0221

James Terrall Construction  
(860) 672-6393

John LaPorta Masonry  
(860) 672-0089

Larry Saed, Contractor and Builder  
(860) 672-0286

Peter Gorat Jr. Masonry and  
Stonework  
(860) 672-6941

Peter Russ, Building and  
Carpentry  
(860) 672-6981

PLS - Plumb/Level/Square Contracting Inc.  
(860) 672-2809

Pureform Design and Build  
(845) 416-8836  
pureformdesign.com

Royal Construction Roofing  
(860) 672-4949

Thomas Wolf, General Contractor  
(860) 307-8142

Urbanowicz Painting  
(860) 619-8200

Wade Wolfe  
(860) 672-6328

Woods Designs, LLC  
(860) 248-3013

### **Catering, Specialty Foods, Grocery**

Cornwall Country Market  
(860) 619-8199  
cornwallcountrymarket.com

Dos Primas Catering  
(860) 946-9495  
dosprimascatering.com

Matthews 1812 House  
(860) 672-0230

Suzie's Sweets  
(860) 672-6855  
suziessweetsct.com

The Serene Bean  
(860) 672-6203

Young Love Maple  
(860) 672-0142  
younglovemaple.com

### **Childcare**

Cornwall Child Center  
(860) 672-6989  
cornwallchildcenter.org

### **Community Services**

Housatonic Valley Association  
(860) 672-6678  
hvatoday.org

### **Entertainment**

Betsy's Band  
(860) 672-6101

Grumbling Gryphons Children's  
Theater  
(860) 672-0286  
grumblinggryphons.org

Jive by Five – jazz for any occasion  
(860) 672-0152

### **Film & Media**

Tatge-Lasseur Productions  
(860) 672-4419

### **Floor, Wall Coverings, Furniture**

Chestnut Woodworking & Antique Flooring  
(860) 672-4300  
chestnutwoodworking.com

Housatonic Valley Rug Shop  
(860) 672-6134

TYClean Carpet and Upholstery  
Cleaning  
(860) 672-6043

Ian Ingersoll Cabinetmakers  
(860) 672-6334  
ianingersoll.com

### **Gas Station**

Haris & Ayesha Food Mart and Citgo  
Station  
(860) 672-0411

### **Graphic, Marketing & Web Design Services**

C Designs by Cara Weigold  
(860) 672-6183  
cdesignsbycaraweigold.com

One Eleven Group  
(860) 672-0043  
oneeleven-group.com

Rocco Botto, Web Design &  
Marketing  
(860) 671-1891  
roccobotto.com

### **Hardware & Building Materials**

Northeast Building Supply  
(860) 672-4000  
nbslumber.com

### **Landscaping & Gardens**

Chimney Rock Gardens  
(860) 248-9685

Garden Keep  
(860) 672-6308  
gardenkeepct.com

Hedden Landcare  
(860) 672-2569

Megan Mollica Gardens  
(860) 248-8882

Reliability Plus Property Care, LLC  
(860) 672-4240  
reliabilityplus.net

Scoville Landscaping and Tree Service  
(860) 672-0031  
scovilletree.com

Something to Crow About Dahlias  
(860) 672-3515  
somethingtocrowaboutdahlias.com

Town Hill Landscaping and Tree  
Company  
(860) 672-3169

Williamson's Equipment  
(860) 672-6042

### **Products/Services**

Evergreen and Birch  
(860) 966-9651  
evergreenandbirch.com

Debbie Bushnell, Hair Stylist  
(860) 672-1220

### **Photography**

Art Gingert/Wildlands  
(860) 672-0077

Don Heiny  
(860) 672-0092

### **Plumbing**

Cornwall Plumbing and Heating  
(860) 672-6350  
cornwallp-h.com

### **Real Estate & Property Management**

Bain Real Estate  
(860) 672-0730  
bainrealestate.com

Litchfield County Property Management  
(860) 309-5520  
heidikearns.com

Nicholas Bruehl Real Estate  
(860) 672-2200

### **Recreation**

Clarke Outdoors 163 Route 7  
(860) 672-6365  
clarkeoutdoors.com

Housatonic Anglers  
(860) 672-4457  
26 Bolton Hill Road  
housatonicanglers.com

Housatonic River Outfitters  
(860) 672-4457  
24 Kent Road South  
dryflies.com

Mohawk Mountain Ski Area  
(860) 672-6100  
46 Great Hollow Road  
mohawkmtn.com

### **Restaurants**

RSVP French Kitchen  
(860) 672-7787  
7 Railroad Street  
rsvp-restaurant.com

### **Wines & Spirits**

Cornwall Package Store  
(860) 672-6645  
14 Kent Road South  
cornwallpackagestore.com



# ANIMAL CONTROL

Although this year was quiet it was, as most years are, adventurous.

The year's total is as follows:

Eight bears,  
seven skunks  
six raccoons  
Three deer  
One turkey  
One coyote pup  
One turtle  
One monkey

The monkey call came in while I was out of town. I asked my non-town employed assistants Erin, Reilly, and Quinn, to investigate. The caller was very specific about the location of where the monkey had been seen on the Coltsfoot trail. On their safari, however, they failed to spot a monkey, but did spot a scarlet tanager and another young family enjoying the trail.

To all of our new residents, your pets may not be used to living in a quiet environment and being free to roam. There is a leash law in town, so be sure to allow them plenty of time to acclimate to your property before allowing them to be off leash.

And, as always, if your dog doesn't jingle, it's not legal. Our Town Clerk is ready to help you with registering your dog(s).

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Hedden, ACO



## Town Meeting Votes – An Abstract

### Special Town Meeting Held July 26, 2019

**Voted:** Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance and of the Board of Selectmen and the West Cornwall Septic Study Group, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$10,000.00 for engineering and consulting work necessary to apply for Grants for a community sewer system in West Cornwall so as to continue the work of the West Cornwall Water Septic Study Group. A paper ballot vote was taken. The vote was 164 in favor and 43 opposed. The motion carried.

### Annual Town Meeting Held October 25, 2019

Reports of the officers, boards and commissions having reports to make were received.

**Voted:** To adopt the Five Year Capital Plan for the Town of Cornwall for the years 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vera L. Dinneen  
Town Clerk



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen had another busy year meeting 31 times. There were some changes this year as Richard Bramley switched to becoming Town Treasurer after fourteen years on the Board of Selectmen. His steady community leadership is much appreciated. In the Spring Joyce Hart retired after twenty-two years of service as Board Clerk. Her calming competency helped the Board address its many responsibilities. We wish Joyce a restful and well deserved retirement, knowing her commitment to her community still shines as Ambulance Captain. Joyce's replacement is Jon Berry who has brought many skills to the Selectmen's Office.

Marina Kotchoubey joined the Board in November. The Board adopted its goals for the new term following the election. The stated (but not exclusive) goals for the next two years are: 1) improve economic opportunities in Town, 2) support emergency services, 3) improve communication (both with residents & expanded internet service), 4) support social services, 5) continue infrastructure improvements.

Of course, our plans were eclipsed by the Covid-19 Pandemic which unfolded last Spring. Covid has influenced life here greatly, with many new residents moving to Cornwall and real health concerns becoming paramount. For the first time Cornwall was simultaneously under Federal, State, and Local emergency declarations. The Town established an emergency coordination committee as called for by our Emergency Plan. Emergency Management Director Diane Beebe, Social Services Director Heather Dinneen, officers of the Cornwall Ambulance and the Selectmen's Office have been meeting weekly since March 13, 2020. The Town's focus was to maintain continuity of operations including CCS, voting, the Highway Department, the Transfer Station, Board Meetings, and Hammond Beach. A large effort was successful in raising over \$100,000 (from over 300 donors) to fund the work of the Food Pantry. We thank all the residents who participated in helping Cornwall get through the first round of Covid. The Civilian Emergency Response Team was very helpful. Town Boards and Commissions have held meetings remotely on Zoom as the Town office remains closed to meetings, although fully staffed. Memorial Day observations were also held remotely for the first time.

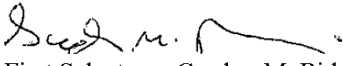
In February, Ted Cheney was hired as a member of the Highway Department replacing Buddy Hurlburt. Roads and bridges were improved over the summer. Initiatives to improve waste water management in West Cornwall and connectivity connections continued in Covid settings. The Town adopted its budget in May by remote votes of the Board of Selectmen and Finance as prescribed by the Governor's emergency

orders. First Selectman Ridgway has sent out 32 Covid Newsletters. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey has also implemented a popular newsletter from the Board which can be obtained by signing up at <https://mailchi.mp/43a4346937c1/cornwallnewsletter>.


The Board urges all residents to continue their use of protective measures and social distancing to stay safe in these difficult times. The sense of community cooperation we have seen in Cornwall gives us hope for a brighter future.

The Board can be reached at 860-672-4959 or [cwselectmen@optonline.net](mailto:cwselectmen@optonline.net).

Sincerely,

  
First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway

  
Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey

  
Selectman Priscilla Pavel



**TOWN OF CORNWALL**  
**CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 – 2024**

		Approved Previously	Changes	Final
<b>FY 2019-2020</b>	Road Improvement: Repair roads 1			
	Cornwall Hollow	300,000		300,000
	Bridges / Culverts / Smith Place			0
	Cornwall Consolidated School	40,000		40,000
	CVFD Truck Fund (3-0)	80,000		80,000
	Town Buildings	50,000		50,000
	HWY Truck replacement fund (Trk # 6)	100,000		100,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570,000</b>		<b>570,000</b>
<b>FY 2020 - 2021</b>	Road Improvement: Repair roads in Group 2			
	North Cornwall / Cream Hill	300,000		300,000
	Bridges / Culverts / Lake Road			0
	Cornwall Consolidated School	40,000		40,000
	CVFD Truck Fund (3-0)	80,000		80,000
	Town Buildings	50,000		50,000
	HWY Truck replacement fund (Trk # 6)	100,000		100,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570,000</b>		<b>570,000</b>
<b>FY 2021-2022</b>	Road Improvement: Repair roads in Group 3			
	West Cornwall & Cornwall Village	300,000		300,000
	Bridges / Culverts (TBD)	10,000		10,000
	Cornwall Consolidated School Projects	40,000		40,000
	CVFD Truck Fund -	80,000		80,000
	Town Buildings	50,000		50,000
	HWY Truck replacement fund (Trk # 9)	100,000		100,000
Revaluation	30,000		30,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>610,000</b>		<b>610,000</b>
<b>FY 2022-2023</b>	Road Improvement: Repair roads in Group 4	300,000		300,000
	Cornwall Bridge			0
	Bridges / Culverts	10,000		10,000
	Cornwall Consolidated School	40,000		40,000
	CVFD Truck Fund	80,000		80,000
	Town Buildings	50,000		50,000
	HWY Truck replacement fund (Trk # 9)	100,000		100,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>580,000</b>		<b>580,000</b>
<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	Road Improvement: Repair roads in Group 5			
	East Cornwall	300,000		300,000
	Bridges / Culverts	10,000		10,000
	Cornwall Consolidated School	40,000		40,000
	CVFD Truck Fund (3-0)	80,000		80,000
	Town Buildings	50,000		50,000
	Highway Truck	100,000		100,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>580,000</b>		<b>580,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,910,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,910,000</b>

Approved	Board of Selectmen	10/16/2018
Modified and Approved	Board of Finance	10/18/2018
	Town Meeting	11/16/2018



## BOARD OF FINANCE

The Cornwall Board of Finance met 9 times during the fiscal year. Minutes for all Board of Finance Meetings can be found on the Cornwall web site; [www.cornwallct.org](http://www.cornwallct.org).

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2020

Revenues	7,885,268
Expenses	7,248,669
Change in net position	636,599
Net position, beginning of year	9,854,762
Net position, end of year	10,491,361

The November 2019 election brought three new members to the Board. Zejke Hermann replaced William Hurlburt and John Brown and Simon Hewett were both elected as *Alternate Members*. Simon replaced K.C. Baird and John filled the vacancy position.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented a unique set of challenges, Governor Lamont issued an Emergency Declaration for the State of Connecticut on 3.10.20. Town offices were closed to the public on 3.17.20 and remained closed for the balance of the Fiscal Year.

While there were no changes to the budget preparation process due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were several changes to the budget approval process. All meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing including the annual Public Hearing to present the proposed budgets. In May, the proposed budgets were posted on the Cornwall web site however no departments or any administration personnel received any input from the general public that required a response.

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance proceeded pursuant to an executive order from the Governor and approved the budgets and set the Mil rate in May without holding a budget referendum. The Mil rate was kept at 16.70, a zero% increase.

The FY 2020-2021 budget is available for viewing at [www.cornwallct.org](http://www.cornwallct.org) or copies may be requested from the Finance office by calling 860-672-2707 or emailing [cwlfinance@optonline.net](mailto:cwlfinance@optonline.net).

During the normal course of work performed by the Board, the COVID-19 pandemic was considered often. Budgeted revenue is overwhelming reliant on property taxes however, tax collection remained stable at 98.5%

## BOARD OF FINANCE

Hector Prud'homme was an ever-present audience member at meetings and continued to advocate for his request that the Board of Finance start working on "Creating an Overall Long-Range Financial Plan". In May of 2020, Barton Jones requested that the Board of Finance carefully consider, review and address Cornwall's costs for Education and the correlation to the number of students being educated.

The Board is committed to addressing the needs outlined in the Plan of Conservation and Development and looks forward to working with the various committees as they put forward plans to tackle these important issues.

Thank-you to all of the Cornwall boards and commissions for your efforts to keep costs stable for the coming fiscal year.

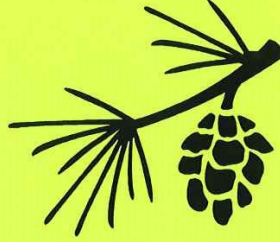
Cornwall's fiscal health, as documented in the Management Discussion and Analysis included in the back of this report, remains exceptional in this continued period of economic uncertainty.

Joseph Pryor, Chairman  
John LaPorta  
Zejke Hermann  
Simon Hewett, Alternate

Lisa Lansing, Vice Chairman  
David J. Hubbard  
Janet Sanders  
John Brown, Alternate



Town of Cornwall



# NOTICE

Town Hall and Offices are  
**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** beginning  
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until the health  
risk posed by Covid-19 – Coronavirus has  
subsided.

Residents can call Town Hall and send emails as  
usual. Contact information can be found at  
<http://www.cornwallct.org/> under Civic,  
Government  
Town Offices

**Burn Permits** can only be obtained by  
calling the Selectmen's Office 860-672-4959

860-672-4959 FAX 860-672-4086  
[cwselectmen@optonline.net](mailto:cwselectmen@optonline.net)

24 PINE STREET, PO BOX 97 CORNWALL CT 06753

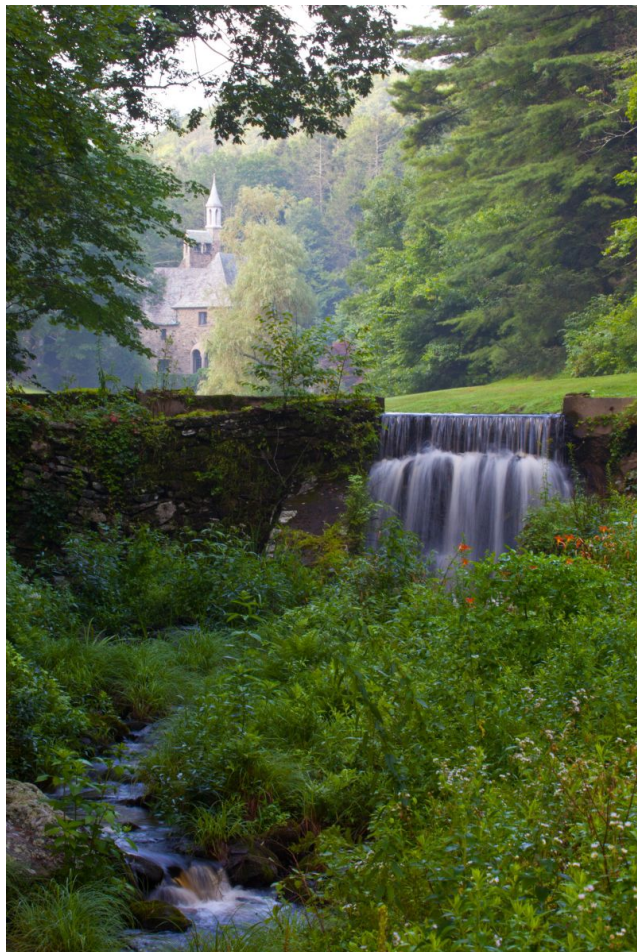


## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Barbara Bigos CCMA II Assessor  
Kayla Johnson CCMA I Associate Assessor  
JoAnne Dodge Assistant

Town Offices have been closed to the public since March because of Covid 19, however, we have been busy in our office doing our usual work. Fortunately we decided last year to post all of our real estate records on-line. That has made it possible for attorneys, realtors, appraisers, title searchers, and the general public To access Cornwall's property information.

