



# 2009-2010

## ANNUAL REPORT



*Josephine (Jo) Bombaci*

## Dedication

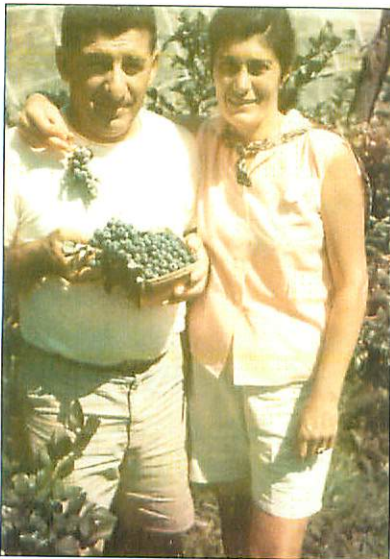
### Josephine (Jo) Bombaci

Josephine Bombaci was born and raised in Danbury, Connecticut. After graduating from Danbury High School, she attended Danbury Teachers College for two years until age eighteen, when she became of age to enter and graduate from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1942.

At graduation she met her husband to be. Her life in Essex began in 1946 when she married Sam



1944: Sam Bombaci proposes to Josephine Orlando



1965: Jo and Sam with their young blueberry bushes

(Santo) Bombaci and moved into an old home, in need of much repair, on Bokum Road. After working as a private duty nurse for about five years they started a family and raised three sons—John, Wayne and Mark. She would spend the next sixty-four years in that antique house she loved

so much. There she, Sam and the boys would spend many years tending to and harvesting the cultivated blueberries Sam loved to raise.

Outside of home, Jo's passion included involvement with the community, her church and local politics. She was involved with the Essex PTA and participated in fact finding committees on elementary school regionalization and affordable housing. For many years she volunteered every time the American Red Cross was sponsoring a

*Cover photograph—2005: Josephine at her grandson, Anthony's, Air Force Commissioning.*

Blood Drive in Essex. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrow's Church where she was a founding member of the Catholic Women's Group in 1954. Her membership in the Essex Democratic Committee spanned over four decades.

A woman known for her advocacy for "doing what's best for Essex", she stayed involved in Essex town activities and politics until the day she died. Not one to sit back and observe—she got involved. It was her involvement and contributions to Essex that will be most remembered. Her goal was to help Essex retain the charm, beauty and small town atmosphere she loved so much.



1942: Josephine Graduates from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing

She was opinionated and not afraid to speak out. She sat in on numerous committees, boards and commissions over the years and would never miss a town meeting.

Her vigilant watch over Essex will be missed, but hopefully her impact has been felt and will be lasting.



September 2010: Jo Bombaci at a campaign strategy session with her son Mark, Lee Rowley, Lois Ely and Anthony Chirico

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## Essex At A Glance

**Town Hall**  
**29 West Avenue**  
**Essex, CT 06426**  
[www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov)



**Middlesex County**  
**2nd Congressional District**  
**33rd Senatorial District**  
**36th Assembly District**

### Hours of Operation:

#### Town Hall

Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

#### Probate Court

Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

#### Landfill & Recycling Center

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7 am to 3 pm



### For Your Information:

**Ambulance Association** .....767-1730

**American Red Cross** .....347-2577

**Animal Control** .....767-3219

**Connecticut River Estuary  
 Regional Planning Agency** .....388-3497

#### Education:

Essex Elementary School .....767-8215

John Winthrop Junior High.....526-9546

Valley Regional High School .....526-5328

Region 4 Central Office .....526-2417

**Estuary Council of Seniors** .....388-1611

#### Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Hazardous Waste & Consumer Electronics  
 Collection, for more information and dates, call  
 388-3497 (Connecticut River Estuary Regional  
 Planning Agency) or [www.essexct.gov/  
 departments/waste.html](http://www.essexct.gov/departments/waste.html)  
 or [www.crerpa.org](http://www.crerpa.org)

**Landfill & Recycling Center**.....767-1926

#### Libraries:

Essex.....767-1560

Ivoryton .....767-1252

**Police Services**.....767-1054

#### Post Offices:

Centerbrook .....767-8730

Essex.....767-8476

Ivoryton .....767-8515

**Public Works** .....767-0715

#### Town Hall

Telephone .....767-4340

General Fax .....767-8509

**Visiting Nurses, Lower Valley** .....767-0186

*A complete by department phone  
 number and email directory for  
 Town Government is  
 printed on page 39.*

## History of Essex

The Town of Essex has a rich background, dating from the mid-17th century. Lt. William Pratt, William Hyde and John Lay were the three original settlers of Potapoug Point, an area that approximately encompassed current Essex Village. Most of Essex (as well as Deep River and Chester) was initially known as the Potapoug Quarter of the Saybrook Colony. In 1852, Essex became a separate town, although combined with current Old Saybrook. Indeed, it was called Old Saybrook from 1852 to 1854, when on May 9th of that year the State Legislature voted to further divide the town, establishing the towns of Essex and Old Saybrook. In 1859, the Centerbrook (Ivoryton) section of Saybrook was added to Essex. The initial gristmill dam in town was built at the mouth of the Falls River by Samuel Hough in 1689 and was followed 10 years later by another dam in Centerbrook, at the point of the greatest "drop" in that stream. This dam powered not only a gristmill, but also a saw mill and an iron works. This established Center Saybrooke (Centerbrook) as the focal point of the three-town area. The emphasis was on agriculture and the rich soil of the "Scotch Plains" (along Route #153) fit perfectly. In 1722, the Colonial Court allowed the creation of the 2nd Ecclesiastical Society, in effect formally establishing Essex as a town. The Congregational Church in Centerbrook, built in 1790, is the oldest standing church in Middlesex County and a visual reminder of the founding of our town.

The Essex Village section of town grew in importance with the advent of shipping and shipbuilding. Although a wharf had been in operation at the riverfront as early as 1664, it was not until the latter part of the 18th century that Essex emerged as a place of maritime significance. The construction in 1775/1776 of the "Oliver Cromwell," Connecticut's first "battleship," by Captain Uriah Hayden set the tone for future events. Between the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, more than 600 wooden sailing vessels were built in Essex (including Deep River Village). The British raid on the harbor on April 8, 1814, is testament to the maritime importance of our area. They destroyed 28 vessels, including five built as privateers. It was one of the worst defeats the American side suffered during the War of 1812. The coming of the

steamboats locally in 1823, when they first stopped in town, may have initially seemed a blessing, but in the long run the steamship symbolized a great change in ship construction and the way people traveled.

The handmade wooden sailing ships were victims to the progress of the Industrial Revolution and the village of Ivoryton became the economic center of Essex. Samuel M. Comstock firmly established the ivory industry in that section of town and by 1862, in partnership with George A. Cheney, had formed Comstock, Cheney & Co. This factory dominated local life for almost 100 years, manufacturing piano actions and keyboards, as well as other ivory artifacts. Ivoryton was not named as such until the 1880s, having been known as West Centerbrook up to that time. During World War II, this company (then called Pratt, Read & Co.) employed thousands, producing gliders for the U.S. Government. Since that time, Essex has changed dramatically. The advent of the interstate highway system and the growth of pleasure boating have made Essex a destination point, both for travel and residency. The large factories are gone and shipbuilding is only a note in the history books, but the town has taken on a new focus. It is largely residential and many retail operations have opened in Centerbrook, where the center of town was 300 years ago. Essex carries its past very well. Many old houses have been restored; the old roads are still intact and most importantly, the residents are aware and respectful of what Essex once was. It is a town of three villages, of which we can be both currently and historically proud.

\*Don Malcarne

*\*Don Malcarne was Town Historian until his passing in 2010.*

**Elected Officials****Town of Essex****BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Philip J. Miller, First Selectman  
 Norman M. Needleman, Selectman  
 Joel B. Marzi, Selectman

**TOWN CLERK**

Frances D. Nolin

**TREASURER**

Robert B. Dixon

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Megan D. Haskins

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

James D. Francis, Chairman  
 Keith M. Crehan  
 W. Campbell Hudson  
 Lee A. Rowley  
 Frederick M. Vollono  
 Jeffrey D. Woods

**BOARD OF EDUCATION—  
ESSEX ELEMENTARY**

Lon J. Seidman, Chairman  
 Jeffrey E. Burzin  
 Matthew P. Cooper  
 Don G. Fitton, Jr.  
 Suzanne F. Helchowski  
 Mark P. Watson

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

Anne J. Dougherty, Chairman  
 Richard Helmecki  
 Coral L. Rawn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION—REGION #4**

Mary Beth Harrigan  
 Christopher D. Riley  
 Jennifer A. Clark

**JUDGE OF PROBATE**

Deborah M. Pearl

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Lois Ely  
 John Heiser

**State of Connecticut****GOVERNOR**

M. Jodi Rell

**LT. GOVERNOR**

Michael Fedele

**STATE COMPTROLLER**

Nancy Wyman

**STATE TREASURER**

Denise Nappier

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Richard Blumenthal

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Susan Bysiewicz

**SENATOR 33RD DISTRICT**

Eileen M. Daily

**REPRESENTATIVE 36TH DISTRICT**

James Spallone

**Federal****PRESIDENT**

Barack Obama

**UNITED STATES SENATE**

Christopher J. Dodd  
 Joseph I. Lieberman

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

Joseph D. Courtney

## Town Officials and Services

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Joseph Heller

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Jessica Sypher, Assessor  
Nancy Berryman, Administrative Assistant

### AUDITORS

Carlin, Charron & Rosen LLP, Glastonbury

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Keith Nolin, Building Official

### CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT

Jerry Roberts

### COMCAST CABLE T.V. ADVISORY BOARD

Richard Stebbins

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathleen Tucker, Chairman  
Pamela Bernardini  
Douglas Demarest  
Richard Helmecki  
Gudrun Lelash  
Jeffrey Lovelace  
Maryann Pleva

### CONNECTICUT RIVER ESTUARY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Robert Laundry

### CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Anthony Chirico  
Ellen Whaley Wexler, alternate

### CONSULTING ENGINEER

Robert Doane, Jr.  
Doane-Collins Engineering Associates, LLC

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Lee Thompson, Chairman  
John Beveridge  
William Foster  
Alan Kerr, Planning Representative  
Lon Seidman  
Mark Uihlein  
David Winstead

### EDUCATION

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 ADMINISTRATION

Ruth Levy, Superintendent of Schools  
Ian Neviasser, Assistant Superintendent Tracy  
Johnston, Director of Pupil Services  
Garth Sawyer, Business Manager  
Pam Murphy, Director of Technology

#### ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanne D. Beekley, Ed.D., Principal  
Deborah O'Donnell, Assistant Principal

#### JOHN WINTHROP JR. HIGH SCHOOL

David Russell, Principal  
Peter Foxen, Associate Principal

#### VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Kristina Martineau, Acting Principal

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William Buckridge

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Judith Reynolds

### ESSEX AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Judith Reynolds

### ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

Stanley Sheppard, Chairman  
Richard Godwin  
Michael Hammond  
Joel Marzi  
Leonard Wyeth

### ESSEX FIRE ENGINE COMPANY #1

Paul Fazzino, Chief

### ESSEX HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mary E. Stebbins, Chairman  
Janice M. Atkeson  
Dawn Boulanger  
David C. Gephard  
Rosemary A. Willis

### FIRE MARSHAL

Keith Nolin, Fire Marshal

## ***Town Officials and Services***

### **HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Jeffrey Going, Chairman  
 Walter Schieferdecker  
 John Senning  
 Walter Wiegert  
 Joseph Zaraschi  
 Mark Faulstick, alternate  
 Earl Fowler, alternate

### **HARBOR MASTER**

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Cheryl Haase, Environmental Assistant

### **HEALTH DIRECTOR**

William McCann, M.D. MPH

### **INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

Daniel Lapman, Chairman  
 Nancy Arnold  
 Charles Corson  
 Gudrun Lelash, Conservation  
 Claire Tiernan, Planning  
 Larry Shipman, Zoning  
 Barbara Zernicke  
 Stephen Knauth, alternate  
 Fred Szufnarowski, alternate

### **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

Susan W. Beckman ..... 767-9755  
 Matthew P. Cooper..... 767-8462  
 Ann S. Dixon..... 767-1339  
 Charles N. Doane, III ..... 767-1562  
 Paul B. Dubey..... 767-1833  
 Linda K. Dwyer ..... 767-8381  
 Lynn C. Faulstick..... 767-0777  
 Earl Fowler ..... 767-2764  
 David W. Galligan..... 767-1860  
 Bruce M. Glowac..... 767-0650  
 Jean R. Hanor ..... 767-1962  
 Donna M. Hyde ..... 767-0061  
 Shelley H. Mack..... 767-7812  
 Philip J. Miller..... 767-7837  
 Norman M. Needleman..... 767-9176  
 Alison J. Nichols ..... 767-1511  
 Vincent A. Pacileo III ..... 767-8153  
 Douglas W. Paul..... 767-3094  
 Albert N. Rogin..... 767-0702  
 Lee A. Rowley..... 767-7210  
 Raymond A. Rubenbauer..... 767-2514

Elizabeth G. Schellens ..... 767-1046  
 Daniel J. Stypa ..... 767-2075  
 G. Lee Thompson ..... 767-8201  
 Kathleen McKinney Tucker..... 767-0397  
 William P. Veillette..... 767-8519  
 Frederick M. Vollono..... 767- 7665  
 Florence E. Whaley-Wexler ..... 767-3388  
 Kenneth Wexler..... 767-3388

### **LANDFILL/RECYCLING CENTER**

Michael Birner, Supervisor  
 Wilbur Armstead  
 Scott Hoffman

### **LIBRARIES**

#### **ESSEX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Richard Conroy, Library Director

#### **IVORYTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Robbi Storms, Library Director

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

William Buckridge, Chairman  
 Keith Nolin  
 Judith Reynolds

### **PARK AND RECREATION**

Rick Audet, Director  
 Mary Ellen Barnes, Recreation Coordinator

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Michael Holmes, Chairman  
 Stacia Libby  
 Jack Lima  
 Anthony Mosa  
 James Rawn  
 Douglas Senn  
 Jack Spangler  
 Edward E. Burleson, alternate  
 Robert Russo, alternate

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Thomas Danyliw, Chairman  
 Carla Feroni  
 Linda Herman  
 Alan Kerr  
 Ralph Monaco  
 Neil Nichols, alternate  
 Claire Tiernan, alternate  
 Robert Laundry, alternate

## Town Officials and Services

### PLANNING COMMISSION

#### IVORYTON VILLAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

Chet Arnold  
 Susie Beckman  
 John Beveridge  
 Pat Callahan  
 Doug Demarest  
 Bill Grover  
 Linda Herman  
 Alan Kerr  
 Ron Noe  
 Augie Pampel  
 Ken Wexler  
 David Winsted

### POLITICAL PARTIES

#### DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Josephine Bombaci  
 Lois Caliri  
 Anthony Chirico  
 Matt Cooper  
 William Doane  
 Carl Ellison  
 Lois Ely  
 Seth Fidel  
 Earl Fowler  
 Jim Francis  
 Frank Hall  
 Campbell Hudson  
 Jonathan James  
 Louisa Ketron  
 Phil Miller  
 Norman Needleman  
 Mary Ann Pleva  
 Dennis Robida  
 Lee Rowley  
 Lon Seidman  
 Stanley Sheppard  
 Lawrence Shipman  
 James Spallone  
 John Stannard  
 Claire Tiernan  
 Kay Tucker  
 Fred Vollono  
 Alvin Wolfgram

#### REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Gary Baier  
 Susie Beckman  
 Herb Clark  
 Ed Cook  
 Keith Crehan  
 Alexander Daddona

Paul Dubey  
 Lynn Faulstick  
 Bruce Glowac  
 Jim Hill  
 Roger Kern  
 Jim Markland  
 Joel Marzi  
 Neil Nichols  
 Winifred Olson  
 Vincent Pacileo  
 Mike Perkins  
 Coral Rawn  
 Richard Rybak  
 Debra Sasena  
 Elizabeth Schellens  
 Marshal Scofield  
 Richard Stebbins  
 Terry Stewart  
 Ken Wexler  
 Virginia Williams

### PROBATE COURT

Deborah Pearl, Judge  
 Valerie Shickel, Clerk  
 Stella Beaudoin, Clerk

### PUBLIC WORKS

David Caroline, Director  
 William Angier  
 Boris Churyk  
 James Danks  
 Richard Gallacher

### REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Winifred Olson

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Lois Ely  
 John Heiser

### RESIDENT STATE TROOPER & ESSEX POLICE

#### POLICE

Kerry Taylor, Resident State Trooper  
 Marc Piscioti, Corporal  
 Russell Gingras, Corporal  
 Salvatore Bevilacqua, Police Officer

#### CROSSING GUARD

William Westerman, Crossing Guard

## ***Town Officials and Services***

### **HARBOR PATROL**

Joseph Heller, Marine Auxiliary Officer  
 Keith Nolin, Marine Auxiliary Officer  
 Joseph Sambrook Marine Auxiliary Officer  
 Devin Schleidt, Marine Auxiliary Officer  
 Richard Varricchio, Marine Auxiliary Officer  
 Mark Watson, Marine Auxiliary Officer

### **RETIREMENT COMMITTEE**

Linda Savitsky, Chairman  
 Carl W. Ellison  
 Paul Fazzino  
 James Francis  
 Ellen Wexler

### **SANITARY WASTE COMMISSION**

Randel Osborne, Chairman  
 Robert Nussbaum  
 Robert Van Houten  
 Alvin Wolfgram

### **SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

Philip Miller, First Selectman  
 Norman Needleman, Selectman  
 Joel Marzi, Selectman  
 Maria Lucarelli, Administrative Assistant

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Dean Jacques

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

Megan D. Haskins, Tax Collector  
 Lynne Skinner, Assistant Tax Collector

### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Frances Nolin, Town Clerk  
 Dana Novorio, Assistant Town Clerk

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Attorney David M. Royston, Old Saybrook

### **TOWN HALL OPERATIONS**

Mark Hiatt  
 John Schumacher

### **TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Robert Dixon, Treasurer  
 Kelly Sterner, Deputy Treasurer  
 Nancy Berryman, Accounts Payable Assistant

### **TREE COMMITTEE**

Adrienne Brochu  
 Nancy Hudson  
 Anne Penniman  
 Mark Pratt  
 Susan Nilson  
 Peter Nilson

### **TREE WARDEN**

August Pampel

### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Randel Osborne, Chairman  
 Robert Nussbaum  
 Robert Van Houten  
 Alvin Wolfgram

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Stuart Ingersoll, Chairman  
 Alexander Daddona  
 Douglas Demarest  
 Paul Greenberg  
 Alix Walmsley  
 William Doane, alternate  
 Lynn Faulstick, alternate  
 William Timothy Furgueson, alternate

### **ZONING COMMISSION**

Alvin Wolfgram, Chairman  
 Lillian Mosa  
 Hope Proctor  
 Larry Shipman  
 Susan Uihlein  
 Jeffrey Woods  
 Lillian Mosa  
 Robert Connelly, alternate  
 Jim Hill, alternate  
 William Reichenbach, alternate

### **ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

Marian Staye, Enforcement Officer

## **Board of Assessment Appeals**

The Board of Assessment Appeals is composed of three elected citizens of Essex: currently, Anne Dougherty, Chair; Richard Helmecki and Coral Rawn, who hear and consider appeals of assessment valuations. The Board meets during the month of March to hear appeals on the Grand List of the prior October 1; i.e. appeals of the October 1, 2009 Grand List were heard in March of 2010. March hearings are for appeals of real estate, personal property and for motor vehicles on the Supplemental List (vehicles billed in January.) Appeal applications are available at the Assessor's Office and, for March hearings, must be submitted by February 20.

