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'DOLITTLE' OPENS IN THEATERS THIS MONTH

## Killingworth Author Hugh Lofting and the Great War Origins of Dr. Dolittle

By Philip R. Devlin

Once upon a time, many years ago when our grandfathers were little children—there was a doctor; and his name was Dolittle—John Dolittle, M.D... He lived in a little town called, Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. All the folks, young and old, knew him well by sight. And whenever he walked down the street in his high hat everyone would say, "There goes the Doctor!—He's a clever man." And the dogs and the children would all run up and follow behind him; and even the crows that lived in the church-tower would caw and nod their heads.

So begins The Story of Doctor Dolittle (1920), the first of twelve books in the Doctor Dolittle series written by onetime Killingworth resident Hugh Lofting,

who was born 134 years ago this week on January 14, 1886. Lofting, a transplanted Brit, came to Massachusetts at age 18 to study engineering at MIT. After World War I broke out in 1914, Lofting, whose mother was Irish (maiden name Gannon), joined the Irish Guards of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) as a lieutenant. As a frontline unit, the Irish Guards participated in many of the fiercest battles of the Great War. Rudyard Kipling's only son, John, was also a lieutenant with the Irish Guards. John Kipling was killed at the Battle of Loos in 1915. Hugh Lofting was wounded in the thigh by shrapnel from a hand grenade in 1918 and nearly died. Before being wounded, however, Lofting had written several letters from the trenches in France to his two



Hugh Lofting. Public domain photo.



Lofting's gravestone. Photo by Phil Devlin.

young children: Elizabeth Mary (b. in 1913) and Colin MacMahon (b. in 1915). As Lofting could not bear to report the daily misery

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## HKHS places 4th at Antoch Memorial Tournament

By Val Williams

On the dark, dreary Saturday morning of Jan. 4, 2020, at 6:00 a.m. the Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Wrestling team boarded a bus to Rhode Island to participate in the Chad Antoch Memorial Tournament. Haddam Killingworth competed in the tournament against 15 larger schools from Rhode Island and Connecticut. Haddam Killingworth had 10 wrestlers participating in the tournament.

The HK team was very successful and placed fourth overall, just .5 points from third place. All of the wrestlers contributed to the team's high ranking at the tournament. Our freshman wrestlers, Jacob Martone and Cavin Napoletano placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively. For our sophomore wrestlers Ben Williams placed second, Ethan Wright and Nick Glynn placed third and Sam Young placed fourth. For our Junior wrestlers, Cameron Hines, placed first and Thomas Perry placed third. Matt Carson placed fourth but had to forfeit matches due to an injury. Daniel LaRosa wrestled very well but also had to forfeit matches due to an injury.

The HK Wrestling team is coached by Kenny Markwat and Nick Adler, both HK alumni. Nick Adler's father was at the tournament and noted, "Both of my sons wrestled for HK and I have been at this tournament eight times. This HK team is young and dangerous. They are exciting to watch!"

Come support the HK Wrestling team at the HK Cougar Dual at the Haddam Killingworth High School Gym on Jan. 25, starting at 9:00 a.m.



Cameron Hines placed first among junior wrestlers. Photo by Matt Pray.

## This week in Crazy Kids' Quotes

Compiled by Sharon Challenger

I am sure every single parent, grandparent, teacher or sibling has a story to tell about something funny a little one either said or a question they may have asked that made people roll with laughter. We look forward to hearing from our readers about the Crazy Kid's Quotes your little ones have surprised you with. Send us your quote at [editors@haddamnews.org](mailto:editors@haddamnews.org)

### Movie Night!

One evening my little boy asked me, "Can we watch a Christmas movie?"

I replied, "Ok. How about Yes, Virginia?"

He then responded (singing very loudly) Moun-

tain Mama! Take me home, Country road!!!! Sarah P.

### Which Heart Would that be?

One evening my seven-year-old daughter asked me a question, "I was thinking about words to a song. You know the song "Last Christmas, I gave you my heart. The very next day you threw it away?" Well is she talking about the squishy heart inside her body? or a fuzzy heart like a stuffed toy?" Kathy B.

### Saucy Recipe!

My oldest daughter Beth had an assignment at school, to write out detailed instructions on how to prepare a recipe. She worked diligently to complete,

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**Historic building saved by firefighters in Higganum**

By Olivia Drake, Public Information Officer, HVFC.

Firefighters saved a 133-year-old historic building on Jan. 11, following a structure fire in Higganum.

At 2:35 p.m., Haddam Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to a home on Saybrook Road for a chimney fire. The call was re-toned as a structure fire and mutual aid companies from Killingworth, Middletown South District, Chester, Haddam Neck, and Durham responded to the scene. Old Saybrook and East Haddam departments also responded but were canceled en route.

The homeowners had made a fire in a wood stove when they noticed flames coming from their chimney pipe. They immediately called 911.

Upon arrival, firefighters quickly worked to attack the fire from the exterior, and also went inside the structure to open the ceiling and extinguish the fire from within. South District provided a ladder truck to access and check the roofline for extension.

The house is the former St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, built in 1887. According to the Haddam Historical Society, the building was sold to private owners in 1960 when a new church was built on Maple Avenue.

Crews blocked a section of Saybrook Road for two hours during the incident. The Haddam Fire Marshal is investigating.