We have processed a record number of property transfers this year. Litchfield County, along with many parts of the country, is experiencing a very active real estate market which we expect to continue for quite awhile. This activity seems to be due to very low interest rates and Covid 19. Americans are choosing to invest in a home where they now spend so much time. Employers are allowing work at home and are discovering that it makes good business sense. Many New Yorkers are discovering that they can work from home and raise their families here. This is wonderful news for Cornwall. We will continue to monitor this trend in preparation for Cornwall's 2021 real estate revaluation.



## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Cornwall Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) which consists of three members, David Samson, Blaine Mathews and Roger Kane. The BAA held a meeting in the month of March 2020 to hear qualified petitioners appeal property assessments. Three inquiries were made to the board.

One hearing on Town Street So. resulted in no change in the assessment.

A house on Bolton Hill Road was reevaluated after a hearing at the Town Hall. The result was a modest reduction in the overall assessment.

The last hearing was on a house on River Road. A change was made due to an encumbrance on the property changing in the SA factor on the lot, resulting in a reduction.

The Board also met in September 2019 to hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments. No appeals were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Kane  
Chairman



As its name implies, the Board of Assessment Appeals is the body that hears and decides upon appeals related to assessment matters. Assessment appeals must be filed in accordance with CGS §12-111. Once the Board of Assessment Appeals adjudicates the assessment appeals brought before it, the taxing jurisdiction's property tax rate is determined.

## Building Official

In spite of rising building costs and the uncertain political situation, Cornwall continues to move along at a moderate pace. Add COVID-19 to the mix and the situation becomes less predictable.

The following is a ten year comparison of construction activity in the Town of Cornwall:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>No. Permits</u>	<u>New Dwellings</u>	<u>Construction Value</u>
10/11	272	1	\$7,732,106
11/12	376	2(10)*	\$8,328,089
12/13	342	2	\$10,882,840
13/14	372	2	\$7,184,900
14/15	329	1	\$6,656,683
15/16	300	3	\$9,242,993
16/17	284	1	\$7,518,571
17/18	311	0	\$9,219,330
18/19	275	3	\$6,854,820
19/20	260	2	\$9,328,374

\*The ten unit affordable elderly housing complex "Bonney Brook" continues to be fully occupied and operate smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul R. Prindle  
Building Official



## Sustainable CT/ Cornwall Energy TF Annual Report 2019

### Congratulations Cornwall on attaining a Sustainable CT Bronze Award!

Our recognized actions were:

- Economic Development: to emphasize “buy local” at our markets and add us to the CTVisit website
- Natural Resources: to advise on the Natural Resources Inventory, Invasive Plants and the Low Impact Development of the Bend Project.
- Equity: to add equity to our neighborhood forums by the Conservation Commission
- Planning: to update our POCD with Sustainable Actions and resources
- Infrastructure: to continue to use Our Clean Communities Municipal Action Plan as a guide

This upcoming year we will be working on these actions:

- Economic Development: To support economic development especially with the newly established Internet Expansion Committee
- Natural Resources: to continue working on our Natural Resources Inventory, Invasive Plants Programs, and the Low Impact Development Projects and to continue monitoring air quality in conjunction with DEEP.
- Transportation: to follow the Complete Streets Action to develop a plan for Cornwall Bridge

All energy efficiency programs such as the Home Energy Solutions Program (HES) for home energy audits, SBEA (Small Business Energy Audits), rebates and incentives can be accessed at [www.energizect.com](http://www.energizect.com). Our town uses CRI-energy.com (888 403 3500) for advice and services.

Some CETF spin-off programs are ongoing such as the CCS gardening program. The Cornwall Fuel Oil Group, IN ITS TENTH YEAR, still obtains reduced pricing on heating oil. We have changed back to Bantam/Wesson as they have remedied their merger issues. We also have the opportunity for reduced rates for backup generators. Contact Rick Wolkowitz at 860 672 6366 or [richard\\_wolkowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:richard_wolkowitz@yahoo.com). And finally, come celebrate our Solar Christmas tree in December!

Please visit us at the Ag. Fair in the fall where we now have a Green Tent to highlight all the green efforts in town including conservation, stewardship and development. Representatives from Cornwall’s Conservation Trust, Conservation Commission, Energy Task Force and Sustainable CT and others will be there. This year we have been collaborating on zoom and ecology walks for the interim.

Programs are announced and updated on these websites: [cornwallconservation.org](http://cornwallconservation.org), [cornwallctenergy.org](http://cornwallctenergy.org), and [SustainableCT.org](http://SustainableCT.org). We’d love to get your feedback. Come join us! Cornwall is working on a Sustainable Future with diligence and creativity!

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Freygang,

Cornwall Energy TF, Sustainable CT, and the Cornwall Conservation Commission

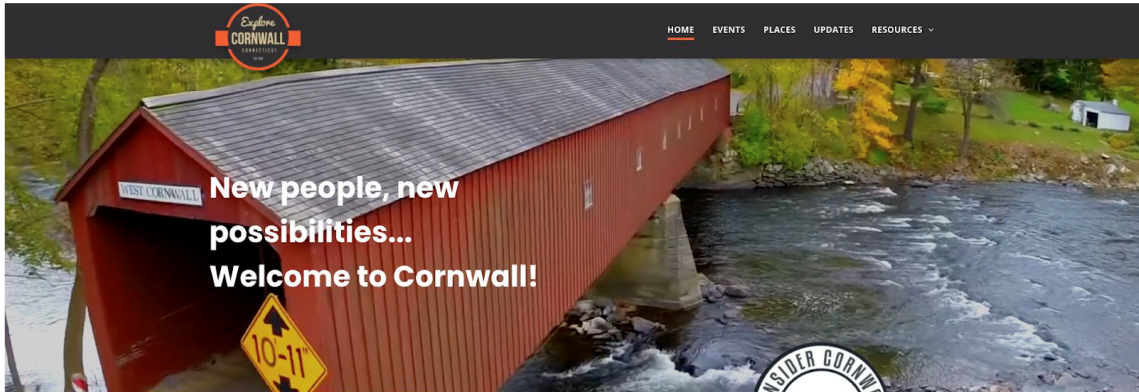
*Cornwall Energy (Task Force-CETF) supports our commitment to energy conservation and clean energy with educational materials, events, reporting, and consistent presence at town events to present innovative ideas. These are run by The Energy Efficiency Fund (Eversource) and the Green Bank. The solutions for efficient, sustainable and now resilient towns have been expanded into the actions suggested by Sustainable CT, a program based in the Sustainability Institute at Eastern CT University. This program works as an umbrella for all programs. (See [SustainableCT.org/actions](http://SustainableCT.org/actions)) In our town, the two programs have joined forces with the Cornwall Conservation Commission.*





## Cornwall Economic Development Commission

The Cornwall Economic Development Commission is in its tenth full year, created originally in response to Cornwall's Town Plan 2010 survey, which indicated the town needed economic health and growth guidance. The Board of Selectmen appoints the Commission. The current Chair is Janet Carlson Sanders. Other members are as follows: Richard Bramley, Priscilla Pavel, Richard Sears, Todd Piker, Kate Ward, Arnon Fischer, Dee Salomon, Lee Pryor, Simon Hewitt and Bianka Griggs. The Commission meets at least ten times a year on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Via Zoom until further notice. Visit [www.explorecornwallct.com](http://www.explorecornwallct.com), find us on Facebook as Explore Cornwall Connecticut or on Instagram @explore\_cornwall\_ct. You can reach us via email at [cornwalledc@gmail.com](mailto:cornwalledc@gmail.com).



The Town of Cornwall is actively seeking people who sheltered in Cornwall to STAY here, and for those thinking about moving out of metro areas to consider relocating to Cornwall, CT!

2020 was a busy year and a lot was accomplished, despite COVID-19. We welcomed new businesses, new families, and new opportunities. Here's a rundown of what we have done so far in 2020:

1. Launched a COVID-19 specific EDC website, powered by Civic Lift, to direct businesses to resources and created a resource for local businesses to sell online or arrange for delivery or safe pick up.
2. Crafted the "Consider Cornwall" social media campaign to entice people sheltering in Cornwall to stay. And to entice people looking to move out of urban settings to give Cornwall a look.

### Results:

#### Open-minded/inclusiveness campaign

28,201 views

820 link clicks

#### Move here campaign

23,989 views

1,639 link clicks



### Stay here campaign

34,440 views

752 link clicks

3. We revamped the "Explore Cornwall CT" site and added drone footage, tied the site into the local schools, updated all of the businesses and tied in the "Consider Cornwall" campaign. In 3 months we had over 5,000 unique visitors to the site from 10 different states.
4. Obtained grants to promote Cornwall Consolidated on social media, and have community interns, assisting with the social media campaign and site updates.
5. Obtained a grant from the Northwest Hills Council of Governments to create a Community Space in the former Pottery building, and interns to staff the building.
6. Continued growing Facebook and Instagram following for Cornwall through engaging social media postings.
7. Launching the Speaker Series in November with a "PPP Forgiveness" presentation with Iron Bank.
8. Hired Edvance to assist the EDC in establishing free WIFI Zones in Cornwall.

Our goals for 2021 are driven by the Town Plan:

1. Develop and carry out a Buy/Hire Local campaign.
  - a. Support the Explore Cornwall website
  - b. Create a year-round indoor Farmer's Collective
2. Support NW Connect and stay up to date on options.
3. Support the Community hub aka The Union with a speaker series via Zoom.
4. Improve connectivity via cell and fiber.

There are very few "For Sale" signs in Cornwall and there is a fresh coat of paint on downtown West Cornwall. Our school and town population is up and optimism remains high. Support your local businesses here and make the new folks feel welcome...Cornwall is on the upswing!



Janet Carlson Sanders

Chair, Cornwall Economic Development Commission



# HAMMOND BEACH

Hammond Beach's season went very well this summer. As Beach Director, I mapped out the beach before the summer began and created about 10 spaces (roughly 12' x 12') that were all spaced about 15 ft apart. Patrons signed in with a lifeguard at the check-in desk. The guard took their names, phone numbers and time of arrival and instructed patrons to find an empty space. This system allowed for individuals or groups quarantining together to sit on the beach without masks. It also enabled us to perform contact tracing if necessary. The reason for the time stamp was to have a system in place where we could ask people to leave if we reached capacity (which nearly happened a few times). Patrons and guards were required to wear masks when walking to the beach and to their designated areas or to the bathrooms, which were cleaned daily by our guards.

We did have lifeguards, which was a plus I think especially for caregivers of young parents. (We would not have been able to be open without guards for liability reasons). Since there is no way to socially distance while performing a water rescue, we had a preseason meeting with all the guards wherein Gordon and I explained that in their role as first responders, the presence of Covid-19 was an added risk, but part of the job. They were given PPE, hand sanitizers, and masks.

We really had no problems in terms of people following the rules. The only times it became tricky was when children would swim and play together in the shallow area and many parents appeared not to enforce strict social distancing with their children. Our lifeguards would give gentle nudges, but for the most part it remained a parenting decision and the guards were really there to guard. Fortunately, the risk of outdoor spread is low, so perhaps that was guiding these folks in their actions. I will say that when the adults were in the water with their children, they did keep their distance from other parties.

Happily, the beach saw an uptick in users from previous years. I think people were glad to have a safe place to go. All in all, our lifeguards did an excellent job this year and were largely the reason the system worked so well.

—Marina Kotchoubey



# NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

The COG meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues of municipal concern, oversee COG planning projects, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation. More information on these and other COG activities is available at: [www.northwesthillscog.org](http://www.northwesthillscog.org).

A major focus area in 2020 was implementing the COG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Region. Major strategies in the CEDS include expanding access to high speed fiber optic broadband, promoting tourism/arts/culture, supporting local farms, strengthening manufacturing, and encouraging entrepreneurs/innovation.

The COG also initiated an update to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for all 21 towns in the region this year. FEMA requires that these plans be updated every 5 years for towns to remain eligible for various FEMA funding programs.

The NHCOC also continued to promote the on-line Interactive Regional Trail Map that was developed by the COG in cooperation with the Housatonic Valley Association to promote access to the public access trails in the region. A statewide CT Trailfinder website is now under development which will further draw attention to the outstanding trail resources we have in the Northwest Hills.

A Corridor Management Study of East Main Street in Torrington is a major transportation planning project that was initiated this year. The purpose of this study is to develop recommendations to enhance the safety, traffic flow, and streetscape of this heavily travelled corridor. The COG also continues to coordinate the popular Rural Independent Transportation Service, which offers trips to the elderly and disabled for medical appointments.

The COG is allocated about \$2M each year from ConnDOT for priority local road improvement projects and projects are currently underway in Burlington, Kent, Litchfield, Torrington, and Winchester. The NHCOC also serves as the oversight agent for about \$350,000 in Homeland Security Grant funding that is received each year for DEMHS Region 5. One of the projects funded with this grant is creation and update of digital parcel mapping for all 43 towns in DEMHS Region 5 to enhance emergency response.

In 2020, the COG continued coordination of a number of popular programs such as a prescription assistance program in cooperation with the Foundation for Community Health, a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in cooperation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a fuel bank program, the Northwest Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative, and the region's cooperative purchasing program.

# NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The COG also assists a number of organizations in the region including the Regional Housing Council, Northwest Hills Road Supervisors Association, Recycling Advisory Committee, the Regional Coordination Center for COVID-19 response and recovery, and the Housatonic River Commission. In addition, the COG hosts a quarterly “5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Serving as officers of the COG in FY 2019-2020 were Don Stein, Chairman; Bob Valentine, Vice Chairman; Charlie Perotti, Secretary; and Michael Criss, Treasurer. COG staff includes Darlene Krukar, Office Manager; Jocelyn Ayer, Community and Economic Development Director; Janell Mullen, Regional Planner; and Rick Lynn, Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Lynn, AICP  
Executive Director



## Cornwall Park and Recreation July 2019- June 2020

### Park and Recreation Big Activities & Events

**July Fest-** At our yearly festival we had a giant water slide, face painting with Park and Rec Commission member Erin Berry, tug of war, Mile Fun Run organized by Park and Rec Commission member Johan



Winsser, Lost Art Workshop with Joe Brien and the always popular Cornwall Volunteer fire truck hose down. Lunch was provided...hot dogs, chips, watermelon and snow cones, monetary donations for the food were donated to the CCS Theatre group.



**Halloween Party-** Thirteen Cornwallians volunteered to make some delicious soups...clam chowder, chilies, cheese and broccoli, beef stew, chicken corn chowder, just to name a few. Mac and cheese, apple cider, corn dogs and more were provided by Cornwall Country Market. After tummy's were filled, kids could go



safely trick or treating because of all the wonder people who live the village and hand out candy.



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**Hot Cocoa with Santa-** New this year was having a visit from Santa (a.k.a. Will Berry) and a great Santa he was with his cheerful personality and big beard! Some activities and treats were provided. Each child received a Park and Recreation Christmas ornament.



**Spring Celebration-** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no in-person activities could be held, so thinking differently, we created a scavenger hunt with pictures that 31 families colored in and hung at the end of their driveways. Then people and families could drive around with the list of locations and tally the total number of pictures they found. The prize at the end was an ice cream from Cornwall Country Market.



**Town Beach Picnic-** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this event had to be cancelled.

## **Park and Recreation Sports**

**Fall Soccer-** Fall Soccer had U8, U10 and U12 teams, with some of the teams combining with Kent.

**Basketball-**This winter we had a 5/6 girls' and 5/6 boys' team that were combined with Sharon and Salisbury. The girls team played and practiced in Salisbury and the boys played and practiced in Cornwall.

**Baseball-** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no Spring baseball activities.

**Tennis-** No tennis lessons were held for our CCS students since we were distance learning at the time. Todd Piker was able to get a tennis sign up system so that town folks could reserve the court sometime during the day to safely play their games.