Motor vehicles on the regular list (vehicles registered on the previous October 1 and billed in July) may be appealed at the Board's September meeting, after the July billing period. No advance application is necessary prior to September motor vehicle appeals.

There were two appeals of motor vehicle assessments at the meeting of September 15, 2010, both were reduced.

The Board scheduled 28 hearings during the month of March 2010; of these, 20 were real estate appeals and seven were related to personal property. Ten were reduced and 18 were unchanged, including two no-shows.

## **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance is comprised of six members who serve six year terms. The current Board consists of Keith Crehan and Jeffrey Woods whose terms expire in 2011, W. Campbell Hudson and Lee Rowley whose terms expire in 2013 and James D. Francis and Frederick M. Vollono whose terms expire in 2015.

The Board of Finance meets the third Thursday of each month. It is the responsibility of the Board of Finance to consider the financial aspects of town government as a whole, to restrain wasteful and extravagant expenditures, to exercise care for a properly balanced budget, to establish the mill rate and to oversee the annual financial audit.

The Board of Finance works closely with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer, the Essex Board of Education and the Region 4 Board of Education in financial matters.

James D. Francis  
Chairman

## **Board of Selectmen**

The three members of the Board of Selectmen are elected to serve two year terms. Current members are First Selectman Philip Miller and Selectmen Norman Needleman and Joel Marzi.

The Board meets twice monthly to oversee policy, operation and management of town government, appointments to Commissions and the budget. The First Selectman works closely with the elected Treasurer and the Board of Finance. Some decisions of the Board of Selectmen and Finance may go to a Town Meeting or referendum, where the voting citizens have the final say.

The current 2010-2011 budget was determined in the spring of 2010. Our mill rate is now 17.63. More than 70% of our budget goes to public education and the rest covers police, fire, ambulance, public health, parks and recreation, land use and other services.

The economic slowdown means that there has been less development than we had seen in the early part of the new century, but our Boards and Commissions have been as active as ever, staging and planning and some, like the Park and Recreation Commission, have greatly increased their programming and subscriptions. The Planning Commission is another very active group. They are overseeing historic architecture research with the help of a historic preservation grant and they're also completing another study empowered by a \$150,000 transportation grant. There is also a \$450,000 Federally funded Safe Routes to School grant to help turn the transportation grant outcomes to asphalt, concrete, signage and paint, with the goal of having increased pedestrian and bicycling opportunities.

Essex maintains a part-time health department, supervised by William McCann, M.D. MPH. We may consider joining the health district which includes Old Saybrook, Deep River and Clinton.

We also may consider having just one unified regional school Board for Essex, Deep River and Chester. This would mean one Board governing the entire pre-kindergarten through grade 12 enterprise, instead of the current grade 7 through grade 12 region and three separate elementary Boards.

Essex participates in many regional consortiums and we'll join in early 2011 in a ten town regional probate system with a home office in Old Saybrook.

Our town is fortunate to be powered by an active citizenry. Our long-held standards of self-reliance, responsible budgeting and strong stewardship continue to serve us well.

Philip J. Miller  
First Selectman

## **Building Department**

The Building Official reviews all submitted building plans to ensure compliance with current State building codes. All approved plans are marked with pertinent code information, dated with the review date and signed by the Building Official. One set of plans is returned to the applicant with the building permit and one set is retained in the building permit file.

Once all permits have been obtained and construction has begun, there are a number of inspections required during construction. A list of required inspections is available in the Building Department. The Building Department issues a Certificate of Occupancy or Completion once all construction is completed, inspection requirements are met and all required documents are received by the Sanitarian, Zoning and Building Departments.

From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, a total of 464 (381 residential, 83 commercial) building permits were issued for an estimated construction value of \$9,521,917.72. 5 permits were for new home construction. No driveway permits were issued. A total of \$95,937.50 in permit fees was collected. One Demo Ordinance Fee was collected in the amount of \$75.00.

The Building Department is available to answer any questions or concerns both prior to and during the permitting process.

Keith C. Nolin  
Building Official

## **Central Services Town Hall Operations**

The Essex Town Hall is a very busy place. During the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 hundreds of town government and community meetings and events were conducted at the Town Hall facilities. The Town Hall is home to many community groups that meet during normal business hours and evenings. The Town Hall building and grounds are maintained by a staff of one full time and two part time people.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year the Town Clerk's office, the Registrar of Voter's office and the Park and Recreation Department's offices were all renovated. We sometimes have issues with this 1892 building and we had the facility evaluated professionally, from a Federal grant, so we can improve our controls and manage our energy use.

We will continue to strive toward a more efficient and safe Town Hall facility. Citizen suggestions and input are always welcomed. Our goal is to provide the best Town Hall facility possible to our citizens and visitors.

Mark Hiatt  
John Schumacher

## **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force has been using the quarterly newsletter *Essex Events* to solicit grant applications and to encourage residents to enroll in the CT Clean Energy Options (CCEO) program. As of June 30, 2009, 165 customers were enrolled. The town has 192 Clean Energy points with 5.2% of the households enrolled.

In November 2008, the Board of Selectmen passed a Resolution in support of ICLEI's (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and Essex became a member of ICLEI. ICLEI was founded in 1990 and is an international association of local, regional and national governmental organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development.

A subcommittee of the Planning Commission developed an energy sustainability policy for the town of Essex. This policy statement will be incorporated as an appendix to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Members of the Clean Energy Task Force were involved with the subcommittee in developing this policy statement.

In September 2008 two members of the Clean Energy Task Force joined a Building Committee to study the feasibility of installing a solar array on the roof of the John Winthrop Middle School in Deep River. Since then, the Region 4 Board of Education and the towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex approved a referendum to expend funds to purchase an array. Currently, the Building Committee is waiting for the approval of grants from the Bureau of School Facilities and the Clean Energy Fund to move forward with the project. With the approval of the grants and the projected savings in electrical costs, this project is expected to be budget neutral.

During the past year, there have been several meetings held with the Board of the Essex Elementary School PTO to discuss the development of a \$2,000 grant with the goal of increasing the number of customers enrolled in the Clean Energy Options Program. This grant application is expected to be approved within the next fiscal year. This project will increase the student's awareness of and participation in energy conservation, clean energy generation and sustainable communities.

Frank B. Hall  
Chairman

## Conservation Commission

The Essex Conservation Commission continued its oversight of three town-owned open-spaces, assisted and supported other preservation organizations, kept informed of potential land and river development and updated the town's open-space and conservation easement inventory.

**Maintenance:** Trails in Bushy Hill Preserve, Canfield-Meadow Woods and Viney Hill Brook Park required constant cut-back and clearing. The Commission received aid from Essex Land Trust and Park and Recreation Commission stewards who helped replace footbridges flooded by torrential March rains and removed Japanese Knotweed, a fast spreading invasive plant. We were aided by the purchase of a weed wrench, a patented tool designed to up-root shrubs such as barberry and multi-flora rose, plants also considered invasive. Commission members furnished their own walk-behind mowers, weed whackers, loppers, shears and saws for routine clean up. During maintenance, we found trail markers bent, broken, stolen and submerged in ponds. The trail markers were promptly replaced.

**Land Management:** The Commission authorized professional heavy equipment mowing of over two acres in Bushy Hill Preserve. The purpose is to promote species diversity by providing space for raptors to soar and shelter for ground nesting birds and animals. Additional professional services removed invasive strands of Autumn Olive at Viney Hill Brook to encourage native vegetation to root and recover.

**Parking:** The Dennison Road entrance to Canfield-Meadow Woods has a new three-car parking area engineered and excavated by civic volunteer Bruce Glowac. The town Public Works Department furnished gravel. We staked an unmovable rock obstacle for visibility and staked easily visible parking signs. The Oak Ledge Drive entrance to Bushy Hill Preserve has a well marked four-car parking area with signs directing hikers on a short cut to the Blue Trail and eventually to the Falls River.

**Correspondence:** We responded to the Department of Environmental Protection's request for comment on a Little Point Street dock proposal. Since Little Point Street dead-ends at a boat launch access area and is a contemplative bench site, the Commission expressed concern for the obstruction of the view shed to the Connecticut River and for the safety of boaters navigating the shoreline.

**Fourth Annual New Year's Day Walk:** Commission members, joined by members of the public, hiked Viney Hill Brook Preserve followed by bagels, Vermont cheddar, Clementines and chocolate chip cookies. Some trails were wet, others icy; all were passable and scenic.

Kay Tucker  
Chair

## Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission (EDC), under its charter, continues as an advocate for the economic viability of our community and to focus on the recommendations regarding economic development embodied within the Plan of Conservation and Development leading to positive economic growth.

During the year, in cooperation with our Harbor Management Commission we were finally successful in obtaining a STEAP grant for the construction of the Boat Launch Ramp at the bottom of Main Street. This grant was an emergency grant request to replace the current ramp which has partially collapsed in the center and was unusable at low tide. The replacement ramp has been under development since 2002. Construction is scheduled to begin in September of 2010 and should be completed in October.

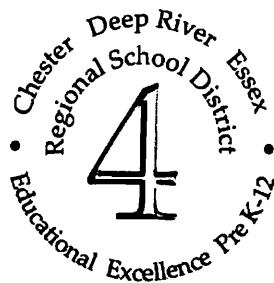
Currently, we are attempting to locate another satellite parking near the entrance to town to replace the Exit 3 lot near the Fire Department that is proposed for a basketball facility.

Parking in Essex Village is inadequate to support our many special events. Our plan is to find funding for an intra-villages Trolley and satellite parking lot to alleviate this serious parking shortage and to also accommodate the many visitors to our Steam Train who find it inconvenient or impossible to park in the Village.

We are further working with both the Planning and Zoning Commissions to halt further reductions in retail locations in town. We must maintain a viable and vibrant retail mix to serve our residents and visitors. The town cannot afford to lose more retail space to commercial offices which can be located in other locations.

We welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in Meeting Room A at Town Hall. Your attendance is welcome.

Lee Thompson, Chairman  
Lon Seidman, Vice Chairman  
Commissioners:  
John Beveridge  
Bill Foster  
Alan Kerr  
Mark Uihlein  
David Winstead



### **Mission Statement**

*We, the schools of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4, engage all students in a rigorous, challenging and cohesive educational program.*

*As a community of learners, we foster individual student achievement and empower students to excel in an environment of collaboration, responsibility and mutual respect.*

*We prepare our students to be knowledgeable, involved citizens in a rapidly changing world.*

### **Strategic Goals**

**Teaching:** *To attract, retain, develop and supervise the best possible staff for our schools.*

**Learning:** *To ensure the continuous progress of each student by implementing a challenging curriculum with clearly stated benchmarks.*

**Leadership:** *To promote, model and implement the mission, vision, beliefs, goals and improvement plans of the schools and the PK-12 district.*

**Culture and Climate:** *To foster and sustain a climate of professionalism, trust and high expectations that is collaborative, respectful, nurturing and safe for members of the school community.*

**Community:** *To build community support and involvement for the school system.*

## **Education**

### **Essex Elementary School**

Essex Elementary School, situated on Main Street in Centerbrook, serves students from pre-kindergarten through grade 6 who reside in the town of Essex. The Essex Elementary School was first constructed in 1953; major additions in 1963, 1990 and 2007 brought the capacity of the building to 610 students. The present student population of the school is 593.

Essex Elementary School is a school with high expectations for all students. The improvement of student learning is a direct result of the district's efforts to enhance instruction by focusing on individual needs. Continuous improvement of schools is essential to providing increased student performance and quality results. Again this year, Essex Elementary School has met the Annual Yearly Progress goal in grades 3,4,5 and 6 as measured by the Connecticut Mastery Test.

Besides a strong academic program in reading, writing and mathematics, there are other programs to enrich our students' elementary experience. These include: World Language/Spanish, Technology, Talented and Gifted Program, band and choral programs and after school activities. The Social Development Program promotes a school culture, climate and curriculum, which foster the social, emotional and behavioral development of students. The Book of the Month integrates our social development themes and literature K-6. The Invention Convention yielded two awards at the state level Invention Convention held at UConn.

One of our big initiatives this year was one of the 5 R's – RECYCLE! We worked to make recycling something we all did everyday. We now recycle papers, packaging, cardboard, plastic, milk and juice cartons and juice pouches on a regular basis. We challenged ourselves to fill the recycling tree outside of the media center – with the incentive of "earning" a live tree for EES if we filled the tree. We planted our very real, very live, school tree on June 17, 2010 and in doing so demonstrated another one of our 5 R initiatives – REPLENISH!

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) provides enrichment programs for students in the Arts and myriad opportunities for parent/family involvement. The Essex Elementary School Foundation funded an Historian-in-Residence program for students in grades 4, 5 and 6 and a World Cultures Program in grade 3. Over 200 volunteers were celebrated at our annual Volunteer Breakfast. At Essex Elementary School we strive to provide a strong academic program and to create an atmosphere that fosters a love of learning and a sense of community.

Joanne D. Beekley, Ed.D.  
Principal

## **Education**

### **Superintendent of Schools**

The 2009-2010 school year was a positive and productive year filled with accomplishments for the Essex, Chester, Deep River and Region 4 Schools.

Our focus on teaching and learning, governance and fiscal management remains an area of continuous improvement for our districts. Budgeting in difficult economic times, yet meeting the needs of the children in our districts is of primary concern in the fiscal management area. The Joint Board of Education meetings have strengthened communication across the three towns and five Boards. In the area of Teaching and Learning, the Essex, Chester, Deep River and Region 4 Schools have made excellent gains in meeting state and national standards using cutting edge technology to assist in making data driven decisions for instructional programs.

The districts have had many accomplishments and recognitions during the 2009-2010 school year. The town of Essex, in concert with Essex Elementary School, received a significant grant (Safe Routes to School) supporting healthy lifestyle choice including children walking to school. John Winthrop Middle School was named the Connecticut Association of Schools' Middle School of the Year for 2009-2010. This is an outstanding accomplishment and an honor in which we take great pride. Valley Regional High School has received numerous awards and recognitions in the areas of academics, the arts and athletics.

The Essex, Chester, Deep River and Region 4 Schools are districts on the move. We fully expect that the 2010-2011 school year will bring positive improvement through rigor and accountability across all curricular areas. Professional Development, collaboration and the use of technology will assist us in classroom instructional decisions. The positive climate that exists in our schools and community help build the bridge between home and school, an essential component for good communication. Working together with schools, parents and community, we will continue to strive for educational excellence for the children of Chester, Deep River and Essex.

Ruth I. Levy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
for Chester, Deep River, Essex & Region 4



*Essex Land Trust—Robert Thorson, UCONN professor and stone wall expert, leads a walk in Cross Lots*

## **Emergency Management**

The Essex Operation Center (EOC) has improved its radio systems and antennas and we are in good shape. We have reviewed the town's emergency plans once again to ensure we are prepared.

The town of Essex has implemented a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert citizens about emergencies and other community news. The emergency notification system, operated in partnership with *Everbridge*, enables the town to provide essential information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, fires, floods, unexpected closures or evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To participate in this emergency notification system "Safer Essex", please go to the town's website [www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov) and click on "Safer Essex" to enroll. This will allow us to reach you with information that could potentially save your life or the life of a member of your household.

The town's emergency personnel need your involvement. The Essex Fire Department, Essex Ambulance Association and Essex Emergency Management can always use volunteers. Please consider becoming a member or joining the town's CERT (Community Emergency Management Team). Please note that free training is involved for all of these venues. Please join us and help your family and your neighbors.

We encourage you to make an emergency plan for your household, put together your home kit and your Grab and Go kit or buy one. Check out the town's website for more information. The town can at any time have a major storm, flooding or hurricane. You could be

on your own without water, electric power, cell and home phones and roads that are blocked and not passable for days. We need everyone working and pulling together for yourself and the good of the town starting now to ensure

that you are ready for a major storm.

William Buckridge  
Emergency Management Director

## Essex Housing Authority

Commissioners: Mary Beth Stebbins, Chairperson, Janice Atkeson, Vice Chairperson, Dawn Boulanger, Secretary, Rose Mary Willis, David Gephard, Tammy Mesite, Site Manager.

Essex Court is located at 16 Main Street, Centerbrook. It is an affordable public housing complex established for elderly and disabled residents. The Essex Housing Authority is responsible for maintaining the complex and managing the day-to-day workings.

