WELCOME

Alexander Alan Lunderborg
Aurora Ivy Wloch
Delilah Charlotte Reynolds
Donald Stevenson Hedden V
Emile Elliot Theodore Zeiser
Hazel Joy Hermann-Botto
Inga-Marie Buck Hawking
Jack Fisher Evans
Magnus Lea Rehnberg
Olympia Cecilia Jamison
Richard Elijah King
Riley Hannah Hall

Source: Town Clerk records and the Cornwall Chronicle
FOND ADIEU, SALUTE

Susan Jane Bohlin
Joy Boyum
Nia Lane Chester
William G Coll
Susan Costello
Edward E Council
George Cummings
Joanna Dennett
Joan Edler
Anne G Estern
Mary S Fichet
James “Jamie” Fowler
Alec C Frost
Emily Jane Giddens- Jones
Stuart Grant
Ava Hingson
Anthony H Horan
Donald T Kenniston
Millicent K Matland

Denise Matyas
Gregory T McAvoy
John Lawrence Miller
David W Moore, sr
Jacolyn A Mott
Cynthia Lane Parkinson
Maureen Cole Prentice
Patricia “Patty” Preston
Hector Prud’homme
Jackie Saccoccio
Julia B Scott
Stephen H Senzer
Pauline Sobotka
Kenneth P Strobel
George Vanderlinden
Barbara Emily Whitford
Warren “Chip” Wood, Jr

Source: Town Clerk records and the Cornwall Chronicle
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Agricultural Advisory Commission
CHM William Dinneen, Jr.
SEC Wendy Kennedy
Garrick Dinneen
Chris Hopkins
Jennifer Larson
Ted Larson
Mary Riccardelli
Jen Markow
Spencer Markow
Brian Saccardi
Dana Saccardi
Dean Saccardi
Susan Saccardi
Lynn Scoville
Peter Ripley
Hunt Williams

Animal Control Officer
Bradford Hedden 672-2917
Asst. Jack Malahan 672-6230

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

Board of Education
Iris Hermann ’23 U
Hugh Cheney ’23 D
Dave Cadwell ’21 D
CHM Emily Pryor ’21 R
Rachel Matsudaira ’23 R
Martha Bruehl ’21 D
CLERK: Anne Kosciusko
672-2939
REP. TO HVRHS BOARD:
John Sanders ’23

Board of Finance
Lisa Lansing Simont ’21
Carl Zejke Hermann ’25
John LaPorta ’21
Janet Carlson ’25
David Hubbard ’23
CHM Joseph Pryor ’23

Board of Selectmen
FIRST SELECTMAN:
Gordon M. Ridgway ’21
SELECTMEN:
Priscilla Pavel ’21
Marina Kotchoubey ’21
CLERK: Jonathan Berry
Tel. 672-4959
FAX 672-4068
cwlselectmen@optonline.net

Board of Assessment
Appeals
Blaine Matthews ’23
CHM Roger L. Kane ’23
David Samson ’21

Building Code Appeals
David Williamson 672-4959

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

Emergency Management Director
Diane Beebe
Marc D. Simont, Asst.
John Bevans, Asst.

Conservation Commission
Vacancy ’21
Heidi Cunnick ’22
CHM Patrick Mulberry ’21
Debbie Bennett ’21
Sean Quinn ’22
Kate Freygang ’23

Cornwall Grange #32 Trust Fund
Wendy Kennedy ’21
Debra Tyler ’22
Susan Saccardi ’23

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department
PRES: Earl Tyler
CHIEF: Fred Scoville III
Rescue Capt. Elizabeth Ridgway
(For a list of volunteers, see p. 42)

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

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

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

Historian
Dorothy Clarke-Wolfe ’21

Housatonic River Commission
Philip W. Hart ’23
ALT Barton Jones ’21

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

Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency
CHM D. Stevenson Hedden ’21
William J. Hurlburt ’21
Debbie Bennett ’21
Peter Demy ’21
Roger Kane ’21

ALTERNATES:
Vacancy ’21
Vacancy ’21
Judge of Probate
Diane Blick 860-824-7012
LITCHFIELD HILLS PROBATE COURT, DISTRICT 24

Justices of the Peace ’25

Dave Cadwell
John F. Brown, Jr.
Gordon Scott Cady
Margaret Cooley
B. Daniel Evans
Mark Hampson
Allen G. Herkimer II
Judith A. Herkimer
Carl Hermann
Lisa Lansing Simont
Phyllis Nauts
Priscilla Pavel
Debra Tyler
Katherine West
Phillip Rollin West

Cream Hill Lake Study Group

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

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

Municipal Agent
On Aging

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

Economic Development Commission

Lee Pryor ’21
Kathryn Sandmeyen Ward ’21
Richard Bramley ’22
Bianka Griggs ’22
Jane Herold ’23
Simon Hewett ’23
Duncan Webb ’23
Priscilla Pavel ’21
CHM Janet Carlson Sanders ’21
Arnon Fischer ’22
Dee Solomon ’22 (non-voting member)

Northwest Regional Tourism

Bob Ensign ’22

Northwest Regional Mental Health

Kimberly Sullivan ’23

911 commemoration 9/11/21
Town Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9 to noon and 1-4 PM
unless otherwise noted

Park and Recreation Commission
Shanna Robinson ’21
Erin Berry ’22
Wendy McFarlane ’22
Stephen Saccardi ’22
CHM Michelle Schipp ’21
Johan Winsser ’21
Stacy Dolan ’21
Melissa Bronson ’22

Alternates:
Vacancy ’23
Vacancy ’22

Director:
Jennifer Markow
672-4071
Mon & Wed 9-12

Hammond Beach
Director: Marina Kotchoubey

Planning and Zoning Commission
Stephen Saccardi ’25
Anna Timell ’23
CHM Vacancy ’23
James LaPorta ’21
Phill West ’21
Keith Bodwell ’21

Alternates:
Christine Gray ’23
Bruce Bennett ’21
Will Evans ’25

Social Services Administrator
Heather Dinneen 672-2603

Recycling Coordinator
Ted Larson 672-4079

Registrar of Voters
Republican
Cara Y Weigold ’23
Democrat
Jayne W. Ridgway ’23

307-7077 or 672-0279 respectively.

Tax Collector
Jean Bouteiller ’21
672-2705
Monday 1-4
Wednesday 9-12/1-4

Torrington Area Health District
Representative
Josh Tyson ’22
860-489-0436

Town Clerk
Vera L. Dinneen ’22
672-2709
Town Office Hours

Assistant Town Clerks:
Jennifer Kenniston-Larson
Karen Griswold-Nelson

Treasurer
Richard Bramley ’21

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

Tree Warden:
Fred Scoville III ’21
Bruce Bennett, Asst. ’21

Zoning Board of Appeals
George Wolfe ’21
Joanne Wojtusiak ’25
Ian Elwell ’23
Betty Spence ’21
CHM Don Bardot ’25
Amy Worthington-Cady ’23

Alternates:
Fred Scoville ’23
Vacancy ’24
Vacancy ’22

Zoning Enforcement Officer
See Land Use Administrator p. 9

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

For more civic organizations, go to www.cornwallct.org
CORNWALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Cornwall Business Directory is continuously being updated, please see
https://cornwallct.org/
then click on link in the upper right side of the page where it says “Consider Cornwall”, then scroll down to the “Business Directory”. Here you can search businesses by category, keyword, by location or address.

Currently there are 136 listings and you can find general and contact information for a multitude of Services and Shopping including but not limited to

Agriculture and Farm  Furniture & Craftsmen
Animal Services       Hardware and Building Materials
Apparel, Gifts & Home Décor  Miscellaneous
Appliances & Electric       Music Lessons
Architects             Painting Contractors
Beverage & Package Stores  Personal Care & Nutrition
Books                  Photography
Business Services       Pottery
Carpenters, Builders & Contractors  Property Management
Catering, Food and Grocery   Real Estate
Civil Engineering & Surveying  Recreation
Entertainment          Tree Work & Logging
Floor & Wall Coverings       Workspaces & Meetings
ANIMAL CONTROL

We can all agree that it has definitely been a crazy year in Cornwall so far!

To the newcomers in town, WELCOME TO CORNWALL! You will love it here.

Animal control has also had a busy year, with an astounding 51 calls!

In addition to the usual calls for bears, there were

24 calls for wandering dogs, all were close to home and reunited with their owners in short order.

1 very disheveled cat was found, cleaned up, and adopted out to a loving home.

8 raccoons
2 skunks
2 deer
1 beaver
1 turkey
4 bats
3 foxes
1 porcupine.

A Great blue heron that was injured was brought to Sharon Audubon to be rehabilitated and released.

2 chickens who were found at the local gas station and rounded up by the Cornwall’s resident chicken whisperer and now enjoy life with a flock.

DOGS: All dogs over 6 months must be registered with the town and have valid Rabies vaccinations.

If your dog has not yet been registered, give the Town Clerk, Vera Dineen, a quick call. She will help you through the simple process. This is state mandated and helps to ensure the health and safety of every dog in Cornwall.

Remember - if your dog doesn’t jingle when they mingle, they need tags, it’s much easier for us to get your pups back home if they have tags. It is recommended that you write your phone number on your dog’s collar in permanent marker so that you can be reached easily in the event of a wandering canine.

Additionally, we would like to extend a thank-you to the Little Guild of St. Francis for taking in and adopting out any homeless animals in town.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Hedden, ACO
Jack Malahan, Assistant ACO
TOWN MEETING VOTES – AN ABSTRACT

The Annual Town Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2020 was cancelled.

**Special Town Meeting Held April 23, 2021 via ZOOM Virtual Meeting**

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

**Voted:** To adopt the Five-Year Capital Plan for the Town of Cornwall for the years 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. The vote was unanimous.

**Voted:** To sell to William Betts for $500 a +/- 2-acre parcel of land on Route 128 on which a firehouse was formerly located, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The vote was unanimous.

**Voted:** To amend the Ordinance of 10/22/1981 that established the Sydney Kaye Fund by closing the Fund and transferring the remaining balance of approximately $18,897 to the Town Endowment Fund, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. The vote was unanimous.

**Special Budget Town Meeting Held May 21, 2021 at Town Hall and via ZOOM**

**Voted:** To approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2022, as recommended by the Board of Finance. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vera L. Dinneen
Town Clerk
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The past year has been marked by Covid, challenges, change and consistency in Cornwall. The 2020 Census reported that Cornwall resident population increased by 10% from 2010, the second highest increase in Litchfield County. Most of this increase happened in the last two years, reversing a mid-decade decline. This has led to a new vitality in Town with more students at CCS, record sales for some homes and local businesses and new volunteers staffing civic organizations.

Our Covid emergency management team has continued to meet regularly – monitoring the ever-changing data of health recommendations. An effective vaccination facilitation program was set up to assist residents. In May, Diane Beebe, Joyce Hart, Jennifer Markow and Heather Dinneen were awarded for their leadership in containing the challenges of Covid-19. The food pantry has consistently provided sustenance for residents in need. It is funded with generous donations.

At the same time the Town sought to maintain essential services at the ever-busy transfer station which is about to be renovated. The Highway Department also continued to keep our roads safe through increasingly challenging weather. The Town offices remained fully functioning although a lot of meetings and business were conducted remotely. The Board thanks our administrative assistant Jonathan Berry for mastering the art of Zoom and keeping information flowing to residents. The Board of Selectmen met 26 times this past year.

The Highway Department also received a new plow truck. The North end of Cream Hill Road was re-paved. The Highway Department also replaced the fence at the historic Allen Cemetery of Rt. 125. The bridge railings at Cogswell Road and Ford Hill bridges were replaced. The Façade improvement grant program was concluded helping to finance the renovation of the exterior of 19 businesses and barns.

In May, a town meeting approved the annual budget which allowed for increased funding for necessary expenditures while keeping the tax (mil) rate unchanged. At the same meeting the Town sold the old and small firehouse lot to William Betts, the new owner of the adjacent former bookstore building.

The Big News of the Summer was the successful application of $3 Million of assistance for the west Cornwall Wastewater Management Project. This funding was approved by Congress and is now part of the ongoing federal budget process unfolding in Washington DC. The Board hopes to have a referendum as soon as word is received of final federal approval.

We thank everyone who has helped Cornwall through the challenges, and we look forward to next year in good shape.

The Board can be reached at 860-672-4959 or cwlselectmen@optonline.net.

Sincerely,

First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway

Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey

Selectman Priscilla Pavel
## TOWN OF CORNWALL

### WORKSHEET CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 – 2025

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**Grand Total**: 3,020,000, 400,000, 3,420,000

Approved by Selectmen: 9/18/2019
Modified and Approved by Board of Finance: 9/19/2019
Town Meeting: 10/25/2019
BOARD OF FINANCE

The Cornwall Board of Finance met 10 times during the fiscal year. Minutes for all Board of Finance Meetings can be found on the Cornwall web site; www.cornwallct.org.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2021

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The COVID-19 pandemic continued to dominate all conversations, and the Emergency Declaration issued on 3.10.20 remained in effect for the entire Fiscal Year. Town offices were closed to the public at the beginning of the Fiscal Year, then opened in late spring and remained open for the balance of the Fiscal Year.

