

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Higganum Hardware opens in Higganum Center

By Kathy Brown

"I look at the Higganum center, and only see the potential for a tremendous greatness," explains Greg McKenna, pharmacist and owner of Nutmeg Pharmacy in Higganum. He went on to explain his vision, "to have a beautiful rural community be supported by a downtown that has the ability to provide for all the necessary businesses, in a very central location, and be so close to the Connecticut River, with a beautiful Cove, that could host enormous numbers of activities, provided that leadership leads the community to invest in itself now, and become something great in the years to come."

McKenna had the wall torn down between the pharmacy and what had been HK Fitness in 2019 after HK Fitness moved out of the space. "I then enlisted the support of a consulting group, to provide me with insight on what businesses are needed by the residents in the town, assuming the town has provided the necessary structural components (i.e., sewer and water) for growth of businesses in the town," explained McKenna. "The number one additional business needed by the town was a hardware store! The whole concept was to understand how you can begin to create a town that would be self-sufficient, and provide the job growth, and environment for our young people to stay and grow within the town."

Now they have filled 2300 square feet with tools, hardware, and paint, and opened Higganum Hardware. The first day of business was Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.

McKenna explains his management strategy: "With Nutmeg Pharmacy, I have been trying to promote independent business ownership within

the organization. I currently have pharmacist and technicians that have begun the ownership track, Taylor and Jarrett [Lemon] have been working with me for a number of years, they are homegrown Higganum residents, they went to school here, they grew up here as kids and they are personable, caring, and hard-working young men who are the very foundational building blocks for young people to have businesses within this town that are necessary for the next 40 years

and beyond. It just makes sense! They understand that sweat equity not only builds business experience, but creates a value to what they are building."

Taylor Lemon graduated from Haddam Killingworth High School in 2014. He has been working at Nutmeg Pharmacy for

seven years. He started as an intern and gradually moved up to front store assistant manager (see this story). He attended three semesters of college but found that "retail was what I loved doing." Taylor is now the manager of the hardware store. His brother Jarrett graduated HKHS in 2017, and has been working at the pharmacy for three and a half years. He started as a front store associate.

McKenna is hoping to find a space in town that is large enough that he can open up a new pharmacy with a drive through, at which time, the plan is for the Lemon brothers to expand the hardware store to fill the space currently taken up by the pharmacy.

"The reason for this [timeline] is the hardware store will take approximately two years to gain some traction and build enough sales so that it can take over the rest of the building," explained McKenna.



Jarrett Lemon (l), Taylor Lemon (r)

## Boys start Dual meet season 5-0; Girls start 4-1

By Matt Diglio, Coach

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, the Haddam Killingworth High School Boys and Girls Cross Country teams began their dual meet season as they traveled to Cromwell High School to compete in the Large School league meet against Valley Regional, Morgan, North Branford, Cromwell, and East Hampton.

Racing in the pouring rain, the boys team ran a strong team race over the 5,000-meter course to begin their dual meet season with a 5-0 record. They defeated Morgan by a score of 15-50, beat Cromwell 15-50, defeated North Branford 15-50, beat Valley 15-50 and beat East Hampton 20-43. H-K boys ran as a pack at the front of the race and were led by freshman Jack Cozean who placed 2nd (17:48), senior Caleb Freeman 3rd (17:48), senior Andrew Hedges 4th (17:48) and senior Tyler Robinson 5th (17:48). Rounding out the scoring was senior Evan Baird who placed 6th in a time of 17:57 and freshman Colton Merola 7th (17:59).

The Girls team also went up against the same 5 league teams and went 4-1 on the afternoon. The Cougars defeated Morgan 16-46, beat Cromwell 15-50, defeated Valley 18-44 and beat North Branford 15-50 but lost to East Hampton 26-31. Leading the way for H-K was senior Ava DiMatteo who placed 2nd in a time of 21:02. Following her across the line was senior Brianna Minervino 3rd (21:04), sophomore Sydney Adelberg 6th (21:54), junior Chloe LaCoss 10th (22:54) and freshman Keira Sehl-Albert 14th (23:29).

The cross country team will next be in action on Saturday October 4, 2021, as they travel to Holmdel, NJ to compete in the New Balance Shore Coaches Invitational.



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# HKHS Girls Swim team defeats Waterford 103 – 77

By Alison Karam, Head Coach

Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Swim Team claimed its second win of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, defeating Waterford 103-77. H-K swimmers kicked off the meet at Waterford High School by taking first and third in the 200-meter Medley Relay. Cougar girls retained the lead throughout the meet and recorded 18 personal best swims. Senior co-captain Jackie Flaherty improved her qualifying times for State Championships in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 butterfly. Fourteen H-K swimmers scored points for the team: Aleia Goodison (JR), Emma Sajus (SO), Erin Marica (JR), Jackie Flaherty (SR), Johanna Houska (JR), Kristen Thebeau (JR), Layla Hayward (SO), Nikki Ackerman (SR), Olivia Campo (FR), Olivia “Liv” Macaluso (FR), Peyton Tyler (SO), Sofia Campo (FR), Veronica Pypa (FR), and Wesley Baucom (SR).