We continue to call upon the community for both financial and physical support. The Essex Community Fund provides us with financial support to continue our Resident Service program. They, along with the Essex Rotary, offer Thanksgiving meals to our residents. The Rotary Club donated funds to help replace kitchen counters.



Essex Court residents

The Garden Club donates plantings to the grounds on an ongoing basis. Ashleigh's Garden and the Pizza Pub offer our residents donations for picnics and parties through the year. Through their support the lives of our residents are enhanced.

We continue to strive to improve resident life with an active social calendar which includes luncheons, picnics, birthday parties and information sessions. The Essex Library involves residents in a fitness program of which an increasing number of residents participate.

The Essex Housing Authority, in conjunction with the Town Hall, is currently in the application process to secure a State funded grant to upgrade the complex.

The Authority's Commissioners along with Faith Asset Management LLC continue to rebuild our reserves and stabilize our financial aid.

Mary Beth Stebbins  
Chairperson

## Fire Marshal

The Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for investigating all fire related incidences that Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1 responds to, as well as any follow-up inspections. The Fire Marshal's Office is also responsible for submitting the mandated National Fire Incident Reports (NFIRS) to the Bureau of State Fire Marshal's Office.

Annual inspections are required by the Fire Marshal of all buildings and facilities of public service, all buildings and facilities used for manufacturing and all occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code in order to determine the degree of compliance with fire safety requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 541 as authorized by Section 29-305 of the Statutes. Annual inspections by the Fire Marshal are also required for all establishments that wish to obtain and/or renew their liquor licenses. It is the Applicant's responsibility to contact the Fire Marshal's office in order to set up an appointment for this inspection.

A permit and inspection is required from the Fire Marshal's office for the removal of an underground fuel storage tank. There is a \$30 fee for this permit and it may be obtained in the Fire Marshal's office. Upon removal of the tank, the Fire Marshal looks for any soil contamination and completes a report stating the results of the inspection. This report then becomes a permanent part of the property file. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, there were eight underground fuel tank removal permits/inspections.

Tent events require a permit and inspection from this office. There is a \$30 fee for each tent permit/tent event. The Fire Marshal inspects all tents prior to the event and also determines the extent of fire protection needed at the tent event. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, there were 16 tent permits/inspections.

The Fire Marshal also issues blasting permits to licensed blasting contractors. There is a \$60 fee for a blasting permit. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, five blasting permits were issued.

The open burning of residential brush (limited to 2" and under in diameter) requires a burning permit signed by the Fire Marshal. There is no charge for this permit; however, there are specific terms and conditions under which this permit is issued. Information on open burning/permits is available in this office. From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 68 burning permits were issued.

The Fire Marshal also administers the Alarm Ordinance. Any premises having three false alarms in a calendar year may be subject to a \$100 fine for each false alarm thereafter. Copies of this ordinance are available in the Fire Marshal's office. \$100 was collected in fines.

Total income from permits issued by this office from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was \$1,120.

Keith C. Nolin  
Fire Marshal

## Harbor Management Commission

The past year has been mixed news for Essex Harbor. Our efforts to remove the shoaling by the entrance to Middle Cove were hampered when New York objected to the Navy's use of the New London dumping grounds for its own dredging project. Essex was one of a number of projects hoping to participate with the Navy project. Alternative dumping sites that are available to us are considerably more expensive. An extension to our dredging permit will expire in December of 2010, as we continue to resolve this situation.

In the meanwhile, the long awaited reconstruction of the Main Street launch ramp has been moving forward and this project is expected to be completed by the end of October, 2010. This project will provide a proper ramp, especially important for the launching and retrieval of emergency vessels. Funding for this project comes from a STEAP grant. It is hoped that grading and landscaping the nearby Novelty Lane public access point may also be accomplished as part of this grant project.

In Bushnell Park, the HMC is moving forward on a project to build an observation platform near the water's edge. Construction of this deck with seating also will allow the town to repair damaged storm drains in the area. As part of this project, one of the small craft storage racks will be moved and likely rebuilt. Anyone storing a vessel must register it with the Town Clerk. A fee of \$25 per year is required.

As part of its Harbor Management, the Commission maintains the anchorage markers and works with the Harbor Master on mooring permits and anchorage layout. The Commission reviews and comments on permit applications for the Department of Environmental Protection.

Jeff Going  
Chairman



Essex Court residents

## Health Department

The Essex Health Department is concerned with all aspects of environmental and public health in the town of Essex. These include permitting and inspection of wells, septic systems, restaurants, day care and nursing home facilities, salons and public swimming areas. The department investigates food-borne illnesses, communicable diseases, toxic lead cases, sewage breakouts and other potential nuisance situations.

We perform soil testing and review engineered septic plans for all new buildings and subdivisions in Essex. The Public Health Code requires review and permitting of all building additions, changes in use, lot line changes and proposed accessory structures such as pools and sheds. Building-related permit activity is summarized below:

Year	Additions/ Renovations	Soil Testing	Well Drilling	New Septic	Septic Repair
1999-2000	66	95	50	53	35
2000-2001	102	33	47	54	51
2001-2002	105	28	52	47	64
2002-2003	100	36	40	35	46
2003-2004	96	12	32	25	42
2004-2005	118	11	16	21	46
2005-2006	99	9	15	9	49
2006-2007	87	31	18	16	48
2007-2008	94	31	34	17	38
2008-2009	53	15	7	9	21
<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>

The Health Department, in conjunction with the Water Pollution Control Authority, oversees a wastewater management program. The purpose of this program is to safeguard the surface and subsurface waters of Essex through a program of routine inspection and maintenance of private septic systems.

In addition, we make available to residents information on a variety of topics such as radon, mold and mildew, lead poisoning, tick and mosquito-borne illnesses, food safety, vaccine clinics, well water testing and septic system maintenance. We have developed an informational PowerPoint presentation for realtors covering questions on septic systems, wells, lead and radon.

Our website ([www.essexct.gov/departments/health](http://www.essexct.gov/departments/health)) provides residents and contractors with permit applications and health related information as well as links to our web-based GIS system and other State and national health agencies.

William McCann, M.D. MPH  
Cheryl Haase, Environmental Assistant

## ***Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission***

The Essex Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission reviews all proposed activities within a wetland, watercourse or waterbody and within 100 feet of a wetland, watercourse or waterbody. Wetlands are defined in the regulations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall.

The Commission is comprised of the following members: Daniel Lapman, Chairman (member at large), Charles Corson, Vice Chairman (member at large), Nancy Arnold (member at large), Gudrun LeLash (Conservation Commission liaison), Claire Tiernan (Planning Commission liaison), Larry Shipman (Zoning Commission liaison), Fred Szufnarowski (alternate), Barbara Zernike (alternate) and Stephen Knauth (alternate).

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Commission conducted seven site inspections and issued 14 inland wetland permits (one permit was withdrawn). The majority of the permits involved activities within the regulated upland area. The Inland Wetlands Officer issued three permits within a regulated upland area.

In addition, the Commission held public hearings on revisions to the inland wetlands regulations and approved a major revision to the regulations which had not been amended since 1972. The major change was to initiate a uniform regulated upland review area of 100 feet adjacent to an inland wetland, a watercourse and/or a waterbody. In addition, the Commission updated the permit application form.

Marian G. Staye  
Wetlands Enforcement Officer



*Park and Recreation Summer Camp*

## ***Park and Recreation Commission***

The Park and Recreation Department and Commission strive to make Essex a better place to live, work and play. It is our mission to create recreational opportunities for the growth and enhancement of our community by providing beautiful parks and developing diverse services and programs. We have been successful in our mission this past year and look forward to continually improving our operations.

We have made a strong commitment to providing the finest parks possible for the residents and visitors of Essex to enjoy. Main Street Park and Ivoryton Green continue to provide both a beautiful spot for a respite from daily life as well as fun community-building events such as the Summer Concerts Series and Pumpkin Festival. Hubbard and Comstock ball fields host hundreds of young ballplayers each year and a dedicated group of adult volunteers. Viney Hill Brook Park has been very well maintained, providing a beach with swimming for summertime fun and has seen the addition of new amenities in the park as well. These parks belong to the residents of Essex, help us take care of them and always let us know if you have any concerns or comments on our parks.

Numerous programs and events were held this past year. Essex after-school programs and summer camp ensured our children had meaningful and positive experiences for their growth and development. We offered a wide range of programs for all ages from the Doggie Manners Class, to Sports Squirts, to Adult Tennis Clinics and we will continue to bring new offerings to the community each year. We have increased our program revenues this past year and we thank those who have supported our programs.

Further highlights of this past year in Park and Recreation include successful grant acquisitions allowing us to install a kiosk at Grove Street Park and professionally map area walking and biking trails. We also have successfully obtained sponsorships from local businesses for the Summer Concert Series. An improved Facebook page and monthly newsletter for the Department has increased our communication to and presence in the Community. A newly designed Park and Recreation webpage on the town website will allow us to offer online registrations. Lastly, we would like to state what a pleasure it has been to work with the local community groups this past year in our efforts to be an outstanding Park and Recreation Department that meets the needs of our community.

Rick Audet, CPRP  
Park and Recreation Director

## Planning Commission

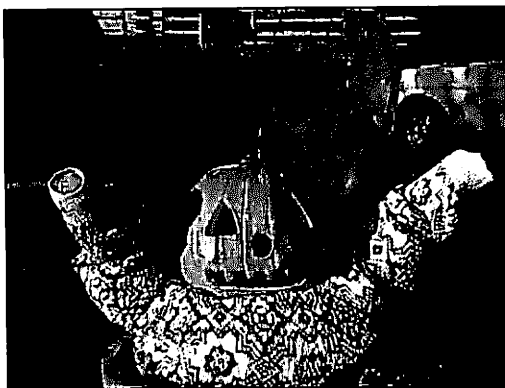
The Planning Commission is responsible for the development and implementation of the municipal Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) and for the review of subdivisions and re-subdivisions. The Planning Commission also advises the Board of Selectmen regarding municipal projects and the Zoning Commission regarding changes to zoning maps or regulation.

The Planning Commission is composed of five regular members and three alternates. Thomas Danyliw was re-elected as chairman in January and Linda Herman was elected vice-chairman. Carla Feroni, Alan Kerr and Ralph Monaco are the other full members. Robert Laundry, Neil Nichols and Claire Tiernan serve as alternates to the Commission.

During the fiscal year 2009-2010, the Planning Commission undertook the following efforts:

- Hired consulting firm to complete a comprehensive town-wide Transportation Study and begin data collection. Study and recommendations will be complete by December 2010;
- Extended consulting agreement with town Planner to assist with Commission meetings, applications and PoCD initiatives;
- Completed a "Housing for Economic Growth" planning study and made recommendations to Zoning Commission on establishment of "Incentive Housing Zones" to encourage a wider range of housing opportunities. This issue is currently under consideration by Zoning;
- Adopted new chapters to Plan of Conservation and Development concerning "Ivoryton Center Redevelopment" and "Energy Sustainability;"
- Approved one re-subdivision and conducted preliminary reviews and inter-municipal reviews of several other subdivision projects;
- Reviewed several proposed Zoning Regulation changes;
- Reviewed, via an ad-hoc subcommittee, the need for Architectural Design Review regulations and successfully pursued a grant to document historic architectural features in Essex;
- Successfully applied for Safe Routes to School infrastructure improvement funds and are assisting in targeting areas near Essex Elementary School for upgrades.

Thomas Danyliw  
Chairman



*Park and Recreation Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival*

## Probate Court

The Essex Probate Court is located in the Essex Town Hall at 29 West Avenue, Essex. The Court's hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other hours are by appointment. Deborah M. Pearl is the judge of probate, Valerie N. Shickel and Stella Beaudoin are the appointed court clerks.

The Probate Court is a local community court where citizens can come for information on such matters as decedent estates, elder care issues such as conservatorships, children's matters such as adoptions, name changes, trustee and trust issues. The Connecticut State Legislature along with Gov. Rell made substantial changes to the probate system this year. Beginning in 2011 all probate courts will be consolidated from 117 courts to 54 regional courts. The Essex Probate Court will become part of a new District Court located in Old Saybrook consisting of a total of nine towns.

Statistics for the Essex Probate Court for fiscal year ending June 2010 processed: 54 testate estates, three intestate estates, 43 small affidavit estates, 48 trust matters, 18 conservator matters, 45 children's matters and various other types of personal matters.

If you would like to learn more about the Probate Court in Essex, please feel free to come to the Court for a visit or call for more information.

Deborah M. Pearl,  
Judge of Probate

## Public Works

It is the responsibility of this Department to maintain much of the town's infrastructure and keep our streets safe, attractive and people-friendly. This includes weather-related responses, roadway clean-up, citizen concerns and special event support.

Along with our normal duties, a number of special projects were accomplished during the last fiscal year. This included:

- Chip sealing the following roads: Partridge Land, New City Street, Maple Avenue, Kings Lane, Clark Lane, Prospect Street, Book Hill Road, Meadow Woods Road
- Comstock Avenue was reconstructed with a new drainage system.

With an eye for fiscal responsibility, we are always on the lookout for cutting costs, while continually striving to improve the services we deliver in a prompt, courteous manner.

David Caroline  
Director of Public Works

## Registrars of Voters

The Registrars of Voters are elected officials of the town, whose duty is to administer the election process according to state statute and under the direction of the Secretary of the State.

The Registrars have the responsibility of keeping the Registry list current at all times. They receive applications from new voters, admit those who qualify and add their names to the Registry in a timely fashion. Removals from the list are made due to electors deaths and moves out of town.

The Annual Canvass is required by state statute and was carried out in February and March. Changes of address, removals and other corrections were made. The help of all electors in this process is greatly appreciated.

This past year, the November 3, 2009 Municipal election was held with a turnout of 55% of eligible voters. On May 4, 2010 the Region 4 Board of Education budget referendum was held. Conducting these elections and referendums in an efficient and smooth manner is the responsibility of the Registrars.

The Registrars wish to thank all of the electors of the town of Essex for helping to make the election process work as required. We also wish to thank and commend the moderators and poll workers for their dedication and effort in conducting the election process. Working together the election process has been efficient and with good spirit.

Lois A. Ely  
John V. Heiser  
Registrars of Voters



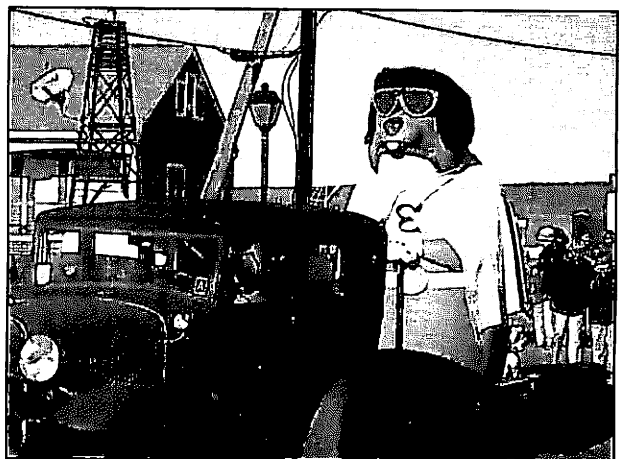
Essex Land Trust—Johnson Farm sheep shearing event  
Included a cook out and fiddle music

## Resident State Trooper Essex Police

The Essex Resident Trooper's Office consists of the Resident Trooper and the Essex Police. The office is maintained in the Essex Town Hall for the convenience of the Essex citizens. The Resident State Trooper is provided to the town of Essex by the Connecticut State Police (CSP). The Essex Police currently consists of three Essex Police Officers. Additionally there are six Marine Auxiliary Officers that supplement in staffing the Marine Patrol to allow a visible patrol force in the waters of Essex and the neighboring towns. In March of 2010, Trooper First Class Kerry Taylor and her K-9 partner Schutz became the new Resident Trooper(s) in the town of Essex. During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Essex Police and CSP handled over 10,940 calls for service in the town of Essex and investigated approximately 121 criminal incidents in town. Approximately 103 accidents were investigated. Motor vehicle enforcement continues to be a high priority and 1,706 infractions were issued and 389 written warnings were issued to those who violated motor vehicle laws in the town of Essex. This was done by targeting areas where citizen complaints were received and/or accidents occurred.

The Essex Police continue to maintain a "clearance rate" that far exceeds the state average. The Essex Police currently have four Crown Victoria's that are being utilized for police vehicles and a 23' Parker boat that is utilized for marine patrol. The Essex Police continues to apply and receive Federal and State Department of Transportation grants to fund DUI Patrols throughout the town of Essex. To date, in the fiscal year 25 DUI arrests have been made in the town of Essex. We continue to work hard to provide better service and assistance to our citizens and the visitors to the area.

Kerry Taylor  
Resident State Trooper



Essex Board of Trade—Essex Ed

## Sanitary Waste Commission

The Essex Landfill/Recycling Center continued to serve our citizens in the last year, running smoothly and efficiently. The facility is located at Exit 4 off Route 9 on Dump Road and is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, except holidays, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mike Birner is the Landfill Supervisor and Cheryl Haase is the Environmental Assistant and acts as Secretary to the Commission. Free Essex resident car stickers are available at the Center and our facility continues to make fine-quality compost for the use of Essex residents and the town of Essex.

The Sanitary Waste Commission meets the second Monday of each month immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Water Pollution Control Authority meeting on the second floor at Essex Town Hall. Visitors are welcome and we are currently seeking members to fill vacant positions. The Commission members are Robert Nussbaum, Randel Osborne, Robert Van Houten and Alvin Wolfram.

Randel Osborne  
Interim Chairman

## Social Services

The last year continued to be dominated by people who were hurting from bad economic times. Many had never been unemployed before and had held off accessing services which resulted in exasperating problems of endangered housing and huge increases of debt. This department responded by publishing an article on the reality of losing a job when there are few openings available and what to do about it.

We also participated in a supportive role in a Job Club being held at the library. These eight week workshops provided intense guidance for unemployed people in preparing for job searches and interviews, while offering support and tips on how to survive difficult times.