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# Higganum Center Study Final Report now available

By Sharon Challenger

The Final Report on the Higganum Center Study is available for viewing on the Haddam Town website: [https://www.haddam.org/sites/haddamct/files/uploads/higganumcenter\\_final\\_report\\_1-2-2020.pdf](https://www.haddam.org/sites/haddamct/files/uploads/higganumcenter_final_report_1-2-2020.pdf)

First Selectman Bob McGarry stated:

“As you know on December 11th, the Higganum Center Study documenting the results of the charrettes was released. The study produced 90-day action plans for each of the ten areas, e.g. HES, town garage, Rossi property, etc., they discussed. We’re already moving forward on some of the recommendations. The Economic Development Committee has begun discussions with our merchants about forming a merchant association to give them a voice in the process. Bill Warner, our town planner, and I met with representatives from the Rossi Lumber Corporation to discuss the possible purchase of their property. Bill and I also met with a private school that is very interested in renting HES and work continues on developing a community septic system on the HES grounds. I want to stress the town can’t buy, sell or lease property without approval at a town meeting and there’s still a lot of work to be done. That said, I’m very pleased with the progress we’ve made so far.”

The report was prepared for: The Town of Haddam, Connecticut Prepared by: Mullin Associates, Inc. and LADA P.C. Land Planners The Town of Haddam received support for this project from the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Economic and Community Development with funds from the Community Investment Act of the State of

Connecticut

The report includes:

The results of the charrettes (meetings with town residents for their input) which were held on October 30, 2019 and November 2, 2019.

Recommendations from Consulting team – Concept plans

Recommendations from Consultants for a 90-day Action agenda for:

- Leadership and Promotion
- Community Septic
- Connections between Higganum Center and the Natural Environment
- HES Building and Site
- Rossi Site
- Town Garage at the Rossi Site
- Town Garage Property
- Scovil Hoe Site
- Route 81 and Saybrook Road South
- Vacant Citizens Bank Building
- Funding Capital Improvements

The report also includes maps, tables, and exhibits:

- Map 1 - Workshop Plan 2
- Map 2 - Past Studies/Improvement Plan 2
- Map 3 - Existing Uses Plan 2
- Map 4 - Known Future Options Plan 2
- Map 5 – Workshop Areas of Interest Plan ( Day One)
- Soils Map and Legend

Drainage Class and Legend

- Exhibit 1- Plan 1 Maximize Grand List/Growth
- Exhibit 2- Plan 2 Events, Destinations, Focal Points
- Exhibit 3- Plan 3 Connections
- Exhibit 4- Plan 4 Our Best Ideas
- Map 6 - Connection Plan
- Map 7 – Concept Plan
- Map 8 - Rossi Site and Town Garage Option 1 Plan
- Map 9 - Rossi Site and Town Garage Option 2 Plan
- Map 10- Rossi Site and Town Garage Option 3 Plan
- Map 11- Rossi Site and Town Garage Option 4 Plan 4
- Exhibit 5- Depot Road Streetscape Cross-section-Option 1
- Exhibit 6- Depot Road Streetscape Cross-section-Option 2
- Exhibit 7- Depot Road Streetscape Cross-section-Option 3

The report concludes with the following:

“Based on the above and our more than 30 years of planning and design practice across New England, we believe that the town is well-positioned to tackle the issues required to regenerate this special place. The issues are clear, the required analysis has been completed, the priorities determined, the practical alternatives identified, there is consensus on the most important issues and an experienced planner is in place. Very rarely in our experience have all of these elements, necessary to undertake change, been in place. They are in Haddam. It is time for action!”

## KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY

### February programs

By Genie Dethloff, Chair of Publicity, Killingworth Library

New Monthly Program at Killingworth Library: “First Friday” Anime Night!

Join us the first Friday of each month to unwind and hang with your friends while watching and talking about anime, starting with My Hero Academia. Suitable for ages tween and up. Soda and pizza will be available. Led by our newest KLA member... Josh! Josh is an Information and Library Science student at SCSU. February’s program will be held from

4:30 – 6:00 pm on Friday, February 7. This program is free but space is limited. Register online at [Killingworthlibrary.org](http://Killingworthlibrary.org) or by calling 860 663-2000.

Second Thursday Book Chat – Thursday, February 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Killingworth Library. Love talking about books but don’t want to be told what to read? Come join us for our newest monthly book program, “Book Chat” where we will share insights and recommendations over tea and light refreshments. Another free “drop in” program!

Yoga For Kids- New at the Killingworth Library in February. Learn to stretch, relax, and unwind in these sessions led by Amy De Lucia-Ferri of Well Yoga & Mindfulness Studio of Clinton. Classes are

Saturdays at 10:45 – 11:30 AM (following Story Time) on February 8, 15, 22, and 29. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program is free but space is limited. Register online at [www.killingworthlibrary.org](http://www.killingworthlibrary.org) or by calling 860 663-2000.

Make and Take Chocolate Creations - Saturday, February 1, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at The Killingworth Library. It's Take Your Child to the Library Day; while you're there, "make and take" some chocolate goodies with the help of Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreations. This is a fun, creative inter-generational family event. The program is free but space is limited. Register online at [www.killingworthlibrary.org](http://www.killingworthlibrary.org) or by calling 860 663-2000.

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## Killingworth Author Hugh Lofting and the Origins of Dr. Dolittle

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and terror of life in the trenches to his two children, these letters described an imaginary, happy existence of a remarkable man who could talk to all animals in a world of peace and happiness—a kind of “animal whisperer.”

