

BROOKLYN, CT

LOCATION:	Geographical Center of Windham County
AREA:	29 Square Miles
MILES OF ROAD:	60
INCORPORATED:	1786
GOVERNMENT:	Town Meeting Board of Selectmen Board of Finance
POPULATION:	8,203

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HISTORY OF BROOKLYN

Brooklyn was once part of the lands claimed by the Mohegan Chief, Uncas. The land, deeded in 1680 to Captain James Fitch, was sold to the first local settlers in 1703. It was settled as part of the Town of Canterbury and Pomfret with the Northeastern third having separate existence as the manorial estate of Mortlake.

Mortlake had been purchased in 1686 as a refuge for Puritans who were forced out of England with the Stuart restoration. It was not part of any town and hence neither collected taxes nor provided services to the tenants residing within its bounds.

The civil disobedience of the inhabitants of Mortlake, along with the difficulty of other residents in attending church or town meeting in Canterbury or Pomfret, led to several attempts to settle a minister, form a church and set up a separate society. Petitions were sent to General Assembly and by 1734, permission was granted to form a society and build a church. Mortlake was finally included in the new society in 1752 and the community grew and prospered.

By 1770 the Meeting House was in need of replacement and the large white church, still standing on the green, was built. One of the owners of Mortlake, Godfrey Malbone, so opposed this construction that he undertook to build and support the first Episcopal Church in the area as an alternative to paying a substantial portion of the cost of the new Meeting House.

Brooklyn was a center of revolutionary activity both before and during the War of Independence. Israel Putnam, married to the widow of the first local minister, owner of the Gen. Wolfe Tavern, and veteran of the French and Indian War, who had served in Roger's Rangers and under both General Wolfe and Lord Amherst, was a key figure in the early stage of the

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revolution. Putnam was in overall command at the battle of Bunker Hill and was unanimously chosen as the first Major General in the Continental Army.

The Town of Brooklyn was incorporated in 1786 and in 1819 became the county seat. The large homes, the jail, the courthouse, no used as the town hall, all reflect this period of prominence which continued through part of the nineteenth century. The Agricultural Association was formed about 1820 and continues to attract visitors with the annual fair.

Eastern Connecticut was very much involved in the Civil War and the Town of Brooklyn was no exception. A glance at the local monument will show that local men served in most of the famous battles. Local mills provided clothing and the records of churches and organizations list substantial contributions in man power. Although Brooklyn has been primarily an agricultural community, the many streams provided power for a number of small mills. Eventually areas like West Wauregan and East Brooklyn were built around substantial textile mills. For a time, the center of Brooklyn supported a bank (now the library) and a newspaper, as well as several stores.

In more recent times, Brooklyn has developed into two distinct areas. The central and western parts have continued along a residential and rural path, whereas the eastern sector has become predominantly commercial.

The rural colonial beauty of Brooklyn Center has been preserved in spite of the fact that the Town is one of the fastest growing community's in Windham County. Many of the old churches and homes have been restored. The old Court House has been internally renovated to provide town office facilities, but the colonial exterior was left unchanged.

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Planning and Zoning were adapted early to preserve and guide the character and development of the Town. The result has been an attractive residential center in rural surroundings at a density level, which can be supported by the environment. Farming had ceased to be a major factor in the community. A school and recreation complex is centrally located. The former town garage is well screened by trees so as not to disturb the residential surrounding and additional recreational facilities are provided on adjacent property.

Brooklyn's Economic Development Commission continues to work on several projects to promote growth in key areas of the Town's economic front. Brooklyn has joined with Eastern Connecticut Enterprise Corridor (ECEC). This is a competitive incentive program to benefit business that expand, or relocate into the industrial development areas of the participating Town's along our interstate 395 corridor.

The northeast Connecticut Visitors District has been relocated to the Citizen's Bank building in the center of Brooklyn. This location will be a key launching place for travel, writers and tourists to start their exploration of our quiet corner.

Several initiatives are being looked into to enhance the South Main street business district in East Brooklyn. Our 'welcome' signs at the Brooklyn Center roads have received much praise. Economic Development Commission members individually are looking at specific programs to enhance our town's presence and friendly atmosphere. The amount of time that the Town receives from the variety of commission and board volunteer members enforces our belief that our citizens 'feel good about Brooklyn'.

Brooklyn has purchased 32 acres of river frontage along the Quinebaug River. Together with two lots already owned by

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the Town and the transfer of a lot from the CT DOT, we now own 3550 feet of river frontage. Working with landscape design, UCONN will generate a plan that will encompass activities and passive recreation for this area.

Located in the center of Windham County, proud of its heritage and its preservation but progressive in its outlook, Brooklyn intends to continue to be a vital element in Eastern Connecticut.

TOWN OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

Austin Tanner – First Selectman
Robert Kelleher, Andrew Dionne

Selectman's Office

Austin Tanner – First Selectman
Sherri Soucy – Administrative Assistant
Melissa Bradley – Selectman Secretary
Audrey Cross-Lussier – Building/Planning Assistant

Building Official

John Berard

Land Use Administrator

Jana Butts Roberson

Town Clerk's Office

Leona Mainville – Town Clerk
Marilyn Benson – Assistant Town Clerk

Revenue Collector's Office

Laurie Berard – Revenue Collector
Jocelyne Ruffo – Assistant Revenue Collector

Assessor's Office

Kathleen Thornton – Assessor
Maryann Szela – Assistant Assessor

Recreation Office

Matthew 'Bucky' Lohbusch – Director
JoAnn Lohbusch – Assistant

Board of Finance

Richard Ives – Chairperson

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Board of Education

Mae Ellen Lyons – Chairperson

Board of Assessment Appeals

Cassandra Leach – Chairperson

Judge of Probate

Leah Schad

Town Counsel

Mark Brouillard

Animal Control Officer

Dianne Collette – NECCOG

Fire Marshal

Doug Kramer

Tree Warden

Donald Francis

Road Foreman

Thomas Rukstela

Agent for Elderly

Tamsen Harris

Water Pollution Control Authority

David Fuss – Chairperson

Planning & Zoning Commission

Carlene Kelleher – Chairperson

Zoning Board of Appeals

Dan Ross – Chairperson

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Board of Fire Commissioners

R. David Lee – Chairperson

Parks & Recreation Commission

Michael Gaudreau – Chairperson

Inland Wetland Commission

Real Gallant – Chairperson

Economic Development Commission

Lyn Lacharite – Chairperson

Justices of the Peace

Andrew Dionne, Marie Dusseault, Keith Ellis, Roger Engle,
David Fuss, Richard Ives, Henry Jeffs, Robert Kelleher,
Virginia Jo Moses, Lauren Rossi, Elizabeth Stillman, Carolyn
Teed-Ives, Jane Walker

Town Office Hours

Town Hall & Recreation Department

Monday – Wednesday 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm

Friday CLOSED

Town Highway Department

Monday – Friday 7:00am-3:00pm

Summer Hours M-TH 6:00am-4:00pm

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

First Selectman's Report

The Town Government completed another year in good financial and physical condition. The audit firm of O'Connor Davies found no reportable material weakness in the way that we 'manage' your money. Our general fund unreserved balance was \$2,320,403 at year end June 30, 2013.

Our general long-term debt was increased by \$805 to an ending balance of \$5,350,000.

The Town did not transfer funds from our reserves to balance the budget. The tax collection rate in 2013 was 98.90%, of which 97.75% was collected. The Town Clerk's office saw an increase in fees as well as an increase in conveyance tax. The building permit fees increased while the planning and zoning fees decreased.

Our pension fund has a 92.68% funded ratio, which is good considering the current market conditions.

Housing stats for single family dwellings decreased from 21 fiscal year end 6/30/12 to 20 fiscal year end 6/30/13. Our Town is a choice place for professionals to relocate to while maintaining employment in Providence, Boston, Worcester and surrounding cities.

The strength of town government is measured by its staff, citizen volunteers and customer satisfaction. Our offices are staffed with professionals who are customer friendly as they answer questions, assist our taxpayers and fulfill their myriad of duties. Together the Town employees and Town citizens make Brooklyn a better place to live.

Austin Tanner, First Selectman

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Veterans

Brooklyn held the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27, 2013. A ceremony was held at the Tatnic Hill Bridge honoring soldiers, sailors and marines lost at sea. A parade followed in the center of Town with observances made by the Parade Marshal, Firing Squad, Clergy and various attendees ending with a final observance at the South Cemetery honoring all veterans of war. Students, Cassie Caron and Kyle Strandson recited respected poems ‘Cover them over with beautiful flowers’ and Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

VFW Post 2650 in Danielson, CT participated in our Town’s annual Veterans Day Memorial as well as the Color Guard coordinated by Rodney Bissonnette. The remembrance ceremony was held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2013 at the monuments for the II World War, Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The Town appreciates the support of VFW and those who dedicated their time to these ceremonies and to the help received from the Fire Departments and our Resident Troopers.

Building Official

During the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, two-hundred and eighty-two (282) building permits were issued valued at \$22,820,300. Thirteen (13) permits were renewed in twenty (20) were new homes. Total receipts to the Town were \$218,650 in permit fees. There were also sixty-seven (67) apartment inspections done with receipts equaling \$1005. The office hours of the Building Official, John A. Berard, are 8am-5pm on Mondays and 5pm-6pm on Thursday evenings.

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Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office records and maintains all the land record transactions for all landowners in the Town of Brooklyn. This office recorded approximately 1700n deeds this year and maintains over 537 volumes of land records. The office has an online search system available to all residents for researching land transactions. In addition, all land records are available on the web at www.uslandrecords.com. Survey and subdivision maps are also filed in the office and reproduced by copying. Forty-five maps were recorded and reproduced in 2013. Over 2,390 maps are on file. A total of \$208,000 in fees was collected with 71% of the total submitted to the State of Connecticut.

In addition, the Town Clerk is the Registrar of Vital Statistics on behalf of the State Health Department. In 2013, 54 births, 76 marriages and 74 deaths were recorded and certified copies were sent to the State. Any resident requiring a certified copy of a vital record can request a copy for \$20 from the office.

Dog licenses are also available from the Town Clerk. Yearly registration is due during the month of June and all dogs must be registered when they become six (6) months old. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and the certificate showing the expiration date must be presented to the Town Clerk when licensing. The fees are males and female (not neutered or spayed) \$19 and neutered and spayed is \$8.

The State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection provides the Town with an online licensing system. All sport licenses are now issued online in the Town Clerk's office. Residents also have the option to purchase their licenses on their personal computer from home.

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Notary application forms to become a Notary Public are available in the office. A Notary Public is required by State Statute to record his/her commission in their Town of residence with the Town Clerk. Notary Public services are available for a fee of \$50.

The office provides voter applications throughout the year and accepts new voter registration on behalf of the Registrar of Voters. This office also processes absentee ballot requests and is responsible for the preparation of election material for all elections and primaries.

Leona A. Mainville, MMC

Treasurer

The Treasurer's mission is to help provide the best quality services that are available in an efficient, cost-effective way for the town of Brooklyn residents and tax payers. To work together with all departments of the Town in a spirit of cooperation and trust and keep moving forward developing constructive solutions to help better the Town.

The Treasurer's responsibility is to receive, deposit, invest and disburse all Town funds.

The Treasurer has the authority to invest and reinvest in securities legal for investment of trust funds under the State Statutes.

The Treasurer, by State Statute, has custody of, and disburses all funds belonging to the Town and deposits these funds in banks and trust companies in which the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer are in agreement.

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The interest earned on investments for the budget year 2012/2013, ending on 6/30/2013 totaled \$13,399.

Cassandra Leach
Treasurer

Revenue Collector

The Revenue Collector's Office bills, collects, processes and safeguards the Town's tax receipts and Water Pollution Control fees. The office maintains balanced records of all accounts.

The Town of Brooklyn collects real estate taxes quarterly. They are due July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st. Motor vehicle taxes are due once a year on July 1st. Sewer usage taxes are due twice a year on July 1st and January 1st. Bills are mailed each year in July. If for any reason a resident does not receive a tax bill for property that they own, they should contact the revenue office as soon as possible. Failure to receive a bill does not excuse your from paying late charges. Sewer use fees are billed at the request of the WPCA upon passage of their annual budget.

Collections this year on the October 1, 2011 grand list totaled \$12,173,650.31. This includes collection of real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes due. Current year collections resulted in a collection rate of 97.75%.

How Your Tax Bill is Computed

Grand Levy: The total amount of money that must be raised by the property tax to meet Town expenses during the ensuing year.

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Grand List: An official listing of the assessed value of all taxable property in Town. Compiled each October 1st by the Assessor.

Tax Rate: Grand Levy divided by the grand list. Usually expressed in terms of ‘mills’.

Mill: One thousandth of a dollar (.001)

Taxpayer’s bill is determined by multiplying the net assessed value of taxable property by the tax rate. Example: If net value is \$10,000 and the tax rate is 29.29 mills, then the taxpayer’s bill is \$292.90.