While there were no changes to the budget preparation process due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were several changes to the budget approval process. In continuum, all meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing including the annual Public Hearing to present the proposed budgets. The budget referendum was held via Zoom as well which was in contrast to the prior year where the Board of Finance operated under an executive order from the Governor and approved the budgets and mil rate without holding a budget referendum. The Board of Finance anticipates that the budget approval process will revert to prior practices when all of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The Mil rate was kept at 16.70, a zero% increase.

The FY 2021-2022 budget is available for viewing at www.cornwallct.org or copies may be requested from the Finance office by calling 860-672-2707 or emailing cwlfinance@optonline.net.

The Town ended the year with a $379,119 budget surplus. The revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by $343,406. This is principally related to favorable variances in fees collected by the Town Clerk, as well as property taxes, delinquent taxes and interest and fees collected by the Tax Collector. Interest on investment income was 79.2% lower than budgeted amounts. Overall, the Town’s expenditures were $35,713 less than budgeted amounts principally attributable to the reduced ability to provide direct services due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as conservative expense budgeting. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the tax collection rate increased .24% from the prior fiscal year. Budgeted revenue is overwhelming reliant on property taxes however, the tax collection increased from 98.5% to 98.8%.
In addition to the regular reports of the First Selectman and the Finance Director at regular meetings, the Cornwall Economic Development committee provided activity updates and was a standing item on the agenda.

During the Fiscal Year, Cornwall received a total of $248,815 in various Covid Relief Funding broken down as follows.

$22,811 in ESSR funding
   This was used by CCS to facilitate remote learning and to purchase abundant sanitizing supplies and PPE for students and staff.

$19,469 in Covid Relief Funding
   $7,054 was used by the Town administration to cover the costs associated with implementing and providing remote meetings, providing hazard pay or stipends to front line workers and purchasing PPE to be used by town employees.
   $12,415 was used by CCS to purchase a disinfectant application system that sanitizes classrooms, canopies for outdoor classrooms and to outfit classrooms with social distancing shields and associated items for a return to in-person learning.

$4,993 in funding issued by the Secretary of States office through the Help America Vote Act. This funding was used to facilitate safe voting for the November 2020 presidential election.

$201,542 in ARPA funding
   This funding will be utilized (it was unspent at the Fiscal Year end) to provide a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers. ARPA funding is restricted by the Federal Government and can only be used to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts.

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

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

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

Lisa Lansing, Vice Chairman
David J. Hubbard
Janet Sanders
John Brown, Alternate
Barbara Bigos  CCMA II  Assessor
Kayla Johnson  CCMA I  Associate Assessor
JoAnne Dodge  Associate Assessor

Barbara and Kayla were very busy appraising each property in town for the 10/01/2021 re-evaluation of all real estate in Cornwall. The process was more challenging than usual because of the significant rise in most segments of the market caused mostly by Covid 19. This was very similar to what happened in this area after September 11, 2001.

Covid changed so much of our lives. It changed the way people lived and where they wanted to live. That meant that after a decade of a rather stale real estate market: now many properties were in the midst of bidding wars. For those property owners who had been trying to sell their homes for many years this was welcome news.

Covid also changed our process. Kayla and Barbara still visited each property but only from the outside or through virtual tours on line for those houses on the market. Data surveys were mailed to property owners for their input. Hearings were done by email and phone rather than in person.

Fortunately, over the years Barbara had visited all Cornwall properties many times and had performed a dozen Revaluations so the process change was not too big a problem. Having Kayla’s expertise through the entire process was a big asset.

Barbara is still looking forward to retirement and knows that Cornwall will be left in experienced hands with the team of Kayla and JoAnne who already work so well together in Salisbury, Ct. running that office.
As its name implies, the Board of Assessment Appeals is the body that hears and decides upon appeals related to assessment matters. Assessment appeals must be filed in accordance with CGS §12-111. Once the Board of Assessment Appeals adjudicates the assessment appeals brought before it, the taxing jurisdiction’s property tax rate is determined.
Building Official

In spite of rising building costs and the uncertain political situation, Cornwall continues to move along at a moderate pace. Add COVID-19 to the mix and the situation becomes less predictable. The cell tower on Bell Road Extension will shortly be in operation after nearly seven years in the making.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Paul R. Prindle
Building Official
SUSTAINABLE CT
CORNWALL ENERGY TASK FORCE

Covid has slowed us but we are gearing up for more actions in the Sustainable CT Program.

We have been working on these actions:
- Economic Development: to support economic development with the Internet Committee
- Natural Resources: to advise on the Natural Resources Inventory and maintaining Invasive Plant management
- Planning: to update our POCD with Sustainable Actions and resources
- Infrastructure: to use Our Clean Communities Municipal Action Plan as a guide

This upcoming year we will be working on these actions:
- Natural Resources: to work on our Natural Resources Inventory, Invasive Plants Programs, and to continue monitoring air quality in conjunction with DEEP.
- Transportation: to follow the Complete Streets Action to develop a plan for Cornwall Bridge
- Education: to develop a Nature Trail at the Welles Preserve.
- Communication: to annually participate in exhibiting in the Green Tent at the Ag Fair which has presentations by natural resource conservation organizations.
- Communication: to include sustainable action on our website.

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

The Cornwall Fuel Oil Group still obtains reduced pricing on heating oil. We use Bantam/Wesson who have a good service plan and also reduce rates for backup generators. Contact Rick Wolkowitz at 860 672 6366 or richard_wolkowitz@yahoo.com.

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

And finally, come celebrate our Solar Christmas tree in December.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Freygang,
Cornwall Energy TF, Sustainable CT, and the Cornwall Conservation Commission

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Cornwall Energy (Task Force-CETF) supports our commitment to energy conservation and clean energy with educational materials, events, reporting, and consistent presence at town events to present innovative ideas. The solutions for efficient, sustainable and now resilient towns have been expanded into the actions suggested by Sustainable CT, a program based in the Sustainability Institute at Eastern CT University. The new program covers Equity, Economics, Natural Resources, Arts and Culture, Planning, Transportation, Energy, Communication, Purchasing, Health and Wellness, and Housing. It provides resources, expertise and funding that will help towns in their endeavors. (See SustainableCT.org/actions) In our town, the two programs have joined with the Cornwall Conservation Commission.
The Cornwall Economic Development Commission is in its eleventh year, created originally in response to Cornwall’s Town Plan 2010 survey, which indicated the town needed economic health and growth guidance. The Board of Selectmen appoints the Commission. The current Chair is Janet Carlson Sanders. Other members are as follows: Richard Bramley, Priscilla Pavel, Kate Ward, Aimon Fischer, Dee Salomon, Lee Pyor, Simon Hewitt and Bianka Griggs, Duncan Webb, Jane Herold. The Commission meets at least ten times per year on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Via Zoom until further notice. Visit Cornwallct.org for committee info and Consider Cornwall, find us on Facebook as Explore Cornwall Connecticut or on Instagram @explore_cornwall_ct. You can reach us via email at cornwalledc@gmail.com.

2021 was a weird year with COVID-19 and yet a lot was accomplished. We welcomed new businesses, new families, and new opportunities. In fact, our town is one of two that GREW in our region, since the 2010 census and grew again during the COVID exodus from the cities.

Here’s a rundown of what we have done so far in 2021:

1. Revamped the EDC site under the Cornwall Municipal site to make it more accessible to all - the “Consider Cornwall” site.

2. We launched the Year Round, indoor Farmer’s Market with The Local:

3. We launched the Community Space in conjunction with the West Cornwall Library, better known as “The Union”:

4. In support of improving connectivity, we launched Cornwall Free WiFi, starting in West Cornwall in August 2021. Our goal is to get Cornwall Free WiFi in Cornwall Village and Cornwall Bridge in 2022.

5. We have fully supported NW Connect, especially since in COVID, everyone needed high-speed access in order to live and work at home. We all recognize the importance of dependable, high-speed internet access - our town can only grow if everyone who needs access, has access.

6. The Buy/Hire Local campaign will be launched in time for holiday shopping, so we can support our local businesses in the most important shopping time of the year.

There are so many more new people in town, there is a long waitlist for the Cornwall Child Care Center, lots of strollers and young people, and baby bumps have been sighted in our town. Our school population is growing, our town population is growing, we have more businesses in town and we are eagerly anticipating the opening of the new restaurant in West Cornwall in early 2022!

Janet Carlson Sanders
Chair, Cornwall Economic Development Commission
HAMMOND BEACH

Hammond Beach’s season went very well again this summer.

Use of Hammond Beach and associated activities returned to pre-covid status with the exception of Swim Lessons and Swim Team.

Fortunately, outdoor activities are considered “low-risk” when discussing the Covid-19 pandemic. Hammond Beach was enjoyed by our families and provided a healthy space for children and families to gather and reap the benefits of exercise and socialization as well as get some reprieve from the hot summer days.

A big thanks to all the lifeguards, their job isn’t easy and Hammond Beach could not be open without them.

—Marina Kotchoubey

Hammond Beach Lifeguards are

Odin Beardsley
Ella Coffin
Trevor Hampson
Georgia Horan
Helen Lucas
Manuella Matsudaira
Marina Matsudaira

Melody Matsudaira
Micah Matsudaira
Cole Mollica
Harry Sanders
Helen Sanders
Cora Welliver
Thea West
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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

The COG generally meets on a monthly basis to discuss issues of municipal concern, oversee COG planning projects, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation. Additional information on COG initiatives and activities is available at: www.northwesthillsCog.org.

A major focus area in 2021 was the continued implementation of the COG’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Region. Major strategies outlined in the CEDS include expanding access to high-speed fiber optic broadband (Fiber to the Home – FTTH), promoting tourism/arts/culture, supporting local farms, strengthening manufacturing, and encouraging entrepreneurs and innovation.

The COG also concluded the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for all 21 towns in the region this year. At the time of this report, the retained consultant has submitted the draft plan for final FEMA review and approval. FEMA requires that these plans be updated every 5 years for towns to remain eligible for various FEMA funding programs.

The NHCOG continuously promotes the on-line Interactive Regional Trail Map that was developed by the COG in cooperation with the Housatonic Valley Association to promote access to the public trails in the region. A statewide CT Trailfinder website is now also complete which will further draw attention to the outstanding trail resources we have in the Northwest Hills. It is notable that the trail schema that was developed is being used for the development of a state-wide program.

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

The COG is allocated about $2M each year from ConnDOT for priority local road improvement projects and projects are currently in various stages of approval/development in Burlington, Litchfield, Torrington, and Winchester.
The NHCOG also serves as the oversight agent for about $385,000 in Homeland Security Grant overall funding that is received each year for DEMHS Region 5. There are a number of projects and equipment acquisitions to support this program and are decided upon by a committee made up of emergency support function leads on an annual basis.

In 2021, the COG continued coordination of numerous popular programs such as a prescription assistance program in cooperation with the Foundation for Community Health, a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in cooperation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a fuel bank program, the Northwest Hills Public Works Equipment Cooperative, and the region’s cooperative purchasing program.

The COG also continued to assist local organizations including the Regional Housing Council, Northwest Hills Road Supervisors Association, Recycling Advisory Committee, the Regional Coordination Center for COVID-19 response and recovery, and the Housatonic River Commission.

In addition, the COG continued to host a quarterly “5th Thursday” forum for area Planning, Zoning, and Conservation Commission members to meet and discuss items of mutual interest, hear guest speakers, and provide input on regional plans.

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

Finally, the COG extends its deepest appreciation for the more than 30 years that Rick Lynn served as Executive Director to the COG. In the month of June, Mr. Lynn retired and Robert A Phillips assumed the role as Executive Director.

The same appreciation is also extended to Darlene Krukar, who will also be retiring at the end of the calendar year 2021 after over 20 years of managing the financial and office administration.

Lastly, we wish the best of luck and appreciation to Jocelyn Ayer as she moves on to new opportunities in the region working on affordable housing initiatives by the end of the calendar year 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A Phillips, AICP
Executive Director

Do you know where this is?
CORNWALL PARK AND RECREATION

July 1st, 2020 - June 30th, 2021

Even though the Covid Pandemic was hard on the Park and Recreation this year missing out on many of the activities and events that they have every year, they were still able to make a few things happen.

In July and August Park and Rec provided many families with 8 weeks of S.O.S. bags. "Surprises Of Summer". Every Wednesday, families would come and pick up a themed bag that had games and craft projects that went with that theme, for example there was "July 4th"- Making confetti poppers and homemade ice cream, "Blowing in the Wind"- making pinwheels, kites, and cloud sand.