Following his convalescence in England, Lofting and his young family sailed to America—soon bound for Killingworth, CT. Lofting’s wife, Flora (Small), had encouraged him to expand his wartime letters to their children into a book. Lofting agreed and had a fortuitous encounter on the boat to America with Cecil Roberts, a poet and novelist of some renown. Having read the early version of Doctor Dolittle’s story, Roberts recommended the manuscript to his publisher, Frederick Stokes. The result? Stokes published *The Story of Doctor Dolittle* in 1920. Lofting’s second book—and, I think, his best—was entitled *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle*. It was written in Killingworth and published in 1922; in fact, at least eight of the ten books in the series were written in Killingworth.

The John Newbery Award has been given every January to the author who has made the most distinguished contribution to children’s literature in the previous year. Lofting’s *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle* won the prestigious Newbery Medal in 1923 in the second year of that award’s existence. In her book called *The History of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals*, author Irene Smith says the following:

At the 1923 conference, after Hugh Lofting had accepted the second Newbery medal, Mr. R.R. Bowker asked how Doctor Dolittle had originated. Lofting said that at the front he had been so impressed by the behavior of horses and mules under fire that he invented the little doctor to do for them what was not and could not be done for them in real life.

Clearly, Lofting, an animal lover since childhood, had attempted to turn something bad (the war) into something good (the Doctor Dolittle series).

Though winning one of the most prestigious awards for children’s literature, Lofting admitted later in life to being shocked at being pigeonholed as a “juveniles” writer. He thought that there ought to be “a category of seniles to offset the epithet.” I think he’s got a point. Personally, I often find clever and profound ideas in Lofting’s writings that can have great appeal to an adult reader as well. Consider, for example, the end of chapter 9 in *The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle*. Here, Tommy Stubbins, the narrator, feels the seductive and motivational power of the human capacity of dreams when he visits the Doctor’s garden:

It was the kind of a garden where you could wander and explore for days and days—always coming upon something new, always glad to find the old spots over again. That first time that I saw the Doctor’s garden I was so charmed by it that I felt I would like to live in it—always and always— and never go outside of it again. For it had everything within its walls to give happiness, to make living pleasant—to keep the heart at peace. It was the Garden of Dreams.

You don’t have to be young to feel the appeal here and to remember that adults, too, have a need to dream.

Consider also my favorite passage in the book, a conversation between Polynesia the parrot and Tommy Stubbins in chapter 8. Tommy had just indicated that he would like to grow up and be like Doctor Dolittle. Polynesia speaks:

But listen: are you a good noticer? Do you notice things well?... “Well that,” said Polynesia, brushing some crumbs off the corner of the table with her left foot—“that is what you call powers of observation—no-ticing the small things about birds and animals: the

way they walk and move their heads and flip their wings; the way they sniff the air and twitch their whiskers and wiggle their tails. You have to notice all those little things if you want to learn animal language. For you see, lots of the animals hardly talk at all with their tongues; they use their breath or their tails or their feet instead. But that is the first thing to remember: being a good noticer is terribly important...

Simply put but, oh, so true: being “a good noticer” is terribly important. I

Lofting experienced personal tragedy in 1927, losing his beloved wife, Flora. He remarried a woman from Killingworth named Katherine Harrower Peters in 1928, but she died of influenza several months later. Seven years later Hugh Lofting married his 3rd wife, Josephine Fricker, a Canadian of German descent. Lofting died on September 26, 1947 at the age of 61. He is buried in Killingworth next to his second wife, Katherine, in the Evergreen Cemetery on Green Hill Road. The motto on his grave reads: “Quis Separabit.” It is Latin for “Who shall separate us?”—the motto of the Irish Guards. His former Killingworth home is in sight of the cemetery.

### TO THE EDITOR

#### Thank You from Salvation Army

A HUGE thank you to HK Youth & Family, Lindsey Lehet for organizing, Jenna and especially the students of HK who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle. They raised an amazing \$547.17, 90% of which will stay in town to assist the needy.

Thank you from the East Haddam, Haddam, and Killingworth Service Unit.

*Jo Ann R. Woickelman, Treasurer*

Nutmeg

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#### Kids’ Quotes

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then brought it to me for review. One line stood out particularly, “Be sure to have some adultery around when you’re cooking.” She meant “Adults.”  
*Barbara H.*

#### Ole!

Overheard conversation in a grocery store:

Child to Mother: Can we buy some of that Whack-a-moley dip? (Guacamole)  
*Rick M.*

#### Christmas Dinner or not!

Recently, when discussing our plans for Christmas day, my daughter and I agreed that this year we would have dinner at her house. Looking quite shocked my 8-year granddaughter Lexi proclaimed, “Grandma, we can’t have it here. Mommy doesn’t know how to cook!”  
*Candice C.*

#### Crazy Drivers!

When I was in a parking lot, another driver wasn’t paying attention and almost hit my car. I laid on my horn to get the other driver’s attention. When I started to drive away, my oldest says, “Mommy, you forgot to say %\$#@%\$.”  
*Jennifer R.*



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From left area Kyle Neumann, Kiefer Neumann, Brian Vecchitto, Sabumnim Ed Ricciuti (Sr. Instructor/Founder), Sabumnim John Himmelman (Sr. Instructor/Founder), Chloe Jackson, Brian West. Photo by Karl Neumann.