If you have any questions regarding your taxes, please do not hesitate to call the office at 860-774-4072.

Laurie Berard – Revenue Collector

Jocelyne Ruffo – Assistant Revenue Collector

Assessor

10/1/2011 Taxable Grand List

Real Estate	\$461,884,320
Personal Property	\$ 15,023,791
Motor Vehicles	<u>\$ 48,681,930</u>
Total	\$527,810,626

The total grand list represented an overall increase of 1.12% increase from the 10/01/2010 Grand List.

Tax Relief Programs/Exemptions Filing Date

Elderly and/or totally disabled homeowners

Program* February 1st to May 15th

Elderly and/or totally disabled renters

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Program* May 15th to September 15th
Veterans Exemptions (DD214) before October 1st
Additional Veterans* before October 1st

*Income based

Property field cards are available online at www.vgsi.com
Assessor maps are available online at www.neccop.org
Both sites can be accessed from the Assessor's webpage at
www.brooklynct.org

Kathleen M. Thornton, CCMA II
Assessor

Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals members (3) are elected positions for a two year term. The board is a review board to hear appeals of assessment for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles. The board meets twice a year in the months of September and March.

In September 2012, the board met to hear and act on appeals for motor vehicles. There were 9 appeals. In March 2013, the board heard and acted on 8 property appeals.

We would like to remind taxpayers of the State Statute, Section 12-112 that no appeal shall be heard by the board, except at the dates set by the board. A legal notice is filed for the September hearing. A petition needs to be filed by February 20th for the March hearing. The petition can be accessed on the Assessor's page of the Town's website, www.brooklynct.org or by contacting the Assessor's office.

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The board wishes to extend our thanks for everyone's cooperation and understanding of our decisions during this year.

Cassandra Leach, Chairperson
Diane Wimmer, Member
Robert Simons, Member

Registrars of Voters

Annual Canvas

The annual canvass of voters was held in February throughout April according to Connecticut General Statutes. The canvass of electors was completed by the Registrars using the National Change of Address System which is a product that most town registrars used in Connecticut that is available from the U.S. Postal Service. The result of executing the canvass is to update existing voter records as well as to purge voter records for those voters who have moved out of the town and/or state.

Mandated Voter Enrollment Sessions

The Registrars held a state mandated (Sec. 9-17) enrollment session at the Killingly High School and Woodstock Academy in February. More than thirty Brooklyn students were enrolled as new voters as a result of this effort.

The registrars held several day-long enrollment sessions throughout the year to permit eligible residents to register as voters prior to the November elections. The Sec. of State increased the number of enrollment sessions in an effort to ensure all voters had ample opportunity to enroll as a qualified voter. In addition, during the November election, the Registrars conducted an "Election Day Registration" process which also attracted another eighteen voters to participate in the November Municipal Election process.

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Required Training

We attended an introductory instructional workshop for new registrars on February 1st at the State Capitol/Legislative Office Building in Hartford. The purpose was to focus on the duties that we will be discharging as Registrars. Secretary of State Denise Merrill introduced her staff at the meeting and they conducted the workshop with all participating new registrars.

We attended a State-Wide ROVAC ‘newbie’ training session from 9am to 5pm in Vernon on February 2nd.

We attended a breakfast meeting with our legislators and representatives in May at the State Capitol/Legislative Office Building to discuss new laws being proposed by the Sec. of State for election law enhancements.

The registrars attend two state-wide Registrars Conventions – in May and in September, as an on-going effort to comply with Sec. of State continuing education requirements. State law _Sec 9-192b) requires each registrar to obtain at least 10 hours of instruction under elections training personnel per year.

We attended a training session in July for a basic introduction to the newly introduced electronic Election Night Result (ENR) application.

We attended a training session in August presented by Sec. of State staff for more detailed training of the (ENR) application in our registrar office.

The registrars maintained active memberships and participated in both the State ROVAC Association and the Windham County ROVAC Association meeting.

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The registrars facilitated and implemented successful training sessions prior to the November elections for poll workers in order to ensure an accurate and uneventful election process.

There were no town-wide referendums this year.

August 7, 2013 – Registrars of Voters Primary Filing Deadline

The registrars of voters were present to accept any electorate petitions for the municipal elections. The registrars of voters must be in their office facilities between 1pm and 4pm to accept petitions (Sec. 9-405 and 9-406).

Primary petitions for opposition candidates of a major party for municipal offices must be submitted to respective registrars by 4pm of this day.

No petitions were submitted by either party.

September 5, 2013 – Primary Elections

No primary was held this election year.

November 5, 2013 – Municipal Election

There were 4754 registered voters on the official check list; a reduction of 170 voters from the previous year.

There were 29 absentee ballots accepted by the Town Clerk.

There were 1464 voters that actually voted.

The percentage of voter turnout was 30.8%.

Michael Niejadlik

Lauren Rossi

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Recreation Commission

Parks & Recreation Commission Members:

Michael Gaudreau, Chairperson	David Guimont
Lauren Rossi, Vice Chairperson	Louis Oleksy
Kim Conroy, Liaison	Steven Phillips
Mae Lyons, Liaison	Scott Allen
Christine Boyle, Secretary	Stephen Danna

This fiscal year the department's programming included annual events and seasonal programming. The before and after school program (for grades K-4) and after school program (for grades K-6) were offered for both full-time and part-time participants. Both programs are near or at capacity throughout the year.

The summer day camp program was attended by over 150 children during the six week program. Campers participated in camp activities and various camp trips. Favorite camp trips to Breezy Park Waterslides, Canobie Lake Amusement Park and a trip to the zoo were included in this year's trips. Mad Science, Campardy, Wingmaster and others brought their shows and programs to camp again this season.

The holiday season programs offer an opportunity to bring our residents together through our annual events such as Letters to Santa, Toys for Giving Toy Drive and our Holiday Lighting Contest. Our Toy Drive was again a success thanks to the generosity of our local businesses and residents. The program continues to see yearly increase in families requesting assistance, and the department was fortunate to have many residents and businesses step forward to fill those needs. We had several Brooklyn residents participate in our annual Holiday Lighting Contest. The contest awards prizes to the

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top traditional and festive entries. Many Brooklyn children sent Letters to Santa. The letters were answered by Santa himself. New this year, during the month of October, was our Spooky Nights event. This event is held at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds for a weekend in October. Attendants enjoy a wagon ride through haunted scenes, including actors portraying scary characters and a bonfire area with family friendly activities. Both nights were sold out. Our Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended, and the annual Breakfast with the Bunny which included a breakfast cooked and served by the Danielson Lions Club went well. With the help of our commission members, children enjoyed a visit with the Bunny, treats to take home as well as our annual egg hunt. With the weather cooperating, the hunt was held outdoors this past spring.

The Summer Slam basketball Clinic was popular and was held at Michael Dragon Complex's outdoor courts. This program is available to summer day campers as well as all other interested area youths. The Basketball Pitching Clinic was once again offered, with Bucky Lohbusch, Parks & Recreation Director, as the clinic's instructor. Our tennis program continued to be offered to area players of many ages. Our fitness programs are always popular and included an outdoor spring workout held at Michael Dragon Complex at Prince hill Park. Our Running Club has continued to be very popular and also is based at our Prince Hill facility. Our annual Bike rodeo was held in June. We are always grateful for the assistance of our Resident Troopers, Troop D and commission members who help make this a successful event. Cooking with Ana was popular again. Ana Klawitter offered this program in the spring for grades 1-2 and in the fall for grades 3-4 Adult Open Gym was well attended, and ran from November through February at the middle school gym.

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Our trips are offered in both the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter brochures. This year many people took advantage of the opportunity to join the department on the trips offered. Trips included the annual trips to the Boston Red Sox, New York City and Bruins game. A trip to Boston for a day of exploring on your own was popular this year. All the department's trips, programs and events are in our semi-annual brochures, mailed to all Brooklyn households in August and January. Information can also be accessed on the town website. Flyer updates are handed out in the Brooklyn Schools to all students and the flyer is also located on the Middle School's website, thanks to the help of Mr. Lessig, a teacher at the school. Many registration forms are now available online, for the resident's convenience.

The Parks & Recreation Department maintains our town parks in Brooklyn. Michael Dragon Complex at Prince Hill Park continues to be a popular facility used by leagues and individuals throughout the year. This park offers a playscape, picnic tables, walking track, trails and playing fields. Many take advantage of the park's lighted basketball courts. The softball field is utilized by the local little league teams. The concession stand and restrooms are open during scheduled events. The Brooklyn School Cross Country Team once again enjoyed a season of competing and practicing on the department's well-maintained trails. The playing fields are aerated and seeded each season, to keep them at optimal condition. South Street Park offers a playscape, picnic tables and basketball courts, and is located at the corner of South Street and South Main Street. The Parks & Recreation Department's maintenance employee maintains these parks, many walking trails, the town monuments and many other town owned areas. The Riverside Park area construction was ongoing this year. Little League fields, a volleyball court and new parking area were scheduled for completion in the fall of

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2013. Little League fields will be ready for play by spring of 2014. A concession stand & gazebo are future additions being planned. A canoe launch and passive walking trails along the river, which are being enhanced under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, are currently available.

The Recreation Department's & Commission's goal is to continue to improve the current facilities and programs and to expand when the need arises. Parks and Recreation programming helps to maintain the quality of life our residents deserve. We will work in cooperation with our town leaders, our school officials and various town departments, boards and commissions to achieve the commission and department's goals. Brooklyn is fortunate to have many residents who share a vision for the future of the department and continue to offer their support. The Parks & Recreation Commission and Department have worked successfully for many years to improve and adapt to the changes happening in Brooklyn. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead, in our continuing dedication to serve the residents of Brooklyn.

Matthew "Bucky" Lohbusch
Parks & Recreation Director

Economic Development Commission

Brooklyn is clearly a town with the best of both worlds, old and new. Although much of Brooklyn is rich in history with a distinct New England charm, the eastern corridor is a busy and growing commercial district looking to the future. These qualities make Brooklyn a great place to do business.

In addition, the center of town is home to the crossroads of a federally designated scenic highway, Route 169 and Route 6,

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the major business route between Hartford and Providence. Businesses located along Route 6 corridor benefit from a high traffic count, estimated to be as high as 20,000 vehicles per day in some sections.

Brooklyn's central location also provides a short commute to Providence, Hartford and Worcester, making Brooklyn home to an increasing number of young professionals looking for a quiet alternative to the city life.

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is a volunteer commission of five regular and two alternate members. The commission strives to create an environment where a business of any size can feel welcome and appreciated. Brooklyn has several different business zones including planned commercial, restricted business, neighborhood commercial and the village center district. This allows Brooklyn to accommodate business of all types and sizes.

2013 Commission Accomplishments

1. Continued the Business Recognition Program which welcomes new businesses and showcases existing businesses that are improving the economy of Brooklyn. This program allows the EDC an opportunity to meet business owners and make them aware of the efforts of the EDC.
2. Continued to work closely with the newly established Brooklyn Business Association in their effort to promote Brooklyn Business.
3. Attended Economic Development Seminars hosted by area economic development professionals.

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4. Attended Planning and Zoning Meetings in an effort to assist businesses with zoning concerns and to encourage economic growth.
5. Co-sponsored the Fifth Annual Memorial Day Family Fun Day, a free event following the Memorial Day Parade.
6. Participated as a member of CEDAS, the Connecticut Economic Development Association, an organization that is a valuable source of economic information and knowledge to the commission.
7. Placed planters at each of the “Welcome to Brooklyn” signs on Route 6, encouraging motorists to shop Brooklyn.

2013 Economic Development

During the past year, Brooklyn has welcomed several new businesses to town. In the Route 6 Planned Commercial District, Northeast Liquors opened in the former Day Drug building. Dollar Tree opened in the Job Lot Plaza, Sweet Cheeks in the former Tailored Kitchens space and a home based business named Cary’s Grants also opened during the year.

The Wal-Mart grand opening was held on November 1, 2013 with Town Officials, EDC and residents in attendance. The supercenter also included the opening of Core Plus Credit Union and a Subway located within the store.

As evidenced by the various types of businesses in Brooklyn and those looking to locate here, it is clear to see the town suitable for a wide variety of businesses. Whether it is a home based, a family run or national chain, the Brooklyn EDC is eager to work with all businesses and assist them in meeting and exceeding their economic goals. The commission

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continues to work with existing boards and commissions to serve the needs of Brooklyn businesses to encourage economic growth in the Town.

The commission meets at 4pm the first Tuesday of every month at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center located at 69 South Main Street. Meetings are open to the public.