**Top 3 finishes for Haddam-Killingworth:**

**200-meter Medley Relay**

1st: A Relay: Kristen Thebeau (JR), Erin Marica (JR), Johanna Houska (JR), Olivia Macaluso (FR)

3rd: B Relay: Wesley Baucom (SR), Sofia Campo (FR), Emma Sajus (SO), Nikki Ackerman (SR)

**200-meter Freestyle**

1st: Aleia Goodison (JR)

2nd: Peyton Tyler (SO)

**200-meter Individual Medley**

H-K senior co-captain Jackie Flaherty took first in the 100-meter butterfly and 200-meter Individual Medley, qualifying for State Championships in both events.

1st: Jackie Flaherty (SR) \*

**50-meter Freestyle**

1st: Johanna Houska (JR)

**100-meter Butterfly**

1st: Jackie Flaherty (SR) \*

3rd: Emma Sajus (SO)

**100-meter Freestyle**

1st: Olivia Macaluso (FR)

**400-meter Freestyle**

H-K junior Erin Marica swam to a first-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle against Waterford.

1st: Erin Marica (JR)

3rd: Aleia Goodison (JR)

**200-meter Freestyle Relay**

1st: A Relay: Olivia Macaluso (FR), Johanna Houska (JR), Sofia Campo (FR), Jackie Flaherty (SR)

3rd: B Relay: Olivia Campo (FR), Veronica Pypa (FR), Wesley Baucom (SR), Nikki Ackerman (SR)

**100-meter Backstroke**

2nd: Kristen Thebeau (JR)

3rd: Peyton Tyler (SO)

**100-meter Breaststroke**

1st: Erin Marica (JR)

3rd: Sofia Campo (FR)

**400-meter Freestyle Relay**

1st: A Relay: Olivia Macaluso (FR), Aleia Goodison (JR), Johanna Houska (JR), Jackie Flaherty (SR)

3rd: B Relay: Emma Sajus (SO), Peyton Tyler (SO), Wesley Baucom (SR), Kristen Thebeau (JR)

\* Time qualified for State Championships

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H-K senior co-captain Jackie Flaherty



H-K junior Erin Marica



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## Thursday, October 7

**Love2Sign with Jaye** – Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

## Friday, October 8

**Higganum Fall Market:** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. HES

**HHS:** Thankful Arnold Online Auction Oct 1-8, 2021

## Saturday, October 9

**Saturday Story Time KW Library** 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please register 860-663-2000

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection** – Middletown 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown. (identification is required; there is no fee to participate)

## Sunday, October 10

**Waking up to the Earth:** A Poetry reading at Haddam Meadows 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Chairs will be provided or bring your own. Rain cancels the event. There will be no rain date.

## Monday, October 11

COLUMBUS DAY

## Tuesday, October 12

**Haddam BOS Meeting** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Killingworth BOS Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

**Killingworth BOF Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

**Killingworth Inland Wetlands Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Town Office Bldg.

**Tech Tuesday** – Killingworth Library 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Register in advance 860-663-2000

**Tuesday Book Discussion at Parmelee Farm** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Weather permitting (otherwise, it will be a Zoom session). Join us as we discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

## Wednesday, October 13

**Wiggle Wednesday** – Killingworth Library 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Suggested ages: walking toddlers through age 5. Held outside, weather permitting. Register 860-663-2000

**Haddam EDC Meeting** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Killingworth Public Health Agency Meeting** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

## Thursday, October 14

**Love2Sign with Jaye** – Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. This program will be held outside, weather permitting.

**Higganum Cove Advisory Committee Meeting** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Haddam Park & Rec. Meeting** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

# OBITUARIES

**Joan (Loomis) Lund Hines**, 80, beloved wife of Gerald Hines, passed away peacefully at her home in Higganum on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

# BRAINERD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Waking Up to the Earth: A Poetry Reading at Haddam Meadows

By Tom Piezzo, Director, BML

The Brainerd Library is presents **WAKING UP TO THE EARTH: A POETRY READING** at Haddam Meadows on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Don't miss Connecticut State Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson, joined by poets Nancy Guitar, Gwen Gunn, Pat O'Brien, Edwina Trentham, Lorraine Riess and Lana Orphanides as they read from their new book *Waking Up to the Earth: Connecticut Poets in a Time of Global Climate Crisis*. Books will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam.