The sheer quantity of people asking for help sharply depleted our usually strong donation account, despite generous support from churches, non-profits, businesses and the community. This was brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, who rescued our department with a \$5,000 contingency fund to supplement services. This amount gave us a functional reserve which allowed our donation account to refresh itself for the oncoming winter. We remain thankful for the Selectmen's quick support.

We continue to do seasonal intake for the renter rebate and energy assistance programs and provide counseling to residents in need. We also assist the schools in the coordination of winter holiday programs, such as Warm the Children and holiday baskets.

Dean Jacques  
Social Services Coordinator

## Town Clerk's Office

This past fiscal year the town held nine Town Meetings, five Public Hearings, a Municipal Election and one Regional District #4 Budget Referendum.

The following is a list of recordings for the 2009-2010 fiscal year for the town of Essex:

Birth Certificates	47	
Death Certificates	117	78 Residents
Dog Licenses	819	2 Kennels
Land Records	1,683	
Marriage Licenses	65	24 Residents
Survey Maps	17	
Trade Names	36	

Monies disbursed by Town Clerk to the State of Connecticut:

Dog License Fees	\$4,045
Sports License Fees	\$6,853
Marriage Surcharge Fees	\$798
Preservation Fees—State Library	\$3,224
Land Record Fees	\$58,032

Monies to the General Fund:

Conveyance Tax	\$117,300
Town Clerk Fees	\$62,960

The land records are on our public computer in the office for your search as well as being able to print the documents out. Our land record index only is also available on our web site [www.essexct.gov](http://www.essexct.gov). This technology may simplify your search before you arrive at the office to title search.

The following request forms may be printed off our website:

- Absentee Ballot Application
- Birth Certificate
- Death Certificate
- Marriage License
- also a list of our Justices of the Peace.

Residents may apply for admission as electors on a daily basis with our office.

We also issue the stickers to register your kayak.

Don't forget when you reach the age of 65, you are entitled to receive a free Sports License.

VETERANS please note that by September 30<sup>th</sup> you need to file your DD-214 (Discharge) with this office in order to receive the Veteran's exemption.

Once again we thank you for your continued support.

Frances D. Nolin, Town Clerk  
Dana J. Novorio, Assistant Town Clerk

## Town Counsel

During the past year this office has handled a variety of legal matters of significance to the town. Some of the more important matters are described below.

Five tax appeals were filed against the town by property owners relating to the October 1, 2008 Grand List. One was withdrawn and three were settled. River Properties, Inc. appealed its assessment on their property known as Dauntless Shipyard located at 37 Pratt Street. The matter was tried in Superior Court to conclusion. Although there was a reduction in the assessed value of the property, the Court decision was favorable to the town and the Court declined to award the appellant any costs or appraisal fees.

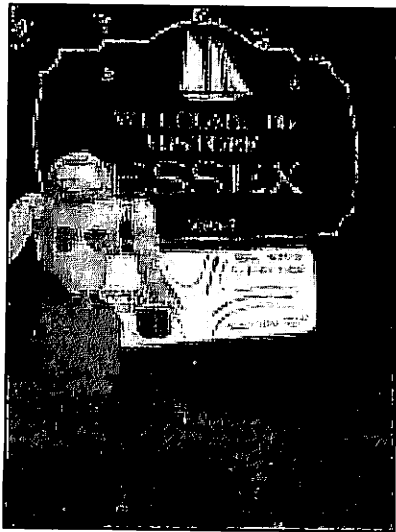
As previously reported, the town of Essex had very little legal objection to the 2008 revaluation, which is a credit to the excellent job done by Tax Assessor, Jessica Sypher.

Essex, like most other towns, becomes involved with personal injury claims, usually involving slip and fall claims on town roads or sidewalks. Two notices of injuries were forwarded to the town's insurance carrier (one involving a fall on a sidewalk and one involving a fall into a drainage hole). Lawsuits have been brought and the matters are still pending.

The town has closed its septage lagoon on the Doane property off Dump Road. Closure required compliance with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection requirements which included filing of a closure notice on the land records.

The Board of Selectmen has responded to the issue of blighted properties by starting the process of an enactment of an anti-blight Ordinance. This office has been involved with the Board of Selectmen, counsel for the Zoning Commission and other town officials for the purpose of drafting this Ordinance. Additionally, draft Ordinances from various other communities have been reviewed. It is anticipated that the Ordinance will be brought to a Town Meeting for adoption in the 2010 fiscal year.

David M. Royston  
Town Counsel



Essex Board of Trade — Scarecrow Fest/Fall

## Water Pollution Control Authority

The Authority finalized the closure of the septic lagoons and all documentation and reporting is complete. The Authority has also worked to develop a proposal for a Wastewater Management Study in Ivoryton.

Our waste water management system continues to allow pumpers to report pump-outs electronically and enables the WPCA to monitor the frequency of this service, helping to ensure that each property's septic tank is pumped out at least every five years as mandated by ordinance.

The Water Pollution Control Authority meets the second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. on the second floor at Essex Town Hall. Visitors are welcome and we are currently seeking members to fill vacant positions. The Commission members are Robert Nussbaum, Randel Osborne, Robert Van Houten and Alvin Wolfgram.

Randel Osborne  
Interim Chairman

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Connecticut General Statutes grant specific powers and duties to the Essex Zoning Board of Appeals (EZBA): It is within the scope of the EZBA to determine and vary an application of the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent, after due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and property values.

The variance power involves review of all proposed activities within the town of Essex which would make development in full accordance with the zoning regulations extremely difficult. In legal terms, the conditions must cause "exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship."

There were a total of 29 cases before the EZBA this year. The Board granted 25 Variances and denied two Variances; One case was withdrawn. One Special Meeting was conducted.

The Essex Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of the following members: Stuart Ingersoll, Chairman, Alexander Daddona, Doug Demarest, Alix Walmsley, Paul Greenberg and Tim Furgueson. Alternate Members are Lynn Faulstick and William Doane. Attorney Michael Wells of Gould, Larson, Bennet, Wells, Essex, CT is the legal counsel for the Board and Stella Beaudoin is the Recording Secretary.

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Financial data concerning the government of the Town of Essex is public information. The reports presented here are prepared to inform our taxpayers.

The financial information included in these reports is un-audited; however, it has been prepared by the Treasurer's Office with reasonable care.

Once complete, the Town's official Audit Report prepared by our outside audit firm of Carlin, Charron and Rosen, LLP will be available for review at the office of the Town Clerk.

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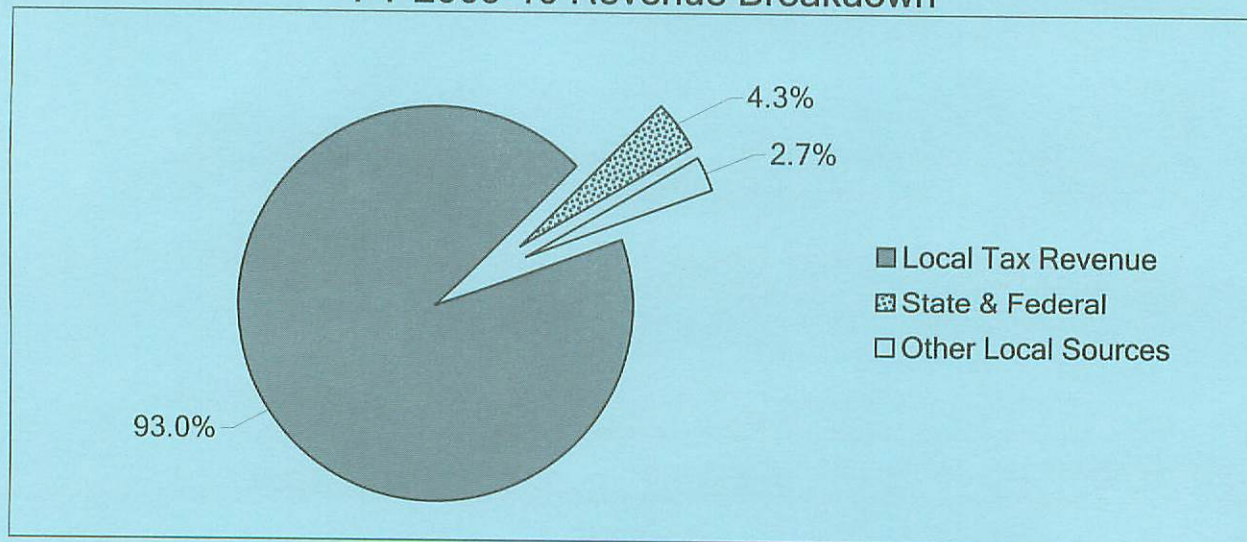
### Historical Data - Revenue

(figures are actual unless otherwise noted)

Fiscal Year	Assessor and Tax Collector						Other Revenue		Total Revenue
	Grand List		Adjusted Tax Levy				State & Federal	Local Sources	
	Net Taxable \$	Annual Incr. %	Amount \$	Annual Incr. %	Collected On Time %	Tax Rate Mills			
2010-11*	1,122,161,589	0.75	19,525,386	3.26	99.00	17.63	740,012	567,332	20,832,730
2009-10	1,113,762,454	8.16	18,908,812	4.50	98.80	16.95	876,726	542,977	20,328,515
2008-09	1,029,770,435	1.41	18,093,950	4.96	98.72	17.60	1,127,338	743,094	19,964,382
2007-08	1,015,492,968	0.83	17,239,184	4.94	98.91	16.90	919,922	1,277,775	19,436,881
2006-07	1,007,137,952	0.83	16,427,178	6.19	98.80	16.20	1,339,615	1,043,556	18,810,349
2005-06	998,805,274	1.54	15,468,996	4.69	99.01	15.50	851,787	920,468	17,241,251
2004-05	983,668,278	47.38	14,775,573	10.27	99.33	14.90	1,332,303	904,384	17,012,260
2003-04	667,428,769	1.15	13,399,154	9.62	98.79	20.00	823,407	691,617	14,914,178
2002-03	659,813,608	1.95	12,223,722	11.34	99.06	18.25	804,649	682,050	13,710,421
2001-02	647,187,810	3.05	10,979,019	2.72	98.67	16.75	873,648	621,298	12,473,965
2000-01	628,046,013	(2.85)	10,688,066	11.76	98.62	16.75	794,975	726,058	12,209,099
1999-00	646,470,930	2.07	9,563,675	5.84	98.54	14.50	822,107	741,254	11,127,036
1998-99	633,366,208	0.94	9,036,188	3.38	98.57	14.00	876,563	914,505	10,827,256
1997-98	627,446,301	1.15	8,740,852	2.75	98.13	13.50	753,232	602,818	10,096,902
1996-97	620,300,718	1.51	8,507,229	5.96	97.24	13.20	736,115	522,985	9,766,329

\* - Budgeted figures

### FY 2009-10 Revenue Breakdown



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### Historical Data - Expenditures

(figures are actual unless otherwise noted)

Fiscal Year	Selectman's Expenditures			Education Expenditures				Total Essex Expend.	% Increase
	Town Admin.	% Increase	Debt Pmt (P & I)	Elementary School	Regional District 4	Total Education	% Increase		
2010-11*	5,580,377	(0.17)	917,869	7,196,047	7,138,437	14,334,484	2.71	20,832,730	2.89
2009-10	5,589,745	(6.56)	701,808	7,074,443	6,882,305	13,956,748	3.32	20,248,301	0.21
2008-09†	5,981,962	8.42	716,198	6,783,586	6,724,040	13,507,626	5.92	20,205,786	6.25
2007-08	5,517,313	(2.57)	747,662	6,316,505	6,435,906	12,752,411	6.30	19,017,386	4.40
2006-07†	5,662,807	13.51	555,953	5,995,035	6,001,990	11,997,025	5.81	18,215,785	7.89
2005-06	4,988,816	(4.19)	557,512	5,717,309	5,620,692	11,338,001	1.32	16,884,329	(0.57)
2004-05†	5,206,907	27.69	583,091	5,570,964	5,619,374	11,190,338	12.73	16,980,336	16.30
2003-04	4,077,737	7.12	595,962	5,514,033	4,412,335	9,926,368	6.80	14,600,067	6.28
2002-03	3,806,799	(1.37)	635,681	5,050,831	4,243,876	9,294,707	11.40	13,737,187	7.01
2001-02	3,859,558	10.32	634,006	4,664,525	3,679,008	8,343,533	7.99	12,837,097	6.89
2000-01	3,498,557	(1.82)	784,809	4,198,364	3,527,707	7,726,071	8.96	12,009,437	4.66
1999-00	3,563,413	13.92	820,156	3,859,313	3,231,302	7,090,615	7.47	11,474,184	8.31

\* - Budgeted figures

† - Includes STEAP Grants & Special Appropriations

### Pension Trust Funds for Town Employees, Volunteer Fire Department & Police

	Defined Benefits Retirement Plan for Town Employees	Merit Service Retirement Plan for Volunteer Firemen	Merit Service Retirement Plan for Police
Fund Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year (market value)	\$ 1,555,394	\$ 425,633	\$ 310,800
Contributions:			
From General Fund and Members	131,523	68,656	53,424
Income:			
Interest, Dividends & Other Income	34,585	9,109	6,811
Investments Market Value - Gain/(Loss)	138,206	38,376	27,474
Total Beginning Balance, Contributions & Income	\$ 1,859,709	\$ 541,775	\$ 398,509
Operating Expenses			
Retirement Benefits Paid	131,938	51,047	36,669
Administration	16,085	3,552	3,024
Total Operating Expenses	148,024	54,599	39,694
Fund Balance at End of Fiscal Year (market value)	\$ 1,711,685	\$ 487,176	\$ 358,815
Number of participants in plans	46	61	4
Retired	13	16	1
Active	21	38	2
Vested before terminating	12	7	1

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### Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Revenues

REVENUE SOURCE	FY 2008-09 Actual	Fiscal Year 2009-10			FY 2010-11 Budget
		Budget	Actual	Variance	
<b>TAX COLLECTION</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 17,993,398	\$ 18,757,574	\$ 18,807,340	\$ 49,766	\$ 19,475,386
Interest and Lien Fees	100,238	50,000	101,472	51,472	50,000
<b>Total Tax Collection</b>	<b>18,093,636</b>	<b>18,807,574</b>	<b>18,908,812</b>	<b>101,238</b>	<b>19,525,386</b>
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Veterans Tax Relief	4,013	4,013	3,962	(51)	3,962
School Construction Grant	101,684	96,000	97,061	1,061	-
Education Cost Sharing Grant	384,834	389,697	380,862	(8,835)	389,697
STEAP	166,300	-	-	-	-
Town Aid Road Grant	109,012	79,942	108,732	28,790	109,040
LOCIP	41,903	41,875	41,537	(338)	41,903
PILOT Grant	22,767	19,185	19,048	(137)	19,172
Homeowners Tax Relief	37,001	37,000	36,059	(941)	36,000
Boating Registration	25,331	25,331	12,979	(12,352)	12,979
Transit District	2,390	1,743	1,337	(406)	1,970
Manufacturing Equipment	108,768	108,768	99,083	(9,685)	99,083
Pequot Grant	26,866	16,066	11,390	(4,676)	11,206
PumpOut Boat Reimbursement	51,454	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous State and Federal	45,016	15,000	64,676	49,676	15,000
<b>Total State &amp; Federal</b>	<b>1,127,338</b>	<b>834,620</b>	<b>876,726</b>	<b>42,106</b>	<b>740,012</b>
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>					
Interest Income	98,999	87,962	22,122	(65,840)	35,000
Miscellaneous Permits	2,530	1,500	2,745	1,245	2,000
Phone "Access Line" Tax Share	45,817	49,472	31,454	(18,018)	45,817
Sanitary Permits	65,653	60,000	73,082	13,082	70,000
Building Permit Fees	154,160	146,216	93,195	(53,021)	96,000
Circuit Court Fines	7,383	7,000	6,815	(185)	7,000
Gas Tax Refunds	849	805	-	(805)	805
Zoning Permits	5,231	5,000	6,835	1,835	7,100
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,470	1,000	1,719	719	2,500
Planning Commission Receipts	2,830	500	3,422	2,922	500
Conveyance Tax	82,597	112,671	117,019	4,348	132,000
Park and Recreation	37,200	-	-	-	3,500
Miscellaneous Receipts	88,047	17,000	13,403	(3,597)	15,000
Town Clerk Fees	107,649	70,000	130,215	60,215	110,000
Inland Wetlands Permits	486	1,000	1,566	566	1,110
Regional Recycling Fees	36,354	35,000	33,324	(1,676)	33,000
Health Department Fees	5,839	6,000	6,061	61	6,000
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	<b>743,094</b>	<b>601,126</b>	<b>542,977</b>	<b>(58,149)</b>	<b>567,332</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 19,964,069</b>	<b>\$ 20,243,320</b>	<b>\$ 20,328,515</b>	<b>\$ 85,195</b>	<b>\$ 20,832,730</b>

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### Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Expenditures