Lyn M. LaCharite
Chairperson

Conservation Commission

Activities/Projects/Grants

Eric Dorsey, GIS Program Director, gave a presentation on NECCOG's GIS website (www.gis.neccog.org). NECCOG's GIS services include the ability to perform build-out analysis for future planning and decision making. The department works closely with its members to facilitate the sharing of GIS data among government agencies and with the public to ensure the information is accurate, up-to-date and readily available.

The commission created a trail maintenance schedule and presented it to the First Selectman. The commission continues to work on the trails in Brooklyn in conjunction with other town agencies.

The commission marked the nature trail at Riverside Park and the trail was installed. The commissions held a Planting Party at Riverside Park in May. Shrubs and perennials were planted. The commission purchased a meadow mix which will be planted in 2014. The commission is working with Parks and Recreation to create signs for the park.

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At Family Fun Day, the commission helped about 150 children plant pumpkin seeds.

The commission participated in Spooky Nights event in October. A painting/carving party was held at the fairgrounds prior to the event. Michael Oatley built a pumpkin tower using recycled jugs and real pumpkins. Commission members volunteered at the weekend event.

Jeannine Noel and Diane Wimmer continue as Co-Chairs. Holly Drinkuth and Ailla Wasstrom-Welz left the commission. Dana Heilemann was re-appointed as a regular member. Harry Adams was appointed as a regular member. The treasurer and secretary duties are shared among the members.

The commission held several meetings concerning the timber harvest on the Davis Property. The harvest remains behind schedule. The commission cannot move forward with the disc golf project until the timber harvest is completed. The grant deadline for establishing the disc golf course is March 2014.

Brooklyn Conservation commission members attended the Windham County Conservation Consortium meetings. The Consortium was created to link the conservation commissions in Windham County in order to share information.

Development Reviews

As a non-regulatory land use commission, the Brooklyn Conservation Commission conducts development site plan review and forwards recommendations to the other regulatory land use commissions, Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning. These recommendations are based on review of our natural resource inventory mapping and the potential for impacts from site plan proposals. For subdivisions of three or

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more parcels, subdivision regulations stipulate Open Space donations (quit claim or conservation easement) either to the Town of Brooklyn or other not-for-profit land preservation trust or a fee in-lieu of the property donation.

During the year 2013, the Brooklyn Conservation Commission reviewed three site plans and made recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Fee-in-Lieu of Open Space. The commission also reviewed the sale of a town parcel and made recommendations to the town.

Training

During 2013, local conservation and land use educational training events were attended by Brooklyn Conservation Commission members. These are essential in developing the skills necessary to protecting open space and environment for future Brooklyn residents. Below is a list of training events/workshops, dates and attendance as members of the Brooklyn Conservation Commission.

CACIWC Conference – November 16, 2013; Attended by
Bev Thornton

Jeannine Noel
Co-Chair

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Brooklyn Library Association

The first independent Brooklyn Library Association was founded in 1775. The present Association was organized in 1893. In 1913 a group of citizens purchased the building presently housing the library and donated it to the Association. The library continues to be governed by an independent association and its executive committee. The day-to-day operation is the responsibility of Librarian, Catherine Tucker.

The library is open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00pm to 7:00pm, Tuesdays and Saturdays 11:00am to 5:00pm and Thursdays and Fridays 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Any Brooklyn resident may obtain a first library card and renew that card free of charge.

The library offers popular reading from the bestseller list, and extensive mystery collection, a growing juvenile collection, and access to online services. Two computers for Internet access and an Awe computer for children's literacy are also available for public use. Patrons may also check out a Kill A Watt Kit to monitor home energy.

The library also offers a wide variety of online services on their website, <http://www.brooklyntownlibrary.org/>. Using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser, you may access Consumer Reports Online with your Brooklyn Town Library card. The library also has a subscription to Universal Classes which offers over 500 free online classes to Brooklyn residents on a wide variety of topics from Adobe Photoshop to Autism Spectrum Disorders for Teachers to Fundraising 101. Patrons may enroll in up to 5 classes at one time. A library visit is necessary for the Brooklyn resident to initiate an account for these classes then class work may be done on a

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home computer with internet access. The web browser Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome is necessary to access both Consumer Reports and Universal Classes. We have Overdrive to allow patrons with Kindles, HD Kindles, Nooks, Tablets, iPads, iPhones, iPods and Android devices to access to 1,500 ebooks.

By using the barcode on their Brooklyn Library card, patrons may access BookFlix, an online storybook video resource for toddlers through Grade 3. The Brooklyn Library also subscribes to OneClickdigital eAudiobooks. Brooklyn town Library card holders may access via the library website to downloadable audiobooks for their computers, MP3 players and Ipods. The Brooklyn Library is a member of the Connecticut Library Network, which enables patrons to search the holdings of other libraries throughout the state and also borrow materials from many public libraries in Connecticut. Patrons may submit requests for interlibrary loans online through the ReQuest system, or visit or call the library with the author and title information. When the requested items are received at the library, patrons are notified that their library materials are ready to be picked up. The Connecticut Library Network also provides patrons with access to the state's online database at <http://www.iconn.org>. There is a link to this service on the library website.

Discounted and free passes to the following local museums are available at the library:

Mystic Seaport	Mashantucket Pequot Museum
Mystic Aquarium	Roger Williams Park Zoo
CT's Old State House	DEEP No Child Left Inside Day Pass
CT Science Center	Wadsworth Atheneum Art Pass
Old Sturbridge Village	Tower Hill Botanic Garden

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The library is very active in promoting reading for children of all ages. Each year the library provides a Reading Room at the Brooklyn Summer Recreation Camp. Library staff provides reading activities, book and games for all children who attend. The Brooklyn Library also offers a summer reading game for children who do not attend summer recreation. The library sponsors a book discussion group that meets regularly at the Creamery Brook Village Community Room. Book titles and date of upcoming discussions are posted on the library website. Everyone is welcome to attend these discussions.

The Friends of the Brooklyn Library continue to contribute in many ways to the library's program. Meeting times and locations are posted on the library website. The Friends hold a Fall Plant and Bake Sale each year on the Saturday after Labor Day. They also offer a selection of historic Brooklyn buildings by Cat's Meow. Pieces in the services include Friendship valley, the Isreal Putnam Statue, the Town Pump, the Unitarian Church, Old Trinity, the Brooklyn Library, Mortlake Firehouse, and the Copper Beech Tree. Recently added pieces are Cat's Meow, Christmas ornaments of the library and Mortlake Firehouse. These may be purchased at the library. The Friends also had a once-a-month table at the Farmer's Market in Brooklyn where they sold baked goods and library tote bags. Proceeds from Friends' projects support library programs that include, but are not limited to, funds for Library Passes and the Book Discussion Group.

Animal Services

Animal services are provided to the Town of Brooklyn through the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Animal Services Program. The Animal Services Program (begun in August 2004) currently serves the Towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin,

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Hampton, Killingly, Pomfret, Sterling, Voluntown and Woodstock. The Towns of Hampton and Voluntown were added in 2012 and Chaplin in 2014. The program has launched a Facebook page to aid in placing animals and helping in their care. Our program is available 24/7/365. We always have an ACO on duty. Please call 860-774-1253 for lost dogs, adoption questions, complaints and other issues regarding domestic animals (for wild animal issues, please call 860-424-3333, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Wildlife Unit).

	FY12-13	FY12- 13 (July-Dec.)
	total	total
Impounded Dogs	33	15
Adopted Dogs	7	8
Impounded Cats	19	6
Adopted Cats	14	4
Other Animals Adopted	0	0
Redeemed Animals (by owner)	20	9
DOA	3	2
Euthanized	2	1
Investigations	61	26

Since the Animal Services Program began, more than 3,700 animals have been either adopted or returned to their owner. No animal has been put down due to lack of space or because the breed is deemed to be undesirable. The numbers associated with “euthanasia” are the result of an animal

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having a behavioral issue making not suitable for adoption or a disease issue where our consulting veterinarian determines that this action is warranted.

Please Remember!

Connecticut Law requires you to annually license your dog's during the month of June.

Contact the Town Clerk for details.

Brooklyn Resource Recovery Commission

The BRRC completed its eighteenth year of operation of the transfer station and curbside recycling. The rates will continue to be the same for 2014. We are also now accepting paint and paint products. We continue to have a clean air and water quality test. The electronic waste program grows each year. We project 6,000 pounds per month going out. DEEP continues to be happy with our operation. Curbside recycling has grown in the past year and after some kinks is now running much more smoothly.

The model airplane club is still going at “Brooklyn Airport”. Please feel free to stop by on a Sunday to watch and learn about this.

Hours of operation are Friday's 10am – 4pm with extended hours in the summer from 10am – 6pm and Saturdays 8am - 4pm year round.

Members:

Mike Barry, Chairman
Roger Pellerin
Robert Benson

David Brumbaugh
Robert Lee
Thomas Pallone

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Board of Fire Commissioners

The Brooklyn Board of Fire Commissioners is responsible for establishing policies of the Town's Government related to public safety and emergency medical services as required by ordinance and state statutes. It is also responsible for overseeing the activities of the independent volunteer fire departments as they relate to the public and the Town's Government. Current members are David Lee, First Selectman Austin Tanner, Felix Ramos, Patrick Gauthier, Jeffrey Otto, and James Soler.

The Board reviews each department's budget request and updates a capital expenditures plan for equipment replacement, both of which are presented to the Board of Finance for approval and incorporation as necessary into the Selectmen's and capital budgets for taxpayer approval. Reports from the Town's Fire Marshal and each volunteer fire company concerning their training and other activities are received and reviewed on a regular basis.

Volunteer Fire Companies

Brooklyn's volunteer fire companies operate out of three fire stations to provide emergency services to the Town. The East Brooklyn Company operates out of a station owned by the Brooklyn Fire District that is located on South Main Street. The Mortlake Company operate out of its main station on Canterbury Road in Brooklyn Center and also out of a station located on Wauregan Road, near the Plainfield town line. Each Company is non-profit corporation and the response services to their respective areas. The Town supplies worker's compensation insurance as well as capital funds for major equipment purchases for each company. The Town also

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supplies capital funds for the periodic replacement of radios, pagers and personal protective equipment.

Both fire companies conduct fund raising events during the year to supplement the funds provided by the Town. The proceeds from these events lower the cost of public fire protection to residents of Brooklyn and enable the fire companies to purchase supplies and equipment beyond the bare minimums. The fire companies appreciate your support of these worthwhile fund raising endeavors.

The fire companies are also active in soliciting and obtaining grant funds from the state and federal government and from private sources. The East Brooklyn Fire Department was successful in obtaining a FEMA grant that paid for a mobile breathing air compressor and storage unit. The Mortlake Fire Company has been the recipient of several grants that have provided an Attack Tanker Fire Truck, a Rescue Truck, a HazMat Decontamination Trailer, a Regional Trench and Collapse Rescue Team and an Environmental Contamination Response Trailer and Equipment as well as numerous smaller equipment items.

The level of training and performance certification required to Brooklyn's volunteer firefighters are identical to those required of full time paid firefighters. Our volunteers participate and instruct in local and regional training programs. Members are active participants and hold leadership positions in several associations and organizations that are influential in determining regional and state wide policies in public safety area. The fire companies are proud of the achievements of their members and feel that attaining these high standards demonstrates to the taxpayers the seriousness of their efforts.

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In addition to responding to alarms of fire, each fire company provides first response service to medical emergencies occurring within their respective areas. Early intervention by trained medical responders coupled with rapid transportation to a primary care hospital has shown an improvement in the outcome of critical medical emergencies. Each of the fire companies responds with semi-automatic defibrillators and other state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment. This technology for monitoring and restoring correct cardiac rhythm had improved the chances of survival in certain coronary disorders. The Town participates in the Regional Paramedic Intercept program. This effort allows a paramedic, trained to higher levels than local EMT's, to respond to the scene of an emergency or to intercept the ambulance en route to the hospital. The paramedic can administer drugs and perform other procedures under the direction of the Emergency Room physician.

The response of the federal and state governments to the threat of terrorist activities has brought new training and organizational responsibilities to our fire companies and town government. Mortlake operates a regional hazardous materials personnel decontamination unit. Mortlake has also organized and hosted a major regional drill at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds involving many Eastern Connecticut emergency response agencies. These training activities are aimed at sharpening skills in multiple disciplines and in improving coordination and communications between agencies that might not work together regularly. The potential to respond to multiple hazard events requires that our fire companies develop a broader range of skills and capabilities than have theretofore been required.

The Town of Brooklyn is fortunate to have an effective supply of volunteer firefighters to handle emergencies that occur at

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any time, day or night, and give their time unselfishly to help others. These firefighters provide the alternative to having to employ emergency responders. However, as the time demands of modern family life increase, it becomes more difficult for each company to retain and recruit new members. One consequence of this situation is that the Mortlake Fire Company now employs one paid ambulance crew, twelve hours a day, seven days a week. The cost of the paid crew is largely covered by receipts from state-regulated ambulance billing. If the demand for services taxes the ability of the volunteers to man the ambulances, additional paid shifts might have to be added.