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Chairs will be provided or bring your own. Rain cancels the event. There will be no rain date.

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### Two New Laws Every Driver or Pedestrian Should Be Aware Of

By Attorney Sylvia K. Rutkowska

As of October 1, 2021, two new laws in Connecticut intend to protect pedestrians by expanding the circumstances under which drivers must yield the right-of-way as a result of unprecedented increases in pedestrian fatalities and injuries.

- 1. Pedestrian Law**  
Currently, a driver must yield to a pedestrian, slowing or stopping as necessary, if the pedestrian has stepped off the curb or into the crosswalk. Under the new law, a driver must slow or stop as necessary if the pedestrian (a) is within any portion of the crosswalk; (b) steps to the curb at a crosswalk's entrance and indicates intent to cross by raising a hand or arm to oncoming traffic; or (c) indicates intent to cross by moving any body part or extension of a body part into the crosswalk entrance, including a wheelchair, cane, walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart, or leashed or harnessed dog.
- 2. Dooring Law**  
The act of dooring will be illegal. This new law prohibits a driver or a passenger from opening a vehicle door in a way that hits or gets in the way of a pedestrian, bicyclists or other reasonably moving traffic. The law applies to moving traffic on shoulders, sidewalks or bikeways.

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# 2021 Candidates Haddam Planning & Zoning

We reached out to both the Haddam Republican Town Committee and the Haddam Democrat Town Committee and asked candidates to respond to a set of questions; if a candidate did not respond, their name is listed, so that you know who is running for each office.

Updates from all candidates are welcome and will be published as Letters to the Editor. The questions posed to the candidates were:

- Tell us a little about yourself.
- Why are you running for the position?
- What do you see as the important issues facing your town and how would you address them in your role?
- What are the key things you love about this town and its people?
- Additional thoughts to leave voters with?

**Gina Block (D):** I was born and raised in New England and has lived in Higganum with my husband for the past 11 years. We are excited to introduce our two young children to this vibrant community and all that Haddam has to offer. As a resident, homeowner, and mother in town, I have a vested interested in helping Haddam fulfill its true potential.



Gina Block (D)



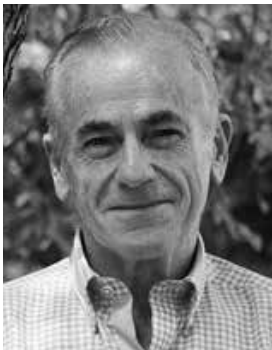
Wayne LePard (R)



David Carini (D)



Edward Wallor (R)



Mike Farina (D)

From an early age, I grew up with a deep understanding of the importance of spaces and placemaking. The built environment has a tremendous impact on wellbeing, economic vitality, and has the power to foster pride of place. Conversely, it can drive a negative economic outlook, result in car-centric downtowns, and inadvertently impede community interaction. Additionally, an enormous part of what makes neighborhoods unique are the historic homes and buildings. When these are razed in the name of “progress,” we erase our history and part of our identity along with it. As someone who fiercely championed historic preservation and adaptive reuse when The Shailer-Banning House (current site of the Dollar General in Tylerville) was torn down, I have worked diligently – and will continue to work – to preserve the architectural



Mike Karam (D)



Dylan Kessler (D)  
P&Z Alternate



Larry Maggi (R)  
P&Z Alternate



Tim Teran (D)  
P&Z Alternate

assets that make Haddam unique. While P&Z has strengthened protection for vulnerable sites during my tenure, I would like to continue to build on that foundation. Commercial development and preservation of our town character need not be mutually exclusive.

In addition to our significant stock of antique buildings, Haddam is lucky to have myriad natural resources at our fingertips. From hiking, biking, fishing, and swimming, the great outdoors is a core component of Haddam’s character and one that is not championed nearly enough. Vision for the town cannot consist solely of zoning, and in Haddam’s case we must work to capitalize on our vast land holdings and outdoor recreational opportunities as we solidify our collective ideas for the coming years. The Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) was developed in conjunction with citizens of Haddam through surveys and charettes, and should always guide decisions made by P&Z.

social hubs while simultaneously providing the space and opportunity to explore our idyllic landscape. As a commission, Planning and Zoning must not be simply reactive, but proactive, in manifesting the vision set forth in the PoCD.

My love affair with Haddam began when I and my husband drove through in 2008 en route to an afternoon of mountain biking. We found ourselves charmed by the town green, the small-scale downtown, and, of course, the plentiful antique homes. The rolling hills and proximity to the Connecticut River create a feeling that is unique to the valley towns in our area. A labor of love, we bought our 1780 home in 2009 and continue to work on it slowly but surely. In that time, I have met so many in town who restore my faith in humanity – kind, patient, humble, intelligent, and hard-working people. I am proud to share a community with them. It is my duty and honor as an elected representative and neighbor to act in their best interest through the lens of P&Z.