## Five students earn black belts

By John Himmelman, Co-founder  
Green Hill Martial Arts

On Jan. 8, five Green Hill Martial Arts students received their 1st Dan (degree) Blackbelts in Chon Tu Kwan (Combat) Hapkido. While they tested at different times earlier in the year, they were awarded their certificates and belts at a jam-packed ceremony!

The following students earned their black belts:

- Kyle Neumann (14 years training)
- Kiefer Neumann (14 years training)
- Brian Vecchitto (8 years training)
- Brian West (8 years training)
- Chloe Jackson (Our first female black belt! 5+ years training)

The test is over three grueling hours with the candidate having to show

dozens of self-defense techniques for a myriad of situations, all while under pressure. In Chon Tu Kwan Hapkido, they learn striking, kicking, throwing, trapping, and a lot of joint locks. For the exam, they also need to display and teach ten self-defense techniques of their own creation. After receiving their belt and certificate at the ceremony, each new blackbelt taught the room one of those ten techniques.

Green Hill Martial Arts is located in Killingworth. They teach Hapkido, "The Science of Self Defense," for kids and adults, and Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Do, "The Way of the Intercepting Fist," for students 16 and over. You can try a whole month for free to see if it's for you. More info can be found at [www.greenhillmartialarts.org](http://www.greenhillmartialarts.org).

## Sign up for September Artisan Market at Parmelee Farm

By Karen Milano & Linda Dudek,  
Market Coordinators

Last year was a big success, so we're going to follow a similar format with just a few tweaks. Fees for the September 12, 2020 Artisan Market at Parmelee Farm will remain the same, with approximately 85 vendors. Please visit our website ASAP for the application, [parmeleefarmmarket.org](http://parmeleefarmmarket.org), and send it in with vendor fee immediately, as we have a list of new vendors wanting "in". Potential new vendors MUST e-mail photos of your craft, and set up at markets if you have pics available – [manager@parmeleefarmmarket.org](mailto:manager@parmeleefarmmarket.org). Returning vendors do not have to submit photos via e-mail for approval, unless you're bringing a whole new concept.

We will sort through the applications as they come in the month of January and reply to each vendor regarding acceptance in the beginning of February. Although it's important to get your apps in ASAP, this is not a first come first serve market. We ask for patience as we sort through the apps, because once again we want to be sure we don't oversaturate the mar-

ket with too many of any one thing. On that note – Last year there were a few vendors who were frustrated due to finding vendors with similar crafts. We can't guarantee this won't happen, and in fact a little competition is not a bad thing, but understand that cropping the vendor list down to accommodate this means a few will have to be denied entry into the market. We never intend to offend anyone, so please understand our job to balance the market is not an easy one and we don't enjoy denying entry any more than the recipient of that news. Our goal is to provide a fun event for all, quality artisan goods, and reasonable profitability for all vendors.

Fees are non-refundable unless you have a genuine emergency and are unable to attend. We hold the market rain or shine. A rain date is not possible due to the many other events that are held at the farm throughout the year, including weddings, etc. In the event of SEVERE weather, the market will be cancelled and although we cannot refund your market fee, it will be honored for the 2021 market.

See you at the farm!

## Join the HK Relay for Life 2020 Planning Team

By Elaine Jackson

As many already know, the organizing of an annual event never stops.

While all committees have a strong core group of individuals, passionate about their cause, more input is always needed. We are always looking for help in whatever capacity available.

While there are many individuals and organiza-

tions to thank, it is the Haddam-Killingworth community, as a whole, which makes this event special. Thank you for your past support, and, thank you in advance for your continued support of our event.

Please consider joining our fight by attending next year's event on June 27, 2020 at the HK High School from 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to help out, or, just find out

more about The Relay for Life, feel free to attend one of our meetings.

More information can be found on our event website: [www.relayforlife.org/hkct](http://www.relayforlife.org/hkct)

Meetings are held monthly and are open to all: Feb. 19, March 18, April 22, May 20, and June 24.

All meetings at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Little City Road, Room C112, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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## Thursday, January 23

Love 2 Sign with Jaye – Killingworth Library

Sign Language for Children 6 mos. to 6 yrs. Thursdays 10-10:30 a.m. from December 5 - February 6 at Killingworth Library. Space is limited and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

ABC Amigos Bilingual Story Time – Killingworth Library at 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For Preschool Children from December 5 - February 6 at Killingworth Library. Space is limited and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Music with Margie – Brainerd Memorial Library at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Margie's multi-sensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6. January Theme is 'Rhymes & Circle Dances'.

## Saturday, January 25

Super Smash Bros. Club – Brainerd Memorial Library at 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Super Smash Brothers Club at Brainerd Memorial Library. Learn the basics or fine tune your skills! We'll have Smash 64, Melee, & Ultimate. Use your controller or ours. Learn techniques: wave dashing and DI, try out new characters or practice your main. Enjoy playing friendlies in a welcoming environment. An experienced player will guide newcomers. For ages 10 – 18. Refreshments served.

Super Saturday Storytime – Killingworth Library at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Weekly family fun for kids of all ages! Drop-in format, no registration necessary. Adult must accompany child.

Haddam Land Trust Annual Meeting at 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Please join the Haddam Land Trust's Annual

Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Haddam Firehouse #1, 439 Saybrook Road in Higganum. A short business meeting at 6 pm will be followed by pizza and refreshments at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm, Anise Dobson, PhD, a postdoctoral researcher at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, will present on program on Invasive Worms.