Since our Cornwall Seniors were not able to have their senior luncheons and breakfast gatherings, we offered few S.O.S. bags to them as well during the summer. Twenty- four seniors enjoyed the bags. And since they were such a big hit in the summer, we continued making monthly bags for them. They decided to change the name "Surprises of Summer" to "Save Our Sanity". Each month would have a couple of activities such as making a St. Patrick's Day fabric wreath, color/design a Danielle Mailer fish, or a crossword book and each bag would include a treat like a muffin, cookie or brownie. An exciting treat of the October S.O.S. bags we had Debbie Labbe from Country Quilt Llama Farm visit with her llamas at each the Cornwall Seniors home. It was a very exciting surprise and is even still talked about.

Throughout the winter, the Park and Rec joined with Cornwall Social Services and provided a bag of several frozen meals to our Cornwall seniors each month.

October, Park and Rec provided a flu clinic and 60 people were able to get their shots.

No sports activities were offered during the school year. In late June, just before school got out, we were able to start playing regional baseball and continue it through the summer.

Our Spring Celebration was a scavenger hunt similar to the year before with some new families joining in and new pictures to search for.

June 2021, twenty-four Cornwall Seniors gathered at the Foote Field Pavilion for their first in over a year senior luncheon. Big smiles and great conversations were had!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jen Hurlburt Markow
Commission Members- Johan Winser-Commission Chair, Erin Berry-Secretary, Stacey Dolan, Michelle Shipp, Melissa Bronson, Wendy McFarlane, Stephen Saccardi, Shanna Robinson
Pine Street rollover
Registrar of Voters Annual Report 2021

The Presidential Preference Primary originally scheduled for April 2020 was postponed several times due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Voting finally occurred on August 11, 2020 with in person and absentee ballots for both Democratic and Republican party candidates. Turnout was lower than previous presidential primaries. For the Democrats, 59% voted, and 26.7% Republicans casted their vote.

Nationwide, Presidential years bring out many voters and Cornwall shined with 90.2% voting. We did not land the democracy cup for small towns for the best percentage but the percentage was high enough that we had a shout out from Secretary of the State, Denise Merrill during an election recap conference call. Thanks to Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal of Cornwall Consolidated School we were able to hold the November election in a large and safe room. Special thanks to Scott Cady, our Moderator, and all the election workers for volunteering during a pandemic.

We had more absentee ballots because the Governor issued an executive order allowing COVID as a reason for applying and the Secretary of the State office mailed every voter an application. Out of the 1176 total eligible voters, 640 voted in person, 389 by Absentee Ballot, and 9 used Election Day Registration to cast their vote.

We are in need of certified moderators to oversee the elections. Moderators are certified for four years and take a three hour class presently offered via Zoom. The moderator is required to be present during set up and all voting hours typically 5 AM to 9:30 PM. If you are interested please contact the registrars.

As of October 6 there are 1135 Total registered voters, 570 democrats, 185 Republicans, 366 Unaffiliated and 14 other minor parties.

Don’t forget to vote November 2, 2021 at Town Hall!

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

Jayne Ridgway
Cara Weigold

[Vote logo]
CORNWALL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Cornwall Social Services Office works to connect Cornwall residents with local, regional and state resources in order to meet basic needs. The Office oversees the Back to School and Holiday Gift Programs, as well as the Food Pantry.

In FY 20-21, there was a continued increase in need for support from Social Services, especially in the area of the Food Pantry. Thankfully, Cornwallians continued their generosity and the Food & Fuel Fund, a tax-exempt Fund of the Town of Cornwall, received $134,045 in revenue this fiscal year.

Expenses tracked as they have in previous years, as shown on the graph below. The total expenses of the Food & Fuel Fund during the Fiscal Year was $100,608, a slight increase over expenses in FY 19-20.

Federal and State support in additional unemployment funds, increased SNAP (food stamps) benefits, and the Childcare Tax Credit, provided Cornwall residents with some additional support. Many families relied on the Food Pantry in order to offset other expenses that could not be covered by local and regional funds (such as internet, credit cards, car payments).

We are grateful for the continued support from the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund, the Prescription Assistance Fund, and the many donors who contributed financially and with donations of food items to the Pantry. Many thanks to UCC for continuing to host the expanded Food Pantry, and the volunteers who have shown up week after week to sort, pack, and deliver food to Cornwall households. If you need help covering heat, housing, food or medical bills, please reach out.

Heather Dinneen, LCSW
Director of Social Services
cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com
860-671-9315 (call/text)
860-672-2603 (office)
TRANSFER STATION

It’s business as usual at the Transfer Station. We still have a three-car limit due to Covid-19 and are limiting the number of people in the recycling area. We ask that residents continue to be diligent with wearing masks for everyone’s protection. The Swap Shop is now open on Tuesdays and Thursday. Please check with Ted or Will before unloading item into the shop. Masks are required in the Swap Shop.

The pandemic is still a cause for concern. We ask residents using the Transfer Station to please presort recyclables at home to speed up the process. Our Bulk Waste containers continue to fill up fast with all the construction going on in town. Please call the Transfer Station to ensure that there is room in the Bulk Waste dumpsters before arrival.

The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day in October was a success at the Torrington Middle School and is really helping us to keep this material out of the waste stream. The C.O.G. voted to switch to a new vendor to process the hazardous waste more efficiently. Clean Harbors did a great job. There will another collection day in the spring in Falls Village.

The future needs your help. On or about June 2022, the MIRA MSW incinerator plant will be shutting down due to prohibitive repair and maintenance costs. We at the Transfer Station ask that homeowners and residents of Cornwall consider home composting to reduce the amount of organic material that we pay to dispose of. With the cost of sending our trash to other states with landfills increasing, it is very important to reduce the weight of our weekly household garbage. As a region, we are working to come up with viable alternatives to the overall disposal of Connecticut’s garbage.

Thank you everyone for being understanding throughout 2021 and being patient during increased wait times at the Transfer Station.

As always: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and REPURPOSE

Many Thanks
Ted Larson, Manager
Will Berry, Attendant
The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year was unprecedented. In the midst of a continuing global pandemic, plans had to be made to open all Region One schools. The effort made on behalf of our students by Region One administrators and staff to re-open smartly and safely can not be understated. Nine specific committees were formed, and work over the summer of 2020 included dozens of meetings. Led by Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter, staff and community members worked tirelessly to navigate all the uncertainties, and the mandated state and medical protocols. Face masks. Plexiglass shields everywhere. Cohorts in each class and no moving students between classes. Extra tents outside for mask breaks. Distance learning became an option - new technologies. Academic continuity challenges. Stress on faculty. Concern among students and families. We just did not know how it would all work out.

Cornwall Consolidated School opened at the end of August and remained open until the end of the school year in June. We were incredibly fortunate to have our new principal Mary Kay Ravenola. Because of her experience as a teacher and administrator, her steady leadership, and unwavering commitment to our students and families, CCS not only functioned but thrived with positivity. Quite a few families that had weekend homes in Cornwall chose to remain here during the school year and our enrollment grew to 101 at the beginning of the year. There were 87 students in the building and 14 distance learners at home. By the end of the year there were only 2 distance learners and the enrollment was 119. This alone is a testament to how well Mrs Ravenola and the entire staff managed under extremely challenging circumstances. Of these students twelve are tuition students that live outside of Cornwall.

The Board worked remotely via zoom meetings all year. Mrs Ravenola presented slide shows at every meeting to share with us the work and creativity happening at the school. Teachers joined our meetings to present different “spotlights on student learning”. It was an adjustment for us, as well as the Cornwall community that enjoys being involved at the school, not to be able to enter the building.

After the departure of Catherine Tatge in November of 2020, the Board of Education members last year were: Martha Bruehl (who stepped in for Ms Tatge), Dave Cadwell, Hugh Cheney, Iris Herman, Rachel Matsudaira, and Emilie Pryor. Our buildings and grounds committee, which meets monthly to set priorities for work and upgrades to our campus, included board members Hugh Cheney and Dave Cadwell, staff members Mary Kay Ravenola, Annie Kosciusko, Pete Selino (retired) and Tom Brown, and community member Phil Hart. Many policies are required and necessary to run the
school, and are reviewed and up-dated on an ongoing basis. Our policy committee is Iris Herman, Hugh Cheney, Mary Kay Ravenola, and Lisa Carter. An ad hoc committee to review staff contracts and issues regionally included Martha Bruehl.

The CCS budget is an important component of the board’s work and was passed in March 2021 for $2,533,404 and was later approved by the town for the 2021-2022 school year. The working budget committee includes Emilie Pryor, Rachel Matsudaira, Mary Kay Ravenola, and Annie Kosciusko, but the entire board of education is involved with reviewing and approving our school budget. Board clerk Annie Kosciusko is the budget linchpin.

A regional Middle School Athletics and Activities program was delayed due to the pandemic, but has successfully started in the fall of school year 2021-22. Board member Rachel Matsudaira and community member Jen Markow serve on the regional MSAA committee.

In January 2021, Lisa Carter was appointed by the Region One Board to the position of Superintendent. This decision was unanimously and enthusiastically supported by all seven Region One schools. She is doing a fantastic job as our top administrator, and in large part enabled our schools to do as well as they did last year.

Vaccines became easily available to all staff who wished to receive them in March.

For CCS highlights including graduation and staff news please refer to our Principal Mary Kay Ravenola’s report. Remember that our Board of Education meetings are open to the public and you are most welcome to attend.

With my best regards,
Emilie Pryor, Board Chair
CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2020-2021 school year was framed around the COVID-19 pandemic and ensured that students felt safe, emotionally as well as physically, in order for them to access learning at the highest level possible during this difficult period of time. My first year as principal at Cornwall Consolidated School would not have been a success without the support of the dedicated staff and community.

The staff worked hard to promote social and emotional well-being for our children. Staff and students participated in daily morning meetings so that students had the opportunity to voice concerns, engage with issues, and actively co-create a positive and respectful learning environment. The whole school focus on Habits of Mind (HOM) provided opportunities for students to learn and apply important life skills throughout the challenges of their day such as persisting, managing impulsivity, listening with understanding and empathy and being open to continuous learning.

The Cornwall Consolidated School class of 2021 was an amazing group. Pedro Aguilar, Joshua Benjamin, Niya Borst, Tryston Bronson, Sidney Crouch, Indigo Fitch, Rose Fitch, Manasheh Matsudaira, Alistair Taaffe, Eliza Tyson and Emil Urbanowicz graduated under a large tent outside at CCS. The graduation speaker was Ted Cheney, CCS graduate who recently returned from Alaska to live in Cornwall with his family. The ceremony was followed by Marzano’s Pizza Truck for graduating families. It was a joyful celebration and marked the end to a challenging yet remarkable and successful year.

This was a year of increased enrollment at Cornwall Consolidated School partly due to families with weekend homes in Cornwall deciding to enroll their children full time. The previous school year ended with 87 students enrolled and the 2020-2021 school year began with 101. When school ended in June, the enrollment was up to 119!

There were some staff changes as well for 2020-2021. Sadly Peter Selino retired as head custodian in the fall after 24 years of service. Tom Brown was hired as the new head custodian after being mentored for many years by Pete. Jake Thulin was hired as the new night custodian. Brigitte Geyselaers, a para-educator who also worked for many years at CCS, resigned to move to New Hampshire with family and Amanda Jacquier was hired to replace her. Brittany Perrone was hired as the much needed school counselor half time initially but became full time in November due to the increased social emotional needs of our students. We were and are able to supplement the increase in pay for this position with federal COVID grant funds. Jennifer Hill was hired as the Title I Reading Teacher replacing Linda Massucci who provided services to our students for many years as well.
CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Despite having to wear masks, stay socially distanced, and remain in cohorts, CCS strived to provide opportunities and activities for our students to keep them engaged in learning, their school and community. Spirit days and virtual school wide dance parties were planned and the Gathering Room was decorated in various themes by students throughout the year. Food drives and other fundraising activities were held to remind students of the importance to give back to their community and world whenever possible.

Eighth graders led the morning announcements daily over the intercom and ran activities throughout the year for the younger students such as a Trick or Treat Trail and CCS Virtual Teams. Eighth graders also received a grant from the Cornwall Consolidated School Fund for Excellence to begin building a recording station with cameras, microphones and lights in order to provide live announcements on Fridays.

Leadership opportunities existed for students during the school year. Student-led conferences still occurred via Google Meet, providing students the opportunity to present information and insight about their academic achievement and progress to teachers and parents. Virtual field trips and author visits were also done electronically in order for students to still have real life experiences to enhance their learning. Eighth graders created Exploration presentations on a topic of their choice and created a video with the support of Catherine Tatge and Dominique Lasseur, Executive Directors of the Civic Life Project. Topics varied from Faces of Cornwall, Endangered Marine Animals, Landscape Photography to French Literacy Basics.

