

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
NEWTWON MUNICIPAL CENTER  
3 PRIMROSE STREET  
NEWTOWN, CT**

**JANUARY 22, 2018 5:00 pm**

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING.**

The Commission on Aging held a special meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018, Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

**Call to order:** Ms. Wiedemann called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Anna Wiedemann, George Guidera, Anne Rothstein (5:13), Barbara Bloom, Curt Symes, John Boccuzzi, Maureen Will.

**ABSENT:** Mae Schmidle, Ruby Ryles, LeReine Frampton, Claire Theune, Larry Passaro.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marilyn Place, Ann LoBosco, Officer Maryhelen McCarthy, First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Former First Selectman Pat Llodra, 13 members of the public.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** Madeline Bunt, 12 Castle Hill Road – Ms. Bunt questioned research on the new software program and whether other systems had been looked at. She also asked for ability to have additional input on the new senior center, questioned the necessity for programs like sewing, look to other programs like technology, also there are not enough restrooms for women. For input, Ms. Wiedemann suggested to be involved in meetings, voice opinions, and provide comments in writing.

Marie McClendon – Ms. McClendon said it is always good to hear other points of view, she thought the new software program was ready to go. Mr. Guidera responded that it is. Mr. Symes provided background that the software has been looked into for approximately 4 years.

Mary Maday, 107 Haley Lane – Ms. Maday asked about the status of the fireplace in the new senior center and clarification on the entryway passage. Ms. Wiedemann said there were no plans for a fireplace. Ms. Place responded that you can access the senior center from within the community center with a fob as well as direct access to the pool from the senior center.

Ms. Wiedemann said that Mr. Miles was not available tonight to discuss and answer questions regarding IT in the new Senior Center.

**MINUTES: MS. WILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING. SECOND BY MR. GUIDERA. Mr. Boccuzzi noted that his comments should reflect that he supported free classes and continuing that as a policy but he was concerned that it would be disingenuous to have him say that he supported the programming as it stands and thinks that programming is a huge issue that we need to keep looking at. ALL IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH MR. BOCCUZZI'S COMMENTS SO NOTED. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (7-0)**

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### REPORTS:

**CHAIR/VICE CHAIR:** Ms. Wiedemann distributed the chair report (ATTACHMENT A). Mr. Guidera said the Public Building and Site meeting will be on Tuesday, at the Reed School at 6:00. The next Senior Center advisory meeting will be on February 21 at noon. Ms. Wiedemann will inquire if the meeting can be taped. Mr. Guidera commented on the need for the transportation system to be improved for seniors.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES:** Ms. Place distributed the monthly report, reviewed updates of events, and highlighted events, adding that today's exercise program had 22 attendees, Ms. Place is looking to increase relationships and have more teachers involved to help facilitate programs that are a good fit for seniors, including varied exercise programs. Mr. Symes asked about the five wishes program. Ms. Place explained it regards estate planning. Ms. Place also scheduled a coffee social with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield on March 14. (ATTACHMENT B)

**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** Ms. LoBosco distributed the Director of Social Services report and thanked everyone involved with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing which raised \$11,000. Clients enrolled in the Medicare Savings Program were notified that the State's decision to lower income levels for the program has been put on hold until July 2018. Ms. LoBosco cautioned door-to-door solicitations by insurance brokers. Ms. Rothstein asked for this to be included in the newsletter. Mr. Symes noted that the National Council on Aging, [ncoa.org](http://ncoa.org), is one of the best advocacy groups for seniors. Seniors can subscribe to it, he recommended for people to sign up. If you hear or see things, NCOA will help to share and have a national effect. (ATTACHMENT C)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** MS. WILL MOVED TO FILE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUDIT. SECOND BY MS. BLOOM. Ms. Rothstein noted the largest expense for the month was for the MySeniorCenter software. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (7-0) (ATTACHMENT D)

**OLD BUSINESS:** none.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Buddy Program** – Ms. Wiedemann reached out to Dr. Rodrigue and is awaiting a response to the Buddy program. Regarding Code Red sign up, if anyone needs help with signing up, please let Ms. Wiedemann know. Ms. Will can also help people sign up. Smart 911, go to the line form the Town's website, it is more labor intensive to sign up.