DESCRIPTION	FY 2008-09 Actual	Fiscal Year 2009-10			FY 2010-11 Budget
		Budget	Actual	Variance	
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>					
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Selectmen	\$ 177,136	\$ 173,949	\$ 173,428	\$ (521)	\$ 173,838
Assessor	92,108	105,148	99,804	(5,344)	105,996
Central Services	238,776	235,480	254,420	18,940	212,835
Elections	37,291	41,250	27,567	(13,683)	44,078
Probate Court	1,940	2,750	1,765	(985)	2,750
Tax Collector	99,836	102,528	107,961	5,433	95,657
Town Clerk	162,322	145,636	179,432	33,796	162,600
Treasurer	105,973	107,221	105,853	(1,368)	108,835
Zoning Enforcement Agent	56,581	57,431	52,899	(4,532)	57,993
Fringe Benefits	646,815	710,999	683,547	(27,452)	769,552
General Insurance	145,959	162,100	140,744	(21,356)	153,000
Legal Services	88,195	84,555	126,201	41,646	76,055
Public Restroom Facilities	12,778	17,210	18,570	1,360	17,210
Technology	131,500	115,420	113,400	(2,020)	113,925
Board of Assessment Appeals	2,751	1,695	1,504	(191)	1,430
Board of Finance	50,962	102,567	43,753	(58,814)	167,418
Clean Energy Task Force	803	3,600	782	(2,818)	3,600
Conservation Commission	9,851	11,714	11,145	(569)	11,547
Economic Development Comm.	442	1,816	618	(1,198)	1,500
IWWC Commission	13,521	10,911	11,461	550	11,481
Parks and Recreation	201,522	177,262	174,993	(2,269)	162,482
Planning Commission	49,446	60,878	55,408	(5,470)	59,718
Tree Committee	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Zoning Board of Appeals	11,206	9,430	15,558	6,128	10,746
Zoning Commission	34,042	42,868	39,653	(3,215)	45,994
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>2,372,954</b>	<b>2,485,618</b>	<b>2,441,666</b>	<b>(43,952)</b>	<b>2,571,440</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Ambulance Association	20,967	20,136	19,936	(200)	26,818
Animal Control	15,894	16,400	16,400	-	15,000
Building Department	91,168	70,529	74,766	4,237	74,902
Emergency Management	23,482	9,050	9,943	893	9,050
Emergency 911	84,814	93,169	93,169	-	92,369
Fire Department	233,657	247,150	251,250	4,100	256,250
Fire Marshal	44,693	36,112	34,737	(1,375)	45,428
Harbor Patrol	24,636	26,106	27,494	1,388	25,106
Police Services	335,914	302,516	370,978	68,462	320,248
Resident State Trooper	95,729	119,743	67,446	(52,297)	100,052
Water	137,783	140,000	138,586	(1,414)	140,544
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,108,737</b>	<b>1,080,911</b>	<b>1,104,705</b>	<b>23,794</b>	<b>1,105,767</b>

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### Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Expenditures *(continued)*

DESCRIPTION	FY 2008-09 Actual	Fiscal Year 2009-10			FY 2010-11 Budget
		Budget	Actual	Variance	
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>					
Director of Health	\$ 17,538	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,200
Estuary Transit	11,546	11,628	11,628	-	10,465
Sanitarian	208,440	159,674	149,089	(10,585)	163,341
Sanitary Waste Commission	171,779	185,690	181,272	(4,418)	185,560
Social Services	88,082	93,591	91,164	(2,427)	96,659
Visiting Nurses	60,795	60,795	60,795	-	60,795
Pump Out Boat	46,078	-	-	-	-
Water Pollution Control	8,584	3,128	1,662	(1,466)	3,217
Total Health and Welfare	612,842	534,506	515,610	(18,896)	540,237
<b>LIBRARIES</b>	346,000	349,000	349,000	-	349,000
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>					
Highways	729,865	723,527	737,807	14,280	742,676
Town Garage	45,061	35,168	41,096	5,928	36,140
Total Highways and Transportation	774,926	758,695	778,903	20,208	778,816
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal Payments	242,475	237,626	237,626	-	467,780
Interest and Fiscal Charges	473,723	464,157	464,182	25	450,089
Total Debt Service	716,198	701,783	701,808	25	917,869
<b>CAPITAL AND SINKING FUNDS</b>	441,116	345,333	347,046	1,713	235,117
<b>GRANTS &amp; SPECIAL APPROPR.</b>	325,387	20,000	52,815	32,815	-
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	6,698,160	6,275,846	6,291,553	15,707	6,498,246
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Elementary School	4,843,920	5,091,669	5,080,943	(10,726)	5,127,408
Reg. School Operating	5,853,254	6,010,636	6,010,636	-	6,279,409
Reg. Supervision District	1,939,666	1,993,500	1,993,500	-	2,068,639
Reg. Bond & Interest	870,786	871,669	871,669	-	859,028
Total Education	13,507,626	13,967,474	13,956,748	(10,726)	14,334,484
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 20,205,786	\$ 20,243,320	\$ 20,248,301	\$ 4,981	\$ 20,832,730

### Fiscal Year End Revenue Excess/(Deficit)

DESCRIPTION	FY 2008-09 Actual	Fiscal Year 2009-10			FY 2010-11 Budget
		Budget	Actual	Variance	
Total Revenue	\$ 19,964,068	\$ 20,243,320	\$ 20,328,515	\$ 85,195	\$ 20,832,730
Total Expenditures	20,205,787	20,243,320	20,248,301	4,981	20,832,730
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (241,719)	\$ -	\$ 80,214	\$ 80,214	\$ -

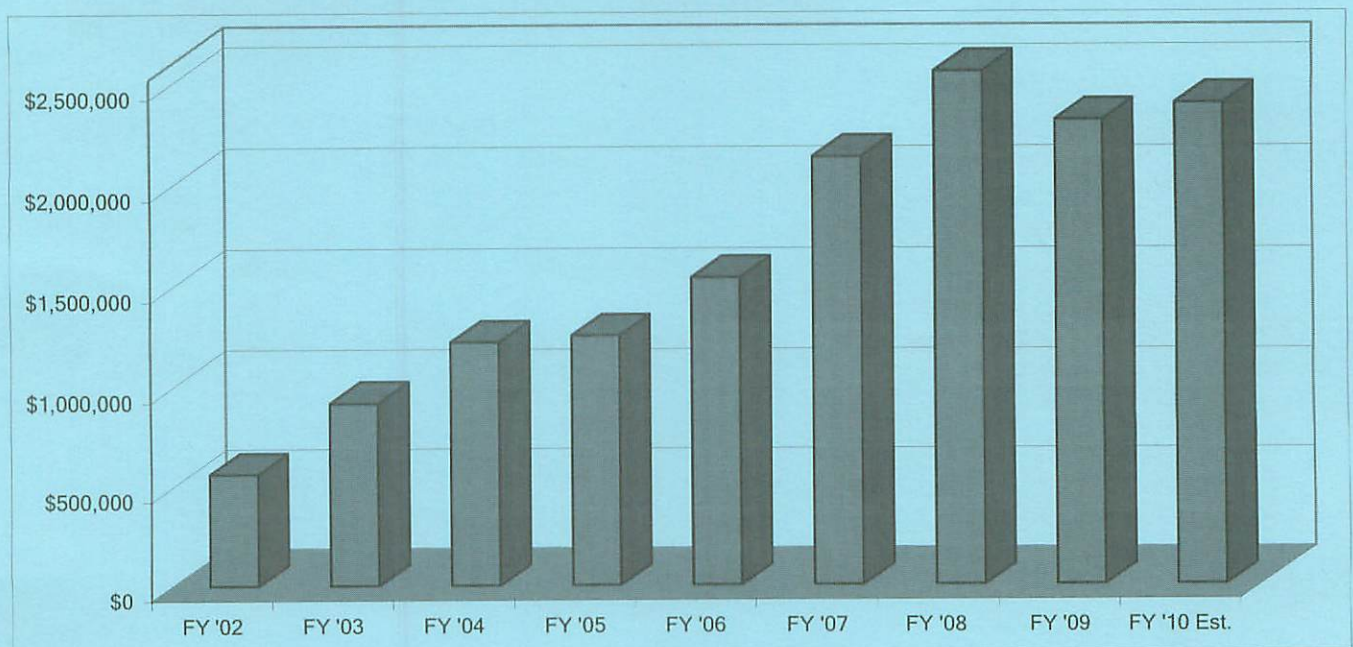
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### Special Revenue (Sinking) Fund Balances

Fund Name	Beginning Balance at 7/1/2009	From General Fund	Interest Rec'd. /Other	Expenditures	Ending Balance at 6/30/2010
Fire Truck	\$ 134,799	\$ 100,000	\$ 1	\$ 234,000	\$ 800
Trucks & Equip.	2,773	0	3	0	2,776
Constable Cars	21,578	10,000	35	0	31,613
Assessor Revaluation	140,990	25,000	185	0	166,175
Wastewater Study	9,408	0	11	0	9,419
Harbor Patrol Boat	17,857	3,000	23	0	20,880
Park & Recreation	6,135	3,000	10	0	9,145
Unappropriated	66,270	5,000	71	8,253	63,088
Tree Committee	1,340	0	3,112	2,630	1,822
Open Space	25,101	25,000	56	0	50,157
EES Capital Improv.	218,580	10,000	255	0	228,835
Veteran's Memorial	20	0	0	0	20
Grove St. Playground	3,362	0	0	3,362	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 648,213</b>	<b>\$ 181,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,762</b>	<b>\$ 248,245</b>	<b>\$ 584,730</b>

### Undesignated Fund Ending Balance by Fiscal Year



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### School Enrollment

Student Count on Oct. 1st	For Budget Year	Essex Elementary			Regional School District #4				
		K - 3	4 - 6	Total	Junior High	High School	Total*	Essex Share	% of Total
2009	2010-11	310	246	556	354	618	985	419	42.54%
2008	2009-10	321	236	557	332	617	962	403	41.89%
2007	2008-09	322	227	549	341	620	961	397	41.31%
2006	2007-08	309	241	550	358	597	955	392	41.05%
2005	2006-07	317	246	563	350	598	948	381	40.19%
2004	2005-06	306	238	544	326	538	864	343	39.70%
2003	2004-05	316	240	556	342	549	891	356	39.96%
2002	2003-04	317	237	554	329	528	857	338	39.44%
2001	2002-03	333	225	558	331	575	906	334	36.87%
2000	2001-02	342	227	569	318	564	882	314	35.60%
1999	2000-01	327	224	551	347	494	841	329	39.12%
1998	1999-00	295	207	502	378	493	871	311	35.71%
1997	1998-99	301	211	512	361	458	819	289	35.29%
1996	1997-98	283	247	530	314	485	799	259	32.42%
1995	1996-97	265	229	494	286	468	754	262	34.75%
1994	1995-96	274	229	503	316	473	789	293	37.14%

\*Total includes Regional Pre-K enrollment

### Regional School District #4 Budget History

	Actual 2006-2007	Actual 2007-2008	Actual 2008-2009	Budget 2009-2010	Adopted 2010-2011
Region. School District 4 Expenses	\$12,076,827	\$12,723,056	\$13,539,779	\$13,519,502	\$13,656,985
Supervision District Expenses	966,374	1,021,532	1,114,977	1,106,237	1,254,690
Total Operating Expenses	13,043,201	13,744,588	14,654,756	14,625,739	14,911,675
Revenue	356,607	385,596	500,215	277,132	211,997
Debt Service	2,114,494	2,215,294	2,106,356	2,080,852	2,080,852
Total Billings - Region-wide	14,801,088	15,574,286	16,260,897	16,429,459	16,780,530
Total Billings-Essex Share	5,948,539	6,392,796	6,717,561	6,882,304	7,138,437
Increase from Prior Year (\$) - Region	382,880	773,198	686,611	168,562	351,071
Increase from Prior Year (\$) - Essex	224,644	444,257	324,765	164,743	256,133
Increase from Prior Year (%) - Region	2.66%	5.22%	4.41%	1.04%	2.14%
Increase from Prior Year (%) - Essex	3.92%	7.47%	5.08%	2.45%	3.72%
Number of Student	948	955	961	962	985
Total Operating Exp / Student*	\$ 13,759	\$ 14,392	\$ 15,249	\$ 15,203	\$ 15,139

\*This number does not represent the Net Current Expenses per Pupil (NCEP) reported by the CT Department of Education which excludes Special Education and other costs

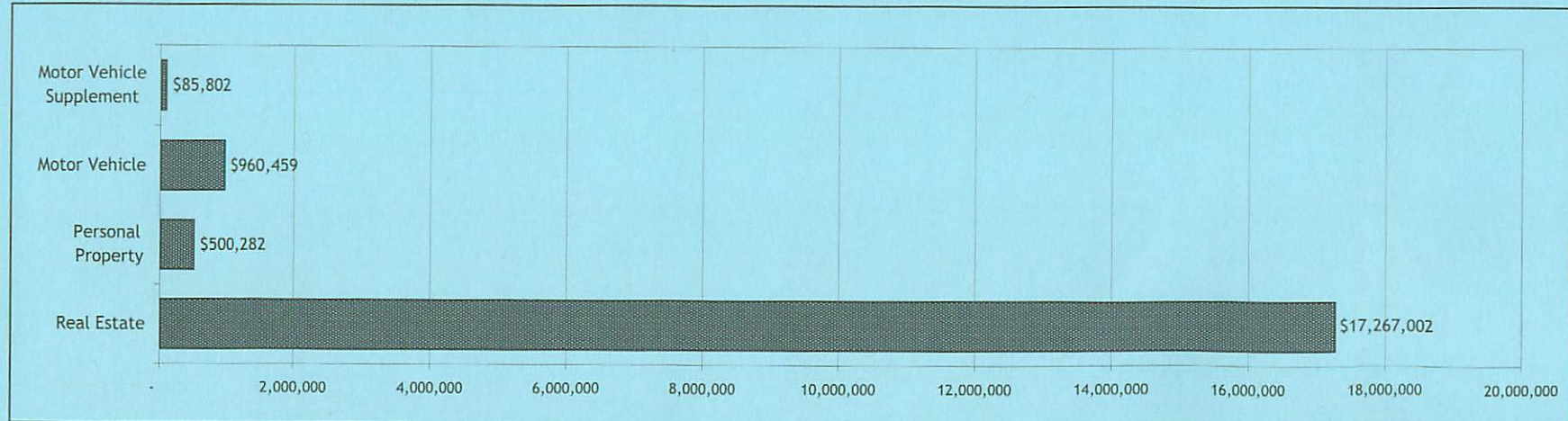
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## Tax Collector's Report

### Schedule of Property Taxes by Grand List Year June 30, 2010

GRAND LIST YEAR	UNCOLLECTED TAXES 6/30/09	CURRENT YEAR LEVY	Lawful Corrections		Transfers To Suspense	Balance To Be Collected	COLLECTIONS			TOTAL	UNCOLLECTED TAXES 6/30/10
			Additions	Deductions			TAXES	INTEREST	LIEN FEES		
2008	-	18,813,546	48,130	69,851	-	18,791,825	18,567,871	53,307	30	18,621,208	223,954
2007	230,902	-	20,252	12,188	-	238,966	139,146	28,369	816	168,331	99,820
2006	80,137	-	15,509	9,414	24,380	61,851	32,127	12,450	216	44,793	29,724
2005	25,962	-	109	466	15,643	9,961	4,007	1,115	72	5,194	5,954
2004	2,502	-	-	-	1,295	1,207	478	77	-	555	729
2003	1,308	-	-	-	608	700	268	221	-	489	432
2002	1,118	-	-	-	1,118	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	685	-	-	-	685	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000	131	-	-	-	131	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999 & prior	704	-	-	-	704	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>343,448</b>	<b>18,813,546</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>91,919</b>	<b>44,564</b>	<b>19,104,510</b>	<b>18,743,897</b>	<b>95,539</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>18,840,570</b>	<b>360,613</b>

### FY 2010 Collections for Grand List 10/1/08 by Type



Megan Haskins, Tax Collector  
Lynne Skinner, Assistant Tax Collector

# Town of Essex 2010 Annual Report

## Assessor's Report

### 2009 Grand List Annual Report

	REAL ESTATE	
	Grand List Year 2008**	Grand List Year 2009
Gross	\$ 1,028,650,650	\$ 1,027,712,650
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	\$ 1,249,500	\$ 1,222,500
Veteran's Additional	570,750	561,750
Vet. Add. Reimb.*	222,000	204,000
Blind	12,000	11,000
Disability	6,000	3,000
Other	-	-
Net	\$ 1,026,590,400	\$ 1,025,710,400

	PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	Grand List Year 2008**	Grand List Year 2009
Gross	\$ 37,173,466	\$ 37,759,323
Exemptions:		
Farm & Mechanics	\$ 11,050	\$ 1,050
Manufacturers*	4,953,260	5,121,880
Misc.	300	2,310
Additional Manufacturer*	2,111,214	2,896,264
Net	\$ 30,097,642	\$ 29,737,819

	MOTOR VEHICLES	
	Grand List Year 2008**	Grand List Year 2009
Gross	\$ 58,211,142	\$ 56,689,616
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	\$ 209,390	\$ 199,250
Veteran's Additional	70,280	65,740
Vet. Add. Reimb.*	6,000	6,000
Disability	21,320	25,770
Other	-	-
Manuf. Truck Reimb.*	829,740	1,575,756
Net	\$ 57,074,412	\$ 54,817,100

	TOTALS	
	Grand List Year 2008**	Grand List Year 2009
Gross	\$ 1,124,035,258	\$ 1,122,161,589
Exemptions:		
Veteran's	\$ 1,458,890	\$ 1,421,750
Veteran's Additional	641,030	627,490
Vet. Add. Reimb.*	222,000	210,000
Blind	6,000	3,000
Disability	12,000	11,000
Other	32,670	29,130
Manufacturer & Truck*	7,894,214	9,593,900
Net	\$ 1,113,768,454	\$ 1,110,265,319

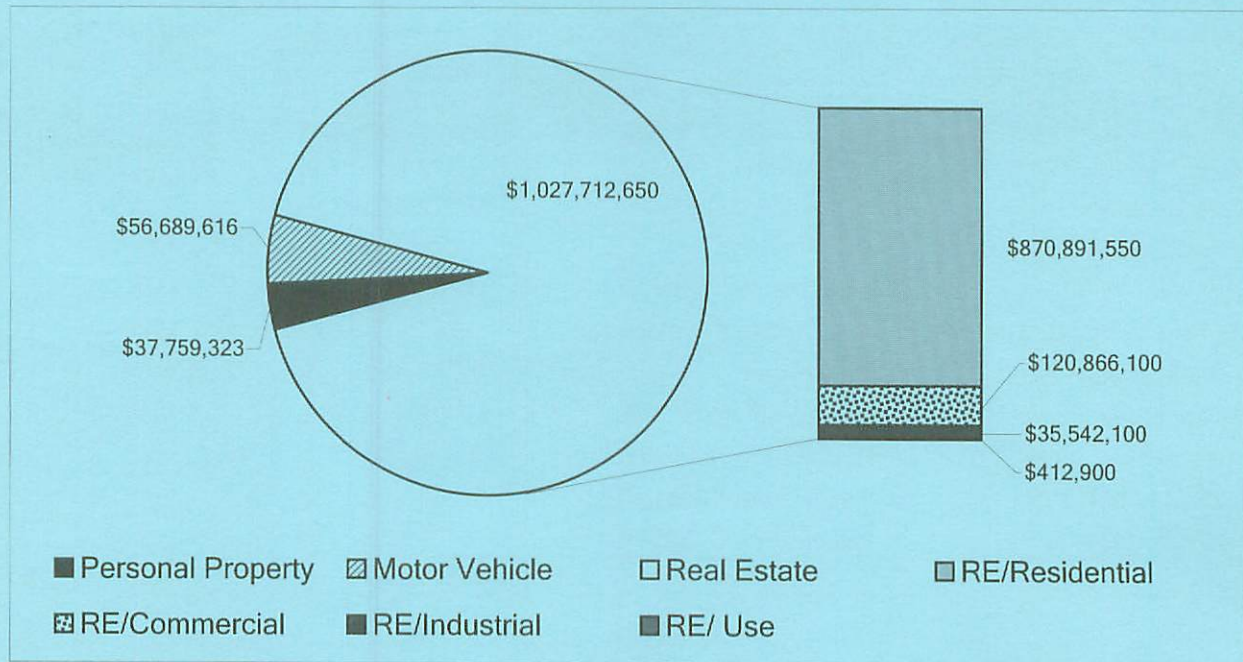
\*Partially Reimbursed by State of CT (Manufacturing machinery is being phased out.)