In the spring, Student Leadership Awards were presented to CCS students at a Cornwall BOE meeting. Seventh grader Alexandra West and eighth grader Alistair Taaffe were awarded the Connecticut Association of Board of Education Leadership Award. Eliza Tyson, an eighth grader, was awarded the Litchfield County Superintendent Association Leadership Award.

This was a year like no other and will be remembered by many. I will never forget how Cornwall embraced me as a new leader at Cornwall Consolidated School and supported our work with the wonderful children who are the future. Cornwall is a very special community!

Mary Kay Ravenola,
Principal
CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Trick or Treat Trail

Thanksgiving Notes for Seniors

Sixth Graders Collaboratively Working

Grade 3 & 4 Presentations

Grade 3 Yankee Doodle Play

Eighth Graders in Recording Studio For Morning Announcements
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REGION I  SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

It is time again to reflect upon the events and achievements in Region 1 schools and report the highlights to the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon.

While the circumstances of the global pandemic created a frightening and challenging 2020-2021 for all, in Region 1, all of the pre-k-8 schools opened for full in-person attendance for the entire year. Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) opened with a hybrid model (two cohorts of students who attended school in-person, each for half of the week,) and ended the year with all students attending in-person. Teachers and staff leaned into the concept of Region 1 Strong! and worked with families to ensure that students made expected grade level progress while attending to the social emotional needs that arose throughout the year. Although Region 1 schools were open for in-person learning, due to concerns about protecting those who were most vulnerable to the more serious effects of the virus, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) allowed that families could opt to have their children attend school virtually from their homes. Thus, teachers throughout the Region simultaneously provided instruction to the students who were in attendance physically as well as online. By the spring, the combination of no in-school virus transmission and the availability of effective vaccines (for adults and adolescents) caused at-home learners to begin to return to school. Cornwall Consolidated School began the year with 12 students engaged in distance learning and finished the year with six. The High School began with 60 remote learners and ended the year with 52.

From a Regional perspective, most students achieved expected curricular learning targets. However, consistent with national and State trends, student achievement data indicates some shortfalls for all students in the areas of early literacy and math. Additionally, students who engaged in distance learning tended not to be as successful as their peers in mastering grade level expectations. At Cornwall Consolidated School, most students were in attendance for the full year and met student achievement targets according to curricular expectations. Teachers are aware of those students who struggled throughout the year and are working with them to resolve areas of unfinished learning while continuing to focus on grade level expectations for the current year.

To ensure public awareness of the impact of COVID-19 on the school system, each Board Education received a monthly summary of total cases for each district. Cornwall Consolidated School School (CCS) had an annual total of 14 COVID cases (including 7 students, 5 family members and 2 staff) that touched the school community. HVRHS had a total of 29 cases (17 students, 11 family members and 1 staff member). There was no spread of the virus due to in-school transmission. We thank the administration, students and their families, and staff for their vigilance in keeping the case rates low by following all of the Region 1 Health and Safety practices throughout the year.

Region 1 also experienced a bump in student population (173 new students region wide) due to the in-migration of families who were escaping the more densely populated areas. CCS welcomed 19 new students as a result of this movement and HVRHS welcomed 18.

With respect to the school’s physical plants, all schools in Connecticut received guidelines from the CSDE and the Connecticut Department of Public Health to support the mitigation of virus transmission while in the building. Modifications included the installation of window fans (placed to blow air out of the classroom), plexiglass dividers in classrooms and communal eating spaces and improved air filtration from existing HVAC systems. Cornwall Consolidated School followed all of these guidelines and also purchased several tents to allow teachers to conduct classes outside in the fall and the spring to the greatest extent possible.
REGION I  SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

In addition to the COVID-19 projects, the respective BOEs approved the following building repairs and improvements for CCS:

1. Repaired treads to the main staircase to the playground
2. Inspected and repaired the air ventilation system throughout the school.
3. Planning for the implementation of phase I of the upgrade of the heating controls from pneumatic to electronic (DDC) controls.

Finally, the grant funds were disbursed to all schools throughout the year to offset the expenses incurred during 2020-2021 as well as over the next two years. Cornwall Consolidated School has received $226,104. The BOE has voted to allocate those funds to offset the cost of building maintenance and repairs, hiring a full-time school counselor, and ensuring that the building has the supplies needed to keep students safe.

To be sure, 2020-2021 was a year like no other. However, thanks to the care, commitment and perseverance of BOEs, administrators, staff, families and community members, we remained Region I Strong and did much more than just survive the year. Many thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa B. Carter
Region 1 Superintendent of Schools
The Cornwall Child Center Annual Report July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

The Cornwall Child Center was closed from March 17th – June 12th, 2020, so the start of the fiscal year that is being reported, was a slow one. In the Summer of 2020, there were 8 Preschool children enrolled and 11 Infant/Toddlers. This was much lower than most years, but it was a comfortable transition back to “normal” during the pandemic.

The Town of Cornwall provided $45,000 for operating costs and the Annual Appeal brought in $12,980 which was approximately $2500 more than 2019. In addition, the center received an anonymous gift of $4,000 along with additional gifts equaling $945 which included ones from UCC and VFW Post 9243. We also received $5,560 from the Facade grant that went towards paying for the maintenance and painting of the exterior of our building. Since we were unable to host our Annual Spring event once again, we hosted a Pie Sale from Freund’s Farm which raised $1100 and in January we hosted an online Bingo Event which raised $1365.

The Office of Early Childhood offered a $6750 CT CARES GRANT and a Supply Grant of $2800 which we applied for and received. We also had a $1,000 grant from NWCT Community Foundation.

The Fall of 2020 saw a significant increase in enrollment for both of our programs. The Infant/Toddler program had 12 children enrolled while the Preschool Room had 21 children. Of those 33 children, 18 (45%) were from families that moved to the area, temporarily or permanently, due to COVID-19. So, enrollment being at its highest since I started here in 2011 along with recognition at the Federal level about the importance of quality Early Childhood Educational programs, we found a “silver lining” and were very fortunate during this pandemic. Funding at the Federal level will be available for the fiscal year 2021/2022 which will allow us to provide salary increases and health benefits to our teachers who deserve equitable pay.

Cornwall Child Center, including its administration, Board of Directors, and teaching staff, are committed to continue to provide the best early childhood experience to our youngest population. On June 28th, we closed our fiscal year with a visit from an assessor from NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) which occurs every 5 years. With this accreditation, a center must promote positive relationships for all children and adults to encourage each child’s sense of individual worth.

Early childhood education programs are proud to be accredited by NAEYC because they know they have worked hard for that achievement. Using NAEYC tools and materials, they are continuously improving their programs to provide the best possible educational opportunities for children.

Cornwall Child Center is truly dedicated to serving this community in the best possible way.

Amy Martinez, Director

The Cornwall Child Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Board of Directors:
Kate Ward, President
Nikole Lizana, Vice President
Jaimee Marano, Treasurer
Iris Hermann, Secretary
Endre Molnar
Tracey Hill
Jayne Ridgway
Michael Stefanski
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During this past 2020-2021 fiscal year, as a community we continued to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as extreme weather. Due to the necessity to maintain appropriate social distancing, the severe weather and power outages stretched all residents to be resourceful and as independent as possible. That independence did not mean we were alone, and as a community we have continued to weather all that nature sends our way.

In August of 2020, Isaias tracked to our west, placing Cornwall on the side of the strongest winds. Downed trees blocked numerous roads, and due to an Eversource grid failure, Cornwall remained in the dark for a number of days. The 25 plus blocked roads were quickly cleared, and through constant communication with Eversource, crews appeared to begin power restoration. Not long after Isaias, the fall was overwhelmed by severe storms and tornado warnings. In all 9 emergency alerts were issued from August until early December when we encountered our first heavy snow. Approximately 20 inches fell in our region. Through each we have improved our communications with service providers and managed the response effectively while being remote.

By December signs of hope emerged regarding Covid-19. With vaccines approved for use, essential medical first responders were immediately enrolled for shots. By February 2021, all of our first responders who wished to receive vaccines were fully vaccinated. Through the outstanding work of Jennifer Markow our seniors received their vaccines. With a high percentage of citizens vaccinated our positivity rates have remained low. The Covid-19 working group continues to meet monthly and I continue to work closely with The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for the latest in information and supplies as needed. In all we have continued to persevere.

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

Diane Beebe

Emergency Management Director

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CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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There were 104 fire calls for the year as follows, in order of frequency: 44 false alarms where no problem was found, 18 power lines down, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 8 carbon monoxide alarms, 7 fires (including mutual aid), 7 outside brush fires, 4 mutual aid standbys in other towns, 2 swift water rescues, 1 trail rescue, a water problem, a gas problem, and an odor problem.

The Fire division of CVFD held 12 in person drills and 12 meetings during the year to ensure training, orientation to trucks and equipment, and protocols were kept up to date. As a department, we held 12 monthly meetings. The Zoom meetings were able to transition to socially distanced, in person, outside meetings and eventually to in person, socially distanced inside meetings.

The EMS division of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department had a busy year. Five newly trained EMTs joined the responding crew and three more individuals are in the process of finishing their training. Please contact EMS Captain Elizabeth Ridgway at emscaptaincornwall@gmail.com if you wish to join our squad.

There were 25 drills to keep the skill set strong and responders safe. Seven drills were exclusively for fit testing and reviewing of donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment to ensure our responders have remained well protected during high-risk exposures on calls. There were 12 EMS meetings which allowed time to review local, regional, and state protocols.

The EMS squad responded to 165 calls in Cornwall and on mutual aid to our neighboring towns. Included in this was one miraculous resuscitation of an unwitnessed cardiac arrest patient in Cornwall. CVFD EMS worked seamlessly with first on scene bystanders, Northern Dutchess Paramedics, Litchfield County Dispatch, and Connecticut State Police to successfully stabilize and save our patient. This sparked an interest from the public in CPR training so we hosted several certification courses to help spread the skill and knowledge to save lives.
CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

To help us help you, please make sure your house number is clearly marked at the end of your driveway and have a list of your medications, allergies, and medical history easily available. If you wish to have a magnetic File of Life for your refrigerator or special number plate for your driveway, please contact the Department. Thank you for your support throughout this year.

Fred Scoville, Chief ~ Earle Tyler, Assistant Chief

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

Executives
President: Earle Tyler (Fire)
Vice President: Annie Kosciusko (EMS)
Treasurer: Patience Lindholm (EMS)
Secretary: Iris Hermann
Chaplain: Micki Nunn-Miller
CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Responding and Support

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Allan Bahn
Tom Barrett
Marie Bate
Diane Beebe
John Bevans
Terry Burke
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Mike Carano
Casey Cook
Michael DeGreenia
Garrick Dinneen
Ralph Dzenutis,
Ron Goldstein
Joyce Hart
Connie Hedden
Steve Hedden
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Will Russ
Brian Saccardi
Steve Saccardi
Larry Saed
Fred Scoville
Dick Sears
Jessica Slaven
Robert Thompson
Earle Tyler
Josh Tyson
Dave Williamson
TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

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

The TAHD Community Health Program partnered with DPH and FoodCORE to investigate: 3 giardiasis, 17 campylobacteriosis and 16 salmonellosis cases. TAHD provided guidance to school nurses, daycares, and community members on a variety of health issues. TAHD nurses administered 478 doses of flu vaccine to residents. TAHD consulted with 27 residents regarding potential rabies exposures which resulted in TAHD submitting 14 specimens to the State of CT Laboratory for rabies testing. Ticks brought in by 66 residents were sent to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for Lyme disease bacteria testing.

TAHD is an active member of Fit Together, a Northwest Connecticut Healthy Eating and Active Living Initiative. A bike rack was installed at Winsted Health Center location, Fit Together awarded 8 mini grants to multiple schools and organizations throughout the community that promotes healthy eating and active living. Healthy cooking kid friendly videos were created and posted on the Fit Together NWCT – Healthy Starts Here (how2fitkids.org) website.

TAHD is an active member of the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force (LCOTF) working on strategies and solutions to the heroin/opiate epidemic. TAHD completed the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx) grant raising awareness and educating communities by utilizing the CT “Change the Script” campaign. Overdoses were tracked in a system called Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). TAHD received a grant to provide programing for the Statewide Expansion and Response Project for the Overdose Detection Mapping Application (ODMAP) to ensure comprehensive coordination of services. TAHD staff provided training to local pharmacies and medical offices on the CT Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) and Naloxone administration as part of the Academic Detailing on Opioid Safety (ADOps) grant.

The TAHD Immunization Action Program (IAP) worked with local providers and hospitals to ensure compliance with CT childhood immunization laws. TAHD had an outstanding rate of 100% for referrals into CT WIZ (Connecticut’s immunization information system). TAHD assisted health care partners with enrollment into the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) and CT WIZ in order to track COVID and other vaccinations.