The skills learned as well as experienced and satisfaction received in serving the Town as a volunteer fire fighter or ambulance technician are beneficial and rewarding. Each fire company welcomes the opportunity to explain the responsibilities and rewards of membership. If you think you might enjoy serving in one of Brooklyn's fire companies, please contact any firefighter or the Selectman's office.

Ambulance Service

The Mortlake Fire Company provides ambulance service for the Town of Brooklyn. They operate a volunteer ambulance service and maintain a staff of over 40 Connecticut certified Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition to responding to emergencies, ambulance volunteers train on a monthly basis and also participate in State of Connecticut mandated training to maintain their certification. Other training activities such as a defibrillator, mass casualty, helicopter familiarity and other specialized training are available for members. Increasing call volume has placed pressure on the volunteer responders that is beyond their capacity. Following regional trends, starting on

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January 1, 2007, volunteer response was supplemented with a paid daytime crew.

The ambulance service is operated on a user payment system. All residents who utilize the service bill their respective insurance companies to provide payment for the service. Experience to date has shown that third party payers contribute most of the funds required to operate the service.

The ambulance service is part of a mutual aid network that allows access to neighboring ambulances, or, if needed, other resources such as medical helicopters. A regional paramedic program has been established at Day Kimball Hospital and is partially supported, in proportion to their use of the service, by the towns that operate out of the hospital. This service is dispatched through Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications located in East Killingly and is available for any life-threatening emergency. The paramedic responds from the hospital and usually intercepts with the ambulance en route to the hospital. Operating under the medical control of the Hospital's Emergency Physician the paramedic is able to administer drugs and provide a wider range of interventions than are EMT's.

Serving as an ambulance volunteer is very rewarding way to develop valuable skills while contributing to the community. Interested residents are encouraged to discuss participating in this worthwhile activity with members of the Mortlake Fire Company. Volunteers who are available during the daytime are particularly needed.

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Day Kimball Homecare Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut

Day Kimball Healthcare continues to maintain its strong presence in our quiet corner continuing to provide premier services along the continuum of care. Patient centered care has been the primary goal throughout this past year and in the homecare and hospice programs patient care strategies have been focused toward self-management, independence and prevention. Chronic disease management has taken center stage as we educate patients and their families to have better control over their disease process. Community education from our Wellness Education Specialist, Judy Hansen has taken the same approach within her community presentations, walking programs and clinic setting educational offerings.

Our staff continues to strive for excellence in care practices and our patient satisfaction scores, which are currently published on the Medicare website, remain at or about state and national scores in all five areas. I am delighted to mention that we became one of Fazzi Associate's top 20 for the year 2012 because of these scores. All of the staff in homecare and hospice are very passionate about homecare and describe their roles as challenging, yet extremely rewarding. Feedback from our patients about their homecare experience helps us to follow their direction in making their experience the best that it can be.

The Town of Brooklyn continues to be a strong advocate for our services. During the fiscal year 2012-2013m 5136 home visits were made to Brooklyn residents by our skilled care staff and in fiscal year 2013-2014, there have been 2466 home visits so far. During fiscal year 2012-2013, 403 town residents attended various clinics, health fairs and presentations within

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the town limits as well in towns in our service area and so far, in fiscal year 2013-2014, the total is 189.

Moving forward, our goal is simple; to ensure safe, quality patient care to those we provide with home care, and to those that are in an acute stage of illness or at end of life. Our community focus will be to work with our seniors to get out and move in an effort to stay healthy and active.

My thanks to each of you for choosing Day Kimball HomeCare to be a recipient of budgetary funds. We look forward to a continued partnership as we tend to the needs of your residents.

Judith C. Blackmore RN, BS
Director, Day Kimball HomeCare

Northeast District Department of Health

Fiscal year 2013 founded NDDH fully immersed I its commitment to provide member towns a full array of public health services. We approved permits for construction and septic systems; we inspected food service establishments, hair salons, motels, campground, and daycare facilities; we taught neighbors how to prepare for emergencies, adopt healthy lifestyles and prevent disease.

We did all this by working with the experts that make up our public health staff and the many partners who comprise our public health system. We continued to strengthen the collaborative efforts of our HealthQuest Northeast Connecticut Coalition – a regional health and wellness partnership working to make northeast Connecticut a healthier place to live, work, learn and play. And we did that in a very big way.

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Fiscal year 2013 was hallmarked by a remarkable initiative – the Follow the Fifty: Models of Heart Health Campaign (FTF), funded by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health with unprecedented support from HealthQuest and other community partners. Our slogan said it all, “Heart Disease is the Number One Killer of Women... We’ve Launched a Community Counter-Attack.” We started by trying to recruit 50 women to lead heart healthy lifestyles for nine months. We ended with 129 women dramatically improving their health and we mobilized our entire district in the process.

People greeted each other with FTF wave by placing one hand over the other atop their hearts; models wearing their signature red shirts were cheered as they were spotted participating in physical activity or making healthy food choices. Memberships at local fitness establishments surged as did attendance at farmers markets and revenues for retailers who sold anything red! We painted our towns red with the FTF logo and took to the streets in (flash) mob-like numbers, always promoting the message of heart health.

FTF models lowered their blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and resting heart rate. They collectively lost nearly 1,400 pounds and 700 inches. What they lost in numbers, they gained in self-esteem and awareness.

On November 30th and December 1st, 2012, the models debuted their new looks and lifestyles at the Red Dress Divas Holiday Spectacular, a sell-out stage show produced by Broadway Live Productions that brought in over 2,000 attendees! Just when we thought the curtain closed on our campaign, our national funders opened it to reveal a brand new opportunity to reward us all for a job well done – the FTF campaign and one of our very own models of heart health – Cindy Parsons – were featured nationally at The Heart Truth’s

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Red Dress Collection Fashion Show in February, 2013 in new York City.

Everyone can Follow the Fifty. Every day presents new opportunities to make healthy choices....and every day your health department is working to make the healthy choice the easy choice!

Susan Starkey, MS, RD, MPH

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Subsurface Sewage Disposal	
B100	1
Permit – Commercial	9
Permit-Residential	0
Plan Review-Commercial	12
Plan review-Residential	7
Plan Review-Repair	1
Permit Repair	18
Soil Test-New	6
Soil Test-Repair	7
Soil Testing-Additional	9
Total Subsurface Disposal	137
Portable Water	
Total Well Permits Issued	18
Food Service Sanitation	
Non-Profit Inspections	4
Grocery Inspections	16
Pre-Operational Inspections	1
Restaurant Inspections	45
Schools Food Service Inspect	6
Temporary Food Non-Profit	17
Temporary Food For Profit	26
Total Food Service Sanitation	115
Gen Enviro. Health Inspect	
Campgrounds	1
Daycare	1
Group Homes	5
Hair & Nail Salons	7
Motel/Hotel	1
Pools	1
Total General Inspections	16
Complaint Investigations	
Burning Issues	1
Food Service	1
Garbage	3
Housing	3
Insects/Rodents/Manure	0
Mold	3
Other	3
Outdoor Furnace	0
Sewage/Septic	5
Water/heat	3
Total Complaint Investigation	23

Rabies	
Calls/Reports/Lab Submission	2
Animals Tested Positive	0
Childhood Lead Poisoning	
Venous Test Lead Levels >4	2
Venous Lead Levels 10-19	0
Venous Lead Levels ≥20	0
Total Lead Prevention	2
Total Environmental Services	313
Communicable Diseases	
Chlamydia	8
Cryptosporidium	2
Gonorrhea	2
Hepatitis C	4
Lyme Disease	9
MRSA	1
Salmonella	1
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	1
Syphilis	2
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2
VRE	1
Total Comm Diseases	33

*Please note: The reportable communicable disease statistics are based on Calendar Year 2012 (01/01/12-12/31/2012). All other reported public health activities are based on Fiscal Year 2013 (07/01/2012-06/30/2013).

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NDDH District Wide Services, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

- Community Health Education covering a broad range of topics that prevent illness, promote wellness and protect the health of district residents
- Qualified Feed Operator & Food Awareness Safety Training Classes
- Emergency Preparedness, Planning & Response
- Flu Immunizations

NDDH Oral Health Screening & Education Program For Brooklyn Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

Referrals for Treatment					
Totaled Screened	Caries	Cleaning & Exam	Caries, Cleaning, & Exam	Ortho-Dontic	% Referred due to screening
175	21	21	21	1	57% of screened students

Grants (Federal, State & Private Funds):

- State of CT- DPH- State per capita allocation –State revenue support of local and district departments of health
- HRSA & CDC Bioterrorism Grant- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program & Pandemic Flu Response Initiatives
- State of CT DPH/PHHS Block Grant-Environmental and policy strategies to decrease chronic disease.
- State of CT DPH & CT Children’s Medical Center- Continuation of the “Easy Breathing” Asthma Grant for medical management and physician training
- CT Children’s Medical Center & CHN- An extension of the “Easy Breathing” asthma grant to bring easy

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breathing training, consultation, and recruitment activities to targeted physician practices and enrolled members in the Community Health Network.

- State of CT DPH/Bureau of Community Health/Environmental Protection Agency – “Breathing New Life in Asthma Management” putting on Airs In-Home Asthma Trigger Assessment Program- a collaborative approach to asthma education and management
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors- NDDS’s HealthQuest NE CT Initiative selected as a national ACHIEVE community to reduce obesity through policy, systems and environmental changes that support increased physical activity and better nutrition
- National Association of County & City Health Officials- Funding for the NE CT Medical Reserve Corps to build voluntary medical and ancillary care capacity
- Foundation of the National Institutes of Health with the national Heart, Lung and Blood Institute funding to promote the Heart Truth ®, campaign through Follow the Fifty; Models of Heart Health, a women’s heart healthy initiative of NDDH and HealthQuest Northeast CT partners.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Brooklyn, CT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this included the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA and standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the

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circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements and supplementary schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the financial statements.

The combining fund financial statements and supplementary schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other additional procedures in

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accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2013 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

O'Connor Davies, LLP
Wethersfield, Connecticut

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Expenditures

General Government	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Board Finance	40,300	30,518	9,782
Board of Selectmen	36,979	36,979	0
Engineering	26,330	26,330	0
Administration	140,354	140,354	0
Treasurer	10,345	10,345	0
Revenue Collector	93,294	90,405	2,889
Assessor	113,948	108,106	5,842
Board of Assessment	380	235	145
Recording	112,899	112,592	307
Elections	22,600	20,847	1,753
Legal	35,787	35,787	0
Probate	3,595	3,595	0
Town Hall	43,260	36,697	6,563
Central Supplies	52,300	47,840	4,460
Total	732,371	700,630	31,741

Public Safety	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Canine Control	24,684	24,684	0
Patrol Services	209,400	193,489	15,911
Fire Marshal	36,359	36,359	0
Fire Facilities	468,023	468,023	0
Emergency Communications	34,672	34,672	0
Homeland Security	3,060	1,288	1,772
Total	776,198	758,515	17,683

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Public Works	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Roads & Drainage	493,822	480,722	13,100
Maintenance & Equipment	97,409	97,409	0
Snow Removal	64,000	54,307	9,693
Garage Maintenance	27,010	24,149	2,861
Resource Recovery	226,804	204,540	22,264
Building Official	62,469	62,469	0
Total	971,514	923,596	47,918

Human Services	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Health	76,938	76,937	1
Cemeteries	8,675	8,675	0
Total	85,613	85,612	1

Civic & Cultural	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Library	114,987	114,987	0
Transit District	13,576	13,576	0
Special Programs	5,000	4,300	700
Recreation	241,421	232,657	8,764
Park Maintenance	86,937	83,965	2,972
Community Center	31,740	17,382	14,358
Recreation Building	21,380	15,849	5,531
Total	515,041	482,716	32,325

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Development & Planning	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Planning & Zoning	71,575	65,922	5,653
Zoning Board of Appeal	700	0	700
Agriculture Commission	700	85	615
Conservation Commission	2,100	484	1,616
Inland/Wetland Commission	27,893	20,680	7,213
Economic Development Commission	7,500	4,716	2,784
Open Space	7,949	7,949	0
Total	118,417	99,836	18,581

Sundry	Final Budget	Actual	Variances
Contingency	20,000	0	20,000
Fringe Benefits	494,138	477,213	16,925
Municipal Insurance	129,633	129,375	258
Long Term Debt Service	1,055,693	1,011,410	44,283
Short Term Debt Service	125,000	125,000	0
Capital Equipment	278,700	198,700	80,000
Total	2,103,164	1,941,698	161,466

Total Government	5,302,318	4,992,603	309,715
Total Board of Education	16,236,130	16,222,198	13,932
Total Expenditures	21,538,448	21,214,801	323,647
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures – Budgetary Basis	(106,660)	562,305	668,965

TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

First Selectman's Office	860-779-3411
Town Clerk	860-779-5032
Assessor	860-774-5611
Revenue Collector	860-774-4072
Recreation	860-774-5464
Land Use Administrator	860-779-3411
Water Pollution Control Authority	860-779-3411
Fire Marshal	860-779-0472
Building Official	860-779-3411
Director of Highway Department	860-774-2435
Animal Control Officer	860-774-1253
Landfill Attendant	860-779-1105
Housing Authority	860-779-3339
Resident Trooper	860-779-9008

Other Frequently Requested Numbers

UConn Extension Center	860-774-9600
Quinebaug Valley Senior Center	860-774-1243
NE District Department of Health	860-774-7350
Brooklyn Fair Grounds	860-779-0012
Brooklyn Post Office	860-774-4449
Brooklyn Library	860-774-0649
Judge of Probate	860-923-2203
NE Children's Probate Court	860-779-5674
Casella Waste – Recycling	888-485-1469
NE CT Council of Government	860-774-1253
Mortlake Fire Department	860-774-2032
East Brooklyn Fire Department	860-774-1192
First Student Bus Garage	860-779-1256
Troop D – non-emergencies	860-779-4900

EMERGENCIES
State Police/Ambulance/Fire
911

SCHOOL & HISTORICAL SITES

School Officials & Telephone Numbers

Brooklyn Schools

Louise Berry, Superintendent	860-774-9153
Alan Yanku, Middle School Principal	860-774-9153
Frances Rotella, Elementary Principal	860-774-7577

Killingly High School	860-779-6620
Woodstock Academy	860-928-6575
H.H. Ellis Tech	860-774-8511

Historical Sites

Old Trinity Church – Located on Church Street, Built in 1771 by Col. Godfrey Malbone, a Tory, after a disagreement with Brooklyn Church.