With a longstanding and deep-rooted love of design and architecture and a 20-year career in design, I am passionate about the built environment and placemaking. Planning and Zoning is actively working to make our town more walkable and vibrant, and we must maintain these efforts. I will continue to work to welcome business while preserving the character that makes Haddam uniquely Haddam. It has been a pleasure to serve as a commissioner over the past four years on Planning and Zoning, and I would be honored to do so again. There is so much work to do, and we’re just getting started.

**Wayne LePard (R):** Wayne has served for eight years on the Planning & Zoning Board and is eager to continue to serve for another four if elected. His experience on this board, as well as service on the regional school board, Inland Wetlands/ Conservation Commission, Cemetery Association

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2021 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

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and other boards, brings both the experience and insight needed to be a solid member of Planning & Zoning.

Planning & Zoning needs to work within the new POCD that will be finished this year while providing fair and equitable treatment of all parties in zoning issues. This has been the record of the present board and it should continue into the future. The board needs to be proactive rather than reactive regarding future needs of our town.

If re-elected as Zoning Commissioner, Wayne is confident that any and all of the challenges that surface will be handled promptly, fairly, and equitably. He asks for your support on Nov. 7th.

**David Carini (D):** David is Haddam born & raised. He has resided at the Undina Farmhouse on High Street with his wife and children for the last 22 years, renovating the historic house along the way. All three of his children graduated from the Haddam-Killingworth school system. David has a great appreciation for small-town life and all that it has to offer.

Passionate about giving back, David has been involved with many community organizations: CT River Conservation District, Habitat for Humanity, Hartford Marathon, Blue Star Family, and Mentor RI.

David leads a Market for Starbucks Coffee that includes Connecticut and Rhode Island.

**Edward Wallor (R):** Ed has been a resident of Haddam for almost 50 years, living here with his wife, Shannon, and two children.

Ed has been self-employed for over 20 years and understands what it takes to make a small business successful. He has served on the Planning & Zoning Commission for the past six years and for the last two he has been the secretary.

Ed looks forward, with your support on Nov. 7th, to continue bringing his common sense and experience to serving the Town of Haddam for another four years.

**Mike Farina (D):** First, I would like to express my thanks to the voters of Haddam for the privilege of serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission this past term. Prior to retiring, I was director of studio operations, east and west coast for ABC-TV/Walt Disney. I currently serve on the Haddam PZC, as well as the Economic Development Commission, and as Town Representative to the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. I am an active member of St. Peter Church, its Parish Council, and the Knights of Columbus. Part of my family has roots in Tylerville going back to the 1800's. Before moving to Higganum, I served on similar boards and commissions in both the towns of Coventry and Willington.

Our town is at a turning point for new and exciting development. The unique small town quaintness of Haddam with its two village centers, beautiful land formation and river access should be celebrated. We should build upon what we have and can offer. Create a town that is unique to the region and not spend time envying our surrounding neighbor town. It is essential to strike a balance between reasonable ideas and development, our historical attributes, and the environment, as well as help and encourage business to prosper. This will only help us to do the same. We have a blueprint in the voted-on and approved Plan of Conservation and Development. Common sense, being open to new projects and business, but always being aware and accepting of the desires of the people must be applied in all decisions the Commission makes. I have tried to follow these principles in the past and hope I can continue to help create a viable, transformable economic business environment as well as a community the people of Haddam will be proud to call home. I would be honored again should you have the confidence to reelect me to another term on the planning and zoning commission.

**Mike Karam (D):** Vision with purpose can change the world. This belief is what guides me throughout my professional journey, and it's what will guide me throughout my role on Haddam Planning & Zoning if given the opportunity to serve. My partner and I moved to Haddam in 2016 and have lovingly cared for an antique home that has proudly stood in this community since 1720. To us, there is no other place we would want to call home. As a member of the Haddam Historical Society, and a lifetime member of the Haddam Land Trust, I appreciate the idea of "sense of place" and respecting the natural character of our beautiful Connecticut River Valley town.

Professionally, I have over two decades of experience working with large global organizations in business strategy, planning, and creative development. Defining a strategic vision and creative story for brands such as Coca-Cola, Mastercard, Nestle, Tiffany & Co., Google, and Levi's. I've also consulted with nonprofit organizations such as Bill & Melinda Gates foundation and Feeding America.

I'm running for P&Z because I want to bring back a sense of place to Haddam and help shape our strategic vision and story. Respecting our past, while looking towards our future. Building on our local assets of outdoor recreation and unique New England character, while strengthening our local economy by attracting investments that align with our purpose and vision. A vision that helps us achieve our goals for growth and development, while maintaining the soul of who we are.