The TAHD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provided case management for more than 46 children with blood lead levels (≥ 5 μg/dl) as well as provided educational information to more than 100 families. Abatement / Remediation Orders were issued for 3 properties.

TAHD Environmental Health Program resulted in the following inspections/licenses/permits: 868 food inspections, 349 temporary food permits, 151 new septic systems, 340 repaired septic systems, 241 private well permits, 139 private pool permits, 92 beauty salons & barber shops inspections, 669 house addition permits, 389 soil tests, 33 subdivision lots, 37 public pools and beaches were inspected, and 21 daycare centers inspected. Records show that approximately 346 samples were submitted to the state lab for testing of drinking water, beach and pool water, lead in water, soil and dust, and stool samples for pathogens. Sanitarian investigated 361 complaints of various public health concerns; 16 legal orders/voluntary compliances were issued for enforcement purposes.

The TAHD Emergency Preparedness Program worked with local and regional community partners on the COVID Response. Activities included: outbreak investigations, contact tracing, consultation (health partners, public safety, town, and school officials) receiving and distribution of personal protective equipment, and vaccination clinics.
Torrington Area Health District

The TAHD Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program was very active this year playing an integral part in COVID-19 vaccination clinics. During the COVID-19 response, 26 volunteers assisted with many aspects of clinic operations including registration, vaccination, greeting, observation and parking duties.

During the month of December TAHD started mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics and continued to hold clinics weekly. To date TAHD has vaccinated 10,000+ individuals with the Moderna vaccine. Public clinics were held 3-4 days a week. Private clinics were held for educators. Working with community partners TAHD vaccinated vulnerable populations from congregate settings such as Mountainside, FISH and Primetime House. Along with holding clinics TAHD went out to homes and vaccinated 71 homebound individuals with the J&J vaccine. Additional homebound individuals were vaccinated through partnering with New Opportunities, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and Community Health and Wellness.

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

Robert Rubbo, MPH, Director of Health
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related concerns, the Agricultural Advisory Commission did not hold any regular meetings and did not sponsor any activities.

Commission members are as follows:

Garrick Dinneen  Mary Riccardelli
William Dinneen Jr. ~ President Peter Ripley
Chris Hopkins  Susan Saccardi
Wendy Kennedy ~ Secretary Dean Saccardi
Jennifer Larson  Brian Saccardi
Ted Larson  Dana Saccardi
Jennifer Markow  Lynn Scoville
Sepncer Markow  Hunt Williams

September 2021 Ag Fair
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES
AGENCY

The Cornwall Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held 6 ZOOM regular meetings and one special site walk meeting in the year 2020-2021. A total of 8 applications for activities within regulated areas were reviewed by the Agency. The 8 applications included the construction of decks, additions, a re-vetted swimming pool, septic and well installation for a converted seasoned structure, one proposed new single family residence and the reconstruction of one existing residence. One application constituted the necessary report for a residential subdivision. The remainder of the applications were "Petitions for Declaratory Rulings" (PDR’s) or as “use as of right" applications. The "Petitions" included the installation of beaver protection devices on Town and Conservation Trust owned land as the Agency, the Town and the Cornwall Conservation Trust grapple with the balance of protection of natural resources and safety issues on town on or near Town road. Other petitions included activities associated with the reconstruction of a historic structure on Cream Hill Lake, and expanding agricultural activities on farmland in north Cornwall.

New regulations enacted in 2011 with higher standards for the consideration of “use as of right” petitions continue to result in better prepared petitions and quicker turnaround times, important factors when dealing with activities such as septic repairs, and maintenance requests. The receipt and transmission of applications electronically to Agency members has resulted in quicker turnaround overall and more time for review by Agency members. The change to electronic transmission of applications allowed the Agency to easily adapt to the new COVID19 requirements that all information be on the website for review prior to the meeting. Individual site walks prior to meetings - a self-imposed standard not common to most Agencies, continues to result in better informed decisions.

Chairman D. Stevenson Hedden, Vice-chairman Roger Kane, Deborah Bennett and William Hurlbut served as regular Agency members with alternate member Peter Domy moving up to a regular member upon the resignation of long serving member Andrew MacDavid. Agency member Deborah Bennett has taken on the task of being the Agency liaison between the Town and environmental groups to address invasive plants including Japanese Knot weed and its potential impact on water resources and in particular, the Housatonic River and West Cornwall. Karen Griswold Nelson remains as Agency staff, serving as Agency secretary, Authorized Agent and Enforcement Officer. The Agency, with members rich in experience in agriculture, site development, engineering and horticulture, continue to serve the town with well-grounded understanding and application of the current wetlands and watercourses regulations adopted for the protection of Cornwall’s valuable water resources.

Clark Reserve
2021 Annual Report of the Cornwall Conservation Commission

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year the Conservation Commission focused on the following activities:

Welcome New Members
We would like to welcome Sean Quinn and Heidi Cunnick who have joined the commission this year. We also wish to note the passing of Hector Prud’homme who has been an invaluable supporter of the commission’s efforts, he will be missed. The commission welcomes anyone interested in attending our freewing and open discussions of conservation issues impacting our town. We meet by Zoom the third Thursday of each month; all are welcome.

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

Ridgeline Protection
"The 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) mandated that the commission develop a voluntary method to "protect Cornwall’s horizon-lines and ridgelines" in addition, these practices protect down slope watersheds. To that end, we have initiated a project that would recommend regulations to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The purpose would be to discourage, but not prohibit development away from prominent ridgelines as seen from the roads of Cornwall. With technical assistance from the Housatonic Valley Association, mapping is currently underway," being finalized this year and presented to P&Z during 2022.

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

Invasives
Written in the 2020 POCD and given high priority value was "Address the proliferation of invasive species". The Conservation Commission is working with the selectmen and community partners to identify and treat areas of particular concern such as at the West Cornwall Covered Bridge, The Bend and Riverside Park on the East Bank.
This was an extraordinary year in ways that relate directly to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Planning and Zoning Commission meetings continued to be held remotely by Zoom, having begun in this format in May 2020. Increased public participation was thereby enabled and people working from home took an increased interest in the workings of local and regional government in general. Public participation at meetings and public hearings increased greatly.

In Cornwall, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission exist by town ordinance as a combined Planning and Zoning Commission (the Commission), therefore all Commission members act in both their “planning” and “zoning” capacities at all meetings. The Commission underwent membership changes throughout the year. In October, Chairperson Jill Cutler resigned due to personal reasons and Anna Timell was elected by the Commission to assume the chairmanship position. Regular member Ben Gray resigned, and alternates Jim Terrall and Tommy Eucalito were replaced by Christine Gray (Nov. 2020), Bruce Bennett (Dec. 2020) and Will Evans (Jan. 2021).

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the Commission held a total of seventeen meetings, six of those as special meetings, including a yearly Plan of Conservation and Development update forum in February. Under former Chair, Jill Cutler, Commission members had created a priority list for regulatory change. The top two included allowing a “Free Second Cut” by which landowners could divide property in order to donate land to the Parcel Program without having to apply for a Special Permit via the Subdivision Regulations. The second concerned updating the Home Business Regulations to better suit the economy today, which has less distinct spheres of work versus home. Both regulation changes required continued public hearings and much reworking before amended regulations were approved in December to allow the Attainable Housing Cuts and in June to update the home business regulations. The Commission, acting in its Planning capacity, held a public hearing in November for the subsequent approval of a subdivision named Potter Woods to include 2 Parcel Lots Parcel (Town sponsored) Lots as provided for by special exception.

Acting in its Planning capacity, the Commission heard two 8-24 referrals. In both cases the Commission deemed the proposals consistent with the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. The Wastewater Project was approved October 2020, and the decision to sell 0.2 acre of public land in West Cornwall was approved in March 2021.

Other routine business consisted of the election of Officers, establishment of a meeting schedule, and approval of the Land Use budget.

The Commission also supplied membership to the Steering Committee established to create an Affordable Housing Plan in keeping with a state mandate (Chapter 126A Section 8-30j).
In accordance with the directive of the Commission in harmony with the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development, Planning Consultant Janell Mullen started a process of reformatting the Zoning regulations to improve clarity, consistency and ease of use, add helpful definitions and ensure compliance with state legislative updates. Several changes occurred in State legislation (Public Act 21-29 which included updates to the Zoning Enabling Act (“8-2’’). That work is on-going.

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 thirty-one Zoning permits were issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer acting as the authorized agent for the Zoning Commission. Three zoning permits was issued for proposed new single family residences, with one currently under construction. Other zoning permits included additions and modifications to single family residences, ranging from decks, enclosed porches, expanded living space to total rebuilds, six permits for swimming pools and five permits for assessor structures ranging from sheds and garages to agriculture structures. One permit was issued for the revitalization of a historic agricultural structure in Cornwall Village that will result in increased agricultural activity and bucolic sounds in Coltsfoot Valley.

The Commission greatly appreciates the dedication and assistance of Zoning Enforcement Officer Karen Nelson and Commission Planning Consultant Janell Mullen, without whom none of our work would have been possible.
Treatment has been successful in those areas targeted. A town wide committee will be formed this winter to address some of the biggest threats.

Community Outreach

The Commission reports the success of several conservation themed presentations. These presentations co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission, Conservation Trust and Library received very enthusiastic responses from the public and more will be planned in the coming months. Annually we participate in exhibiting in the Green Tent at the Ag Fair which has presentations by organizations with conservation efforts.

Sustainable CT

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

Support & Coordinate with P&Z

The commission endeavors to support Planning and Zoning efforts with relevant information regarding the conservation aspects of land use issues, such as ridgeline protection, places suitable or unsuitable for development, and helping define what “rural character” actually means.

Cream Hill Lake Task Force

The Cream Hill Lake Study Task Force monitors the health of the lake by testing the water twice a year. During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Lake Task Force sampled the Cream Hill Lake waters during the months of July and October. The samples were analyzed by the University of Connecticut Center for Environment and Engineering. The Lake Task force engaged lake consultants Aeralimnology to interpret sampling results for the past seven years, in order to gain a longer-term perspective on the health of the Lake. The report is posted on the Cornwall Town website.

Commissioners ~ Patrick Mulberry, Debby Bennett, Katherine Freygang, Heidi Cunnick, and Sean Quinn

Cream Hill Lake Task Force Representative ~ Nancy Berry

Supporters ~ Hector Prud’homme and Margie Purnell

Deans Ravine
The Cornwall Zoning Board of Appeals held no regular or special meetings in the year 2020-2021. The Board currently consists of regular members Chairman Don Bardot, Amy Worthington-Cady, Ian Elwell, Betty Spence, Joanne Wojtasak and George Wolfe and alternate member Fred Scoville.

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

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NORTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Lawrence Rousseau, Chairman

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

TECHNICAL SERVICES AND PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION
During 2020-2021, we partnered with our town’s land use commissions and staff on site development reviews and field inspections for land use in residential, agricultural, commercial, and urban settings. When we review and make recommendations on proposed land use changes, we balance development with protection of natural resources. We provide practical, science-based solutions using the latest techniques, including Low Impact Development (LID), to ensure that projects work with the landscape and are designed to address changes in our climate.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION
In order to safely continue our educational initiatives, we offered virtual workshops on topics including LID and stormwater management, residential rain gardens, soil health, renewable energy options, pollinator gardens, home composting, invasive plant management, and best agricultural management practices. We led a district-wide No-Mow-May initiative and supported the state-wide Pollinator Pathway Northeast (www.pollinatorpathway.org). Many of our “virtual” programs also support SustainableCT towns with their certification efforts.

The CT Envirothon Program (www.ctenvirothon.org) provides hands-on science for high school students through workshops and educational support. Participating schools take part in an annual May Field Day statewide competition and the winning team competes at a National Conservation Foundation (NCF) competition. Because of the pandemic, both the workshops and competition were adapted to an online format. Monthly webinars or material releases for the four main stations – Aquatics, Forestry, Soils and Wildlife were placed on CT Envirothon’s Youtube channel. The May virtual competition, addressed “Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions”. Twelve teams participated in the event. NWCD participating schools included Housatonic Valley Regional, Northwest Regional 7, and Marvelwood School from Kent who won the overall competition and went on to compete at the first virtual National NCF competition, where they won a national virtual scavenger hunt.

EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, AND ANNUAL FISH SALE
Our Earth Day Plant Sale returned to the Goshen Fairgrounds as a “Pre-order Only – Scheduled Pick-Up three-day event in late April with overwhelming support from our many faithful customers. We continue to encourage people to make personal changes to promote clean air, clean water, healthy soils, and quality habitat for all. Our Trout Stocking program promotes renewal of aquatic resources in ponds and streams.

OUTREACH AND WEBSITE
The “Voice of Conservation” bi-annual newsletter, and a new yearly “Education Edition” in print form and electronic offerings through our website, and Facebook. Recorded webinars and educational articles are now offered on our website and we are planning additional resources for on-line outreach which conserves valuable resources and and makes our educational programming available to a wider audience. To be added to our mailing list, email info@nwcd.org.