Old Court House – Located in Brooklyn Center, Presently the Brooklyn Town Hall, Built when Brooklyn became the County Seat in 1820.

Old Unitarian Church – Located in Brooklyn Center, Built as Congregational Church in 1771, Isreal Putnam was Sexton after completion of Church.

Isreal Putnam Monument – Located in Brooklyn Center, At his burial place.

CHURCH SERVICES

Federated Church of Christ

Sundays.....10:00am

(American Baptist & United Church of Christ)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA) Route 6

Sundays.....10:30am

Our Lady of LaSalette Church

Sundays.....8:00am & 11:00am

(Roman Catholic)

Trinity-Episcopal Church

Sundays.....10:00am

Wednesdays.....Bible Study 7pm

Old Trinity Church

July & August.....5:00pm & All Saints Day.....11:00am

Unitarian Universalist Society

April-December @ Brooklyn Green Rte 6&169.....10:30am

Jan-April @ Brooklyn Community Center.....10:30am

(Bi-weekly Sunday)

Community Bible Chapel

Sundays.....11:00am

Wednesdays.....7:00pm

Family Bible Hour and Sunday School

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Superintendent's Annual Report
2012-2013

This annual report to the Brooklyn community provides a review of the operation of The Brooklyn School for 2012-2013. The Board School system provides a Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight education programs with an enrollment during the current year of 929 students. Brooklyn sends its secondary school students to Killingly High School and Woodstock Academy – our designated high schools. A few of our high school students select other high schools based on the Board of Education freedom of choice policy.

In response to the educational needs of our student, The Brooklyn School has provided a variety of curricular projects as well as new programs during the past decade to help students enrich and broaden their perspective – the best known and widely accepted program is the Pre-Kindergarten Program for three and four year old children. With emphasis on preschool education, Brooklyn has been able to address the developmental and learning problems of our preschool students. Brooklyn's preschool program has received national accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and has strong support from parents of preschool students.

The school system is governed by a six member Board of Education through a committee structure and when appropriate, involves members of the school staff and the community on various committees – Budget; Curriculum;

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Negotiations; and Policy. In addition, Board representatives serve on the town's Capital Committee and the Recreation Commission. The board also has members who serve as representatives to the governing boards of our designated high schools and the regional education center, EASTCONN.

Brooklyn Board of Education

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Staff – September 2012

*out of district

	Elementary	Middle	School Wide
Administrators	1.35	1.65	1
Special Ed Admin			1
Art	1	1	
Cafeteria Workers: Supervisor, Food Service	3	3	1
Computer	.01	.09	
Counselor/Social Worker	1	1	
Custodians/Property	3.5	3.5	1
Foreign Language	0	1	
Health (Teachers)	1	.4	
Library	.04	1	
Music	1	2	
Paraprofessionals (27)	16	10	*1
Physical Education	1	1.6	
Psychologist	.4	.1	
Remedial	4	4	
Financial Coordinator/Asst			2
Secretaries	1	1	
Special Ed Secretary			1
Special Ed Teachers	3	5	
Speech	1.8	.2	
Teachers (Academics)	23	18	
Technology Education	0	1	

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The budget for the school year of 2012-2013 was \$16,236,130 which included the town's appropriation and the state's allocation of the ECS grant. In addition to this finding the school system received categorical grants from the state and the federal government of \$560,775. The school systems expenditures during 2012-2013 were \$16,231,518 of the town's allocation with \$4,162 returned to the town at the end of the fiscal year.

A financial overview of the proposed 2012-2013 budget by category and percent compared to the 2011-2012 budget is shown below:

Series	Account	2012-2012 Budget	Anticipated Expenditure
100	Salaries	\$6,136,124	\$6,140,550
200	Employee Benefits	\$2,491,618	\$2,178,213
300	Purchased Services	\$228,682	\$233,488
400	Purchased Property	\$151,316	\$169,812
500	Services	\$6,117,923	\$6,421,277
600	Supplies & Materials	\$622,700	\$636,172
700	Property	\$28,000	\$31,000
800	Other Expenditures	\$19,500	\$26,000
	Totals	\$15,795,863	\$15,836,512

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Series	Account	2012/2013 Budget	Difference from 2011-12	Increase over 2011-12 budget
100	Salaries	\$6,426,120	\$289,996	4.73%
200	Employee Benefits	\$2,350,814	\$140,804	-5.65%
300	Purchased Services	\$254,250	\$25,568	11.20%
400	Purchased Property	\$137,666	\$13,650	-9%
500	Services	\$6,357,332	\$239,409	3.90%
600	Supplies & Materials	\$648,600	\$25,900	4.20%
700	Property	\$34,500	\$6,500	2.32%
800	Other	\$26,848	\$7,348	37.7%
	Totals	\$16,236,130	\$749,175	2.80%

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Hours of Instruction
Brooklyn Elementary & Middle School

Regular Program Instructions	Grade 2 Hours per Year	Grade 5	Grade 8
Art	135	32	32
Computer Education	0	32	32
English Language Arts	364	290	221
World Languages	0	0	74
Health	135	24	24
Family & Consumer Science	0	0	0
Library Media Skills	135	26	0
Mathematics	180	167	147
Music	135	32	32
Physical Education	135	55	55
Science	90	141	147
Social Studies	90	141	147
Technology Education	0	32	32

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District Name	School Name	Test
Achievement First Hartford Academy Inc. District	Achievement First Hartford Academy Inc.	CMT
Andover School District	Andover Elementary School	CMT
Avon School District	Avon High School	CAPT
Avon School District	Avon Middle School	CMT
Avon School District	Pine Grove School	CMT
Avon School District	Roaring Brook School	CMT
Barkhamsted School District	Barkhamsted Elementary School	CMT
Berlin School District	Catherine M. McGee Middle School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Carmen Arace Intermediate School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Carmen Arace Middle School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Global Experience Magnet School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Laurel School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Metacomet School	CMT
Bloomfield School District	Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School	CMT
Brainford School District	Mary R. Tsiko School	CMT
Bridgeport Achievement First District	Achievement First Bridgeport Academy	CMT & CAPT
Bridgeport School District	Multicultural Magnet School	CMT
Bridgeport School District	Park City Magnet School	CMT
Bridgeport School District	Winthrop School	CMT
Brookfield School District	Brookfield High School	CAPT
Brookfield School District	Center Elementary School	CMT
Brookfield School District	Whisconier Middle School	CMT
Brooklyn School District	Brooklyn Elementary School	CMT
Brooklyn School District	Brooklyn Middle School	CMT
Canton School District	Canton Intermediate School	CMT
Canton School District	Canton Middle School	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Medical Professions and Teacher Preparation Academy	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	International Magnet School for Global Citizenship	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Metropolitan Learning Center	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Montessori Magnet School	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Museum Academy	CMT
Capitol Region Education Council	Public Safety Academy Interdistrict Magnet School	CAPT

Understanding Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) School Classifications

EXCELLING: (15 schools)

An overall SPI of 88 or above and more than 25% of students score "Advanced" in a majority of subjects tested and the majority of subgroup gaps are less than 10 SPI points and the CAPT participation rate is at least 95% and the graduation rate is at least 94% and the Holding Power Rate is at least 96%.

PROGRESSING: (51 schools)

There are 2 ways in which a school can receive a Progressing classification:

- An overall SPI of 88 or above and a CAPT participation rate of at least 95% and misses one or more of the Excelling criteria.
- An overall SPI of 64 to 87 inclusive and a CAPT participation rate of at least 95% and meets the SPI target for 2012-13 and the majority of subgroup gaps are less than 10 SPI points and has a graduation rate of at least 90% and a Holding Power Rate of at least 93%.

TRANSITIONING: (92 schools)

An overall SPI of 64 to 87 and a CAPT participation rate of at least 95% and misses one or more of the Progressing criteria.

REVIEW: (34 schools)

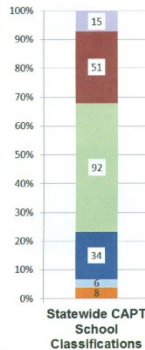
An overall SPI below 64 or a CAPT participation rate below 95%.

FOCUS: (6 schools)

A Title I school with one of its subgroups among the lowest performing in the state.

TURNAROUND: (8 schools)

Schools in this category were selected from among the lowest performing schools statewide.



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Performance Level Report

Percent of Students by Performance Levels

Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Writing						% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal		
				Percent by Level									
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced					
State	4	2006	42044	6.3	9.6	21.3	40.6	22.3	84.2	62.8			
	4	2013	39564	6.4	10.2	20.4	38.9	24.2	83.5	63.1			
Brooklyn Elem	4	2006	95	10.5	8.4	23.2	41.1	16.8	81.1	57.0			
	4	2013	89	3.4	4.5	16.9	29.2	46.1	92.1	75.3			

Performance Level Report										
Percent of Students by Performance Levels										
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Mathematics					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Percent by Level						
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	3	2006	41558	11.5	10.1	22.0	34.6	21.7	79.3	56.3
	3	2013	37508	8.4	8.9	21.1	35.9	25.7	82.7	61.6
Brooklyn Elem	3	2006	83	4.3	6.5	19.4	45.2	24.7	89.2	60.0
	3	2013	77	2.6	11.7	26.0	41.8	18.2	85.7	59.7

Performance Level Report										
Percent of Students by Performance Levels										
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Reading					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Percent by Level						
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	3	2006	41460	20.4	10.4	14.8	37.7	16.7	69.2	54.4
	3	2013	37068	16.8	10.9	15.4	35.3	21.6	72.4	56.9
Brooklyn Elem	3	2006	93	14.0	12.9	19.4	30.7	15.1	73.1	53.8
	3	2013	77	11.7	0.1	18.2	49.4	11.7	79.2	61.0

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Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Writing							
			Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
Group	Grade	Year		Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	8	2006	43836	7.0	11.0	19.5	40.7	21.7	81.9	62.4
	8	2013	40694	5.2	9.0	18.4	43.9	23.3	85.7	67.3
Brooklyn MS	8	2006	99	4.0	16.2	26.3	40.4	13.1	79.8	53.5
	8	2013	106	1.9	5.7	15.1	60.4	17.0	92.5	77.4

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Science							
			Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
Group	Grade	Year		Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	8	2006	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	8	2013	40742	14.4	9.1	15.9	42.7	17.9	76.5	60.6
Brooklyn MS	8	2006	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	8	2013	106	3.8	6.6	14.2	52.8	22.6	89.6	75.5

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Mathematics							
			Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
Group	Grade	Year		Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	7	2006	43828	10.4	11.8	20.7	32.4	24.7	77.8	57.0
	7	2013	38650	5.5	9.7	19.1	35.0	30.8	84.9	65.7
Brooklyn MS	7	2006	101	6.9	13.9	23.8	37.6	17.8	79.2	55.4
	7	2013	86	2.3	8.1	17.4	43.0	29.1	89.5	72.1

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Reading							
			Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
Group	Grade	Year		Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	7	2006	43741	16.4	7.1	9.7	43.4	23.3	76.4	66.7
	7	2013	38462	7.5	5.5	8.1	44.7	34.2	87.0	78.9
Brooklyn MS	7	2006	102	12.7	4.9	13.7	51.0	17.6	82.4	68.6
	7	2013	86	4.7	8.1	3.5	38.4	45.3	87.2	83.7