My experience collaborating with and respecting people and diverse perspectives to build something truly special is what I look forward to bringing to Haddam P&Z. We are at a critical inflection point with many important issues facing our town. From septic in Higganum Center, the Rossi property, Scovil buildings, town garage and HES, to affordable housing, and vacant retail. The choices we make today will shape the future of our community. I want to work together with our Town Planner and all members of P&Z to define and execute a vision with purpose that moves us forward. I want to listen to all perspectives and voices and offer a strategic point of view when weighing in on the important decisions that we face.

I'm inspired by our five villages and all those who call Haddam home. We are a truly unique community with passionate people who all want the best for our town. I'm enamored with our connection to the land and our place in the Connecticut River Valley. I seek to protect Haddam's distinct character as we look towards the future and provide all Haddam residents with a town vision they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with and for you. Please Vote Mike Karam for Haddam Planning & Zoning.

**Dylan Kessler (D, P&Z Alternate):** I'm Dylan Kessler and my wife Anaga and I moved to Haddam in July of 2020. I am originally from Bolton, CT, a town with many parallels to Haddam. However, I've lived all around the country before returning to live here in Higganum.

When looking to return to Connecticut we immediately fell in love with Haddam for its amazing schools and ample outdoor

opportunities. We have 2 dogs and spend a lot of time walking them around Haddam Meadows, the Cove, and Higganum Reservoir.

I am a full time paramedic and business owner, and also volunteer for the fire department during some of my free time. I am running for the position of Planning and Zoning Alternate because I love to give back and serve the community which I am part of. Being an alternate in Planning and Zoning will give me plenty of opportunity to learn from those already serving on the board, while also striving to achieve the goals set by the Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of Haddam in 2018.

**Larry Maggi (R, P&Z Alternate):** As a previous Selectman and Planning & Zoning Alternate, Larry has the experience and knowledge to be well-qualified to serve as an Alternate on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He is the owner and operator of Fireworks Hearth and Home and All Equipment & Party Rental on Bridge Street in the Tylerville section of Haddam. He has been a successful business owner for over 25 years.

Larry believes that he can contribute positive growth for Haddam, while keeping in mind the values and atmosphere of our quaint town. He loves living near the CT River and the fact that when someone is in trouble our town rallies together to help. He would like to continue with the progress we've made and asks for your vote in November.

**Tim Teran (D, P&Z Alternate):** My family and I have been part of the Haddam community for 70 years. My grandparents (Mr. & Mrs. Cecil M. Moore) moved to Higganum Landing in 1951.

I grew up spending summers & holidays on the Landing, moving here full time in 2014 because I just had to be "back on the river." My wife and I are active supporters of our volunteer fire and ambulance teams as well as the Haddam Historical Society and The Haddam Scholarship Fund. Today I sit on The Haddam Board of Finance, The Board of The Haddam Historical Society and am a member of the newly formed Friends of The Higganum Cove Town Committee.

Haddam is a remarkable town with a rich past and a promising future. Its natural beauty is beyond compare and its school system top notch. As a result, we continue to attract more young families to our town. Our challenge is to maintain the rural charm

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of our special town while we continue to find new ways to grow – attracting new residents, businesses and tourists. “Thoughtful growth” — growth that preserves the best of the past and marries that with the best of what could be — is a challenge. I would like to be involved in embracing that challenge.

As I said above, the biggest issue facing us is encouraging economic growth and development while maintaining the character of our town with the most opportune areas for growth being Higganum Center, Higganum Cove and Tylerville. That requires a great infrastructure and a commitment from all of us.

Higganum needs a community septic system to handle more business; with the grants that have been approved it will have septic plans in place to demonstrate its “readiness” to welcome more business when new businesses want to locate here. Tylerville needs better traffic control; with the

new roundabouts planned Tylerville will get that. Higganum Cove needs an action plan to carefully develop it into a sought-after destination; with the new Higganum Cove Committee it will get one. So, I believe we are poised to begin a new era in Haddam.

As a passionate believer in Haddam’s possibilities as well as my track record — rebuilding an older home in town to more fully resemble the look of the 18th century house it once was, and my more recent ideas about how Higganum Cove could be a powerful attraction for Haddam (published in The Haddam Bulletin earlier this year) — I believe I have the passion, commitment and ideas to be a force for thoughtful growth that benefits all.

Haddam is one of a kind with a rich past and one of the most beautiful sites in New England — from Higganum Cove to Haddam Meadows; from the Beaver lodges to Swan Hill; from the swing bridge to The Thankful Arnold House and from Higganum Landing to Rock Landing— we live in a very special place graced by a wide variety of wildlife and greenery.

Haddam residents are one of a kind. While we don’t always agree on the right path forward, we all deeply care about our town and its future – and we are not shy about having our opinions heard!

Given the strength of conviction we all feel for our town and what our town experience has to offer I believe Haddam can grow in ways that benefit us all – in ways that maintain the character of our town while creating economic growth.



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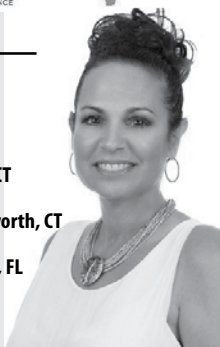
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Extension Requests may be requested on or before November 1, 2021 per CGS 12-42.

Examples of such tangible personal property include but are not limited to: machinery, cables, conduits, pipes and other fixtures of water, gas, electric companies; leasehold improvements classified as other than real property; furniture and fixtures; unregistered motor vehicles, unregistered recreational vehicles (RV’s) and truck campers, snow mobiles, all-terrain vehicles, unregistered motor vehicles, unregistered personal watercrafts (not including boats); farm machinery; tools; expensed supplies; horses & ponies. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

Personal property declaration forms are available at town hall and at www.haddam.org For more information please contact the Haddam Assessor’s Office, 30 Field Park Dr. Haddam; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday.

Tammy Anderson CCMAI  
Assessor Town of Haddam

## LEGAL NOTICE Town of Haddam Notice of Passage of Ordinance

Notice is hereby given to all residents of the Town of Haddam, Connecticut (the “Town”) that at Special Town Meeting of the Town held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm the Ordinance below was passed.

### ORDINANCE

#### TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT

Be it ordained by the Town Meeting of the Town of Haddam, that pursuant to Section 3-7 of the Town of Haddam Charter, the following ordinance was adopted on September 29, 2021, to be effective on October 22, 2021.

#### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

• **45-33 Creation; authority; regulations.**  
The Town of Haddam hereby creates a Water Pollution Control Authority. Such authority shall have all the powers, purposes, objectives, duties and obligations set forth in Chapters 102 and 103 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and existing and future amendments thereto, and all powers inuring or granted to Water Pollution Control Authorities by • **7-246** and by other relevant sections of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and existing and future amendments thereto. Such authority shall have the power to develop and enforce activities to protect the groundwater and aquifers of the Town of Haddam. Said regulations promulgated by the authority shall be approved by the legislative body of the Town.

• **45-34 Membership; terms.**  
Said Authority shall consist of the three (3) members of the Haddam Board of Selectman and two (2) alternates, all to be electors of the Town of Haddam, who shall be designated and approved by the Board of Selectmen and serve without compensation. Members shall serve for a term consistent with their term of office on the Board of Selectman and alternates shall serve for a term of three years from appointment.

• **45-35 Officers; records; meetings.**  
The Authority shall elect a Chairman from among its own members at the first meeting and annually thereafter at the first meeting held after the first day of July in each year. The Authority shall appoint a Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Authority and, when ordered by the Authority, shall file the same with the Town Clerk. All such records shall be open for public inspection at reasonable hours. A calendar of regular monthly meetings shall be filed annually in the Town Clerks office in accordance with State Statute. Special meetings of the Authority may be called by the Chairman or any three members upon 24 hours’ notice thereof.

• **45-36 Budget.**  
The Authority shall prepare annually a budget of estimated revenue and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year.

• **45-37 Removal of members.**  
A commissioner may be removed, for inefficiency or neglect of duty, by the Board of Selectmen after a hearing conforming to recognized standards of due process of law; a commissioner shall be removed only after opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel before the Board of Selectmen at least 10 days prior to which he shall have been given a copy of the charges against him. In the event of the removal of any commissioner, a record of the proceeding, together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Haddam.

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# 2021 Candidates Killingworth Planning & Zoning

We reached out to both the Killingworth Republican Town Committee and the Killingworth Democrat Town Committee and asked candidates to respond to a set of questions; if a candidate did not respond, their name is listed, so that you know who is running for each office.

Updates from all candidates are welcome and will be published as Letters to the Editor. The questions posed to the candidates were:

- Tell us a little about yourself.
- Why are you running for the position?
- What do you see as the important issues facing Killingworth and how would you address them in your role?
- What are the key things you love about this town and its people?
- Additional thoughts to leave voters with?

**Brice McLaughlin (R):** As a Killingworth resident for the past 30 years, I have called our town home for my entire adult life. I grew up in Guilford, graduated Guilford High School, and then college at Rochester Institute of Technology, then landing in our small town shortly thereafter. I have raised my family here in Killingworth, 2 boys (21 and 23), both who attended the Killingworth public school system from Pre-K through High School. One entering his Senior year at UCONN, the other a UCONN graduate working as a Bio-Medical Engineer in CT, and my wife a Teacher in the Madison public school system. I am self-employed in the mortgage business after a 12-year career in the Information Technology field.

I am currently a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. When elected, as is the case now, my main reason for running is to “serve” the town. I never had much interest in politics until I experienced it on the local level, a place where one can actually make a difference, and “give back” to

the community. I was originally recruited to be a member of the KRTC (Killingworth Republican Town Committee), where I became treasurer for a period of time. I was Treasurer for Fred Dudek’s

the typical Single-Family Home.

In a related topic, the ability for Single Family Homeowners to add Accessory Suites, and similar extension to their homes, for the purpose of

housing family members who are otherwise shut out of the Killingworth housing market is of great importance to me.

Killingworth residents are known for being friendly, while also giving you space. We are a small tight knit community that respects its residents’ privacy and understands that the rural nature of the community is one of the main draws for many who choose to live here.

As we are a very small town, with declining population. We need to get creative with the balance of staying the small rural town we all love, while keeping property taxes and other expenses at a reasonable level. It has been shown that Killingworth can support businesses compatible with the towns character; it has further been shown in some cases that Killingworth can even be a destination for certain businesses. The town needs to develop policies, facilities, rules, and regulations that attract the type of businesses we would like to see in our town.

**Geoffrey Cook (D):** I have lived in Killingworth with my family for 20+ years. I am running for my 4th term on P&Z.

I feel a strong commitment to working with the rest of the Commission as well as townspeople to ensure any changes made or approvals issued, are in keeping with the Town’s POCD, (which reflects townspeople’s desires) as well as trying to ensure a balance of existing and new development.

From my perspective, the top 3 issues are:

- Creating a more pedestrian-oriented “town center.”

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Brice McLaughlin (R)



Geoffrey Cook (D)



Guy Vecchitto (R)



William T Tobelman (D)



David Gross (R)



Malorie Neveu (R)  
P&Z Alternate



Stephanie Warren (D)  
P&Z Alternate

First Selectman campaign not long ago. In each position I realized I was surrounded by others who volunteered their time for the good of others, very different to what I perceived of those in higher level of politics. So “why am I running” to serve you, the residents of Killingworth, if you’ll have me.

[Important issue facing Killingworth]  
“Affordable” housing options for those other than the typical middle to upper-middle class family. Whether it be young High School or College graduates just entering the work force, retirees looking to downsize, or any number of other scenarios, our town has little to no housing options in the area of Apartments, Condominiums, Planned Unit Developments, and other options that provide a lower cost and less maintenance than

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- Balancing new residential development with the existing rural characteristics we all enjoy.
- It is important to me to continue working on further initiatives for more affordable housing solutions for our elderly and for those just starting out, so they have options which allow them to continue to live in town.

[The key things you love about this town are] The rural character of the town and the close relationships we all share.

As a reminder, we welcome anyone to attend P&Z meetings to stay informed and/or to share ideas with the commission. Join us. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month!

**Guy Vecchitto (R):** My name is Guy Vecchitto and I have been a resident of Killingworth for 40 years. I picked Killingworth for its beautiful country setting. I bought a piece of land, built a house and raised my family. I have been involved in serving the public my entire life. I have always felt very strongly about protecting our environment. I was Superintendent of Water Pollution Control for the City of Middletown until my retirement in 2004. I am a member of the Parmelee Farm

Committee and the Killingworth Lions where I enjoy volunteering whenever I am needed.

I believe I would bring an environmentalist's view to the Commission which would be very helpful when reviewing the issues that come before us. The environment is very important to me, and planning and zoning plays a huge part in maintaining the environment. I held a Class IV wastewater distribution license and a Class III wastewater treatment license during my career in wastewater. With these licenses came a great deal of training in other environmental issues. This background will be instrumental in making decisions on planning and zoning issues since the two topics are intertwined.

I believe Killingworth needs to continue to be careful on its growth. We should look into the feasibility of allowing more affordable housing, more professional services and more commercial services in town. However, changes, if any, must be done considering any possible environmental impacts and with the input of its residents.

I recognize and appreciate the love the people of Killingworth have for their town! I believe they really treasure the beauty and great quality of life

that we enjoy here. I also believe our town is fortunate to have so many volunteers who help make this such a great place to live.

I have always been a very good listener and will consider all aspects of an issue before I make a decision that will affect the town we all

love. I have also expressed my concerns to elected state officials of the importance of allowing local planning and zoning commissions to continue to make the zoning decisions for their towns and citizens. Many towns simply lack the geology and the infrastructure to support some of the changes that were being proposed. And lastly, no matter who you would choose to represent you make your voice heard and VOTE!

**William T Tobelman (D):** I've been living in Killingworth for almost 30 years now. I'm a graduate of Morgan High School and have a degree in sociology from American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts. I most recently worked 27 years for a Connecticut based medical manufacturer.