\*\*Reassessment year

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## Assessor's Report

### Grand List 2009 Assessment by Category



### Comparative Grand Lists - Net Taxable

Item	Grand List Year 2008	Grand List Year 2009	Increase/ (Decrease)
Real Estate	\$ 1,026,590,400	\$ 1,027,712,650	\$ 1,122,250
Personal Property	\$ 30,097,642	\$ 37,759,323	\$ 7,661,681
Motor Vehicle	\$ 57,074,412	\$ 56,689,616	\$ (384,796)
Total	\$ 1,113,762,454	\$ 1,122,161,589	\$ 8,399,135

### Tax Revenue Comparison

	Grand List Year 2008	Grand List Year 2009
Net List	\$ 1,113,762,454	\$ 1,110,265,319
Mill Rate	0.01695	0.01763
Grand List Tax Revenue	\$ 18,878,274	\$ 19,573,978

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## Assessor's Report

### Gross Top Ten Taxpayer Accounts

#	Taxpayer	Primary Activities	10/1/2009 Assessed Value	# of accts
1	Essex Meadows, Inc	Health Care Living Facility	\$24,672,600	1
2	Lee Company	Manufacturing	14,112,240	4
3	Conn Light & Power Co.	Public Utility	5,675,010	1
4	Griswold Inn LLC	Inn & Restaurant	3,853,990	7
5	Cline Stephen R. Successor	Real Estate Development	3,587,400	5
6	Essex Savings Bank	Real Estate	3,295,890	6
7	River Properties	Marine Services	2,998,910	2
8	Macbeth Ventures LLC	Real Estate Development	2,870,000	2
9	Clark Herbert T III	Real Estate Development	2,708,920	28
10	Demco LLC	Real Estate Holding Co.	2,702,900	12
Total			\$66,477,860	

Historical Mill Rates	
Grand List Year	Mill Rate
1989*	9.90
1990	11.25
1991	11.25
1992	11.25
1993	11.75
1994	12.25
1995	13.20
1996	13.50
1997	14.00
1998	14.50
1999*	16.75
2000	16.75
2001	18.25
2002	20.00
2003*	14.90
2004	15.50
2005	16.20
2006	16.90
2007	17.60
2008*	16.95
2009	17.63
*Revaluation	

### Important Annual Dates for the Assessor's Office

February	1	We begin accepting applications for the Elderly Homeowner/Circuit Breaker Program and Additional Veteran's Benefits.
May	15	Deadline to file for the Elderly Homeowner/Circuit Breaker Program
June	1	Deadline for all commercial property owners to file the annual income and expense forms.
September	1	The filing period for PA 490 land, farm, forest and local option open space begins
October	1	Deadline by which Veteran's must file their DD214, honorable discharge. (Only needs to be done once)
October	1	Deadline for low-income Veterans to file for their additional exemption.
November	1	All business Personal Property Declarations must be filed or postmarked by this date to avoid the 25% penalty.

Jessica Graves, CCMail  
Assessor

## Zoning Commission

The Essex Zoning Commission is responsible for the continuous review, updating and administering the Essex Zoning Regulations. Revision updates to the Zoning Regulations are made periodically to conform to state legislative requirements and changing concerns regarding development in Essex. In addition, the Commission reviews, approves, or denies applications for Special Exceptions and/or site plans.

In fiscal year 2009-2010, the Zoning Commission approved five special exception applications and four modifications to existing special exceptions. The Commission denied one application after multiple public hearings.

The Commission is continuing its mission to update the current regulations for the Limited Industrial Zone. The Commission plans to initiate the next phase of revision process to update these regulations and the boundary of the zone in 2010.

Members of the Essex Zoning Commission are Chairman Alvin Wolfgram, Hope Proctor, Susan Uihlein, Lillian Mosa and Larry Shipman. Alternates are Robert Connelly, James Hill and Bill Reichenbach. Commission member Kenneth Wexler resigned in December.

## Zoning Enforcement

The Zoning Enforcement Agent (ZEA) is responsible for reviewing and issuing zoning permits which are needed for most exterior physical improvements such as single family houses, additions, decks, sheds and pools. Zoning approval is required prior to the issuance of a building permit per state statute. Many commercial and industrial uses also need approval either from the ZEA and/or the Zoning Commission prior to initiation and/or construction. In 2009-2010, 86 permits were issued. The office also provides assistance to all applicants throughout the application process. The ZEA/WEO also enforces the zoning and inland wetlands regulations as provided by state statute.

The Zoning Office provides administrative support to the Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Office maintains copies of all Commission agendas, legal notices and minutes. The Zoning Office receives all applications to the various Commissions and prepares staff reports on those applications for Commission members. The Zoning Office maintains the zoning files for individual properties in addition to the official files for all the land use Commissions. The Office maintains all street cut permit applications and associated bonds.

In 2009-2010, the office was staffed by Marian Staye, ZEA/WEO and Stella Beaudoin, part-time administrative assistant. Commission clerks are Stella Beaudoin (Inland Wetlands and Zoning Board of Appeals) and Sandra Meinsen (Zoning Commission and Planning Commission). Dorothy Zeitelhack resigned this year as the long-time Zoning Clerk.



*Ivoryton Playhouse—The Miracle Worker*

## ***Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut***

Tracing its history to 1809, the mission of Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut is to promote the well-being and development of all children and their families, in particular to give priority to the unmet needs of children lacking physical, emotional and intellectual care and nurturing. Programs deal with child abuse prevention, the treatment of family violence, teen pregnancy, children's health care, childcare, parent education and children's mental health.

Our Family-Child Mental Health Services address a broad range of needs for families in crisis or living with mental health illnesses. Victimization counseling is a major service of Child & Family, focusing on the psychological needs of sexual and physical abuse victims and their families. Family Therapy includes play therapy, groups and individual counseling in our licensed Child Guidance Clinic at 190 Westbrook Road in Essex. Our in-home intensive therapy service address the needs of young people with more serious behavioral health issues.

A full range of psychiatric, psychological and psycho-social assessment services are available to children and their families as well as to Essex and District #4 Schools and community groups. Child & Family serves children birth to eighteen years of age and their families. Our Essex office provided home and office based services to almost 1,000 family members this past fiscal year.

Last year, over 13,000 children were served in 79 towns in Child & Family Agency's service region. Child & Family has over 160 staff—social workers, teachers, psychologists, nurse practitioners, administrators and support staff—dedicated to helping children at 28 service centers. A non-profit agency with a \$10 million budget, program funding comes from private, state, United Way and federal sources. Fees for service reflect costs. A sliding scale assures that no one will be refused service for financial reasons.

The Essex Auxiliary of Child & Family Agency promotes fund raising and advocacy programs to benefit the services and capital projects of the Agency. Reading to children, cooking or sewing or sharing a special skill with children, gardening and tutoring are just some of the "hands-on" ways to get involved. Our mission is "all about children." We encourage and welcome new members. The Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday of each month (September–June) at Essex Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website at [www.cfapress.org](http://www.cfapress.org) to learn more or call Judy Lovelace, Director of Development, Pat Thompson, Auxiliary Chairman, or Alice VanDeursen, Membership Chairman.

Judy Lovelace  
Director of Resource Development  
& Community Relations

## ***Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency***

The Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) is in its 43rd year of planning for the nine-town Estuary region. CRERPA consists of two representatives from each member town, one representing the Board of Selectmen and the other representing the Planning Commission. The CRERPA Board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Agency office in the Saybrook Junction Marketplace. Our current Chairman is Bruce Edgerton of Deep River.

CRERPA has a staff of eight full and part-time employees and independent consultants are occasionally contracted on an as need basis. CRERPA is supported financially from a variety of federal, state and local sources. A significant portion of the CRERPA budget continues to be the annual contribution of its member towns, with other support coming from the State of Connecticut—Department of Transportation, the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

CRERPA helps its member towns work together voluntarily to solve common problems affecting the Estuary Region. During the year, CRERPA provided staff support and meeting space for several regional organizations including ; the Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization; the Lower Connecticut Valley Selectman's Association and the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. In addition CRERPA also provides regional support services for: local technical assistance, GIS and environmental planning, the Estuary Transit District, harbor management, kayak and canoe trails, emergency management planning and community gardens.

CRERPA staff continues to assist member towns with local open space plans, which serve as building blocks for a regional greenway plan. The greenway plan will be part of the background work for the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. The Essex Board Member is Robert Laundy. More information may be obtained at their website: [www.crerpa.org](http://www.crerpa.org)

### **CRERPA STAFF:**

Linda Krause, Executive Director  
J. H. Torrance Downes, Senior Planner  
L. Jean Davies, AICP, Principal Planner  
Margot Burns, Environmental Planner  
Janice Ehle-Meyer, Recycling Coordinator  
Dorothy Papp, Financial Administrator  
Pat Anthony, Office Manager

## Connecticut River Gateway Commission

The Gateway Conservation Zone is about 30 miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook) within view of the River. The Commission has concentrated its attention on the protection of key lands along the River that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities.

In 2004 the Commission zoning standards were officially amended to include a new requirement for a vegetative buffer area along the riverfront, clarification of limitations on the height of structures and greater emphasis on blending new structures with existing topography and landscaping. Local Planning and Zoning Commissions are now responsible for conducting Special Permit reviews for structures in excess of 4,000 square feet in total area in order to understand and mitigate adverse impacts of such large development on the "natural and traditional riverway scene". These standards respond to continuing concerns over highly visible, large, new homes along the river bank and in the upland hills facing the River, as well as extensive tree-cutting for new development or new views for existing development.

As of June 30, 2010, Gateway member towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook have incorporated the new standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute. Essex is the only outstanding Gateway member town required to adopt the new standards.

Margot Burns, GIS Specialist, continues to utilize and expand the extensive GIS database originated to produce the 2004 CT River Dock Study's Resource Sensitivity Index (RSI) maps created by J. H. Torrance Downes and the database constructed for the Ground Truthing Project (GTP) (the study and its associated maps can be obtained from the CRERPA's web site at <http://www.crerpa.org/openspace.html>.) Downes assisted the Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission in developing and adopting standards for private residential docks to be included within their local Harbor Management Plan. These landmark local standards are the first of their kind to be approved by the DEP in the State of Connecticut.

With support from an EPA grant and the Gateway Commission and after much research, Judy Preston of Tidewater Institute has succeeded in developing standards for the enhanced protection of the riparian buffer areas that border the Connecticut River, its tributaries and associated wetlands. The Gateway Commission is presently reviewing their work program to determine when to recommend the adoption of the riparian buffer standards by the Gateway member towns. When adopted the new standards will provide increased management of these important buffer areas.

3D modeling through the use of Sketch Up and Google Earth continues to be utilized by the Commission and staff continues working with the Pictometry data and software provided by the State. These tools allow the Gateway Commission to continue to work to expand the integration of GIS technology into their conservation efforts in order to protect the "natural and traditional riverway scene" of the Connecticut River, one of the Commission's primary missions.

CRERPA staffer Margot Burns has begun a collaboration of land trusts within the lower Connecticut River—the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE)—with an eye toward a greater alliance and coordination amongst the trusts. The goal is for the trusts to work together to share resources to make all of the trusts more effective in their conservation work. The Gateway Commission's sister land trust—the Connecticut River Land Trust participates in the alliance work. Find out about the Exchange at [www.crerpa.org/LandTrustCollaboration](http://www.crerpa.org/LandTrustCollaboration)

As a part of the overall effort to better serve the public, Commission staff J.H. Torrance Downes redesigned and launched a new website, which is still located at [www.ctrivergateway.org](http://www.ctrivergateway.org). The site includes the posting of photos from the lower river valley, the Gateway's development standards, state statutes governing their authority, minutes, agendas, Annual Reports and other pertinent information.

The Essex members are Ellen Whaley and Anthony Chirico. The Commission acknowledges the years of dedicated service of Frederick Vollono who stepped down this fiscal year.

For more information, contact CRERPA Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 388-3497.



Essex Land Trust—  
Winter family hike in beautiful Canfield Meadow Woods

## Essex Ambulance Association

On January 1, 1977 a small dedicated group of volunteers began to provide ambulance service to the town of Essex. So much has changed since that day. Patient care technology continues moving forward and the training required to provide that level of care is ever increasing. Members train to respond to any type of emergency including situations that carry serious personal safety concerns. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group that is committed to providing the best care to our residents and visitors. We operate with three ambulances a 2009 AEV Dodge with four wheel drive that has allowed us to respond safely in critical weather and a 1994 and 2003 Horton.

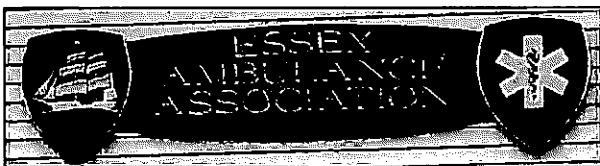
Funding is acquired through donations, memorial gifts and billing. Four years ago for the first time we asked for assistance from the town to help offset rising insurance costs, we are grateful for their assistance.

Our members respond to approximately 1,000 calls for assistance each year. We participate in local civic functions, including the Deep River Muster, Chester Road Race, Ivoryton Fourth of July Parade and the Touch A Truck Event. Essex Ambulance is especially thankful for the close working relationship we have with Essex Fire Engine Co. # 1 and our Police.

Our biggest challenge this year has been the renovation of the ambulance headquarters. After researching options, current and future concerns, we voted to renovate. With the help of local contractors and Gary Riggio of Richard Riggio and Sons we are nearing the end of the project. One of our proudest moments was when our new sign, that was created by Jim Danks and donated by both he and Scott Hofmann was put in place. The design of the building allows for ample space for the present and future needs of our Corps and careful consideration was given throughout the design process to ensure the completed building would complement the Main Street, Centerbrook area and the history of our town.

The members hope you will share this exciting time with us as we settle into our new home. We would like to thank all our supporters for allowing us to continue to serve our community and for your unwavering support!!!! Equally important we thank our members and their families for their continued service and dedication to our community. Best wishes for a healthy and safe year.

Judith A. Reynolds EMTB/EMS  
Chief of Service



## Essex Art Association

The Essex Art Association (EAA) located at 10 North Main Street has served the shoreline as a non-profit Art Gallery for 64 years. The gallery building itself is truly historic and has always been an intrinsic



part of the fabric of Essex. It has had many functions during its lifetime. It was built in 1831 as a one-room meetinghouse for the Baptist Church. It also served as the Riverview School, as the headquarters for an organization called the Daughters of the King and since 1948 as the home for EAA. Our venerable Gallery still has no heating system or insulation, so is only open from April to the end of October.

While our season is short we have a full agenda. The beginning of the 2010 season brought numerous volunteers to the gallery with paint brushes and brooms in hand. The gallery walls and numerous sculpture stands received a fresh coat of paint and the outside of the gallery was also spruced up. A new sign, designed by our members, was installed and gives the gallery a new look. Left Bank Gallery hosted our first show in March during the cold weather months. Since 1979, we have opened our season at the gallery with the renowned "Valley Regional High School Student Show" in which we give our community's budding artists the opportunity to experience showing their works in a gallery setting and also award them with cash prizes. We then continued our regular season with five shows, each with a different theme. Each show had an opening reception enjoyed by members and the community. Member artists can rent the gallery after the show season and on gallery off hours.

Our 2010 season has been very successful. Each opening brought out the town and we have had outstanding participation and sales this year.

As a non-profit organization, the EAA relies heavily on member and community participation. Our scholarship and cash awards and every day running of the Gallery are possible through the generous bequests of EAA members and supporters. Our annual revenue is generated through a combination of membership dues, sales, rental income and donations. We wish to thank the community for another successful year and are looking forward to 2011, our 65th year in operation.

Betty Holcomb, Administrative Director

EAA 2010 Council Members:

Rob De Bartolo—President,

Barbara Durland—Vice President

Nancy King—Secretary

Robert Gantner—Treasurer

Lesley Braren, Pam Carlson, Christine Karpinski

Peggy Price, Judith Saunders

## Essex Board of Trade

2010 has continued to be another challenging year for Essex area retailers, service providers and non profit organizations. In light of the current economic climate, the Board of Trade and its Special Events Committee directed its efforts toward seasonal events that would be free to the public in order to drive more visitors to the area.

Our season began with the Essex Ed parade in January. The parade ended with entertainment and drew over 1,000 residents and visitors to town on a sunny but cold winter's day. We transitioned into the Winter Eagle Festival where individual shops promoted in-store events. Meanwhile, the Connecticut River Museum hosted wonderful bird watching cruises aboard the Oceanographic boat from Woods Hole, which made its home at the museum for over five weeks.