THANKS TO YOU!
The Northwest Conservation District is very grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of the 34 municipalities that we serve and the generous contributions of local individuals, our funders, and many faithful volunteers. We are here to serve you and welcome feedback and requests for information, assistance, and educational programming.
The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) held 10 regularly scheduled monthly meetings the past year. Meetings took place at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Starting in April 2020 the HRC meetings were held via Zoom due to the Pandemic. The Commission is made up of representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen in each of the following towns along the Housatonic River: Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon. The HRC is responsible for monitoring and advising these seven towns on issues that involve the Housatonic River and working to maintain an environmentally healthy and scenic river corridor. The annual dues requested from each town are $400 per year.

The process of recognizing the Housatonic River through the National Park Service’s (NPS) Wild and Scenic designation as a Partnership River with federal financial support continues with significant help from Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). Quarterly meetings of the Housatonic Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee have continued with representatives from NPS, HVA, CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), and Northwest Hills Council of Governments. At these meetings each group provides updates on their work addressing issues in the Housatonic River Management Plan including HVA’s successful River Information and Outreach (RIO) program, fishing management (CT DEEP) and river access. Tremendous time and energy has been spent on river access as dynamic changes in river usage during the COVID pandemic resulted in noteworthy action by towns to maintain safety. HRC’s mission includes maintaining public access and the proposed Ruggles Landing is being partnered with the state and town of Canaan to allow for safe river usage.

Now two decades since the historic EPA/GE/Pittsfield consent decree HRC continues to monitor the PCB cleanup and remediation proposals for the rest of the Housatonic River.

As always, land use issues within the Housatonic River Corridor remain a significant concern. We continue to support efforts to address invasive plant species along the waterway, with several members working to monitor and in some cases control troublesome, aggressive invasives in the inner river corridor. Monitoring the work of the Housatonic Railroad, including their track repair, herbicide use and derailment risk also continue. The River Commission provided comments and suggestions on many proposed projects as development along the River continues to increase significantly. All towns are reminded to please be sure that the HRC is notified of any proposed project within the River Corridor.

We welcome all citizens to come to our meetings and get involved in discussions about the River. We are also grateful for the support we have received from the member towns, local zoning officials, and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.
The Cornwall Association supports and builds the Cornwall community through creating and putting on town-wide events.

In our 30+ year history we’ve helped launch the Cornwall Chronicle, hosted dozens of in person/online forums (last year on home generators, a timely issue), hosted our town’s annual ‘Newcomers Tea’, and led the design competition for our town flag.

In the last twelve months our significant events were the Newcomers Tea, attended by over 90 people, of which 50 were newcomers. They were warmly welcomed and learned about Cornwall from many town leaders, met new neighbors and friends, heard about our community’s dedication to getting personally involved, and left with a lovely ‘Welcome to Cornwall Gift Bag’.

Our biggest undertaking was the Cornwall Barnyard Animals Project. 45 plywood cutouts were painted and decorated by over 140 Cornwall adults and kids. The animals were placed around town through the summer – bringing smiles and giggles to all who saw them – and 6 animals were voted ‘best’ and over $3,300 raised for the Cornwall Woman’s Society.

Please consider becoming a Cornwall Association member; $25/year for an individual or a whole household. Membership dues are our only source of funds which we use to keep creating community events.

Gary Steinkohl, President; Board Members: Tony Appio, Casey Cook, Peter Denny, Katherine Freygang, Richard Griggs, Priscilla Pavel, Michelle Shipp

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**Conservation Activities:** Since our last report of October 20, 2020, Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. (CCT) has the following to report:

Conservation highlights over the past year include the 107-acre Furnace Brook Preserve, the Red Mountain Preserve consisting of 66 acres abutting the Mohawk State Forest, and the acceptance of the donation of iconic Cathedral Pines from The Nature Conservancy. Two land parcels within the Coltsfoot Valley Association are also now under conservation, helping to protect the beautiful Cornwall Valley views.

Our annual meeting was well attended “virtually” as we welcomed our guest speaker Susan Masino who discussed the connection of forests and brain health. The YouTube video can be found on our website.

In collaboration with other local organizations we were able to present Zoom programs on Black Bears with Ben Kilham, Forest Forensics with Tom Wessels, Birds and Beasts of Cornwall with Larry Master, and Cornwall’s Geology with Hugh Cheney.

CCT has continued to maintain its eight trails for use by the public and conducted a number of guided tours to connect people and nature. Dave Paton provided valuable information on mushrooms during a guided walk. Peter Del Tredici talked about meadow management as we explored Furnace Brook Preserve.

In person events resumed with our first Bike/Hike, the annual CT Trails Day celebration, and informal hikes and introductions to new trails throughout the summer.

Our 5th annual Clean-Up/Green-Up took place in September 2021 and proved to be another successful event.

**Scholarships:** The 2021 Student Grant program, now in its 13th year, awarded ten scholarships to local students. Five of the students are previous recipients. Preference is given to Cornwall students and this year we had four students from our hometown; Olive Cowan, Ella Hampson, Micah Matsudaira, and Daniel Tyson. Additional awards were granted to Lydia Klingebiel of Kent; Emerson Rinehart IV of Lakeville; Elias Abbott, Alexa O’Connor, and Maddie Simonds of North Canaan; and Jack Scarpa of Salisbury.

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will again be virtual this year – live on Zoom – on Saturday November 13 starting at 4pm. CCT will be celebrating the conservation of Coltsfoot Valley and the important part that the Calhoun Family played in making it happen. Registration is required via the CCT website.

**CCT Board Members:** The CCT Board of Directors are as follows: Debby Bennett, Jean Bouteiller, Terry Burke, Ella Clark, Will Evans, Katherine Freygang, Ed Greene, Bart Jones, Robinson Lacy, Rick Lynn, Larry Master, Pat Mulberry, Jim Sheffield, Larry Van Valkenburgh, and Johan Winsser. Honorary Directors: Duke Besozzi, Nev Dunn, Denny Frost¹, and Hector Prud’homme ¹.

*From:* 

**Barton T. Jones,** 
**President** 
**October 11, 2021**

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¹ Thanks to Duke Besozzi, Nev Dunn, Denny Frost, and Hector Prud'homme for their contributions to the Cornwall Conservation Trust.
THE CORNWALL FOUNDATION, INC

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

Since its founding the Cornwall Foundation has made more than $235,000 in grants, and its grant-making budget has risen to $25,000 per year. During the twelve months ending on June 30, 2021, the Foundation made eight grants. Recipients included the Cornwall Association, for its barnyard animals project and an upgrade of the Town website; the United Church of Christ, for a generator to serve hot meals during power outages; the Cornwall Historical Society, to upgrade its website; the West Cornwall Library Association, for equipment for the Local, a market collective for local farmers and artisans; the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau; and the Food & Fuel Fund.

More information concerning the Cornwall Foundation, including a list of past grants, instructions and forms for grant applications, and directions for making donations, can be found at www.cornwallfoundation.org.
This year’s exhibit, MAP STORIES, opened on Saturday, July 3 and stayed open until October 16. The exhibit had very strong attendance with nearly 350 visitors, 34 from out of state. People were informed and delighted by the selected maps. Some were historical and rare, others whimsical, allowing visitors to show where they lived in town or being able to see Cornwall in a 3-dimensional perspective. Curator, Suzie Fateh, did an incredible job in making this exhibit possible and accessible and reaching out via our website, Instagram and Facebook to keep people informed. There were many purchases of publications and sales of a black and white puzzle featuring a Ruth Gannett print of the village of West Cornwall have been an enormous success.

We had an opening reception on Saturday, August 7 with guest speakers Gordon Ridgway, first selectman, and the Housatonic Valley Association’s Stacy Deming, telling stories of maps and some facets of our town’s history.

Our 6th annual Norman Dorsen Lecture was delivered via Zoom. Historical geographer, Dr. Kristen Keegan, discussed the history of early map-making in Connecticut.

The society was the beneficiary of grants from the Cornwall Foundation and the Community Foundation of NWCT. Those helped to facilitate our web site, with work done by Cara Weigold and Rocco Botto. The Town of Cornwall has, once again, given to the society, helping in assisting with our mission and we are grateful for your support.

We have a very ambitious exhibit planned for the upcoming season. Guest curator, Frank Mitchell is director emeritus of the Amistad Center for Arts and Culture and he’ll help us to explore the rich history of the enslaved, freed and indigenous people of Cornwall. This will be a multi-disciplinary exhibition incorporating graphics, commissioned art, and artifact representations that will translate research on Cornwall’s 18th and 19th century, African-American residents, indigenous peoples and explore the contemporary impact. This exhibition should extend the understanding of African-American, Black and Indigenous residents in the history of Northwest Connecticut while contextualizing this regional experience with African-American history around the state.

At the Cornwall Historical Society, we welcome input from residents and all interested. Feel free to contact us with ideas for upcoming exhibits, feedback and comments.
CORNWALL HOUSING CORPORATION

It will probably come as no surprise that affordable housing has once more been heavily influenced by the pandemic in this fiscal year. Once again, we are grateful to Administrators Heidi Kearns at Bonney Brook and Tammy Broderick at Kugeman Village for their work in keeping the 28 households served safe. Another vote of gratitude goes to Heather Dinneen, Director of Social Services, who continues to ferret out needed help for our residents through local and regional agencies or UniteCT, the new state initiative to bring rent relief to both landlords and tenants.

The Parcel Program has been enriched by Ginny Potter, who has given us two lots, one on each side of her own house on Town Street. A sad fact of present conditions is that even with the price of land taken out of the equation, people on our waiting list are still faced with daunting obstacles to realizing home ownership. The cost of building materials increased over 100% in FY 2020-2021, and over 85% in 2021 alone, with the rise predicted to continue into 2022. A covid-related decrease in hours worked only exacerbates the difficulties faced by people who were eager to build as 2020 began. It is much harder to get a mortgage, and even if one is secured, good luck finding a builder who isn’t booked out like forever.

The process of writing the state mandated Affordable Housing Plan for the town began at the start of 2021 with a steering committee of 10 working with Janell Mullen, NHCOC Regional Planner. There have been open Zoom meetings each month, with opportunities for public comment and questions, and a Town Housing Forum was held in May, with input from community members beyond the steering committee. Another Town Forum was held in October to fine-tune the latest draft, and final adoption is anticipated before the end of 2021. This five-year plan is advisory in nature, and in synch with the 2020 ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development. The hard work of implementing any of its suggestions will be up to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission, with additional roles proposed for various town commissions and private non-profits like CHC.

Historically, Cornwall has been blessed by overwhelming support for the concept that affordable housing is an asset to the community rather than an invitation to municipal meltdown. Other towns in the region have seen vituperative opposition with an admixture of pure silliness, so the undersigned hope that the citizens of Cornwall will continue to inform themselves and consider all propositions thoughtfully and without rancor. One source of information we can proudly promote is our own vastly improved website, recently resuscitated by Rocco Botto: cornwallhousingcorporation.com.

Ginni Block  Will Calhoun  Hugh Cheney  Margaret Cooley
Bill Fairbairn  Beth Frost  Paul Prindle  Kate Ward  Wayde Wolfe
THE CORNWALL LIBRARY

Annual Report July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Our community, town institutions, and the Library experienced the ups and downs of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Library reopened on July 1, 2020, with plans certified by the State and approved by the Board of Trustees. Increasing Covid infections forced the Library to close again from November 2020 until May 2021. As a result, book circulation was less than half the usual circulation but visits to the website doubled. Curbside service was provided throughout and printing, copying, and scanning services remained invaluable to the community working or studying from home.

To engage the community while at home, the Library hosted an intensive program of Zoom and in-person events. Events and activities included talks by authors, literary series, children’s readings, events and talks of local interest, films, discussions, art shows, book sales, and children’s craft kits. The Books & Blooms fundraising event returned in June 2021. Many of these events were recorded and can be found on the website in the program and video archives section.

