

2000  
Annual Reports  
of the  
Town Officers  
of  
Town of Clinton

For the Fiscal Year  
July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

**T**he annual town report is compiled to serve three objectives: 1) to inform and educate the citizens of Clinton, 2) to exchange information and statistics between government agencies, and 3) to provide a historical record of the activities of town government and the people of Clinton.

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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## ELECTED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*5 Elected, 2-year Terms*

James M. McCusker, Jr., * <i>1st selectman</i>	(D)	2001
Lewis J. Perry, Jr.	(D)	2001
Dolly G. Mezzetti	(D)	2001
Leonard M. Cahill	(R)	2001
Al Hawkes	(R)	2001

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

*7 Elected, 4-year Terms*

William L. Calvert	(D)	2003
Susan M. Skidmore	(R)	2003
Mary Jane Engle	(R)	2003
Kachina W. Weaver	(D)	2001
Deborah T Grass*	(R)	2001
Robert M. Smalley	(D)	2001
Vacancy	(R)	2001

### BOARD OF FINANCE

*6 Elected, 6-year Terms;  
2 Alternates, 4-year Terms*

Stephen G. Lillquist	(D)	2001
Stuart W. Fox	(D)	2001
Curtis Whelan	(D)	2001
William B. Robbins	(R)	2003
Peter A. Neff*	(D)	2003
Sandra M. Woodbridge	(R)	2003
Alternates		
Philip H. Williams	(R)	2001
Sueann Cunningham	(D)	2001

### BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

*5 Elected, 4-year Terms*

Lorraine B. Joel	(R)	2003
Robert E. DiBona	(D)	2003
James A. Beardsley	(R)	2001
Linda Diamond	(D)	2001
Angelo V. Lupone*	(D)	2001

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

*9 Elected, 4-year Terms; 3 Alternates*

Clifford G. M'Sadoques	(D)	2003
Robert G. Hale, Jr.	(D)	2003
Nancy Taubman*	(D)	2003
Kimberly Ann Neri	(R)	2001
Edward G. Hidek	(D)	2001
Michael Sweeney	(R)	2003
George J. Kinsley	(R)	2001
Marye T Wagner	(D)	2001
Vacancy	(R)	2001
Alternates		
Michael J. Rossi	(D)	2003
Gerard R. Champion	(D)	2001
Albert W. Lynch	(R)	2001

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

*5 Elected, 4-year Terms;*

*3 Alternates Elected, 4-year Terms*

Geroge E. Doerr	(R)	2003
Lauren Santos	(D)	2003
Noreen T. Braza	(D)	2001
Mark W. Richards*	(R)	2001
Martin K. Lane	(D)	2001
Alternates		
Kim M. Barrows	(D)	2003
Franklin A. Garon, Jr.	(R)	2001
William R. Kaplan	(D)	2001

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

*3 Elected, 4-year Terms*

Peter B. Finch	(D)	2003
Olive Westerberg	(D)	2001
David S. Townsend*	(R)	2001

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

*4-year Terms*

### JUDGE OF PROBATE

Raymond Rigat	(D)	2003
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### SHERIFF

Joseph Bibisi	(R)	2002
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## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

*2-year Terms*

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Diane L. Shepard	(D)	2000
Donna Chrostowski	(R)	2000

### TAX COLLECTOR

Melanie Yanus	(D)	2003
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### TOWN CLERK

Karen L. Marsden	(D)	2004
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### TOWN TREASURER

William E. Lofgren	(R)	2001
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### CONSTABLES

Donald Hansen	(D)	2001
Paul F. King	(R)	2001
Robert E. Jenkins	(R)	2001
Edward V. Limoncelli	(D)	2001

\*Chairman

# APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

7 Appointed, 4-year Terms

Carolyn M. Farmer	(D)	2002
Vacancy	( )	1999
Vacancy	( )	1999
Denise May	(R)	2000
Vacancy	( )	2001
Carl A. Neri	(R)	2001
Lois C. Kinney	(D)	2001

### BOARD OF ETHICS

3 Appointed, 4-year Terms

Miguel A. Escalera*	(D)	2003
Margery C. Scully	(U)	2003
Russell D. Woodbridge	(R)	2002

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING BOARD

7 Appointed

Charles Hynes
Susan Skidmore
Lois Ruggiero
Harold Goberman
Hugh Allen
James McCusker, Jr.
Peter Neff*

### DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD

5 Appointed, 3 2-year Terms, 2 1-year Terms, 2 Alternates

Kenton Moore	(D)	2002
Matthew D. Williams	(R)	2002
Donald L. Gesick, Jr.	(U)	2002
Steven M. Hecimovich*	(D)	2001
Brenda R. Barton	(R)	2001
<i>Alternates</i>		
Peggy Ann Adler	(U)	2002
Barbara R. Farmer	(R)	2001

### HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

7 Appointed, 4-year Terms

Bradley J. Fallon	(D)	2004
Stephen D. Hayes*	(D)	2004
William W. Webster	(R)	2004
Lorraine B. Joel	(R)	2002
Ronald O. Nash	(R)	2002
G. Curtis Whelan	(R)	2002
John D. Sullivan	(D)	2002

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

5 Appointed, 5-year Terms; 3 Alternates

Nancy Taubman*	(D)	2004
Robert E. Bischoff	(D)	2005
Carl J. Bixby, Jr.	(D)	2001
Sally V. Bergeron	(R)	2002
Josephine J. Elliot	(R)	2003
<i>Alternates</i>		
Vacancy	( )	2001
Richard C. Manley, Jr.	(U)	2002
Miguel A. Escalera	(D)	2003

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

5 Appointed, 5-year Terms

Gordon E. Folsom, Sr.	(U)	2005
John Neri	(R)	2001
Faith Fisher	(R)	2002
Edward J. O'Brien	(U)	2002
Janet Schrensky*	(R)	2003

## INLAND WETLAND/CONSERVATION COMMISSION

7 Appointed, 4-year Terms; 3 Alternates

Roni M. Stutman	(D)	2003
Vacancy	( )	2004
Elizabeth A. Isaacson	(R)	2004
Lynn Holland*	(D)	2000
Catherine Zamecnik	(D)	2004
Edward Limoncelli	(D)	2002
John R. Picard	(R)	2002
<i>Alternates</i>		
Vacancy	( )	2002
Bruce Farmer	(R)	2000
David Kitson	(D)	2003

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

7 Appointed, 4-year Terms

Dennis M. Donovan	(R)	2003
Mark Scagliarini	(D)	2003
Harold A. Swaun*	(D)	2003
Michael J. Brochu	(D)	2001
John D. Welch	(D)	2001
Joseph E. Schettino, Jr.	(R)	2001
Michael L. Sutyla	(R)	2001

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

5 Appointed, 4-year Terms; 2 Alternates

George C. Heck	(R)	2003
Gerald J. Cotter	(U)	1999
James R. Forchielli	(R)	2003
Daniel Vece, Jr.	(D)	2001
William A. Comeau*	(R)	2001
<i>Alternate</i>		
Robert Mason	(R)	2003
Vacancy	( )	2001

## SHELLFISH COMMISSION

5 Appointed, 2-year Terms

David Kaplan	(D)	1999
Thomas Brennan*	(R)	2001
Vacancy	( )	2000
Vacancy	( )	
Vacancy	( )	
<i>Shellfish Wardens</i>		
Richard P. Saunders	(D)	LOCAL
Robert E. Jenkins	(R)	STATE

## TREE COMMITTEE

7 Appointed, 2-year Terms

Lorraine B. Joel	(R)	2001
Carol Carlough	(R)	2001
Brenda Barton	(R)	2001
Florence Schuler	(D)	2001
William Sutcliffe	(U)	2001
Vacancy	( )	2001
Vacancy	( )	2001

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

7 Appointed, 3-year Terms

Robert J. Grabarek	(R)	2002
Daniel Lewis	(D)	2002
William Walter	(R)	2003
Allan B. Halliman	(R)	2000
Thomas A. McKernan	(D)	2002
Robert F. Nielsen	(R)	2001
Gerald J. Cotter*	(U)	2001

\*Chairman

# APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## LOCAL VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*3 Members Appointed, 1 Alternate 2-year Terms*

James R. Cave	(R)	2001
Miguel A. Escalera	(D)	2001
Vacancy	( )	2001
<i>Alternate</i>		
Vacancy	( )	2001

## YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES BOARD

*10 Appointed*

Lesley Drew-Harrington	(D)	2001
Pamela L. Perry	(D)	2002
Lois A. Ruggiero*	(D)	2002
John A. Welch	(D)	2002
John P. Quinn	(D)	2003
James Budkus	(R)	2002
Sally Huebner	(R)	2001
Linda Gworek	(D)	2003
Vacancy	( )	2000
Vacancy (student rep.)		2000

## FISH & GAME CONSTABLES

*3 Appointed, 2-year Terms*

Paul W. Eaton	(D)	2002
Joseph M. Paulson	(R)	2002
Roy J. Sullivan	(R)	2002

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

*4-year Terms, 1997-2001*

James A. Beardsley	(R)	2001
Noreen T. Braza	(D)	2001
Patricia K. Butler	(R)	2001
Patricia M. Cook	(D)	2001
James B. Diamond	(D)	2001
Condile (Connie) Kunkel	(U)	2001
Stephanie LeMay	(U)	2001
Lewis J. Perry, Jr.	(D)	2001
Joseph E. Schettino, Jr.	(R)	2001
Michael Teodosio	(U)	2001
Louise D. Welch	(D)	2001
Virginia D. Zawoy	(R)	2001

## MEMBERS ON REGIONAL BOARDS

### CT RIVER ESTUARY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Marye Wagner, Carl Neri

### CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

*Town Appointee* - Elizabeth M. Siegel  
*Library Appointee* - William A. Comeau  
*Board of Education Appointee* - William Calvert

### CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY & SHORELINE TOURISM COMMISSION

Helen M. Adams

### ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

Virginia Zawoy

### MIDDLESEX MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Mary Woods 2002

## OTHER APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

**Animal Control Officer:** Donna Cavanaugh  
**Assessor:** Christine Barta  
**Assistant Tax Collector:** Janet O'Leary  
**Assistant to Director of Social Services:** Anne M. Schmid  
**Assistant Town Clerk:** Pollyanne I. Brown  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Anna Rubino  
**Building Official:** Louis Siegle  
**Chief of Police:** Joseph Faughnan  
**Coor. of Medical Outpatient Trans.:** Anne M. Schmid  
**Director of Civil Preparedness:** Peter Finch  
**Director of Finance:** Rosemary Faulkner  
**Director of Health:** Arnold Winokur, M.D.  
**Director of Parks and Recreation:** Robert Potter  
**Director of Public Works:** Edward Vailette  
**Director of Youth & Family Serv. Bureau:** Barbara Small  
**Dockmaster:** John Battista  
**Fire Marshal:** Hugh Allen  
**Fire Safety Code Inspector:** Jeffrey Miller  
**Municipal Agent for Elderly/Veterans:** Miguel A. Escalera.  
**Sanitarian:** Ryan T. Grenon  
**Subregistrar of Vital Statistics:** Carl F. Swan  
**Town Counsel:** John Bennet  
**Town Historian:** Ernest C. Burnham, Jr. (*deceased, June 8, '00*)  
**Tree Warden:** Edward Vailette  
**Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer:** Thomas Lane

\*Chairman

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Early in August, 1999 Fire Chief Hugh Allen addressed the Board of Selectmen to review with them recently signed state legislation allowing a municipality to establish by ordinance a program to abate up to one thousand dollars in property taxes each year for emergency personnel, i.e. firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics or ambulance drivers who volunteer their time and meet certain requirements yet to be determined.

Senator Joseph Lieberman visited the Glenhaven Senior Housing Complex and met with the staff, residents, some town residents and First Selectman James M. McCusker, Jr.

A large crowd enjoyed the Bluefish Festival and a fireworks display set off from a barge south of Cedar Island.

A ceremonial ground breaking was held at the Clinton Town Beach on August 26 for a "Coastal Nature Walk and Viewing Platform on Clinton Harbor". Representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency, the Park and Recreation Commission, the Public Works Commission attended, along with First Selectman McCusker, some town hall staff and local residents. The DEP agreed to give the town a \$20,030.55 grant towards this project.

The Selectmen appointed members to a Police Station Feasibility Study Committee to research the possible need for a new police station, or renovations and repairs to the present station, and a possible new location.

The United States Coast Guard advised the town that they would remove an antenna and building they had placed south of the town beach some years ago as it is no longer used.

Lt. Governor Jodi Rell attended a Breast Cancer Awareness ceremony at the town hall in October, and assisted in hanging pink ribboned wreaths on the front doors of the building.

The Agreement between the Town of Clinton and Local 1303-199, Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO-Town Hall Employees for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2003 was ratified by the Board of Selectmen on November 3, 1999.

James M. McCusker, Jr. was re-elected First Selectman in November, 1999. Lewis J. Perry, Jr. was appointed Acting First Selectman.

Following this election, a question arose as to the wording of the 1998 Town Charter in connection with the election of a member of the Board of Selectmen who was a town employee. The Charter states that no member of the Board of Selectman "may hold any office of paid employment with the town". Following lengthy research by the town attorney, who determined that the Town Charter and State Statutes were in conflict, the employee was sworn in and took his seat as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

David LaFemina, Senior Sanitarian was elected First Selectman of the Town of Madison and resigned his position with the Town of Clinton.

The "Collective Bargaining Agreement – Town of Clinton and Local 1303-008 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO-Public Works Department for July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2003" was ratified by the Selectmen on December 1, 1999.

A Design Advisory Board established by Ordinance was enacted by the Selectmen in December, 1999 and became effective thirty days later.

The "Christmas in Clinton" program, held on December 5th, was well attended and enjoyed by many.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on January 31, 2000., following the Annual Joint Meeting of Boards and Commissions.

Michael Drive and Christina Court, in the Kenilworth VII development, were accepted into the town road system.

An engineering firm was selected to prepare a Scope of Work study on groundwater pollution, at a cost of \$264,000. 55% of this sum is to come to the town from the Clean Water Fund.

Loop Road, East Loop and West Loop were accepted into the town road system at a special town meeting, "with future maintenance to be considered".

A mosquito control company was retained, and placed larvacide in storm drains and in areas of standing water throughout the town.

Town employees were offered a buy-out of their medical insurance if they applied for this program and offered proof that they had insurance through another source.

A "Scenic Roads" ordinance was enacted by the Selectmen on May 10, 2000.

A Hazardous Waste Disposal Day was held on October 16.

Building Official Louis Siegle announced that he would retire on July 7, 2000.

Director of Finance Rosemary Faulkner was appointed by the Board of Education to the position of Business Administrator

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all volunteers and employees for their assistance throughout this fiscal year.

*James M. McCusker, Jr., Lewis J. Perry, Jr.,  
Dolly G. Mezzetti, Leonard M. Cahill, Al Hawkes  
Selectmen*

## BOARD OF ETHICS

No requests for an opinion, or complaints, were referred to the board.

*Miguel A. Escalera, chairman*

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Voter Registration List as of June, 12000:

Democrats .....	2004
Republicans .....	2216
Unaffiliated .....	3205
Reform .....	5
Other .....	6

Total: ..... 7436

The Andrews Memorial Town Hall is the official polling place for all voters.

### Statistics:

Number of new voters: .....	527
Number removed from voting lists for reasons including relocation, death: .....	390
18 Morgan School students registered to vote	

*Diane L. Shepard (D), registrar*  
*Donna Chrostowski (R), registrar*

### VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Citizens may register to vote in the office of the town clerk, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or with the registrar of voters, Mondays in the registrars' office, 10 a.m. to noon. Also, by mail and at the Department of Motor Vehicles when applying for a driver's license.

## VOTES CAST IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1999:

First Selectman .....	Al Hawkes .....	1237
	James M. McCusker, Jr. ....	2002
Selectmen .....	Leonard M. Cahill .....	1289
	Ronald O. Nash .....	1088
	Dolly G. Mezzetti .....	1958
	Lewis J. Perry, Jr. ....	1864
Town Clerk .....	Karen Lee Marsden .....	3038
Town Treasurer .....	William E. Lofgren .....	1683
Tax Collector .....	Melanie Yanus .....	2880
Board of Finance .....	Karen S. Nash .....	1322
	Stephen G. Lillquist .....	1753
	G. Curtis Whelan .....	1782
Board of Education .....	James Aiello, Jr. ....	1381
	Susan M. Skidmore .....	1513
	William L. Calvert .....	1770
	Mary Jane Engle .....	1809
Board of Assess. Appeals ...	Carl A. Neri .....	1007
	Peter B. Finch .....	1875
P & Z Commission .....	Kimberly A. Neri .....	1186
	Albert W. Lynch .....	1161
	Michael J. Sweeney .....	1284
	Cynthia A. Watts .....	1253
	Robert G. Hale, Jr. ....	1956
	Clifford G. M'Sadoques .....	1653
	Nancy Taubman .....	1670
	Edward G. Hidek .....	1846
	Thomas C. Smith .....	1174
	Michael J. Rossi .....	1553
	Troy W. Garrett .....	1481
Zoning Board of Appeals ...	George E. Doerr .....	1457
	Joel A. Douglas .....	1445

Lauren Santos .....	1500	
Jeff M. VanTienen .....	1185	
Kim M. Barrows .....	1550	
Franklin A. Garon, Jr. ....	1383	
William H. Kaplan .....	1636	
Police Commissioners .....	Lorraine B. Joel .....	1450
	Peter D. Seale .....	1375
	Robert E. DiBona .....	1834
Constables .....	Paul King .....	1146
	Robert E. Jenkins .....	1419
	Edward V. Limoncelli .....	1383
	Donald R. Hansen .....	1752

Total number of names registered	7,283
Total number of names voted	3,289
Percent voted	45%

## TOWN CLERK

### STATISTICS - 1999 CALENDAR YEAR:

Population:	13,100
Births:	175
Marriages:	106
Deaths:	78

### OTHER STATISTICS - FISCAL YEAR:

Dog licenses:	1176
Fishing/hunting licenses (calendar year):	373

### DEEDS:

Property sales:	572
Other Documents:	3400

### OFFICE INCOME FROM FEES:

Property conveyances	\$ 80,212
Miscellaneous	91,279
Vitals	44
Dog licenses	4563
Hunting/fishing licenses	369
Total for fiscal year 1999-00	\$176,467

*Karen Lee Marsden, town clerk*

## SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETINGS

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**August 4, 1999**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by First Selectman, James M. McCusker, Jr.

Mr. Dan Vece was unanimously approved as the Moderator.

The Clerk read the legal notice and same was unanimously approved to be the legal call of this Special Town Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To grant a right-of-way over the 25' portion of the Town of Clinton property—Map 51, Block 39, Lot #66—to allow access to property—Map 51, Block 39, Lot #66-8 owned by James Yacko and Barbara Maione, contingent upon approval by this Town meeting and further subject to all required land use approvals.

The Resolution was approved unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.



# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**October 6, 1999**

First Selectman James M. McCusker, Jr., called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Daniel Vece, Jr. was unanimously appointed as the Moderator.

The Acting Clerk read the legal notice, and it was unanimously approved to be the legal call of the Special Town Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** to approve final requests for transfers of funds within the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 in the following amounts: \$12,978. from the Insurance account to the Union Negotiator account, \$23,873. from the Health and Life Insurance account to the State's portion for dog licenses, and \$9,293. from the Landfill Management account to the Town Buildings Repair account.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize the First Selectman to convey property owned by the Town of Clinton, located at 64 West Shore Drive, Clinton, CT and described in the Clinton Land Records in Volume 236 at page 698, and as further described in Volume 42 at page 593, as approved by the Board of Selectmen, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Finance for the sum of four thousand, two hundred ninety nine dollars (\$4,299.) to John R. Morrison, III.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**October 27, 1999**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by First Selectman, James M. McCusker, Jr.

Mr. Dan Vece was unanimously approved as the Moderator.

The Clerk read the legal notice and same was unanimously approved to be the legal call of this Special Town Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50,000. from the undesignated fund balance to the Pierson School Media Center account to cover the cost of design and bidding of the new Pierson School Media Center.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**January 19, 2000**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by First Selectman, James M. McCusker, Jr.

Mr. Dan Vece was unanimously approved as the Moderator.

The Clerk read the legal notice and same was approved to be the legal call of this Special Town Meeting.

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED:** to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$60,000. from

the undesignated fund balance to cover the architectural study and site evaluation of five locations to be considered for the location of a new police station. The present police station and its location will be one of the five sites to be studied

An amended Resolution was motioned and moved to a vote:

**RESOLVED:** to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50,000. from the undesignated fund balance to cover the architectural study and site evaluation of four locations to be considered for the location of a new police station. The present police station and its location will be one of the four sites to be studied

By a hand vote of Yes - 10 No - 32, the amended Resolution was Denied.

The original Resolution (above) was motioned for a vote:

The Resolution Passed by a majority.