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Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

Writing										
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	5	2008	41930	5.2	9.8	20.3	42.5	22.5	85.3	65.0
	5	2013	39933	3.4	8.8	22.1	42.8	22.8	87.7	65.6
Brooklyn MS	5	2008	105	8.8	10.5	21.0	40.0	20.0	81.0	60.0
	5	2013	96	5.2	6.3	15.6	60.4	12.5	88.5	72.9

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Science							
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	5	2008	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	5	2013	39024	7.6	10.7	19.1	40.5	22.0	81.7	62.5
Brooklyn MS	5	2008	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	5	2013	96	3.1	4.2	26.0	50.0	16.7	92.7	66.7

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Mathematics							
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	4	2008	42308	10.5	9.2	21.4	36.6	22.2	80.3	58.8
	4	2013	36317	7.4	8.8	18.4	36.6	28.8	83.8	65.4
Brooklyn Elem	4	2008	96	7.3	6.3	24.0	34.4	28.1	86.5	62.5
	4	2013	88	2.3	3.4	15.9	39.8	38.6	94.3	78.4

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Reading							
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	4	2006	42179	19.3	9.0	14.0	41.3	16.5	71.8	57.8
	4	2013	37834	13.7	8.7	14.9	44.8	17.9	77.6	62.7
Brooklyn Elem	4	2006	96	15.6	13.5	21.9	29.2	19.9	70.8	49.0
	4	2013	88	6.8	6.7	15.9	52.3	19.3	87.5	71.6

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Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Reading							
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	8	2006	43832	15.9	7.4	9.9	43.0	23.8	76.6	66.7
	8	2013	38994	8.1	6.2	9.4	43.7	32.6	85.7	76.3
Brooklyn MS	8	2006	98	14.3	11.2	17.3	36.7	20.4	74.5	57.1
	8	2013	102	2.9	7.8	8.8	53.9	26.5	89.2	80.4

Performance Level Report
Percent of Students by Performance Levels

			Mathematics							
Group	Grade	Year	Number Tested	Percent by Level					% At/Above Proficiency	% At/Above Goal
				Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Goal	Advanced		
State	8	2006	43044	10.1	11.0	20.6	34.6	23.7	78.9	58.3
	8	2013	39105	4.7	9.2	20.8	34.7	30.5	86.1	65.2
Brooklyn MS	8	2006	98	10.2	11.2	24.5	23.7	20.4	73.6	54.1
	8	2013	102	2.9	7.8	21.6	52.9	14.7	89.2	67.6

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Connecticut State Department of Education Connecticut District Performance Report For School Year 2012-13

District

Brooklyn School District

Overall Performance

A District Performance Index (DPI) for the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) is the test performance of all subjects tested in the respective assessment for all students in the district. The DPI ranges in value from 0 to 100 points. Connecticut's ultimate target for a DPI is 88 because in a district with a DPI of 88 or above, students will have performed at or above the "goal" level on the majority of tests. Achievement Gap indicates whether a difference of at least 10 DPI points exists between the achievement of the majority of subgroups and the all students group in a district (excludes High Needs).

	CMT DPI	CAPT DPI	District Graduation Rate
2009 - 10	79.3	81.9	
2010 - 11	82.5	75.8	
2011 - 12	83.6	77.3	
2012 - 13	84.4	84.9	Available 2014
Target Achieved	Yes	Yes	
Achievement Gap	Yes	No	

District Enrollment by School Classification

Though the district is assigned an overall classification based on the CMT and/or CAPT, schools within the district may have earned different school classifications. To reflect this potential diversity within a district, this table displays the number of schools and the percentage of students enrolled in the district by the school classification category. Note: In rare instances where a school serves grades that test both the CMT and the CAPT, the count of schools is a count of school classifications.

	Total Number of Schools	Percentage of Total Student Enrollment
EXCELLING	0	0.0%
PROGRESSING	2	100.0%
TRANSITIONING	0	0.0%
REVIEW	0	0.0%
FOCUS	0	0.0%
TURNAROUND	0	0.0%
TOTAL	2	100%

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Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) 2012-13 District Performance Index (DPI)

	Participation	DPI	Target	Achieved
All Students	100.0%	84.4	82.3	Yes
SUBGROUP PERFORMANCE				
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	62.1		n/a
English Language Learners				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	100.0%	77.2	73.1	Yes
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	53.0	49.8	Yes
High Needs	100.0%	72.3	67.7	Yes
MATH PERFORMANCE				
Math Overall	100.0%	83.8	83.0	Yes
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	65.1		n/a
English Language Learners				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	100.0%	76.2	73.5	Yes
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	51.7	55.0	No
High Needs	100.0%	71.9	69.7	Yes
READING PERFORMANCE				
Reading Overall	100.0%	82.8	80.9	Yes
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	55.1		n/a
English Language Learners				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	100.0%	74.5	72.6	Yes
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	47.4	40.9	Yes
High Needs	100.0%	68.5	64.7	Yes
WRITING PERFORMANCE				
Writing Overall	100.0%	87.6	83.1	Yes
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	65.0		n/a
English Language Learners				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	100.0%	81.3	72.4	Yes
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	66.7	51.6	Yes
High Needs	100.0%	79.3	68.6	Yes
SCIENCE PERFORMANCE				
Science Overall	100.0%	89.1	85.9	Yes
Black or African American				
Hispanic or Latino				
English Language Learners				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	100.0%	87.0	76.2	Yes
Students with Disabilities	100.0%	72.3	58.1	Yes
High Needs	100.0%	84.0	72.7	Yes

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I would like to recognize and thank all the members of our staff for their dedication and commitment to the students at the Brooklyn School. We frequently receive comments from parents concerning how fortunate their children are to attend the Brooklyn School and how helpful individual teachers have been. For this I am grateful and encouraged by the commitment many staff members demonstrate toward the students in our school.

The members of the Board of Education have been generous with their time, interest in education and devoted to the goal of the best possible education for students in Brooklyn. Their long hours of involvement in Brooklyn's education program have demonstrated dedicated community service and I thank them for their commitment.

Although in today's society people are uneasy about the problems in and direction of public education, our students continue to be successful and we can look to them with pride.

Therefore, with the continuing support and assistance of parents and community members, the Brooklyn School will continue its tradition of a strong and caring educational institution.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

INTRODUCTION

The Academy has moved forward, as shown in this 2012-2013 Annual Report. This forward movement manifests itself in both long- and short-term accomplishments. First, the 5-year report was accepted by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This covers the broad range of endeavors the Academy has worked to complete. Certainly, the completion of the Bentley Field and Sewer Project validates the work of countless members of the Academy community over many years.

There is certainly energy around athletics. The Academy teams earned state and league championships, and there was a high rate of student participation. This enthusiasm cascaded into other areas of the school, ranging from development to a general feeling of good will and recognition.

As all this was accomplished in a challenging budget year, it speaks to the strength of the Academy to endure over time.

OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING

The 2012-2013 academic year was primarily characterized by believing and achieving. Whether looking to our School

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Performance Index (SPI) scores, the state championships, or our international programs, this past year has been successful and promising.

In September, Woodstock Academy welcomed 14 visitors (12 students and 2 teachers) from the Mariama Ba School in Goree Island, Senegal. During the 10-day visit, Senegalese students and teachers shadowed Academy members, visited historical and cultural attractions, and hosted a cultural night for the community. In April, 9 students, 4 teachers, and 2 parents participated in the exchange program in Senegal. Students also took Woodstock Academy sponsored trips to Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

In compliance with the requirements for our continued accreditation from New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a 5-year report was submitted and accepted. A special addendum included photos of the completed Sewer Project. NEASC noted the school's excellent progress.

In the fall, we received its initial rating for the SPI, and we are proud of this level. Among other factors, the index is calculated based on a 4-year cohort graduation rate, 4-year district extended graduation rate, and CAPT scores, while also being disaggregated by specific student groups. With a score of 79.1, the Academy ranks second in Northeast Connecticut.

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The Academy has made strides in advancing the connection between technology and education. Continuing our efforts to incorporate technology into our curriculum, iPads were introduced into the Biology Department, while Spanish courses 1, 2, and 3 were taught with e-books. These steps will eventually cut costs, make material more accessible, and streamline the educational process.

Woodstock Academy can boast many athletic accomplishments from this past year. The ribbon cutting ceremony at the new turf field in the Bentley Complex was a success and illustrated the enthusiasm of our growing commitment to successful athletic programs. After hiring a new Athletic Director, Aaron Paterson, we made significant strides toward attaining our newly developed mission, as well as continuing excellence on and off the field. Two teams this year will be able to hang state championship banners in the Field House: boys basketball and girls gymnastics. The Athletic Department also underwent the CIAC Athletic Audit and established an Athletic Hall of Fame. Our expectation is that both of these endeavors will better athletic accomplishment at the Academy. Two student-athletes signed Division 1 letters of intent and received athletic scholarships.

In compliance with state mandates, the Academy put together a new Teacher Evaluation Plan and submitted it to the State in the spring. It was approved and will be implemented in the upcoming year.

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After 4 years of hard work and dedication, Headmaster Caron stepped down. Mr. Richard Foye has returned to the Academy to serve as the interim headmaster, and the Hiring Committee has been tasked to find the next headmaster.

The changes this year have been beneficial for the school, and we are grateful for these advances. We achieved success in many different areas throughout the school. We have a challenging time of transition ahead, and this will require us to stay even more committed to our Academy tradition of achievement and excellence.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our commitment to 21st century teaching and learning has ensured that the Academy remained one of the finest schools in Eastern Connecticut for another year.

Woodstock's SPI score of 81.1 demonstrates the Academy is one of the top schools in the region. The hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff has enriched the high school experience for our students and prepared our graduates for success in college or career. Much work was done over the 2012-2013 school year to ensure that we remain a school of choice for students in this area, as well as prepare for new state requirements regarding teaching and learning.

In accordance with Public Act No. 01-166, the Academy has begun to phase in new graduation requirements, increasing the number of credits from 24 to 25 for students graduating in 2017. These requirements emphasize the

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importance of mathematics, science, technology, and world language in the global economy. All students graduating in 2017 will be required to take at least 1 credit in a world language and 4 credits in mathematics. A Student Advisory Program was developed by a committee of teachers and administration to ensure all students have a close connection with an adult during their 4 years at the Academy. It will also ensure that they are supported socially and academically, to mitigate the potentially disruptive aspect of the state requirements for students who may be ill equipped to meet them. The Advisory Program was intended to help phase in the Capstone graduation requirement mandated by the state for all students graduating in 2018. In addition, an Early/Delayed Graduation Policy was adopted for implementation in the 2013-2014 school year.

A new teacher and administrator evaluation plan was developed in 2012-2013 with the purpose of meeting new state requirements, while keeping the best aspects of our previous plan. The new plan will emphasize the collection of student performance data to demonstrate learning and growth over time. The new plan was submitted to the State Department of Education in the spring of 2013 and was approved for implementation this fall. Administrators spent a week over the summer becoming trained by the Department of Education on how to evaluate teachers under the new state guidelines. All administrators must be trained and pass a state certification test to evaluate teachers under the new plan.

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During the 2012-13 school year, the English and Mathematics Departments worked on aligning their curriculums with the new Common Core Standards and also collaborated closely with sending towns on this initiative. The Social Studies Department focused on aligning its curriculum with the Connecticut Social Studies Standards and will continue this initiative in 2013-2014. As part of this alignment, the .5 credit Civics class is being phased out and replaced by a 1-credit US Government class. In addition, the World Language Department introduced a highly successful German program and has introduced more SCP levels of its current courses to appeal to the 25% of students not taking a world language but will need to meet the new state graduation requirement mandated by the State. The Science Department utilizes data tracking programs to measure student growth and performance, preparing them for success under the new teacher evaluation program. The new Innovative Technology class has been well received by students and utilizes measures to track student performance. Many departments have introduced new courses and revised current ones to integrate more technology and promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in an increasingly competitive and global marketplace. In addition, the independent study proposal process and course expectations were revised to prepare for a Capstone requirement, ensure greater consistency across departments, and promote a higher level of academic rigor.

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The following is a list of the new courses approved during the 2012-2013 school year:

- Calculus 1a
- Weight Training
- Sheltered Biology for English Language Learners
- Unified Foods and Nutrition
- Introduction to Community Activism
- Introduction to Economics (for implementation in 2014-2015)
- Art Remix
- Advanced Placement Photography
- German II

We remain committed to small class sizes to maximize student/teacher interaction and individualized attention. The average class size during the fall semester was 17 students and in the spring semester 19 students.