- **Seven author talks**: Roxana Robinson, Honor Moore, Peter Del Tredici, Page Dickey, Elizabeth Kolbert, Janice Nimura, Simon Winchester
- **Five panel discussions**: Elizabeth Ridgway, Diane Beebe, Gordon Ridgway; Susan Klaw, Roxy Hurlburt, Lucie Jadowski, Dean Saccardi, Isabel Algrant; Jahana Hayes, Ingrid Gould Ellen, Mary Gates, Richard Schlesinger; Jane Bevans, Ed Greene, Frederic Jenny; Dave Moran, Audra Leach, Bill Hurlburt, Peter Del Tredici
- **Fourteen presentations, talks and conversations**: Ted Perotti, Peter Vermilyea, Mary Kay Ravenola, Gordon Ridgeway, Bill Bakaitis, Sally Cook, Hugh Cheeney, Bosco Schell & Page Dickey, Heather Dinneen & John Simoncelli, Bethany Scheffer, Bernard Lafayette, Tom Wessels, Larry Master
- **Three literary series**: Mark Scarbrough (two series – Wallace Stevens and Emily Dickinson), Roxana Robinson (Tolstoy’s Anna Karenina)
THE CORNWALL LIBRARY

- **Four fundraising events**: Screening of *The Music of Regret* (Laurie Simmons and Lena Dunham), *How to Act Like a Human* (Annie Dorsen); *At Home with Bunny Williams* (Bunny Williams and Roxana Robinson); *Books & Blooms* (George Schoellkopf, John & Juliet Hubbard, Bart & Debby Jones, Roxana Laughlin, Michael Trapp)
- **Two annual events**: *Cornwall reads Cornwall* (Ted Schillinger, Kurt Andersen, Anne Kreamer, Blair Brown, Roxana Robinson), Boxing Day Reading (Tom Walker)
- **Three art exhibits**: Lazlo Gyorsok; Robert Andrew Parker; three town potters – Jane Herold, Sanah Petersen, Todd Piker
- **Four children’s activities**: Eileen Gargan (4-week series reading aloud for children); craft kits – summer, halloween, end of year holidays


![The Cornwall Library
BY THE NUMBERS](image)

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

Once considered safe, the Library embarked on construction of the new Marc & Bee Simont Room for community use, upgraded Library computer equipment and acquired new displays and furnishings using funds donated from the 150th Anniversary Appeal. Two part-time staff were hired to support the use of a new database to improve interactions with patrons and community.

The Town Grant, the Annual Appeal, a special Covid appeal, Books and Blooms, and contributions in support of program events were significant expressions of community support this year. Memorial gifts were provided in the names of Janet Gold, Ruth Frost, Alec Frost, Joan Edler and Jay McDonough.

The Library benefited from a special grant for libraries from the State of Connecticut, the PPP (paycheck protection program) grant, as well as a grant from the Cornwall Village Improvement Society. The fiscal year ended with a surplus of $48,500. Of this amount, $36,000 was due to the Covid appeal and the grants available because of the pandemic.
THE CORNWALL LIBRARY

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**Library Board 2020-2021:** Simon Hewett, President; Edward Greene, Vice-President; Karen Beattie, Treasurer; Carla Herman, Secretary; Arleen Barrett, Blake Beatty, Gillian Blake, Anne Coffin, Eileen Gargan, Rebecca Hurlburt, Susan Klaw, Robinson Lacy, Jamiee Marano, Duncan McLellan, Hamilton Robinson Jr.

**Library Staff & Administration Service:** Margaret Haske, Director; Lynn Curtis, Sunday Librarian; Library Assistants: Raymonde Burke, MaryAnn Fox, Sari Goodfriend, Ben Lesch, Bronwyn O'Shaughnessy; Stacey Marcin, Bookkeeper; Cara Welgold, Webmistress and Design.

**Friends of the Library:** Honora Horan, Chair; Raymonde Burke, Co-chair; Jane Bean, Jane Bevans, Terry Burke, Barbara Ellis, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Ellen Geisser, Sandy Fiebelkorn, John Miller, Priscilla Pavel, Franny Taliaferro, Jane Worthington-Roth.

**Volunteers:** Margaret Bardot, Tricia Collins, Casey Cooke, Margaret Cooley, Julie Devlin, Jane Garmey, Art Gingert, Ann Gold, Paul Gottsegen, Richard Griggs, Marjorie Hewett, Kathy Martin-Ocain, Ginny Potter, Roxana Robinson, Jane Worthington-Roth, Jerry Roth, Marnell Stover, Janet Walker.

Leaf underwater
For 30 years, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) has proudly served the Northwest Corner as the only mental health agency providing FREE clinical services to children ages 3-21 and their families in the Region One community.

HYSB is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves the towns of North Canaan, Canaan, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Cornwall, and Kent. Our licensed clinicians provide a variety of free services that promote the overall health and wellbeing of children and their families and impact the lives of thousands living in our community.

Fall 2020 was full of new experiences for students and families returning to school and activities after the COVID-19 pandemic lock down and adjusting back into a routine. These adjustments were hard for many students and their families after such an extended period of isolation and remote learning. HYSB worked with 97 students in the region, 8 of whom resided in Cornwall.

As a result of COVID-19, HYSB experienced a three-fold increase in client referrals and demand for services in the spring of 2021 across Region One. We are thankful to have been able to return to in-person services while still offering tele-health options for clients who are sick or require a virtual option due to transportation limitations, schedules, etc. Unfortunately to accommodate the increase in cases, HYSB has temporarily halted our group programs and enrichment opportunities to prioritize clinical cases. We are working diligently to secure additional funding to relaunch those additional programs as they too play a valuable role in our overall service plan for ongoing support as well as prevention work.

Providing critical services during major transition years for children throughout their education and mental health development; HYSB worked with clients ranging from the Kindergarten to 12th grade of which the eighth grade had the largest demand across Region One making up 33.3% of our total client base. We delivered 49 hours of clinical services to this group.

HYSB clinicians provided one-one no-cost services to students in their homes and at school dealing with concerns relating to “non-school related issues”—which represented 83.3% of all referral causes—and “parenting/family issues”. On a referral basis, 66.6% of referrals came from parents/guardians, 33% from the schools.
Our custom group programming is based on the unique needs within each community and designed to provide a safe environment where children can connect with their peers and HYSB social workers to discuss sensitive topics and share strategies for overcoming adversity and learning when and how to engage with other adults and authorities.

Your support makes it possible for HYSB to make a difference in the lives of thousands within our community. HYSB staff works tirelessly to address the concerns of children and their families and provide high-level free clinical services.

Through the support of the Town of Cornwall and generous donors across Region One, HYSB is able to continue to offer our free services, such as mental health counseling, community outreach, youth empowerment and summer internship programs as well as case management services, referral services, and other services for the children and families in the town of Cornwall. We are incredibly grateful for your continued financial support and look forward to continuing our work together for the children and families of the town of Cornwall.

Sincerely,

Kelly Parker
Executive Director
Chore Service – Cornwall Town Report 2021

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

From July, 2020 through June, 2021, The Chore Service provided services to 9 Cornwall residents. These 9 clients received help with cleaning, errands, and yard work so that they could continue to remain safely in their homes. Three Chore employees who live in Cornwall earned over $2,700 last year. Our federal grant monies that subsidizes services for those age 60 and over is always depleted before the year ends, so we are delighted that the Town of Cornwall continues to contribute to these services.

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

“My worker is a good worker and is very reliable.”

“I would be lost without Chore Service.”

“Chore Service is a terrific institution! Thank you.”

“Chore has been a great help! Thank you!”

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

Thank you!

Jane MacLaren
Executive Director

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As Women’s Support Services celebrated our 40th Anniversary this September, we had much on which to reflect. From a grassroots, volunteer effort in 1981 with a budget of $15,380 to a full-time staff of 10 members and a budget in excess of $1 million, there have been a lot of changes along the way. This past year, we grappled with COVID-19 and its affects on our community. Some of our significant activities included:

- **Office closure and remote working** – our partnerships with healthcare providers, Troop ‘B’, and Town Social Workers proved critical to accessing clients who were more reluctant to reach out for help.
- **Cancellation of our major fundraising event** – Trade Secrets provides a significant source of income for WSS but our donors stepped up and helped through this period of uncertainty.
- **Creating a safe work environment** – from automatic lights and soap dispensers, to new office protocols to the reconstruction of our main room to create a ‘socially distant’ counseling space, many changes were required to bring staff back into the office.
- **From Zoom to classroom** – prevention education programming continued for our area middle schools and high school online last year. This pivot required significant curriculum revision and adaptation, but has served us well, as we now have an extra resource to draw upon to support students and families. This fall, prevention education returned to the classrooms in person.
- **Back on track** – with the recruitment of five new board members this summer, WSS is up to a Board of Directors with 17 members. To further our strategic plan created in 2019, the Board has established new committees and hit the ground running. We hold 9 Board meetings annually and most committees meet a similar amount.
- **Shelter expansion** – the long-term impact of COVID-19 is revealed in our drastically increased shelter provision – a nearly 350% increase over last year. WSS has developed new partnerships and options to safely house clients and help them as they move on to longer-term, stable housing.

As we reflect upon the past forty years, a critical element to our ability to reach clients, educate children and teens, and create a healthier community, has been our partnerships and the overwhelming support we have received from the community and from our volunteers. The past 18 months has been a testament to that support, as we have grappled with COVID-19 and its immediate impact. It was our partnerships – with town social workers, the state police, area healthcare professionals and the schools, volunteers and donors, who ensured client support and safety and delivered much-needed encouragement to our team. **Thank you to the Town of Cornwall for your grant of $1,500 and for being such an important partner during this difficult time.**
From 01 July 2020 through 30 June 2021, Women's Support Services:

- Provided support services to 677 clients, 369 of whom were new clients.
- The composition of our new clients includes:
  - 344 adults and 25 children
  - 269 female, 98 male, 2 who identified as Other
- Responded to 1234 hotline crisis requests.
- Provided emergency shelter to 32 people for a total of 2841 nights of shelter. This included 7 women, 1 man, and 16 children.
- Provided criminal and civil court advocacy and support to 544 victims of family violence.
- Conducted 139 prevention workshops to children and teens in local schools.

In closing, we would like to share a quote with you. Our Family Violence Victim Advocate works at the GA 18 Torrington Superior Court where she ensures victim input to both the criminal and civil court processes. The quote below is taken from the victim impact statement that one of our clients read in court during the proceedings against her abusive boyfriend. It speaks to the resiliency and strength of our clients and the importance of our programming. It also reveals how the necessity of court closures at the height of COVID-19 meant that victims of domestic violence shouldered extraordinary burdens as their cases were delayed, often for months and months, and they were forced to face their abusers in court multiple times.

"Your honor, I have found a strength and courage these past two years I never knew I had. I will continue to use my voice to help advocate for other women who are domestic violence survivors and hold my abuser accountable. This is my third appearance in court to ask that my abuser be held accountable. I'd like to share a quote from an Advocate for victims, "...a survivor shouldn't have to prove how harmed they are to prove the danger of the perpetrator's actions. The heinous acts of the abuser should stand alone, and it shouldn't be on the back of the survivor to prosecute their abuser." The abuse should not define the survivor – it should define the perpetrator."
TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

JUNE 30, 2021

As management of the Town of Cornwall (the “Town”), we offer readers of the Town’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Cornwall exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by $11,143,143 (net position). Of this amount, $4,321,419 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Restricted Net Position is $73,510, which is comprised of $53,793 for the Cornwall Endowment Fund, $16,251 for Open Space and $3,466 for the Special Revenue Fund. The remainder of its net position is invested in capital assets.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Cornwall’s governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $4,055,243, an increase of $421,295 in comparison with the prior year. Of this amount, $2,428,712 is available for spending at the government’s discretion and called the Unassigned fund balance. The Assigned portion is $695,180, the Committed portion is $773,216, the Restricted portion is $19,717 and the Nonspendable portion is $138,418. See page 36 of the audit report for details.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance for the General Fund was $3,065,468, of which $288,110 has been assigned for the subsequent year’s budget and $261,478 has been assigned for other purposes leaving an unassigned fund balance for the General Fund of $2,431,255 or 33.3% percent of total General Fund expenditures for 2022.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Town’s assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

The Town maintains nine (9) individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund. The Town also reports the Capital Projects Fund and the Town Special Grant Fund as major funds.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-15 of the audit report.
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-38 of the audit report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. In the case of the Town, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities by $11,143,143 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

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<th>Net Position</th>
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<td>Current and other assets</td>
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<td>Long-term liabilities outstanding</td>
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<td>Net Position</td>
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<td>Net investment in capital assets</td>
<td>6,748,214</td>
<td>6,486,993</td>
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<td>Restricted</td>
<td>73,510</td>
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<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>4,321,419</td>
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<td>Total net position</td>
<td>$ 11,143,143</td>
<td>$ 10,491,361</td>
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The restricted portion of the Town’s Net Position represents net position restricted for capital projects and other purposes. The balance of Unrestricted Net Position $4,321,419 may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report that all categories of net position increased by $651,782 during this fiscal year. This increase is primarily attributable to principal pay down of bonded debt and the excess of depreciation over additions to capital assets.
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

Changes in Net Position

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<td>Property taxes</td>
<td>$6,688,835</td>
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<td>Unrestricted investment income</td>
<td>17,800</td>
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<td>Grants and contributions</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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<td><strong>Program revenues:</strong></td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
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<td>Operating grants and contributions</td>
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<td>Capital grants</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues</strong></td>
<td>8,215,254</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses:</strong></td>
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<td>Sanitation</td>
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<td>Health and welfare</td>
<td>154,371</td>
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<td>75,420</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>4,702,052</td>
<td>4,664,690</td>
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<td>Debt service</td>
<td>42,769</td>
<td>46,915</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>153,738</td>
<td>155,856</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>7,563,472</td>
<td>7,248,669</td>
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<td><strong>Change in net position</strong></td>
<td>651,782</td>
<td>636,599</td>
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<td><strong>Beginning net position</strong></td>
<td>10,491,361</td>
<td>9,854,762</td>
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<td><strong>Ending net position</strong></td>
<td>$11,143,143</td>
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Governmental activities increased the Town of Cornwall’s net position by $651,782.