The Clerk read the second Resolution:

**RESOLVED:** to appropriate the sum of \$195,000. from the undesignated surplus to cover the costs of cleanup of a mercury spill in storage trailers at the Morgan School in the summer of 1999, along with the replacement of equipment and books.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**January 31, 2000**

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by James M. McCusker, Jr., First Selectman at 8:04 PM.

Mr. Daniel Vece, Jr. was unanimously approved to be the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was called for the following purposes:

1. To receive and approve reports of the various Town Officials and,
2. To receive and approve the auditor's report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1999.

The Clerk read the above legal notice and same was unanimously approved to be the legal call of the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked for the acceptance of the call and it was unanimously approved.

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

**May 3, 2000**

The Annual Budget Meeting was called to order by First Selectman James M. McCusker, Jr. at 8:02 PM.

Daniel Vece, Jr. was unanimously appointed to be the Moderator of the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Clerk read the above legal notice and same was unanimously approved to be the legal call of the Annual Town Meeting.

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED: that this annual budget meeting adjourn to referendum in accordance with Section 10-2-F of the Town Charter, said referendum to be held on May 10, 2000 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with voting to be by voting machine and held at the Green Room of the Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut.

The Board of Finance has recommended the following:

Total Town Operations	\$ 9,421,551.00
Total Education	22,261,475.00
Total Expenditures	31,683,026.00
Total Receipts	9,269,285.00
To be Raised by Local Taxes	22,413,741.00
Estimated Sum to be Raised by Tax Levy	22,824,583.00

Hearing no discussion, the Annual Budget Meeting was adjourned to referendum on May 10, 2000 from 6 am to 8 pm.

The Annual Budget Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

## ANNUAL BUDGET REFERENDUM May 12, 1999

Question:

1. In favor of the Proposed Town Government Budget of the Town of Clinton for the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 in the amount of \$9,421,551.

YES - 509 NO - 166

The Town Government Budget of the Town of Clinton was PASSED.

2. In favor of the Proposed Board of Education Budget of the Town of Clinton for the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 in the amount of \$22,261,475.

YES - 464 NO - 226

The Board of Education Budget of the Town of Clinton was PASSED.

The turnout of the Budget Referendum was 9.4%. There were four (4) absentee ballots received (included in final count).

The Mill Rate, has been set by the Board of Finance at 29.35 Mills.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 17, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, James M. McCusker, Jr. at 8:00 PM.

Dan Vece, Jr. was unanimously approved as the Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

RESOLVED: that the "Resolution Providing for Tax Deferral and Tax Relief for Elderly and Totally Disabled", approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 6, 1991 be amended, so the under "Sunset Provision", the year "2000-2001" is omitted, and is replaced with "2001-2002". In all other respects, the Resolution is reaffirmed.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that East Loop, West Loop and Loop Road be made town roads "as is", as approved by the Board of

Selectmen on March 22, 2000, with future maintenance to be considered.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that Carol Carlough, chairman of the Clinton Tree Committee, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Clinton a certain contract with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America-the-Beautiful grant in the amount of \$2500.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the town of Clinton sell Dockominium 36-03 at Clinton Yacht Haven to Ronald E. Petersen, et al, for the sum of \$9,837.19, the amount equal to all back taxes and collection costs due the Town of Clinton, and subject to all condominium fees and other expenses.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the Town of Clinton accept in full payment of all back taxes and legal fees owed to the Town, now \$4,440.43, the property identified as .36 acres on Allen Road, Map 68, Block 65, Lot 82A.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appropriate the sum of \$60,212. from the Contingency account, to various payroll accounts due to union contract settlements.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 31, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Acting First Selectman, Lewis J. Perry, Jr. at 8:00 PM.

Charlotte Croman was unanimously appointed as the Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

RESOLVED: allocate the sum of \$47,000. from the Morgan Science Room Renovation Project to the Morgan School Building Committee to purchase 28 computers, a teaching station, software and labor for the new technology center, as approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appropriate the sum of \$8,340. for the purchase of four electronic message boards to be installed in police cruisers. The Town of Clinton will be fully reimbursed by a state grant. Subject grant was approved by the Board of Selectmen, and is contingent on Board of Finance approval at a future meeting.

The Resolution Passed unanimously.

The special town meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

**FIVE YEAR BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>95-96</b>	<b>96-97</b>	<b>97-98</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>
Taxable Grand List	\$ 708,679,154	\$ 732,866,858	\$ 744,097,217	\$ 756,852,590	\$ 775,979,511
Town	\$ 8,919,104	\$ 9,275,004	\$ 9,243,649	\$ 9,417,435	\$ 9,421,551
Education	\$ 18,866,431	\$ 19,454,825	\$ 20,536,153	\$ 21,101,407	\$ 22,261,475
Total	\$ 27,785,535	\$ 28,729,829	\$ 29,779,802	\$ 30,518,842	\$ 31,683,026
Mill Rate	27.42	27.89	28.17	28.12	29.35
Employees— Town ( <i>full-time</i> )	79	81	80	79	79
Employees— School, Cer <sup>1</sup>	193	201	202	206	206
Employees— School, N/C <sup>2</sup>	78	93	86	90	88
School, Stu <sup>3</sup>	2255	2347	2307	2267	2238
School, @ Stu <sup>4</sup>	\$ 8,366	\$ 8,289	\$ 8,902	\$ 9,308	\$ 9,947

<sup>1</sup> Certified (administrators, teachers, counselors of all kinds, etc.)

<sup>3</sup> Number of students each October 1

<sup>2</sup> Non Certified (secretaries, aides, janitorial, etc.)

<sup>4</sup> Average cost per student

**ASSESSOR**

**Taxable Grand List October 1, 1999:**

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>		<b>INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>
Real estate	\$660,744,790	\$ 10,154,840
Personal property	\$ 46,511,181	2,989,660
Motor vehicles	\$ 68,723,540	<u>5,982,421</u>
Total taxable	\$775,979,511	19,126,921
State reimbursement for manufacturing exemption*	\$ 9,296,659	<u>2,449,749</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785,276,170</b>	<b>\$215,796,670</b>

\*The new manufacturing equipment exemption is categorized as personal property, and is 100% reimbursed by the state of Connecticut.

The 1999 net grand list will create approximately \$621,700 in revenue at the current rate of 28.75 mills.

The total revenue generated by the net grand list is approximately \$22,309,400; including the state manufacturer's reimbursement \$22,576,700.

**TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS  
GRAND LIST OCTOBER 1, 1999**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1. CHESEBROUGH-PONDS— <i>cosmetics (includes Conopco, CTO Assoc. &amp; Amer. R.E. Holdings)</i> | \$23,568,640 |
| 2. CHELSEA GCA Realty Partnership LP<br><i>retail sales (Clinton Crossing Factory Outlets)</i>  | \$21,383,550 |
| 3. CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY— <i>utility</i>  | \$12,413,460 |
| 4. STANLEY BOSTICH, Inc.— <i>wire manufacturer</i>  | \$12,720,750 |
| 5. WALNUT GROVE ASSOC.— <i>retail stores (Shaw's plaza, real estate only)</i>                   | \$ 4,277,010 |
| 6. CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER— <i>utility</i>  | \$ 4,207,850 |
| 7. JMH ASSOCIATES— <i>retail stores (Stop &amp; Shop plaza, real estate only)</i>               | \$ 4,085,290 |
| 8. CIM LLC ( <i>includes Cedar Island Marina Shapiro, Seymour et al-marina</i> )                | \$ 3,700,020 |
| 9. CLARK, HERBERT T I I I— <i>industrial (includes 7 Heritage Park Clinton LLC)</i>             | \$ 3,430,870 |
| 10. MJM INDUST. & COMM. PROPERTIES<br><i>(includes MJM Builders)</i>                            | \$ 2,605,710 |

**1999 POINTS OF INTEREST**

**REAL ESTATE:**

36 new residential lots created  
52 new residential dwellings under construction.  
Active Subdivisions-Cedar Woods, Kenilworth, Twin Oaks, Laurelwood Estates, Walkley Mill, Birchwood Estates, Iron Forge, Ferrous Woods, Pembroke West, Autumn Ridge III, Silverbrook, Stone Wall Acres, Indian River Estates

Average Home Assessment – \$103,350

**MOTOR VEHICLES:**

In 1999, there are 321 additional vehicles totaling 12,652.  
On the 1998 Supplemental List, there were 139 additional vehicles totaling 2634 accounts assessed at \$11,610,362.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

In 1999, there are 16 additional accounts totaling 805.

**1999 GRAND LIST PERCENTAGES**

Residential	65%
Commercial	10%
Motor Vehicle	8%
Personal Property	7%
Exempt	7%
Industrial	3%

*Christine A. Barta, assessor*

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

The following appeals were heard by the Board of Assessment Appeals.

In September, 1999, there were twenty four appeals to the motor vehicle list. Twenty-three reductions were made, totaling \$42,215.

In March, 2000, there were twenty three appeals to the real estate and personal property lists, and one appeal for the supplement motor vehicle list. Personal Property was reduced by \$1,075,830, real estate list reduced by \$94,600, and the supplement motor list was reduced by \$1,345.

*David Townsend, chairman*

# FINANCES

## TAX COLLECTOR

### 1998 GRAND LIST COLLECTION

Adjusted Collectible:	\$ 21,514,020.62
Tax Paid (July 99 – June 00)	\$ 21,316,379.77
Balance Due as of June 30, 2000	\$ 221,804.73
Percent Collected for the 98 Grand List: (July 99 - June 00)	99.08%

### COLLECTION OF BACK TAXES GRAND LIST YEARS 1983 - 1997

Adjusted Collectible:	\$ 828,499.43
Tax Paid (July 99 – June 00)	\$ 381,181.65
Balance Outstanding 1983 - 1997 Grand Lists	\$ 453,930.47

This is a condensed report. The full report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

*Melanie Yanus, tax collector*

## EMPLOYEE SALARIES

### 1999 Fiscal Year

#### TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

##### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James M. McCusker, Jr. First Selectman	56,612
Leonard M. Cahill	1,917
Al Hawkes	1,333
Dolly Mezzetti	1,333
Lewis J. Perry, Jr.	1,917

##### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Shirley Morrison, Administrative Assistant	39,171
Margery Pudem, Receptionist	22,364

##### FINANCE

Rosemary Faulkner, Director of Finance	58,500
Anna Rubino, Assistant Treasurer	38,428
Rosalind Mayhew	26,068
Diane Yanyac	19,625

##### TOWN CLERK

Karen Marsden	38,515
Pollyanne Brown	25,863
Genevieve Erickson	10,330

##### ASSESSOR

Christine Barta, Assessor	53,048
Margaret McEvoy	15,600
Donna Sempey	18,861

##### TAX COLLECTOR

Melanie Yanus, Tax Collector	37,900
Janet O'Leary	16,815
Donna Aleman	14,794

##### COMMUNICATIONS\*

Ellen Vece	33,358
Neil Rogers	35,714
Marc Catalano	14,094
Richard Larsen III	34,896
Frederick Tharin	18,983
Jeremy Hansen	1,103
Jeffrey Colvin	82
John Long, Jr.	85
Judith Reynolds	6,979
Virginia Johnson	2,459
Terry Moore	1,373
Kevin Lyon	519
Brian Burgess	78

## POLICE DEPT. SECRETARIES

Kathleen Nicely	33,295
Dorothy Capece *	28,412
Roxann Walters	6,952

## POLICE DEPT. CUSTODIAN

David Ward	29,074
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## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Donna Cavanaugh *	24,701
Brian Beauchamp	2,646

## CROSSING GUARDS

Helen Roberts	1,341
Geraldine Petersen	1,323
Kristina Petersen	1,202
Debra Phillips	917

## POLICE - PART TIME

Michael Massey	59
Joseph Paulson	4,276
Roy Sullivan- (also MACO part time)	1,665

## TOWN HALL CUSTODIANS\*

Thomas Fitting	50,575
John O'Connell	31,848

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

David LaFemina, Sanitarian	15,658
Ryan Grenon - (also Environmental Technician)	19,381
Karen Hathaway	19,557

## PUBLIC WORKS \*

Edward Vailette, Director of Public Works	54,638
Pamela Dickson, Secretary	27,206

David Carroll	36,559
Thomas F. Smith Sr.	33,345
Todd Hajek	39,254
William Gazing	34,060
Patrick Greco	37,227
Charles Pitt	38,169
Thomas Liseo	34,326
Brian White	36,621
Jeffrey Hesar	45,551
David Burns	44,827
Elizabeth Watrous	34,375
Walter Watrous	31,443
Thomas Carmody	36,150
Robert A Valenti	40,013
Joseph Battista	856
Lorraine Burns	1,140

## INLAND WETLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sherry Hynes	16,598
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## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Thomas Lane, ZEO	36,263
Julia Pudem	18,090

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Louis Siegle, Inspector	53,070
Jean Carrano	18,853

## LAGOON ATTENDANTS

Charles Berchtold	2,666
Marc Estrada	3,434

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Anne Schmid	24,713
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## PARK AND RECREATION

Robert Potter, Director	47,034
Lois Ruggiero, Secretary	29,478
Patricia Messori	6,862
Ronald Ennis	7,259

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Diane Shepard	6,333
Donna Chrostowski	6,333

## YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES BUREAU

Barbara Small, Coordinator	37,552
Marie Pinette	30,023

# FINANCES

Maryclaire Peach-Keyes	14,414
Denise Rancourt	4,882
<b>FIRE MARSHAL</b>	
Hugh Allen	7,167
Jeffrey Miller	2,833
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>	
Peter Finch	2,500
<b>TREASURER</b>	
William Lofgren	4,367
<b>MUNICIPAL AGENT</b>	
Miguel A. Escalera	6,180
<b>HARBOR MANAGEMENT</b>	
John Battista - (also Communications part time)	10,449
Kristy Hynes	1,027

Unionized town employees in highway,clerical and supervisors' positions are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.  
Dispatchers and Animal Control Officer are with CT Independent Labor Union.

\*Employees' salaries include overtime.

### TOWN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

For full time employees: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Century Preferred, Major Medical, life insurance, dental and prescription coverage; 15 days per year sick time, accumulative to 120 days, 50% reimbursed at retirement. Also, 13 paid holidays, 1 personal day, 3 personal days, 3 days funeral/death in immediate family, vacation and pension plans.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT\*

Chief Joseph Faughnan	74,319
Deputy Chief Charles O. Hynes	68,898
Lieutenant William Chapman	62,596
Staff Sergeant Russell Marchant	73,846
Sergeant I James Fitzgerald	78,617
Sergeant I Todd Lawrie	95,400
Sergeant I John Santry	72,330
Sergeant I John Welch	86,647
Corporal John Brymer	81,607
Corporal James Budkus	79,390
Corporal John Eagan	88,133
Corporal Albert Hawkes	72,636
Corporal Donald Mill	62,988
Detective Joseph Flynn	75,435
Patrol Officer John Carbone	66,121
Patrol Officer Philip Confer	54,398
Patrol Officer Todd Carlson	52,181
Patrol Officer Jeremiah Dunn	61,664
Patrol Officer Daniel Foito	52,212
Patrol Officer Craig Lee	53,252
Patrol Officer Thomas Lucas	69,375
Patrol Officer Brian Pellegrini	66,403
Patrol Officer Robert Sepega	55,009

\* The gross compensation includes overtime, holiday pay, longevity payments and payments for advanced degrees.

\*\* Some overtime paid by outside vendors.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT BENEFITS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Century Preferred, 50,000/100,000 life insurance, 15 sick days per year,accumulation to 170 days, 50% reimbursed at retirement, vacation and pension plans. Longevity-educational increments.

<b>ANNUAL TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS:</b>			
Single	Couple	Family -3+	
4,099.92	8,650.80	11,137.92	

Employees contribute 3% towards above premiums.  
CILU members contribute 3½%

### STATUS OF UNION CONTRACTS

Group	Contract	Increase	Expires
Police	4th of 4 yr	2.75%	Jun-00
Highway	1st of 4 yr	3.00%	Jun-03
Clerical*	1st of 4yr	3.00%	Jun-03
Supervisors	4th of 6 yr	2.75%	Jun-03
Dispatchers &			
MACO	1st of 4 yr	3.00%	Jun-03

\* increase also included new job classifications

### HENRY CARTER HULL LIBRARY

Gary Cummings, <i>director (MLS)</i>	57,000
Lynn Hidek, <i>children's librarian (MLS)</i>	38,300
Maribeth Breen, LA II ( <i>reference librarian</i> ) (MLS)	31,028
Dolores Johnston, <i>treasurer</i>	8,459

### LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Chris Peterson, LA III ( <i>part time</i> )	14.11 per hour
Helen Houpert, LA II ( <i>part time</i> )	12.40 per hour
Beth Taddonio, LA II ( <i>part time</i> )	12.40 per hour
Marcy Barstow, LA II ( <i>part time</i> )	12.40 per hour
Mildred Clements, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	10.82 per hour
Jan Swanson, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	10.82 per hour
Sonja Gibbs, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour
Susan Lighty, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour
Nancy Raymond, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour
Barbara Loescher, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour
Kathleen Stackpole, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour
Carol Walter, LA I ( <i>part time</i> )	9.46 per hour

Pages were paid at a rate of 5.65 per hour.

Library wages and benefits are determined by the Henry Carter Hull board of trustees. Benefits for full time employees not covered by their spouse's insurance: Blue Cross Anthem Bluecare, dental (Gary Cummings only), 100,000 life insurance (Gary Cummings and Lynn Hidek).

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

	YRS	DEGREE	1999-00 SALARY
<b>ADMINISTRATORS</b>			
Albert A. Coviello, <i>Superintendent</i>	35	MS+90	98,800
Dr. Therese Fishman, <i>Ass't Superintendent</i>	27	Ed.D.	96,645
Edward White, <i>Director of Finance</i>	9	BA	73,495

	YRS	DEGREE	1999-00 SALARY
<b>JOEL SCHOOL</b>			
Karen Scopino, <i>Principal</i>	15		80,709
Thomas Ahern, <i>Assistant Principal</i>	5		75,579
Kathleen Abbatello, <i>Gr. 2</i>	17	MA+30	61,393
Janet Abildgaard, <i>Gr. 2</i>	31	BS+30	54,178
Lewis Andujar, <i>Phys. Ed.</i>	35	MA+30	61,393
Gail Apgar, <i>Id 2-3</i>	13	MA	48,154
Jamie Beckman, <i>Pre-School Teacher</i>	8	MA	38,585
Fred Bruch, <i>K-1</i>	26	MS+30	61,393
Maria Bulson, <i>Id 2-3</i>	22	MS	57,165