A new teacher evaluation plan, new graduation requirements, and new Common Core standards have the potential to revolutionize teaching and learning at the Academy, as well as across the state and nation. They could also, however, disrupt the educational process and stress already over-burdened school systems. Much of the professional development and curriculum work over the past school year was dedicated to alleviating the potential problems associated with so many state initiatives, while maximizing educational benefits for all students.

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FACULTY AND STAFF REPORT 2012-2013

The hardworking, dedicated, and talented faculty and staff make the Academy an exceptional high school. The following is not an exhaustive list of accomplishments and special recognitions but rather a few examples that demonstrate the extraordinary nature of our faculty and staff:

- Steve Tyler was selected as WA's Teacher of the Year through a vote of the faculty and staff.
- Merry Burke and Jayne Collins celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Senegal Exchange.
- Tom Young completed his Master's Degree in Secondary Education in Mathematics at Eastern Connecticut State University.
- Melissa Beck received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership from the University of New England.
- Michelle Rawcliffe was selected to be part of a Health Education Think Tank and chosen by Health Quest to be the educational advocate for Northeastern Connecticut.
- Susan Reilly became cross-certified in Biology.
- Deb Bigelow presented at the AFFCS Conference on conducting student chef competitions and hosted a mini-competition.
- Joe Codega, Danielle Duquette, and Lauren Gagnon successfully completed the TEAM program.

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- Valerie May was selected to participate in the National Biology Teachers Association Biology Leadership Academy.
- Kate Field presented her dissertation findings at the Northeastern Educational Research Association's Annual Conference and was selected to present a workshop promoting democracy in the Middle East at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual International Conference in Morocco.
- Greg Smith and members of the boys varsity basketball team won the Howard B. Dickenman Sportsmanship Award for 2013.

In addition to their many achievements, members of our talented faculty and staff also dedicate countless hours to leading a variety of co-curricular activities. In addition, several faculty and staff members spent their vacations traveling with students to Senegal, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Most impressively, advisors and coaches sacrificed many hours of personal time serving our community, raising thousands of dollars for worthy causes, and inspiring our students to become active citizens of our community, nation, and world.

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ADMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The goal of the Admissions Team is to market Woodstock Academy as an influential school of choice to both local and international students. They focused on local recruitment, sending town outreach, and international networking. This effort resulted in an increase in inquiries and applications during the 2012-2013 school year.

Sending town outreach was the first area of emphasis. All of the sending town eighth grade classes were invited to attend a morning at Woodstock Academy. Students came for a brief presentation, a tour with a Woodstock Academy ambassador, group discussions with the ambassadors, and a snack. We hosted approximately 100 students at each of these sessions, and 10-12 ambassadors handled the tours and group discussions. The ambassadors are a sub group of Student Council. These students, nominated by the faculty and staff, represent the school and help promote the Academy. Eighth grade teachers and guidance counselors were treated to breakfast and discussions with administration. In addition to sending town students, local private middle schools also attended as well as The Rectory School, St. James, St. Joseph, and St. Anne. Invitations to our Prospective Student Open House were also extended.

We welcomed approximately 150 students to our Prospective Student Open House on October 21, 2012. Students toured our campus, attended our Activity Expo to become familiar with our extra-curricular offerings, and met

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with faculty, staff, and students. While many sending town students attended, approximately 10 tuition students inquired about attending Woodstock Academy. This resulted in 4 applications for the 2013-2014 school year.

In addition, the Admissions Team attended several school fairs in Southbridge, Willimantic, Pomfret, and Moscow. A school or educational organization to promote secondary education choice usually hosts these fairs. The team used these fairs to promote Woodstock Academy. Connections were made with several students and families who then submitted applications.

During the admissions season, the Academy received 25 applications from students outside the sending town area and 160 international applications. We enrolled 8 new local tuition students and 35 new international students.

To assist new students, emphasis is placed on their transition to high school. Karen Olah (Director of International Student Programing), and Jeffery Martel (Residential Life Coordinator) have put together a weeklong orientation program that brings together local and international students.

The focus for the upcoming year will be to find partners in countries around the world that can promote Woodstock Academy and recruit students. These partners are often educational consulting firms that work with students and their families. In addition, alumni and other international contacts help us to recruit. Local global companies also

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work with us to increase the diversity of international students.

International Students at Woodstock Academy 2012-2013

There were two international housing options for students this year, although they did not open until mid- December. The students enjoyed Karaoke nights, hot-pot dinners, and other social events on- and off-campus. The students faced weather challenges such as Hurricane Sandy and the blizzard in February, and they persevered despite inconveniences.

The International Student Assistance Team (ISAT) led by Mr. Peter Green, Director of Counseling, continued to monitor students' adjustment to Woodstock Academy. Our English Language Learner (ELL) program grew and added a full-time teacher. Students were tested and placed in one of the three levels of ELL. Our goal is to transition students out of the ELL program and into all mainstream classes. A sheltered history class was added during the second semester to help international students attain their history credit. The students often find US history difficult, as they lack the vocabulary and background knowledge. A sheltered Biology course will be offered this year, since international students struggle with copious amounts of scientific vocabulary.

Fifteen of our international students graduated this year.

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Each applied to several schools and were accepted to a wide range of colleges and universities. All reported being very satisfied with the 4-year universities they will attend.

Director of International Student Programming, Karen Olah, improved our orientation and peer buddy program to help international students adjust to host families or dorm life. Equally important was the students' integration into day-to-day life and activities at the Academy. Students joined clubs such as: Student Council, the Math Team, the Chess Club, National Honor Society, and the Academy Ambassador Program. They also played sports such as tennis, golf, soccer, and football.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Department is committed to identifying and meeting the diverse needs of each student through individualized educational programming. Its mission is to work cooperatively with families, students, community, colleagues, and other professionals to promote each student's success and well-being as they prepare for future endeavors and lifelong learning. The goal for each student is to be a contributing member of society and to participate successfully in our local and global communities.

The department provides direct instruction and support to students with a wide range of disabilities including: autism, specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities,

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cerebral palsy, speech and language impairments, central auditory processing disorders, emotional disorders, attention deficit disorders, and executive functioning disorders.

In addition to individual education planning (IEPs) and implementation, the department is also responsible for 504 planning and implementation, the Student Assistance Team (SAT), and transition services for students in grades 10 through 12. During the 2012-2013 school year, the department supported 63 students with IEPs, 84 students with 504 plans, and over 30 students through the Student Assistance process.

Highlights of the Student Services Department during the 2012-2013 school year include:

- Two paraprofessionals, Holly Grube and Cassie Kiley, were hired to fill vacancies due to retirements. These two ladies supported students in applied skills classes, as well as general education classes.
- Freshman Science, World History, English III, Math I, and Pre-Algebra were co-taught.
- Several students participated in Unified Sports (soccer, basketball, and bowling), which pairs athletes with special needs and non-disabled peers for skill development and training. With this partnership, basic skills are learned and friendships develop that foster acceptance and understanding. The Unified basketball team

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displayed their talent in front of thousands of cheering fans at Mohegan Sun during the Centaur's "Run to the Sun" (Class L Basketball Championships)!

- As part of their IEP transition goals and objectives, several students job shadowed or interned at local businesses including: Northwood Childcare, Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock Academy, and Flick Dining Services.
- One teacher started a classroom blog to help students practice writing skills. One student even started her own blog because she was so inspired!
- Applied Skills classes utilized several "apps" on the iPad for math, vocabulary, and organization skill building.

Victoria Despres facilitated an assistive technology evaluation (via EastConn) for a student with multiple disabilities. This evaluation included scheduling and organizing trials of devices, hardware mounts, and software. Ms. Despres also collaborated and wrote a "justification document" to secure a new assistive technology device for the student. Her math classes made chocolates and organized a "Holiday Candy Project". Her students chose recipes, identified ingredients, collected orders and money, calculated material costs, prepared budgets, and spent two days preparing the chocolates for the baskets. They sold 78 this

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year. The math classes also held two bake sales. With the profit, they purchased materials to make 4 no-sew polar fleece blankets to donate to the ACU at Day Kimball Hospital.

- Mark Chuoke attended a conference in Boston titled “Learning and the Brain; Teaching Diverse Learners”. Mark then produced two professional development presentations for faculty and staff regarding cognitive research findings as they relate to classroom teaching. Mark is currently writing an article on his research for submission to educationally-based magazines. He also established the “Summer Careers Academy”, which took place during the week of August 12-16, 2013. His goal was to have 15 students, an increase of 8 from last summer.
- The department posted a 100% graduation rate with most students enrolled in post-secondary programs!

The Student Services Department’s goal for 2013-2014 is to continually improve support and services to prepare students for lifelong learning in the 21st century.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Woodstock Academy Counseling and Career Services Program is founded on this belief:

“...that each student possesses intrinsic worth and is a unique and dynamic individual personality capable of personal growth and self-direction. Respectful of

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differences, the program assists and supports students as they begin to understand themselves, develop decision-making and problem solving skills, and plan for the future. The program provides a diversity of experiences suited to the individual student's aptitudes, interests, and goals while providing necessary and important information in preparation for success in further education or a career. Counseling promotes effective communication and life planning skills that help students grow into responsible adults.” (School Counseling Brochure)

The Counseling & Career Services Department effectively and successfully delivered services to its students during the 2012-13 school year. The department continued to expand its programmatic outreach to traditional sending town students, to domestic private day tuition students, and to a growing population of international boarding students. Career services are now imbedded within the framework of counseling services through the state-mandated Student Success Plans (SSP) and accompanying postsecondary planning responsibilities that each counselor assumes with his or her assigned students. Career services coordination and oversight for workshops, guest speakers, job shadowing, and other programmed student opportunities continue under the coordination of a designated counselor with a reduced counseling load. Some noteworthy items of mention for the 2012-13 school year are the following:

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- 99.6% of the Class of 2013 graduated (274 out of 275 students).
- 95.3% of the Class of 2013 will continue their education at an institution of higher learning or pursue training in the armed services.
- The 4th Annual Woodstock Academy College Fair was hosted in March. Approximately 115 colleges, universities, and military representatives were in attendance.
- We continued to do an exemplary job this year of hosting, mentoring, and addressing the needs and concerns of international students. The department worked closely with the administration, ELL support staff, and the greater Academy community to provide students with a positive educational and social experience. The department was an integral component of the international student orientations that took place during the fall and spring semesters.
- A team of school professionals called ISAT (International Student Assistance Team) continued to monitor and address the often unique academic, social, and personal concerns of our international students. ISAT was modeled after the Student Assistance Team (SAT) which serves all domestic students.
- Counselors continue to serve students through career activities that include the following: scheduled orientations to Naviance (a web-based

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career/college search tool) for grades 9-11; job shadows; internships as they are available; and scheduled guest speakers.

- Ms. December Heffernan completed her first year as a full-time counselor. This upcoming year, she will serve as a part-time counselor and as a part-time social worker with a focus on freshman issues and concerns.

Our goal is to improve upon our coordination and delivery of support services to students and parents, and maintain a high degree of positive communication and collaboration. The key program area we will address in the 2013-14 school year is the expansion of the individualized Student Success Plan (SSP) initiative for all students, particularly in light of our key role and participation in the initial year of the Student Advisory Program.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Administration, faculty, and staff work diligently to provide many co-curricular opportunities for students. These activities allow students to interact with each other, develop positive relationships, and learn from their experiences within these groups. These activities also provide students the opportunity to develop leadership skills in various roles. There were 50 non-athletic student activities that ran this year that involved 51 faculty and staff advisors. In many cases, students and advisors were involved in multiple activities.

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This year, the weather cooperated and our Family Traditions Day and Freshman Traditions Day were both successful. Students and their families were motivated by speaker John Beede and his strategies for a successful transition to secondary education. Student Council members provided community-building activities where new students worked together for a positive start to the school year. At the opening of school, each class identified key words associated with the theme “Stay on the Path” that would become the focus of all class assemblies:

Seniors: success, possibilities, and friends

Juniors: perseverance, dedication, and integrity

Sophomores: respect, responsibility, and motivation

Freshman: positive, equality, and survival

The Freshman FOCUS/Student Success programs ran throughout the school year with experiences such as Camfel Multimedia Productions, Freshman Lock-In, Pause Before You Post, Adolescent Depression/Suicide, Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Stonewall Speakers-Tolerance and Acceptance, Domestic Violence, Anti-Bullying, Shakespeare & Company, Jostens’ Ring Presentation, !MPACT “*Survive the Drive!*”, and Lifetouch Portraits.

Student clubs and activities provided a great deal of community service throughout the school year. Under the direction of STUCO, many clubs and activities decorated the school for Trick-or-Treat Street, providing a safe evening for local youth. The annual Fall Foliage Fling

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provided area senior citizens with a magical afternoon. The honor societies (National, French, Italian, Latin, Spanish, and Tri-M Music) provided tutoring for the student body. The Italian Honor Society held a successful fundraiser for the Gary Sinise Foundation. The Library Club hosted monthly book discussions and continued their documentary series attended by students, faculty, and community members.