## Sunday, January 26

Shoreline Ducks – Brats & Beer Event at 4:00-7:00 pm. Hosted by Ducks Unlimited, Connecticut, & Steady Habit Brewing Co.

LOCATION: American Legion in East Haddam/Moodus

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## Monday, January 27

Haddam Committee on Aging – Town Hall Annex at 10:00 a.m.

Culinary Club – Brainerd Memorial Library at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Do you like to cook? Do you like reading cookbooks? Do the pictures make your mouth water and you want to try the recipes? Then come join us at Brainerd Memorial Library as we are starting a cookbook book club. The club will meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come by the Library to see what our first cookbook to cook from will be. Our first cookbook will be Jennifer Joyce's Small Bites. In this book are recipes for finger foods to whet our appetites and get us started. The cookbook will be located at the circulation desk with a sign-up sheet to put your name on and which

recipe you have chosen to make and bring in for everyone to sample. At our first meeting, we will also choose cookbooks to make future recipes from for following meetings. The Library will supply the plates, utensils and a drink.

Tech Time with HK Leos – Killingworth Library at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn how to download audiobooks to your phone, using Overdrive and Hoopla! Do you want to try out the library's new expanded collection of downloadable audio books but just aren't sure how to do it? Join us as we partner with the tech savvy teens of the Haddam Killingworth Leo's for our first "Tech time with the HK Leo's" and have your questions answered! Bring your iPhone or smart phone with you and we will step you through the process (you will also need your library card #). This program is free, but advance signup is requested. To register contact the library at 860-663-2000.

Killingworth BOS Meeting at 7:00-9:00 p.m. Town Office Bldg.

Killingworth ZBA Meeting at 7:00-9:00 p.m. Town Office Bldg.

## Tuesday, January 28

Preschool Storytime – Brainerd Memorial Library at 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime with Miss Marissa takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome. Registration is not necessary.

Readers & Eaters – Killingworth Library at 6:00-7:30 p.m. 4th and 5th Graders Book Discussion with Pizza January's book: 'Ban This Book' by Alan Gratz. Sign up online at <http://killingworthlibrary.org/> Extra copies of the book will be available at the library.

Haddam Setback Tournament at 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

\$10 pp, Doors open at 6, game starts at 6:30, light refreshments served, BYOB. Proceeds for Haddam Social Services. First come first served for tables/teams. Contact Lori to reserve your spot at [lori.fireworks@comcast.net](mailto:lori.fireworks@comcast.net); or 860 345-4221.

## Wednesday, January 29

Nutmeg Book Club – Brainerd Memorial Library at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Nutmeg Book Club returns! If you are in grades 4-6, join us on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a lively discussion of a selected Nutmeg nominee. Be prepared to enjoy pizza, snacks, book-related activities, and trivia. Our first meeting is on January 29th and the selection is Ban This Book by Alan Gratz.

Haddam Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Community Center



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The apostles said so as well. Paul said, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). The Apostle John said, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you

may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

"And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (1 John 2:25). "...Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up [crucified], <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3: 14-16). Saint Paul said, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19).

**Pray to God like this:** *Dear God, I believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins, and that He arose again on the third day. I repent of my sins and ask Your forgiveness. I receive the gift of eternal life by faith in Christ. Thank You God; in Jesus name. Amen.*



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# January 13 meeting recap

*Editor's Note: Official minutes can be found at [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) as they become available. Video of the meeting can also be found at [www.vsctv.com](http://www.vsctv.com).*

By Sharon Challenger

This regular meeting of Haddam's Board of Selectmen, held in the Town Hall on January 13, 2020, was called to order by First Selectman Bob McGarry. Also, in attendance were Selectmen Sean Moriarty, Kate Anderson and Administrative Assistant Joanne Ricciardelli.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, three additions to the agenda were approved which included reports from liaisons from other boards to the BOS, a discussion on Silver Spring property and the appointment of Joanne Woickelman to the Board of Assessment Appeals. The BOE has appointed Brenda Buzzi as our liaison and she will present BOE updates to the BOS on an ongoing basis. The Minutes from the previous 12/5/19 and 12/9/19 BOS meetings were approved as presented.

During public comment Sean Moriarty expressed thanks to the townspeople for their condolences on the recent passing of his sister. Richard Haase asked that there be no more kneeling during the Pledge of Allegiance. Sally Haase suggested that there should be a light to mark the entrance to Field Park Road to make it easier to find the entrance during hours of darkness. Marge DeBold said that she had noticed that the center yellow line on some town roads was faint and these should be repainted.

Selectmen's update: It was suggested that First Selectmen Bob McGarry provide residents with information regarding ongoing projects in Haddam. He has agreed and it will be a part of the BOS meetings going forward.

Higganum Center: On Dec. 11, 2019, a project report was put out by Mullin Associates, Inc. The report is on the Town website. Ten different areas were addressed along with a 90-day action plan. The EDC was tasked with helping merchants to create a Merchants Association. This would give the Merchant's a chance to have input into any changes which may occur in Higganum Center. The EDC has reached out to Connecticut Main Street and they have agreed to make a presentation to the EDC at their February 15th meeting.

Town Planner Bill Warner, and First Selectman Bob McGarry had a brief meeting with Peter Rossi and Andy Becker regarding the Rossi property. It was an informal "meet and greet" to discuss the interests of both parties. All agreed that structural and environmental concerns would have to be researched by the town. First Selectmen Bob McGarry stressed that this does not mean any commitments were made. He explained, "The Town cannot sell, lease or purchase any property without the approval at a Town meeting."

Possible future uses for HES: During the charrette's meetings, Mullin Associates, Inc. suggested that we have the kitchen assessed to see if this could be leased out as a "commercial kitchen." As a result, a meeting was set up with the owner of Iliano's in Middletown to evaluate the kitchen. The conclusion was that it is suitable for a school but would not meet the standards for a professional commercial kitchen.

Leasing the School: First Selectman Bob McGarry and Town Planner Bill Warner met with a well-es-

tablished private school that is interested in leasing HES. A meeting was held with their President, Chief Administrative Officer and Superintendent to discuss the possibilities. They were amenable to the idea of letting the Town use the gym, playground and all-purpose room however, further discussions will be needed to iron out any details. Their Board will be meeting on February 23 and the members will tour HES.

Community Septic system: the BOS is still looking into what we will need to do to make that project go forward. They will continue discussions with the State, DEEP and Department of Public Health.

Scovil Hoe property: Steps are being taken to get a grant for an environmental assessment of the building and site. Communication is ongoing with the DOT Real Estate Division about the town potentially acquiring the site. First Selectman McGarry reiterated that there have been no commitments on this, "we are simply exploring the possibilities."

Higganum Center: Linkage of outdoor sites for activities. Bill Warner has a meeting with Conservation Commission this week to see what steps must be taken to move forward.

Dublin Hill Bridge: The bridge opened to traffic on New Year's Day, but it is not paved. Work to finish the project will begin around April 1.

Candlewood Hill Road: "Phase One" design is underway (from center to Laurel Heights). The work will include sidewalks, widening the road, and making it a safer thoroughfare.

Tylerville Water: Roadwork is done for the season. The physical connections between businesses and the water main will continue in April. The final paving will be done when all the connections are finished.

Silver Springs: The dam has been repaired, inspected, and approved by the State. Scovil Dam is in the category where it needs to be inspected every two years. The initial inspection costs \$4,500, after that it is \$2,000 every two years. First Selectman Bob McGarry said that he is hoping the State will not require us to do another inspection since they have already approved the work. (If we own dam, we have to pay for inspections).

EDC Vacancies: At their last meeting there were two vacancies on EDC. Since then, a third vacancy has opened. Five people have applied to be on the commission and a decision will be made at their next meeting. The third vacancy is a result of an EDC member failing to meet the attendance requirements standards as per Haddam Town Charter section 5.10b. meetings. (Any member of an appointive board or committee who does not attend at least sixty (60%) percent of the meetings during each calendar year shall be considered removed. The Chairman shall give prompt written notice of such vacancy to the Board of Selectmen.)

Budget season: Almost all the budgets from the different departments have been submitted to the BOS. From there they will be presented to the BOF and then to a Town hearing and finally a Town meeting

in the May 2020 timeframe. Anyone interested in having input into the process may contact the BOS and or BOF in writing. Residents are welcome to attend any of those meetings.

Tax refunds: Ten applications were submitted for a total of \$10,787.99. Three were real estate, one personal property, five for vehicles, and one vehicle supplemental. A motion was made to approve the tax refunds. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The November meeting was scheduled for November 10th because it was thought that the 9th was a holiday. This is not the case, so the meeting will be on Monday, November 9th as originally planned. A motion was made to approve the revised BOS meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: RSD17 BOE Liaison, Brenda Buzzi reported that the BOE's newly elected officials are Suzanne Sack, Board Chair, Peter Sonski, Vice Chair, Eileen Blewett, Board Treasurer, and Jennifer Favallora, Board Secretary. Elected officers serve for a two-year term.

Capital Improvements update: HKHS Field House Repairs. RSD17 is planning to remediate and replace the 40-year-old floor of the HKHS field house. The project, if approved, is expected to take 6-months beginning in April running through August. The BOE approved hiring an architect for project specifications, assembled a Public Building Committee, and applied to the State for partial reimbursement. Costs will be finalized after the architect's report is completed. The project is planned to be funded through the Capital Fund.

Burr & KES need to have their underground fuel tanks replaced (as per State law) in the summer of 2020. The BOE expects a partial reimbursement from the State for the cost of the removal and replacement.

The BOE is reviewing the pre-school space needs for September 2020. The pre-school is currently located at Burr Elementary School. Other possible locations would be Killingworth Elementary School or the Central Office in Higganum.

BOE Director of Operations John Mercier presented the final report of the HK energy project to the BOE. Projects included the roof replacement, solar panels, replacement of the heating plant, lighting updates, and renovation of the auditorium. To provide final funding for the work, the District bonded \$7.27 million dollars for ten years.

The BOE negotiated with STA and extended RSD17's busing contract for three years. The negotiated three-year contract keeps our rate flat this year, with a 1.5% increase in year two, and a 2.5% increase in year three.

First Selectman Bob McGarry met with BOE Chair Suzanne Sack and Treasurer, Eileen Blewett. Ms. Blewett has a strong finance background and plans to investigate future projects and do cost benefit analysis on expenditures to see if they can cut costs.

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## Regional School District #17 2020-21 Budget timeline

On Jan. 14, the Regional School District #17 Board of Education will host a pre-budget meeting for the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance for both Haddam and Killingworth. This hour long meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Haddam Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School. It is open to the public and will be recorded and shared on the RSD17 website.

Upcoming Budget Meeting Dates:

March 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Superintendent’s Budget Presentation, HKHS Community Room

March 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Joint Board Meeting with Haddam and Killingworth, HKI/MS Cafeteria

March 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Community Input on Budget, HKHS Auditorium

April 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Hearing and Special Meeting of the BoE, HKI/MS, Cafeteria

May 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Annual District Meeting, HKHS Auditorium

May 5, 2020 – RSD#17 Budget Referendum, Regular voting locations

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## January 13 Haddam Board of Selectmen meeting recap

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Contrary to public opinion, McGarry explained, Burr Elementary school is not overcrowded. Prior to the restructuring of the RSD17 District, Burr had a lot of extra space. While they have less today, it is not “at full capacity.” There are currently 324 students at BES and their full capacity is 440. When HES closed, there was concern that the projections of future enrollment were not accurate. However, the projections for the Kindergarten class turned out to be exact.

Sale of Town Dump truck: Charter Oak Utilities, a subsidiary of Arborio Corporation would like to purchase the 2006 Sterling 6-wheel dump truck that is no longer needed by Public Works. Assistant Director, Chris Corsa researched appraisals and determined that the Fair Market Value of the truck is \$16,900. Director Corso and Arborio agreed to this price and would like to complete the sale pending the approval of the BOS. Selectman Kate Anderson asked if a replacement truck is already accounted for in our budget. First Selectman Bob McGarry said it is, however, one has not been purchased yet. Selectman Sean Moriarty suggested that for future sales,

we consider getting assessments from a professional service. A motion to approve the sale was made. The motion passed unanimously.

Butterfly 5K Walk/Run August 16, 2020: A letter was submitted asking for approval to hold the Butterfly 5K Walk/Run in Haddam on Sunday August 16, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Over the past 3 years with the support of the Town and the BOE participants have raised over \$18,000. A map of the streets where the race will take place, parking locations, and other details were provided. A motion to approve the race was made. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of endorsements and authorization of Regional Performance Incentive Program – Lower CT River Valley River Cog Director Sam Gold addressed the BOS with information regarding five upcoming applications/projects they are working on. The River Cog Association is made up of 17 towns (including Haddam), in lower CT River Valley. The projects which they are seeking our endorsement are as follows: 1. Update the digital maps for 17 towns in our region (last one done region wide was in 2013) 2. Western Connecticut Council of Governments – Boundary survey of municipalities. Currently there are no digital maps of the boundaries of the towns. Every town maintains their own maps, but the boundary lines don’t line up from town to town (River Cog did this in 2013). 3. Valley Shore – to upgrade Regional Emergency communications systems. This will allow for better communication for all River Valley towns plus Colchester and Marlborough. 4. Radio upgrades for Chester, Deep River, and Essex. 5. Plans for Chester and Killingworth to investigate sharing a Building Department because it is difficult to find officials for each town. All these projects will not cost Haddam anything, they are just seeking our approval. A Motion was made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointments to Boards and Committees:

Sustainability Committee – A Motion to approve the endorsements of Melissa Oddo and Linda Talbot to the committee was made. The motion was approved unanimously.

Town Safety Committee – A Motion was made to accept Renee Keras-Johnson to represent the Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service. The motion was approved unanimously.

Street naming committee – A Motion was made to

accept Rick Johnson to represent Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service. The motion was approved unanimously.

Assessment Appeals – A motion to accept Joanne Woickelman to the Board of Assessment Appeals. The motion was approved unanimously.

Silver Springs – Selectman Sean Moriarty suggested that the Town keep the Lake at Silver Springs as it could be a possible resource for the town. He would also like the community to be kept informed of any progress that is being made with the property and homeowners association. He suggested that the Town seek reimbursements for past expenses we have incurred, if the homeowners take control of the lake. First Selectman Bob McGarry restated that any sale, or transfer of property in the town would need approval via a Town Meeting. The Homeowners Association has reached out to the First Selectman and expressed wanting a meeting to discuss the matter.

Final Public comments: Neal Perron suggested that we try to allocate money in the budget for a fire & rescue boat for Haddam Neck.

Cell Towers: no change – we are waiting to hear from major carriers. Currently the ball is in Verizon’s court, but with 5G coming to CT in the next year or two – things may change.

Liz Bizazi spoke about a study that was done by the Higganum Vision group regarding the possible linkage of trails between the Cove and Higganum Center. She has a copy of it and will send it to the First Selectman. The detailed plan shows how to link the Res., Cove and Swan Hill in a loop.

A resident asked if we could get some of the funding for our radio updates from the State via the CT Lower River Cog grant. Director Gold stated that the application deadline for funding was Dec 31. First Selectman Bob McGarry reported that we already entered into agreement for radio upgrades with Motorola. Middletown entered negotiations with Motorola last year and was able to get an excellent discount on list prices. We also took advantage of the opportunity.

Dan Luisi asked if the upgrade applies to the 911 system and was told that it strictly applies to the emergency radios. The change moves us up to the high band which the FCC is pushing all emergency services to. This will free up the lower bands for commercial use.

The meeting adjourned.