In June we held our second Potted Garden Tour that drew over 1,500 visitors from as far as Massachusetts and New York for seminars and viewing of small gardens. The gardens were provided by our retailers and commercial offices. As I write this, we are gearing up for another Scarecrow FestiFall over Columbus weekend. Last year drew over 800 for the festival day and



*Newly renovated Essex Ambulance Association Headquarters*

countless visitors during the month of October. Last year, based on our festival sales, we were fortunate enough to be able to make a sizeable contribution to the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation.

In December, we will once again be hosting a Holiday Stroll.

It is clear that promotion and events are the keys to building economic traffic in town. And as President of the Essex Board of Trade, it is my desire to continue to build our membership base, while fostering camaraderie amongst businesses and thus increasing commerce for all of us.

Jim D'Alessio  
President, Essex Board of Trade, Inc.

## Essex Community Fund

The Essex Community Fund has been serving the town since the 1940's. The Fund was organized for the purpose of soliciting and collecting monies to benefit non-profit organizations that provide important services to the residents of Ivoryton, Centerbrook and Essex. The Board of Governors are volunteers from the three villages.

At our March 2010 reception, we awarded grants totaling more than



*Park and Recreation Summer Camp*

\$42,000 to the following organizations: The American Red Cross, Bushy Hill Nature Center, Camp Hazen-YMCA, CDE Cooperative Nursery School, Child and Family Agency, Community Music School, Ct. Audubon Society

Eco Travel, Ct. River Museum, Essex Ambulance Association, Essex Art Association, Essex Boy Scout Troop 12, Essex Cub Scout Troop 4, Essex Elementary School Camperships, Essex Elementary School Foundation, Essex Fuel Assistance Program, Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Essex Historical Society, Essex Housing Authority, Essex Land Trust, Essex Library Association, Essex Police Union Fund, Essex Veterans Memorial Hall, Estuary Council of Seniors, FISH, Gilead Community Services, Ivoryton Library Association, Ivoryton Playhouse, Literacy Volunteers, Nature's Playground, New Horizons Domestic Violence Community

Health Center Services, Nutmeg Big Bros / Big Sisters, Paul and Lisa Program, Region 4 Education Foundation, Rushford Foundation, Safe Graduation Committee, The Shoreline Soup Kitchens, Tri-Town Youth Services, Valley-Shore YMCA and Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley.

The Board of Governors would like to thank the many individuals and businesses that support the Fund. It is your generosity that benefits so many in Essex.

Rick Stebbins

## ***Essex Elementary School Parents and Teacher Organization***

The Essex Elementary School PTO is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Essex Elementary School students in partnership with parents, educators and the community.

The 2009-2010 Executive Board members were: Susie Beckman, President; Gayle Capezone, Vice President; Jenn Salbinski, Treasurer; Kelley Frazier, Recording Secretary; and Andrea Trezza, Corresponding Secretary.

Thanks to our many volunteers and supporters, we successfully raised over \$30,000 in 2009-2010. Those funds allowed the PTO to support a variety of programs and activities including Cultural Arts programs, field trips for each grade level and the Science Fair. The PTO also made contributions to the library and other programs including music, PE, language, social development and DARE among others.

Susie Beckman  
PTO President

## ***Essex Fire Engine Company No. 1***

### **Fellow Residents:**

The fiscal year 2009-2010 has been a busy year for your all-volunteer Fire Department. This year we responded to 768 emergency requests from our residents. These included 137 fire and related incidents, 35 rescue incidents, 536 medical incidents, four marine incidents, 29 hazardous materials emergencies, four public service calls and 29 mutual aid responses to our neighboring towns. Essex Firefighters also provided manpower for 137 work/maintenance details, 48 training exercises, 39 public education exercises and 64 administrative support functions.

This year, with the continuing support of the town and very generous donations, Essex Fire was able to obtain a much more capable used 1994 aerial truck for use at all type of incidents. Unlike our retired 1977 Maxim 85 ft. Light Duty Ladder Truck, our present vehicle is a Sutphen 100 foot Heavy Duty Aerial Platform. In addition to the extended reach of this aerial, this truck has the added capability to pump 1,500 gpm, carries 300 gallons of water on board and has the ability to support two fully equipped firefighters from it's platform while flowing 1,500 gpm of water through its platform mounted twin water turrets. Again, unlike it's predecessor, this truck can perform this function at any extended length, at any angle from -12 degrees to 84 degrees of elevation. Your firefighters are currently training for and creating preplans which will make this new aerial device an integral component of our everyday operation.

Extra support is needed in all facets of our service from firefighters to truck drivers, emergency medical personnel to office help. Please entertain volunteering some of your precious time, no experience is needed, we will train you. Should you feel that you have the time or the desire to become a fire service professional, please do not

hesitate to give us the opportunity to prove to you that volunteering in this profession is one of the greatest fulfillment's you can encounter. In the fire service we have one common goal, to protect and serve our neighbors! So, no matter what you think your abilities are, give us some serious thought, stop by Saybrook Road Fire Station on any Wednesday evening, sign up and give us a try.

Elected to serve with me this year are:

Andrew Kressley—Deputy Chief  
Steven Olsen—1st Assistant Chief  
Douglas Harreys—2nd Assistant Chief  
Don Schumacher—Captain  
Paul Phoenix—Chief Engineer  
Cliff Ward—Engineer  
Andrew Unghire—Engineer  
James Mack—Engineer  
Paul Fazzino Jr.—Lieutenant of Training  
Christopher Going—Lieutenant of Apparatus  
Robert Dahlstrom—Rescue Lieutenant  
Dayna Going—Treasurer  
Jeanine Fazzino—Company Secretary.

This is a totally cohesive group, which continues to work closely to further the commitment of this organization.

Best Regards,  
Chief Paul Fazzino



## Essex Garden Club

Since 1952, the Essex Garden Club has dedicated itself to assisting Park and Recreation with maintaining the Main Street Park. In subsequent years we added Dickinson Park and three islands. This year we replaced the plantings around the gazebo with boxwoods, planted two shadblow trees near the water fountain and mulched the parks. From spring through fall we weeded, transplanted, divided and pruned plants in the parks.

To further beautify the town, we decorated Main Street and the silent policeman for the Christmas holidays. In the spring, we provided geraniums and petunias to the Town Hall, Fire Department, Ambulance, Essex Court, etc. In June, we donated mulch for the Library grounds. Every week throughout the year, we displayed floral arrangements or interesting potted plants at the front desk of the Library for all to enjoy.

It is also our goal to enhance community spirit by co-sponsoring events in town like the *Wind Over Wings* presentation with the River Museum and the Stone Walls open meeting with the Land Trust. At the Middle School we completed the installation of the greenhouse and two raised beds. At the Elementary School the students learned about worm composting and planted their raised beds. We also sponsored a presentation at the library. As an ex-officio member of the Board of Trade, we participated in the Scarecrow festival and decorated the silent policeman for the Potted Garden weekend.

Since our children are our future, we awarded seven college scholarships, two Bushy Hill camperships and ten elementary school park and recreation camperships for a total of \$9,650. We also donated books and DVD's to the library to enhance their collection.

The proceeds from our May Market and the sale of our garlic salt enable us to proudly serve the Essex, Ivoryton and Centerbrook communities.

Wendy Madsen  
President



Essex Board of Trade—Scarecrow Fest/Fall

## Essex Historical Society

The Essex Historical Society enjoyed a productive year. Despite our "historical" name, the Society at age 57, remains young and vibrant. This year we were recognized by Historic New England for our 25 years of ownership and outstanding stewardship of Pratt House. To celebrate this milestone, *We Tipped Our Hat to Mr. Pratt* at our fund raiser in May. The monies raised will go toward continued good stewardship.



In order to raise community awareness and generate a broader interest in the Society, we engaged in some new activities which included: expanding the community gardens located behind the barn, opening our two museum buildings to the Child and Family Services House Tour; and participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Board of Trade's Potted Garden Tour.

The Society, along with other organizations, is represented on the Town's Architectural Design Review Study Committee, which was established to determine the need for architectural regulations. We are following the work of the Committee closely and hope it will find a solution for preserving our unique heritage.

Our creative program committee provided wonderful programs, allowing us to become more involved and expert in marine art, architecture, antique homes and the early manufacturing of Witch Hazel. We still had time to honor our wonderful veterans and participate with the Board of Trade and River Museum by coordinating the land portion of the Trees in the Rigging event. And, as always, we welcomed Essex 2nd graders for a day long history workshop.

The Society's ongoing house sign program is a convenient way to learn the history of your home and to correctly document its age. If you are interested in purchasing a sign for your historic or newer home, please contact Shirley Malcarne at 767-1191. A free one year membership is included with each sign purchase.

Tours of Pratt house take place on Saturday and Sundays June thru September. Training for new docents is ongoing and is a wonderful way to get to know the community and its history. If you are interested in becoming a tour guide at the Pratt House, please call docent coordinator Joanne Kottke at 767-9047.

Mary Ann Pleva  
President

## Essex Land Trust



*Essex Land Trust—Officers for 2010 - left to right: Jim Denham Vice President, Goody LeLash Secretary, Mike Carlucci Finance Director and Bob Nussbaum President*

2009 was another successful year for the Essex Land Trust in spite of a challenging economic environment. Key highlights included:

- Maintaining more than 500 acres of open space across 17 properties including 36 trails;
- Acquiring the Johnson Farm development rights funded by \$160,000 from private donations and a contribution of \$150,000 from the town of Essex;
- Our conservation land is now valued at approximately \$4.5million

Committee Reports for 2009 are:

**Finance:** the Land Trust received \$20,032 in grants, a contribution of \$150,000 from the town of Essex toward the Johnson Conservation Easement and we received \$110,174 in private contributions.

**Development:** private contributions of \$160,000 were generated toward the purchase of the Johnson Farm Conservation Easement. We received grants from: Middlesex County Community Foundation, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Essex Community Fund, the Rockfall Foundation, Riverview Cemetery and the Essex Garden Club. We received sponsorship support from the following organizations:

- Essex Savings Bank sponsors our Newsletter
- Essex Printing sponsors our Events Calendar
- Liberty Bank helps support our Annual Meeting cost

**Events:** 2009 was a banner year for ELT sponsored activities – Four speakers, two kayak/canoe excursions, six walks, two Riverquest cruises, Cross Lots walk/concert and picnic, an Earth Day program with “Wind over Wings” and best of all the sheep shearing, wool spinning, egg grading event at the Johnson Farm.

**Acquisitions:** the Committee’s priority in 2009 was to finalize the protection of the Johnson Farm. The deal was completed on October 26th. The Committee wants to thank the Johnsons for being so supportive and our super-lawyer Barbara Sarrantonio for guiding us through the process.

**Communications:** Besides coordinating the issuing of press releases, distribution of posters, publishing Essex Woods & Waters and providing material for Essex Events and the town’s Annual Report, the Communications team handled the sales and distribution of the Land Trust’s Trail Guide.

**Stewardship:** The Land Trust wishes to thank our property stewards and volunteers who helped in the maintenance of our properties. Recognizable new additions were two new footbridges at Heron Pond and one at James Glen. Stone wall repairs at Cross Lots continued.

**Membership:** Total membership reached 400 individuals and families, 21 of whom were new members. More than 20 local businesses joined as Corporate Partners.

**Volunteers:** Volunteering remains both active and busy. More than 100 volunteers play a critical and vital role in the success of the Land Trust.

## Essex Lions Club

The Essex Lions Club is proud to celebrate 60 years of service in 2010. During the past year, in keeping with the Lions Club’s support of vision-related organizations, contributions were made to the CT Lion’s Eye Research Center, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation and the CT Low Vision Center. We also paid for eye exams and eyeglasses for Essex residents who could not afford them. The club also made donations to the Essex and Ivoryton libraries, Essex Fire Department and Essex Ambulance Association as well as donations to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Tri-Town Youth Services. The club also gave out the first Essex Lions Club Philip Lombardi Jr. Scholarships to two deserving Valley Regional High School seniors.

During the year, the club holds three major fundraisers. The always popular Essex Lions Lobster Bake is held the first Saturday of August ; we sell food concessions at the Essex Steam Train’s Day Out With Thomas the Tank Engine event in May and mail out the Essex Eye Charities Letter to residents in November. We thank everyone who has so graciously donated to these events in the past and hope for your continued support again this year. Your donations allow us to help support the community.

The Essex Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month September through May at 7:00 p.m. at Oliver’s Taverne Restaurant. The public is welcome to join us at anytime and we always encourage new members.

Michael Lombardi  
Secretary  
Immediate Past President

## ***Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.***

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a non-profit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook with café sites in Clinton, Westbrook, Chester and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote senior's quality of life, community involvement and independent living. Last year the ECSI provided nearly 97,000 nutritious meals including 65,068 Meals On Wheels, 1,765 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region, 958 free preventative health screenings and numerous social and exercise programs.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, ECSI provided 109 Essex seniors with 2,241 congregate meals and 5,309 Meals On Wheels (homebound meals). Two Essex seniors were provided 22 rides to medical appointments

outside the nine-town Estuary Region through the Stan Greimann EMOTS program. In total, 325 seniors received 9,776 services through ECSI.

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, other grants, individual donations and fund raising.

For information on our breakfast and lunch nutrition program, Meals On Wheels, EMOTS, exercise programs and social programs please call 860-388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Paula C. Ferrara  
Executive Director

## ***Estuary Transit District***

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary region. The nine towns include Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. ETD's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. To meet this goal, ETD operates public transit via the 9 Town Transit (9TT) service.

9TT's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. The routes include the Old Saybrook to Madison Shoreline Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Chester Riverside Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Middletown Mid-Shore Express and the new Old Saybrook to New London Southeast Shuttle. These routes offer free connections to the New Haven, New London/Norwich, Middletown and Hartford area bus services. In addition to the deviated fixed routes, 9TT provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region through its Dial-A-Ride service. As with all of 9TT's services, the Dial-A-Ride service is open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

In August of 2009, ETD began selling tickets and passes at area Stop & Shop stores. This resulted in an immediate increase in pass sales due to the convenience of these new outlets. ETD has also continued its increased marketing efforts, which has been extremely successful in increasing awareness of its services and correcting the misconception that its services are only for seniors. ETD also expanded the service hours of its Dial-A-Ride service to improve availability for work related trips. This combined with the marketing efforts have led to an increase in ridership of 18% over the previous fiscal year to 61,524 trips and a shift of users to 30% seniors and 70% non-seniors. The addition of new services over the past few years had resulted in ETD outgrowing its Old Saybrook offices. In September of 2009,

ETD moved to a new office at 17 Industrial Park Road Suite 6 in Centerbrook.

ETD also received over \$900,000 in capital grants to improve bus stops, improve Dial-A-Ride scheduling, purchase new buses, purchase furniture, improve on-board communications, replace computer equipment and develop a new and improved website. Of the new buses, two will be hybrid-gasoline buses, the first of their kind in the state. Many of these purchases were made in the 2009-2010 fiscal year and will continue into the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by the ETD Board of Directors made up of one representative from each town, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town they represent. The Directors serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long term planning for the district. In 2008, the board hired First Transit, Inc., a professional transit management company, to provide an Executive Director to manage the day to day business of ETD. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday every other month at 9:00 a.m. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

After suffering a budget deficit in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, ETD was forced to make changes to its service, fares and policies. The result has been a healthy budget surplus for both the 2009-2010 and current fiscal years and the growth of unrestricted fund balance, which both enhances ETD's cash flow position and acts as a "rainy day" fund.

Jack Spangler represents Essex on the Board of Directors.

### **Administrative Staff:**

Joseph Comerford, Executive Director  
Paul Tyrrell, Operations Manager  
Halyna Famiglietti, Finance Manager  
Sue Traskos, Lead Dispatcher

## **Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, Inc.**



The building that is now the Ivoryton Playhouse has a cultural and historical significance not only for the village of Ivoryton but for the community at large. It was built in 1911 as a community hall for the workers of the Comstock-Cheney factory and as such it has always held a special place in the hearts of the residents of Ivoryton. In 1927, the hall was bought by Milton Stiefel and renamed the Ivoryton Playhouse and one of America's most popular summer theatres was born.

The past several years have seen great changes for the Playhouse, not only in the renovated and refurbished physical structure but also in the uses of the building. What was once a largely summer stock theatre with various community events throughout the year has become a thriving year-round professional theatre with a year-round season. The Playhouse is owned and operated by the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, Inc., a Connecticut non-stock corporation with Section 501(c)(3) status. It is managed by a board of trustees and employs an executive director, office manager, box-office manager and staff, a stage manager, production manager and a technical director. The Playhouse produces seven professional productions a year, showcasing the talents of directors, designers, actors, dancers and musicians from all over the country. The annual revenue of approximately \$800,000.00 is generated through a combination of ticket sales, membership dues, rental income, benefit performances and sponsorships.

This past year the Playhouse offered a full year-round schedule of professional plays and musicals, including the critically acclaimed *The Full Monty* and the Connecticut Critics Circle Award winning, *The Miracle Worker*, as well as comedies, mysteries and summer shows for children. The Playhouse also partnered other local non-profit organizations in fund raising ventures including The Essex Community Fund and The Paul & Lisa Foundation. To honor the Playhouse's 100th birthday in 2011, the Foundation held a Centennial Kick Off Fundraising Event at Doanes Airport in May and embarked on an endowment campaign to guarantee the preservation and maintenance of this historic building in perpetuity.

Jacqueline Hubbard  
Executive Director

## **Libraries**

### **Essex Library Association**

The Essex Library continues to be an extremely popular resource for our town's citizens, over 4,000 of whom have Library cards. Last year we hosted 379 programs that were attended by nearly 8,000 people and circulated just over 70,000 items. Our goal is to continue to provide useful and relevant programs and materials for Essex residents. We frequently enlist the help of other non-profits in order to do so. For example, we recently expanded our selection of foreign language and English as a second language materials with help from a grant from the Middlesex County Community Foundation; and a grant from the Essex Community Foundation is being used to help establish a new community resource room.