**Livable Community – AARP** Mr. Boccuzzi said he has been working on the livable communities initiative with Ms. Llodra and hopes that the Commission On Aging will join Friends of Newtown to move this initiative forward. Ms. Llodra shared the document, Age Friendly Livable Community In a Nutshell. (Attachment E). A workshop is scheduled for April 28, at Newtown High School. Ms. Llodra said that the Board of Selectmen acted last year to be involved with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and work within the 8 domains of livability which include 1) Outdoor Space and Buildings, 2) Transportation, 3) Housing, 4) Social Participation, 5) Respect and Social Inclusion, 6) Civic Participation and Employment, 7) Communication and Information, 8) Community and Health Services. The next big step is to establish a study of program for a baseline of domain, she pointed out that anything that is done with the seniors is good for all residents, every resident benefits. The goal is for seniors to age in place and thrive. Newtown has positive characteristics in those domains, but more can be done to enhance the quality of live in Newtown. Along with Newtown, Greenwich is also participating in the program. Ms. Llodra asked the Commission on Aging to be engaged in this

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effort and participate on a committee, attend the workshop on April 28. Notices will come out and the event will be publicized. Mr. Boccuzzi said that they will share research on the 28<sup>th</sup>, do a gap analysis, and make a plan. Ms. Will asked how this program fits in with the initiatives of Connecticut Commission on Women, Children and Seniors. Mr. Boccuzzi said that there have not been conversations with that group, but he will look into it further and will share with the Commission On Aging.

Ms. Llodra concluded the discussion by pointing out the needs of this type of initiative is to address the increase in senior population in Newtown and to make the best efforts to help seniors age in place and thrive in the community. Please let Mr. Boccuzzi know if you are interested.

MS. BLOOM MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION ON AGING SUPPORT THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE. SECOND BY MR. SYMES. Ms. Will asked for more information on how to best assist and facilitate. Ms. Llodra commented that it is important that the COA be a partner in this effort. MR. SYMES MOVED TO AMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ON AGING SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE AND BE A PARTNER IN THIS EFFORT AND ADVANCE THE AGENDA. SECOND BY MR. GUIDERA. ALL IN FAVOR THAT THE COMMISSION ON AGING SUPPORT THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND BE A PARTNER IN THIS EFFORT AND ADVANCE THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED. (7-0)

**VOTER COMMENTS:** Officer Maryhelen McCarthy said to raise level of awareness of brokers that may go from house to house promoting insurance. If any questions, check with Ms. Lobosco, Ms. Place, or Ms. Wiedemann. She commented about need to know about local bus service, schedule and availability.

Ms. Boccuzzi commented that today's exercise was fabulous.

Ms. Bunt commented that other software programs should have been looked into. Ms. Wiedemann clarified that research had been done, other programs were looked at, and the Town IT department has approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MR. GUIDERA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:18 PM. SECOND BY MS. BLOOM. ALL IN FAVOR. (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachments: Commission On Aging Chair Report, Director of Senior Services Report, Director of Social Services/Municipal Agent for the Elderly Report, Treasurer's Report, Age Friendly Livable Community In a Nutshell.

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## COA Chairman Report – January 22, 2018

We are trying something new meeting at the Municipal Center. There are microphones at each seat, so there is the ability for the audience to hear better. The MC is filled next month, so for February 26, we will meet at the Edmond Town Hall in the lower meeting room (formerly the old bowling alley – if you enter the ETH on the side of the building nearest to the General Store – go into the double doors and make a right as soon as you enter the hall – right before entering the double doors to go inside where the bathrooms are). The acoustics are better here than the Senior Center. If this works better for our members and attendees, we will meet at either the MC or ETH in the future.

We are working on a number of items. I am meeting with Dorrie Carolan, John Boccuzzi and Marilyn Place to discuss the Opioid epidemic. Dorrie reached out to Marilyn and John. We are meeting Monday morning and one of us will report at our meeting.

I have reached out to Dr. Rodrigue, the interim superintendent to see if there is a possibility of starting a Buddy Program similar to the one Marilyn sent me information about. The program she sent me targeted seniors visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. When Dr. Erardi was here, the plan was to begin some type of Mentor/Buddy type program, matching our seniors with students across the board. I would like us to see this implemented asap, so that we can build on it across the schools and grades. I am hoping that perhaps Dr. Rodrigue might be able to attend our February meeting.

Just a note on Alternate Members. Our bylaws read as follows: The purpose of Alternates is to acquaint them with the work of the Commission and train them to fill vacancies of Regular members. ALL members are equal in importance. Everyone should feel comfortable in speaking and asking questions. The only difference I see currently with Alternates is that they only get to vote when we do not have a quorum.

John and Vicki Boccuzzi are going to be offering a program entitled “Live Well” which will be offered at Maplewood beginning March 15 and running through April 19, at 9:30 Thursday mornings.

Marilyn will be attending an event in New Milford, where the guest speaker is Donna Fedus, the founder of Borrow My Glasses. The topic at the event is "Building Cognitive Reserve through Brain Fitness. Marilyn will report back as we both feel it would be a great program to offer in Newtown.

Marilyn forwarded to me the following:

Dear Marilyn,

Good news for seniors from the CT State Capitol.

The legislature passed in veto proof majority in both House and Senate to restore funding for the Medicare Saving Program Eligibility Program. Can you share the attached update with your senior members the good news and encourage them to remain vigilant and continue the advocacy that motivated my fellow colleagues to "do the right thing".

Tony Hwang, State Senator, 28th Senate District, CT General Assembly

Also from Tony to Marilyn: Medicare savings program funding restored. extended one more year on MSP...to share with all seniors

We are very fortunate to have Senator Tony Hwang helping us as we navigate through the mine field of government!

Please feel free to contact me any time about anything.

NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER  
 Director of Senior Services  
 DEC 15, 2017 – JAN 19, 2018



PROGRAMS                      NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS (DEC)

Meditation	12
Exercise Tape	68
Flex and Fit temp class	15
Floor Yoga (2 days)	70
Chair Yoga (2 day)	48
Cards	63
Mah Jong	4
Bingo/Keno	7
Lunch	88
Hot Dog/pizza Luncheon	
Knitting	16
Iris Fold cards	
Quilting/sewing	8
Walk-Ins	12
Billiards/ping pong	0
Crafts	65
Trips	29
Newsletter	9
Wii	4
Painting/Art	4
Special events/entertainment	185
Tai Chi	30
Qi Gong	30
AARP Safe Driving	
Ballroom dance	16
Barn Dance	24
Current Events Discussion	27
Spanish Lessons	10
Speakers	72
Chair Pilates	36
Strength & Balance	13
Inter-generational w/ CAC	60
Password	8
Blood Pressure	14
AARP Taxes	
Game night	

Attendance Daily:

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Monthly Attendance
125	216	113	244	214	912

### COMPLETED EVENTS:

- Holiday Bingo Party Dec 20
- Wheel of Fortune Jan 12
- Silk Scarf painting Jan 17

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Recycle bingo Jan 19
- Five Wishes Feb 6
- St Valentine's Bingo Feb 14
- Advance Care Planning Feb 16
- MSC Launch March 8
- BC/BS Dual Special Needs Plan coffee social March 14 snow date March 28
- St Patty's Fish Luncheon March 16
- Scarf Painting March 22

### TRIPS:

- Mohegan Sun Feb 21
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Ct Flower & Garden Show Feb 22
- Sleigh Ride @ Adams Farm March 7
- St Patrick's Celebration @ the Aqua Turf March 20
- Historic South Savannah GA @ Charleston SC April 14-21

### CRUISES:

- Bermuda w/ Norwegian Escape April 29 - May 6, 2018
- Ireland, Iceland and Scotland w/ Celebrity Eclipse May 10 - 20, 2018

### SPEAKERS:

#### Lunch and Learns:

1. Five Wishes Presentation and hand out Feb 7
2. Starting the Conversation Advance Care Planning Feb 16

### Cultural/History Speaker:

Wednesday Jan 24 @ 1 Golden Age of Radio, The Adventures of Philip Marlowe  
Wednesday Feb 7 @ 1 Tuskegee Airmen  
Friday March 16 @ Noon St. Patrick's Cathedral

New Fairfield recently launched a Senior Buddy Program at Consolidated School. They started with 10 seniors. This a similar program Dr. Eradi was trying to form here in Newtown Schools. Is this a program the COA is interested in pursuing?

Inter-generational programming has been very rewarding to many who continue volunteering esp at the CAC and elementary schools. Reading the New Fairfield Town Tribune the article was very interesting.

I will be attending a seminar by Donna Fedus, founder of Borrow my Glasses, Aging and Caregiving from a new perspective on Feb 2 sponsored by New Milford SCA and CT Comm. Foundation.

I have scheduled a coffee social with Anthem BC/BS on the MSP program on Wed March 14 with a snow date March 28 @ 11 am.

This will be on the Dual Special Needs Plan. This is informational to explain/update to those on this plan what it includes, and what has changed. Flyers will be brought to Nunnawauk Meadows. It is important to continue programs as such with Nunnawauk residents. Also, I hope to have a follow up coffee social at Nunnawauk in the Spring.

Thursday March 8 is the scheduled launch for My Senior Center. Training is scheduled 4 times in Feb. More info will be in next newsletter.

AARP income tax asst. is from Feb 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>. (Mondays) By appt. only. Free of charge for low and middle-income taxpayers.

More to report on Monday



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## **DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES/MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY**

**January 2018**

### **Program Statistics**

Energy Assistance Applications – 2017-2018 (152 applications – 99 Senior/Disabled = 65%)

Food Pantry (45 individuals/families visit weekly – 30 Senior/Disabled = 66%)

Operation Fuel (Winter program) – Applications began December 1<sup>st</sup>, none to date

Salvation Army – (12 applications to date - \$4,124.11 total – 7 Senior/Disabled = 58%)

Goodwill gift cards – 4 distributed

- Holiday Baskets were delivered on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing raised \$11,000.00 (90% of which stays in Newtown for Social Services requests)
- Fuel Assistance applications are moving along; although constant contact with CAAWC is necessary to ensure applications are approved
- Clients enrolled in the Medicare Savings Program were notified that the State's decision to lower income levels for the program has been put on hold until July 2018. The legislators voted to reinstate the program's income limits; however, the Governor has vetoed the decision and now another special session will be called to hopefully override the veto.

		COA/SENIOR SERVICES FUND						
						FRANK KNOTTS	NEW	
DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/D	C/R	TRUST FUND	SENIOR CENTER	GRANT	BALANCE	
12/7/2017	Ck #30151 John E. Hemberger	(200.00)					51,663.92	
12/7/2017	Ck#30185- Michael's at the Grove	(595.00)					51,068.92	
12/12/2017	WCAAA award- Focal Points T-31187		200.00				51,268.92	
12/12/2017	Annual Holiday Bazaar- T-31206		56.50				51,325.42	
12/14/2017	Holiday Party Raffle T-31345		322.00				51,647.42	
1/16/2018	Nov P-Card-Big Y	(71.34)					51,576.08	
1/18/2018	Ck # 30740 - Xavus Solutions LL	(7,500.00)					44,076.08	
		(10,256.30)	2,794.99	1,124.30			44,076.08	

## Age Friendly Livable Community In a Nutshell



Friends of Newtown Seniors (FONS) is working with town officials to establish Newtown as an Age-Friendly Livable Community. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Communities are described as having: "Affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community services, and adequate mobility options, which facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life". The vast majority of older adults want to remain in their homes and community-at-large rather than move to another area and housing situation. Age-friendly communities contain resources which make communities work well for people of all ages, and especially for older adults.

The network of age-friendly communities focus on eight (8) domains of livability: Transportation; Outdoor spaces and buildings; Housing; Social participation; Respect and social inclusion; Civic participation and employment; Communication and information; Community support and health services. Currently there are 123 Age-Friendly Communities in the United States with none in Connecticut. Newtown can serve as a model for small communities who would like to become Age-friendly and be the first to receive that designation. Only two Connecticut communities have joined the "Age Friendly/Livable Community" network, they are Newtown and Greenwich.

### Project Timetable

1. Present proposal to community- **Accomplished by way of a public meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016**
2. Bring to Commission on Aging to gain support and input- **Done at monthly meeting of the commission in November 2016**
3. Approved by Board of Selectman – **Done at meeting of Selectmen in April 2017**
4. Inventory current status of Newtown in regards to 8 domains- **Done at April 2017 meeting of Friends of Newtown Seniors**
5. Design Survey of senior population in Newtown concerning the 8 domains- **Underway**
6. Use the results of current survey, the 2014 survey and the AARP statewide survey to help in developing a Five Year Master Plan for the Livable Community Initiative. **Planning will begin when data has been tabulated and analyzed.**
7. Use the master plan to guide appropriate improvements to facilities and services for seniors in Newtown. **To be completed over next five years with regular evaluation of progress taking place each year.**

## **Livable communities 8 Domains (8 areas of focus)**

Newtown has begun a review to determine what our community looks like through the lens of the World Health Organization and AARP Livable Community program. We are asking members of the community to help in the process of assessing what exists; what the needs of the community are; and identify the gaps that exist. The following is a brief description of the focus areas we will explore together.

### **Outdoor spaces and buildings**

Parks, sidewalks, safe streets, outdoor seating and accessible buildings (think elevators, stairs with railings, etc.) can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages.

### **Transportation**

Driving should not be only way to get around. Transportation options should exist which allow all members of the community to move about as need and desire dictate.

### **Housing**

Most older adults want to age in place. Doing so is possible if homes are appropriately designed or modified- and is a community includes affordable housing options for varying life stages.

### **Respect and social inclusion**

Intergenerational activities are a great way for young and old to learn from one another, honor what each has to offer and, at the same time, feel good about themselves.

### **Civic Participation and employment**

An age-friendly community provides ways older people can if they choose to, work for pay, volunteer their skills and be actively engaged in community life.

### **Communication and information**

Age-friendly communities recognize that not everyone has a smartphone or Internet access and that information needs to be disseminated through a variety of means.

### **Community and Health Services**

At some point, everyone gets hurt, becomes ill or simply needs a bit of help. While it's important that care be available nearby, it's essential that residents are able to access and afford the services provided.

1. Outdoor Spaces  
and Buildings

2. Transportation

3. Housing

4. Social  
Participation

# The **AARP** Network of Age-Friendly Communities

and work within

## The 8 Domains of Livability

help communities become great for people of all ages

5. Respect and  
Social Inclusion

6. Civic Participation  
and Employment

7. Communication  
and Information

8. Community  
and Health Services

Learn more at **AARP.org/agefriendly**

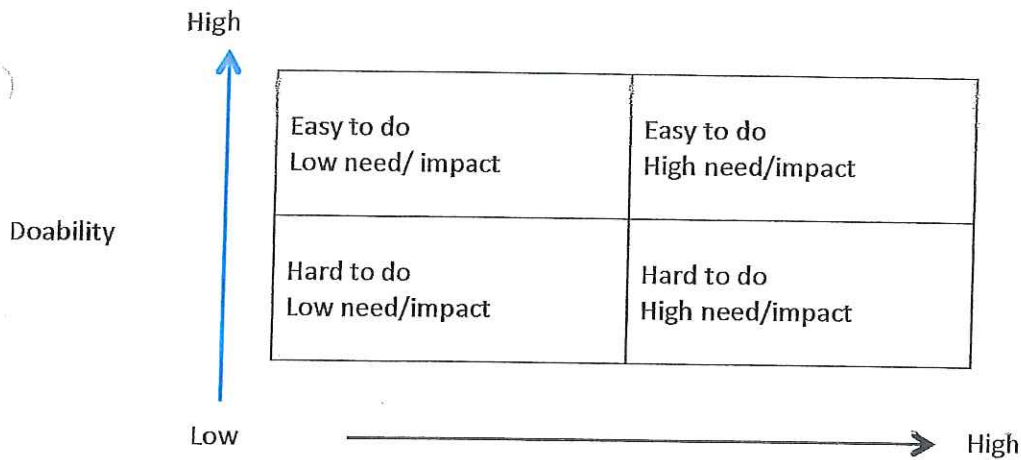
**AARP**

Real Possibilities





## Summary Chart for Task analysis



Review the eight domains using the following Guiding questions and tool box to identify possible actions. Decide which domain you feel you would like to work on improving in Newtown.

### General toolbox for use in all domains

1. Review the existing programs related to your domain and research any other programs that may have an impact on any of the needs related to your domain.
2. Explore existing programs in other communities in Connecticut- consider a wide range of communities.
3. Identify possible strategies which match the needs and resources of Newtown.
4. Gain support of Stake holders for implementation of these strategies.

### Guiding questions for each Domain

#### Transportation

- A. Where do people need to go? B. What innovations can we explore or develop to get them there?