**Ice Skating-** As always, a favorite winter weekend activity, ice skating at Hotchkiss school happened Saturday evenings in January and February. Many come to enjoy an hour of skating.

**Pickleball-** This activity is becoming more and more popular. Held at the CCS gym on Wednesday evenings. There was a varying number of people that would come each week. We had three nets available so we could have up to 12 people playing at a time.

**Skiing-** The Park and Rec skiing program- Skidaddle, has been combined with the CCS middle school gym skiing program. Park and Rec still supports and helps with this program.

## **Cornwall Senior Activities**

**Coffee, Confections and Conversations-** Every fourth Tuesday of the month about a dozen seniors come to enjoy a cup of coffee, a yummy breakfast treat and talk about what is happening in Cornwall. SVNA would come at the end of the social hour and be there to take anyone's blood pressure or answer any questions they might have.

**Monthly Luncheon-** On the second Tuesday of the month, we had about 20-30 seniors join the monthly lunch. Friends Farm, Tracy Gray, and Cornwall Country Market helped in making the luncheons.

**Valentine's Day Lunch-** Over 30 people joined the Senior Valentine Luncheon, food made by Melissa Bronson and Jen Markow with a beautiful cake for dessert baked by Tamara Polk.

**Bend and Stretch-** Sixteen seniors participate in the Fall Bend and Stretch Program that was held at the Cornwall Town Hall.



**Connecticut Flower Show-** Nine seniors enjoyed some spring sights and smells at the flower show in Hartford.

**Senior Fall Road Trip-** On October 25<sup>th</sup> nine seniors took a fun road trip with the Goshen-Cornwall Senior bus to Freund's Farm Market and learned about the farm while enjoying homemade donuts and coffee.



Then traveled onto Dennis Hill State Park where they could enjoy beautiful fall panoramic views of the area. After enjoying some time there, they went to Berkshire County Store in Norfolk for lunch and to see our friend Ryan Craig who ran the Berkshire Store at the four corners in Cornwall. It was a very fun day!



A big thank you to the Park and Recreation Commission members and to all the volunteers who helped and supported these programs.

John Sanders-Chairman, Johan Winsser, Stephen Saccardi, Melissa Bronson, Stacey Dolan, Shanna Robinson, Wendy McFarlene and Erin Berry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Hurlburt Markow  
Director





## Registrar of Voters Annual Report 2020

The second half of 2019 was uneventful. Late Summer and Fall months were spent preparing for the November Municipal election that had only two contested races. Thirty-nine percent of the 1058 registered Cornwallians voted.

2020 has been interesting with many firsts:

- Zoom meetings and phone conferences with the region Registrars and the Secretary of the State's office have taken the place of in-person conferences and are the primary method of communicating the multitude of changes for voting during a pandemic.
- The annual Region One referendum vote did not take place in person but was supplemented per Governor's orders with Board votes.
- Isolation kits containing PPE for workers and cleaning supplies for the polls were sent for the Presidential Preference Primary.
- All voters are eligible to use absentee ballot voting due to COVID-19.
- The Presidential primary was rescheduled from April 2020 to June 2020, finally occurring on August 11, 2020
- For the Presidential Primary, "I Voted" pens were handed out to voters in lieu of the traditional "I Voted" stickers in order to maintain proper social distancing and eliminate cross contamination of voters.



As of October 19, 2020, there are 1146 registered voters: 572 Democrats, 194 Republicans, 366 unaffiliated, and 14 others.

Please remember to vote on November 3, 2020 – we welcome you to vote in person at Cornwall Consolidated School from 6am to 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Ridgway".

Jayne Ridgway

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cara Weigold".

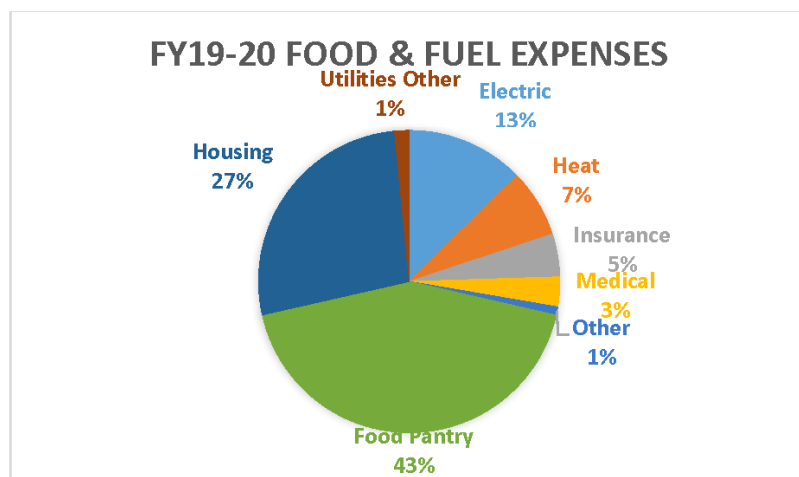
Cara Weigold

# CORNWALL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Cornwall Social Services Office is tasked with connecting Cornwall residents to programs and services to help meet basic needs, including housing, food, heat and medical care. Additionally, the Social Services Office oversees the Back to School and Holiday Programs and the Cornwall Food Pantry. When a client comes to the office, the first step is to gather information regarding needs, as well as the overall financial picture for the family. I then work with the client to identify programs and services to best meet their particular situation, starting with State Programs (Fuel Assistance, SNAP – Food Stamps, Medicare/Medicaid, and others), and then look to regional sources of funding (Berkshire Taconic’s Neighbor to Neighbor Fund, Regional Fuel Bank, Jane Lloyd Fund, Prescription Assistance Program and others), and then when those options are exhausted, the Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund.

The Food & Fuel Fund is a tax-exempt Fund managed by the Town of Cornwall and is overseen by the Director of Social Services, the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer. Donors to the Food & Fuel Fund include individuals, grant-makers such as the Cornwall Foundation, as well as Civic Groups. In 2019-20, the Food & Fuel Fund received \$122,529.00 in gifts - \$107,028 March 1- June 30, 2020 – Thank you!

Expenses for the Food & Fuel Fund are documented below. The total spent in 2019-20 was \$68,992.35, with \$35,242.09 was paid out from March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020, indicative of the increase in need, since Covid.



In FY 19-20, more than 20 households received support from the State Fuel Assistance Program, and \$6,055.51 in support from the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund. Additionally, \$12,500 was awarded to Cornwall families impacted by cancer from the Jane Lloyd Fund, and 12 Cornwall residents participated in the Prescription Assistance Program.

Many thanks to the donors who have contributed, and continue to contribute to the Food & Fuel Fund, and to those volunteers who work to sort, package and deliver food for the Food Pantry. The need has increased greatly since March, and continues to grow. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, please contact me.

If you want more information on how to access support for heat, housing, food or medical bills, please reach out.

Heather Dinneen, MSW  
Director of Social Services

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# TRANSFER STATION

The town population has changed and we are seeing some new faces as folks have come to Cornwall to escape the cities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the new arrivals settling in, we have seen an increase in our MSW garbage and an increase in our recycling and bulk containers. Many people are home and construction is on an uptick reflected in the bulk containers bulging with construction debris. Contractors and homeowners are very happy to see an empty bulk container once a week!

The Swap Shop continues to be closed due to COVID-19. Will and I are trying to figure a time, perhaps before Christmas, when we can open it safely for a month or so, conditioned upon Board of Selectmen approval.

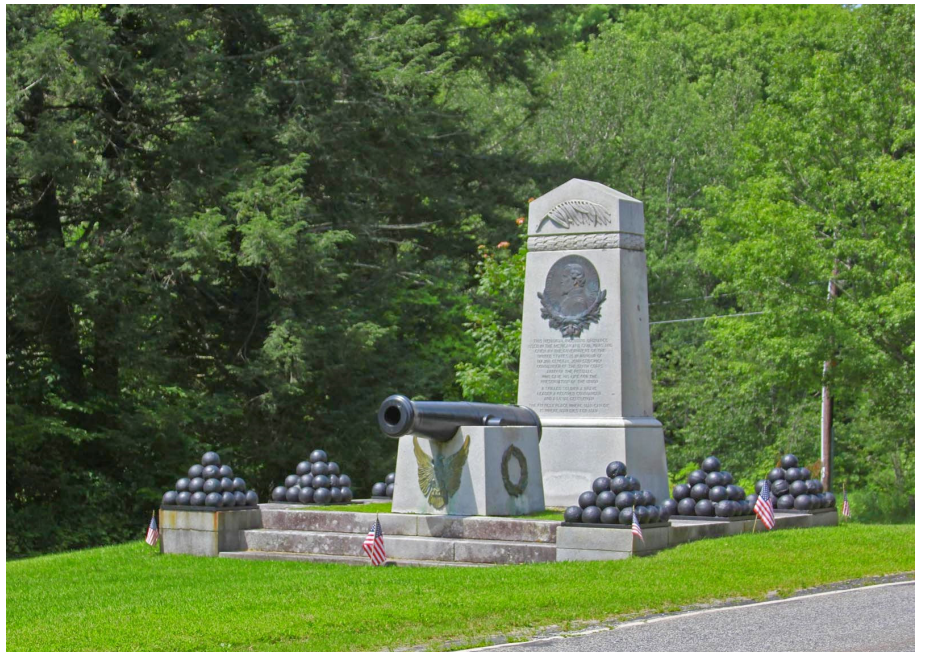
Please continue to be patient with our staff as you wait in line, we are very busy doing various tasks and are working as efficiently as we can. Please call ahead for bulk availability because the containers fill up fast. Also, please be mindful of our hours of operation, this gives us time to prepare for the day.

Lastly, thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Stay safe so we can be of assistance to you.

And as always Reduce, Reuse and Recycle



Many Thanks  
Ted Larson, Manager  
Will Berry, Attendant



BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT  
2019-2020

What a year of turmoil for our school! Through it all our teachers and interim Principal, Pat Corvello and our new Principal May Kay Ravenola, teachers and staff at CCS have held fast and worked incredibly hard to support the education of the children of CCS. Thanks to them for getting us through this period of uncertainty. I also want to thank the current members of the Board of Education for another great year of work. Board members at the start of the year were Cay Hosterman, Dave Cadwell, Tracy Gray, Marina Kotchoubey, Emilie Pryor and John Sanders (our Region One representative). In November we welcomed Hugh Cheney, Rachel Mastudaira and Iris Herman who took the place of retiring Cay Hosterman, Tracy Gray and Marina Kotchoubey.

This year, we continued to reverse the declining enrollment of students with the admission of out-of-district tuition paying students. In the 2019/2020 school year we had a total of 90 students which includes 14 tuition paying students. The Board continues to examine the issues surrounding school enrollment, based on the extensive analysis done in 2018 by the board and entire community through the series of "Structured Community Conversations." The board was given a directive from the town: keep our K-8 school, but also make every effort to increase enrollment while striving for excellence in all areas of student learning. Our plan to continue to support efforts to promote the excellence of this school included marketing, and an upgrade of the CCS website. You will find all information about the school, safety, and activities on the site: [cornwallconsolidatedschool.com](http://cornwallconsolidatedschool.com)

This year, the Board recognized several community members for their significant contributions to the school. Among the awardees: Patty Rovezzi, Pete Selino, Steve and Susan Saccardi.

Spotlight on Student Achievement: Indigo Fitch won the Barbara Farnsworth Writing Competition for her essay: "What I Did on the Fourth of July".

**Highlights of the school year:**

Special Board Meeting, July 11, 2019 to hire Pat Carvello as interim principal for four days a week and Jennifer Law as interim principal for one day a week.

We approved the Agreement Between Cornwall Board of Education and Cornwall Consolidated Faculty Association, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024.

We approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Cornwall Board of Education and Cornwall Consolidated School Employees Local 1303-352 of Connecticut Council 4 AFSCME, AFICIO, July 1, 2019- June 20, 2022.

We revised and updated our policy for tuition for out of district students. The fee is set at \$2,700 per student for the 2020-2021 school year. We also approved the Middle School Sports program to begin 2020-2021, with Jen Markow as Cornwall's Representative. (This program has been delayed due to covid-19.) We approved the Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy, among many other policies (see below).

The school Building and Grounds Committee reported on completed items for the school including: the flooring in the main hallway, roof over the music room and middle school stairway area. The air-conditioning, windowsill and door replacement projects continue, replacement of carpeting in the nurse's office with vinyl tile and replacement of the degraded covering on the stairway to the playground.

On March 13 CCS was closed because of Covi-19 and all teachers transitioned to teaching via video conferences. Food service was established, and food was delivered to Region One families eligible or who requested meals. All students were given computers and internet access and a device to access the internet. Non certified staff worked half time from home or in their buildings if appropriate.

All Board meetings and special meetings which were held virtually.

Beginning in 2019, we went through the process of a Principal search. This continued for months and many qualified candidates applied for the position. The board hired Mary Kay Ravenola, an outstanding teacher and administrator with many years of experience, as Cornwall's new principal.

Other new hires for this year: Zackary Hebert replaced Bonnie Burdick (retired) as Middle school ELA. Britany Perrone is the new Guidance Counselor halftime. Kathy West is working full time this year teaching Science in 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades. Karen Lindstrom is the school Sociologist replacing Hal Tingley

halftime. Finally, Jennifer Hill is the new Reading Interventionist relacing Linda Massucci.

School budget was approved at \$2,536,958.

Lisa Carter the Interim Superintendent, who took Pam Vogel post (retired) July 1, worked closely with the board all summer to make sure Cornwall children would be safe to go back to school this fall. Most students opted to attend CCS in person, and we have some students who have continued distant learning.

**Approved Policies for the year:**

3516 Safety, 3541 , Transportation, 3320 Purchasing Procedures, 3511 Compliance with 504 Regulations, 3516.11 Hazardous Material Communications, 3516.4 Sex Offender Notification, 3516.5 Sex offender on School Property, 3543.31 Retention of Electronic Records, 411/4211 Recruitment and Selection, 4112.51./4212.51- Reference Checks, 5420 Student Protection and Privacy, 4112/4212.5 Background Check and Fingerprinting, 4112.6/4212.6 Personnel Records, 4115 Certified Evaluation/Supervision, 4115.3 Evaluation of Coaches, 4117.4 Non-Renewal/Suspension, 4118.14 Disabilities, 4118.231 Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Policy, 4131 Staff Development, 4212.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers, 4118.13/4218.15 Conflict of Interest, 4118.24/4218.24 Staff/Student Relations, 4134 Tutoring, 4252.6 Family and Medical Leave Act (Policy and Regulation) and 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students.

This is my last report to the town as chair of the Board of Education. It has been a pleasure to serve this community. The Board has done its best to try to keep our children safe during this Covid crisis and keep the community informed of all the activities and developments at the school. A very big thank you to all our teachers, staff and Principal Ravenola, Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter for the fine work they are doing educating and protecting our students. Our children are the future citizens of this community. Please remember that the Board welcomes your comments and participation. Meetings are open to the public. Thank you for your support.

All the best,

Catherine Tatge, Board Chair

Recent Photographs of our Students



# CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Cornwall Friends,

The Cornwall Consolidated School class of 2020 includes nine students. Tabark Aljaseem, Emily Anderson, Kathleen Bodwell, Wyatt Rose, Alexis Rougeot, Dana Saccardi, Hudson Sebranek, Jimmy Villa Arpi, and Emma Vincent will have a most unusual, yet memorable graduation. We are currently planning a “drive up” graduation. Videos of all graduation speeches and activities will make a wonderful memento. These young ladies and gentlemen have worked long and hard, showing creativity and growth in both knowledge and maturity. They are ready for their next academic adventure, and we wish them well.

Cornwall Consolidated School is growing! New families are moving in and we have several new out-of-district tuition students. The reputation of our school has grown and more parents inquire about enrolling their children here. As of today, there are 95 registered students (up from 87) and who knows what the summer will bring?

The CCS After School Care Program and morning drop off are very popular. A variety of children from all grade levels enjoy after school time for supervised play and homework. Working parents can drop their children off prior to the first bell with the comfort that their children are supervised in the gym.

Student involved conferences took place for all grade levels in the fall and attendance of students with parents was outstanding. The students were able to articulate what their goals were for the year and where they were in achieving them. Unfortunately, the spring student led conferences were not able to be held in person, but teachers, students, and parents held virtual meetings to discuss student progress.

Of course, Cornwall is not just about academics! We ski, hike, and participate in after school sports and activities. Field trips to give a hands on approach and in person learning is an often occurrence.

The community is very much a part of Cornwall School. Many community organizations and individuals support CCS. The Cornwall Consolidated School Fund for Excellence must be especially noted in its support for after school activities for all children in a variety of classes. Unfortunately, their wonderful spring schedule needed to be canceled; but many of those venues can be rescheduled for next year.

The Middle School Sports and Activities program was approved by our Board of Education. This will enable all students in the region to participate in more sports and several different activities during the school year. While the level of competition may increase, every child who wants to may participate. It also will have our children get to know students in other schools and broaden their friendships.

This school year was certainly a step into the future. Through the unfortunate closure of school in mid-March, everyone was thrust unexpectedly into distance learning, which took on new and different meaning. Who ever heard of Zoom, Google classroom, or screenshot? We all quickly had to learn.....and learn they did! Teachers “flew the plane as they were building it.” The diversity of their technologic expertise was varied and so they attended workshops (virtually of course) while working with their students over the internet. After the first few weeks of trial and error, everyone got into a routine and classes resumed. One-on-one teaching and learning occurred as every child had personal interaction with their teachers.

Cornwall School says goodbye to Bonnie Burdick who is retiring at the end of this school year. We wish her well as she enjoys her grandchildren and some well-deserved leisure time. It has been my pleasure to



# CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

have worked with all of you during this interim year. You all have shown support and friendship and I will fondly remember and miss you. I wish the children and families the very best---mostly good health and safe harbor. My best wishes to Mary Kay Ravenola as she becomes your permanent principal. I know you will show her the same support you have given me.

Thank you all for being part of such a vibrant community. The children grow and thrive because of all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Corvello



## CCS FACULTY/STAFF 2019 - 2020

Binkowski	Cathy	Gr. 3/4
Boucher	Aaron	P.E.
Brown	Tom	Custodian
Burdick	Bonnie	Gr. K/1/2
Carlson	Candise	Gr. 3/4
Coleman	Angie	OT
Collins	Patricia	Paraprofessional/Special Ed.
Corvello	Patricia	Interim Principal
Dealy	Anne	Psychologist
Hanley	Christina	Art
Hanley	Jane	World Language/Spanish
Hanna	Jandi	Speech Pathologist
Hatcher	Susan	Special Ed. (Gr. K-8)
Hurley	Taylor	Language Arts (Gr. 3-6)
Ingellis	Suzanne	Paraprofessional/LEAPS
Jacquier	Amanda	Paraprofessional/Special Ed.
Kosciusko	Anne	Board Clerk
Krueger	Danielle	Math (Gr.5-8)
Law	Jennifer	Interim Principal
Massucci	Linda	Title One Reading
Munson	Laura	Paraprofessional/Gr.3/4/Library
Nelson	Victoria	Library Media/Technology
Perotti	Melissa	P/T
Pramuka	Kristi	Gr. K/1/2
Rashkoff	Clare	Nurse
Rovezzi	Patricia	Administrative Assistant
Schmidt-Geyselaers	Brigitte	Paraprofessional/Gr. K/1/2
Selino	Peter	Head Custodian
Simonetti-Shpur	Alicia	Music
Tingley	Hal	Psychologist
Vincent	William	SS Gr. 5-8 & ELA Gr. 7/8
West	Katherine	Science (Gr. 5-8)

## REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020

Each year, we have the opportunity at Region One to reflect upon the events and achievements for the Annual Town Report. The schools of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Housatonic Valley Regional High School are the seven districts that comprise Region One's 275 square miles.

I now have the privilege of serving as the Interim Superintendent of Schools, to follow Dr. Pam Vogel, who worked in Region One for the past five years. While the transition to a new position always presents a learning curve, making the transition to this position in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic has been an altogether new experience for me and for everyone in the Region. We have been forced to change our way of life and consequently, our educational process to ensure the health, safety and emotional well-being of our students and staff while ensuring that students are receiving the best education possible in this new environment. Fortunately, we have strong teams of Board of Education members, administrators, teachers and support staff, who have worked together to create an effective plan for operating our schools.

This report includes information from the 2019-2020 school year. During that time, I was the Assistant Superintendent and was responsible for curriculum development, planning professional learning for teachers and support staff, data collection and analysis, and the management of the federal grant process. Specific accomplishments in these areas throughout the year included:

- Completion of English Language Arts and Math curriculum for grades 4-8;
- Introduction of social emotional learning curriculum for grades Pre-k-12;
- Introduction of the Alpine/EduClimber computer platform to warehouse student achievement data;
- Adoption of a new screening tool that allows for analysis of student reading, writing and math skills in grade K-12 and that also includes a social emotional screener;
- Continuation of the instructional coaching program for certified teachers; and
- Commencement of a curriculum review for English Language Arts, Social Studies and Math for grades 9-12.

This work is all aligned with the Region One Strategic Plan that includes the following goals:

Goal/Initiative 1: To implement a guaranteed and viable curriculum tied to comprehensive formative and summative assessments utilizing the Connecticut Core Standards, National Content Standards, and the Instructional Core (student, teacher, content).

This includes:

- Alignment of Curriculum to Instruction and Assessment<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>o Formative and Summative Assessments Aligned to the Connecticut Core Standards<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>
- Curriculum and Instruction that engages and challenges students to construct new knowledge and skills
- Strategies for Intervention<sup>[[SEP]]</sup>
- Regional Continuum of Professional Practice

Goal/Initiative 2: To improve student achievement, as evidenced by multiple data sources such as local, regional, state, and national assessments.

Goal/Initiative 3: To continue to implement the regional teacher and school leader evaluation plans, with precision, fidelity, and purpose, and aligned to the district's school improvement goals.

Goal/Initiative 4: To promote positive social and emotional health and well-being for all students.

## REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020

All work was proceeding according to plan until we had to close our schools due to the arrival of COVID-19, a dangerous and highly contagious virus. From March 16 through the end of the school year, all Region One schools functioned as remote learning environments, where all teachers and students were teaching and learning from their homes. Teachers had to instantaneously edit and revise curriculum as well as understand and use digital teaching tools to deliver their instruction. Parents and caregivers had to simultaneously work from home while supervising their children during their online learning. Thus, parents and students had to learn the digital tools and work closely with teachers to understand the schedule and the learning expectations. While the days were long and stressful for all involved, all parties worked hard to ensure that they had access to curriculum and that they could continue learning.

Having an electronic device and access to internet services were important factors necessary to support student success with distance learning. Fortunately, most of our schools are 1:1 and most students have their own computers, so the availability of devices was not an issue. However, the switch to online learning was particularly challenging in Region One due to inconsistent internet access for both teachers and students. We worked with local service providers to ensure that families received financial support when needed. Additionally, we surveyed families to identify areas where access to broadband service is weak so that we could consider the creation of hotspots to improve service. Improving broadband access is an ongoing process and one that will likely continue for several years.

Another challenge that we were able to overcome, was the continuation of food service during the time that our schools were closed. The USDA subsidized the provision of meals to all children between the ages of 3-18 for those schools who participated in the federal lunch program. The White Hart Inn and the Cornwall Social Services group provided food service for the Lee H. Kellogg and Cornwall Consolidated Schools as they do not participate in the federal program. Lunches were delivered to each home by the All-Star bus company, which was staffed by Region One support staff to help with dropping off the meals. We are extremely thankful for the assistance provided by all parties involved to ensure the alleviation of any food insecurity in the area.

To maintain our schools as safe places for learning, both pre- and post- COVID 19, budget and infrastructure needs have been attended to, through the oversight of each Board of Education, Building and Grounds Committees in each school, and Sam Herrick, Regional Shared Services Business Manager.

Sam Herrick oversees the districts' projects. These are the projects that have taken place over the past year:

### Cornwall Consolidated School

- Replaced the exterior doors
- Upgraded the heating controls to DDC from pneumatic
- Installed new air conditioning units
- Replaced the floor treads to the back steps to the library

### Kent Center School

- Renovated the student locker rooms and replaced all lockers
- Improved the playground safety and drainage issues
- Patched the holes in the parking lots and repaired any sidewalk damage
- Created a student lounge for 7th and 8th graders
- Renovated the Teachers' Lounge area

## REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020

- Updated the gymnasium and replaced all wall mats
- Repaired the maintenance garage and replaced the garage door

### Lee H. Kellogg School

- Painted the front exterior of the building
- Replaced the wood shingles at the rear of the building

### North Canaan Elementary School

- Renovated the Principal's Office

### Salisbury Central School

- Installed air conditioning in the remainder of the upper building (except the gym)
- Refinished the 4th and 5th grade restrooms with new fixtures, ceilings, floors, and paint
- Converted the underutilized science room into two smaller classrooms and a conference room
- Screened and top coated the gym floor with polyurethane and completed painting in the K-3 wing

### Sharon Center School

- Removed asbestos flooring and replaced with new VCT tile (lower and upper levels)
- Removed and replaced the underground storage tank

### High School

- Upgraded the heating controls (part of a multi-year project)
- Replaced the exterior steps outside of the Library Reading Room
- Repaired the greenhouse masonry wall
- Installed a drainage pipe at the west bank

These projects were completed pre-pandemic as well as during the time when schools were closed.

It was a complex and challenging year, but with the help of our stakeholders, we managed to work together to continue student learning. We thank our Boards of Education, parents, community members, staff, and everyone who supports our students and the programs that enhance their educational experience in Region One Schools. COVID-19 will remain with us during the 2020-2021 school year, but we now have some experience and understanding of how to work together to ensure that our students continue to learn and grow. At times like this, it truly takes a village and we are fortunate that ours is so strong.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa B. Carter



# CORNWALL CHILD CENTER



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The Cornwall Child Center's fiscal year started off with an increased enrollment base for the Summer of 2019, bringing in \$25,670. We had returning families from NYC join us for the Summer which has been steady for the past few years, and at the start of the "school year" in September we saw a 25% increase in enrollment.

The town of Cornwall provided \$45,000 for operating costs which was an increase of \$5,000 from the previous year and the Annual Appeal brought in \$10,415 which was about \$800 more. The United Way of NW CT. approved a grant for \$4,000 that went towards providing tuition scholarships for families in need.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the COVID-19 pandemic forced Cornwall Child Center to temporarily close its door after establishing that the "risk" to stay open exceeded the "need" to stay open. I, as the director, was in close contact with our enrolled parents and assessed the need for childcare on a regular basis. We applied and were approved for a PPP loan of \$36,000 to keep our staff on payroll during the Shut Down. This has turned into a grant as we had 100% of that forgiven. We also received a grant from the Office of Early Childhood's CT CARES funds for \$6,750 which has been going directly to PPE during this pandemic and another grant from NW Community Foundation, paid tuition balances that some families were unable to pay. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our annual fundraiser.

We once again thank those of you that are on the board for your continued support and dedication to this center. The COVID -19 pandemic has highlighted childcare as **essential**. This service that we provide and that the town supports, is vital to our community and to the economy. Cornwall Child Center, including its administration, Board of Directors and teaching staff, are committed to continue providing the best childcare experience to our youngest population.

Be well,  
Amy C. Martinez  
Director



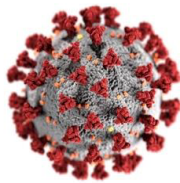
## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

“Unprecedented” is the theme for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In this past year our emergency plans have been heavily utilized. While emergency planning covers a wide range of topics, we most often expect to respond to events dealing with extreme weather. In this past year, we have responded to extreme weather and an unprecedented pandemic; COVID-19.


In October 2019 a wind storm ravaged the higher elevations in Cornwall, dropping trees and power lines, leaving many roads blocked. The oversight of this event was managed from our Emergency Operations Center at the West Cornwall Firehouse, in conjunction with the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD), Cornwall Public Works, and Utility companies. The wind storm was brief, but the damage lingered leaving some residents without power for a few days.

While winter proved to be relatively mild, it was clear by January and February a new issue had appeared in Asia and the western United States. The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) began in February sending alerts about the COVID-19 virus. By the first week in March, following reports the virus had reached New York City; Cornwall’s Office of Emergency Management and Office of the First Selectman, quickly formed a COVID-19 working group. The group was comprised of our school Principal, First Selectmen, CVFD officers, and Social Services. Within the week, an Emergency Declaration for Cornwall was drafted, signed and delivered to the state. We are still operating under that declaration, and representatives as appropriate continue to meet weekly.

As the Emergency Management Director (EMD) I have continued to work with the COVID-19 working group. This has included reviewing protocols for Emergency Medical response, as well as securing Personal Protective equipment for town personnel, local businesses and the CVFD.



I have sworn in new members to the CERT team to assist Social Services with food pickup and delivery, and I continue to participate in weekly meetings both at the local and state levels.

 As always, Cornwall’s Office of Emergency Management is focused on the safety of all citizens. The review of our plans, improvements to our response, coordination with local and state bodies, along with the appropriate use of Emergency Declarations are our ongoing activities. Our success and safety as a community, depends on our behaviors as individuals.

May we all enjoy the pleasures of the seasons in safety!

*Diane Beebe*  
Emergency Management Director

# CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

The table below details the number of calls per month for each division:

	Fire	EMS
July 2019	18	15
August 2019	11	12
September 2019	6	15
October 2019	14	12
November 2019	12	15
December 2019	6	16
January 2020	11	18
February 2020	5	11
March 2020	12	12
April 2020	16	15
May 2020	14	10
June 2020	9	17



Some of the types of fire calls were as follows, in order of frequency: 52 "False Alarms" – where no problem was found, 30 power lines/trees down, 27 motor vehicle accidents, 5 Chimney fires, 4 outside Brush Fires, 5 fires (including mutual aid) , 1 swift water rescue , and a trail rescue.

In addition to calls, the Department held 10 monthly meetings (some via zoom and some outside – carefully distanced with masks.) The fire division held 30 drill sessions throughout the year. The rescue division held 11 drills and 10 monthly meetings to conduct business and to review calls. EMS (medical) members also attended regional drills, regional case reviews and conferences. The last 5 months of this year we did not participate in any in person conferences, parades or fundraisers due to COVID-19.

Cornwall did experience one serious structure fire within our town, and the department did respond to 4 mutual aid calls to neighboring fires, also the number of automobile accidents increased – again.

The Department welcomed new members Ron Goldstein and Terry Burke and the department continued training for 8 new EMTs in the medical side, which should be completed by the end of the summer.

Fred Scoville, Chief

Earle Tyler, President



PPE on and ready to go



# CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CVFD Officers

Chief: Fred Scoville (Fire, EMS)  
 Assistant Chief: Earle Tyler (Fire)  
 Captain West Cornwall: Ted Larson (Fire)  
 Captain Cornwall Bridge: Will Russ (Fire, EMS)  
 Lt. West Cornwall: Ian Ridgway (Fire)  
 Lt. Cornwall Bridge: Rob Thompson (Fire, EMS)  
 EMS Captain: Joyce Hart (EMS)  
 EMS 1st Lt: Jayne Ridgway (EMS)  
 EMS 2nd Lt: Elizabeth Ridgway (EMS)

## Executives

President: Earle Tyler (Fire)  
 Vice President: John LaPorta (EMS)  
 Treasurer: Patience Lindholm (EMS)  
 Secretary: Iris Hermann  
 Chaplain: Micki Nunn-Miller

## Responding Members:

Tom Barrett (EMS)  
 Diane Beebe (EMS, Fire Police)  
 John Bevans (EMS, Fire Police)  
 Terry Burke  
 Dave Cadwell (EMS)  
 Mike Carano (EMS)  
 Ralph Dzenutis (Fire, EMS)  
 Ron Goldstein  
 Joyce Hart (EMS)  
 Connie Hedden (Fire, EMS)  
 Steve Hedden (Fire, EMS)  
 Peter Jaquett (Fire police)  
 Chris Kesl (Fire)  
 Annie Kosciusko (EMS)  
 Mary Kate Kosciusko (EMS)  
 Skip Kosciusko (EMS, Fire)  
 John LaPorta (EMS, Fire Police)  
 Ted Larson (Fire)  
 Patience Lindholm (EMS, Fire Police)  
 Bill Lyon (Fire)  
 Rod MacNeil (Fire)  
 Bob Meyers (EMS)  
 Amelia Packard (EMS, Fire Police)

Jack Preston (Fire)  
 Elizabeth Ridgway (EMS)  
 Ian Ridgway (Fire)  
 Gordon Ridgway (Fire)  
 Jayne Ridgway (EMS)  
 Rebecca Ridgway (EMS)  
 Will Russ (Fire, EMS)  
 Larry Saed (Fire Police)  
 Brian Saccardi (EMS)  
 Steve Saccardi (EMS)  
 Dick Sears (Fire Police)  
 Fred Scoville (Fire, EMS)  
 Jessica Slaven (EMS)  
 Robert Thompson (Fire)  
 Earle Tyler (Fire)  
 Josh Tyson (Fire)  
 Jim Vanicky (Fire)  
 Jim Whiteside (Fire, EMS)  
 Jonah Whiteside (EMS)  
 Bob Whitford (Fire)  
 Dave Williamson (Fire)

## Support Members

Marie Bate  
 Michael DeGreenia  
 Lauren Kosciusko  
 John Miller  
 Micki Nunn-Miller  
 Patricia Vanicky  
 Hunt Williams



Socially distanced meeting

# TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

The TAHD served over 133,000 people in twenty boroughs, cities and towns covering 611 square miles.

The TAHD **Community Health Program** partnered with DPH and FoodCore to investigate: **8** giardiasis, 26 campylobacteriosis, **28** salmonellosis, and 5 shiga toxin producing organisms. TAHD provided guidance to school nurses, daycares and community members on a variety of health issues. TAHD nurses administered **576** doses of flu vaccine to local residents. TAHD consulted with 31 residents regarding potential rabies exposures which resulted in TAHD submitting **21 specimens** to the State of CT Laboratory for rabies testing. Ticks brought in by **62** residents were sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Lyme disease bacteria testing.

TAHD remains an active member of **Fit Together**, a Northwest Connecticut Healthy Eating and Active Living Initiative. Fit Together awarded mini grants to multiples schools and organizations that promoted healthy eating and active living. A linear fitness park was installed on the Sue Grossman Greenway.

The TAHD continues to be an active member of the **Litchfield County Opiate Task Force (LCOTF)**. This task force continues to work on strategies and solutions to the heroin/opiate addiction and overdose epidemic. TAHD is in year 3 of the **Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx) grant**; a comprehensive prevention strategy to raise community awareness and bring prescription drug abuse prevention activities and education to communities. This response utilizes the CT statewide *"Change the Script"* campaign to promote awareness and track overdoses in a system called Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). TAHD partnered with other state agencies and local health departments/districts to conduct Academic Detailing on Opioid Safety through 2 modules: CT Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) and Naloxone.

The TAHD **Immunization Action Program (IAP)** worked with local providers and hospitals to ensure compliance with CT childhood immunization laws. TAHD had an outstanding rate of 100% for referrals and children who were successfully updated into CT WiZ, the new CT Immunization System implemented in September 2018. This year's focus was onboarding health care providers and agencies, pharmacists, and hospitals, to using this system so when the COVID vaccine is available every dose will be tracked.

TAHD worked with partner agencies to provide the following **community health programs** however, **all were cancelled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year due to COVID:**

**MATTER OF BALANCE (MOB):**

This program increases personal activity levels to help prevent falls. TAHD partnered with Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) and trained staff from area Assisted Living Facilities to become certified in MOB.

**DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:**

Participants learn strategies to manage diabetes and live healthier lives. One six-week workshop was held. 12 individuals received certificates for completing the workshop.

**WALK WITH EASE:**

The Arthritis Foundation's six-week program helps people with arthritis reduce pain, increase balance and improve overall health. One community program (ongoing) was offered this past year.

The TAHD **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** provided case management for more than 46 children with blood lead levels ( $\geq 5\mu\text{d/l}$ ) as well as provided educational information to more than 100 families. Abatement / Remediation Orders were issued for 4 properties.

TAHD **Environmental Health Program** resulted in the following inspections/licenses/permits: **971** food inspections, **744** temporary food permits, **81** new septic systems, **311** repaired septic systems, **191** private well permits, **105**

## **TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT**

private pool permits, 127 beauty salons & barber shops inspections, 451 house addition permits, 273 soil tests, 23 subdivision lots, 22 public pools and beaches were inspected, and 16 daycare centers inspected. Records show that approximately 340 samples were submitted to the state lab for testing of drinking water, beach and pool water, lead in water, soil and dust, and stool samples for pathogens. Sanitarians investigated 227 complaints of various public health concerns; 13 legal orders/voluntary compliances were issued for enforcement purposes.

The TAHD-**Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** was very active this year. They assisted with Stop the Bleed Train the Trainer sessions. Two members received grant funding to attend Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training and then became MHFA trainers. During the COVID response, TAHD members assisted Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (ER staffing, COVID-19 testing, etc.) and helped with regional and local distribution of supplies (Food and personal protective equipment).

The TAHD **Emergency Preparedness Program** worked with local and regional community partners on emergency protocols and plans. TAHD is also the Region 5 lead health department and coordinates regional preparedness.

**COVID-19** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of FY20 was consumed with COVID-19 Planning and Response by all staff of the TAHD. Community and Environmental programs were scaled back.

### **Highlights of Activities**

#### **Jan.-March**

Multiple planning meetings and presentation on COVID-19 to our partners: Chief Elected and Public Safety Officials, Public and Private Schools, Vulnerable population groups, Long Term Care facilities, and the public.

March -COVID-19 case follow up and contact tracing implemented for 1<sup>st</sup> cases within the TAHD

#### **April – June**

**Full Response to COVID-19.** TAHD office closed to public. Majority of staff worked remotely.

Staff participated in weekly planning, consultation, and response meetings with member towns, health officials, Department of Public Health, Long-term care coordination, shelters and vulnerable populations and schools.

TAHD distributed PPE from our preparedness supplies to TAHD providers (Health Care Providers, VNS, EMS, group homes, FQHC's) etc. for COVID-19. This included a total of 10,000 surgical masks, 3000 N-95 masks, 300 Gowns, 300 safety glasses and 30 bottles of hand sanitizer.

**April - June** TAHD staff organized and distributed personal protective equipment (PPE) from DPH to local and region 5 partners to Region 5 LHD's and providers weekly on Fridays from the TAHD and Region 5 Distribution Site (Doyle's Medical Warehouse located at 500 Technology Park, Torrington).

Case and Contact follow up was provided and as of 6/30/20, TAHD had 1162 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

The TAHD partners with Phoenix Labs for its **Water Testing Program**. Phoenix Labs, a full-service lab located in Manchester, CT offers a wide range of testing of drinking water. This partnership allows TAHD to offer a local option for water testing to its member towns. In addition, TAHD offers free technical advice on private drinking water wells, sampling procedures, and water testing results.

Robert Rubbo, MPH, Director of Health



# Agricultural Advisory Committee

William Dinneen Jr, Chairman

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## INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

The Cornwall Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held eight in-person and three ZOOM regular meetings and one special site walk meeting in the year 2019-2020. A total of thirteen applications for activities within regulated areas were reviewed by the Agency. Applications on residential sites included pond repair, construction of driveways, and construction of accessory structures within regulated areas. Applications for improvements for non-residential sites included town road and bridge improvements and culvert repairs. One application was submitted in response to a Notice of Violation issued for filling in wetlands, and floodplain without permits. A remediation plan for the removal of the fill and restoration of the site was approved and the site remediated in early summer of 2020. Three reports for residential subdivisions were issued. The remainder of the applications were "Petitions for Declaratory Rulings" (PDR's) or as "use as of right" applications. The "Petitions" included pond maintenance and dredging, invasive species removal, and improvements to a private road.

The Agency, despite fewer applications, maintained a regular schedule of in-person meeting through March and transitioned to ZOOM meetings without any break for those seeking permitting. New regulations enacted in 2011 with higher standards for the consideration of "use as of right" petitions continue to result in better prepared petitions and quicker turnaround times, important factors when dealing with activities such as septic repairs and maintenance requests. The receipt and transmission of applications electronically to Agency members has resulted in quicker turnaround overall and more time for review by Agency members. The change to electronic transmission of applications allowed the Agency to easily adapt to the new COVID19 requirements that all agency business be posted on the town website for review 24 hours prior to any posted meeting. Individual site walks prior to meetings – a self-imposed standard not common to most Agencies, continues to result in better informed decisions.

Chairman D. Stevenson Hedden, Vice-chairman Roger Kane, William Hurlburt, and Andrew MacDavid served as regular Agency members with alternate member Deborah Bennett moving up to a regular position upon the resignation of long time, faithful member Adam Fisher. Peter Demy's attendance as an alternate has resulted in consistent quorums for all business to be completed. Karen Griswold Nelson remains as Agency staff, serving as Agency secretary, Authorized Agent and Enforcement Officer. The Agency, with members rich in experience in agriculture, site development, engineering and horticulture, continue to serve the town with well-grounded understanding and application of the current wetlands and watercourses regulations adopted for the protection of Cornwall's water resources.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Stevenson Hedden



During the 2019-2020 fiscal year the Conservation Commission engaged in the following activities:

### ***Plan of Conservation and Development***

The Commission contributed its talent and experience to the development of the Natural Resources section of the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. Contributions of mapping and commentary addressed issues from the perspective of conservation in Cornwall helping to define conservation goals for Cornwall in the next decade.

### ***Ridgeline Protection***

The 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) mandated that the commission develop a voluntary method to "protect Cornwall's horizon-lines and ridgelines". To that end, we are initiating a project that would recommend regulations to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The purpose would be to discourage, but not prohibit development away from prominent ridgelines as seen from the roads of Cornwall. With technical assistance from the Housatonic Valley Association, mapping is currently underway.

### ***Identify Places of Priority Protection***

As part of the goals of the updated POCD, the Commission is reviewing existing materials and compiling technical and mapping data from various sources to produce a document that describes and catalogues places of critical importance to the natural beauty and economic viability of Cornwall and the region.

### ***Update of the Natural Resource Inventory***

This effort commenced in 2018 has yielded a draft of the first chapter "Forestry Resources". The commission plans to expand the work to include chapters on water resources and open space.

### ***Community Outreach***

The Commission reports the success of several conservation themed presentations by noted experts such as Peter DelTredici, Bill Bakaitis and Dave Paton. These presentations co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission, Conservation Trust and Library received very enthusiastic responses from the public and more will be planned in the coming months.

### ***Sustainable CT***

Our Community Forums series in early 2019 was an action to develop community voice and consequently submitted for the equity requirement. We will continue working on our Natural Resources Inventory, Invasive Plants Programs, and monitoring air quality in conjunction with WCCAA and DEEP

### ***Cream Hill Lake Task Force***

Nancy Berry and Heidi Cunnick have been reporting on the health and status of Cream Hill Lake. In cooperation with the Torrington Area Health District which tests for E.coli and bacteria. In addition, the Task Force testing monitors nitrogen, phosphorous and dissolved oxygen levels.

### ***Commission members***

Patrick Mulberry, Debby Bennett, Katherine Freygang, Commissioners  
 Nancy Berry, Heidi Cunnick, Cream Hill Lake Task Force Representatives  
 Hector Prud'homme, Margie Purnell Supporters

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning & Zoning Commission held ten regular meetings, two special meetings due to change in location and its first of many “workshop” meetings in June to provide dedicated time to address regulatory changes with staff. The Commission held its last In-person meeting in March, 6 days before all Town meetings changed to Zoom format. In Cornwall, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission exist by town ordinance as a combined Planning and Zoning Commission, therefore all commission members act in both their “planning” and “zoning” capacities at all meetings. Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, twenty-four Zoning permits were issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer acting as the authorized agent for the Zoning Commission. One zoning permit was issued for a new single-family residence on the Trinity Retreat Center campus. Other zoning permits included additions and modifications to single family residences, detached sheds/garages and swimming pools. The Commission, acting in its zoning capacity, held public hearings for three special permits, one for a new detached accessory apartment, and one for validation of a traditional home enterprise and the third for the change of use of an accessory apartment to a new restaurant in West Cornwall. Acting in their planning capacity, the Commission approved two re-subdivision applications for the creation of three new residential lots.

After several years of work, commencing in 2017, a new Town Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted at the November 12, 2019 meeting. The work of four Town Plan subcommittees (Economic Development, Housing, Natural Resources, and Community, Cultural and Youth Resources), containing both Commission and community members, along with surveys and public input, resulted in a Plan, (effective date January 1, 2020) to guide the Planning and Zoning Commission for the new ten years and serve as the basis for regulatory changes to the land use regulations.

When work began in 2017 to create the ten-year plan, the Commission hired NWCOG’s then regional planning consultant, Jocelyn Ayer, to help guide the Commission through the process. Jocelyn’s guidance resulted in a concise document complete with community photographs thanks to town photographer Lazlo Gyorsok and a formal implementation chart to guide the Commission’s work with its community partners. As the Commission’s Plan Vision statement reads, “Our overall vision for Cornwall’s future is one in which we have attracted and retained young people and families in Cornwall, met the needs of our older residents, created business and employment opportunities, and recognized that our Town’s unique rural character and unspoiled scenic beauty is the foundation for our continued prosperity.” The entire Plan can be viewed on the Town of Cornwall website [http://cornwallct.org/data/uploads/pzc/plan-of-cd-2020/cornwall\\_pocd\\_2020\\_final-2.pdf](http://cornwallct.org/data/uploads/pzc/plan-of-cd-2020/cornwall_pocd_2020_final-2.pdf)

After the formal adoption of the plan at the November 12th meeting, the public heard the first and last motion made by retiring Chairman David after twenty plus years on the Board. The Commission also said goodbye to Ginny Potter, a long serving and faithful land use commission member. In December, Jill Cutler was elected as chairman, Anna Timell as vice chairman and James LaPorta as secretary. Regular members Stephen Saccardi and alternates Ben Gray Jr., James Terrall and Phill West were joined with new regular member Keith Bodwell. New alternate Tom Eucalito joined the Board in May.

In December, long faithful town Planner Tom McGowan retired as the Commission’s planning consultant, handing the reins with grace and support to Janell Mullen, NWCOG’s new regional planning consultant. Karen Griswold Nelson remains as secretary and clerk to the Commission and the authorized Zoning Enforcement Officer.

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Cornwall Zoning Board of Appeals held no regular or special meetings in the year 2019 – 2020.

The Board currently consists of regular members Don Bardot, Amy Worthington-Cady, Ian Elwell, Betty Spence, Joanne Wojtusiak and George Wolfe and alternate member Fred Scoville.

Despite lack of activity, it should be noted that many of the thoughtful decisions made by the Zoning Board of Appeals in past years have resulted in recommendations in the approved 2020 Town Plan of Conservation and Development being addressed by the Planning & Zoning Commission. These future regulatory changes will assure that residents of all ages can add ADA wheelchair ramps or meet other ADA requirements without needing variances. These changes will support the overall goals of the Plan "Housing Section" to provide appropriate housing for all ages, including options that are affordable, attainable, energy efficient and handicap accessible.





## NORTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The Northwest Conservation District (NWCD) is an environmental non-profit organization serving 34 municipalities in northwestern Connecticut. Our mission is to promote conservation and protection of natural resources through education and technical assistance services.

### TECHNICAL SERVICES AND PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

During 2019-2020, we partnered with your town's land use commissions and staff on site development reviews and field inspections for land use in residential, agricultural, commercial, and urban settings. When we review and make recommendations on proposed land use changes, we balance development with protection of natural resources. We provide practical, science-based solutions using the latest techniques, including Low Impact Development (LID), to ensure that projects work with the landscape and are designed to address changes in our climate.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

NWCD provided many educational workshops on topics including LID and stormwater management, residential rain gardens, soil health, renewable energy options, and best agricultural management practices. These programs also support SustainableCT towns with their certification efforts. Because of in-person meeting restrictions, we offered on-line formats to safely continue our educational initiatives.

The CT Envirothon Program ([www.ctenvirothon.org](http://www.ctenvirothon.org)) provides hands-on science for high school students through workshops and educational support. Participating schools take part in an annual May Field Day statewide competition. The winning team usually competes in a National Conservation Foundation (NCF) competition. This year, the onset of COVID, meant the cancellation of both the CT Field Day competition and the NCF competition. CT Envirothon shifted to a virtual competition with NWCD staff taking a lead to create and conduct the June event addressing "Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions". Twelve teams participated in the virtual event with NWCD schools, Northwest Regional 7, with two teams placing first and second, and Housatonic Valley Regional, placing third.

### EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, AND ANNUAL FISH SALE

This year, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of Earth Day, the pandemic caused the cancellation of our 3-day Earth Day Plant Sale. A mini-Plant sale was held to honor pre-paid orders and plants for projects with many of our partners. We continue to encourage people to make changes to promote clean air, clean water, healthy soils, and quality habitat. Our Trout Stocking program promotes renewal of aquatic resources in ponds and streams.

### OUTREACH AND WEBSITE

The "Voice of Conservation" bi-annual newsletter continues along with electronic offerings through our website, and Facebook. Recorded webinars and educational articles are now offered on our website and we are planning additional resources for on-line outreach which conserves valuable resources and to and makes our educational programming available to a wider audience. To be added to our mailing list, email [info@nwcd.org](mailto:info@nwcd.org).

### THANKS TO YOU!

The Northwest Conservation District is very grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of the 34 municipalities that we serve and the generous contributions of local individuals, our funders, and many faithful volunteers. We are here to serve you and welcome feedback and requests for information, assistance, and educational programming.



Lawrence Rousseau, Chairman  
NORTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Housatonic River Commission

*“to coordinate on a regional basis the local management and protection of the Housatonic River Valley in northwestern Connecticut”*

### Annual Report 2019-2020

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) held 10 regularly scheduled monthly meetings the past year. Meetings took place at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Starting in April 2020 the HRC meetings were held via Zoom due to the Pandemic. The Commission is made up of representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen in each of the following towns along the Housatonic River: Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon. The HRC is responsible for monitoring and advising these seven towns on issues that involve the Housatonic River and working to maintain an environmentally healthy and scenic river corridor. The annual dues requested from each town remain at \$350 per year.

The work of recognizing the Housatonic River through the National Park Service’s (NPS) Wild and Scenic designation continues. Next steps include review and approval from the U.S. Secretary of Interior. Meanwhile quarterly meetings of the Housatonic Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee have continued with representatives from NPS, Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), and Northwest Hills Council of Governments. At these meetings each group provides updates on their work addressing issues in the Housatonic River Management Plan including summer River Steward Program (HVA), angler surveys (CT DEEP) and river access management in the region.

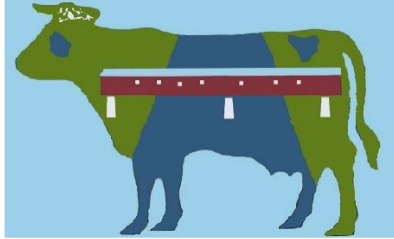
HRC continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the Housatonic River.

As always, land use issues within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a significant concern. We continue to support efforts to address invasive plant species along the waterway, with several members working to monitor and in some cases control troublesome, aggressive invasives in the inner river corridor. Monitoring the work of the Housatonic Railroad, including their track repair, herbicide use and derailment risk also continue. The River Commission provided comments and suggestions on several proposed projects along the River, and 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. We are also grateful for the support we have received from the member towns, local zoning officials, and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

# The Cornwall Association

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The Cornwall Association supports and fosters our Cornwall community with town wide events, forums on issues important to Cornwall and Cornwallians, and helping preserve and promote our town's historic and rural character.

During our nearly 3 decades of history we have helped launch the Cornwall Chronicle, hosted in person and Zoom forums on a variety of topics, created and continue to host our town's annual 'Newcomers Tea' where we welcome those new to our town, and led the competition to design our town flag (image above) and the 2018 'Covered Bridge Art Project'.

In the last twelve months the Cornwall Association hosted a 'Back-Up Generator Forum' (which was timely considering the challenges many of us had with the major August storm), brought the town together for an 'Internet Expansion Forum' which led to the creation of the volunteer Cornwall Internet Expansion Committee, and hosted 18 in-person and Zoom Trivia Nights which raised several thousand dollars for the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.

The Cornwall Association continues to find ways to build and strengthen our town and community. We welcome your ideas, and we welcome your energies if you're willing to volunteer. Our website and email address are below.

Gary Steinkohl, President; Board Members: Tony Appio, Casey Cook, Peter Demy, Susan Edholm, Katherine Freygang, Richard Griggs, Priscilla Pavel, Joanne Wojtusiak

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**Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc.**

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**Conservation Activities:** Since our last report of September 30, 2019, Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. (CCT) has the following to report:

The assignment of the Coltsfoot Valley Easement to CCT is now complete and was recorded at Town Office on April 15, 2020, including a cooperation agreement between CCT and the Coltsfoot Valley Association. CCT also received a generous individual donation of \$5,000 for a stewardship fund for this easement.

Being good stewards of the land and connecting people to nature in our town for all seasons is another important part of our work. We now have over eight trails on our preserves for everyone to hike on and enjoy. Thanks as well to our volunteers for giving their personal time and talent to Cornwall Conservation Trust. Special thanks to Katie Freygang for her work on Sustainable CT and getting our community out to understand and enjoy nature.



We have sought to better coexist with our fellow creatures by installing two pond levelers, beaver deceivers, on Rattlesnake Preserve, hoping to keep the beavers and the wetland they created available to birds.

The gallery space at our office in West Cornwall was home to our 2019 annual meeting “Cornwall: A Town for all Seasons,” featuring the photographic works of Lazlo Gyorsok.

Our planned exhibition, Wild Cousins of our Best Friends: Wolves, Coyotes, and Foxes, was put on hold early in 2020 due to the coronavirus outbreak. Submitted photos and stories can be found on our website.

Mushrooms were a hot topic as we held a foraging walk at Rattlesnake Preserve in the fall of 2019, a virtual event with Bill Bakaitis on edible mushrooms and their toxic look-alikes, and our first in-person event for 2020, a mushroom walk at Welles Preserve, with proper social distancing in place.

Peter Del Tredici joined us virtually to discuss The Radicle Underground, a collaboration with The Cornwall Library and the Cornwall Conservation Commission.

Our 4th annual Clean-Up/Green-Up took place in September 2020 and was an encouraging event with participants of all ages.

**Scholarships:** The 2020 Student Grant program, now in its 12th year, awarded eleven scholarships to local students. Nine of the students are previous recipients. This year we had three students from our home town; Olive Cowan, Ian Danforth Gold, and Ella Hampson. Additional awards were granted to Marie Cullerton, Alexa O’Connor, and Maddie Simonds of North Canaan; Maggie Mae Baldwin, Brooke Dodge, and Valerie Lenis of Falls Village, Jack Scarpa of Salisbury; and Elias Hill of Sharon.

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be a virtual this year – live on Zoom – on Saturday November 14 at 4 pm. This year our guest speaker is Susan Masino, Professor of Neuroscience at Trinity College, presenting “Forest and Brain Health: Why Taking a Walk in the Woods can be Good for the Brain”, a topic especially important during the pandemic of 2020. Registration is required via the CCT website.

**CCT Board Members:** The CCT Board of Directors are as follows: Debby Bennett, Jean Bouteiller, Terry Burke, Ella Clark, Richie Dolan, Will Evans, Katherine Freygang, Ed Greene, Bart Jones, Robinson Lacy, Rick Lynn, Larry Master, Pat Mulberry, Hector Prud’homme, Jim Sheffield, Larry Van Valkenburgh, Hunt Williams & Johan Winsser. Honorary Directors: Duke Besozzi, Nev Dunn, Denny Frost (deceased).

From:

Barton T. Jones,  
President

October 20, 2020

## The Cornwall Foundation, Inc.

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The Cornwall Foundation was established in 2003 to make grants to nonprofits, community organizations, and civic entities that serve the residents of Cornwall. It solicits donations to fund grants primarily to meet one-time needs, to serve as seed money for new programs, or to respond to emergencies. To the extent donations are expressly designated as endowment funds, or exceed what is required to fund current grants, they are added to a professionally managed endowment, the income from which is available for future grants. The Cornwall Foundation is qualified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Since its founding the Cornwall Foundation has made more than \$210,000 in grants, and its grant-making budget has risen to \$20,000 per year. During 2019 and the first six months of 2020, the Foundation made 18 grants. Recipients included the Cornwall Association (to update the Town website), the Cornwall Consolidated School (to fund SmartStart and a yoga program), the Cornwall Library (for a lecture series), Special Olympics of Connecticut, the Town of Cornwall (for equipment to monitor the effect of the Cricket Valley power plant on Cornwall's air quality), and the United Church of Christ (for the medical equipment program).

In addition to its regular quarterly meetings, the Foundation's board of directors held three special meetings during the second quarter of 2020 to address urgent grant applications arising from the Covid-19 outbreak. It made grants relating to the outbreak to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Bank and the United Church of Christ's Deacon's Fund/Minister's Discretionary Fund (to respond to the increased demand for assistance), the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater (for equipment to conduct virtual workshops and performances for children), the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau (for equipment for telemedicine mental health and group

support services), and YMCA Camp Mohawk (for scholarships for Cornwall Children attending the co-ed day camp initiated in response to the outbreak).

More information concerning the Cornwall Foundation, including a list of past grants, instructions and forms for grant applications, and directions for making donations, can be found at [www.cornwallfoundation.org](http://www.cornwallfoundation.org).

*Rob Long*



# CORNWALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*The mission of CHS is to make Cornwall's story come to life through its collections, research, exhibits, explorations and publications which illuminate the town's place in the local, regional, and national narrative.*

The coronavirus pandemic has upended our world, moved some of us from our homes, worried families, and turned us into masked and cautious people trying to adapt to a changed world.

But the lockdown has opened new possibilities for creativity. The Society had been thinking about how to collect proactively for the future -- that's our mission after all -- when the pandemic produced a flood of examples. We've been given wonderful artwork and photographs. We hope the painted stones left on stumps and walls will come to our collection after they have done their work of cheering people up. Journals and poetry will be welcome too.

This year's exhibit -- *Stand Up, Speak Out, Fight On: The 19th Amendment @100* -- opened on Saturday, July 4 and stayed open through October 17. A steady stream of visitors viewed artifacts, letters and articles from Cornwall sources. We became part of a nationwide celebration on August 26 when, with the help of Brad and Erin Hedden, we lit the front of the society with violet and golden streams of light, the colors of the suffrage movement. Museums all over the country lit their buildings in solidarity.

The fifth annual Norman Dorsen lecture was delivered via Zoom by former ABC correspondent Lynn Sherr who is an expert on the women's suffrage movement and its personalities. We will be developing other programming as the year goes on so follow us on Facebook and on our website [cornwallhistoricalsociety.org](http://cornwallhistoricalsociety.org).

During this extraordinary time, work went on as usual at the historical society. Thanks to a grant from the Cornwall Foundation, our remarkable textile collection is now stored properly in a space designed just for it. Curator Suzie Fateh continues to re-imagine how we can best serve the community and keep our collections safe. New shelves and lighting updated the vault which holds our most precious documents so that these treasures are both safe and available for research.

A grant from the Town of Cornwall's budget helped pay operating costs though the year. The Society is, as ever, grateful for the town's support.

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**STAND UP!  
SPEAK OUT!  
FIGHT ON!**

**THE 19th AMENDMENT @ 100!**



Group of Connecticut suffragists pose in front of the Connecticut Suffrage Station. Courtesy of Library of Congress.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS  
OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE!**

**July 4 - October 17, 2020**

**CORNWALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Open Saturdays only from 10:00 to 4:00





## CORNWALL HOUSING CORPORATION

Despite the extremely worrisome second half of this fiscal year, the Housing Corporation was able to conduct business without undue restraint. Happily, there were no repercussions from Covid-19 at Kugeman Village, where 18 households share six buildings. The same was true at Bonney Brook, where all ten units of senior housing have weathered the pandemic without incident. Heartfelt thanks for this to our residents, whose behavior has kept everyone safe, and to our Administrators, Tammy Broderick and Heidi Kearns, for the extra vigilance required of them.

Obviously, illness is only one of the dangers posed by Covid-19. All kinds of financial and emotional pressures are exacerbated, and we are grateful to Heather Dinneen, Cornwall's Director of Social Services, and to other nonprofit organizations in the town and region that have worked to lessen the burden on our residents.

In the Parcel Program, the house in the Village given to us by Polly Calhoun was sold by its original and longtime owners to applicant Tom Eucalitto, who is farming across the road in Coltsfoot Valley. In addition, we put the final touches on the transfer of our Kent Road house, originally a gift from Ann and Tom Hubbard, to Becca Conn, who has been renting and improving it for two years.

Although as the Town Report goes to press the final details are in the hands of the Planning and Zoning Commission, we are hopeful of acquiring two new building lots on upper Town Street, thanks to the generosity of Ginny Potter.

The Regional Housing Council of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NWHCOG) continues to provide a collegial exchange of ideas and advice and the benefits of acting as a group rather than isolated nonprofit Boards. Through the efforts of Jocelyn Ayer, Community and Economic development Director of the NHCOCG, we have been able to secure grants enabling us to provide professional financial counseling and to support the production of a State-mandated Affordable Housing Plan for the Town. This will be written by Janell Mullen, who now serves as NWHCOG's Regional Planner, and who has been an invaluable asset in the P&Z's ongoing overhaul of the Zoning Regs to ensure that they are internally consistent and understandable to those governed by them.

As usual, the Housing Corporation is grateful to its friends and donors, and especially to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their understanding and cheerleading.

Ginni Block Will Calhoun Hugh Cheney Margaret Cooley  
 Bill Fairbairn Beth Frost Paul Prindle Brigitte Schmidt-Geyselaers  
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# The Cornwall Library

## Message from the President: An Unusual Year

From July 2019, the Library staff provided their usual excellent services and programs. Beginning in March 2020, in response to State and Town guidance, the Covid 19 pandemic forced the Library to close for a period and to rethink services and programs for the remainder of the year to ensure safety while still allowing the community to access the valuable resource that is our Library. The pandemic did not so much restrict what we did, but rather how we accomplished it. The Library resumed lending in May, offering curbside pickup and return. On April 1, thanks to the generous support of volunteers from the community, the Library began a series of Zoom readings and presentations to facilitate community engagement and participation. On July 1, the Library reopened with appropriate protocols to safeguard staff and users of the Library.

Celebrating the Library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019, we used the proceeds of a related appeal to enhance our facility, services and programs for the community. The Library was refurbished, new furniture and new television screens installed, new and updated computers provided for patron use, and construction began on a new meeting room dedicated to the memory of Marc and Bee Simont, strong supporters of the Library. When you visit the Library, please take the time to explore these upgrades.

Going forward, we will continue to be a source of content and fun during these difficult times. If you do not already receive our newsletter or follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram), please reach out to Margaret Haske ([director@cornwalllibrary.org](mailto:director@cornwalllibrary.org)) and she will help you.

Our main challenge was not being able to hold fundraising events, the Memorial Day Book Sale and Books and Blooms, (and in our current fiscal year, the Labor Day Art Sale) the proceeds from which cover a significant proportion of our operating expenses. Your financial support of the library is so important. We encourage and appreciate all donations to help us fill this gap. You can donate directly through the Library's webpage ([cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)) by scrolling to the red donate button, or you can send a check directly to the Library, care of Margaret Haske. Thank you in advance for contributing and for your continued support of our library.

## Library Programs

The Library offered an extensive array of programs to its patrons in the past year. The Library loaned out a total of 12,509 books, ebooks and videos. The previous year we had loaned out almost 15,000 items and were well on our way to that number again when the Covid 19 virus hit. The Library was able to continue to provide service on Sundays until the virus.

*Events:* In 2019, we celebrated the Library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In September, we held our Third Annual Labor Day Art Sale with more than 200 pieces donated for sale to benefit the Library. In October, the popular Columbus Day Book Sale was held. Over Thanksgiving, *Cornwall Reads Cornwall* marked our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with readings of celebrated Cornwall authors by Blair Brown, Alex Prud'homme, Roxana Robinson, Dean Saccardi and Adam Van Doren, followed by a reception at the Library. Tom Walker provided the Annual Boxing Day reading, this time a

ghost story by M.R. James. In January, to celebrate Burns' Night, we shared Scottish music and verse, and our First Selectman marched in the Haggis, generously provided by Jane Worthington-Roth.

*Literature:* In August, Franny Taliaferro led patrons through two discussions of Homer's *Odyssey*, and in the fall, Mark Scarbrough provided a series of seven sessions on the poetry of John Keats entitled "The Taste of Purer Air." Beginning in April, when the Library was closed due to the pandemic, and the days still short and dark, Roxana Robinson led the community in a successful series entitled *Cornwall Reads Great Fiction*, including a three-part series on Madame Bovary. In all, thirteen weekly sessions were held, with readings and discussions of authors including Chekhov, Munro, Wharton, Hemingway, etc.

*Author talks:* Robin Foster spoke about her book on local biographer, historian, essayist and literary critic, *Carl Van Doren: A Man of Ideas*. Roxana Robinson shared her recent novel *Dawson's Fall* on the lives of her great-grandparents in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Betty Krasne read and discussed her new novel, *The Good Life*, on the challenges faced by two men in a small New England town in the 1980's. Peter del Tredici gave a talk on the second edition of his book, *Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast: A Field Guide*.

*Cornwall Gardens:* Jane Garmey read and discussed excerpts from her anthology of favorite garden writers, including Gertrude Jekyll, Christopher Lloyd, Edith Wharton, Michael Pollan, Eleanor Perenyi and Vita Sackville West. First Selectman, Gordon Ridgway, presented *Farming Amidst Covid 19* from the Ridgway greenhouse, discussing his farm, growing techniques, and challenges to the food supply chain.

*History and Current Affairs:* Peter Vermilyea, historian and HVRHS teacher provided a timely, six-part series on the Constitution and the right to vote entitled *The Vote: America's Most Fragile Right*. Deron Bayer, also a history teacher at HVRHS, gave a presentation on *Tulipmania*, the first recorded speculative bubble, in the Dutch Golden Age, during which contract prices for some bulbs spiked and then dramatically collapsed in February 1637. Jim Terrall shared a presentation on his trek through the Rwenzori Mountains in Uganda with his son Wilson, highlighting the ecological zones, history, flora, fauna and people of the area known as *The Mountains of the Moon*.

*Art:* The Library collaborated with local artists for several opening receptions and exhibitions of their work. Tim Prentice shared kinetic sculptures in an exhibit entitled *Gone with the Wind*, followed by Larry Master's photography exhibit *Wildlife of Cornwall and Beyond*. Paper Buck's exhibit, *Topia Rising*, highlighted forest regrowth and ecological transformation in a series of paintings and cyanotypes of Cornwall's Cathedral Pines. Nine Litchfield County artists, including Cornwall resident Sandy Dolinsky, showed landscapes and still life in an exhibition entitled *Oil and Water*. Photographer Catherine Noren presented *Angels in the Architecture*, works reflecting on religious and non-religious structures to define, delineate and underscore the look and meanings in an image. Last, but by no means least, the Library held a reception for the opening of a *Retrospective of Works by Erica Child Prud'homme*. The selection of paintings and drawings reflect on the symmetry and grace of natural forms and the relationship of human bodies to these natural forms.

*Film:* Film is a popular medium at the Library, not only because of the broad selection of movies available for lending, but also because of film shows representing the interests of the community. Presented by the Friends of the Library, John Miller hosted the annual Winter Film Series of classic movies. Tory Estern Jadow presented a screening of her film *Uprooting Addiction: Healing from the Ground Up*, exploring the trauma, addiction and recovery affecting the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. In November, local not-for-profit, the Civic Life Project, presented five documentaries produced and directed by students at the Cornwall Consolidated School. Topics included Co-Ed Teams, Girls in the Boy Scouts; the Challenge of School Budgets in Small Towns; Is Health Care a Right, or a Human Right; Homeless Veterans and what can be done for them; and the Second Amendment, Exploring Gun Rights.

*Community Support and Community-led Events:* Anne Hummel, a Certified Diabetes Educator, offered a six-week course on "Managing your Diabetes," emphasizing diet, exercise, medication and psycho-social issues. The office of Congresswoman Jahana Hayes provided a session on how her office could assist with casework: getting a

passport, tax refund, documentation from the VA, applying for health insurance, etc. The Library facilitated events led by the community or professionals, including Watercolor Landscape Classes, Writing Classes, Trivia night, Zumba, ASW Pilates, Hatha Yoga, Mah Jongg, Knitting, and What's the Word. Our Director, Margaret Haske, led weekly Zoom chats entitled "What are you Reading?" as well as an information session on the Library's new management information system.

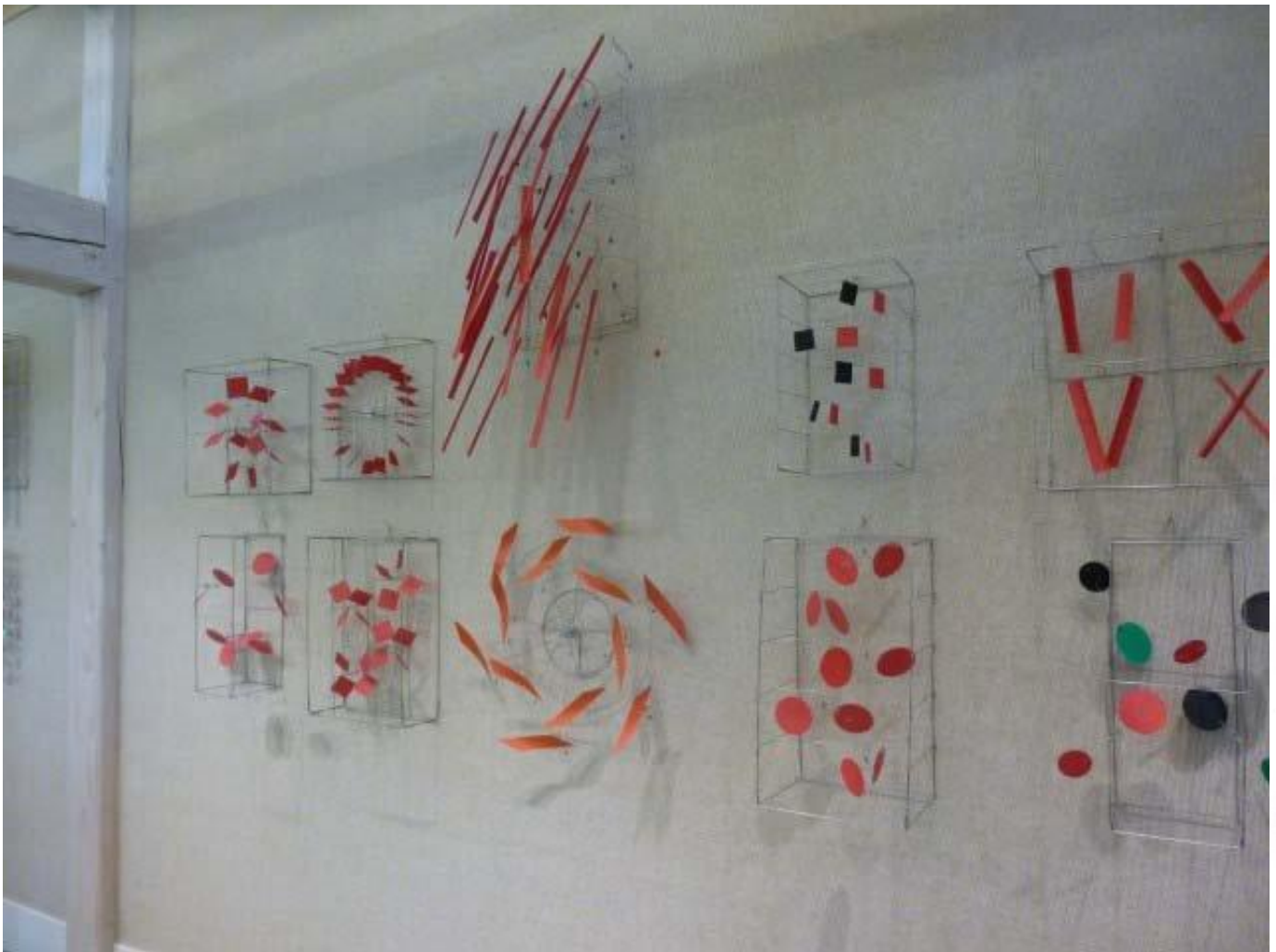
*Children's programs:* The Library began with a one-week summer camp in August 2019. We celebrated *Trick or Treat* at the end of October. Jonny from the Music Cellar led a Sing Along via Zoom during the Library closure.

A detailed report of income and expenses is available at the Library.

Sincerely,



Simon Hewett  
President, Board of Trustees





**Housatonic Youth Service Bureau**  
2019-2020 Annual Report

**Town of Cornwall**

The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) has proudly served the Northwest Corner for nearly 30 years. Founded to respond to the needs of the children, youth, and families living in the Region One School District, HYSB is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves the towns of North Canaan, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. Our licensed clinicians provide a variety of services that promote the overall health and wellbeing of children and youth, ages 3-21, and their families living in our community.

The fall of 2019 began the way most years do with students returning to school and activities and families settling into a routine. HYSB worked with 121 students in the region, 6 of whom resided in Cornwall, and provided 52 counseling hours to Cornwall youth and families. Our clinicians provided one-one no-cost services to students in their homes, at Cornwall Consolidated School and at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Additionally, our staff provided support through our group programming efforts. These group sessions are designed to engage youth who may not otherwise benefit from our services by creating a safe environment where they can connect with their peers and HYSB counselors to discuss sensitive topics and share strategies for overcoming adversity and learning when and how to engage with other adults and authorities. Our groups are created based on the unique needs that are identified within each community.

The spring of 2020 turned into a period of great uncertainty relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. HYSB recognized the critical need to continue providing services and seamlessly transitioned to a virtual counseling system enabling our clinicians to maintain their connections to their clients. During the months following the state of Connecticut shutdown, HYSB staff worked tirelessly to continue evaluating our tele-health options and finding creative ways to meet with clients outside to ensure our services were maintained at full capacity while following strict health and safety guidelines. We are pleased to share that our tele-health options remain intact and we have taken additional steps to bring our group programs back into our Region One classrooms virtually through a collaborative effort with our schools.

Services like our mental health counseling, case management services, referral services, community outreach, youth empowerment programs, the HYSB Summer Internship Program, and other services are free for the youth and families in the town of Cornwall. All of this is made possible through town support and through the giving of generous donors from all six towns, and beyond. We are incredibly grateful for your continued financial support and look forward to continue or work together for the town of Cornwall.

Sincerely,

Kelly Parker  
Executive Director

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 Patricia Chamberlain, Sharon  
 Michelle Considine, Canaan  
 John Green, Cornwall  
 Dinny Greene, Cornwall  
 Carla Herman, Cornwall  
 Priscilla McCord, Lakeville  
 Judy Sheridan, Kent  
 Michael Volstad, Salisbury  
 Patricia Wright, Executive Director



*Serving The Towns Of:*  
 Canaan  
 Cornwall  
 Falls Village  
 Kent  
 Norfolk  
 Salisbury/Lakeville  
 Sharon

### **Chore Service – Cornwall Town Report 2020**

The Chore Service, founded in 1992, provides non-medical help at home such as cleaning, running errands, yard work, etc., for clients in Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury/Lakeville and Sharon. Clients contribute only what they can (if they can) toward the service, and Chore Workers are paid \$14.00 per hour for their time. Fundraising, grants, and town contributions make up the difference between what clients can contribute and the cost of providing services.

From July, 2019 through June, 2020, The Chore Service provided services to seventeen Cornwall residents. These 17 clients received help with cleaning, errands, and yard work so that they could continue to remain safely in their homes. Three Chore employees who live in Cornwall earned over \$6,100 last year. Our federal grant monies that subsidizes services for those age 60 and over is always depleted before the year ends, so we are delighted that the Town of Cornwall continues to contribute to these services.

Here is what a few clients in Cornwall had to say about Chore Service recently:

*"I'm one among many to know how lucky we are to have such a caring group – many, many thanks!!"*

*"She is young with energy that I no longer have, as much as I used to have. Many thanks!"*

*"Reliable, very pleasant, intelligent!"*

*"She's always pleasant, loves to clean and FUN to be with. Thank you! I really cannot express my gratitude."*

As we face shrinking Federal and State grants, we are most grateful for the support of our donors, including the Town of Cornwall, for your generosity.

Thank you!

Pat Wright, Executive Director

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**Women's Support Services Annual Report**  
**01 July 2019 – 30 June 2020**  
**Town of Cornwall**

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Next year will be Women's Support Services 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. From humble beginnings in a single room at the Sharon Hospital, to a well-known agency of ten staff members providing an array of support services to victims of domestic violence and their families, WSS has come a long way. One thing that has not changed however, has been the number of victims of domestic violence. Across the country, these statistics have not changed significantly. As we launched our strategic planning process last year, we recognized that if we want to reduce the number of victims in the future, we need to embrace a mission focused on creating change within our community:

**We create social change to end interpersonal, relationship violence by challenging attitudes and beliefs about power, control, and gender norms and by advocating for victims and survivors.**

In the midst of these exciting developments, COVID-19 struck. While working remotely, we dismantled our major fundraising event, Trade Secrets, and drew upon our partnerships – with town social workers, the state police, area healthcare professionals and the schools, and many, many others, to ensure client support and safety. **Thank you to the Town of Cornwall for being a partner during this difficult time.**

Despite the curveball thrown at us, there are many positive developments to report:

- WSS continued to provide programming at the Cornwall Consolidated School, in addition to delivering activity bags for children to the Town Park and Recreation Department. We also participated in the Cornwall Fire Department Open House and provided training to faculty on gender inclusivity, the social and emotional development of boys, and social and emotional learning.
- Communication and coordination among healthcare providers, emergency services providers and WSS has improved dramatically. With the addition of a second *Community Educator* last year, WSS has been able to engage in consistent outreach, training, and information dissemination. This work was bolstered by the recruitment of a full-time *Family and Child Advocate* and the increase in hours of our *Family Violence Victim Advocate* at court, as well as the training of new cohorts of volunteers.
- Women's Support Services developed a significantly more robust community education program. Our additional outreach position enabled us to focus on outreach to: local medical providers and emergency service providers, area businesses (both the *Main Street Partners* program as well as the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce), elder care facilities and spiritual communities.
- The second *Community Educator*, in collaboration with the *Prevention Education Coordinator*, launched our **Boys + Men** programming in the fall of 2019. During the course of the year, programming was



delivered at The Salisbury School, Marvelwood and The Hotchkiss School.

- We have seen significant developments in the relationship of WSS with the Region One schools:
  - The WSS *Prevention Education Coordinator* was asked to deliver human trafficking training to all 7th and 8th grade classes.
  - WSS staff members met regularly throughout the winter with the Principal, Assistant Principal, school counselors, and teachers at Housatonic Valley Regional High School to strategize and more deliberately engage WSS in curriculum development and planning.
  - All K-8 faculty (150 educators) were trained on gender awareness. Additionally, faculty in Salisbury and Cornwall received DV101 training and 32 educators received additional training during the Regional Professional Development Day in October 2019. All HVRHS teachers participated in a training on school climate and the foundational context for WSS's work with students during 2019.
  - After the schools were closed due to COVID-19, WSS staff members facilitated 7 teacher workshops around SEL (social and emotional learning) needs in April and May. These workshops were available for all K-12 Region One educators, in collaboration with the school counselors and nurses.
- WSS improved our outreach to Latinx community members, working in collaboration with Grace Immigrant Outreach, recruiting bilingual volunteers, and translating our brochures, office signage and other communications materials.

**From 01 July 2019 through 30 June 2020, Women's Support Services:**

- Provided support services to **635 clients**, 391 of whom were new clients.
- The composition of our new clients includes:
  - 377 adults and 14 children
  - 303 female, 88 male clients
- Responded to **901 hotline crisis requests**.
- Provided **emergency shelter to 32 people for a total of 634 nights** of shelter. This included 20 women, 2 men, and 10 children.
- Provided criminal and civil court advocacy and support to **466 victims of family violence**.
- Conducted **187 prevention workshops** to children and teens in local schools, daycares, and camps.



During this reporting period, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a state-wide shutdown in mid-March 2020. Despite the requirement to work remotely and shelter at home, our client numbers did not decrease significantly from last year. More understandably, we did see a decrease in prevention education programming. We had been on track to provide significantly more programming to our students this year over last year. However, we worked closely with the area schools to deliver remote training on social and emotional learning (SEL) and we provided virtual reading sessions for younger students. We were also able to use this time to significantly strengthen our online capabilities and our remote work in the schools this fall has gotten off to a strong start as a result.

TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

JUNE 30, 2020

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As management of the Town of Cornwall (the "Town"), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Cornwall exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$10,491,361 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$3,953,222 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Restricted Net Position is \$51,146, which is comprised of \$34,895 for the Cornwall Endowment Fund, \$16,251 for Open Space. The remainder of its net position is invested in capital assets.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Cornwall's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,633,948, an increase of \$109,544 in comparison with the prior year. Of this amount, \$2,352,745 is available for spending at the government's discretion and called the Unassigned fund balance. The Assigned portion is \$414,172, the Committed portion is \$797,218, the Restricted portion is \$16,251 and the Nonspendable portion is \$53,562. See page 37 of the audit report for details.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,686,349, of which \$50,325 has been assigned for the subsequent year's budget and \$260,102 has been assigned for other purposes leaving an unassigned fund balance for the General Fund of \$2,357,255 or 33.7% percent of total General Fund expenditures for 2021.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

##### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.



**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

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The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net position is changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in future cash inflows (revenues) and outflows (expenditures).

Both of the government-wide financial statements present functions of the Town that are principally supported by tax revenues, grants and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, highways, sanitation, health and welfare, recreation, and education. The Town does not report any funds that carry-on business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of the audit report.

**Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains eight (8) individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund. The Town also reports the Capital Projects Fund as a major fund.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-15 of the audit report.

**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

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**Fiduciary Funds** – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town’s own programs.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 16-17 of the audit report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-40 of the audit report.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. In the case of the Town, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities by \$10,491,361 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	<u>Net Position</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 4,120,888	\$ 4,078,233
Capital assets, net	<u>8,251,887</u>	<u>8,140,812</u>
Total assets	<u>12,372,775</u>	<u>12,219,045</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>21,666</u>	<u>27,083</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-term liabilities outstanding	1,786,560	2,108,174
Other liabilities	<u>116,520</u>	<u>283,192</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,903,080</u>	<u>2,391,366</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	6,486,993	6,059,721
Restricted	51,146	51,146
Unrestricted	<u>3,953,222</u>	<u>3,743,895</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 10,491,361</u>	<u>\$ 9,854,762</u>

The restricted portion of the Town’s Net Position represents net position restricted for capital projects and other purposes. The balance of Unrestricted Net Position \$3,953,222 may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report that all categories of net position increased by \$636,599 during this fiscal year. This increase is primarily attributable to principal pay down of bonded debt and the excess of depreciation over additions to capital assets.

**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

<u>Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 6,625,661	\$ 6,594,444
Unrestricted investment income	73,583	79,119
Grants and contributions	45,844	73,199
Other income	20,601	38,023
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	161,352	135,858
Operating grants and contributions	887,957	431,562
Capital grants	<u>70,270</u>	<u>87,587</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,885,268</u>	<u>7,439,792</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Governmental activities:		
General government	908,876	918,633
Public safety	224,131	223,635
Highways	862,302	1,098,698
Sanitation	156,560	153,085
Health and welfare	154,363	94,145
Recreation	74,976	84,484
Education	4,664,690	4,389,268
Debt service	46,915	54,209
Other	<u>155,856</u>	<u>136,759</u>
Total expenses	<u>7,248,669</u>	<u>7,152,916</u>
Change in net position	636,599	286,876
Beginning net position	<u>9,854,762</u>	<u>9,567,886</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 10,491,361</u>	<u>\$ 9,854,762</u>

Governmental activities increased the Town of Cornwall's net position by \$636,599.

Key elements of the activities are as follows: 84% of the revenues of the Town were derived from property taxes, followed by 11.26% from operating grants and contributions, 2% from charges for services, and 2.74% from investment income, grants and contributions other income.

**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

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Major revenue factors included increases in Operating grants and contributions and charges for services, partially offset by decreases in investment income and Capital grants. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the tax collection rate was only down .5% from the prior fiscal year.

For Governmental Activities, 64.4% of the Town's expenses relate to education and repayment of long-term debt for school construction, 3.1% relates to public safety and health and welfare, 11.9% relates to highways and public works, and the remaining 20.6% relates to government, community services, administration and other areas.

For the most part, major expense factors for the General Fund remained consistent as compared to the prior year. Major capital expenditures include the replacement a culvert on Lake Road, acquisition of a new generator, HVAC and window replacements at the WC Firehouse, new air conditioning units at CCS as well as an upgraded BMS unit also known as a Building Management System.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds:** The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,633,948 an increase of \$109,544. Sixty-five Percent of this total amount constitutes Unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance of the General Fund totaled \$2,686,349, an increase of \$172,020 over the previous year of which \$50,325 was assigned for the subsequent year's budget and \$260,102 was assigned for other purposes.

As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both Unassigned Fund Balance and total Fund Balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned Fund Balance represents 33.7% of total General Fund expenditures for 2021.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Town ended the year with a \$172,020 budget surplus. The revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$66,845. This is principally related to a favorable variance in fees collected by the Town Clerk, and LoCIP payments released by the State of Connecticut that were previously frozen. Interest on investment income also exceeded budgeted amounts. Overall, the Town's expenditures were \$105,175 less than budgeted amounts principally attributable to reduced ability to provide direct services due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as one DPW employee retirement in November and the replacement not being installed until February.

**It is important to note that the State of Connecticut entered into an Emergency Declaration in early March and the Cornwall Municipal offices were closed to the public on March 17th and remained closed to the public throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.**

Although \$176,500 of fund balance was anticipated to be needed to balance the budget, none was used.

**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$8,251,887 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land and buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year the replacement a culvert on Lake Road, acquisition of a new generator, HVAC and window replacements at the WC Firehouse, new air conditioning units at CCS as well as an upgraded BMS unit also known as a Building Management System

<u>Capital Assets at Year-End (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land and infrastructure	\$ 2,412,138	\$ 2,371,597
Buildings and improvements	4,427,957	4,455,470
Machinery and equipment	<u>1,411,792</u>	<u>1,313,745</u>
Total (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>\$ 8,251,887</u>	<u>\$ 8,140,812</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 4 on page 26 of the audit report.

**Long-Term Obligations**

The Town has the following obligations:

<u>Outstanding Obligations at Year-End</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,746,642	\$ 2,060,804
Landfill closure	<u>39,918</u>	<u>47,370</u>
	<u>\$ 1,786,560</u>	<u>\$ 2,108,174</u>

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 8 on pages 35-36 of the audit report.

**Town of Cornwall, Connecticut**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)**

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES**

While there were no changes to the budget preparation process due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were several changes to the budget approval process. All meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing including the annual Public Hearing to present the proposed budgets. The Board of Finance operated under an executive order from the Governor and approved the budgets and mil rate without holding a budget referendum. The Board of Finance anticipate returning to a normal budget approval process when Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The Town's elected officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2021 budget and property tax rates.

- Uncertainty directly related to the Covid-19 local, state and national emergency declarations.
- The overwhelming reliance on property taxes as it relates to the Town's income stream.
- Keeping the Mil rate flat to provide stability to the taxpayers.
- Changing enrollment at Cornwall Consolidated School due to the influx of the part-time residents sequestering in Cornwall.
- The continued threat of unfunded teacher pension liabilities being levied on the Town by the State of Connecticut.
- Future funding for the potential of a wastewater treatment facility in West Cornwall.

These factors were considered in preparing the Town of Cornwall's budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Office, Town of Cornwall, P.O. Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753.

**TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT**

**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**  
**JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

Grand List October 1,	Outstanding 6/30/2019	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Collectible Taxes	Receipt of Taxes	Interest and Liens	Total Receipts	Transfers to Suspense	Outstanding 6/30/2020
			Additions	Deductions						
2018	\$ -	\$ 6,578,522	\$ 3,037	\$ 4,495	\$ 6,577,064	\$ 6,480,929	\$ 15,384	\$ 6,496,313	\$ 1,071	\$ 95,064
2017	59,950	-	44	160	59,834	14,960	3,057	18,017	622	44,252
2016	45,746	-	-	-	45,746	6,359	2,810	9,169	151	39,236
2015	38,553	-	-	-	38,553	7,115	3,378	10,493	2,030	29,408
2014	33,439	-	-	-	33,439	5,223	3,653	8,876	1,881	26,335
2013	27,162	-	-	-	27,162	5,143	4,524	9,667	185	21,834
2012	19,442	-	-	-	19,442	4,989	5,263	10,252	-	14,453
2011	6,902	-	-	-	6,902	2,512	2,988	5,500	-	4,390
2010	8,213	-	-	-	8,213	-	-	-	-	8,213
2009	9,069	-	-	-	9,069	-	-	-	-	9,069
2008	10,195	-	-	-	10,195	-	-	-	-	10,195
2007	8,637	-	-	-	8,637	-	-	-	-	8,637
2006	9,774	-	-	-	9,774	113	246	359	-	9,661
2005	6,495	-	-	-	6,495	27	66	93	-	6,468
2004	6,226	-	-	58	6,168	67	175	242	-	6,101
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 289,803</b>	<b>\$ 6,578,522</b>	<b>\$ 3,081</b>	<b>\$ 4,713</b>	<b>\$ 6,866,693</b>	<b>\$ 6,527,437</b>	<b>\$ 41,544</b>	<b>\$ 6,568,981</b>	<b>\$ 5,940</b>	<b>\$ 333,316</b>



## TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**  
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2019)

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds	
				2020	2019
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 6,528,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,528,595	\$ 6,716,736
Investment income	59,652	11,574	2,357	73,583	79,119
Fees and charges	155,365	-	2,090	157,455	132,053
Intergovernmental revenues	800,392	-	-	800,392	502,695
Contributions	-	798	179,509	180,307	64,894
Other revenues	47,870	-	-	47,870	66,587
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7,591,874</b>	<b>12,372</b>	<b>183,956</b>	<b>7,788,202</b>	<b>7,562,084</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General government	847,017	28,881	12,890	888,788	897,064
Public safety	163,600	-	-	163,600	159,437
Highways	504,648	-	-	504,648	510,916
Sanitation	164,012	-	-	164,012	160,537
Health and welfare	54,415	-	99,948	154,363	94,145
Recreation	74,976	-	-	74,976	84,484
Education	4,422,269	68,567	22,724	4,513,560	4,238,645
Other	155,856	-	-	155,856	136,759
Debt Service:					
Principal and interest	354,215	-	-	354,215	360,873
Capital outlay	-	704,640	-	704,640	1,186,029
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>6,741,008</b>	<b>802,088</b>	<b>135,562</b>	<b>7,678,658</b>	<b>7,828,889</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>850,866</b>	<b>(789,716)</b>	<b>48,394</b>	<b>109,544</b>	<b>(266,805)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Transfers in	1,154	680,000	-	681,154	597,500
Transfers out	(680,000)	-	(1,154)	(681,154)	(597,500)
	<b>(678,846)</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>(1,154)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>172,020</b>	<b>(109,716)</b>	<b>47,240</b>	<b>109,544</b>	<b>(266,805)</b>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<b>2,514,329</b>	<b>780,868</b>	<b>229,207</b>	<b>3,524,404</b>	<b>3,791,209</b>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,686,349</b>	<b>\$ 671,152</b>	<b>\$ 276,447</b>	<b>\$ 3,633,948</b>	<b>\$ 3,524,404</b>

**PLEASE ABIDE BY THE 5 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ENTERING & EXITING FACILITY.**

**FEEES FOR BULKY WASTE – CASH ONLY BASIS - SEE ATTENDANT BEFORE DUMPING:**

No Bulky Waste on Sundays - Payment expected at time of dumping

Appliances with CFC & HCFC gases	\$13.00
Standard Pick-Up Truck-load	\$50.00 (pro-rated for partial loads)
Auto batteries	\$5.00 and up
Automobile tires	\$4.00 each
Light truck tires up to size 825/20	\$5.00 each
Tires on rims add	\$1.00 each
Shingles	\$60.00 and up

**BULKY WASTE: Pay as you dump. THE TRANSFER STATION WILL ACCEPT (not on Sundays), "BULKY WASTE" UP TO 2.5 YARDS (a standard pickup load) PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. ONLY NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CAN BE DUMPED. THIS INCLUDES WOOD, FURNITURE, ETC. WASTE MUST BE IN SIZE AND SHAPE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR.**

**DEMOLITION MATERIALS: Not accepted on Sundays**

**Accepted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Limit one load per month per residence.

**Lumber must not be longer than 4' in length.**

For major amounts the rental of a dumpster is necessary.

Shingles/ Sheetrock/Carpet: Make arrangements at Transfer Station prior to disposal. Check with attendant for rate information.

**SCRAP METAL:** Accepted - See attendant before unloading.

**PAINT:** Accepted – See attendant before unloading (exceptions apply).

**MATTRESSES:** Accepted – See attendant before unloading (exceptions apply).

**YARD WASTE:** Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection does not permit the disposal of yard wastes (i.e. leaves, grass clippings) at transfer stations.

Please compost your yard waste, wreaths, plants, animal waste with your kitchen waste of fruit & vegetable peelings. Composting can reduce solid waste by 40%!

**BRUSH BURNING:** Brush can be burned only with a permit and during low risk weather. Obtain permit beforehand at the Selectman's Office, 9:00 am-12:00, 1:00-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday, 860-672-4959.

**BRUSH TO BRUSH DUMP:** \$25.00 a pick-up load; \$50.00 dump-truck load; 5 yard maximum. Prior arrangement is needed to deliver brush to the brush dump at the gravel bank. **Call Jim** at the Highway Garage at 860-672-6230. Monday-Friday between 7:00-7:30 a.m. or 3:00-3:30 p.m. Checks for fees charged may be mailed to Selectmen's Office, Town of Cornwall, P.O. Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753.

**LOGS AND STUMPS:** Too large to burn are not accepted at the brush dump. Call Supreme Industries in Harwinton at 485-0343 or Steve Leining in Sheffield, Massachusetts at (413) 528-8066 for removal or google other possible companies.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Cornwall's trash is hauled to Hartford to be burned in the [CRRRA Mid-Connecticut Project waste-to-energy facility](#). This facility generates electricity to power about 45,000 homes and sells that electricity into the power grid. The by-products of this process – ash and non-processable waste – end up in modern lined landfills, but trash-to-energy reduces by 90% the volume of material going into landfills. While Cornwall pays \$60.50 per ton (in FY 2011) to bring trash to the trash-to-energy plant, it pays nothing to bring its recyclables to CRRRA's recycling facility. In fact, CRRRA pays Cornwall for its recyclables. RECYCLE! Save Cornwall's money!

# CORNWALL TRANSFER STATION

24 Furnace Brook Road (Route 4) - 860-672-4079

**HOURS:** Tues., Thurs. & Sat.: 9:00-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

We can only accept garbage and trash generated IN THE TOWN OF CORNWALL with Transfer Sticker.  
Obtain Transfer Sticker from Transfer Station attendants.

**RECYCLING:** Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has mandated recycling.

## PLACE IN SEPARATE CONTAINERS

Loose & rinsed

Bundled in brown bags or tied

Loose

**in shed in container to the left**

**outside shed in container to left**

**in shed in container to right**

milk cartons  
juice boxes (aseptic)  
metal cans  
clean aluminum foil  
glass jars (w/no lids)  
wax milk containers  
juice box containers (aseptic)  
plastic #1 through #7 (no bigger than  
three-gallon size)

newspapers  
magazines  
catalogs  
corrugated cardboard - 3'x3' & smaller  
(no waxed cardboard)

office paper  
junk paper  
cereal boxes  
shoobox cardboard

cannot accept: as recyclables: (to be disposed of as household waste)

Motor oil, pesticide, herbicide, antifreeze or other hazardous material containers

Black plastic

Plastic flower pots

Unmarked plastic

Lids, caps or screw tops

Styrofoam (excepting "peanuts")

**Please rinse all** containers for the attendant's safety.

**Cardboard bigger than 3' x 3'** is to be flattened and kept separate to be baled.

## **-- No Bulky Waste on Sundays --**

1. **METAL** other than cans goes into the metal bin if space is available.

2. **BULKY WASTE** accepted only when space available - **call first!** 860-672-4079 Fees apply. **Pay as you dump.**

3. All **wood, plywood, pressboard** goes into bulky waste. Fees apply. **Pay as you dump.**

Bulky waste, woods, metal: Please reduce, cut, compact prior to dumping. Maximum length 4 feet.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Check with attendant. We accept for recycling and/or redistribution:

**Fluorescent light bulbs:** compact and tube variety

**Rechargeable batteries:** Nickel Cadmium (NiCad) Lithium Ion (Li-ion), small sealed lead (Pb) and  
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) rechargeable batteries

**Polystyrene peanuts** (the packing kind)

**Clean, used clothing** in good condition can be placed in the large bin outside the gate

**Waste oil and antifreeze**

**Eye glasses**

**Food labels:** Campbell's, Franco American, Labels for Education

**Books**

**Printer cartridges**

**Electronics**

**Paper egg cartons**

**Redeemable glass and plastic bottles**

\*\*\* RECYCLABLES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*