The Library's greatest accomplishment this year was its selection by the Connecticut Library Association and Connecticut State Library to receive the 2010 Excellence in Public Library Service award. This honor was conferred in

recognition of GirlZone - a program designed to help adolescent girls build self esteem that was developed by Jessica



Branciforte,  
Judie McCann

*Connecticut Library Association Award Winners*

and Jenny Tripp. A committee of out of state librarians chose the Essex Library for this award in part because they were impressed by the way these staff members forged partnerships with other non-profits as well as local businesses in order to make it so successful. GirlZone is now an ongoing program and plans are being made to develop a similar program for young men.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from our members, Friends and other organizations. With your help we will continue to provide the outstanding materials, programs and services that you have come to expect from your Library for many years to come.

Library Staff: Richard Conroy (Director), Anita Amos, Jessica Branciforte, Judie McCann, Marjorie Ruschau, Diane Simoneau, Ann Thompson, Jenny Tripp.

Board of Trustees: Stephanie Degen-Monroe (President), Leslie Anderson, Janice Atkeson, Marla Bogaert, Dick Buel, Gary Dayharsh, Bob Downer, Maureen Hammond, Barbara Klin, Molly Lombardi, Stuart Littler, Casey O'Brien, Ann Prichard, Fred Szufnarowski, Stuart Warner

## Libraries

### Ivoryton Library Association

The small, informal Ivoryton Library was built during the time when Comstock, Cheney & Co. was the largest manufacturer of ivory products in the world.

The library became a repository for archives and artifacts after the 1998 library program *The Towns That Elephants Built*. Its first book *Elephants and River Gods*, was published in 2001 and has undergone three printings. *Deep River and Ivoryton*, a second work, was completed the next year.

The house histories that Don Malcarne had spent some twenty-five years researching were released by the library in 2004 as *Houses of Essex I*. A second volume, *Houses of Essex II* followed, along with a second history program *Images of Essex*, in 2005 and the next year the library continued its historical journey with the making of a film, *Legacies of White Gold*.

After the unexpected death of Town Historian and trustee president Don Malcarne, the library made Don's work available to the public in the front adjunct room. This year Woody Comstock, president of Pratt, Read & Company, Inc, donated to the library archives his collections from Pratt Read. This collection is now exhibited in the front room and is being organized on Tuesdays by a group called the Saints. The Saints are presently working on two history projects: a program on the history of the factory called *The Cost of Paradise* and a historic walking tour of Ivoryton called *In the Steps of Giants*.

With the success of the first annual *Run Local, Read Local* organized by trustee Judith Saunders, the library looks forward to the event each October. The library hopes to present a third *Through the Garden Gate* tour led by former trustee president Leslie Barlow and a new type of fundraiser, *The Quiz Show*, chaired by trustee Chris Pagluico to be held on March 6, 2011. In addition to book clubs, French and Spanish classes and children's book, film and craft programs, this winter the library plans to offer a second opera series entitled *Read, See, Hear*, which will look at four operas and allow patrons to view the opera while reading the libretto.

Staff: Robbi Storms, Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Alvord, Rosalie Zonder, Elizabeth Sprague.

Trustees: Loretta McCluskey, president, Karen Burzin, vice president, Jill Johnson, treasurer, Chris Pagluico, secretary, Julian Evans, Patricia Hurley, Judith Saunders, Susan Beckman, Susan Nilsen, Crystal Clarkin, Whitney Burr.

Submitted by Robbi Storms

## Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, CT Inc.

Literacy Volunteers-Valley Shore, CT, Inc. tutors students in need of Basic Reading skills and English as a Second Language. This service is provided to adult residents in the 11 towns along the Valley Shore area by tutors who are trained by LVVS. The student training is exclusively one-on-one, is strictly confidential and is completely without any cost to the student.

For the 2009-2010 fiscal year we had 31 volunteers who resided in Essex including John Bogaert (Board Member), Laura Johnson (workshop leader), Audry Jacobson (office), Mona West who this year moved out of Essex after more than 20 years of service to LVVS and Michael Noto our new Affiliate Director. Our total number of volunteers for this year was 187.

For the fiscal year 2009-2010 we had six students who resided in Essex. Our total number of students was 138. In addition to tutoring adults LVVS also tutors students in all of the Regional District 4 schools.

We also have established an ongoing relationship with local businesses where we tutor employees. This year we tutored workers at Tower Laboratories and in past years at Centerbrook Architects.

LVVS has a diverse list of students who originate from as many as 65 different countries.

LVVS has also had fund raising events in Essex:

- Annual April Fools Backward Mile & 5k Run—late March
- Chamber Music Concert—Fall
- Book Sale—Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Michael A. Noto  
Affiliate Director



Park and Recreation Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival

## Rotary Club of Essex

Rotary International ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) was founded in 1905 and has a broad and diverse global reach with 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries. The Rotary Club of Essex ([www.essexrotary.com](http://www.essexrotary.com)) was chartered in 1955, sponsored and made up of members from the Rotary Club of Old Saybrook.

Our Club currently has 51 members who organize local fund raising events including our annual Shad Bake and Wine Tasting. All funds raised are donated to both local and international charities and other worthwhile causes. Since 2007, we have partnered with Rotary Clubs in the U.S. and the Rotary Foundation in a worldwide campaign to raise more than \$6,000 funds for clean drinking water projects in Africa and the Philippines.

The Essex Rotary Scholarship Foundation, a separate 501(c)3, has annually awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, \$2,500 per year for four years, to a student pursuing a college level education. Beginning in 2006, the Foundation will annually award an additional \$10,000 scholarship. Qualified applicants are members of non-Rotarian families, living in Centerbrook, Essex or Ivoryton. The application is available for download on our website, [www.essexrotary.com](http://www.essexrotary.com).

During 2009, the Essex Rotary club established a new foundation, the Rotary Club of Essex Foundation (RCEF), a qualified 501(c)3. The goal of establishing this foundation was to establish additional structure around the clubs fundraising and the determination of how and to whom funds are distributed. The RCEF's 501(c)3 provides for gifts to the foundation to be tax deductible.

Also in 2009, the club began a new fundraiser, The Essex Rotary Scrabble Tournament. This lighthearted Scrabble competition is held in partnership with Literacy Volunteers and raises money and awareness of two issues, Literacy and the Eradication of Polio. A portion of the funds raised benefits the Literacy Volunteers which provide literacy training to hundreds of local residents. The remaining funds help the Rotary Club of Essex meet its commitment to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's \$200 Million Dollar matching grant which helps to fund Polio vaccination and eradication efforts worldwide.

Earlier this year, the club expanded its online presence by creating a Facebook page as well as launching a new website located at [www.essexrotary.com](http://www.essexrotary.com). At the site, you can find information and news related to the club's activities. Our meeting and event schedule is also posted on the website. Information and ticket purchasing for our fundraising activities such as our Shad Bake, Wine Tasting and Scrabble Tournament is also available. Drop by our Facebook page or website to see what we are up to!

Essex Rotarians have supported, with funds and time, hundreds of local organizations over the past fifty years. We are the charter and annual sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 4 and have made significant contributions to the Essex Elementary School Foundation, the Ivoryton Playhouse, the Connecticut River Museum and the Essex

Library. We organized an Amber Alert registration and provide free dictionaries annually to every third grader at Essex Elementary School. In conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Deep River and Chester, we support an Interact Club at Valley Regional High School—helping young adults to develop civic responsibility.



Essex Board of Trade—Potted Garden Tour

We meet every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Essex Yacht Club, unless we have a special event elsewhere. The commitment, to regularly attend a Rotary meeting somewhere in the world, is what sets us apart from other service organizations. The fellowship created through spending time together, locally and globally, strengthens our organization and expands the reach of the service we provide. If you are interested in giving something back to our community, or want to learn more about our scholarship, come visit us at a meeting, take a look at our website, or email me at [jpmull@mac.com](mailto:jpmull@mac.com). We are always looking for women and men who will help us improve our world and believe in our motto, "Service above Self".

John Mulligan  
President

## Tri-Town Youth Services

Since Tri-Town Youth Services' establishment in 1984, the nonprofit has served youth (birth to 18) and their families who reside in Chester, Deep River and Essex. The agency works with youth to strengthen connections with family, peers, school and the community, carefully ensuring that our services augment, not duplicate other programs. On the community level, Tri-Town convenes the local prevention council. The agency continues to lead community mobilization efforts around asset building through Healthy Communities • Healthy Youth of Chester, Deep River and Essex.

Counseling and crisis intervention were provided to residents for a wide range of issues through day and evening appointments with 24-hour phone availability. Issues addressed include parenting and relationship concerns, depression, suicide ideation, sexual abuse and substance abuse, with referrals made in some instances. Our early intervention program, the Tri-Town Juvenile Review Board hears cases of youth in trouble with the law as they are referred.

Much of our work is directed to positive youth development, parent education and building healthy families and communities. With the school social worker, we trained Peer Advocates at Valley Regional; facilitated two youth advisory boards, organized community service activities, facilitated several mentoring programs, offered supervised teen recreation activities, a youth job bank, babysitter training classes, Homework Hangout, a Summer Co-op for middle school youth and involvement in Safe Grad. In addition to involvement with the Early Childhood Council, parent programs are offered for parents/caregivers and their one-year-olds or two-year-olds, parent consultations and courses such as *Getting Ready for Change* and *Alcohol and the Teen Brain*. We sponsored the twenty-first annual substance prevention/awareness week, *High on Life*, successful through support from multiple facets of the community.

The Bureau's Board of Directors is comprised of three to five members from each of the three towns and a youth representative. Our special thanks to: volunteers who have donated time and talent, to local taxpayers who support the bureau by providing the matching funds needed to procure our State Department of Education grant and to all who have made monetary donations essential for maintaining our operating budget.

Gail M. Onofrio  
Director

## Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Connecticut is one of the very first states in the country to expand its Medicaid coverage under the new health care reform legislation, admitting 45,000 new adult beneficiaries. Expanding access to health care services for the medically indigent, will result in increased demand for home care, as patients are diverted away from hospitalization. The Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley (VNLV), which continues to be rated among the top 25% of all home care agencies in the country for quality of care, is prepared for this challenge. Our expert and dedicated teams of nurses, therapists, social workers and health aides provided 22,367 home visits to 394 patients during the past year. Essex, Centerbrook and Ivoryton continue to be the focal point of our work, with 42% of our patients residing in this area.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to the town of Essex for supporting its residents who are unable to pay for needed home care services. Twenty-eight patients received 130 critically needed nursing, social work and home health aide visits. In addition to scheduled and walk-in blood pressure clinics, VNLV took a lead role in providing H1N1 (swine flu) vaccinations for adults and children. Providing 600 inoculations in total, 357 were given to Essex residents and all were provided at no cost.

VNLV's annual Murtha scholarship program honored two outstanding young women who are enrolled in nursing education programs, Emma Francis Castelli of Chester, who will attend Northeastern University and Melissa Podaski of Ivoryton, who will attend Three Rivers Community College.

Our sister agency, Lower Valley Care Advocates, provides homemaker and personal care services to those who wish to remain at home. The community response to these services has been very positive and our case load continues to grow. All of the staff are carefully screened, trained and bonded and are expert at determining just what services are needed to achieve optimum health and safety at home. Please call 767-2695 for further information.

Our staff wishes to acknowledge the commitment and leadership of our volunteer board of directors: Ted Heiser, President, Arthur Henick, Peg Lieberman, Carl Manning and Skip Weisenburger, all of Chester; Judy Heiser, Nancy Kirkiles, Dick Levene and Andrew Mitchel from Essex; and Susan Carpenter from Westbrook. And, a special thank you to all of the town's residents who support the work of VNLV.

Please remember to vaccinate your entire family against the seasonal flu, which will include immunization against H1N1. Call us at 767-0186 for clinic dates and locations.

Priscilla Munro, Ph.D  
Executive Director

## Town Meeting Minutes

Respectfully Submitted by Frances D. Nolin, Town Clerk

### Special Town Meeting September 2, 2009

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Terry Stewart was elected Moderator. Selectmen, Norman Needleman, Vincent Pacileo and Town Treasurer Robert Dixon were in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately sixty (60) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To appropriate the sum of \$34,000, to be transferred to the Essex Harbor Management Commission for the purpose of paying a portion of the initial share of the Town of Essex for the \$130,000.00 Southern Anchorage Dredging Project contract, said sum to come from the Sinking Fund established for this purpose, as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. The remaining sums required for said contract shall come (a) \$9,333.00 from the Town of Essex, which sum shall be transferred to the Essex Harbor Management Commission from the Contingency Fund, as approved by the Board of Finance; and (b) \$24,000.00 from the Essex Harbor Management Commission, which sum is in an account set aside and authorized for this purpose; (c) \$52,667.00 to be transferred to the Essex Harbor Management Commission from the Town of Essex, for the purpose of paying the balance of the said \$130,000.00 Southern Anchorage Dredging Project contract, subject to approval of the appropriation in Item 2 of this Town Meeting Call.

**RESOLVED:** To appropriate the sum of \$52,667.00 to be transferred to the Essex Harbor Management Commission for the purpose of paying a portion of the \$130,000.00 Southern Anchorage

Dredging Project contract, said sum to be an advance to the said Commission from the General Fund, and which sum shall be repayable by the Town of Essex Harbor Management Commission and the Waterfront Merchant Partners (Essex Island Marina Inc., Essex Boat Works, Inc., River Properties, Inc. dba Brewers Dauntless Shipyard, River Properties, Inc., dba Brewers Dauntless Marina and Essex Yacht Club, Incorporated) in accordance with a Loan Repayment Agreement providing for full repayment of said \$52,667.00 on or before June 30, 2012, as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. A copy of the full text of said Loan Repayment Agreement is on file in the Essex Town Clerk's Office.

This Resolution was amended to read "**by the Town of Essex Harbor Management Commission**".

**RESOLVED:** To appropriate a sum not to exceed \$234,000.00 for the purchase of a 1994 Sutphen Corporation Model TS 100 Aerial Platform fire truck, said approval includes the requirement that the proceeds from the sale of the 1977 Maxim Motors, F Model, 85' Straight Ladder Truck are deposited into the Essex Fire Department Sinking Fund as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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### Annual Town Meeting November 30, 2009

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Terry Stewart was elected Moderator. Selectman Joel Marzi and Treasurer Robert Dixon were present. Norman Needleman was not in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin, read the call of the meeting. There were approximately fourteen (14) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read,  
Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Statement of Town accounts, report of the Town Treasurer and the report of the Superintendent of Schools, as printed in the 2008-2009 Annual Town Report.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$51,765.33 to the Employee Benefits account as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Richard Helmecki to the Conservation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Kathleen Tucker to the Conservation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Nancy Arnold to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Fred Szufnarowski as an alternate member to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Thomas Danyliw to the Planning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Lon Seidman to the Economic Development Commission.

Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Lee Thompson to the Economic Development Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Mark Uihlein to the Economic Development Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Edward Barry to the Park & Recreation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Randel Osborne to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Randel Osborne to the Sanitary Waste Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Susan Uihlein to the Zoning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Larry Shipman to the Zoning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of William Reichenbach as

an alternate member to the Zoning Commission. Term to run from the day of this meeting until December 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Alexander Daddona to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Lynn Faulstick as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of John Molloy to the Tree Committee. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Peter Nilsen to the Tree Committee. Term to run from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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### **Special Town Meeting December 16, 2009**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Norman Needleman was elected Moderator. Selectman, Joel Marzi was in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately five (5) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Walter Schieferdecker to the Harbor Management Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 1, 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of John Senning to the Harbor Management Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 1, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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### **Special Town Meeting February 3, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Norman Needleman was elected Moderator. Selectman, Joel Marzi, was in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately five (5) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Edward Barry as an alternate member to the Park and Recreation Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2012.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town of Essex adopts an Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners. A copy of said Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLVED:** To appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,362.45. Said sum to be taken from the Grove Street Playground Project Sinking Fund as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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### **Special Town Meeting February 17, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Joel Marzi was elected Moderator. Selectmen, Joel Marzi, Norman

Needleman were in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately five (5) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Robert Van Houten as a member to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2011.

#2 Resolution is Withdrawn From Consideration

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Robert Connelly as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Paul Greenberg as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from the date of this meeting until December 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



### **Special Town Meeting March 3, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Joel Marzi was elected Moderator. Selectman, Norman Needleman was not in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately four (4) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Robert Van Houten as a member to the Sanitary Waste Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Robert Connelly as an

alternate member to the Zoning Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



### **Special Town Meeting March 17, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Phil Miller was elected Moderator. Selectmen, Norman Needleman, Joel Marzi were in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately four (4) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Stacia Libby as a member to the Park & Recreation Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of Jeffrey Lovelace as a member to the Conservation Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



### **Special Town Meeting April 21, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. Joel Marzi was elected Moderator. Selectman, Norman Needleman was not in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately four (4) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Anthony Chirico as a member to the Connecticut River

Gateway Commission. Term to run from date of this meeting until July 2010.

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of an alternate member to the Zoning Commission.

#2 Resolution is Withdrawn From Consideration

**RESOLVED:** To consent and approve the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of Robert Russo as an alternate member to the Park and Recreation Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting until December 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,850.14 from the Essex Tree Committee Sinking Fund as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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### **Annual Budget Town Meeting May 10, 2010**

First Selectman, Philip Miller, called the Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Alvin Wolfgram was elected Moderator. Selectman, Norman Needleman was not present; Selectman, Joel Marzi and Town Treasurer Robert Dixon were in attendance. The Town Clerk Frances D. Nolin read the call of the meeting. There were approximately forty (40) people in attendance.

To Act and Consider the Following:

**RESOLVED:** To make the necessary appropriations as prepared and recommended by the Board of Finance for the support of schools, highways and the general government and other necessary objects in an amount not to exceed \$20,832,730.

**RESOLVED:** To determine and designate, pursuant to Sections 12-142, 12-144 and 12-144a, of the Connecticut General Statutes, that taxes levied on said

budget will be due and payable as follows:

All Motor Vehicle tax bills will be due and payable in full on July 1, 2010.

All real estate and personal property tax bills \$100.00 or less will be due and payable in full on July 1, 2010.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills over \$100.00 may be paid in two installments with one half due on July 1, 2010 and one half due on January 1, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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