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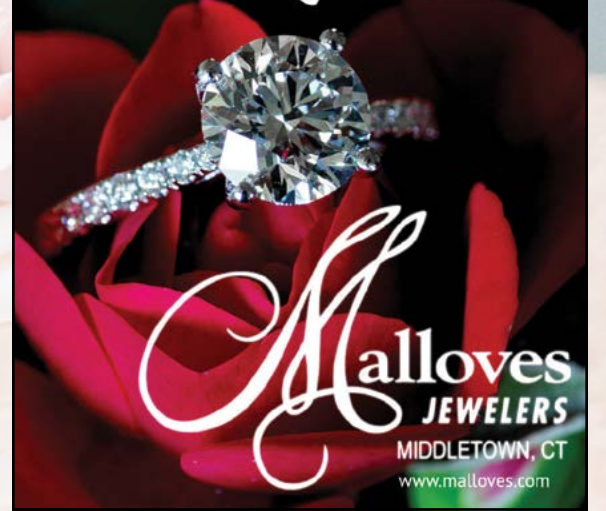


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# HKHS defeats Granby Memorial

By Kristin Mazziotti

The Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Swim Team combined with Morgan High School and Valley Regional High School, causing them to move from S Class to M Class for the 2019-20 season. The swimmers picked up their second win of the season after beating Oxford 99-69 on December 19, 2019. The team started the New Year by placing first in every event, defeating Granby Memorial 91-75 on January 10, 2020.

Final score: HK 91 Granby Memorial 75

HK highlights:

## 200 Medley Relay

1st: AJ Campo de la Vera (HK), Egan Rothrock (Valley), James Clemente (HK) and Matt Scowronek (Valley) 1:58.01

## 200 Freestyle

1st: Jack Ferguson (HK) 1:58.18

## 200 Individual Medley

1st: Egan Rothrock (Valley) 2:19.81

2nd: AJ Campo de la Vera (HK) 2:29.80

## 50 Freestyle

1st: Jimmy Clemente (HK) 25.11

2nd: Matt Scowronek (Valley) 26.79

## 100 Butterfly

1st: Jimmy Clemente (HK) 1:00.68

2nd: Connor Levy (Morgan) 1:03.60

## 100 Freestyle

1st: Kyle Mazziotti (HK) 50.66

## 500 Freestyle

1st: Jack Ferguson (HK) 5:19.79

3rd: AJ Campo de la Vera (HK) 7:09.62

## 200 Freestyle Relay

1st: James Clemente (HK), Connor Levy (Morgan), Jack Ferguson (HK), Kyle Mazziotti (HK) 1:43.92

2nd: Matt Scowronek (Valley), Connor Schipritt (HK), Nolan Braren (HK), AJ Campo de la Vera (HK) 2:01.37

## 100 Backstroke

1st: Kyle Mazziotti (HK) 57.12

2nd: Matt Scowronek (Valley) 1:10.12

## 100 Breaststroke

1st: Connor Levy (Morgan) 1:17.77

## 400 Freestyle Relay

1st: Kyle Mazziotti (HK), Jack Ferguson (HK), Connor Levy (Morgan), Egan Rothrock (Valley) 3:47.70

\*The HK record is now 2-0.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 27 Democratic party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Haddam for election as members of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 45.

A primary will be held March 3, 2020, if 12 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with §§9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00p.m. on January 31, 2020, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Saralyn D'Amato, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441.

Scott R. Brookes, CCTC  
Haddam Town Clerk

### LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 39 Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Haddam for election as members of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 40.

A primary will be held March 3, 2020, if 10 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with §§9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00p.m. on January 31, 2020, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Raymond Skarsten, Republican Registrar of Voters, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441.

Scott R. Brookes, CCTC  
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### HADDAM LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice is hereby given to the Taxpayers of the Town of Haddam. The second installment for Personal Property, Real Estate and the total Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills on the October 1, 2018 Grand List becomes due and payable on January 1, 2020 with a grace period to February 3, 2020. After the grace period, if still unpaid, the bill becomes delinquent and is subject to interest from the original due date at a rate of 1.5% of such tax each month. A minimum interest charge of two dollars would apply to all delinquent taxes. Payments may be made to the order of TOWN OF HADDAM and sent to TOWN OFFICE BLDG., TAX OFFICE, 30 FIELD PARK DR., HADDAM CT 06438-1196 or use the preprinted envelope supplied with the first installment. If receipt is desired, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope and a phone number and mail to the Tax Office. Payments may also be made in person at the Haddam Tax Office room 202 or on our website Haddam.org. Office hours: Mon. through Wed. 8:30AM to 4PM; Thurs. 8:30AM to 6:00PM; Fri. 8:30AM to Noon. Call 860-345-8531 x 207 with questions.

Haddam Tax Collector Kristin Battistoni, CCMC

### PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

1. Request for a special permit to add an addition to garage for an in-law apartment. 340 Hubbard Road, Map 33 lot 9. Applicant: Steve Albert
2. Amendment to Section 7B, Tylerville Village District, to allow for multi-family residence in the Tylerville Village District. Copy of the proposed amendment can be found in the Town Clerks office. Applicant: Lisa Wadge

Said applications are on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

The Town of Haddam shall endeavor to post its Legal Notices with the Haddam News publication. In the event that the weekly publication cannot meet the Town's statutory requirements, the Middletown Press or Hartford Courant shall be utilized to meet said statutory deadlines. Courtesy copies will be published to Haddam News that may or may not be timely. The Town's website is: www.haddam.org.

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