# FINANCES

Mary Cave, <i>K-1</i>	31	BS	52,261	Marcie Fraser, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	3	MA	34,895
Christine Comiskey, <i>Speech/Language</i>	10	MA	41,542	Christine Hall, <i>Library/Media Specialist</i>	24	MA	57,165
Amy Conderino, <i>Gr. 3</i>	11	MA	41,542	Robert Haney, <i>Social Worker</i>	31	MA	57,165
Carol Cooney, <i>Ext. Learning Strategies</i>	27	MS	57,165	Nancy Haney, <i>ESOL</i>	13	MS	48,154
Lisa Corrone, <i>K-1</i>	9	MA	41,542	Donald Hansen, <i>Gr. 4</i>	22	MS+30	61,393
John Dombi, <i>Phys. Ed</i>	23	MS	57,165	Mary Kirby, <i>Art</i>	14	MA	51,846
Denise Duphily, <i>Reading</i>	7	BA	33,533	Michael Malaro, <i>L.D. Resource</i>	29	MA+30	61,393
Betty Durand, <i>K-1</i>	30	BS+30	54,178	Ann Martino, <i>Gr. 5</i>	32	MA+30	61,393
Carolyn Engle, <i>Music/Chorus (50%)</i>	1	MA+30	17,270	Garry McConville, <i>Gr. 5</i>	12	BA+30	43,052
Gail Evarts, <i>K-1</i>	2	MA+30	35,446	Christine Mercier, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	3	MA	34,895
Dianne Flynn, <i>Id 2-3</i>	26	MS	57,165	Carol Mills, <i>Music</i>	34	BS+30	54,178
Joyce Galehouse, <i>Gr. 2-3</i>	0	MA	32,188	Robin Neufer, <i>Gr. 4</i>	6	BA	32,063
Sheryl Genovese, <i>Title 1</i>	0	BA	30,879	Stephen Sawyer, <i>Phys. Ed.</i>	26	MA	57,165
Mary Grazioso, <i>School Psychologist</i>	28	MS+30	61,393	Brian Shaughnessy, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	1	BA	29,982
Elaine Greenlaw, <i>K-1</i>	28	MS+30	61,393	Gail Sobalsky, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	6	MA	34,895
Rosemary Gulliford, <i>Gr. 3</i>	19	BA+30	54,178	Kathleen St. Germain, <i>Learning Center</i>	12	MA+30	47,382
Jean Hesford, <i>K-1 Learning Strategies</i>	28	MA+30	61,393	Arlene Teplansky, <i>Gr. 4</i>	29	MS+30	61,393
Charlene Huntley, <i>Art</i>	33	MA+30	61,393	Alice Terry, <i>Gr. 4</i>	15	MS+30	55,425
Michele Jones, <i>Gr. 2-3</i>	2	MA	33,708	Anne Wilson, <i>Gr. 4</i>	27	MS+30	61,393
Sandra Kaplan, <i>School Psychologist</i>	21	MA+30	61,393				
Eileen Kelly, <i>School Psychologist</i>	25	MA+30	61,393	<b>ELIOT SCHOOL</b>	<b>YRS</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Leslie Kintz, <i>E.D. Behavioral Support</i>	18	MS	57,165	Anthony Trainor, <i>Principal</i>	33		86,129
Catherine Law, <i>K-1</i>	26	MS	57,165	Kathy White, <i>Assistant Principal</i>	15		77,479
Catherine Lockhart, <i>K-1</i>	28	BS+30	54,178	Robert Aguzzi, <i>Phys. Ed.</i>	31	MS	57,165
Nancy Maertz, <i>Id 2-3</i>	29	MS+30	61,393	Eileen Bechtel, <i>Gr. 6 Learning Strategies</i>	20	MS	57,165
Nancy McAllister, <i>Music</i>	11	BS+30	43,052	Fredric Bechtel, <i>Instrumental Music</i>	39	BA+30	54,178
Christina McCahill, <i>Gr. 2-3</i>	1	MA	32,806	Charlene Best, <i>Science-8</i>	0	MS	32,188
Christine McGregor, <i>Lib./Media Spec.</i>	4	MS	34,895	Michael BonTempo, <i>Health</i>	24	MS	57,165
Tammy Minick, <i>Gr. 3</i>	1	BA	29,982	Carol Brennan, <i>L.C. II &amp; L.S. Resource</i>	12	MA	44,726
Anthony Oskwarek, <i>Gr. 3</i>	27	BS+30	54,178	Nancy Brose, <i>Home Ec.</i>	20	BA	36,143.20
Beverly Powers, <i>Id 2-3</i>	13	MA	48,154	MaryJane Burgess, <i>Learning Center</i>	8	MA	38,585
Laura Ragonese, <i>K-1</i>	13	MS	48,154	Marian Carson, <i>Math-8</i>	14	BA+30	49,390
Anne Rebuzzini, <i>Learning Center</i>	12	BA+30	43,052	Marlene Chimento, <i>English-8</i>	22	MA	57,165
John Reynolds, <i>K-1</i>	2	BS	30,879	Melinda Coletti, <i>Eng./Rdg.-6</i>	23	MA+30	61,393
Patricia Savage, <i>K-1</i>	32	MA	57,165	Margaret Curran, <i>Phys. Ed.</i>	29	MA	57,165
Kalli Schutz, <i>Adaptive Phys. Ed.</i>	11	MA	41,542	Merla Davies, <i>Eng./Rdg.-6</i>	11	BA+30	40,194
Vicki Shaw, <i>K-1</i>	13	MA	48,154	Jill DeStefano, <i>L.D.</i>	10	MA	41,542
Edward Shumway, <i>Gr. 2-3</i>	26	MA+30	61,393	Theresa Donati, <i>Home Ec.</i>	25	MS	57,165
Twila Skelly, <i>Title 1</i>	35	MS	57,165	Gail Finucane, <i>Soc. St./Rdg.-6</i>	22	MS	57,165
Sandra Sulkowski, <i>K-1</i>	5	MA	34,895	Jennifer Flori, <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	1	MA	32,806
Nancy Termine, <i>K-1</i>	27	MA+30	61,393	Thomas Galuardi, <i>Math-8</i>	29	MS	57,165
Cherie Tuttle, <i>Pre-School Teacher</i>	8	MA	38,585	Nadine Genesisius, <i>Computer</i>	25	MA+30	61,393
Sharon Verzier, <i>Gr. 2</i>	30	MA+30	61,393	Patricia Gordon, <i>Learning Center I</i>	5	MA	17,447
Patricia Walters, <i>Gr. 2 Learn. Strategies</i>	10	MS	41,542	Dianne Gustafson, <i>Science-7</i>	29	MS	57,165
Cynthia Weisslender, <i>K-1</i>	21	MS	57,165	Sarah Henninger, <i>Math/Rdg.-6</i>	0	BS	29,370
Jonathan Willets, <i>L.D. Resource</i>	15	MS	51,846	Cheryl Hill, <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	20	MS	57,165
Cathy Wind, <i>K-1</i>	22	MA	57,165	Ralph Hoover, <i>Woods/Mech. Drawing</i>	27	MS+30	61,393
Regina Wohlke, <i>Gr. 2</i>	27	MS+30	61,393	Christopher Horan, <i>English-8</i>	5	MS	34,895
Richard Wolf, <i>Speech/Language</i>	29	MS+30	61,393	Patricia Hudson, <i>Science-7</i>	24	BS+30	54,178
Michelle Wright, <i>Speech/Language</i>	3	MA+30	36,635	Kathleen Joanis, <i>Math-7</i>	20	MS+30	61,393
			1999-00	Katherine Kingsbury, <i>Social Worker</i>	13	MS+30	51,246
<b>PIERSON SCHOOL</b>	<b>YRS</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	Janice Kraus, <i>Science-6</i>	27	MA+30	61,393
James Snow, <i>Principal</i>	30		84,509	Dawn Lombardi, <i>Art</i>	4	BA	32,063
Diana Avino, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	16	MA+30	55,425	Ellen Luciani, <i>Eng/Rdg-7</i>	26	MS	57,165
Heidi Beauty, <i>Gr. 5</i>	0	BS	29,370	Lydia McMinn, <i>Gr. 7 L.D. Resource</i>	15	MS	51,846
Stephen Bevins, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	2	MA+30	35,446	Edward Merola, <i>Library Media Spec.</i>	31	MS+30	61,393
Beverly Bowen, <i>Speech/Language</i>	15	MS+30	55,425	Paul Mohor, <i>Math-7</i>	22	MA+30	61,393
Patricia Champagne, <i>Gr. 5</i>	30	MS+30	61,393	Nancy O'Neil, <i>Music/Chorus</i>	21	MA+30	61,393
Carol Cocores, <i>L.D. Resource</i>	20	BS+60	58,877	Cathryn Pallon, <i>Fr/Sp-7&amp;8</i>	24	MA+30	61,393
Deborah Corcoran, <i>Spec. Needs Lrng Ctr</i>	22	MS	57,165	Maria Passante, <i>Science-7</i>	23	MA	57,165
Lois Eagan, <i>Gr. 5</i>	31	MS+30	61,393	Karen Petri, <i>English-7</i>	19	MS+30	61,393
Laurie Fitzgerald, <i>Id. 4-5</i>	26	MA+30	61,393	Eric Piskura, <i>Soc.St.-7</i>	2	BA	30,879

# FINANCES

John Quinn, <i>Social Worker</i>	26	MS+30	61,393
Marianne Reynolds, <i>Fr/Sp.-7&amp;8</i>	28	MA+30	61,393
Laraine Scherban, <i>Soc. St. -8</i>	16	MA	51,846
Susan Schreck, <i>Math/Rdg.-6</i>	0	MA	32,188
Jane Schreiber, <i>Soc. St.-8</i>	30	MS	57,165
Gail Smalley, <i>Soc. St/Rdg-6</i>	18	MS	57,165
Kathleen Stonick, <i>Reading</i>	28	MA+30	61,393
Lauren Weihl, <i>Sci/Rdg-6</i>	1	BS	29,982
Mark Williams, <i>Soc.St.-7</i>	28	MA+30	61,393
William Wojick, <i>Met/Mec.Dr.</i>	25	BS+60	58,877

## MORGAN SCHOOL

	YRS	DEGREE	SALARY
William Barney, <i>Principal</i>	33		90,974
Linda Tucker, <i>Assistant Principal</i>	18	81,279	
Nancy Bailey, <i>Science</i>	4	MA	34,895
Linda Bazar, <i>Business</i>	29	MS+30	61,393
David Bazar, <i>Math Department Chair</i>	31	MA+30	61,393
Frank Bencivengo, <i>Soc. St.</i>	4	MS+30	36,635
Sharon Birmingham, <i>Psychotherapist</i>	13	MA+30	40,996
George Braun, <i>Phys. Ed</i>	23	MS	57,165
Robert Brigockas, <i>Soc. St./Athletic Dir</i>	34	MA+30	61,393
Anthony Budzinsky, <i>Math</i>	28	MA+30	61,393
Patricia Burk, <i>For. Lang.</i>	31	BS+30	54,178
John Cole, <i>Industrial Arts</i>	19	MS+30	61,393
Nancy Cooney, <i>Math</i>	17	BS+30	54,178
Maria Couto, <i>Collaborative Resource</i>	3	MS	34,895
Keith Dauer, <i>Soc. St. Dept. Chairperson</i>	32	MS+30	61,393
Mary DeChello, <i>English</i>	33	BS+30	54,178
Theodore Enoch, <i>Industrial Arts</i>	14	MA	51,846
Jane Eriksen, <i>English</i>	15	MS+30	55,425
Carole Fisher, <i>For. Lang.</i>	20	MS	57,165
Jerry Foote, <i>Science</i>	12	BS	41,111
Valerie Gilcher, <i>Remedial (40%)</i>	13	MA	19,261
Kathleen Green, <i>Alternative Education</i>	22	MA+30	61,393
Joseph Grippo, <i>Math</i>	21	MS	57,165
Linda Gworek, <i>Library/Media Specialist</i>	21	MA+30	61,393
Merle Hart, <i>Rdg./Workstudy</i>	17	BS+30	54,178
Jennifer Honan, <i>English</i>	2	MS	33,708
Aliakbar Izadi, <i>Science</i>	10	MA	41,542
Monica Judin, <i>Learning Strategies</i>	2	BS	30,879
Jacqueline Kusnezov, <i>Science</i>	3	MA	34,895
John Lampe, <i>Music</i>	14	BS+30	49,390
James Lovering, <i>Science</i>	1	BS	29,982
Keith Luckenbach, <i>English</i>	25	MS	57,165
Christopher Luther, <i>Science</i>	3	MA	34,895
Laura Luther, <i>Spanish Teacher</i>	4	MA	34,895
Barbara Lye, <i>Learning Center</i>	15	MS+30	55,425
Linda Major, <i>English</i>	29	MS+30	61,393
Karen McGuire, <i>Functional Life Skills</i>	29	MS	57,165
Michael Meizies, <i>Soc. St.</i>	1	BA	29,982
Marla Moores, <i>For. Lang. &amp; ESOL</i>	5	MA	34,895
Olga Musacchio, <i>For. Lang.</i>	31	MA	57,165
Beth Nadeau, <i>Alternative Education</i>	13	MA	48,154
Thomas Negrelli, <i>Math / Computers</i>	31	MA+30	61,393
Christine Noonan, <i>English</i>	2	BS+60	34,933
Janice O'Brien, <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	23	MS	57,165
James O'Brien, <i>Science, Dept Chair</i>	33	MA+30	61,393
Kathleen Pass, <i>Home Ec.</i>	18	MS+30	61,393
Carol Peterson, <i>English</i>	30	MA	57,165
Daniel Picchioni, <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	12	MA	44,726
Vanessa Reale, <i>Soc. St.</i>	17	MS+30	61,393
Stephen Redes, <i>Health</i>	16	MS+30	55,425

Clifford Rimkus, <i>Industrial Arts Chair</i>	32	MS+30	61,393
Alan Samet, <i>Math</i>	27	MA	57,165
Richard Scanlon, <i>Business Chariperson</i>	34	MA+30	61,393
Paul Serenbetz, <i>English</i>	21	MA+30	61,393
Mary Anne Shugrue, <i>Math</i>	15	BA+30	49,390
Judith Smith, <i>Phys. Ed</i>	23	MS+30	61,393
Raymond Smith, <i>Music</i>	12	MS	44,726
Steven Spielman, <i>Soc. St.</i>	26	MA+30	61,393
Margaret Steendam, <i>L.D.</i>	14	MS	51,846
Marie Tramontana, <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	31	MA+30	61,393
Michael Underwood, <i>Math</i>	24	MS+30	61,393
George Windish, <i>Business Ed. Teacher</i>	14	BA+30	49,390
Richard Yoho, <i>Art</i>	33	MA+30	61,393

## EXTRA PAY STIPENDS

David Bazar, <i>Math Department Chair</i>	3,488
Keith Dauer, <i>Soc. St. Dept. Chair</i>	3,488
Jane Eriksen, <i>English Dept. Chair</i>	3,488
James O'Brien, <i>Science Dept. Chair</i>	3,488
Clifford Rimkus, <i>Tech. Ed. Dept. Chair</i>	3,233
Richard Scanlon, <i>Business Ed. Dept. Chair</i>	3,233
Robert Brigockas, <i>Athletic Director</i>	6,589

## SPECIAL SERVICES

	YRS	DEGREE	SALARY
Janet Brisson, <i>director</i>	26	MS+30	86,129
Darlene Weitzman, <i>ass't director</i>	22	MA+30	81,279

The rate of pay for substitute teachers for the 2000-2001 school year will be \$65 from day 1 through day 40.

For long-term substitutes, commencing on the 41<sup>st</sup> day of employment in the same assignment, the rate of pay will be \$162.82 per day (BA step 0 = \$29,958 ÷ 184).

(Commencing with the 91<sup>st</sup> work day of continuous employment, any long-term substitute shall be placed on the appropriate step of the salary schedule in accordance with Article V – 5.1.a.2. and shall be eligible for full insurance benefits subject to eligibility requirements to carrier regulations.)

## NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Central Office	Hourly Rate	Salary
Rosemary Hawes, <i>Payroll Bookkeeper</i>	16.09	27,192
Vivian Kennedy, <i>Accts. Payable Bookkeeper</i>	14.39	26,189
Nancy Lakin-Dostie, <i>Admin. Asst. – Bus.Admin.</i>	16.09	33,467
Jean Hayward, <i>Admin. Asst. – Asst. Supt.</i>	19.43	40,414
Marie Lane, <i>Admin. Asst. – Superintendent</i>	19.56	40,684
Kelli Kennedy, <i>Central Office Clerk</i>	10.37	18,873
Shirley Rinaldi, <i>Central Office Clerk</i>	9.65	11,271

## Special Services Office Staff

	Hourly Rate	Salary
Gail Lichack, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	14.63	21,549
Phyllis Saunders, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	14.63	21,549

## Lewin G. Joel, Jr. School Staff

	Hourly Rate	Salary
Carol DeMarco, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	13.71	20,098
Nancy Merrill, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	12.97	19,104

# FINANCES

Victor Berrios, <i>Custodian</i>	11.65	24,232
David Davenport, <i>Custodian</i>	11.95	24,856
William Lapinski, <i>Custodian</i>	11.95	24,856
Helen Cassella, <i>Head Custodian</i>	16.34	33,987
Patricia Atwater, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	11.06	13,437
Elaine Bender, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.19	5,502
Celeste Borg, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	3,175
Colleen Brooks, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	9,702
Valerie Caturano, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.19	14,215
Susan Dest, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	8,467
Bonnie Haggerty, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.56	12,830
Susan Hammar, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.41	1,552
Patricia Hill, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	8,467
Glynis Houde, <i>Instruct. Assistant - Library</i>	9.80	10,878
Karen Martin-Bowker, <i>Instruct. Asst. - SpEd</i>	9.80	8,467
Judi McLean, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.41	8,130
Karen Medvedeff, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	5,292
Martha O'Connell, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	14.84	14,424
Irene Parsons, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	11.57	15,098
Helen Proestakis, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.19	12,380
Mary Rawden, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	11,907
Susan Raymond, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	7,938
Mary Ann Reynolds, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	11,907
Deborah Russell, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	4,233
Marie Shorey, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.41	10,586
Barbara Smith, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.56	12,830
Mary Taranto, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	5,292
Patricia Turner, <i>Instructional Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	11,025

<b>Abraham Pierson School Staff</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Pamela Burnett, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	12.97	15,486
Patricia Johnson, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	14.63	17,687
Alvin Comstock, <i>Custodian</i>	15.89	33,051
Bruce Kuchta, <i>Head Custodian</i>	16.98	35,318
Joanne Faraci, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	12.04	14,086
Sally Holmes, <i>Instruct. Assistant - Library</i>	13.37	14,840
Rebecca Keating, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.56	13,305
Rosiland Stabell, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	13.37	15,642
Mary Jane Thompson, <i>Instruct. Asst. - SpEd</i>	10.56	12,355

<b>Jared Eliot Middle School Staff</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Claire Gill, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	13.71	15,012
Jean Harrigan, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	14.63	20,167
Veronica Wilson, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	10.76	10,528
Michael Simeone, <i>Custodian</i>	11.95	24,856
Lloyd Topping, <i>Custodian</i>	12.89	26,811
Vacancy, <i>Custodian</i>		
Rendall Cummings, <i>Head Custodian</i>	14.38	29,910
Sandra Bogucki, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	9.80	7,056
Joanna Diaz, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	9.41	11,009
Margaret Doyle, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	14.84	16,027
Jane Matteis, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	11.57	13,536
Jackie McCoy, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	9.80	11,466
Judy Pester, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	9.80	11,466
Carol Sanderson, <i>Instructional Assistant</i>	9.80	10,809

<b>The Morgan School Staff</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Diana Brochu, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	13.71	18,727

Charon Grabowski, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	12.97	19,104
Janice Karcich, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	10.76	5,154
Sharon Leon, <i>10 Mo. Secretary</i>	10.76	12,546
Kathryn Colandrea, <i>12 Mo. Secretary</i>	14.62	26,718
Yvonne Davenport, <i>Custodian</i>	13.29	27,643
Michel Drecq, <i>Custodian</i>	11.65	12,022
Raymond Rivard, <i>Custodian</i>	11.95	24,856
Scott Davenport, <i>Head Custodian</i>	16.98	35,318
Patricia Bousquet, <i>Instruct. Asst. - Math Lab</i>	12.54	13,844
Corinne Brown, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.80	10,809
Macarious Buchanan, <i>Instruct. Asst. - SpEd</i>	11.57	12,264
Madeline Dart, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	13.88	15,309
Heidi Hardin, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	9.41	6,775
Jane Kennedy, <i>Instruct. Assistant - Academic</i>	10.19	7,336
Eleanor Norton, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.56	11,647
Shirley Rafford, <i>Instruct. Assistant - Library</i>	14.84	16,472
Marion Schile, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	10.19	11,239
Alicia Sturgess, <i>Instruct. Assistant - SpEd</i>	12.04	13,280

### Hot Lunch Program

Janice Tubbs, director	25,293
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This is a self-supporting operation which pays the salaries of its director and 11 part-time cooks, plus a portion of the costs of the staff's medical benefits.

<b>Maintenance Office Staff</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Linda Middleton, <i>12 Mo. Secretary</i>	12.06	15,678
Robert Vincelette, <i>Asst. Dir. of Maintenance</i>	n.a.	41,011
Lawrence Finman, <i>Director of Maintenance</i>	n.a.	50,194
Geremia Cassella, <i>Maintenance Worker</i>	17.59	36,587
Thomas Vincelette, <i>Maintenance Worker</i>	14.96	31,116

### Board of Education Employee Benefits

<b>Total Annual Cost Per</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Husband/Wife</b>	<b>Family</b>
	4,291	8,976	11,526

Coverage includes: Blue Cross PPO (preferred provider option), life insurance, and 15 sick days per year, which may be accumulated to 180 unused days, paid at \$65 per day upon retirement. Employees contribute 10% of medical premiums.

### 1999-00 Contract Status of School Employee Unions

Group	Contract Span	% Increase	Expiration
Teachers (EAC)	1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Years	3.96%	2002
Administrators (CAA)	1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 Years	3.27%	2002
Clerical (MEUI)	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2 Years	3.75%	2000
Instr. Asst (SEIU)	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 Years	3.00%	2002

The salaries listed in this report are of the 1999-2000 contract year. Employees will be receiving the 2000-2001 salary by the time this town report is published.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TOTAL MILES OF TOWN ROADS: 82

### ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Shoulder brush maintenance — twice a year where needed  
Pot-hole maintenance • Curbing replacement due to plow damage • Catch basin cleaning & maintenance • Centerline Striping • Road sweeping program all roads twice a year • Overlay town roads listed in CIP

### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:

Mowing and fertilization program on town properties, Indian River and Peters complexes • Hesers' Pond - pond lily control

### PROJECTS:

Waterside Lane Sidewalk and Pavement overlay • Cleaning Septage Lagoons • Replace Guide Rails: Nod Rd., River Rd. and Ironworks Rd.