Key elements of the activities are as follows: 81.4% of the revenues of the Town were derived from property taxes, followed by 12.6% from Operating grants and contributions, 2.5% from charges for services, and 1.9% from investment income, grants and other revenues and 1.6% from Capital grants.
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut  
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

Major revenue factors included increases in charges for services, Operating grants and contributions, Capital grants and other income partially offset by decreases in investment income and general grants. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the tax collection rate increased .24% from the prior fiscal year.

For Governmental Activities, 63.5% of the Town’s expenses relate to education and repayment of long-term debt for school construction, 11.3% relates to highways and public works, 9.6% relates to public safety and health and welfare, and the remaining 15.7% relates to government, community services, administration and other areas.

For the most part, major expense factors for the General Fund remained consistent as compared to the prior year. However, some variations in departmental expenditures over the prior year are a reflection of the Covid-19 pandemic. Departments with Covid-19 pandemic variances are Finance, Park and Recreation, Social Services and Sanitation and Recycling. Major capital expenditures include DWP equipment, continuing upgrades to bridges and town buildings and upgrades to flooring, doors and electrical work at Cornwall Consolidated School.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town’s governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $4,055,243 an increase of $421,295. Sixty Percent of this total amount constitutes Unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government’s discretion.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance of the General Fund totaled $3,065,468, an increase of $379,119 over the previous year of which $288,110 was assigned for the subsequent year’s budget and $261,478 was assigned for other purposes.

As a measure of the General Fund’s liquidity, it may be useful to compare both Unassigned Fund Balance and total Fund Balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned Fund Balance represents 33.3% of total General Fund expenditures budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Town ended the year with a $379,119 budget surplus. The revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by $443,406. This is principally related to favorable variances in fees collected by the Town Clerk, as well as property taxes, delinquent taxes and interest and fees collected by the Tax Collector. Interest on investment income was 79.2% lower than budgeted amounts. Overall, the Town’s expenditures were $35,713 less than budgeted amounts principally attributable to the reduced ability to provide direct services due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as conservative expense budgeting.

It is important to note that the State of Connecticut entered into an Emergency Declaration in early March of 2020 and access to the Cornwall Municipal offices was restricted to the public on March 17th 2020. The restricted access was lifted in the spring of 2021 and offices remained open to the public for the balance of the fiscal year.

Although $50,325 of fund balance was anticipated to be needed to balance the budget, none was used.
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The Town’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2021 amounts to $8,191,911 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land and buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year include structural mortar repairs and replacement of the cable guide rail systems on both the Ford Hill bridge #05189 and the Cogswell bridge # 31008. The Department of Public works replaced one large vehicle in the fleet and a new roof was put on the salt shed. Additionally, a 1,000-gal propane tank was installed to provide heating fuel to town offices.

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<th>Capital Assets at Year-End (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)</th>
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<td>Land and infrastructure</td>
<td>$ 2,463,528</td>
<td>$ 2,412,138</td>
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<td>Buildings and improvements</td>
<td>4,286,866</td>
<td>4,427,957</td>
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<td>Machinery and equipment</td>
<td>1,441,517</td>
<td>1,411,792</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total (net of accumulated depreciation)</td>
<td>$ 8,191,911</td>
<td>$ 8,251,887</td>
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Additional information on the Town’s capital assets can be found in Note 4 on page 26 of the audit report.

Long-Term Obligations

The Town has the following obligations:

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<th>Outstanding Obligations at Year-End</th>
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<td>General obligation bonds</td>
<td>$ 1,427,480</td>
<td>$ 1,746,642</td>
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<td>Landfill closure</td>
<td>32,466</td>
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<td>$ 1,459,946</td>
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Additional information on the Town’s long-term debt can be found in Note 8 on pages 34-35 of the audit report.

OOPS.....
Town of Cornwall, Connecticut
Management’s Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET AND RATES

While there were no changes to the budget preparation process due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were several changes to the budget approval process. In continuum, all meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing including the annual Public Hearing to present the proposed budgets. The budget referendum was held via Zoom as well which was in contrast to the prior year where the Board of Finance operated under an executive order from the Governor and approved the budgets and mil rate without holding a budget referendum. The Board of Finance anticipates that the budget approval process will revert to prior practices when all of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The Town’s elected officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2022 budget and property tax rates.

- Undesignated fund balance and keeping the Mil rate flat to provide stability to the taxpayers.
- Cyber Security insurance coverage.
- Covid Relief funding and ARPA funding.
- Financial needs of Cornwall business that provide direct services.
- Increased Costs at the Transfer Station.
- Changing enrollment at Cornwall Consolidated School due to the permanent status of previously part-time residents and new families settling in Cornwall.
- CVFD Service incentive and increasing the annual contribution.
- Future funding for the potential of a wastewater treatment facility in West Cornwall.

These factors were considered in preparing the Town of Cornwall’s budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

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

TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

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TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

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<th>General Fund</th>
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<th>Town Special Grant Fund</th>
<th>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</th>
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<td><strong>Revenues:</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Property taxes</td>
<td>$ 6,719,569</td>
<td>$ 767</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$ 6,719,569 $ 6,528,595</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>21,578</td>
<td>767</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>12,334</td>
<td>34,679 73,383</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fees and charges</td>
<td>201,777</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>4,390</td>
<td>206,167 157,455</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental revenues</td>
<td>912,980</td>
<td>102,079</td>
<td>56,149</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,071,208 800,392</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,110</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>131,843</td>
<td>132,953 180,307</td>
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<td>Other revenues</td>
<td>81,412</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>81,412 47,870</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues</strong></td>
<td>7,937,316</td>
<td>103,956</td>
<td>56,149</td>
<td>148,567</td>
<td>8,245,988 7,788,202</td>
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| **Expenditures:**                 |              |                       |                         |                            |                    |
| Current:                          |              |                       |                         |                            |                    |
| General government                | 883,496      | 35,662                | 23,652                  | 11,761                     | 954,571 888,788    |
| Public safety                     | 148,102      | -                     | -                       | -                          | 148,102 163,600    |
| Highways                          | 511,269      | -                     | -                       | -                          | 511,269 504,648    |
| Sanitation                        | 192,730      | -                     | -                       | -                          | 192,730 164,012    |
| Health and welfare                | 53,763       | -                     | -                       | 100,608                    | 154,371 154,363    |
| Recreation                        | 75,420       | -                     | -                       | -                          | 75,420 74,976      |
| Education                         | 4,476,827    | 26,612                | 32,497                  | 5,956                      | 4,541,892 4,513,560 |
| Other                             | 153,738      | -                     | -                       | -                          | 153,738 155,856    |
| Debt Service:                     |              |                       |                         |                            |                    |
| Principal and interest            | 352,352      | -                     | -                       | -                          | 352,352 354,215    |
| Capital outlay                    | -            | 740,248               | -                       | -                          | 740,248 704,640    |
| **Total expenditures**            | 6,847,697    | 802,522               | 56,149                  | 118,325                    | 7,824,693 7,678,658 |

**Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures**: 1,089,619  (698,566)  -  30,242  421,295  109,544

**Other Financing Sources (Uses):**

| Source/Use                        |                  |                      |                          |                            |                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|                            |                    |
| Transfers in                      | -                | 697,000              | -                        | 13,500                     | 710,500 681,154    |
| Transfers out                     | (710,500)        |                      |                          |                            | (710,500) (681,154) |
| Net change in fund balances       | 379,119          | (1,566)              | -                        | 43,742                      | 421,295 109,544    |

**Fund balances, beginning of year**: 2,686,349  671,152  -  276,447  3,633,948  3,524,404

**Fund balances, end of year**:  $ 3,065,368  $ 669,586  $  -  $ 320,189  $ 4,055,243  $ 3,633,948

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.
PLEASE ABIDE BY THE 5 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ENTERING & EXITING FACILITY.

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

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

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Fee</th>
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<td>Appliances with CFC &amp; HCFC gases</td>
<td>$13.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard Pick-Up Truck-load</td>
<td>$50.00 (pro-rated for partial loads)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto batteries</td>
<td>$5.00 and up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automobile tires</td>
<td>$4.00 each</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Light truck tires up to size 825/20</td>
<td>$5.00 each</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tires on rims add</td>
<td>$1.00 each</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shingles</td>
<td>$60.00 and up</td>
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BULKY WASTE: Pay as you dump. THE TRANSFER STATION WILL ACCEPT (not on Sundays), "BULKY WASTE" UP TO 2.5 YARDS (a standard pickup load) PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. ONLY NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CAN BE DUMPED. THIS INCLUDES WOOD, FURNITURE, ETC. WASTE MUST BE IN SIZE AND SHAPE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR.

DEMOLITION MATERIALS: Not accepted on Sundays

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Acceptance</th>
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<td>Accepted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</td>
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Limit one load per month per residence.
Lumber must not be longer than 4’ in length.
For major amounts the rental of a dumpster is necessary.
Shingles/ Sheetrock/Carpet: Make arrangements at Transfer Station prior to disposal. Check with attendant for rate information.

SCRAP METAL: Accepted - See attendant before unloading.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Cornwall’s trash is hauled to Hartford to be burned in the CRRA Mid-Connecticut Project waste-to-energy facility. This facility generates electricity to power about 45,000 homes and sells that electricity into the power grid. The by-products of this process – ash and non-processable waste – end up in modern lined landfills, but trash-to-energy reduces by 90% the volume of material going into landfills. While Cornwall pays $60.50 per ton (in FY 2011) to bring trash to the trash-to-energy plant, it pays nothing to bring its recyclables to CRRA’s recycling facility. In fact, CRRA pays Cornwall for its recyclables. RECYCLE! Save Cornwall’s money!
CORNWALL TRANSFER STATION  
24 Furnace Brook Road (Route 4) - 860-672-4079

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

We can only accept garbage and trash generated IN THE TOWN OF CORNWALL  
you must have a Transfer Sticker ~ you can obtain a Transfer Sticker from Transfer Station attendants.

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

PLACE IN SEPARATE CONTAINERS

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Loose &amp; rinsed</th>
<th>Bundled in brown bags or tied</th>
<th>Loose</th>
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<tr>
<td>in shed in container to the left</td>
<td>outside shed in container to left</td>
<td>in shed in container to right</td>
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<tr>
<td>milk cartons</td>
<td>newspapers</td>
<td>office paper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>juice boxes (aseptic)</td>
<td>magazines</td>
<td>junk paper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>metal cans</td>
<td>catalogs</td>
<td>cereal boxes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>clean aluminum foil</td>
<td>corrugated cardboard - 3’x3’ &amp; smaller</td>
<td>shoebox cardboard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>glass jars (w/no lids)</td>
<td>(no waxed cardboard)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wax milk containers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>juice box containers (aseptic)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plastic #1 through #7 (no bigger than three-gallon size)</td>
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cannot accept: as recyclables: (to be disposed of as household waste)  
Unmarked plastic  
Lids, caps or screw tops  
Styrofoam (excepting “peanuts”)

Please rinse all containers for the attendant’s safety.  
Cardboard bigger than 3’ x 3’ is to be flattened and kept separate to be baled.

-- No Bulky Waste on Sundays

1. METAL other than cans goes into the metal bin if space is available.
2. PAINT in original container with lid and label.
3. BULKY WASTE accepted only when space available - call first! 860-672-4079  Fees apply. Pay as you dump.
4. All wood, plywood, pressboard goes into bulky waste. Fees apply. Pay as you dump.
5. Bulky waste, woods, metal: Please reduce, cut and compact prior to dumping.

MISCELLANEOUS: Check with attendant. We accept for recycling and/or redistribution:  
Fluorescent light bulbs: compact and tube variety  
Rechargeable batteries: Nickel Cadmium (NiCad) Lithium Ion (Li-ion), small sealed lead (Pb) and Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) rechargeable batteries  
Polystyrene peanuts (the packing kind)  
Clean, used clothing in good condition can be placed in the large bin outside the gate  
Waste oil and motor oil  
Plastic Flower pots  
Printer cartridges  
Electronics  
Paper egg cartons  
Redeemable glass and plastic bottles  
Antifreeze  
Books  
Eye Glasses  
Smoke Detectors  
Black Plastic  
Retired Flags

*** RECYCLABLES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ***