

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, January 30, 2017 in the Council Chamber of the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman Herbert C. Rosenthal.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Finance Director Robert Tait, Director of Planning & Land Use George Benson, Parks & Recreation Chairman Ed Marks, Director Amy Mangold, Assistant Director/Parks Carl Samuelson, Jay Nezvesky, Atty. David Grogins, Atty. Chris Donohue, Kevin Shepard, Ron Tichy, thirteen members of the public and two members of the press.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of 1/23/17 as presented. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. A correction was made to the January 2017 tax refund no. 9, which were voted on at the 1/17/17 meeting. The correct amount of the refund is \$27,398.78. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** First Selectman Llodra shared a document from the Prevention Council. The Parent Connection and the Prevention Council will be having a workshop on vaping and underage drinking (att.). There will be a follow up opioid forum, specifically some discussion with senior citizens. Karen Tatarka is the new C.H. Booth Library. The First Selectman is meeting with the Interfaith Clergy to discuss the Rock of Angels. The town is now officially enrolled with AARP and the Age Friendly Communities network.

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

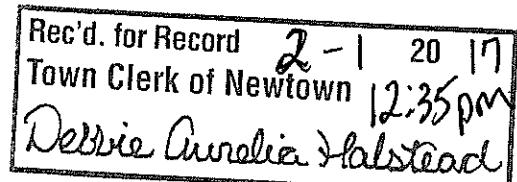
**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Board of Selectmen 2017-18 budget proposal:**

**Fire** – Jay Nezvesky was present to say the budget committee went over the budget and made reductions in the amount of \$27,146 (att.). He doesn't feel these reductions will affect the fire service in town. First Selectman Llodra said she will completely defend this budget, through the Board of Finance and the Legislative Council. Selectman Rosenthal moved to apply the recommended reductions as presented and approve the bottom line for the Fire budget of \$1,336,499. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

**Parks & Recreation** – Ms. Mangold, Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Marks were present to speak to their budget (att.). The 1.4% increase reflects an additional maintainer, who was originally approved in 2008 but never hired as a hiring freeze went into effect. There have been many amenities added and Ms. Mangold feels they are not meeting the needs without the additional maintainer. First Selectman Llodra agrees the maintainer is the highest need. The mowing contract will be managed by Parks & Recreation but paid out of the Fairfield Hills Authority budget. The commission focuses on maintaining existing facilities. Selectman Rosenthal asked if smaller items could be bonded. Mr. Marks stated the commission will take a fresh look at CIP projects and suggested if, in the future, a larger project is removed from the CIP, the selectmen might be willing to replace it with a smaller P&R project. Selectman Rodgers moved the Parks & Recreation budget, as proposed, in the amount of \$2,453,258. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**Fairfield Hills Authority** - Selectman Rodgers moved the Fairfield Hills Authority budget, at proposed, in the amount of \$44,000. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.



**Planning Department** – Mr. Benson was present to discuss a reorganization of the Planning Department which includes a Director of Planning, a Deputy Director of Planning, Land Use, a Deputy Director of Planning, Economic and Community Development, Borough Zoning, two Land Use officers, an Administrative Assistant, a Secretary and an Economic and Community Development Coordinator. Selectman Rosenthal does not support Economic Development being included in this department as he believes there are built in conflicts between Economic Development and Land Use and thinks Economic Development should be a person with a specific skill set elevated to a department head status. Mr. Benson disagreed, saying that all the commissions and the department are working very well together. He, as well as the Deputy of Planning, Economic & Community Development, will be working on economic development in town. The developers are happy with the restructure. Selectmen Rodgers stated that from the time he was on the Legislative Council to the time he began as a selectman there was criticism of Economic Development and Land Use; he no longer hears complaints and believes there has been a dramatic improvement from where it used to be and is a great step forward. First Selectman Llodra said the deputy will use every skill to advance community and economic development and will continue to find ways to fill knowledge gaps. Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed Land Use budget, with reductions in salaries and social security contributions as noted by the Finance Director, resulting in a bottom line of \$689,467. Selectmen Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved the Economic & Community Development budget, as proposed, in the amount of \$99,839. Selectmen Rosenthal seconded, stating his opposition to having Economic Development under the Planning Dept. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved the Grants Administration budget, as proposed, in the amount of \$23,007. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. First Selectman Llodra noted this position is also partly funded by Fairfield Hills Authority. All in favor.

Bob Rau, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission said that Ms. Stocker was well known by the economic community across the state. Mr. Benson knows people who make things happen in Hartford and has the ability to work with people wanting to pursue economic development in town. He has different skills but those skills are extremely important to the work of the Economic Development Commission. Resources are needed.

Wes Thompson, Economic Development Commission supports Mr. Benson's plan, it is the right plan for right now to keep the town moving. More funding is needed to market the town.

First Selectman Llodra invited Mr. Rau and Mr. Thompson back to discuss a proposal on marketing Newtown so that the town is more competitive.

**NW Conservation** – Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed NW Conservation District budget in the amount of \$1,500. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**Professional Organizations** – Dues for WestCOG have increased because it is now an organization of eighteen towns as opposed to ten. Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed budget for Professional Organizations in the amount of \$37,702. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**Legislative Council** - Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed Legislative Council budget in the amount of \$45,000. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**District Contributions** – Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed District Contributions budget in the amount of \$10,000. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**Sustainable Energy – Selectman Rodgers moved the proposed Sustainable Energy budget in the amount of \$1,000.** Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

Feb. 6 – General Government, Department of Public Works, Health and Welfare, Library and other miscellaneous accounts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Disposition of pavilion property, ROLZA (Riverside on Lake Zoar Authority):** Atty. Donohue, Atty. Grogins, Mr. Shepard and Mr. Tichy were present to discuss the pavilion property (att.). The corporation has been formed; the community is behind the concept of disposing of the pavilion property. The association will be responsible for the taxes, insurance and maintenance. There are currently enough home owners with deeds that include a restriction requiring them to pay dues and also enough home owners who are enthusiastic enough to carry the cost. Mr. Benson explained that the town took the right of ways which included this property as the association was defunct and there was a water supply/well issue. Atty. Grogins explained that there was foreclosures of various properties. Mr. Shepard said that the amount of activity is troublesome. The association would like to take the property back, the way it was originally intended, and let the property owners manage it. The bi-laws originated in 1927 haven't changed; residents must be in good standing with their dues. Mr. Tichy said that with technology operating expenses can remain low, keeping dues low and more people can join. First Selectman Llodra stated the ROLZA relationship with its membership has to be very clear on dues, what they pay for and access rights. Mr. Benson said a map has been filed; he will bring it to the assessor. An appraisal can take up to three weeks. First Selectman Llodra asked ROLZA to return to the March 6 Board of Selectman meeting.
2. **Appointments/Reappointments:** Selectman Rodgers moved the appointment of Mae Schmidle, 53 Echo Valley Road (R) from an alternate member of the Commission on Aging to a full member for a term to expire 1/6/20. First Selectman Llodra stated it has been the practice, in boards and commissions that have alternates, to move an alternate up to a full board member when an opening becomes available. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.
3. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** none.
4. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rodgers moved the January 2017 Refunds no. 10 in the amount of 8,370.34. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** Jason Zetoff, 16 Lakeview Terrace, spoke as a teacher and Sandy Hook resident urging swift action in signing the letter to President Trump saying he believes Newtown should have a unified voice in asking for Trump to denounce Alex Jones.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Marcinek, Clerk

*Attachments: Newtown Parent Connection Fast Facts; Vaping information; memo re: K. Tatarka; memo on Fire reductions; Parks & Recreation budget; Fairfield Hills budget; Planning Dept., Land Use, Economic & Community Development, Grants budgets; NW Conservation budget; Professional Organizations budget; LC budget; District Contributions budget; Sustainable Energy budget.*

# NPC Fast Facts- January 2017

## **Newtown Prevention Council Meeting Highlights**

*To help you share important information with your sector*

- ✓ We reviewed the 12 sectors and determined where NPC needs to strengthen its membership.
  - ✓ Reviewed Dec. 2016 WOW (Freshman Forum) and opportunities for next year.
    - ✓ Group discussion about the incidence of vaping at the High School.
    - ✓ Ann Dalton, School Nurse Supervisor, is heading up planning effort for Spring High School Health Fair. If you are interested in being on committee please contact Ann Dalton at Newtown High School
- ✓ The Prevention Council and Parent Connection will be hosting a Spring Workshop for Parents on Vaping and Underage Drinking on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Matt will pass on more information as it becomes available
  - ✓ Matt Ariniello will work with Matt Memoli, NHS Athletic Director on training and event opportunities for coaches and youth and or sports captains
- ✓ Allison Fulton, Director HVCASA, reviewed Project Purple which is January 23 – 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Jennifer Barahona, Director of NSHCF, shared that the Library purchased Foundation Center which is an extensive on-line resource for grant searches.
- ✓ Nighthawks PROMise is this year's spring marketing campaign at the High School. Matt shared copies of the materials that will be distributed in the schools and mailed to the households
  - ✓ NPC welcomes Student Representative Claire Dubois (sophomore, NHS)
  - ✓ NSHCF is sponsoring an Organizational Effectiveness Series at the Municipal Center on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 12:30
    - ✓ Discussion regarding Opioid follow-up work: Educational session for Senior Citizens, Narcan training for the community at large, further promotion of Drop Box
  - ✓ Our Spring Billboards were displayed and will go up in April on Route 25 and Taunton Lake Road

## Community Calendar/Updates:

- Visit <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/calendar> for upcoming winter concerts and activities
  - Little Miss Valentine Ball, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9:30 pm
  - Visit <http://www.chboothlibrary.org/> for upcoming events this month
  - Check out the Newtown Bee calendar <http://calendar.newtownbee.com/>

**Next NPC meeting March 16, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the C.H. Booth Library**

*The Newtown Prevention Council is a coalition of community members working toward a safe and substance free town.*

*To create a culture that positively engages and supports the community to empower youth and families*

1. *To make healthy and thoughtful decisions*
2. *To support healthy and substance free living*



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## THE TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT "VAPING"

Vaping is Smoking nicotine-delivery devices. They have catchy names such as "e-cigs," "e-hookahs," "vape pens," "tanks," and "mods."

The FDA has banned sales to people under the age of 18. The FDA will begin a review process of evaluation ingredients, product design, health risks and their appeal to youth over the next 3 years.

They contain nicotine, a powerful stimulant drug that is highly addictive and toxic by inhalation.

2 drops (60 mg) of pure liquid nicotine can be fatal to an adult.  
"E-Liquids" (they are not juice) can contain 10 to 24 mg of nicotine in each bottle.  
One tablespoon of e-liquid can kill an adult.  
1 Teaspoon can kill a child.

Nicotine is a pesticide used on commercial crops to kill small mammals from contaminating the growing fields.

Nicotine increases your heart rate and blood pressure.  
It causes dizziness, nausea and stomach pain (all forms of nicotine poisoning.) It aggravates respiratory conditions.

It alters your brain activity. It contributes to hardening of the arteries and accelerates cancer cell growth.

It eradicates your nasal cells, which are the first line of immunity defense against colds and other respiratory ailments.

It is not "vapor or "steam." Diethylene Glycol, a cancer causing chemical found in automobile anti-freeze creates this "smoke." Propylene Glycol, a known lung irritant is also used to make the "smoke."

Toxic levels of cadmium, lead and tin have been found in the "smoke" and liquids.

Diacetyl, a fruit, alcohol and candy flavoring chemical , causes "Popcorn Lung" (bronchiolitis obliterans-fixed airway obstruction) which can become so severe that the only treatment option is a lung transplant.

It was invented in China. There are now thousands of flavors potentially appealing to young people, resulting in millions of adolescents and teens now smoking "e-cigs."



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For Immediate Release:

**C.H.Booth Library Names Karen Tatarka New Director**

The Trustees of the C.H.Booth Library are pleased to announce that Karen Tatarka will be joining our Library as Director, effective March 1, 2017.

Karen is presently Director of the Town of Weston, Ct. Library, serving in that role since 2011. Ms. Tatarka has nearly 20 years of library experience in both the academic and public library fields. She is a graduate of Fordham University with a Bachelors and Masters degree in English Literature and received her Masters of Library Science Degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She is an active member of the Connecticut Library Association, the American Library Association, and currently serves as President of the Bibliomation Library Consortium.

An eight-person search committee, consisting of board trustees, staff, and at large community members spent several months coordinating a national search for our new Director, winnowing our dozens of applicants to one.

Speaking for the board, President Robert Geckle said, " After a deliberate and robust process, our search committee and the board unanimously agreed that Karen was the individual to lead our Library. Her experience in both academic and public libraries, her passion and love for community service, and her proven track record in Weston make her the ideal candidate to lead our cherished library."

Starting on March 1,2017, Karen will be leading a staff of 25 full and part time dedicated staff that are focused on meeting community needs through services that position the library as a connector, partner, community hub, and a place for collaborative learning.

The Library offers a range of emerging and tested technologies and provides access to on-line and virtual collections. In the past year, over 145,000 patrons visited our Library, over 15,000 attended programs and 209,000 items were borrowed. The library has been a focal point of our community for over 84 years, since its opening on December 17,1932.

**The Cyrenius H. Booth Library's mission is to promote the joy of lifelong learning, stimulate curiosity, support the exchange of ideas, and promote a welcoming gathering place for our community.**

1/30/2017		Units	Cost	Total Cost
	Need to Cut			
	\$11,800	-4	\$1,799	(\$7,196)
	\$10,138	-2	\$750	(\$1,500)
	\$5,000	-1	\$500	(\$500)
	<b>\$26,938</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>(\$800)</b>
Target	<b>\$26,938</b>	Day Time Driver	-1	\$6,500
After Cuts	<b>(\$208)</b>	Town Grant	-5	\$1,000
		Training Hook & Ladder	-1	\$1,500
		Training Dodgingtown	-1	\$1,000
		Gas Meter Service Hawleyville	-3	\$150
		Gas Meter Service Fire Marshal	-2	\$250
		Gas Meter Service Hook & Ladder	-4	\$250
		Transmission Service 229,559,9	-3	\$400
				<b>(\$1,200)</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Cuts</b>	<b><u>(\$27,146)</u></b>

## **DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

### **MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

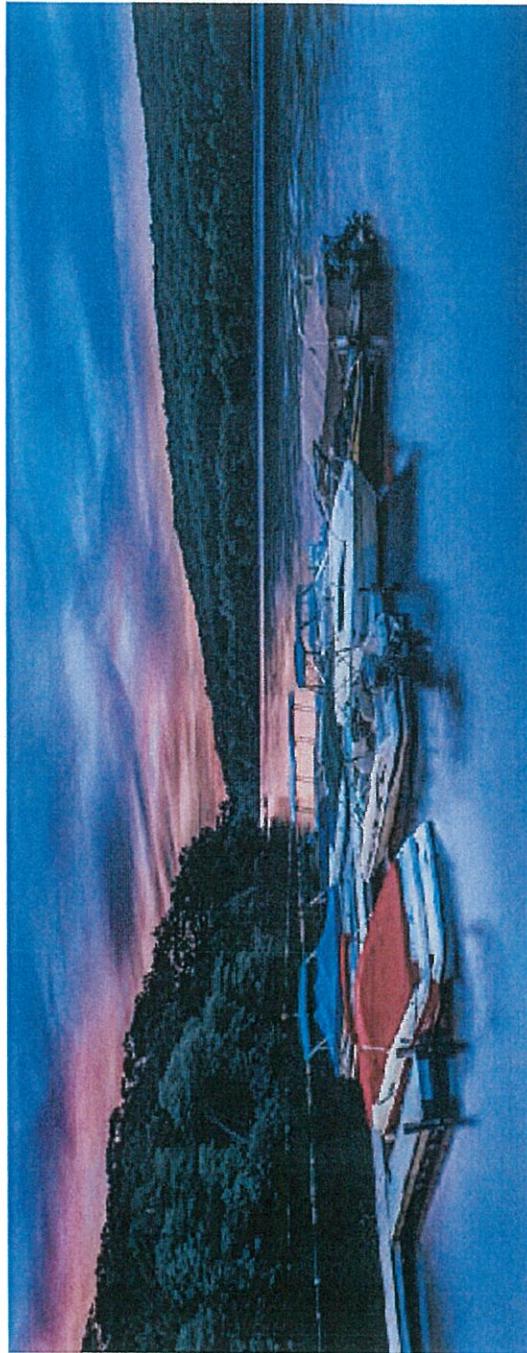
To create quality recreation and leisure opportunities strengthening the community through people, parks and programs.

Web site:

[http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public\\_Documents/NewtownCT\\_Park/index](http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_Park/index)

### **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Parks and Recreation budget has increased by \$34,985 or 1.4%. Increase is mainly due to a request for an additional maintainer position, an increase in retirement contributions due pension asset performance and a change in pension actuarial calculation, an increase in salaries and wages and an increase in capital requests. This was offset by a transfer of \$44,000 from contractual services to the Fairfield Hills Authority budget for mowing and landscape work in non-playing fields areas (at Fairfield Hills).



**PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET**

PARKS AND RECREATION	2014 - 2015		2015 - 2016		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018 BUDGET		CHANGE			
	ACTUALS		ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	BOS	BOF	RECOMMENDED	ADOPTED	\$	%
	SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	792,717	819,126	880,737	880,737	955,177					74,440	8.5%
SALARIES & WAGES - PART TIME	45,938	53,276	41,319	71,319	71,319	71,708					389	0.5%
SALARIES & WAGES - SEASONAL	241,775	249,275	264,275	234,275	234,275	234,275					-	0.0%
SALARIES & WAGES - OVERTIME	90,282	55,344	56,282	56,282	56,282	56,282					-	0.0%
GROUP INSURANCE	275,761	275,890	302,849	302,849	302,849	308,780					5,931	2.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	92,085	92,768	95,060	95,060	95,060	100,784					5,724	6.0%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	40,436	48,325	56,368	56,368	56,368	67,668					11,300	20.0%
OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10,748	12,450	12,650	12,650	12,650	13,150					500	4.0%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	287,252	302,078	300,400	300,400	300,400	258,400					(42,000)	-14.0%
DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	11,015	9,834	10,975	10,975	10,975	10,975					-	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	10,334	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	12,000					1,000	9.1%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	2,899	-	4,000	4,000	4,000					-	0.0%
SIGNS	5,614	6,717	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000					-	0.0%
POOL SUPPLIES	32,155	28,784	32,342	32,342	32,342	32,342					-	0.0%
GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	33,266	25,723	34,285	34,285	34,285	37,785					3,500	10.2%
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	129,830	138,724	139,731	139,731	139,731	146,931					7,200	5.2%
CAPITAL	163,830	169,319	169,000	169,000	169,000	136,000					(33,000)	-19.5%
	2,263,018	2,301,532	2,414,273	2,418,273	2,418,273	2,453,258					34,985	1.4%

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****ACCOUNT DETAIL****Salaries & Wages – Full Time:**

The Director of Parks & Recreation, Assistant Director of Parks & the Assistant Director of Recreation are non union positions. Non union positions reflect an increase of 2.25% in this budget.

Three positions belong to the Town Hall Employees CSEA, Local 2001 SEIU Union. Salaries & wages for this union reflect an increase of 2.00% per contract. The operations supervisor also has a \$3,000 salary enhancement to bring the position in line with a crew chief in public works and to distance the salary from the maintainers the position supervises.

Ten positions belong to the Parks & Recreation Department Teamsters Union Local 145 Union. Positions in this union reflect an increase of 2.25%. Included is an additional position. See next page for a justification for adding a maintainer position.

POSITION	Parks & Recreation		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
	union	# AUTH.	AMENDED BUDGET	# AUTH.	PROPOSED	# AUTH.	BUDGET	
Director of Parks & Recreation	nu	1	85,345	1	87,265	0	1,920	
Assistant Director of Parks	nu	1	75,482	1	77,180	0	1,698	
Assistant Director of Recreation	nu	1	62,766	1	64,178	0	1,412	
Operations Supervisor (Changed from Parks Operations Sup)	th	1	55,792	1	59,908	0	4,116	
Administrative Assistant	th	1	47,347	1	48,294	0	947	
Secretary	th	1	35,131	1	35,833	0	703	
Maintainer	p & r	9	459,015	10	521,493	1	62,478	
Mechanic	p & r	1	51,980	1	53,150	0	1,170	
On Call Stipends			7,879		7,876	(3)		
	16		880,737	17	955,177	1	74,441	

## DEPARTMENT: PARKS &amp; RECREATION

**Salaries & Wages – Full Time:****ADDITIONAL MAINTAINER JUSTIFICATION**

In 2008 an additional maintainer position was approved after the need and justification was shown during the budgeting process. It was agreed to hire this new Maintainer, as of January 1, to reduce the economic impact during the first fiscal year of the new position, yet a hiring freeze had been implemented prior to January 1 that year. The position was subsequently not funded during the economic decline of the following fiscal year, however it did not reduce the need, nor eliminate the justifications for this position. Since the justification of this position the following responsibilities have been added to the Parks and Recreation Department with no additional staffing:

- Newtown Hook and Ladder – Added 2008, Landscaping and plowing at firehouse.
- Botsford Fire – Added 2009, Landscaping and plowing at firehouse.
- Skate Park – Added 2010, Care and upkeep of new skate park
- Dodgingtown Firehouse – Added 2011, Landscaping and plowing at firehouse.
- Flat Swamp Cemetery – Added 2011, Landscaping and lawn care of cemetery.
- Eichlers Cove Marina – Added 2011, Take over full management and site care from Marchetti.
- Victory Garden – Added 2011, Landscaping and irrigation upkeep and repair.
- Newtown Animal Control – Added 2012, Landscaping and plowing of new facility.
- Hawleyville Firehouse – Added 2013, Landscaping and plowing at firehouse.
- Newtown Ambulance Garage – Added 2014, Landscaping, plowing and water system upkeep.
- Park and Bark Dog Park – Added 2014, Landscaping, plowing and water system upkeep.
- Funspace – Added 2014, Care and upkeep of much larger expanded playground.
- FFH Trail – Added 2015, Care and upkeep of almost 1 mile of new trail.
- SHS – Added since 2012, Planting, pruning and maintenance of benches, trees, ice rink, plaques, signs, security infrastructure and lighting post 12/14/12
- FFH Campus – Continual growth, new tenants, and increased demands for use.

Considering the expanded responsibilities of the department, we can no longer stretch the staff thinner. We have reduced maintenance inputs in many areas to accommodate so many new responsibilities yet still fall short of completing required tasks. Prioritizing our daily functional needs often displaces other peripheral or project work. Field expectations have risen along with other responsibilities placed upon us although we have been forced to actually reduce our grooming efforts on fields to accomplish prioritized tasks.

It is important to realize that we want these responsibilities and welcome the challenge of growing as a department to better service the community. It is our goal to provide quality parks, playing surfaces and recreational opportunities for everyone that wishes to utilize our facilities. It is not possible for us to continue to improve and grow without the growing pains, or lack of staffing, we are currently experiencing.

While all departments have been forced to sacrifice during the tough economic climate, our facilities are now busier than ever, and require more input. Treadwell pool for example, which operated for 616 hours during the 2002 swim season, was open for over 1300 hours in 2010, and over 1600 in 2016. There is currently no other option except to grow our staff, unless we vastly reduce services, as the use of our facilities requires associated labor tasks on a daily basis.

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Salaries & Wages – Part Time:**

	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)
	AMENDED	PROPOSED	1st SELECTMAN	# AUTH.	
<u>PART TIME</u>	# AUTH.	BUDGET	# AUTH.	# AUTH.	BUDGET
Clerical (30 hours)	th	1	19,419	1	19,808
Part Time Office Staff (see detail below)	nu	n/a	21,900	n/a	21,900
Part Time Maintenance	nu		30,000		30,000
			71,319		71,708
					388

**Part Time Office Staff:**

	2016-17	2017-18
<u>Teen Center Supervisors</u>	7,800	7,800
10 hrs. X \$15./hr. x 52 wks.	7,800	7,800
10 hrs. X \$15./hr. x 52 wks.		
<u>Teen Programs Specialist</u>		
5 hrs. X \$15./hr x 52 wks	3,900	3,900
<u>Part time Office Help / Intern</u>		
Min wage and up/hr ... hours vary, approximately 250 hours	2,400	2,400
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21,900</b>	<b>21,900</b>

**Salaries & Wages – Seasonal:**

	2016-17	2017-18	Increase	
Summer Day Camp Program	100,720	100,720	-	See detail next two pages.
Waterfront Staff	101,604	101,604	-	"
Rangers & Gate Attendants	31,951	31,951	-	"
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>234,275</b>	<b>234,275</b>	<b>-</b>	

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

**Salaries & Wages – Seasonal: Summer Day Camp Program:**

NEWTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION		Day Camp Program Detail	
		2016-17	2017-18
2	Camp Directors	8,800	8,800
2	Assistant Directors	6,800	6,800
37	Counselors	82,320	82,320
	2 Day Training Session -40 employees @ 35/day	2,800	2,800
		100,720	100,720



**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Salaries & Wages – Seasonal: Life Guards:**

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
<b>WATERFRONT STAFF</b>		
Water Front Director	10,880	10,880
Assistant Water Front Director	9,600	9,600
4 Senior Lifeguards 40 hrs. X \$12.35/hr. x 14 wks.	27,664	27,664
Total hours of pool and beach operation is 1,592 hours (each).	25,397	25,397
the pool and beach: payrange for Red Cross Cert. guards is \$9.15 - \$11.00		
Training sessions:		
50 Guards @ their pay rate per session x 10 sessions	5,000	5,000
5 WSIs - (\$13./hr. x 14hrs. X 6 wks.	5,460	5,460
10 WSAs - (\$10.10/hr.x 14 hrs.x.6 wks.)	7,854	7,854
Fall and Winter NHS pool:		
Life Guards	9,750	9,750
Grand total	101,604	101,604

**Salaries & Wages – Seasonal: Rangers & Gate Attendants:**

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
<b>PARK RANGERS</b>		
Seasonal Rangers	20,838	20,838
<b>GATE ATTENDANTS</b>		
Treadwell	7,351	7,351
65 hrs./wk. x \$10.10/hr. x approx.12 wks.		
Lake Lillinonah Wardens		
3 days per week @ 10.45/hr. 8 hrs a day 15 wks.	3,762	3,762
Grand Total	31,951	31,951

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

**Salaries & Wages - Overtime:** No change in request this year. Below we have tracked overtime hours associated with our tasks for the past few years. The hours listed are averages and do not take into account inclement weather, equipment failures or any special circumstances that would prevent us from completing these tasks in a timely fashion.

Available Weekly Labor (regular time):

	<u>Labor hours:</u>	<u>Admin Hours:</u>
9 - Park Maintainers.	360 hours	
1 – Mechanic.	40	
1 - Park Operations Supervisor.		40 hours
Totals:	400 hours	40 hours

The hours as listed are based on the assumption that there is no employee sick, on vacation, personal or medical leave.

Vacation allocations alone add up to almost a full year collectively.

Our busy season usually starts the third week in March and ends the third week in November. Our weekly time management breaks down as follows (for the spring through late fall):

Total Labor Hours/week

- Mowing athletic fields - 4 staff, 4 days per week 128
- Mowing small areas - 2 staff, 2 days per week 32
- Grooming athletic fields - 2 staff, 5 days per week 80
- Painting/lining athletic fields - 2 staff, 3 days per week 48
- Park maintenance - 4 staff ,4 hrs/day 5 days per week 80
- Pool maintenance - 2 staff 4 hrs/day, 5 days per week 40
- Garbage - 2 staff, 2 hrs/day, 5 days per week 20
- Eichler's Cove maint. - 1 staff, 4 hrs/day, 5 days per week 20
- Teen center - 1 staff, 1 hr/day, 5 days per week 5

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Salaries & Wages – Overtime ....CONTINUED.....**

	<u>Labor Hours/week</u>
FFH Garbage/dog waste – 1 staff, 2 hr/day, 5 days per wk.	10
Fertilization – 2 staff, 8 hr/day, 0.75 days per week	12
Dickinson Skate park – 1 staff, 1 hr/day, 5 days per week	5
Equipment maintenance – 1 staff, 5 days per week	40
Irrigation maintenance – 1 staff, 3 days per week	24
Weed eating – 1 staff, 4 days per week	32
New Trails for 2016	5
Dog Park	5
Fairfield Hills event clean-up for 6 events @ 4 hours	24
Total Labor Hours Needed:	
	610 (out of 400 available regular labor hours/week)

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610 (out of 400 available regular labor hours/week)

The list below depicts some of the routine tasks our department uses overtime funds for:

- Plowing or essential storm work.
- Weekend parks cleaning and pool cleaning to meet State Health Codes.
- Spring Field Preparation: Fields are required to open April 15
- Preparing fields for sports groups and tournaments
- Construction work that extends beyond the normal day when contractors are involved.
- Staffing tournaments and special events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting, Halloween parties, festivals and other large events.
- Locking gates
- Pool operation – Filter & pump operations and chemistry person 1 x per day for pool readings by a licensed pool operator.
- On Call response, as dispatched.

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Salaries & Wages – Overtime.....CONTINUED.....**

Our labor force has not grown in proportion to our added responsibilities. We are currently, and have been, operating in a serious labor deficit. Routine tasks are being compromised and we are not providing the level of service that is expected. The breakdown listed does not include trails maintenance, and tree work which is substituted for mowing time during the winter.

It is imperative that we add and retain competent staff and associated equipment to meet the minimum goals of our department. It is also important to note that the labor breakdown and associated required overtime is for day-to-day routine tasks. The hours shown do not include any items from our ever-growing project list, mutual support for other departments, or consideration of emergency situations that arise.

We currently sacrifice the administrative responsibilities of our Operational Supervisors in an effort to accomplish a bare minimum. We have also been forced to cut back on items in an effort to free up labor hours. A few examples of items we have cut back on are as follows:

- Grooming fields twice per week instead of three times.
- We no longer line fields for Youth Baseball.
- We no longer line fields for Youth Softball.
- We no longer clean locker rooms at Treadwell during pool season (contracted)
- We no longer mulch all planting beds annually.
- Alternate trimming to reduce labor.
- Naturalized areas to reduce mowing.

While all departments have been forced to sacrifice during the tough economic climate, our facilities are now busier than ever, and require more input. There is currently no other option except to grow our staff, unless we vastly reduce services, as the use of our facilities requires the associated labor tasks 7 days a week to meet minimum State Health Code requirements.

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**Group Insurance; Social Security Contributions; Retirement Contributions:** Group Insurance – This amount includes medical benefits, life insurance and long term disability. The medical benefit piece reflects the amount charged by the Medical Self Insurance Fund for the employer's share of employee medical benefit costs. See the Medical Self Insurance Fund section, starting on page 278, for a breakdown of medical benefit costs and the distribution of costs to the various departments. The life insurance piece reflects the cost of the life insurance benefit per union contract. The long term disability piece reflects the cost of the long term disability benefit per union contract. Social Security Contributions – this amount reflects the employer's share of the Social Security and Medicare federal retirement program (Federal Insurance Contributions Act). The employers share is 7.65% of payroll (including overtime). 6.2% is for Social Security and 1.45% is for Medicare. Retirement Contributions – this amount reflects a portion of the annual required contribution (ARC) that is need to properly fund the pension plan. The ARC is expressed as a percent of payroll. See the Pension Fund section starting on page 276 for a description of the pension plans and a breakdown of the ARC (by department).

## **DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

**Other Employee Benefits:** Safety clothes and allowance consist of the following: Added \$500 for new employee mandated clothing.

	2016-17	2017-18
Union mandated clothing allowance for Parks & Fields Operations Supervisors and maintainers	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500
Clothing allowance-replacement of damaged clothing	\$ 250	\$ 250
Clothing allowance for Assistant Director/Parks	\$ 500	\$ 500
Safety Equipment (union mandated)	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
Summer Program Staff Shirts	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Lifeguard Bathing Suits	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Staff shirts for Park Rangers	\$ 300	\$ 300
Total:	<b>\$ 12,650</b>	<b>\$ 13,150</b>



**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Contractual Services:**

<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Board of Education Maintenance</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Summer Bus service and special events	7,000	7,000	Lawn Maintenance Contract for Schools	63,100	63,100
Portable Toilets	6,100	6,100	sod for High school fields as needed	8,000	8,000
Tick Control for Dickinson & Treadwell (spraying and bait boxes)	5,500	5,500	4 Applications of fungicide for fields	6,000	6,000
Tennis court net replacement	1,000	1,000	Spraying of pesticides	17,500	17,500
Beautification of Parks	5,500	5,500	(grub control, fugus control and weed control)		
Dumpsters for Dickinson, Treadwell, Skate Park, Teen Ctr, Eichler's Cov & Dog Park, <b>2017-2018 increase \$3,000 for additional recycling dumpsters</b>	5,000	5,000	Fertilization of back fields at High School	19,000	19,000
Mid State phone equipment upgrade office staff	3,000	3,000	<b>Sub total</b>	113,600	113,600
Septic Cleaning at Parks	1,500	1,500			
BMI required licensing for concerts and performers	4,471	4,471			
Lightning Contract @H.S. Musco	305	305			
Police Private Duty security for Teen Center	500	500	Securitas Camera Monitoring	4,000	4,000
Treadwell - 4 applications of fungicide	4,560	4,560	Edgework Consulting: Camp training	2,000	2,000
Winterize and Spring opening of Pool	8,500	8,500	Church Hill Sidewalk winter Maintenance	2,000	2,000
Cleaning Service-Treadwell Pool Building and Teen Center	2,000	2,000			
Service Contract for Pool Controller (Chemical & Pool H2O controls)	14,000	14,000	<b>Grand Total</b>	300,400	258,400
Service contract ASCAP dues for musical performances	1,600	1,600			
Annual Contract-alarm system Treadwell	364	364			
Contracted emergency repairs: i.e., roofs, well pumps, etc.	400	400			
Open and close irrigation systems	6,000	6,000			
State Mandated Quarterly water tests at Parks and Potable Water	8,600	8,600			
Alternate Annual Tennis Court repairs between Treadwell & Dickinson	1,200	1,200			
Fencing Repairs	3,500	3,000			
Vandalism Repairs	8,000	8,000			
Alternate Annual Basketball Court repairs Treadwell & Dickinson	1,750	1,750			
Curbing and crack repairs at park facilities	9,000	8,500			
Mowing Hawleyville & Dodgintown	2,400	2,400			
Newtown Village Cemetery mowing	3,650	3,650			
Contract mowing of small areas	14,400	14,400			
Contract mowing Fairfield Hills	44,000	-			
<b>Sub total</b>	178,800	136,800			

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

**Dues, Travel & Education:** Education and training consist of the following:

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
<b>STAFF TRAINING</b>		
CPR and First Aid training for waterfront staff and park staff	\$ 600	\$ 600
Misc. for maintainers to attend job related classes as offered	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Pool Operator's Certification Course/Irrigation Technician Course	\$ 600	\$ 600
CDL Certifications and or upgrades	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
<b>PROFESSIONAL DUES</b>		
Director:		
National Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 160	\$ 160
CT Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 75	\$ 75
CT Parks Assoc.	\$ 35	\$ 35
Asst. Director Parks:		
CT Parks Assoc.	\$ 35	\$ 35
National Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 160	\$ 160
CT Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 75	\$ 75
Sports Turf Management Assoc.	\$ 110	\$ 110
Asst. Director of Recreation:		
National Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 160	\$ 160
CT Rec. and Parks Assoc.	\$ 75	\$ 75
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS:</b>		
Newtown Bee, Rec. Mgt, Parks & Ground Mgt.	\$ 90	\$ 90
<b>CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, MEETINGS</b>		
CRPA State Conference (Director, Asst. Director/Parks, Asst. Dir. Rec	\$ 890	\$ 890
New England Training Institute	\$ 360	\$ 360
CT Rec. and Parks Assoc. Quarterly Mtgs.	\$ 240	\$ 240
CT Parks Assoc. monthly mtgs.	\$ 240	\$ 240
NRPA Annual Seminars	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Director's Expense	\$ 220	\$ 220
New England Regional Athletic & Sports Conference for Asst. Dir/parks		
& Operations Supervisor	\$ 850	\$ 850
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 10,975</u>	<u>\$ 10,975</u>

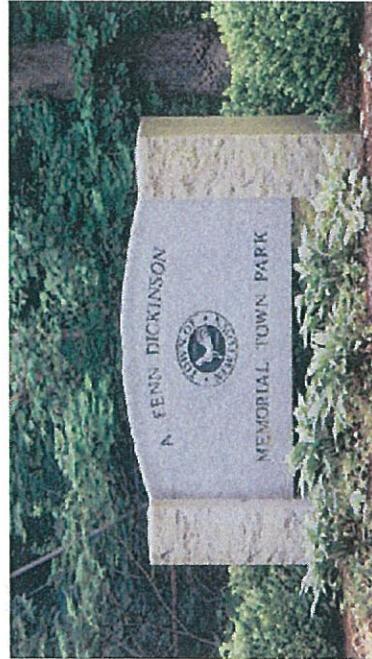
**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

**General Supplies:** \$1,000 increase for the many new additional special events and new programming: Senior Prom, Movie nights, Valentine's Dad and Daughter Dance, Garden Party, Food Truck event, Fall Festival. All New!!!

**Summer Program**

Summer Program	Arts & Crafts Supplies	\$3,800
	Equipment and Supplies	\$2,900
	First Aid Supplies	\$1,650
	Recreation supplies for other Programs	\$3,650
	Total:	\$12,000

**Signs:** Signage at all of our locations is becoming increasingly necessary. The police department has told us they cannot take action unless signs are clearly posted stating rules, times, etc. Also, signs have a habit of disappearing or getting vandalized and must be replaced. Signs for A-Frame advertising, Rooster Race, Turkey Shoot, Breakfast with Santa, Summer Concerts, Dog Events, etc. have helped with our rising enrollment in programs and advertising to those who do not have children in the school system. Total: \$7,000



**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Pool Supplies:** Major Annual Expenses:

Chemicals- Liquid and Granular	\$20,000
Probe replacement	\$800
Pool Shut Down and Opening	\$3,600
Water	\$1,000

Pump repairs and or replacements, filter baskets,  
hoses, valves, Chlorine injector line and injector  
pump rebuild kits.

\$6,000

**General Maintenance:**

	2016-17	2017-18	Diff
Paint and stain for buildings, tables, fences, etc	4,723	4,723	-
Lumber	3,296	3,296	-
Vandalism repairs	3,090	3,090	-
Hand soap, disinfectants, paper products, etc.	3,812	3,812	-
Locks and chains	618	618	-
Replacement Barbeques	824	824	-
Bases, home plates, etc.	618	618	-
Cement	1,339	1,339	-
Tennis and basketball nets	567	567	-
Misc. hand tools, nuts, bolts, litter bags, etc.	1,236	1,236	-
Replacement flags	258	258	-
Playground maintenance and repairs	2,060	3,560	1,500
Replacement wood chips for playgrounds	2,575	2,575	-
Teen Center Maintenance	2,060	2,060	-
Maintenance and repairs for pool facilities	3,090	3,090	-
Repair recreation equipment, purchase batteries, camera equipment and DVR's etc.	2,060	2,060	-
Dog bags & recycle bags	-	2,000	2,000
Osha Compliance Projects	2,060	2,060	-
Total:	34,285	37,785	3,500

## DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION

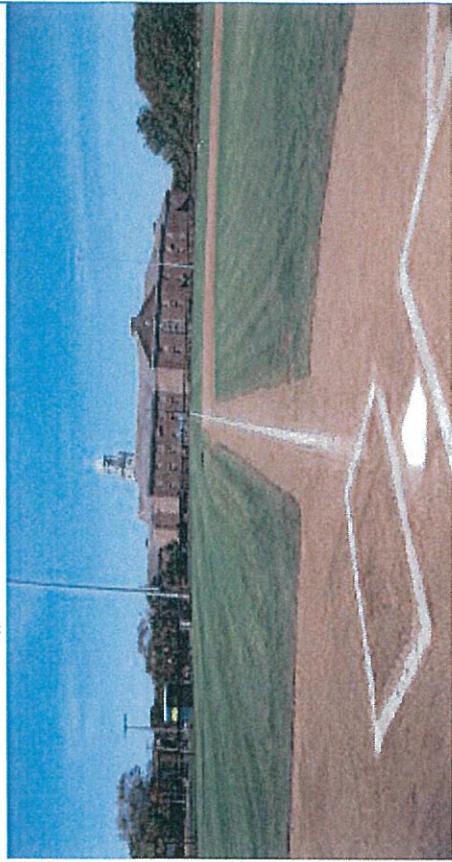
### **Grounds Maintenance**\$7,200 increase:

The maintenance of Dickinson and Treadwell Parks, Orchard Hill Nature Center, Lake Lillmonah Park and Eichler's Cove, maintenance of 40+ athletic fields, school fields and other Town Parcels. Sports are playing two/three seasons per year (in some cases four seasons). Parks and Recreation special event space lining at Fairfield Hills for delineated parking. All the above increases the need for paint and resources.

2016 added facilities to maintenance needs: additional Babe Ruth field at Glander Fields; and new Fairfield Hills trail. These additions require an increase of \$6,200 for P & R maintenance of grounds.

The need to increase funds for trail maintenance is rising as we are growing our relationship with the Land Use Agency for a cooperative effort on expanding our trails along with collaborating with the Newtown Trail Committee.

We are also working to use less toxic pesticides on town property to protect the waterways and the Protect our Pollinators organization's to support positive environmental expectations and changes. We are in the process of eliminating Neonicotinoid materials. The use of the use of **low risk** pesticides is more expensive and we need to add \$1,000 to support this initiative.



**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION****Grounds Maintenance - CONTINUED:**

The following are examples and estimates of major items for this account:

**2017-18**

<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	
\$25,400	\$26,400	Marking paint and lime
\$9,400	\$10,400	Top Soil
\$12,650	\$12,650	Clay/baseball MVP
\$9,200	\$10,200	Grass, seed, fertilizer
\$4,000	\$5,000	Weed control
\$800	\$1,000	Sand
\$4,500	\$4,500	90' Field at Fairfield Hills: High Meadow Field
\$9,200	\$11,200	Trail maintenance and Fairfield Hills Maintenance

**Board of Education required maintenance materials (only) on eight high school fields:**

\$480	\$480	Annual Soil testing
\$11,000	\$12,000	Top Dressing/Top Soil
\$7,250	\$7,250	Seed
\$4,050	\$4,050	Clay
\$8,220	\$8,220	Paint
\$2,400	\$2,400	Annual purchase of three sets of replacement tine for deep tine aerator

**Other Items: Mics.**

**Total:** \$31,181      \$31,181

**Total:** \$139,731      \$146,931

**Capital:**

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

<b>CAPITAL</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	
Toro 5910	23,500 Recurring annual lease payment.
Heavy duty 1.5 ton four wheel drive truck	17,500 Internal lease payment #3 of 5.
Heavy duty 1.5 ton four wheel drive truck	17,500 Internal lease payment #3 of 6.
Toro 4700	14,500 Internal lease payment #2 of 5.
Van / SUV	7,500 Lease for program and office use. Replaces 2001 van.
Large open ramp equipment trailer	14,000 Current trailer not wide enough to transport larger tractors.
Cut off saw/weed eaters/back pack blowers	5,000 To replace old units that are beyond repair.
Tractor rental	7,500 Rental of turf tractor for seasonal demand.
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS / IMPROVEMENTS:</b>	
Lightning detection system expansion	18,000 Continue to expand lightning detection at athletic fields.
Gates & stonewall repair at Orchard Hill	11,000 Install new gate and repair stone wall at Orchard Hill nature preserve.
Skatepark maintenance & expansion	60,000 Refurbish certain park components and install new quarterpipe feature.
	<b><u>196,000</u></b>

Note: Dept. capital request to the Parks & Recreation Commission totalled \$641,140. The Commission reduced the request by \$445,140.

**First Selectman reduced capital request by \$60,000 (from \$196,000 to \$136,000) in order to keep the additional maintainer request.**

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

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**DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION**

Measure/Indicator	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
# of Customers:									
Eichler's Cove Beach	210	2,369	3,419	3,482	3,246	2,815	2,750	2,334	3,982
Eichler's Cove Launch					532	457	507	557	528
Lake Lillinonah Launch							511	567	575
Treadwell Pool	14,573	18,791	29,089	25,744	24,124	20,483	19,483	20,097	19,556
# of Participants:									
Adaptive Recreation	36	39	36	60	36	37	35	35	49
Programs	23,846	28,762	39,883	36,560	30,975	30,055	30,000	30,397	31,553
Special Events **							4,000	4,403	4,991
Day Camp					572	1,041	725	960	1,045

\*\* does not include: tree lighting & earth day approx. 4,000 participants.

**DEPARTMENT: FAIRFIELD HILLS AUTHORITY****BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The following services are performed by other town departments at the Fairfield Hills Campus:

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Mowing & landscape work in non-playing field areas.

Contracted sidewalk snow removal – municipal building

**POLICE**

Security contract

\$44,000  
\$ 2,500

\$20,000

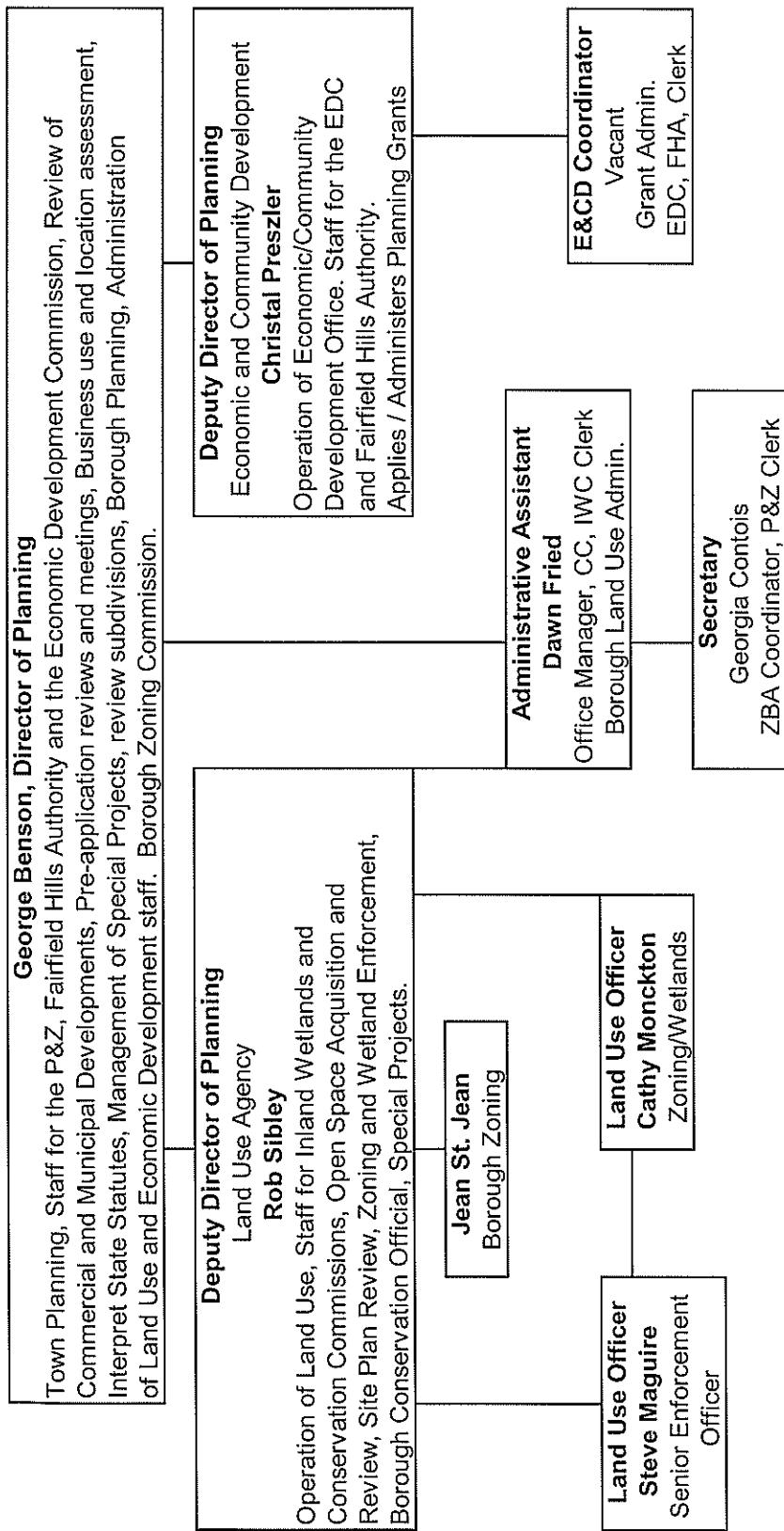
**FAIRFIELD HILLS AUTHORITY BUDGET**

	2014 - 2015			2015 - 2016			2016 - 2017			2017 - 2018 BUDGET		
	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ACTUALS	PROPOSED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	BOF	LC	ADOPTED	CHANGE
FAIRFIELD HILLS AUTHORITY				20,106	20,302	-	-	-				
SALARIES & WAGES - PART TIME	4,650	4,650	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
GROUP INSURANCE	1,538	1,516	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	1,125	1,069	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES **	221	248	-	-	-	-	-	-				44,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES	27,640	27,785	-	-	-	-	-	-				44,000

\*\* This cost has been reflected in the Parks & Recreation budget; is now assigned to the Fairfield Hills Authority budget (contract service is supervised by P & R).

# Newtown Planning Department

Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Conservation Commissions, Zoning Board of Appeals  
Fairfield Hills Authority, Economic Development Commission, Borough Planning & Zoning.



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<u>Land Use</u>			2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
<u>POSITION</u>	union	# AUTH.	AMENDED		# AUTH.	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	# AUTH.	BUDGET
			BUDGET	# AUTH.				
Director of Planning & Land Use	nu	1	93,871		1	95,983	0	2,112
Deputy Director of Planning & Land Use	nu	1	83,482		1	85,360	0	1,878
Zoning Enforcement Officer	th	1	60,636		1	62,000	0	1,364
Administrative Assistant	th	1	40,800		1	41,616	0	816
Secretary	th	1	33,660		1	34,333	0	673
Zoning Liaison Officer (changed from 19 hr/wk to 7 hr/wk)	nu	1	31,427		1	10,000	0	(21,427)
Code Enforcement Officer	th	1	53,798		1	54,874	0	1,076
Salary Savings			7,996			5,442		(2,554)
		7	405,670		7	389,609	0	(16,061)

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<u>Economic &amp; Community Development</u>			2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
<u>POSITION</u>	union	# AUTH.	AMENDED		# AUTH.	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	# AUTH.	BUDGET
			BUDGET	# AUTH.				
Community Development Administrator (30hr/week)	nu	1	49,852		0	-	-1	(49,852)
Deputy Director - EDC/Grants administrator	nu	0	-		1	70,000	1	70,000
		1	49,852		1	70,000	0	20,148

<u>Grants Administration</u>			2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
<u>POSITION</u>	union	# AUTH.	AMENDED		# AUTH.	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	# AUTH.	BUDGET
			BUDGET	# AUTH.				
Grant Admin. To EDC/FHA secretary/clerk (\$40,000) (30 to 37.5 hr/week - charged to: 50% grants; 50% FHA Spec Rev)	th	1	22,288		1	20,000	0	(2,288)

**Salary Decreases for Land Use, Econ Dev & Grants Admin:**

**(16,061)**

**(5,442)**

**20,148**

**(2,288)**

**Total**

**(3,643)**

## DEPARTMENT: LAND USE

### MISSION/DESCRIPTION

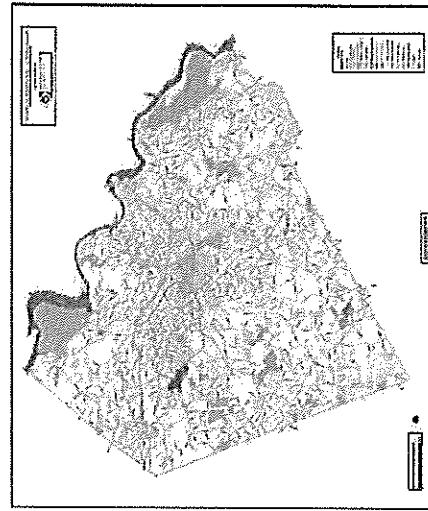
Three Agencies; Land Use, Economic and Community Development and Grants Administration were combined under the Planning Function.

The Land Use Agency responsibilities include interpretation and enforcement of the Newtown Zoning, Aquifer Protection, Forestry Practices, Open Space and Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations. The Agency is advisory and administrative staff for the Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Aquifer Protection and Conservation Commissions; and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Land Use Department performs a number of functions including:

- Performs pre- application reviews with potential developers.
- Reviews commercial and residential development applications.
- Plans for orderly Town development, including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, zone uses, utilities, public lands and emergency services.
- New business use and location assessment.
- Review building permits and certificates of occupancy.
- Authorize first cuts and lot-line revisions for properties.
- Is a member of the Health Panel Review Board.
- Manages open space reviews and acquisitions for Town purchases and subdivisions.
- Manages the FEMA Flood Plain Programs.
- Issues Notices of Violations, Citations, and Cease & Desist Orders.
- Coordinates with Town attorneys on legal actions and law suits.

Website: <http://www.Newtownconservation.org>



**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget for the Land Use department, for fiscal year 2017-2018 has decreased by (\$12,983) or (1.8%). Decrease is mainly due to a decrease in hours for the zoning liaison officer position.

**LAND USE BUDGET****DEPARTMENT: LAND USE**

LAND USE	2014 - 2015		2015 - 2016		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018 BUDGET					
	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	1ST SELECTMAN RECOMMENDED	BOS PROPOSED	BOF ADOPTED	LC RECOMMENDED	BOF ADOPTED	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	388,723	394,122	405,670	405,670	389,609	389,609					(16,061)	-4.0%
GROUP INSURANCE	90,138	90,459	99,002	99,002	100,901	100,901					1,899	1.9%
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	25,073	25,726	31,034	31,034	29,805	29,805					(1,229)	-4.0%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	18,534	20,591	25,627	25,627	25,627	25,627	28,035	28,035			2,408	9.4%
OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	704	713	975	975	975	975					-	0.0%
PROF SVS - TECHNICAL	3,000	2,389	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500					-	0.0%
PROF SVS - LEGAL	78,246	70,992	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000					-	0.0%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	57,322	41,928	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000					-	0.0%
PRINTING & INDEXING, OPEN SPACE	5,422	18,163	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000					-	0.0%
DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	2,286	1,286	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000					-	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	-	400	-	-	-	-					-	-
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	1,988	-	3,000	3,000	3,000					-	-
CAPITAL	444	1,832	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500					-	0.0%
	673,894	674,599	705,308	708,308	708,308	708,308	695,325	695,325			(12,983)	-1.8%

**ACCOUNT DETAIL**

**Salaries & Wages – Full Time:** The Land Use Agency Director, Deputy Director and Zoning Liaison Officer are non union positions. Non union positions reflect an increase of 2.25% in this budget which matches the Town Hall union increase.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Administrative Assistant and the Secretary belong to the Town Hall Employees CSEA, Local 2001 SEIU Union. Salaries & wages for this union reflect an increase of 2.00% per contract.

**DEPARTMENT: LAND USE**

POSITION	Land Use union # AUTH.	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		# AUTH.	BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
		AMENDED	1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED	1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED	# AUTH.			
Director of Planning & Land Use	nu	1	93,871	1	95,983	0	2,112	
Deputy Director of Planning & Land Use	nu	1	83,482	1	85,360	0	1,878	
Zoning Enforcement Officer	th	1	60,636	1	62,000	0	1,364	
Administrative Assistant	th	1	40,800	1	41,616	0	816	
Secretary	th	1	33,660	1	34,333	0	673	
Zoning Liaison Officer (changed from 19 hr/wk to 7 hr/wk)	nu	1	31,427	1	30,000	0	(21,427)	
Code Enforcement Officer	th	1	53,798	1	54,874	0	1,076	
Salary Savings			7,996		5,442		(2,554)	
	7	405,670	7	389,609	0	(16,061)		

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**Other Employee Benefits:** Required union clothing safety allowance for work shoes and uniforms.

**Professional Services - Technical:** The "court stenographer" usually is the clerk of a commission that produces a written transcription of the tape recorded minutes of commission meetings for court lawsuits and appeals. The transcription of minutes is not included the clerks normal stipend. The normal stipend is paid out of the Selectmen-Other Clerks account.

**Professional Services - Legal:** Defense and proactive pursuit in legal requirement of land use regulations.

**Contractual Services:** Potential development needs in commission expert reporting. This includes the contracting of soil scientists, engineers, traffic engineers, monitoring of the town stream gages and other professional services.

**Printing & Indexing Open Space:** Required printing and maintenance of town Zoning, Inland Wetlands and Aquifer maps. This includes the printing of public and legal documents for the Land Use Agency. Also Open Space Indexing; Marking, recording and surveying of town-owned Open Space.

**Dues, Travel & Education:** Mandated course attendance for state and federal town certification for staff and commissions. This includes subscriptions for legal updates to regulations.

**Office Supplies:** Office supplies.

**Capital:** Replacement for field equipment for the action of enforcement and monitoring.

## MEASURES & INDICATORS

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## **DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

The mission of the economic and community development office is to assist with the development and implementation of strategies that help make Newtown CT an attractive location for businesses and residents in western Connecticut. The department seeks to attract new investment and works with Newtown business persons and companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. The department strives to maintain a process of continuous improvement and investment in the community and provides leadership in collaboration, encouragement, support, and innovation, promoting a high quality of life for current and future Newtown residents.

The Newtown Economic & Community Development Department provides oversight and technical assistance with the economic development functions, grant management and various long range economic planning and development issues in and involving Newtown, including:

- Economic development activities and opportunities (real estate, business start ups, redevelopment, business growth, marketing)
  - Administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program providing loans to low income home owners and residents
  - Grant administration and Project Management for community development projects including brownfields
  - Long-range strategic and comprehensive planning
- Website: <http://www.Newtown.org>

### **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget for the Economic & Community Development department, for fiscal year 2017-2018 has increased by \$22,742 or 29.5%. Increase is mainly due to reclassifying the community development director position to a deputy director - community development/grants administrator position. This position goes from 30 hours a week to full time. The increase is offset by the decrease in wages & salaries in the Land Use department. This department falls under Land Use.



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**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

	2014 - 2015		2015 - 2016		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018 BUDGET				
	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	ACTUALS	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	BOF	LC ADOPTED	CHANGE \$	%
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT											
SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	65,433	47,859	49,852	49,852	49,852	70,000				20,148	40.0%
GROUP INSURANCE	8,149	2,080	2,288	2,288	2,288	2,334				46	2.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	5,047	3,631	3,814	3,814	3,814	5,355				1,541	40.4%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	8,037	2,394	2,493	2,493	2,493	3,500				1,007	40.4%
FEES & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	29,100	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000				-	0.0%
DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	1,536	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650				-	0.0%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	916	-	1,000	1,000	1,000				-	0.0%
	117,302	74,540	76,097	77,097	77,097	99,839				22,742	29.5%

DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **ACCOUNT DETAIL**

**Salaries & Wages – Full Time:** The deputy director – EDC/grants administrator is a non union position. Non union positions reflect an increase of 2.25% in this budget. The community development director position has been reclassified to a deputy director -community development/grants administrator position. This position goes from 30 hours a week to full time. The increase in wages is offset by the decrease in wages & salaries in the Land Use department. This function is under the direction of the Planning function.

Economic & Community Development		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		INCREASE (DECREASE)		
POSITION	UNION #	AUTH.	BUDGET	AMENDED	1ST SELECTMAN	PROPOSED	# AUTH.	BUDGET
Community Development Administrator (30hr/week)	nu	1	49,852	0	-	-	1	(49,852)
Deputy Director - EDC/Grants administrator	nu	0	-	1	70,000	1	70,000	

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**Fees & Professional Services:** Activities in this account include basic web site hosting and web maintenance, professional services, marketing and creative design services. Preparation of copy and research costs for brochures, advertisements and printed materials necessary to market Newtown.

**DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Dues, Travel & Education:** This account is for annual dues for professional organizations, professional development training and subscriptions to professional periodicals. Organizations include American Planning Association, CT Chapter and Economic Development Division, CT Economic Development Association (CEDAS), New England Economic Developers Association (NEDA), Community Builders Institute, etc.

**Office Supplies:** Office supplies.

**DEPARTMENT: GRANT ADMINISTRATION****MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

The Grants Coordinator is responsible for researching and applying for grants appropriate to support the activities of the Planning, Land Use and Economic Development Departments and Fairfield Hills. Additional types of grants may be researched and applied for as needed. In addition, the Grants Coordinator assists in or administers many activities regarding the grants including, but not limited to, setting schedules for projects within grant periods; necessary reporting; review and request of payments to vendors contracted to perform duties under the grants. The Coordinator works closely with appropriate departments and lending organizations during the entire course of the grants and beyond to help ensure that duties are performed in compliance with the contract.

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget for the Economic & Community Development department, for fiscal year 2017-2018 has decreased by (\$2,394) or (9.4%). decrease is due to salaries and benefits.

**GRANT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	2014 - 2015		2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015		2017 - 2018 BUDGET				
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED	BOE RECOMMENDED	LC ADOPTED	CHANGE \$	%
SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	-	20,380	22,288	22,288	22,288	20,000	-	-	-	(2,288)	-10.3%
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	1,559	1,705	1,705	1,705	1,530	1,530	-	-	-	(175)	-10.3%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	-	1,069	1,408	1,408	1,408	1,477	-	-	-	69	4.9%
	-	23,008	25,401	25,401	25,401	23,007	-	-	-	(2,394)	-9.4%

DEPARTMENT: GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNT DETAIL

**Salaries & Wages – Full Time:** The EDC/FHA secretary/clerk belongs to the Town Hall Employees CSEA, Local 2001 SEIU Union. Salaries & wages for this union reflect an increase of 2.00% per contract. This position works (50%) under the Planning function for EDC/grants administration and (50%) under the Fairfield Hills Authority.

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**DEPARTMENT: N.W. CONSERVATION DISTRICT****MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

We serve 34 communities in Northwest Connecticut. NCD works to conserve local natural resources by delivering a wide variety of technical services and educational programs. We focus on watershed and open space protection, low impact development techniques, sustainable resource and energy use and promote ecosystem planning. We offer a variety Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based mapping solutions to assist you in your project planning and decision making.

Web site: <http://conservect.org/northwest/Northwest/tabid/58/Default.aspx>

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget has increased \$460.

**N.W. CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET**

	2017 - 2018 BUDGET								
	2014 - 2015 ACTUALS	2015 - 2016 ACTUALS	2016 - 2017 ADOPTED	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	BOS PROPOSED	BOF RECOMMENDED	LC ADOPTED	CHANGE \$	CHANGE %
NW CONSERVATION DISTRICT									
OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,500	1,500	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,500		460	44.22%

**DEPARTMENT: PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS****ACCOUNT DETAIL**

**Other Expenditures:** This account pays for the following professional organizations –

	<u>PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</u>	<u>2016 - 2017</u>	<u>2017 - 2018</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
WestCOG	17,465	17,465	-	-
CMM	15,254	15,254	-	-
COST	1,225	1,225	-	-
REG BROWNFIELD'S	800	800	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,744</b>	<b>34,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**WestCOG:** The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) consists of 18 member towns. It is dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life and economic vitality in western Connecticut. WestCOG works on topical areas such as transportation, housing, community development, environment and open space while providing technical and planning assistance and expertise. WestCOG provides a forum for municipalities to communicate and collaborate in addressing inter-municipal issues and needs.

Website: [WestCOG](http://westcog.org)

**CCM:** The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities. CCM is an inclusionary organization that celebrates the commonalities between, and champions the interests of, urban, suburban and rural communities. CCM represents municipalities at the General Assembly, before the state executive branch and regulatory agencies, and in the courts. CCM provides member towns and cities with a wide array of other services, including management assistance, individualized inquiry service, assistance in municipal labor relations, technical assistance and training, policy development, research and analysis, publications, information programs, and service programs such as workers' compensation, liability-automobile-property insurance, risk management, and energy cost-containment.

Website: [CCM](http://ctcm.org)

### **DEPARTMENT: PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**COST:** COST is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 30,000.

**COST IS:**

- **UNIQUE-** The only statewide organization dedicated exclusively to serving the interests of Connecticut's small towns.

- **INFLUENTIAL-** A public-policy advocacy group that champions the cause of Connecticut's small towns in the Connecticut legislature and the U.S. Congress.

- **RESPECTED-** A professional, issues-oriented organization highly regarded by leaders at both the state and federal levels.

- **PRACTICAL-** The most effective way for Connecticut's small towns to speak with one voice and to have an impact on state and federal decisions that affect their future.

- **SUCCESSFUL-** A skilled, politically savvy advocacy team with a strong record of accomplishment.

- **GROWING-** COST's membership has grown substantially. Today more than 85 percent of eligible Connecticut towns are now members of COST. Website: <http://www.ctcost.org/pages/index>

**Regional Brownfield's:** The Valley Council of Governments, through our Regional Brownfield's Partnership of West Central CT (RBP), oversees and conducts a range of assistance activities across a 25-town region for the identification, assessment and remediation of Brownfield's sites. As members, municipalities pay an annual \$800 dues fee. Members are, in turn, eligible to access funding from any of our various programs, including EPA site assessment grants and economic development loans for investigation and remediation for both public and privately-owned sites. The Valley Council of Governments also manages revolving loan funds in conjunction with the state and federal governments that potentially can provide large amounts of money for difficult site cleanups. Please read below to understand our mission and activities in greater detail.

Website: [BROWNFIELDS](#)

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



January 25, 2017

**RE: WestCOG Dues Request for FY17-18**

Hon. Patricia Llodra  
First Selectman, Town of Newtown  
Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear First Selectman Llodra:

I am pleased to announce that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments adopted a uniform annual dues structure at its last meeting. Adoption of a simple and consistent formula for the region had been the intent of the COG since 2014. With the move to a uniform structure, WestCOG joins its peers in the state, all of which have taken this step.

Dues serve two main functions. First, they serve as a required match for federal and state grants. The largest of these supports WestCOG's federally-required transportation planning program; under this program, WestCOG brings in \$9 for every \$1 in municipal contributions. Second, dues enable WestCOG to pursue opportunities to benefit its members, such as grant preparation and technical assistance. WestCOG's programs include the creation of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which will enable access to additional state and federal funds, a regional Geographic Information System (GIS), MS4 permit and CRS assistance, a regional Drug Task Force, and regional IT collaboration.

Municipal contributions had remained flat for many years, at WestCOG and at its predecessors (SWRPA and HVCEO). In the interest of simplicity and transparency, the formula apportions dues to members 50% on population (in resident persons per the most recent Census data) and 50% on land area. The formula will be phased in over two years. Your municipal contributions over this period are:

Municipality	Population	% of Total Population	Land Area (sq. miles)	% of Total Land Area	FY17-18 Dues	FY18-19 Dues
Newtown	28,922	4.7%	57.8	10.9%	\$20,423	\$23,379

Thank you for your continued support. I encourage you to contact me at (203) 965-4968 or by email at [fpickering@westcog.org](mailto:fpickering@westcog.org) whenever you feel WestCOG's resources may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Pickering".

Francis Pickering  
Executive Director

**DEPARTMENT: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL****MISSION/DESCRIPTION**

The Legislative Council shall annually designate an independent, certified public accounting firm to audit the books and accounts of the Town as required by the General Statutes.

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Request has decreased due to the expectation of lower audit fees due to the planned RFP for audit services.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET:**

	2017 - 2018 BUDGET						
	2014 - 2015 ACTUALS	2015 - 2016 ACTUALS	2016 - 2017 ADOPTED	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	BOS PROPOSED	LC ADOPTED	CHANGE %
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL							
PROF SVS - AUDIT	44,000	46,200	47,690	47,690	45,000	-	(2,690) -5.6%
OTHER EXPENDITURES	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
	44,500	46,200	47,690	47,690	45,000	-	(2,690) -5.6%

## DEPARTMENT: DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

### MISSION/DESCRIPTION

The Town of Newtown is made up of five districts: Sandy Hook, Hawleyville, Botsford, Dodgingtown, and the Borough. Two of those districts, Sandy Hook and Hawleyville, have established organizations which work to improve, develop, and preserve its neighborhood. The purpose of this account is to fund the work of neighborhood organizations for such items as plantings, lighting, and sidewalk repairs.

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Sandy Hook district contributions are for required maintenance on the streetscape improvements.

### DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGET

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS	2014 - 2015				2015 - 2016				2016 - 2017				2017 - 2018 BUDGET			
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	BOF	1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED	LC ADOPTED	BOF	RECOMMENDED	LC ADOPTED	BOF	RECOMMENDED	LC ADOPTED
OTHER EXPENDITURES - HATTERTOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER EXPENDITURES - HAWLEYVILLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER EXPENDITURES - SANDY HOOK	9,830	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	(5,000)
	9,830	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	(5,000)
																(-33.3%)

## DEPARTMENT: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

### MISSION/DESCRIPTION

To identify, implement and support renewable energy use, energy efficiency and energy conservation programs in which Newtown's residents, businesses, organizations and town agencies can participate.

To disseminate information relating to cost effective and environmentally conscious renewable energy use, energy efficiency and energy conservation programs.

Furthermore, the Sustainable Energy Commission will support the efforts of Town elected officials, volunteers and employees to identify and implement renewable energy use, energy efficiency and energy conservation programs.

To support, develop and organize any other such programs or innovations as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Web site: <http://www.gogreennewtown.com/>

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget for the Sustainable Energy Committee, for fiscal year 2017-18 has remained the same.

### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BUDGET

	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017			2017 - 2018 BUDGET					
			ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	1st SELECTMAN PROPOSED	BOS PROPOSED	BOF RECOMMENDED	LC ADOPTED
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMM			4,999	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	- 0.0%
OTHER EXPENDITURES											