### NEW ROADS ACCEPTED:

Elsie Lane • Christina Court • Michael Drive

### UPCOMING PROJECTS:

New DPW Administrative Building • Crack Sealing of town roads • Drainage repair & replacement

*Edward J. Vailette, director*

*William Comeau, chairman public works commission*

## TRANSFER STATION

Residential dump passes for use of the transfer/recycling center are issued by the Department of Public Works office, 117 Nod Rd., during regular office hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Proof of residency (drivers license and car registration). There are two different “punch cards” available: 20 punch card for \$20.00; 2 20-punch cards for \$40.00 or 60 punch card for \$60.00, these are for household garbage only. Brush is charged by the load. There is no charge for recyclables as listed.

We do not accept contractors, businesses, lumber, sheetrock or remodeling debris, you must get a dumpster for this type of material. The Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. - closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. After December 1 the hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

### CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Columbus Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Veterans Day
Washington's Birthday	Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving
Good Friday	
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

## MAP OF TRANSFER STATION

1. Office
2. Corr. Cardboard
3. Corr. Cardboard
4. Transfer Station
5. Used Motor Oil
6. Glass, Cans, Plastic
7. Auto Batteries
8. Tires
9. Leaves
10. Metal
11. Landfill: Brush  
Demolition
12. Newspapers, Junk mail

### RECYCLABLE ITEMS

NEWSPAPERS – Tied with string. Shiny inserts okay.

METAL FOOD CONTAINERS – Cans, aluminum foil & trays. Please rinse. Labels okay.

GLASS FOOD CONTAINERS – Please rinse. No lids. Separate by color.

PLASTICS – Water, milk, detergent (if bottom marked #1 or #2). No lids.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

BROWN PAPER BAGS

WHITE OFFICE PAPER, MAGAZINES & CATALOGS

Also colored paper and junk mail.

SCRAP METAL – Anything too large for the can collection

LEAVES AND YARD WASTE

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

USED MOTOR OIL-Clean, no antifreeze, etc.

### NON RECYCLABLE

GLASS—plate glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, crockery, Pyrex, drinking glasses

PHONE BOOKS or ANY books SOILED PAPER

PLASTIC BAGS, 6-pack holders

CHIP BOARD (cereal boxes)

AEROSOL CANS, paint cans

### RESTRICTIONS

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

NO PROPANE TANKS

AIR CONDITIONERS/FREEZERS/REFRIGERATORS must be purged of freon by a dealer. A statement from the dealer that the freon has been purged, written on his/her letterhead, must be provided.

COUCHES, CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, RUGS AND PADDING are \$7.00 each

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# PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a total of 63 meetings during the fiscal year. There were 12 regular monthly meetings, 1 annual meeting, 6 special meetings, 33 public hearings, and 11 committee meetings.

	1998-99	1999-00
Site Plans	9	18
Special Exceptions	10	16
Subdivision Applications	7	10
Coastal Area Management Reviews	11	16
Municipal Improvements	3	2
Amendments to Zoning Regulations	1	11
Amendments to Subdivision Regulations	1	0
Sign Permits	2	23
Bond Reductions/Releases	12	15
Permits issued	299	232

Public hearings were held as required by state statute when the Commission or a petitioner proposed changes to the zoning regulations or when a special exception application was submitted. Optional public hearings were also held throughout the year when the Commission determined that the applications before the Commission were of a magnitude, character, complexity or in a location of town that comments from the public would aid the Commission in applying the Zoning Regulations. As in the past, the Planning and Zoning Commission took into account all public concerns while administering its Regulations.

Throughout the year the Planning and Zoning Commission worked extremely hard administering its regulations fairly and evenly on all applications brought forth. The Planning and Zoning Commission continued its attempts to improve the town of Clinton by working with other town agencies on various applications and by continuing to update its Zoning Regulations.

During the year, the Commission began work on the 2000 Town Plan of Conservation and Development, a document required by State Statute. The Plan should be completed by end of 2000.

*Nancy Taubman, chairman*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The stated mission of the Economic Development Commission is to provide services to enhance the town's economy and to expand opportunities for individual, business and community prosperity.

Although much of the year the Commission functioned with less than full membership, it continued to fulfill its purpose. Tourism, which serves to introduce and familiarize the visitor with our town, was served with the staffing of the 1630 House. Visitors and area residents alike were welcomed and provided with information on the amenities of Clinton. A pamphlet was prepared on local restaurants for distribution at the tourist center.

CRERPA (Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency), a State district representative organization which seeks to coordinate and assist in matters of planning for shoreline towns, was served by EDC Chairman Carl Neri on its board.

A "Clinton Welcome" sign was installed and efforts to locate sponsors and/or funding for two other "Welcome" signs continued

throughout the year. Redesign of a brochure with basic local town information, to be used as an introductory prospecting tool, is in preparation. Efforts to energize and revitalize our downtown continue to be high on EDC's priority list. Beautification efforts of downtown are ongoing.

EDC continues to search for ways to attract new business for the town. An up-to-date real estate listing of available properties, easily available for reference, is being prepared for the town's website. The membership of EDC thoroughly reviewed the 2000 Plan of Conservation and Development in preparation for its presentation at a public meeting on the subject.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Following is a tabulation of permits issued during the fiscal year including a comparison of permits for the prior year:

	1998-99	1999 - 00
New Homes - 1 family	62	75
New Homes - 2 family	0	0
New Homes - multifamily	0	0
Mobile Homes	3	3
Additions	32	45
Garages	16	12
Decks, Patios & Porches	61	50
Sheds	12	15
Swimming Pools	19	28
Barns	0	2
Renovations	47	50
General Repairs	3	8
Roofing	75	72
Vinyl Siding	26	37
Security	6	3
Wood/coal Stoves	3	4
Oil Tanks	8	10
Miscellaneous	31	15
Demolition	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	413	439
Commercial/retail	10	22
Industrial	0	0
Educational/civic	2	1
Demolition	0	0
Signs	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	23	23
Electrical permits	258	267
Plumbing permits	129	153
Heating/cooling permits	<u>136</u>	<u>159</u>
Total	<u>523</u>	<u>579</u>
Total permits issued	<u>959</u>	<u>1041</u>
Estimated Cost of Construction	\$12,680,423	\$16,168,339

*Louis E. Siegle, building official*

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Clinton Zoning Board held 12 public hearings/regular meetings and 1 annual meeting. It heard 43 applications and rendered the following decisions:

Approvals: .....	33
Special Exception: .....	1
Coastal Area Management: .....	4
Appeal of Zoning Enforcement Officer Decision (upheld): .....	1
Denials of Applications: .....	2
Applications Withdrawn Prior to Public Hearing: .....	1
Total Applications: .....	42

*Mark Richards, chair*

## CLINTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.

Members of the Land Trust were saddened this year by the death of former board member, Ernest C. Burnham who in 1981 made available the land which is now Peters Memorial Woods, purchased by the Trust with a bequest from benefactress, Ethel Peters. His interest, expertise and faithful support will be missed. One of the more challenging and beautiful of the Land Trust hiking trails is named in his honor.

After a brief hiatus, Bert Godwin is back on the Land Trust Board, once more sharing his knowledge, energy and woodcraft skills. He has produced second editions of his Inventories of Plants and Animals in Peters Memorial Woods and continues his study of its vernal pools.

Last fall Trust members braved bands of showers to participate in a workday devoted to trail maintenance. Through most of the year, Bert and Jinny Godwin are to be found on Wednesday morning wielding clippers, shovel and chainsaw. Members and friends are welcome to join them.

A fitting memorial to Henry M. Elliot who died in February is a conservation easement he established with the Land Trust on 18 acres of upland meadow and tidal salt marsh bordering the Indian River in the heart of downtown Clinton. Aside from preserving the fragile ecology of the area and providing diverse habitats for wildlife, this easement agreement ensures the preservation forever of the view from the Indian River Bridge out to Long Island Sound.

In June the CLCT hosted and sponsored with other area Land Trusts a free seminar for landowners, their advisors and local officials informing them of land preservation options including what tax benefits are available and how to obtain funding for land preservation. Environmental professionals Laurie Boynton, Director of the Land Preservation Alliance, and David Platt, Attorney were the featured speakers.

The Alice & David Crosby Environmental Scholarship was awarded this year to graduating senior of the The Morgan School, Craig Campbell, who will continue his studies at Plymouth State College in Vermont with a major in Meteorology. John Crosby, in honor of his parents, pledged to match any contributions made to the Scholarship fund in the year 2000.

Speaker at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting was Wildlife Biologist July Victoria of the Connecticut DEP. She is in charge of the Non-harvested Wildlife program and spoke about the recovery of the Osprey from near-extinction to 315 young fledged in the state in 1999. Members and friends of CLCT built and replaced four osprey platforms this spring to accommodate ospreys fledged two

years ago returning to nest in Clinton.

This year two Eagle Scout candidates incorporated into their projects significant improvements to trails. The Trust is grateful to Michael Hannon who was responsible for creating a 20' long bridge over wetlands on Burn Coat Trail, and Chris Apel who designed and supervised construction of a similar-sized board walk over wetlands on the Princess Pine Trail in Peters Memorial Woods.

Boy Scouts of Troop 7, Cub Scouts of Pack 7 and their fathers dug, transported and re-planted 125 White Pine trees donated by the Critchley family along trails in Peters Memorial Woods to replace the hundreds of Hemlocks killed by drought and the Woolly Adelgid. Through the years, the Scouts' loyal efforts have contributed greatly to everyone's enjoyment of the Trust's eight beautiful hiking trails.

During this year, 26.17 acres of Clinton's open space, including the Elliot Preserve, have come under the protection of the Trust bringing the total to approximately 654.6 acres.

The CLCT, along with other area Trusts, was a beneficiary of Lenny & Joe's Charity Carousel proceeds during Land Trust Week in August.

In light of the sporadic vandalism visited upon Trust properties, it was felt that a resolution concerning proper use of forests and trails should be adopted and published.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALL PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CLINTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC. ARE CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE.**

**LITTERING AND THE DESTRUCTION OR DEFACEMENT OF TREES, VEGETATION, ROCK OUTCROPPINGS, TRAIL MARKERS, SIGNS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

**HUNTING, CAMPING, CAMPERFIRES AND THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNLESS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS GRANTED PRIOR APPROVAL.**

**VIOLATORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND PROSECUTION AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND MAY BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE ACCESS TO LAND TRUST PROPERTIES.**

This resolution will be printed on signs to be placed on all large properties owned by the Trust.

Membership categories and dues: Individual \$7.50; Family \$10.00; Business \$25.00; Individual Life \$100.00; Family Life \$175.00.

*Lynnabeth Mays, secretary*

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

The Clinton Water Pollution Control Commission is directly responsible for the planning, design and oversight of all water pollution control facilities in the Town of Clinton in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

The general purpose of the WPCC is to protect the public health and welfare of the Town through the recognition and prevention of public health nuisances and hazards and environmental degradation that might have a detrimental impact on the quality of the Town's surface and subsurface water supplies.

At present, Clinton is entirely dependent upon soil renovation for treatment of its domestic sewage and draws its potable water from substantially the same land area. In cooperation with the

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State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, the WPCC is continually updating its standards to ensure the continued viability of this treatment mode and the Town's septage disposal capabilities.

The mode of assuring a successful wastewater management program has been through ground water monitoring wells, studies, education and regulations. These activities include the following:

1. Surface and ground water testing programs—11 monitoring and 124 surface water sites are sampled on a quarterly basis.
2. Lagoon monitoring wells—4 monitoring wells bordering the lagoons are sampled on a quarterly basis.
3. Walkover inspections—onsite home inspections conducted to detect septic system failures.
4. Computer tracking of all septic systems pumped.
5. Notification to homeowners—septic systems need to be serviced at least once within a five-year period.
6. Providing informative literature on septic system design and maintenance.
7. Licensing of all septic system pumpers/haulers who work with the town.
8. Regulations and Town ordinance for disposal of septage.
9. Application for a State of Connecticut grant for pollution abatement as it pertains to a ground water facilities study.
10. Cooperation with the Clinton Department of Public Works as it relates to maintenance, supplies, control, and equipment for the lagoons.

### ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT

The Estuary Transit District provides a range of public transit services for all persons, both young and old, residing in the nine towns of the Estuary Planning Region (Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook). It has done so since 1981 when it was first organized.

In the fiscal year just ended, the District recorded a total of 64,417 trips on all of its transit services combined. This represents well over one trip for every man, woman and child residing in the nine town service area. The Estuary Dial-a-Ride and the Shoreline Shuttle, the two largest components, accounted for a large majority of these rides. The Shoreline Shuttle logged a total of 24,853 trips and the Dial-a-Ride carried some 31,774 riders last year.

For the convenience of those who use the bus service along Route One, a third bus was added to the Shoreline Shuttle fleet a year ago so that all twelve Dattco bus runs out of New Haven to Madison could be met. This third bus accounted for some 8,375 out of the total 24,853 trips recorded for the Shoreline Shuttle service. A fourth bus is now available as a backup vehicle for this service. All four are awaiting the addition of a yellow top when the newest vehicle in the fleet arrives so that the Shoreline Shuttle vehicles are more distinguishable from the other service vehicles, both to the users and to the community at large.

The demand for the District's medical outpatient transit service remained about the same as last year. This service is available to any resident of the nine town area who needs to get to medical services outside of the Region. Some 3,930 trips were recorded to more than 20 locations within the State last year. The vast majority of these were to Middlesex Hospital in Middletown and to the neighboring town of Madison. Other destinations included New Haven, New London, New Britain, Hartford and Guilford, among others. As one might expect, this is the most expensive service that the District provides but it is also one the most important. Two

buses and one station wagon are used for this particular service.

Another of the District's services, the Tri-Town Service, which continues to serve the needs of the transit dependent residents of Chester, Deep River and Essex, is the oldest public transit service in the Estuary Region. It was established by the three towns at the time of the first gasoline crisis in 1973 and funded by them with town aid road funds until 1981 when the Estuary Transit District was organized. Since that time it has been a jointly funded service with the towns providing the required local match and the district paying the balance of the cost. Some 3,860 trips were counted on this service last year. It is provided by the Ryder Corporation under contract to the three towns.

The Estuary Transit District has a total of twelve vehicles in its fleet, five of them owned by the District and seven of them owned by its contracted service provider, the Estuary Council of Senior Clubs. All are lift equipped fourteen passenger vehicles with the exception of one station wagon. They range in age from one to five years and are replaced with new vehicles on a regular basis with funds provided for the purpose by the state and federal governments.

The nine towns of the Estuary Planning Region are all members of the Estuary Transit District. The affairs of the District are managed by a board made up of one representative from each member town, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town they represent. The board meets four times a year to set policy, approve expenditures and establish an operating and capital budget for the next year. All services are provided by contracts with the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) for administration and with the Estuary Council of Senior Clubs (ECSC) and the towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex for transit services.

Two new members joined the board last year to fill existing vacancies. They were Ray Mozzochi from Deep River and Maura Finan from Lyme. One long-standing member and former Chairman, Alice Pinsince of Essex, resigned last spring for personal reasons. Her seat remains to be filled by the Town of Essex.

The current members of the Board are Chairman Donald Croteau (Chester), Vice Chairman Doris Sanstrom (Westbrook), Secretary Virginia Zawoy (Clinton), Treasurer Cornelius McCrudden (Old Saybrook), Ray Mozzochi (Deep River), Eleanor Becker (Killingworth), Maura Finan (Lyme), and Kinsley Twining (Old Lyme). It meets on the third Monday of February, May, August and November at 8:00 A.M. in the CRERPA office at Saybrook Junction Market Place. All meetings are open to the public.

*Don Croteau, chairman*

### CRERPA

#### CONNECTICUT RIVER ESTUARY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

*The Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA)* is in its Thirty Third year of planning for the nine town Estuary Region. The Agency consists of two representatives from each member town, one representing the Board of Selectmen and the other representing the Planning Commission. Don Croteau of Chester is the Chairman. Stu Fairbank of Old Saybrook serves as the Agency's Vice Chairman. CRERPA has a staff of five full time employees, including four planners and an office manager. Three additional staff members work part-time. The Board meets at 7:30PM on the first Monday of each month at the Agency office at the Saybrook Junction Marketplace, next to the train station. Visitors are always welcome to stop by during work hours.

CRERPA is supported financially from a variety of federal, state and local resources. The largest portion of the Agency

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budget is the annual contribution of its member towns, with other major support coming from the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the State Office of Policy and Management.

## REGIONAL ISSUES

CRERPA helps its member towns work together voluntarily to solve common problems affecting the Estuary region. CRERPA provides staff support and meeting space for several area organizations, including the following:

The Lower Connecticut Valley Selectman's Association, (LCVSA), formed in 1967, brings the chief elected officials of the region together monthly to discuss common interests. Some common activities have been elderly services, public transit, solid waste disposal and regional recycling facilities. Currently atop the Selectmen's agenda is the construction of a permanent household hazardous waste facility in Essex. The Association is Chaired by W. David LeVasseur of Killingworth. The LCVSA is working with town leaders from the neighboring MidState Planning Region to form a bi-regional Council of Elected Officials in order to speak out together as a single, larger voice in the State.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission was established in 1974 by State Statute to protect the scenic and environmental qualities of the Lower Connecticut River through a compact among the towns that border the River to adopt specific zoning requirements for development near the River. The Gateway Commission also purchases and receives conservation land and conservation easements. Recent acquisitions have brought the total acreage under the Gateway program to slightly over 1,000 acres. Irwin Wilcox of Deep River chairs the Gateway Commission. Gateway is staffed by CRERPA Director Linda Krause. A current issue facing the Gateway Commission is the continued proliferation of large residential construction on the banks of the River prompting a review of zoning standards in the Gateway Commission District.

Estuary Regional Committee on Aging, (ERCA), receives staff assistance from CRERPA. Organized in 1974 to identify and respond to the needs of the elderly in the Estuary towns, it is one of five similar committees in Eastern Connecticut which are integral components of the Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging, a private, non-profit organization which annually receives and distributes federal Title IIIB (Social Services) and Title IIIC (Nutrition) funds for 56 towns of Eastern Connecticut.

The Estuary Transit District, (ETD), was established 1981 to provide public transportation in the Region. A Dial-A-Ride service by reservation, medical out-patient service for the in-state but out-of-region medical appointments, and a shuttle service along Route 1 between Old Saybrook and Madison are operated for the Transit District by the Estuary Council of Senior Clubs in Old Saybrook. Under a contract between the Transit District and three Estuary towns, Ryder Student Transportation in Chester provides service for residents of Chester, Deep River and Essex to Old Saybrook twice weekly during most months and three times a week in the summer. Don Croteau of Chester is the Transit District Chairman. Under a contract between ETD and CRERPA, former Director Stan Greimann continues to serve as Acting Director of the Transit District.

The Cable TV Advisory Council #V, (CATV), was established in 1984 to give cable customers a voice in expressing their needs and desires in cable programming. Towns in the Council include Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Durham, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Old Saybrook and Westbrook with representatives from selectmen, boards of education and libraries. Charles O'Donnell chairs the CATV Advisory Council. CRERPA Planner Wini Olson

staffs the Council.

Other committees that have met at the RPA offices are a Regional Housing Council, Regional Economic Development Committee, the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Committees, area Zoning Officers and Others, and the Old Saybrook Land Trust. The RPA has also hosted several informational meetings between the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Environmental Protection and interested member town members.

## LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A major component of the Agency's work program is technical assistance to individual towns on planning and zoning issues. During the year, staff helped Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Old Lyme, Clinton and Lyme in the long process of updating their Plans of Conservation & Development (formerly Plan of Development). The Agency also assisted towns in review of numerous site plans and special permits including applications for commercial retail, industrial and residential development. CRERPA assisted in the continuing review of a 308-lot subdivision with an 18-hole golf course located in the towns of Old Saybrook, Essex and Westbrook. Under State Statutes, the Agency reviews zoning changes and subdivisions located on or near town boundaries. CRERPA staff is always available to answer questions or conduct research on land use and planning matters for local officials.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Agency also provides information and education on regional issues to individuals and to the general public. Under an agreement with the State Office of Policy and Management, CRERPA serves as an official Census Data Center under the direction of Wini Olson.

## REGIONAL PLANNING

The Agency continues to work on specific regional planning issues intended to carry out the recommendations of the Regional Plan of Development. Planner Liz Crutcher serves as regional transportation planner, funded through a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation while Amy Dyer Cabaniss serves as the Regional Recycling Coordinator and Environmental Educator. Staff has assisted several member towns with local open space plans, which will serve as building blocks for a regional greenway plan. Following up on two very successful canoe and kayak trail maps for the Old Lyme and Essex waterfronts, CRERPA worked with the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to obtain a grant from the Long Island Sound Fund for a trail in Deep River.

**Staff (FY99/00):** Linda B. Krause, Executive Director; Stanley V. Greimann, Director Emeritus; Winifred T. Olson, Regional Planner; Elizabeth W. Crutcher, Regional Planner; J. H. Torrance Downes, Senior Planner; Amy Dyer Cabaniss, Recycling Coordinator; Gale S. Morrison, Office Manager; Kelly Sterner, Bookkeeper; Sallie P. Boody, ETD Bookkeeper.

## Board Members:

**Chester:** Don Croteau, Chairman  
Natalie Williams, Treasurer

**Clinton:** Carl Neri, Jr.; Kim Barrows

**Deep River:** Irwin Wilcox; Bruce Edgerton

**Essex:** Sandy Huber, Secretary; Douglas Demerest

**Killingworth:** Patricia Smulders; Jere Adametz

**Lyme:** Frank Skwarek; Maura Finan

**Old Lyme:** Jane Marsh; Alan Bayreuther

**Old Saybrook:** Karen Jo Marcolini; Stu Fairbank, Vice Chairman

**Westbrook:** Doris Sanstrom; Vacancy

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## INLAND WETLANDS/CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission held 5 public hearings, 11 regular meetings, 2 special meetings and 1 annual meeting for a total of 19 meetings and reviewed 46 applications. The following decisions were made:

Approvals:	18
Approvals with Conditions:	18
Approval (as of right):	1
Denials:	5
Applications withdrawn:	2
Applications expired (no action taken)	2
Total Applications	46

including the approval of three subdivisions and four boundary amendments. In addition, it conducted 24 site walks.

In Early Spring 2000, Bruce Fellman, editor of "Our Hidden Wetlands: The Proceedings of a Symposium on Vernal Pools in Connecticut 1998" came to Clinton and gave a presentation on vernal pools and their inhabitants and the need to protect these areas for the breeding of endangered species (a few of which accompanied Mr. Fellman) and the surrounding habitat that they live in.

*Edward Limoncelli, co-chair*

## THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The overall dominant issue and task facing the Harbor Management Commission during this past year was the facilitation of the dredging of the Federal Channel, which over the past several years, has become silted in to such a degree that it's condition posed a serious danger to navigation and the safety of all who use the channel and Clinton Harbor. Working closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and local marina interest, it was determined that the most expeditious way of accomplishing this was to have the USACE perform the task using a government barge and treat this project as an emergency maintenance project.

After months of seeing little progress in the USACE's efforts to obtain the necessary permits, the Harbor Management Commission sponsored a meeting early last winter with all the parties involved in the permitting process. In attendance were state DEP regulators, who would issue the permit, Army officials, marina owners and our legislative representatives. It was clear that there was more testing and other information that the state would require before a permit would be issued. With the time quickly running out for the project, the Town of Clinton, along with Cedar Island Marina and a grant from Sea Grant, arranged and paid for a final round of testing which fulfilled the DEP's requirements and allowed the permit to be issued to the USAEC.

Finally, with the government dredge vessel the 'Currituck', in place, on June 12, 2000 the permit was issued and the dredging began within hours. The result was dramatic in restoring the channel to a deep, straight navigation channel which allows safe passage of marine traffic and also permits larger power boats and deep draft sailboats, who have not been able to enter our harbor, for some time. The summer season saw the return of many vessels for the first time in years.

All of the Town Marina boat slips and mooring stakes were assigned indicating we were fully occupied for this boating season and our boat launch ramp did its usual brisk business. Our dock master and dock supervisor worked hard to make the boating experience an enjoyable one for all of our patrons.

The Harbor Management Commission's upcoming projects include making modifications to our launch ramp to allow for more efficient use, bulkhead repair or replacement studies and a review and updating of our Harbor Management Plan.

*Stephen D. Hayes, chairman*

## CLINTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

It is nearing the end of a remarkably quiet year for the Clinton Shellfish Commission. Historically and to date, the mainstay of the local shellfishery has been the oyster. Due to the devastation caused by the infestation of the parasites MSX and dermo to the areas oyster crop, it has been the approach of this Commission to monitor the situation and wait for better times. We are planning for the near future, when nature has helped alleviate the parasite, when a naturally resistant strain of oysters evolves and when the waters will again support healthy oyster beds.

The work of the Shellfish Commission continues. Water testing is regularly done. The beds are routinely patrolled. Signs and warnings regarding the status of shellfishing in the local waters are kept posted. Clinton Harbor and the waters off the shores of Clinton are a wonderful natural resource. We encourage everyone who has the opportunity to enjoy this resource to also respect it and help care for it. The advent of a parasite such as that which now effects local oysters, whether encouraged by natural or unnatural events, reminds us how fragile a marine resource can be. We are hopeful that our local waters will rebound and constantly improve in quality and abundance.

*Thomas Brennan, chairman*

*David Kaplan, secretary*

## DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD

The newly formed Design Advisory Board has been meeting on the first Thursday of the month since March 2000, with additional meetings scheduled when deemed necessary by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Its purpose is to serve as an advisory group to evaluate commercial plans for site, building and sign development or redevelopment as well as construction from an architectural and aesthetic perspective. The goal of this board is preserving the quality of our heritage and environment and to foster the improvement of Clinton's appearance.

The board is composed of 5 regular members and 2 alternate members who are professionals in the design and construction industries, as well as concerned citizens.

*Steven M. Hecimovich, AIA, chairman*

## TREE COMMITTEE

In October 1999, a Tree Identification Seminar was held in the Green Room featuring Oscar Stone, a noted horticulturist. Gesick and Associates, P.C. and our committee were the hosts.

During November of 1999, our Committee was awarded an America the Beautiful Grant for \$2,500. A redbud tree and a ginkgo tree were planted at the Indian River Recreation Complex. More trees will be planted in 2001.

The Committee participated in the Chamber's Business Expo with a display table. Committee members, Grace and Ed Limoncelli introduced "A Self-Guided Tree Walk Around Clinton's Town Hall". These brochures are available in the Lobby.

Our town tree nursery at the Department of Public Works contains 380 trees. These trees will eventually be planted along roadways and on public lands.

*Carol Carlough, chairman*

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

This year has been another most active and rewarding one for the Town of Clinton Board of Police Commissioners, who have the responsibility of managerial oversight of this agency.

The Board has entered into negotiations for new contracts with the Police Department Administrators, as well as the Police Union.

The Town of Clinton is served by a dedicated staff of police professionals who do an exemplary job of dealing with our diverse community, which they are sworn to protect.

Our Police Department continues to be one of the most effective and efficient law enforcement agencies in the State of Connecticut, and it is only with the continued support of the entire community that this has been made possible.

In the future, we look forward to attempting to increase our staffing levels and offering both our citizens and visitors an ever-expanding level of professional service in a rapidly changing law enforcement environment.

*Angelo V. Lupone, chairman*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Clinton Police Department has had an interesting and gratifying past fiscal year.

The Police Department has continued its D. A. R. E. Program in both the elementary and middle schools, as well as continuing successfully, the School Resource Officer(S. R. O.) Program, which has been well received by both the students and school staff. The Police Department has also continued the Marine Patrol, Dive Team, Motorcycle Squad and Bicycle Patrol. The Community Service Officer (CSO) Program has been very effective in our beach community.

We experienced our agency's first police officer involved fatal shooting that occurred in November. As a result of our officer's actions, two innocent lives were saved.

Again, we were successful in securing additional Federal and State grants that allowed us the funding to purchase much needed equipment necessary to operate a modern, local law enforcement agency.

The Police Department continues to rank high in clearance rates and recovery of stolen property in comparison with towns of similar population within the State of Connecticut.

All the members of this agency wish to express their thanks to the citizens of the Town of Clinton for the overwhelming continued support that this Department receives from those it serves and protects.

*Joseph P. Faughnan, chief of police*

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Clinton Fire Department responded to over 2100 calls for service during this past year with over sixty percent of the calls being "Medical Calls".

This volume of calls requires that we have trained personnel available around the clock for the proper response. To this end, we are always looking for new members to replace members who find that they no longer have the time to serve the department. The lack of people with time available is becoming a problem to all volunteer departments.

The support of the townspeople and governmental agencies has helped us attract new members to help carry the load.

*Hugh D. Allen, fire chief*

## FIRE MARSHAL

STATISTICS	1999	2000
Fires investigated for cause and origin	11	06
Fire reports compiled for outside agencies	22	65
Suspicious fires	0	01
Building plan reviews	67	54
Blasting permits issued	36	31
Fuel delivery truck inspections	22	24
Wood and coal stove inspections	18	17
Hazardous condition responses	14	13
Code compliance inspections	195	170
Hours of in-service training	90	82

*Hugh D. Allen, fire marshal*

## MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

### 2000 OFFICERS

Chief	Hugh Allen
Deputy Chief	Gary Skau
Assistant Chief	Scott Andrews
Deputy Chief EMS	John Brymer
Deputy Chief Admn.	Keith Nadeau
Captain Station 1	Michael Conklin
Captain Station 2	Jeffrey Miller
Lt. Engine Co. 1	Brian White
Lt. Engine Co. 2	Jeffrey Hesel
Lt. Aerial Co.	Robert Voss
Lt. Marine Co.	Jeffrey Colvin
Lt. Rescue Co.	Jeffrey Skau
Safety Officer	Dennis Slam
Dept. Engineer	Brian White
Asst. Dept. Engineer	Robert Voss
Dept. Secretary	Henry Stein
Dept. Treasurer	John Mietlicki
Quartermaster	Sandra Voss
Supt. Fire/Police	Edwin Benedict

### ROSTER OF FIRE AND AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS

Edward Alberino	Hugh Allen
Lillian Allen	Rev. Russell Allen
Sandra Allen	Susan Allen
Scott Andrews	Elizabeth Armetta
Marta Armetta	John Battista
Joseph Battista	Edwin Benedict
John Bendict	Brian Blair
Donald Blifford	Charles Bruder
Beth Brymer	John Brymer

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Will Carlson	Clem Catalano
Bobbi Child	Sarah Christiansen
Jeffery Colvin	Geraldine Combes
Michael Conklin	Dedria Cozzo
Randy Cummings	Robert Dahlstrom
Scott Davenport	Yvonne Davenport
Raymond Denison	Betty Dennis
James Diamond	Theodore Doucette
Derek Erquhart	James Forchielli
Charles Fritz	Gary Galdenzi
Alfred Garardi	Mark Grnata
Linda Gworek	Peter Hackley
Bryan Hall	Donald Hansen
Jeremy Hansen	June Hansen
Thomas Hannon	Jeremy Hawkes
Robert Henninger	Jeffery Hesar
Amy Hicks	Mark Hicks
Wendy Hicks	John Hussaini
Carol Jenkins	Scott Jennings
Paul Kobbie	Mark Koelle
Robert Kyhn	Mark Lalumiere
Joseph Lamoureux	Matthew Larsen
Richard Larsen	Peter Lefrancois
David Long	Ed Long
Nancy Long	Timothy Maenza
Brian Manware	Ronald Manware
Ann Marchese	James Martel
Karen Martin	Michael A. Massey
Michael S. Massey	Roger Massey
John Mietlicki	Deborah Miller
Jeffery Miller	Norma Lee Morelli
Laura Moyer	Patricia Muhl
Robert Murphy	MaryAnn Murphy
Keith Nadeau	Edward O'Brien
Roman Oleschuk	Cindy Paulson
Joseph Paulson	Rachael Price
Neil Rogers	Sandra Royea
Christen Rusbarsky	Arthur Sanso
Robin Sansone	David Schmardel
Walter Schmardel	Frank Schrempp
Tammy Schrempp	Becky Skau
Gary Skau	Jeffery Skau
Annie Slam	Dennis Slam
Brian Smith	Erwin Sparks
Marion Sparks	Henry Stein
Brandon Sturm	Kris Struzinski
Robert Sullivan	Roy Sullivan
Nancy Taylor	Steve Thomas
Raymond Viens	Daniel Vece Jr.
Robert Voss	Sandra Voss
Matthew Way	Brian White
Michael Wolf	Clark Young

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Civil Preparedness)

**1 July '99** - Connecticut Office of Emergency Management (COEM) comes under the control of the state military department (Connecticut National Guard)

**28 July '99** - Valley-Shore Emergency Management Directors (EMD) meeting.

**12 Aug '99** - "Nutmeg Winds" emergency preparedness drill briefing at the Hartford Armory. Scenario to be a major hurricane. Drill protocols established. Mr. Paluel Flagg introduced as new Area II coordinator.

**13 Aug '99** - Meeting with Mr. McCusker and Mr. Flagg to discuss "Nutmeg Winds" drill as well as state support programs available to Clinton.

**16 Aug '99** - "Nutmeg Winds" drill begins with the formation of hurricane "Quinn".

**23 Aug '99** - Notification of emergency management volunteers of approaching "Quinn"

**24 Aug '99** - Activate Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as part of "Nutmeg" Winds" drill. Communication circuits tested (radio, telephones, pagers). As part of the drill, phone lines go down. Amateur radio used as back up. Drill ends 25 Aug. Meet with Clinton Elderly Housing to discuss procedures to be followed in the event evacuations become necessary. Town Hall and Morgan High School are the evacuation centers.

**8 Sept '99** - Valley Shore EMD meeting.

**9 Sept '99** - After Action Review for "Nutmeg Winds" drill at the Hartford Armory.

**15-17 Sept '99** - Hurricane "Floyd". Preparedness meeting held at the town hall with all town departments concerned. Storm passes causing some minor flooding and downed trees but no major damage.

**14 Oct '99** - Y2K meeting with the Connecticut Water Company and town officials.

**29 Nov '99** - Y2K meeting with all town departments. Various scenarios and possible responses discussed.

**15 Dec '99** - Area II quarterly meeting at Middletown "Mid-State" Headquarters. State planning for Y2K presented. Town meeting for Y2K preparedness. Representatives from the water, gas, electric and telephone companies discuss their preparations.

**29 Dec '99** through 3 Jan '00 - COEM EOC activated for the Y2K rollover. Various communication circuits exercised. No major disruptions reported.

**15 Mar '00** - Area II meeting in Middlefield. CT National Guard discusses resources available to towns in the event of a major disaster.

**2 & 11 Jun '00** - Heavy thunder storms disrupt power and block roadways with downed trees.

**14 Jun '00** - Area II meeting in Hamden. Presentation by Connecticut "K9" Search and Rescue (CCSAR).

*Peter Finch, director*

## MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL

STATISTICS	1999	2000
Total complaints	920	689
Dogs/Cats impounded	75	52
Dogs/Cats redeemed	44	36
Dogs/Cats adopted	12	6
Dogs/Cats D.O.A .	10	7
Dogs/Cats euthanized	5	2
Total dog/cat bites	28	23
Infractions issued	16	19
Written warnings	66	62
Fees Collected	\$950	\$374

*Donna Cavanaugh, animal control officer*



# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

## MUNICIPAL AGENT TO THE ELDERLY

The amount \$35,440.95 was disbursed from the David Muir trust fund account to qualified senior citizens 70 years of age and older whose lives could be enhanced with onetime item or service not available through a government program.

The American Legion hall continued to be the permanent site for serving meals provided by the Estuary Council of Senior Clubs to local senior citizens and for the packaging and delivery of Meals to shut-in seniors.

Information and referrals, assisting in the filing of applications, and direct services to seniors were among the most sought out services. Many thanks to other local organizations that assisted the seniors. Their assistance was crucial in maintaining the dignity and quality of life of our seniors.

*Miguel A. Escalera, municipal agent for the elderly*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department continued to provide full-time services to the Town of Clinton.

- 70 Food service establishments were inspected and licensed.
- 66 Repairs to septic systems were approved.
- 53 Wells approved for installation.
- 67 New septic systems were tested and approved for installation
- 29 Swimming pools were approved (this included above ground and in ground.)
- 2 Winterizations were approved.
- Area day care centers and group homes were inspected and licensed.
- Various permit applications for 200 barns, sheds, decks, garages, etc. were reviewed
- 6 Subdivisions were reviewed with a total of 102 lots.
- 200 Single lots were tested for suitability to install septic systems.
- 175 General complaints were addressed.
- Continued mosquito control program.
- Continued tick testing program in conjunction with the Agriculture Experimental Station. This program is free of charge.
- Assisted Water Pollution Commission with Sewer Avoidance Program.
- Completed water testing of Town beaches.
- Assisted Shellfish Commission in complying with required water testing of Long Island Sound and its tributaries. Continued water testing of landfill area, Nod Road/Boulder Lake area in accordance with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection water compliance orders.
- Dr. Arnold Winokur was re-appointed Director of Health for another year.

*Ryan T. Grenon, R.S., town sanitarian*

## AGENT FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS

An estimated 600 people attended the Memorial Day observance early service at the Beaverbrook, Catholic and Indian River cemeteries. Also services were held at the Indian River bridge honoring men lost at sea with simultaneous services held honoring firemen and policemen.

In the main parade, we had one of the largest attendances ever as an estimated 4000 people lined Main Street from Post Office Square to the Lower Green. Such participation and support from the Town was most heart-warming on this memorable and solemn occasion.

The Veterans' Administration, The Veterans' Hospital and the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund continues to provide the main source of benefits for our local veterans and their dependents.

The Veterans Day Observance was held on November 11, 1999 at the eleventh hour. Mr. Daniel Vece of the American Legion -Post 66 acted as Master of Ceremonies. First Selectman James M. McCusker, Jr. provided the welcome and opening remarks. Among the many civic organizations supporting the event were:

- American Legion (Clinton and Westbrook Posts)
- American Legion Auxiliary (Clinton)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars -Post 9918
- Air Cadets
- Clinton Police Department
- Clinton Fire Department
- The Morgan School Band
- The Morgan School Chorus
- Boy Scouts of America
- Church of the Open Door

The highlight of this year's program was an invitation by Miguel A. Escalera to the Veterans in attendance to relate their personal experiences in an open forum. Several Veterans gave moving remarks to a standing room only audience.

The Placing of the Wreath on the Clinton War Memorial, Prayer and Taps concluded the 1999 Veterans Day ceremony.

*Miguel A. Escalera, agent for veterans' affairs*

## PROBATE COURT

The probate court is located in the Eliot House at 50 East Main Street. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Passport processing is also available.

COURT STATISTICS	1999	2000
Decedent's Estates Proceedings	125	94
Trust Proceedings	16	20
Conservatorship Proceedings	26	35
Parental Rights and Children's Matters	27	24
<i>(Immediate temporary and temporary custody, Adoptions, Removal of Guardian, Termination of Parental Rights, Guardianship of Estate for Minors, Emancipation)</i>	27	24
Proceedings Re: Mentally Retarded Persons	14	8
Name Changes	7	6
Passport Applications	257	450

*Raymond J. Rigat, judge of probate*

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

## ESTUARY COUNCIL OF SENIOR CLUBS, INC.

The Estuary Council of Senior Clubs, Inc. celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year has a mission of maximizing independence and the dignity and quality of life for the 11,100+ seniors, age sixty and over, in the Estuary Region. We provide a hot lunch program at the American Legion Hall in Clinton Monday - Friday. All seniors in the Estuary Region are welcome at the M. Monica Eggert Senior Center in Old Saybrook to participate in activities, classes, exercise and programs. Funding for our programs comes through grants from the Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging from the Federal Older Americans Act, and the State of CT, the nine Estuary towns, donations from clients and the Estuary fundraising activities. Fundraising efforts included: in November/December we had a Craft Boutique and Raffle, Annual Fund Drive in the spring, and the Thrift Shop is open six days a week. Without our strong volunteer core, most of what we do would not be possible. Volunteers deliver meals on wheels, assist at the five congregate meal sites, staff the Thrift Shop and the office, and donate their time and talents as Board members, crafters and drivers. Our monthly newsletter, the Gazette goes to over 5,100 households.

The Estuary Board is made up of representatives from each of the clubs as well as members at large. Board Members who live in Clinton are Lillian LaPointe, Frances Machia and Betty LaPorta.

Clinton residents received the following services in the ECSC fiscal year July 1, 1999- June 30, 2000:

- 1296 Hot lunch meals at the congregate sites
- 1558 Homebound meals (Meals on Wheels)
- 1102 Dial-A-Ride transportation to medical appointments, shopping, meal site, beauty parlor, pharmacy, bank, etc. and Estuary Outpatient Medical Transportation
- 613 Gazette monthly newsletter's mailed monthly
- 2800 Information and Referral Services
- 534 Support Services - counseling and benefits, support groups
- 632 Preventative Health education and Health screens
- 1423 Recreational, Educational and Exercise activities
- 202 Entertainment, Programs, Tax Assistance and other

The Estuary provides a medical loan closet (walkers, wheel-chairs, bedside commodes, shower chairs), Senior ID'S, nutritional counseling, and a place for senior organizations and groups to meet, exercise, play, learn and socialize. Breakfast is served at the Eggert Senior Center 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday and a Saturday brunch from 8 a.m. to noon. We are open to the public and encourage the elderly to bring their families for a meal and families to bring their elderly here to introduce them to our programs. We collaborate with other agencies in the community to provide a continuum of services and holistic programs. We sincerely appreciate the funds the residents of the town of Clinton allocate to allow us to match our grant money for meals, rides, benefits counseling and preventative health. If it is about seniors, call the Estuary at 388-1611. Thank you!

*Sherre M. Jackson, MSW, executive director*

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Authority members are Faith Fisher, Edward O'Brien, Gordon Folson, John Neri, Janet Schrensky, Chairman, and Marjorie Kreschollek, Executive Director.

This year the roofs on the remaining half of the apartments were replaced. We also installed a Generation Plant that turns on exterior lighting and heats and illuminates the Community Room in case of a power failure. We have applied for a grant from the State of Connecticut to enable us to replace twenty-eight water heaters and replace the driveway and rear doorsteps.

We are also starting a dialogue with the State in regard to more grants to enable us to get more units. These projects will make our commitment to the Town and Townspeople who are in need of more affordable housing for the elderly. The Town fathers have been trying to help with this problem and the Authority appreciates all their efforts.

*Janet Schrensky, chairman*

## MEDICAL OUTPATIENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Since 1973, MOTS has continued to meet the needs of Clinton residents. Providing service to medical appointments for residents without means of transportation, MOTS drives to local medical facilities including all area hospitals. We maintain a staff of six drivers and two vehicles. Drivers are always needed and donations are much appreciated.

The spirit of cooperation between MOTS and providers has encouraged the growth and success of a vital service. MOTS can be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Transportation arrangements may also be made by calling 669-6016.

*Anne M. Schmid, coordinator*

## SELECTMEN'S TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Funding in the amount of \$3,105 for projects developed and sponsored by the Task Force is provided by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action council provides a staff liaison. This committee works as a community partnership to address issues related to the reduction of abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Five successful and diverse programs were accomplished:

- Twenty-five high school students attended a Jamboree facilitated by the Rushford Center, Inc.
- Thirty coaches and other adult role models were trained through "Right Steps to Sports".
- Peer Puppeteers of Eliot Middle School were able to expand their project that entertains while teaching students about the consequences of substance abuse.
- "The Family Connection" hosted with Parks and Recreation Department highlighted the importance of parents' participation in their children's activities.
- Eliot students had the opportunity to participate in 10 sessions focusing on relationship building and self esteem staffed by CYFSB.

The Task Force meets quarterly and welcomes community members' participation. For those interested in working toward the prevention of substance abuse and high-risk behavior, please call Barbara Small, Clinton Youth and Family Service Bureau, 669-1103.

*James M. McCusker, Jr., first selectman*

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – RECREATION

## SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Social Service continues to respond to families and individuals requesting assistance. Financial and medical help is available to residents for State and Federal programs through the application process.

The Husky Program provides for children and ConnPace for elderly individuals.

The Energy Program helped over 300 families with heating and fuel costs last winter. The food pantry and clothing room is available to all residents.

Sincere thanks to the Clinton churches, local organizations and businesses, and also individual benefactors who donate money, food and clothing to our special fund. A community effort has provided assistance to many residents and families in temporary need.

*Anne M. Schmid, assistant to director*

## YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU

The bureau is a multi-service agency which provides a broad spectrum of services to youth, families and the community. The ability to meet individual and community needs is greatly enhanced by our partnerships with other local and regional providers.

Summer enrichment programs piqued the interests of 60 youths from camping to photography, gardening and “Summer Partners”, a mentoring program.

Morgan Peer Advocates and Peer Mediators a collaborative program of Morgan and CYFSB staff demonstrated the students’ energy, dedication and enthusiasm. “Awareness Week” held in March was a highlight of these programs.

Diverting youth from the juvenile justice system, addressing the issue at a community level once again proves effective. Twelve youths met with the Juvenile Diversion Board committee, Youth Officer and CYFSB. Youths were provided with alternative consequences performed at the local level.

The director co-chaired the Community Violence Prevention Committee with the Superintendent of Schools. Results of the research conducted and recommendations were forwarded to the Governor. Assets and gaps in town were assessed.

Individual and family counseling is a significant component of the Bureau’s service delivery system. Over 200 residents received services this year. This service is available to residents at no cost.

The Bureau also receives funding for specific projects from the State Department of Education, Department of Children and Families, Department of Social Services and Department of Mental Health and Addictive Services.

Hours are 9:00 to 4:00p.m. Monday through Friday, on a flex schedule with evening appointments available.

*Barbara S. Small, director*

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Park and Recreation Commission/Department completed the installation of a playground at the Indian River Recreation Complex, at 201 Killingworth Turnpike, Route 81, Clinton, CT. This facility is part of the original 47 acres secured via Town referendum. The facility includes three soccer fields (one with lights), a 90-foot baseball diamond (with lights), a 1.3 mile walking trail, a new administrative building, which houses the office of the Park and Recreation Department, fishing along the Indian River banks and future site of a pavilion and additional playground equipment. This facility is utilized by the Clinton School Systems Athletic program and many other organizations: The Clinton Youth Soccer Program, Clinton Little League, American Legion Baseball League, Babe Ruth League, 40+ and 50+ Soccer Leagues, just to name a few. We greatly appreciate everything everyone has contributed to this project.

We continue to maintain and make improvements on existing facilities – Peters Recreational Complex, Clinton Town Beach, Hesers Pond and the second floor of the Academy Building.

We produced two more musicals: “Babes In Arms” (Summer 1999) and “A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum” (Fall 1999), both directed by John Lampe, with actors and crew of volunteers from Clinton and surrounding Towns and sponsored by the Clinton Park and Recreation Family Theatre Group. Two more productions are planned for next year.

The Park and Recreation Department continues to work with the Clinton Youth and Family Service Bureau in scheduling programs for our youth during school vacations and the Summer months. We also provided movie nights at the Clinton Town Beach during the Summer months, free of charge. This has become one of largest growing programs over the past five years.

Our program participation continues to grow in all areas. We rely heavily on volunteers to coach teams, build sets for our shows, make costumes, etc. Without these volunteers, our programs would not be possible.

We continue to look for additional space for the development of more recreational facilities, whenever possible. We are very fortunate to have two of the best facilities along the Shoreline: The Indian River Recreation Complex and The Peters Recreational Complex.

### 1999 - 2000 PROGRAMS AND ENROLLMENTS

#### Summer Programs:

Fun Camp – 76	Top Notch Clinic - 43
Girl’s Hoop Clinic – 29	Swimming Lessons - 20
Volleyball Clinic – 38	MLS Camp - 38
Summer Soccer Camp – 56	Pre-School - 43
Tennis Lessons – 60	Taekwondo - 27
Field Hockey – 16	Arts & Crafts – 39
Buddies Corner Trip – 71	Oakdale Trip – 48
Boys’ Basketball – 21	

In most cases more than one session is offered and participants usually enroll in more than one.

#### Other Programs:

Little People’s Program (Sept. – June) – 444 total attendance visits

*This is a drop – in program*

Boy’s Hoop (Sept. – Oct.): 15 boys grades 6-7-8.

Girl’s Hoop (Sept. – Oct.): 16 girls in grade 6-7-8.

Taekwondo Lessons (Sept. – June): 136 boys and girls.

Power Volleyball (Sept. – May): 100 men and women

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Coed Volleyball (Sept. – June): 125 men and women.  
 Jazzercise (Sept. – June): 203 participants, six-week sessions offered during the year.  
 Fall Soccer (Sept. – Nov.): 480 boys and girls, 32 teams.  
 5- & 6- Year Old Soccer Program (Sept. – Oct.): 90 boys & girls  
 Men’s Basketball (Nov. – March): open gym.  
 Boy’s High School Hoop (Nov.): 36 participants.  
 Youth Basketball (Nov. – March): 370 players, 40 teams, 17 girls teams & 23 boy teams.  
 Girl’s Volleyball Clinic, Grades:6-7-8 (March): 19 participants  
 Indoor Soccer (Jan. – March) : clinic/practice sessions.  
 D.E.P. Safe Boating Course (March – June): 89 participants.  
 Girl’s Softball League (April – June): 66 girls in grades 1-3, 6 teams.  
 Spring Soccer League: 222 boys and girls, 13 teams.  
 Arts and Crafts: 112 boys and girls grades Pre-K to 5.  
 Cartooning Classes: 18 boys and girls  
 MARC Exercise Class: 12 participants  
 Travel Basketball: 68 boys and girls, 6 teams

Our programs are self-supporting through the activity revolving fund (ARF) based mainly on program fees.

*Harold D. Swaun, chairman*

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber hosted its ninth annual business expo at the town hall, utilizing the auditorium as well as the downstairs facilities, with restaurants and more than 60 businesses participating. The chamber sponsored a series of free summer concerts at the Vece Gazebo, a free concert by the U.S. Coast Guard Band, quarterly business breakfast meetings, business-after-hours networking opportunities, a breakfast question and answer session with state and local representatives, and the continued publication of the *Community Guide*. It also publishes a monthly newsletter, distributed to all local businesses. The Dollars for Scholars Committee awarded two \$500 scholarships. Jennifer Halliday and David R. Ginter from The Morgan School were the award recipients.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce and The Shoreline Community Women co-hosted their Second Annual Bluefish 5K Road Race in August as a joint fund-raising project. The race was a resounding success, attracting more than 275 runners. The second annual Business-to-Community Partnership Award was given to Unilever HPC-USA for their countless in-kind as well as financial contributions to the Clinton community. It was noted that over the years, civic organizations, the town, the schools, and charitable private organizations have all been recipients of Unilever’s generosity. Clinton resident Hugh (Oscar) Allen was awarded the 19th Annual Award of Distinction for Public Service for his outstanding volunteer efforts to the Clinton community, most notably his donated time to the Clinton Fire Department. The first annual “Best Foot Forward Award” was given to Robert McNamara for the beautification and restoration of the former Clinton National Bank Building on Post Office Square.

The chamber office is located at 50 East Main Street and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 for information and assistance. The web site is [clintonct.com](http://clintonct.com) and E-mail may be sent to the office at [chamber@clintonct.com](mailto:chamber@clintonct.com).

*Ellen Cavanagh, executive director*

## HENRY CARTER HULL LIBRARY

The year 2000 marked the ninetieth anniversary of public library service in the town of Clinton and the library’s second year in its new facility. During the past year the library achieved the highest annual circulation in its history. Public internet access was initiated in September 1999 and by the end of the fiscal year was so high that the library was offering six public workstations in the Reference area and an additional three in the Children’s Room. The library also offered a series of introductory internet courses geared towards senior citizens. An additional evening, Wednesday, was added to the library’s schedule starting in July. Also, the new reading garden, located off the children’s room, was officially opened to the public in the spring of 2000.

The annual Library Gala, a fundraising event, was held in September of 1999 and was attended by more than 175 people. The Gala was hosted by Ann Nyberg, the WTNH anchor woman, and James M. McCusker, Jr., Clinton’s First Selectman. The event featured food, beverages, music, dancing and a silent auction.

The library celebrated National Library Week in April with Midnight Madness, an evening of family-oriented programs offering lectures, music, games, and a poetry slam.

The theme of last summer’s Reading Program was Pirates and 577 youngsters, a record number, participated in the reading game. Prior to the start of the program, the Children’s Room sponsored a kick-off party which was attended by over 300 residents.

The circulation figures for 1999 reflect only 10 months of circulation since the library was closed during the months of July and August.

Circulation Figures	1999	2000
<b>Adult Print Materials</b>		
Fiction .....	26,017	36,268
Nonfiction .....	23,695	29,562
Periodicals .....	2,246	3,027
Total .....	51,958	68,857
<b>Children Print Materials</b>		
Fiction .....	44,922	54,813
Nonfiction .....	18,945	20,782
Periodicals .....	332	584
Total .....	64,199	76,179
<b>TOTAL PRINT MATERIALS .....</b>	<b>116,157</b>	<b>145,036</b>
<b>Adult Nonprint Materials</b>		
Books on tape .....	15,929	20,081
Compact discs (musical) .....	6,780	9,024
Video cassettes .....	34,524	49,125
Miscellaneous .....	82	
Total .....	57,315	78,230
<b>Children Nonprint Materials</b>		
Books on tape .....	1,450	1,854
Compact discs .....		73
Video cassettes .....	12,814	18,100
Miscellaneous .....	41	
Total .....	14,305	20,027
<b>TOTAL NONPRINT MATERIALS .....</b>	<b>71,620</b>	<b>98,257</b>
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION .....</b>	<b>187,777</b>	<b>243,293</b>

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## Cardholders (active only)

Adults .....	5,559	5612
Children .....	1,938	2035
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>7,497</b>	<b>7,647</b>

## The Collection

### Print Materials

Adult books .....	24,444	27,185
Children's books .....	14,891	16,060
Periodical Subscriptions .....	120	130
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>39,455</b>	<b>43,375</b>

### Nonprint Materials

Videocassettes .....	3,442	4,147
Books on tape .....	2,202	3,087
Compact discs (musical) .....	1,080	1,224
Miscellaneous .....	48	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>7,708</b>

TOTAL INVENTORY .....	46,227	51,083
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## Internet Use

Number of public internet sessions (½ hour each) provided to the public .....		3,183
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## Library Sponsored Programs

	No. of Programs	Attendance
Children .....	116	3,365
Adult .....	9	1,015
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4,380</b>

## Communications

Telephone ..... 669-2342  
 FAX ..... 669-8318  
 E-mail ..... thehchlibrary@ren.com

## Hours

Monday ..... 12:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
 Tuesday ..... 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday ..... 9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
 Thursday ..... 12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
 Friday ..... 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
 Saturday ..... 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## Board of Trustees

Stephen Lillquist, *president*  
 Marjorie Calvert, *vice president*  
 Richard Dauer, *treasurer*

Dolores Johnston, Stephen Lillquist, Patrick McKiernan, Patricia Gordon, Anne Mikus, Ethelene DiBona, Elizabeth Herbst, William Comeau, and Harold Goberman

The board of trustees meets on the second Wednesday of most months. Those interested in attending should call the director for time, place and agenda.

*Gary Cummings, director*

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission continued work on the Study Report for the creation of the Kenilworth Harbor Historic District, a local historic district proposed for Waterside Lane and a small portion of East Main Street. The proposed district would abut the existing Liberty Historic District. A draft of the Study Report was distributed and property owners were advised of the study.

In addition, the Commission is looking to place a replica of the Benjamin Franklin Milestone Marker on the site where the original marker (now located in the Museum Room) was located, a bit east of Town Hall on East Main Street. It is hoped that a brownstone replica and explanatory marker could be erected within the next fiscal year.

There was one application received during 1999/2000 for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

*Nancy Taubman, chairman*

## CATV ADVISORY COUNCIL

**CATV Council V** is organized according to statute to serve the customers of the franchise which serves the towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Durham, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

CATV V was once again selected to represent CATV councils in the 2000 update of "Local Government Cooperative Ventures in Connecticut" which is a report by the Connecticut Advisory Commission on the Intergovernmental Relations. In that document it is referred to as Comcast Cablevision Advisory Board of Clinton.

The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November in the CRERPA Conference Room, 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook CT 06475. The schedule is posted with the Secretary of State and with the appropriate Town Clerks. Members are reminded of meetings by receiving the agenda accompanied by the minutes of the previous meeting approximately one week prior to each meeting. The agenda is given to the media and a notice of the meeting often appears in the calendar section of local papers. All meetings are open to the public. Customers who call or write the Council with concerns are encouraged to attend the next meeting.

The Council functions within the confines of a set of bylaws, which were established when the Council was reconvened in 1984 and amended from time to time. Officers are elected in September and include Chairman Charles O'Donnell of Essex, Vice Chairman Kingman Snow of Old Saybrook, Secretary Patricia Coleman of Haddam and Treasurer Elizabeth Siegel of Clinton.

Comcast was represented by Steve Grossman who managed the Clinton, Middletown and Groton franchises until he left the company to return to the Boston area. The Company is now represented by Vice President Thomas Coughlin.

Recently, there has been a renewed interest in Distance Learning. The franchise encompasses three local systems and three regional school districts and part of a fourth district. The towns in the partial district are served by two Comcast Franchises. The Council often serves as a forum for the discussion of both technical and diplomatic problems involving both the Company and a consortium of school superintendents.

The Council is in good financial health. The Council contracts with CRERPA for administrative services, which includes receipt of correspondence from customers. The cost does not seriously diminish the treasury and the Council is still investigating various

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ways to enhance public access capability. SNET no longer attends meetings but it does still contribute financially.

The 1999-2000 representatives were Howard Kaplan, Dawn Williams & Vice Chairman Karen Rice of Chester; William Calvert, William Comeau & Treasurer Elizabeth Siegel of Clinton; Jason Lathrop For District IV Board of Education, Deep River; Edward Hall & Chris Soulias of Durham; Chairman Charles O'Donnell from Centerbrook & Bruce Lawson of Essex; Secretary Patricia Coleman of Haddam; Walter Albrecht for Killingworth; Lon Seidman, Westbrook Board of Education; Muriel Shemonsky & Reverend Edward C. Goetz for Old Saybrook; Mary McCabe, Reverend Robert L. Mathis & Allan Johnson for Westbrook.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society is pleased to report the completion of the George Flynn Library which contains the Clinton town archives, photographs, family histories, maps and includes The Clinton Recorder from 1895-1980 on microfilm. The library, under the leadership of Fran Gilman, is located in the rear of "Old Brick", 103 East Main Street, and is open on Wednesday from 9 AM to 4 PM, or by appointment.

The Society's Museum Room at Town Hall is open year round on Friday from 2-4 PM and Monday through Friday from 2-4 PM in July and August. The Captain Elisha White House at 103 East Main Street is open Saturday and Sunday in the summer from 2-4 PM.

Christy Pontillo was elected president at the annual meeting in May to fill the unexpired term of Jane Carlson. Society programs have included Police Chief Joseph Faughnan speaking on the history of the Clinton Police Department and a joint meeting of the Killingworth and Clinton Societies featuring First Selectman David LeVasseur's fascinating talk on Killingworth and/or Clinton early history with especial reference to the Revolution.

Nick Bellantoni, Connecticut State Archaeologist, supervised "digs" on the grounds of "Old Brick" resulting in a number of finds including a penny dated 1797. Participating in the "digs" were students from Keith Dauer's class at Morgan High School. Dr. Bellantoni reported on the findings at a well-attended April meeting. In July Norman Thomas Marshall in a one-man show brought "The Saga of John Brown and His Trumpet of Freedom" to life in the garden of "Old Brick". A remarkable presentation!

Other activities included the annual Antiques and Collectibles Auction with society member and professional auctioneer, Joseph Kabe, conducting the auction assisted by Edward Lang as auction chairman. A preview Wine and Cheese party, chaired by Elaine Godowsky, was held for members only with Barbara Evans heading up a Silent Auction. A Memorial Day parade open house was held at "Old Brick" with its customary and anticipated plant and bake sale under the direction of Garden Chairmen Trudie Stannard and Lucy Elliot. The Society takes pride in the many local gardens that owe much of their beauty to Historical Society perennials. The annual Christmas Luncheons were held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with thanks to Ceil MacSweeney. The society also participated in Christmas in Clinton serving punch and mulled cider to many visitors at "Old Brick".

The Society welcomes new members. Interested persons may call 669-6059 or 669-5050. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings and to stroll "Old Brick" gardens.

*Christy Pontillo, president*

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Once again the Board of Education was gratified by the passing of the school budget on the first referendum as the Town of Clinton continues to display a commitment to education for its young people. The Science rooms at The Morgan School, as well as fire alarm system updates system wide, were completed through the fine efforts of the Town Building Committee, also under their direction is a new Library Media Center Project at Pierson School.

Dr. Thérèse G. Fishman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, moved on to assume the superintendency of Stafford Public Schools. Additionally, a number of staff members retired and new staff members were brought into the system.

Our participation in the alternative High School "Directions," overseen by LEARN, completed its first year. The 10-year High School Accreditation Process was successful with superlative effort put forth by all staff members who contributed numerous hours toward that goal.

The Board of Education remains thankful for the support of education shown by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and its townspeople. We anticipate continued growth in excellence in Education for Clinton Public Schools under the direction of Mr. Albert Coviello.

*Deborah T. Grass, chair*

### ENROLLMENT FIGURES, OCTOBER 1

GRADE	10/1/97	10/1/98	10/1/99
Prekindergarten	32	33	26
Kindergarten	146	154	158
Grade one	213	167	163
Grade two	196	191	162
Grade three	171	190	190
Grade four	189	177	194
Grade five	171	187	171
Grade six	184	156	180
Grade seven	180	175	163
Grade eight	186	178	169
Grade nine	160	183	178
Grade ten	166	154	183
Grade eleven	162	166	152
Grade twelve	151	156	149
Total	2307	2267	2238

### ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	10/1/97	10/1/98	10/1/99
Joel School (pre-K-3)	758	735	699
Pierson School (4-5)	360	364	365
Eliot School (6-8)	550	509	512
Morgan School (9-12)	639	659	662
Total	2307	2267	2238

### 2000 SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES

	VERBAL		MATH	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Male average	508	509	520	534
Female average	507	521	503	518
Class average	508	511	512	526
CT average	510	508	509	509
U.S. average	505	505	511	514

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## NUMBER OF STUDENTS SCORING IN SAT CATEGORIES

	VERBAL				MATH			
	MALE		FEMALE		MALE		FEMALE	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
750-800	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	2
700-740	1	0	3	1	0	3	0	1
650-690	3	5	0	3	5	6	3	3
600-640	10	3	4	12	8	5	9	5
550-590	8	10	9	9	11	11	5	14
500-540	11	13	11	11	12	11	7	14
450-490	9	9	10	11	14	9	14	9
400-440	14	7	7	7	9	5	9	8
350-390	7	6	7	8	4	2	5	4
300-340	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	3
250-290	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
200-240	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### MASTERY TEST RESULTS

Percentage of students reaching excellence standard state goals

GRADE	MATH		READING		WRITING	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Grade 4	54%	57%	52%	63%	48%	45%
Grade 6	48%	56%	75%	73%	51%	61%
Grade 8	50%	62%	64%	71%	70%	68%

### 2000 NEW OFF-LEVEL MASTERY TEST

	% Meeting Goal		
	Grade 3	Grade 5	Grade 7
Reading .....	67%	49%	74%
Writing .....	29%	34%	76%
Math .....	76%	64%	49%

### “No School” Announcements

In the event of bad weather which prohibits safe arrival of students and their safe return home, school will be cancelled. On such days, information regarding the closing of school may be secured from the following:

AM Radio	FM Radio	Television
WDRC 1360	WDRC 102.9	WTNH Channel 8
WELI 960	WEZN 99.9	WVIT Channel 30
WLIS 1420	WKSS 95.7	WFSB Channel 3
WTIC 1080	WPLR 99.1	
WAVZ 1300	WTIC 96.5	
WSNG 610	WWYZ 92.5	
WWCO 1240	KC101	

All announcements will be made by 6: 45 AM.

Health policies remain the same.

## CLASS OF 2000 GRADUATES

CHRISTINA R. APPEBY	BRANDY NOREEN HOTKOWSKI
ERIK DANIEL ARMANDO	GEORGE C. ILSE
ELEN M. BAILEY	SHADI M. JALIL
KARLA GABRIELA BARZALLO	STEPHANIE L. JOHNSON
JENNIFER BATISTA	LINDSAY A. JONES †
JOSEPH MICHAEL BATTISTA	ALEXIS JENNIFER KEENEY
DAVID BEAUCHAMP	JAMES M. KINNEY JR.
DEVIN BECKER	JENNIFER KOSKY
SARAH LATIFAH BOOKER	DIANE KOZLOWSKI †
GERALD P. BRASILE	MATTHEW B. KREISER †
MELISSA LYNN BRINLEY	ELISHA CHEVONNE LAWRIE
PETER I. BROCKETT III	VINNY LOGIUDICE
ELIZABETH LYNN BROOKS **	MEGAN E. LUNDGREN †
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NGA T. A. BUI †	JARED MACKENZIE
JENNIFER A. BULGINI	LAURA M. MALONE †
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JOHN GARRETT CARLOUGH †	JUSTIN MERRILL
WILLIAM H. R. DEL CARLSON JR.	THOMAS L. MERRILL
KENNETH W. CARTER	SARAH CATHERINE MIKUS †
TRISTEN J. CAVANAUGH	RYAN ROBERT MILLS
BRIAN CHAPMAN	VERONICA ERIN MORELLI
ANTHONY P. CIMINO	ROBERT MORIARTY
GREGORY P. COMISKEY	JAMES G. NORRIE JR.
ANTHONY CONKLING	JANNETTE NOVY †
KELLY SUSAN COUGHLIN	ANNE MARIE O'KEEFE †
SEAN R. COWAN	RAULEE ORTIZ
LYNN A. CUNNINGHAM	LAUR-A MAE OSKWAREK †
JUDITHA MARIE D'ALESSIO	HECTOR OTERO
JONATHAN EDWARD DANCE †	DELIA E. PACKTOR
TERI DEEDE	JULIO ANGEL PAGAN
KEVIN JAMES DOROTHY	NOELLE M. PALLOTTO
MELISSA ANNE DEST †*	JORDYN L. PARADIS †
THEODORE DOMINIC DOUCETTE	MELISSA J. PARSONS
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT DOYLE	MINAL PATEL †
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STEPHANIE N. FANELLI †	SAMUEL PLANE
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MARGIE FENNIMORE	AMY ELIZABETH RAWDEN
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MEGHAN ELIZABETH FOGG	KEN S. ROBERTS
GARRETT EVAN FOX	AMBER JEANNE ROBINSON
AMANDA NICHOLE FUNK	JOSHUA AIRES RODRIGUES
DUSTIN WAYNE GAGE	MICHAEL K. ROSA **
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KATHLEEN NOLAN HANAFIN	LUTHER EVANS STUHLMAN †
CHRISTOPHER HANDY	JESSE D. THOMPSON
VICTORIA L. HANNON	DEREK TORRE
BRIAN HARGREAVES	JESSE TURNER
LISEN CAREY HARRIS †	MIKE VECE †
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\*\* January Graduate

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Excellent schools are achieved through the concerted, dedicated, and focused efforts of students, parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, and the community-at-large. When one looks at a broad range of indicators of success, one can be very proud of the Clinton Public Schools. Our students continue to receive many awards and scholarships, are accepted at a high rate into colleges and universities, enter the work force being well prepared, and are active in community service. Our schools take pride in fostering a sense of involvement through community service in our students. The Morgan School can be proud of its being recognized by The Governor's Coalition On Youth Service as one of only twenty public or private schools for its Volunteer Service Program. Joanna Whitney, a June graduate of Morgan, also was honored by being named a State Silver Award winner (one of only ten in Connecticut) for her work organizing and working with the school's Tolerance and Diversity Committee. These honors followed on the heels of the Jared Eliot School's being recognized by the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities as the recipient of the 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award in the Group Category. These achievements are not the results of one school or one teacher. They are not the results of an isolated program or activity. They are the results of a solid, comprehensive, planned kindergarten to twelfth grade program that works with parents and the community to produce schools that strive for excellence. We want to be known as the community where excellence and education are synonymous.

The revised Physical Education curriculum was completed. The philosophy and goals have been approved to set the groundwork for the Language Arts and Computer Technology curricula both of which will be revised during the 2000-01 school year. Since curriculum must be reviewed on a periodic basis, we have a five-year plan to insure that every curricular area is up-dated and matched to the latest requirements. In order to insure that our teaching staff is prepared to implement curriculum changes, we offer staff development activities to all affected teachers so that they understand the changes and are trained in the latest instructional strategies.

Jordyn Paradis and Joanna Whitney from The Morgan School and Carolyn Hale and Kristen Malaro from Jared Eliot School were named as the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents award recipients for 1998-99 school year. These awards are based on community service, service to others, academic prowess, and leadership.

Richard Yoho, an Art teacher, at The Morgan School was selected as Clinton's "Teacher of the Year." Rosemary Hawes, the payroll secretary in the Central Office, was chosen as the "Classified Employee of the Year." Asif "John" Hussaini, owner/operator of *Subway* in Clinton was selected as the "Business Person of the Year" for the Clinton Public Schools.

The project to convert the "card catalogues" and the circulation systems of the media centers in all four schools is practically completed. The last piece of the project will be to link the schools' libraries with the Henry Carter Hull Library, and this will take place in the near future. This project was funded in part by the Morgan Trust.

The renovation of the science rooms at The Morgan School was completed. Through this project and the extra efforts of the Town's Building Committee, we were able to convert a section of the media center into an up-to-date Science/Technology Laboratory. The fire safety alarm up-grading at all four schools was

completed. The plans for the media center addition were approved and work on that project continues to move forward. It is anticipated that we will "put the shovel in the ground" during the fall of 2000 and complete this project within the year. We also are moving forward with plans to replace the portable classrooms at Joel. These "temporary" classrooms are well beyond their planned life expectancy of twenty years. The Board of Education would like to express its deep appreciation to the members of the Town Building Committees who have worked so tirelessly to improve the state of our school facilities.

At the conclusion of the 1999-2000 school year, several veteran educators retired from service. Those educators are as follows with the number of years employed in the Clinton Public Schools listed in parentheses: Frederic Bechtel (34), Karen McGuire (30), and Richard Yoho (32). In addition, Jan Tubbs retired as the director of our foods services program.

*Albert A. Coviello, superintendent of schools*

## SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Special Services Division of the Clinton Public Schools successfully implemented systemwide programs to meet the needs of students with disabilities, reading delays, limited English proficiency and intellectual gifts and talents. The new school year began at the end of June, 1999, with a five-week special education summer school program held at the Lewin G. Joel School. A special needs preschool class, a Learning Center class and a Learning Strategies academic skills program with related services of speech and language, occupational and physical therapy services were implemented for the school district's most educationally needy students. In addition, several outplaced special education students continued their educational programs at LEARN and ACES, and students participated in the Adult Vocational Program (AVP) based in Chester.

Professional development opportunities were offered to Pupil Personnel staff on Functional Behavioral Assessments prior to the start of school. Selected staff were trained in the use of Extend Ear and Sound Field Amplification Systems which assist students with hearing impairments and Central Auditory Processing Disorders to be appropriately integrated into general education classrooms. Throughout the school year staff inservice training was provided in the areas of assistive technology including augmentative communication devices, functional sign language, Multisensory Language Reading approaches, classroom management and strategies for safely managing students with behavioral challenges. A significant number of workshops were conducted for staff on the many new guidelines which were published by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

The Joel Prescreening Reading Committee successfully completed its first year as an oversight team for improving early literacy skills of kindergarten and first grade students. As an Action Team promoting the goals of the Joel School Reading Plan, the committee designed reading screening assessments, collated assessment results, provided teacher training, implemented reading interventions for students at risk for reading failure and evaluated the results of post-testing. The outcome of the focused efforts of the committee in collaboration with the classroom teachers and related services specialists was an increased level of literacy skills for all kindergarten and first grade students.

A number of successful parenting skills training programs were facilitated by school staff members this school year. School



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psychologist Mary Grazioso offered two courses for parents, "Siblings Without Rivalry" and Stephen Glenn's "Developing Capable People". In the spring, a team of Joel School staff members made a panel presentation to parents of preschool children, "Building Blocks to Success". Parents also were invited to attend workshops on assistive technology when parent training was a component of special education students' Individualized Education Programs.

Darlene Weitzman, Assistant Director of Special Services, and Jim Snow, Pierson School Principal, co-taught the CSDE BEST program course conducted for all new teachers and mentoring teachers in the Clinton Schools. The training course received accolades from all participants as an exceptional professional development opportunity.

The Clinton Schools was recently awarded a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education to fund a part time Student Assistance Counselor at the Eliot Middle School. The counselor will work together with the Eliot staff to provide social skills training to at-risk students in collaboration with an Outdoor Education course at Deer Lake Camp, parenting skills training and staff training in effective student management skills.

During the 2000-2001 school year the staff of the Special Services Division will focus on a number of districtwide initiatives including staff training in the effective use of verbal de-escalation techniques with students who are demonstrating unsafe behaviors. LEARN's regional Alternative High School program for at-risk secondary students will be evaluated. The school staff will continue to incorporate computer technology into the curriculum. The school district will prepare for the CSDE Program Compliance Review of Special Education and Compensatory Education (Title I ) Programs to be conducted in 2001.

*Janet Brisson, director*

## LEWIN G. JOEL, JR. SCHOOL

"Educating Everyone Takes Everyone". That is the motto of Joel School and it certainly expresses the kind of parent and community involvement that we seek as we educate students here at Joel.

Lewin G. Joel School serves identified preschool children and children and their families in grades K-3. We have now completed our fourth year of a very successful multi-age K-1 program. This unique program creates a rich, literate environment for our youngest students. In grades two and three we offer three placement options to students. Parents may select traditional, looping or integrated day/multi-age programs for their children.

This year began with eight new certified staff and one new Assistant Principal. With so many new faces, learning and growing together was a recurrent theme. In addition to all of the new staff, we began to implement the new Reading Actin Plan, a Crisis Plan, and had a new fire alarm system installed.

Reading, Mathematics, Safety, and Communication were all areas of special emphasis this year. The Reading Action Plan was implemented. As part of this plan, a K-1 prescreening instrument was developed and revised. This instrument is being used to identify at-risk kindergarten and first graders. Identified students then receive extra support in one of three ways: "TLC" one-to-one reading assistance, phonemic training in class from a speech/language teacher, and or rhymes and chants instruction in class from a special education teacher. In addition, all K-1 teachers are emphasizing pre reading and early literature instruction by using many of the techniques and strategies that they have learned from

Jean Clidas, Pat Pavelka, Geri Andrew and other specialist-in early reading instruction. At the second and third grade level, students identified as being at risk for reading failure were identified and received consistent daily small group instruction. Classroom teachers also emphasized the acquisition of before, during and after reading strategies. DRP's were administered in the fall and again in the spring as one measure of assessing progress. Reading growth for many students was impressive.

We were fortunate to have Betsy Carter and Maria Bulson work with our staff and students in the area of mathematics. All work was targeted to CMT objectives. The mathematics activity books developed by staff assisted everyone, especially our newest teachers, in preparing and teaching mathematical concepts tested on the CMT. Maria offered mathematics workshops to all staff. Many new staff members benefited from her skill and knowledge. Two Family Math Nights provided parents and children the opportunity to have fun and learn about important math concepts.

Safety is always a priority, especially in a school this size. Last summer a new alarm system was installed. During the school year the system was repeatedly tested and adjusted. New, safer, exit routes were developed by the Crisis Team last year. They were completed and implemented this year. The Crisis Team also arranged for walkie-talkies and cell phones for identified key personnel in each area of the building. Student back door pass procedures and the location of the back door release was changed this year. Both changes increased the safety and security of students.

Closets and classrooms were cleaned out and halls were painted this year. We almost look like a new school! Operations and maintenance have been very responsive to our needs and requests in this area.

Joel initiated a Site-Based Council this year. Jane Cook from EastConn met with the newly formed council on four occasions to assist in the development of council by laws and an action plan. After surveying staff and parents, an action plan was developed for four areas: technology, organizational structure and communication, the physical plant, curriculum and instruction, and report card revision. We are pleased with the initial results. We now have a school based technology committee, a list of all current software, a list of recommended software, and a list of web sites for use by students, staff, or parents. Surveys were given to staff about technology training needs. Based on this survey, morning workshops were planned and will continue to be offered to staff.

During the course of this year, we identified all of the school and district committees or groups that help to accomplish District or Joel School goals. A flow chart was then developed as an initial step in improving communication among all stakeholders. A key person for each group has been identified. This person is a resource to others who are seeking information. In addition, when a group meets, they now provide administration and faculty with copies of the minutes of the meeting. One outgrowth of this committee has been to establish a calendar committee. This committee will collect meeting dates for all committees and events. Once these are mapped, Joel can begin to analyze the data for future planning of events.

During the school year administration implemented monthly meetings for new staff, Joel Jumper Home Edition for parents, a TV show, placement meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents, an information night for incoming Kindergarten parents, and a step-up day for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and for students entering traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All of these assist in keeping the channels of communication within the Joel Community open.

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Character Education continues to be an important focus at Joel. This year the Character Education Committee again emphasized the six traits all believe are important: Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Kindness, Fairness and Justice, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship. Each month one of the traits was highlighted. "We ARE All Family", and "Proud" assemblies reinforced the importance of choosing to be your best to everyone. A character education button was designed and made for everyone at Joel. The button says, "We Measure Up" and symbolizes the efforts each member of the Joel Community have made in learning to be the best they can be.

Parent/Community involvement increased at Joel this year. We were fortunate to have the assistance of many parents, Eliot students, Morgan students, seniors, and community/business members in helping out at Joel. They have filled many roles including tutoring students in reading, math, and writing and helping students develop personal relationships. They have also shared their expertise in many areas and assisted in organizing or copying materials for individual classrooms or for the office.

During the 2000 - 2001 school year we will continue to focus on Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Character Education, and Safety. The Language Curriculum Revision Committee will complete its work this year. The Mathematics Committee is reconvening. Both Committees will provide direction to staff. We are pleased with Joel's accomplishments during this past school year and look forward to continued growth and improvement.

## ABRAHAM PIERSON SCHOOL

The 1999-2000 school year at the Abraham Pierson School was aptly dubbed "The Year of Change." When the school doors swung open for the inaugural day of the new campaign, there were not only more than 180 neophytes scampering to find their new classroom homes, but also a staff that was significantly different in its character. With five former teachers having retired and six new staff members joining the Pierson Family, there was a great deal of nervous anticipation in the first few hours and days of the school year. New people certainly brought with them new ideas, an increased supply of energy, enthusiasm and idealism which was carried throughout the school year and added immensely to the overall success that the school enjoyed.

Academically, the staff remained resolute in its efforts to provide the highest quality of classroom instruction and experiences for each of the 365 Pierson students. Concentrated efforts in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics yielded improved and encouraging results on state mastery test scores across the board. Revision to the district social studies curriculum produced a more comprehensive look at the "The Constitution State" from its founding days to the present with special emphasis on its history, people, government and natural resources. Students were able to expand their academic horizons well beyond the confines of their classroom as they sojourned to the four corners of the state to explore first-hand the wonders that exist in the Nutmeg State. Collaborative efforts with neighboring colleagues in Madison opened the "Bauer Farm Experience" to many of Pierson School's classrooms as students explored the many facets of a working farm and the multiple natural habitats that surround this unique educational site. In addition, "Urban-Suburban Exchange" opportunities with peers at the Nathan Hale School in New Haven offered Pierson School students the opportunity to explore the wonders of the Elm City and the Yale University campus.

Continued collaborative efforts with Mathematics Consultant,

Dolores Vecchiarelli, and Reading Consultant, Geri Andrew, provided staff with new thoughts and approaches toward instruction of the three "R's." On an ongoing, systematic basis throughout the school year, these experts visited classrooms, observed instruction, presented model lessons, conferenced with staff and provided intensive in-service opportunities at monthly faculty meetings throughout the course of the academic year.

There were many "firsts" this year at the Pierson School. In the late fall, under the direction of staff members Robin Neuffer and Marlu Kirby, the school's first Student Council was initiated. Representatives from each of the school's seventeen homerooms worked diligently throughout the year to make the Pierson School a better and more enjoyable place for classmates and teachers.

Pierson School students also participated in national competitions entering the Continental Math League, the Language Arts Olympiad and Social Studies Olympiad. In the spirit of the Age, Pierson School students also designed the school's first web site, which opened the wonders of the school to internet visitors. As always, the highlight of the year was the annual Invention Convention. This year, sixty future Thomas Alva Edisons and Alexander Graham Bells participated. Gadgets were created, problems were solved – and creatively exhibited – truly giving everyone a wonderful picture of the talents, creativity and industry of some of Pierson School's finest minds.

## JARED ELIOT MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the month of July 1999, nine students attended a new summer school program entitled "The Institute". Students were recommended to attend the program if they had failed two or more academic subjects or exceeded acceptable attendance totals. All students successfully completed the program, but one. This student was required to repeat the first quarter of 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Eliot; then was permitted to attend Morgan for the remainder of the school year in a special education program. Prior to the start of the school year, a New Staff Orientation took place during which existing faculty and administrators welcomed new staff to the various schools. Eliot welcomed new staff members Christopher Horan (8<sup>th</sup> grade English), Charlene Best (8<sup>th</sup> grade Science), and Lauren Weihl (6<sup>th</sup> grade Science). Sarah Henninger was hired to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and Nancy Brose was hired to teach Family/Consumer Science/Fabrics during one-year child care leaves. Patricia Gordon joined the Eliot faculty as a part-time special education teacher in Learning Center I.

The District began the school year on Tuesday, August 24, 1999 with Mr. Coviello, Superintendent, welcoming all new and returning faculty to a new school year. Building level faculty meetings followed. During the remainder of the week, all Eliot faculty participated in First Aid Training. Teachers also attended in-service training on Assessment Topics in their curricular areas, as well as a session entitled "Building Success" with two presenters from the College Board. Internet Training originally scheduled for this week was postponed due to delays in Internet access hook-ups throughout the school. (Note: Three hours of Internet training did take place in May 2000).

Five hundred and twelve students were officially enrolled at Eliot on October 1, 1999. There were 180 students enrolled in grade six, 163 in grade seven and 169 in grade eight. The school year ended with 516 students. As in past years, the Eliot students were grouped onto two teams at each grade level, consisting of four core area subject teachers and approximately 90 students. Team teachers taught English, mathematics, science, and social

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studies. All grade six teachers also taught reading. In grades seven and eight, reading was taught by the English, mathematics and science teachers only. Grade seven and eight social studies teachers taught an additional class of social studies which was literature based in format.

"Eliot After Hours", our activity based after school program, ran for three sessions of six week cycles and included programs in art, cooking, volleyball, table tennis, MATHCOUNTS, homework club, Tae Bo, games, and drama. Under the direction of Ms. Pat Mischler, the enrollment for the fall sessions alone included one hundred and twenty seven students! Interscholastic athletic programs were held in the fall, winter and spring. Boys' and girls' soccer, field hockey, boys' and girls' basketball, cheerleading, baseball and softball were offered. Informational meetings were held in September, November, and March for parents and athletes. Mr. Coviello, Superintendent; Mr. Brigockas, Athletic Director; Mr. Trainor, Principal; and coaches discussed team and school expectations.

During the 1999-2000 school year, students participated in a wide range of learning experiences outside the classroom. Included was a week of outdoor education for grade six students at Nature's Classroom in Colebrook, CT and the annual three-day grade eight trip to Washington, D.C. For the first time, the grade seven students attended a two-day, overnight experience at the W. Alton Jones Campus of the University of Rhode Island, incorporating enrichment activities using Science and Geography. Other highlights included field trips to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (Grade 6), Boston's Museum of Science and Circle Line tour around Manhattan (grade 7), and Sturbridge Village and Mystic Seaport (Grade 8). Eliot students have been fortunate to receive funding through the Morgan Trust to participate in an ongoing study of coastal, seafaring towns such as Clinton. This year, students were able to watch the finishing touches placed on the Amistad before it set sail this summer! Band and Choral students attended the Broadway musical "Phantom of the Opera" in the spring, and the eighth grade English classes attended "Les Miserables" in the fall. The seventh grade teams saw a contemporary student adaptation of "Jekyll and Hyde" at the Garde Theatre in New London, CT. Unfortunately, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the NYC Stock Exchange was postponed on October 29, 1999 because of the Yankees' World Series celebration parade; it was rescheduled for February and needed to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

This year, Eliot's Character Counts activities included the pilot of a program entitled "Project Wisdom". This program provides poignant messages which student volunteers read each morning over the PA system. The students introduced themselves, and read the script with the message for the day, which always ended with the phrase "Make it a great day. Or not. The choice is yours." This program was very well received by students and staff and led to many discussions related to the message of the day. Team 8.2 held breakfasts each quarter as a culmination to the Character Counts theme stressed that marking term. Mr. Coviello, Dr. Fishman, Mr. Trainor and Mrs. White addressed the students, teachers and large numbers of parents in the areas of caring, respect, responsibility and trust. The entire seventh grade also held quarterly breakfasts, recognizing students for outstanding attendance, exceptional improvement in their work and consistently demonstrating positive character. The Character Counts Committee researched and visited other Character Counts programs in Connecticut, ordered new materials for next year and met with students to assess the current program and needs.

During the holiday season, the Eliot students and staff demon-

strated caring and generosity by raising \$900.00 during a week-long Penny Wars and in lieu of exchanging gifts, the staff donated an additional \$900.00. Eliot Children's Fund provided an additional \$200.00, from the proceeds of the Student Holiday Gift Sale sponsored by the Peer Helpers. A donation of two hundred dollars was sent to "Warm the Children Fund" to provide new winter coats for children. An \$1,800.00 donation was made to Social Services Agency of Clinton and used to help provide food, clothing, fuel and medical/dental needs for families in Clinton during the holiday season. The Peer Helpers, along with guidance counselors, Mrs. Hill and Ms. Flori, hosted the annual "Newcomer's Breakfast" in October to assist new students in adjusting to the Clinton Public Schools. Incoming sixth graders were welcomed to Eliot during an "Open House" in August. Throughout the year, special attention is given to transitions, including the adjustments relative to moving to a new town, a new grade or school. The Peer Helpers also attended a Tri-Town Peer Helper workshop at Deer Lake in October. The Eliot Student Assistance Team (ESAT) was retrained by Woody Woodworth (Drugs Don't Work) for four days. Under the direction of Mrs. Hill, Chairperson, ESAT restructured the team's effort to help students in need. ESAT accepted referrals, formulated action plans, established groups (Girl's group after school, anger management group, study skills group) and became the vehicle for tracking students in danger of failing.

Eliot's own Laraine Scherban presented six inservice presentations relative to gifted learners and multiple intelligences. Scheduled during our regular faculty meetings, these workshops were succinct, informative and relevant. Dr. Sklaire, Clinton Health Director, trained and certified all faculty in the administration of Epi Pens. The Eliot School Safety Committee attended a district-wide informational meeting to discuss and preview the district's new Crisis and Emergency Management Plan, a copy of which was distributed to each member in the spring. Dolores Vecchiarelli, math consultant from the State Education Department, met with all six math teachers throughout the year, modeling lessons, observing, and discussing curricular options. The ongoing, in-house nature of this training was considered highly worthwhile by the participants.

Friends of Eliot continued to enrich the curriculum by sponsoring several activities. These included Tim Adriance, a Civil War reenactor, who inspired our eighth grade students with his Civil War tales, trivia, costume and gear. FOODPLAY Productions presented a series of vignettes entitled "This Is Your Life!", a dramatic, thought-provoking and entertaining approach to very important health issues. "Shakesperience Productions" presented a series of assemblies to all teams in March. The two-person ensemble presented vignettes from Shakespeare which included audience participation, along with historical information about Shakespeare's time. Four Friday night ski trips (none of which needed to be rescheduled!) to Mount Southington included 160 students. The Annual Eliot Spring Clean-Up Day was well attended and very successful. These events, as well as a number of materials requested by teachers, are supported through fund raising efforts of this dedicated group of parents and have enhanced the learning environment for the Eliot students for many years.

Eliot students participated in "Connecticut Loves to Read Day" on February 4<sup>th</sup> and "Read Across America Day" on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On both occasions all students and staff spent fifteen minutes in sustained silent reading. The hallways and classrooms were silent, with every person in sight having a book open in front of them. Eliot was successful in incorporating increasing numbers of

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parents, grandparents and townspeople into the school this year. Mrs. Smalley invited grandparents into her classes to discuss what school was like during their childhood. Team 6.1 also hosted "Day of the Greeks" and "World's Fair". Team 6.2 hosted "Medieval Magic Day" and "A Taste of Eliot". The 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams hosted Honor Roll breakfasts and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams hosted Character Counts breakfasts, both of which were very well attended by guardians and friends. The Shoreline Senior Physical Fitness Club returned to Eliot again this year and participated in an intergenerational physical fitness class with sixth graders, were provided with a tour of the school and a delicious lunch in the library. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, three Clinton Board of Education members, along with Superintendent Al Coviello visited a number of classes in progress and bravely ate lunch in the cafeteria with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. A wide variety of student talent was exhibited during the Second Annual Eliot Talent Show. Over 250 people attended and were entertained by fifteen acts. Student Council Advisors Eric Piskura and Sarah Henninger, along with mentor Ellen Luciani, worked long hours to provide this entertaining show.

Eliot students were recognized for extraordinary accomplishments throughout the school year. All students participated in the Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Bradley Stuhlman was the Eliot winner (for the second year) and competed in April in the Connecticut Geographic Bee. Meredith Dow was the Eliot Champion in the Spelling Bee competition. She represented Clinton in the Regional Spelling Bee at Southern Connecticut State University. This year's Science Fair exhibited many outstanding projects with the winners being recognized by the Board of Education as Clinton Celebrates recipients. Ali Arrigoni and Mary Goberman placed second in the Special Award Category – Metallurgy at the State Science Fair in March. Their project was entitled "Elastic Plastic Metals". Mandy Grass and Jade Reilly also took a second place for their project, "Resistance: Fact or Friction".

This year's Odyssey of the Mind team competed at Quinnipiac College in March. The team consisted of four seventh grade students: Corey Breen, Lindsey Hayes, Kristen Maccubbin and Allie Rivera and, under the direction of Mr. Rivera, performed a skit entitled "The Genie". Nicholas DeMazza and Jessica Bogucki, grade eight students, were selected to receive the Cut Above Award for demonstrating academic achievement, along with showing a concern for others in school or in the community. Special recognition was also bestowed upon grade eight students Carolyn Hale and Kristin Malaro, by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents for community service and service to others, academic prowess and leadership to the school community. The Connecticut Association of Schools' Scholar/Leader Award was presented at a special dinner banquet held at The Aqua Turf Restaurant to eighth grade students Mary Goberman and John Vergati. Twelve students each month were recognized as Students of the Month and all celebrated with their parents at Eliot's first Ice Cream Social in June.

In conclusion, Eliot Middle School is an outstanding middle school with exciting and innovative programs being continually introduced and revised. The teachers provide instruction that challenges and inspires their students, and model teamwork with their colleagues. Numerous comments from the community, including the outside presenters who have performed for our students, include that Eliot has a reputation as a great school and the students are very well behaved. Eliot enters the new millennium with renewed excitement and commitment to meet the needs of all of our students.

### THE MORGAN SCHOOL

The decennial accreditation evaluation of The Morgan School occurred in March, 2000. The Visiting Committee lauded the school for its professional culture, commitment to student learning, academic rigor, effective communications, student recognition programs, outstanding guidance programs, inclusion environment for special needs students, high levels of parent, community, and student participation in student learning programs, and a well-maintained facility.

Among the recommendations are: to develop specific learning expectations that align with the Morgan mission and Expectations for Student Learning, to review academic standards in college prep and career courses, to ensure appropriate academic rigor, to ensure that all departments have adequate instruction and support staff, implement an equipment repair program for all technology, and more appropriately fund school programs.

The faculty and staff will be developing implementation plans for improvement in 2000-2001.

The Class of 2000 completed an outstanding four years at Morgan with our impressive graduation ceremony. Prior to the graduation, seniors were honored for their academic and cocurricular achievements at the annual Awards Assembly. Of particular note are the awarding of the Giannatti Faculty Cup to Meghan Fogg and the awarding of the Principal's Cup to Jordyn Paradis.

At the graduation, senior class president Jennifer Halliday, Valedictorian Jordyn Paradis, and Salutatorian Laura Malone spoke of the years at Morgan, of their sense of community, and of their hopes and aspirations for the future.

#### **Here are some of the highlights of 1999-2000:**

Eighteen sophomores and juniors were inducted into Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica in an impressive ceremony overseen by society officers and advisors. The inductees are:

Suzanne Scofield, Laura Erickson, Martha Goettsche, Stacey Pastuszak, Derek van Wormer, Nicole Corbin Lindsey Vollhardt, Kyle Richards, Doug Leenhouts David Whalen, Ashlee Fox, Nicole Grabarek, Kathie Shedarowich, James Williams, Brian Craco, Kristina Haggerty, Jessica Ritchie, Christopher Doyle

Biology and Environmental Science teacher Ali Izadi was honored by the Middlesex County Soil and Water Conservation District of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection as their 1999 Environmental Education Teacher-of-the-Year.

Asif "John" Hussiani of Subway of Clinton and a valued supporter of the academic and athletic program at The Morgan School was honored by the Board of Education and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce as the 1999 "Business Person-of-the-Year." The Morgan School was pleased to nominate Mr. Hussiani for this much deserved honor.

The Gagnon Auditorium rang with the sweet sounds of voices and instruments as the music department presented its Fall Concert. Morgan was delighted to welcome Nancy McAllister and the Joel Chorus as guest performers. The obvious joy, bright smiles, and uplifting music warmed the auditorium filled with music lovers of all ages.

The Morgan Anti-Defamation Team (MADT) sponsored an Awareness Day on November 9, which involved the entire Morgan student body and staff.

Keynote speaker, Leif Mitchell, set the tone by asking students and staff to examine attitudes and viewpoints that exist in society. He gave examples of obvious and subtle discrimination at work

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and the impact it has on our society.

Students had a chance to select and participate in two workshops from an array of twenty-nine choices. Topics ranged from AIDS awareness, self-defense methods, date rape, sexism and the Holocaust. At the end of the day, students and staff participated in a variety of culminating activities.

A vote of thanks to MADT advisor, Beth Nadeau, and MADT student leaders Joanna Whitney, Erik Vincelette, Laura Malone, and Jordyn Paradis.

Jordyn Paradis and Joanna Whitney were presented with the 1999 CAPSS Student Leader Award at a luncheon ceremony held at the Saybrook Point Inn. Superintendent of Schools Albert Coviello praised Ms. Paradis and Ms. Whitney for their leadership skills and for the positive effect they each have had on the climate and culture of The Morgan School. Ms. Paradis and Ms. Whitney were joined by their families at this prestigious event.

Under the leadership of senior Michael Vece, students of The Morgan School participated in the "Bikes for Kids" holiday program. Students collected and repaired bicycles which were distributed to needy students in communities from New Haven to New London.

The Interact Club again sponsored the "Fill the Truck" program. Morgan students and staff joined with the citizens of Clinton in collecting foodstuffs and slightly used clothing which was distributed to folks in need in the greater Clinton area. Many thanks to advisors Vanessa Reale and Jen Honan, and student leaders Kristen Hyland and Suzanne Scofield.

Brian Burgess, Kate Goettsche, Kristina Haggerty, Amanda Ogborne, Kyle Richards, Jessica Ritchie, Marle Schmidt, Colleen Shugrue and Kyle Willets were presented their Morgan Scholar jackets at ceremonies held at a meeting of the Board of Education. Jackets were presented by Board president Deborah Grass and Superintendent of Schools Albert Coviello. The Morgan Scholar program is financially supported by Bruce Shell, Arthur Drug, Subway of Clinton, and merchants of Clinton Crossing.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Lampe, and the members of the Morgan band, Morgan chorus, and "B" natural treated an enthusiastic audience to a delightful holiday concert. "Jesu Meine Freude," "Amazing Grace," Pachelbel's "Canon," "Carol of the Bells," and "Together at Christmas" were just some of the selections that got everyone in that holiday mood. A standing ovation conveyed the appreciation of the audience for a great evening of music.

The National Art Honor Society welcomed eight new members in an induction ceremony overseen by NAHS advisor, Richard Yoho. Mr. Yoho and the present officers reviewed the membership criteria and emphasized the role and importance of art in everyone's life. Congratulations to Ken Carter, Kate Chapman, Ryan Glidden, Jessica Meriam, Tom Merrill, Matt Sambuco, Lauren Thal, and Katie Wolf.

The Morgan PEER Advocate program inducted seven new members in ceremonies held in The Morgan School library. Headed by co-advisors Jen Honan and Marla Moores, the mission of the PEER Advocate program was emphasized as was its importance in the life of Morgan. Congratulations to: Lauren Samerson, Dayna Johnson, Stephanie Rodrigues, Rebekah Hale, Samantha Wentworth, Rachael Munafo, and Chris Doyle.

Board of Education chair, Deborah Grass, Superintendent of Schools, Albert Coviello, and Morgan School Principal, William Barney, attended an award program sponsored by Liberty Bank and received a grant on behalf of The Morgan School Technology Education program. The grant will be used to purchase career exploration software.

The Millennium Ball, the annual student council semiformal, was a smashing success. Megan Sawyer, Joanna Whitney, and their committee members did a spectacular job of transforming the cafeteria into a glittering dance palace. An excellent DJ got everyone up and dancing. Kudos to Student Council president, Jordyn Paradis and advisor, Laura Luther. Many thanks to the parents and staff who chaperoned this wonderful evening.

Named as Scholar Athletes by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association: Melissa Dest and Luther Stulhman. They and their families were honored at a banquet held at the Aqua Turf Club on May 7, 2000.

Victoria Hannon and Sarah Young have been selected as Morgan's Outstanding Artists by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Ms. Hannon is being honored for her work in the visual arts and Ms. Young is being honored for her work in the performing arts. Ms. Hannon and Ms. Young received their awards on April 4, 2000.

Jerry Hanifin, General Manager of Clinton Crossing Premium Outlet, hosted a School-to-Career seminar for fifteen Morgan and fifteen Daniel Hand students. Coordinated by School-to-Career specialist, Mary Burkhardt, the students participated in workshops on interviewing, dressing for success, customer relations, and the world of work. Students who completed the course were given certificates and will receive priority hiring status at Clinton Crossing.

Congratulations to Brian Burgess, Katherine Goettsche, Melissa Middleton, Tara Rice, Jamie Ryan, and Thomas VanderMaelan upon their induction into the National French Honor Society.

**Empathy / Honor / Honesty / Wisdom / Courage / Cooperation** buttons were worn by Morgan students and staff during "Awareness Week." With a cooperative effort of Morgan PEER Advocates and Clinton Youth and Family Services Agency, the week was designed to focus attention upon issues facing teenagers—teens helping teens in areas of alcohol abuse, eating disorders, dating and date violence, sexual assault, depression, and suicide. The buttons emphasized values that students and staff were asked to adopt. Students and staff expressed satisfaction with the week.

One of the activities of Mr. Scanlon's Economics class is participation in the "Yahoo April Stock Challenge." Historically, Morgan students have done very well. But this year junior, Jason Hand, raised the standards to a new high. Jason increased the value of his "portfolio" by 223.71% in a month. In doing this, Jason finished 14th nationally out of 116,382 participants. Jason is available for consultations.

The biennial Ed Expo is always a highlight of the school year. This year was no exception. Over 1000 Clinton residents took time from a delightful early spring day to view exhibits and activities that included every grade level and every academic program. There were science experiments, interactive computer programs, musical performances, an art show, technology of all types, and outstanding examples of student work. Thanks go to the organizing committee and to Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Serenbetz.

There are no words that adequately express the joy that this year's Morgan Musical, "*The Sound of Music*," brought to every member of the audience. There are no words that adequately express the quality of the performances. The actors/actresses, stage crew, Mr. Lampe, Mrs. Harris, and Mr. Smith deserve every accolade heaped upon them. Well done!

The Morgan chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk

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conducted a wonderful “*Spirit Night*.” Running from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., hundreds of Morgan students enjoyed games, videos, video games, good food and drink, and great camaraderie proving that fun does not mean the use of controlled substances. Thanks to Morgan School Resource Officer, John Carbone, and SADD chair, Erin Emond.

Amanda Johns-Ahern and Matthew Whitbread each received a second place prize in the 18th Annual Shoreline Conference Writing Competition. Amanda was honored for her poem, “Child’s Play;” and Matthew was recognized for his humor piece, “Ricky Martin’s Adventure in China.” The program is coordinated by the Shoreline Heads of English Departments and is chaired by Jane Eriksen, Morgan’s English department head.

For the second consecutive year, students in business department chair’s Richard Scanlon’s Economics class have won a second place honor in the Hartford Courant Stock Market Game. This team competed in the Internet division and includes Tristen Cavanaugh, Greg Comiskey, and John Lacy.

Jazz and pop music are uniquely American musical genres. They reflect the many moods and faces of the nation. Both were beautifully explored and presented in the Jazz and Pop Concert under the capable leadership of John Lampe and Ray Smith. The Jazz Ensemble and Combo’s rendition of “New Orleans Jumbo-Gumbo,” “New Bossa,” and “Bill on the Grill,” showed the full range of jazz composition and improvisation. Great tunes such as “Hit That Jive Jack,” “Swing Street,” and “Lollipop,” displayed the vocal talents of Amaretto, Be Natural, and A Girl’s Night Out. It was a great evening full of great performances.

Morgan School principal, William Barney, is one of six high school principals appointed to the Commissioner of Education’s state wide task force on hazing. The charge to the principals, superintendents, counselors, and athletic directors is to develop a model policy to address this troubling issue.

Christopher Luther has been named an *Outstanding Teacher* by Radio Shack in the Radio Shack National Teacher Awards.

The Morgan School Interact Club has been selected to receive the “*Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award*” from Governor John Rowland and Education Commissioner, Dr. Theodore Sergi. The Interact Club was cited for its year long community service program and commitment to the community.

## MORGAN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

### Areas of Special Emphasis and Achievement

A large number of participants continue to fill our playing fields and gyms. A wide variety of programs for boys and girls are offered in each of the three sport seasons.

Numerous individual and team awards were received, such as All Conference, All County, All Area and All State. The Morgan School placed in the Top Ten in the Michaels Cup competition.

Higher academic eligibility, sportsmanship and substance abuse requirements and regulations make Morgan and Eliot students more accountable than most conference schools.

*The athletic department remains in the vanguard in these areas.*

### Shoreline Conference Scholar Athletes

Megan Doerrer, Ellen Bailey, Greg Comiskey, Ryan O’Donnell, Kyle Peatfield, Tara Pietraszuk, David Wahlen, Janette Novy, Jordyn Paradis

### CAS/CIAC Scholar Athletes

Melissa Dest, Luther Stuhlman

### Booster Club Husky Awards

Melissa Dest, Derek Torres, Jordyn Paradis, Ryan Glidden, Garrett Carlough, Kelly Coughlin, Bethany Findley, Janette Novy

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State

Ellen Bailey-softball, Jesse Thompson-tennis, Shadi Jalil, Greg Comiskey-track, Matt Sambuco-wrestling, Megan Doerrer-gymnastics, Greg Comiskey-boys soccer, Kate Healey, Jordyn Paradis, Shauna Eadie-Girls Soccer

### State Champions

Girls Basketball – Class M  
Matt Sambuco – Wrestling  
Shadi Jalil – Track  
Greg Comiskey – Track

### Special Awards to Coaches

Booster Club Coach of the Year – Jon Willets  
Connecticut High School Coaches Association-Assistant Coach of the Year-Ed Hidek

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