Students were recognized for their academics, community service, and athletic accomplishments through the avenues of our Academic Undergraduate Convocation, CAPT Scholar Dinner, honor society inductions, music awards, art awards, seasonal and end-of-the-year athletic awards, Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) and state athletic recognitions, Freshman Focus Brunch, Headmaster monthly awards, and Class Night.

This past year saw the creation of several new activities for students. Students in the Artist Outreach program fostered their love of the arts in several local community activities. The dance team continues to meet weekly and hope to compete in several performances this year. Empowering Young Women and Man-Up, two activities that ran briefly this past year, will continue next year; both activities generated a much student interest.

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ATHLETICS

Athletics are an important component of the educational experience. They foster a positive self-image, dedication, commitment, responsibility, teamwork, and the development of social and physical skills.

This year was one of the most successful in the history of the Academy, both on and off the field. This year marked the 13th year of membership in the ultra-competitive Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC). This year, 4 teams won ECC Division Titles, and 2 teams won ECC Tournament Titles. Sixteen teams represented the school in their respective Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) State Tournaments, and 2 teams won CIAC State Championships.

Although no teams won division titles during the fall season, the volleyball team won the ECC Tournament championship, defeating rival East Lyme in the championship game. In CIAC state tournament play, the team advanced to the Class L quarterfinals. In addition, 3 volleyball players were named to the All-State team. Senior Sam Geddes was named to the Class L Girls Volleyball First Team, while senior teammate Samantha Forst was named to the CIAC Class L Second Team. Sam Geddes was also named the *Norwich Bulletin's* Player of the Year. The fall season saw the start of the field hockey program under head coach Ann Rathbone.

The winter season saw a tremendous amount of success. The Centaur cheerleading team won the ECC Championship for the first time since 2007. The gymnastics team, led by Coach Robin Deary-Fillmore, won its 4th consecutive ECC regular season and ECC Tournament

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championships. They also won their 3rd consecutive Class M State Championship and their 2nd consecutive CIAC Open Championship. They capped off the season by taking the silver medal at the New England Gymnastics Championships. All 9 members of the team earned All-State honors for their performances. Senior Shaila Segal, senior Emily Lipka, junior Bree Hussong, junior Courtney Osborne, sophomore Nickie Deary, and sophomore Jackie Deary were all named first team Class M All-State. Senior Allison Rich and sophomore Mary Incera were named to the second team. The boys basketball team, led by Coach Greg Smith, made history by winning their first ever ECC League Championship. After a loss in the semi-finals of the ECC Tournament, the team regrouped for the State Tournament. In the CIAC State Tournament, the team won five straight games to win their first ever State Championship. Four-thousand.

Woodstock Academy fans packed the Mohegan Sun Arena to cheer the team to their first ever CIAC State Title. At the conclusion of the game, there was a police and fire escort to the Alumni Field House where 800 fans watched the team cut down the nets in celebration of their championship. Senior Ian Converse and Senior Tristan Welch were 2 of only 7 players in the state to be named to the Class L Academic All-State Team. Senior Ian Converse and Junior Chris Lowry were named to the CIAC Class L All-State Team. Chris Lowry was named the *Norwich Bulletin's* Player of the Year. The boys basketball team also won the IAABO8 Sportsmanship Award. The Unified Basketball team competed at the ECC Tournament at Norwich Free Academy and in other invitational events including one tournament hosted at Woodstock Academy. The Unified Basketball team also had the opportunity to play a halftime game at the Mohegan Sun Arena during the

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boys basketball championship game. Sophomore wrestler Grayson Deluca won the bronze medal at the Class M State Championships, qualifying for the State Open Wrestling Championship.

The spring season saw the girls golf team capture the ECC Division regular season and tournament title. The girls golf team hosted the 2nd annual ECC Girls Golf Tournament at Quinnatisset Country Club. Both the boys and girls tennis teams had successful seasons, each qualifying for the State Tournament. Senior boys track athlete, Jake Almquist, won the Class M State Championship and the New England Championship in the high jump. The Unified Team competed in bowling, and they finished their season with an outing in Norwich. The baseball field was opened in early May, and the varsity baseball team played half of their games on the new field. The boys lacrosse team won the prestigious CIAC State Sportsmanship Award. On April 29th, senior Lee Boyd and junior Cameron Saracina were honored at the Michael's Cup Unified Sports Awards Night for outstanding contributions as a Unified Participant and Partner. At that event, Ashley LeBeau sang the national anthem in front of over 1,800 spectators. On May 5th, 2 student-athletes, Elijah Martin and Julia Low, were honored as this year's recipients of the coveted CAS/CIAC Scholar Athlete Awards, presented to a male and female athlete from each member school in Connecticut. On June 9th, the Athletic Department hosted its annual Senior Athletic Awards Night with a revamped program, including a social hour in the courtyard followed by an ESPY's style awards presentation in the auditorium. Phil Willis was named the first ever Centaur Person of the Year. The culminating awards were the Male and Female Outstanding Senior Athlete presented to Ian Converse and Sam Geddes, Shaila Segal, and Molly Gibeault.

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From a competitive standpoint, many of our teams continue to make great strides on both the ECC and state level. With an experienced and highly qualified coaching staff in place, the competitive trend should continue.

Off the field of play, there were many accomplishments this year. The new Bentley Complex was dedicated at the Homecoming football game, which took place on Saturday, September 22nd. The first-ever Athletic Hall of Fame Enshrinement was conducted on October 20, 2012. The first ever inductees into the Hall of Fame were: Kenneth Beatson, (posthumously), Douglas Peck, (posthumously), Cecelia Ingraham. Roland Sheldon, '54, Lauren Anderson, '63, Joseph Patron, '80, Patrick O'Brien, '97, and the 1976 Softball State Championship Team.

An athletic audit was completed this year and helped to give direction to the growth of our athletic programs. An Athletic Advisory Board was established. This board brought together alumni, parents, coaches, and administration for the common purpose of improving Woodstock Academy athletics. This group was the driving force behind the growth and development of the athletic program. This group worked on many projects including:

- Formed an athletic mission statement, program goals and expectations, and core values
- Created a marketing plan and a new athletic logo design.
- Revamped the athletic awards night to make a more entertaining and enjoyable experience for the parents, coaches, and student-athletes, and to ensure that our student-athletes are getting the recognition that they deserve.
- Drafted an Athletic Honor Society to be instituted

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- Established a group to put a long term facility improvement plan together.
- Hosted the Centaur Classic Golf Fundraising Tournament, which took place on August 12th at Quinnatisset Country Club in Thompson. This fundraising event brought the Foundation, Athletic Advisory Board, and Alumni/Development together to raise funds for athletic facility upgrades.
- Phil Willis led a fundraising effort, which raised over \$52,000 to purchase and install a portable wood basketball court for the Alumni Field House. The floor was installed prior to the basketball state playoffs, and the boys basketball team was undefeated on the new court. These victories propelled them to their first ever CIAC State Title.
- Improvements to the contest management for home sporting events made these experiences more enjoyable for parents, fans, alumni, students, and visiting teams and helped to increase attendance at sporting events and brought a renewed sense of spirit and pride to Woodstock Academy.
- Youth teams were invited to be a part of the athletic experience at Woodstock Academy.
- Relationships were built with the news media including: WINY Radio, the *Norwich Bulletin*, *The Putnam Town Crier*, *The Woodstock Villager*, and *The Reminder*. This featured Woodstock Academy to the citizens of Eastern Connecticut.
- A middle school outreach program was started to help incoming freshman students

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begin their high school careers and feel a part of the community.

- The foundation was laid for a Mentorship Program for incoming freshmen athletes. This helps incoming athletes feel welcome, and it helps build leadership and mentoring skills in upper class athletes.
- The fan base, “Centaur Nation”, was created to build faculty and staff, fan, and community support for athletics. This fan group is a vehicle for communicating what student-athletes are doing on the field, in the classroom, and around the community.
- Many athletic teams participated in community outreach programs this year.
- An Emergency Action Plan was drafted for the Bentley Complex.

Online registrations for athletic participation are now being accepted through www.familyid.com.

FINANCE

The financial budget for the 2012-2013 school year was adjusted prior to being presented to the Board of Trustees for approval to insure minimal impact on the per student tuition to sending town budgets. These adjustments impacted the non-academic programming while protecting expenditures necessary to ensure the well-being of students.

The International Student Program was expanded during this fiscal year, providing additional tuition revenue. The Academy also expanded the residential component and related support to maintain continued student and

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faculty adjustment.

Financially, the consolidated end-of-year numbers were impacted by technology infrastructure and septic/sewer - related expenditures.

The details, as always, are contained in our annual audit that is reviewed and accepted by the Trustees in the fall of each year.

The continued conservative, prudent approach to managing the Academy funds under the Financial Committee Chair, Paul Kelly, continued to help us weather the economics of 2012-2013.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Bentley Athletic Complex Expansion Project was completed in the spring of 2013. Completed in May 2012, the multi-purpose turf soccer, lacrosse, and football field saw significant action from the football, soccer, and lacrosse teams during the year. The varsity baseball field, completed in the late fall of 2012, saw action in the spring as well.

The long-awaited arrival of a sewer extension became a reality in October of 2012. Then the on-campus work of eliminating septic tanks began with the removal of those tanks associated with the Bowen Building.

A significant project begun and completed was the

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fundraising for and purchase of a portable wooden basketball floor for the Field House. It was an amazing, spirit-generating project that culminated with the boys varsity basketball team winning the State Championship.

Projects currently underway include a second phase of the on-campus septic removal, a resurfacing of the portable floor to add the Academy logos, and the re-roofing of the lower Bowen Building roof.

ADVANCEMENT: ALUMNI RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Budget constraints made for a difficult year in the area of Alumni Relations and Development. This, coupled with personnel changes, leaves a part of the Academy to rebuild.

This stated, activities still moved forward in early June. The Academy prepared and e-mailed its first-ever e-solicitation via Constant Contact, which profiled 2012 – 2013 Teacher of the Year, Victoria Noren Despres, '98. This effort was especially remarkable for having generated the following response from an alumna:

Hello!

This is an alumna writing. I just wanted to reply to send my compliments on this email! I do freelance marketing and design work, and currently assist in fundraising efforts for one of my non-profit clients. I am familiar with what a challenge it is to engage an audience and to motivate them to the point of making a donation. When the right balance is reached in a communication, it can be magical! This email does just that. I hope you see great results.

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Congratulations to those at Woodstock Academy who are doing such a fabulous job!

Approximately 2,500 of the Academy's 7,000 or so alumni have valid e-mail addresses in our database.

All previously established alumni relations activities continue to occur; the Woodstock Fair salad booth fundraiser, Homecoming, the Alumni Banquet, the Senior Class Tea at Roseland Cottage. The first-ever alumni wine tasting was created by Alumni Association President Jay Livernois '74. A quarterly series of these gatherings will be planned under Mr. Livernois' guidance.

The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1963 was celebrated. Mrs. Jeri Carpenter Musumeci, former trustee, provided an inspirational address to the Class of 2013 at Roseland Cottage in June. At Commencement, 4 ladies from the class were able to attend and were publicly honored prior to the ceremony. The celebration will culminate with a formal reunion at the October 26 Alumni Banquet and other class gatherings.

The overarching principles of the *Woodstock Academy Framework for Advancement and Development and Fundraising Priorities* documents are committed to generating philanthropic funding in earnest for the purposes of positioning the Academy as an "independent school of excellence." At the forefront of that shift was the Foundation's commitment to a multi-phase campaign, focused primarily on capital improvements and additions to the Academy's physical plant. Accompanying these capital campaign phases was the desire to establish a comprehensive development effort, programmatically and thematically modeled after those at top-tier national liberal

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arts colleges.

Robust communications yield stronger constituent affinity for the institution, which results in more fertile ground for cultivating significant gifts. It is also the primary method to educate all populations about the realities of the Academy's successes and needs, as well as to convey the desired image of the Academy as "a school of excellence."

2012-2013 Giving

Type	Amount	Donors	Avg. Gift
Annual Fund	\$10,402.71	66	\$157.62
Gym Floor	\$52,191.11	55	\$948.93
Total Giving*	\$130,462.95	179	\$728.84

*Total Giving on a cash basis of all philanthropic types, inclusive of previous campaign pledge payments and skewed by the Beagary Trust (Patricia Morgan) contributions of a \$48,000 pledge payment toward the recording studio and \$5,000 to ice hockey.

CONCLUSION

The sign of a great organization is its ability to use its strengths to overcome challenges and difficulties. Woodstock Academy does this and continues to impress. The new headmaster will lead an institution steeped in history and tradition, yet in a clear position to provide its students with a place to succeed in the 21st century. I am pleased to be a part of this community and assist in the leadership transition.

Richard Foye
Interim Headmaster