#### Housing

- A. What are key obstacles to providing affordable and appropriate housing? (macro)  
 B. Are there actions in short term we can take to alleviate housing stresses? (micro)  
 a. Tax relief b. innovative programs such as chore services c. providing guidance on housing  
 c. connect resources to peoples housing needs

#### Civic engagement and employment

- A. What obstacles prevent or impede senior employment? B. Are there employer needs that seniors can assist with and how do we identify these needs? C. How can we empower seniors as active and participating members of the community?

#### Community Health

- A. Can actions be taken to improve facilities for delivery of preventive health care? B. Are existing emergency care facilities adequate to meet the needs of the community?

#### Outdoor spaces and buildings

- A. What obstacles exist which prevent active participation by seniors in outdoor settings?  
 B. Can accessibility to all public buildings and businesses be improved? Private homes?

#### Social participation

- A. How can we combat social isolation? B. How do we engage a wide diversity of seniors in social activities?

#### Respect and social inclusion

- A. How can social opportunities for seniors be enhanced to allow meaningful interaction with all age groups?  
 B. How can the value of seniors populations within the community be better defined and communicated ?

#### Communications

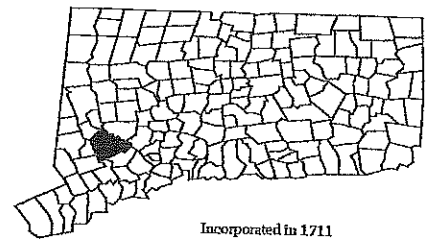
- Communications links and serves all of the other domain committees by  
 A. Managing relationships with media.  
 B. Enhancing existing communications methods. C. Researching and brainstorming innovative methods of communication. D. Supporting the work of all other committees by connecting them to the general public.

# Newtown, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2017 Produced by The CT Data Collaborative

**Municipal Center**  
3 Primrose St  
Newtown, CT 06470  
(203) 270-4210

Belongs To  
Fairfield County  
LMA Danbury  
Western Planning Area



Incorporated in 1711

## Demographics

### Population

	Town	County	State
2000	25,031	882,567	3,405,565
2010	27,560	916,829	3,574,097
2011-2015	28,012	939,983	3,593,222
2020	27,788	944,692	3,604,591
'15 - '20 Growth / Yr	-0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

### Race/Ethnicity (2011-2015)

	Town	County	State
White Alone, Non-Hispanic	24,870	602,311	2,487,119
Black Alone, Non-Hispanic	334	105,683	370,501
Asian	673	47,398	150,670
Native American	40	2,234	8,908
Other/Multi-Race	1,056	89,549	283,800
Hispanic (Any Race)	1,817	171,720	526,508

	Town	County	State
Land Area (sq. miles)	58	625	4,842
Pop./Sq. Mile (2011-2015)	486	1,504	742
Median Age (2011-2015)	44	40	40
Households (2011-2015)	9,714	334,320	1,352,583
Med. HH Inc. (2011-2015)	\$111,022	\$84,233	\$70,331

	Town	County	State
Poverty Rate (2011-2015)	3.9%	9.0%	10.5%

### Educational Attainment (2011-2015)

	<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>	
High School Graduate	3,521	19%	673,973	27%
Associates Degree	1,238	7%	183,289	7%
Bachelors or Higher	10,618	56%	925,607	38%

### Age Distribution (2011-2015)

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
Town	1,219 4%	4,323 15%	3,582 13%	5,319 19%	9,303 33%	4,266 15%	28,012 100%
County	54,513 6%	128,603 14%	121,995 13%	233,955 25%	268,138 29%	132,779 14%	939,983 100%
State	191,445 5%	446,058 12%	492,864 14%	885,518 25%	1,035,059 29%	542,278 15%	3,593,222 100%

## Economics

### Business Profile (2015)

Sector	Units	Employment
Total - All Industries	841	8,565
23 - Construction	76	332
31-33 - Manufacturing	21	493
44-45 - Retail Trade	64	836
51 - Information	18	770
62 - Health Care and Social Assistance	72	983
Total Government	23	1,592

### Top Five Grand List (2014)

	Amount
Connecticut Light and Power Inc.	\$30,567,250
E&A/I&G Sand Hill Plaza	\$15,155,000
Iroquois Gas Transmission System	\$12,791,590
Newtown Shopping Village Limited	\$10,141,950
Toll CT III LTD	\$9,694,295
Net Grand List (SFY 2014-2015)	\$3,053,042,306

### Major Employers (2016)

Town of Newtown - BOE	Masonicare at Newtown
State of CT - Corrections at Garner	Taunton Press
Charter Communications	

## Education

### 2016-2017 School Year

	Grades	Enrollment
Newtown School District	PK-12	4,470

### Smarter Balanced Test Percent Above Goal (2015-2016)

	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Math	76.0%	52.8%	66.4%	47.9%	70.7%	40.3%
ELA	79.1%	53.9%	75.9%	55.5%	76.5%	55.5%

### Pre-K Enrollment (PSIS)

	2016-2017
Newtown School District	60

### 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2014-2015)

	All	Female	Male
Connecticut	87.2%	90.1%	84.4%
Newtown School District	95.4%	98.2%	92.4%

### Rate of Chronic Absenteeism (2015-2016)

	All
Connecticut	9.6%
Newtown School District	4.5%

### Government

Government Form: Selectman - Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2015)	\$118,584,112	Total Expenditures (2015)	\$118,441,432	Annual Debt Service (2015)	\$10,848,088
Tax Revenue	\$101,013,572	Education	\$78,608,340	As % of Expenditures	9.2%
Non-tax Revenue	\$17,570,540	Other	\$39,833,092	Eq. Net Grand List (2015)	\$4,617,680,514
Intergovernmental	\$15,304,723	Total Indebtedness (2015)	\$65,056,908	Per Capita	\$164,788
Per Capita Tax (2015)	\$3,595	As % of Expenditures	54.9%	As % of State Average	111.2%
As % of State Average	128.8%	Per Capita	\$2,322	Moody's Bond Rating (2015)	Aa1
		As % of State Average	95.5%	Actual Mill Rate (2015)	33.31
				Equalized Mill Rate (2015)	21.82
				% of Net Grand List Com/Ind (2015)	7.9%

### Housing/Real Estate

Housing Stock (2011-2015)

	Town	County	State
Total Units	10,167	363,556	1,491,786
% Single Unit (2011-2015)	86.9%	58.0%	59.2%
New Permits Auth (2015)	29	2,598	6,077
As % Existing Units	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%
Demolitions (2015)	0	602	1,230
Home Sales (2013)	341	7,243	26,310
Median Price	\$414,700	\$416,000	\$270,500
Built Pre-1950 share	15.9%	29.0%	29.3%
Owner Occupied Dwellings	8,481	228,381	906,227
As % Total Dwellings	87.3%	68.3%	67.0%
Subsidized Housing (2015)	195	33,890	172,556

Distribution of House Sales (2013)

	Town	County	State
Less than \$100,000	13	439	3,417
\$100,000-\$199,999	29	890	7,522
\$200,000-\$299,999	71	1,117	6,031
\$300,000-\$399,999	82	980	3,380
\$400,000 or More	146	3,817	5,960

### Labor Force

Place of Residence (2015)

	Town	County	State
Labor Force	14,238	480,603	1,890,506
Employed	13,616	454,843	1,782,269
Unemployed	622	25,760	108,237
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.4%	5.7%

Connecticut Commuters (2014)

Commuters Into Town From:	Town Residents Commuting To:
Newtown, CT	1,912
Danbury, CT	780
Southbury, CT	371
Bethel, CT	307
New Milford, CT	294
Waterbury, CT	283
Monroe, CT	231
	Bethel, CT 403
	Ridgefield, CT 426
	Bridgeport, CT 457
	Norwalk, CT 462
	Stamford, CT 629
	Danbury, CT 1,449
	Newtown, CT 1,912

Place of Work (2015)

	Town	County	State
Units	841	34,717	116,246
Total Employment	8,565	422,675	1,662,822
2012-'15 AAGR	102.2%	134.2%	100.0%
Mfg Employment	493	33,938	79,612

### Other Information

Crime Rate (2014)

	Town	State
Per 100,000 residents	712	2,167

Library (2016)

	Town	State
Circulation per Capita	7.49	
Internet Use per Visit	0.13	

Families Receiving (2014)

	Town
Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)	13

Population Receiving (2014)

	Town
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	303

Residential Utilities

Electric Provider  
Eversource Energy  
(800) 286-2000

Gas Provider

Eversource Energy  
(800) 989-0900

Water Provider

Municipal Provider  
Local Contact

Cable Provider

Charter Communications of Western CT  
(800) 827-8288