I'm running for the Planning and Zoning Commission because I want Killingworth to basically stay the way it is in a way that allows both young and old to live here.

I think an important issue is not becoming like other towns that have changed and lost their identity.

I love Killingworth's Mom and Pop businesses, the open space, the dump, the baseball and soccer fields, the school system, the town crews, the library, the volunteer fire department, the ambulance, our resident state trooper, the circle, Chatfield Hollow, and Parmelee Farm.

Some say that Killingworth folks don't know who their neighbors are, but this is true only if you make it so. Killingworth has always had wonderful residents. It's been that way for as long as I can remember.

I think my vision for the town matches that of

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most residents, but I'm open to new ideas and suggestions. I'll listen to you. Please consider voting for me in November. Thank you.

**David Gross (R):** As a 40-year resident of Killingworth and have served on many boards and commissions over the years. I have been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 12 years, four of those years have been as the Vice Chairman. I also served on the Board of Education for four years.

Planning and Zoning is vital to maintaining the character of Killingworth. I feel that it is important to serve our town.

It is important to maintain the rural character of Killingworth; we need to balance commercial development while maintaining our rural character. I love the spirit of community that is a trademark of this town and the rural character.

**Malorie Neveu (R, P&Z Alternate):** I have been living in Killingworth since 2019 when my boyfriend Kevin Gorman and I purchased the Welter property farm on Roast Meat Hill Road. I moved here from Granby MA, a small town that reminds me of Killingworth. I work full time as a medical coder in Guilford. I am also a member of the Killingworth Women's Organization and volunteer at Helping Hands food pantry in Killingworth.

I love the close community feel in our town and want to do my best to preserve our towns history while also keeping up with the current laws and regulations. Our town is special and deserves to be preserved while also making sure that we stay current.

We need to make sure that planning and zoning laws remain under the control of the town. I

will work to make sure our laws are made in the town, as our townspeople know what is best for Killingworth. We also need to work on the health and safety of our residents. Putting community first is my top priority.

Since moving here in 2019, I have loved the small town charm that Killingworth offers. I live on a 41-acre farm, and I am so lucky to be a part of this welcoming community. I have met many wonderful people through the KVFC, Killingworth Women's Organization, and the Republican Town Committee. Knowing I will be able to raise a family in such an amazing town makes me want to work even harder for this community. I love the many opportunities to get involved that are available in here. We have a great community here in Killingworth and I will do my absolute best to keep Killingworth strong.

I will work hard and listen to the needs and wants of the residents of Killingworth. We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful place. I will uphold the planning and zoning laws while also putting our community first. Our town deserves the best and I plan on providing that for Killingworth.

**Stephanie Warren (D, P&Z Alternate):** By way of introduction, my name is Stephanie Warren and I moved to Killingworth 23 years ago, attracted by its rural nature and the friendly and positive feel of the Killingworth community. My (adult) kids are amazed that I have lived in Killingworth for so long, as previously I have lived all over the country, related in part to my work in research and teaching in Clinical Developmental Neuropsychology, which

I continue to do.

In order to give back to Killingworth, I have been serving on the Killingworth Conservation Commission (KCC) since 2001. In addition to working on conservation projects, I have also created educational projects, displayed at the Killingworth Library. These have included information on Invasive plants, Dangerous (to wildlife) Discards, and several years of essay and drawing contests for children related to invasive insect issues, local wildlife, and conservation. I served as the KCC secretary for eight years and became the Chairperson for the KCC two years ago.

Based on my work in that group, as well as my interest in protecting our area while also enhancing overall growth and development, I was appointed to the CT. River Estuary Board (CREPA) and remained on that board until CREPA evolved in 2012 into the RiverCOG and the Lower Connecticut River Valley Regional Planning Committee (RPC), where I continue to be an active member. On these two commissions, I have logged in over 14 years. My focus is to ensure that Killingworth town needs are incorporated into regional planning and development projects. Part of that role, in relationship to regional needs, is to work with the other members of the RPC to identify regional needs and how those needs can be met with benefit to the 17 towns, including our Killingworth-Haddam area, in the River Cog/RPC region.

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“But it takes the community, to support this concept,” said McKenna. “Small businesses generate three times the income to a community. Small businesses spend their money in town, they buy groceries in the town, they go to the dry cleaners, they go to the restaurants! They get their haircut in town. There is so much more if we had it! I want to support this kind of growth for our young people, as this builds community, it builds responsible individuals, and sustains an environment that everyone really enjoys when they have it, but small town America is under pressure.”

“We see Amazon, but where do we see Amazon supporting the churches, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the schools, the football teams the soccer teams the cheerleaders; where is Amazon there?” asks McKenna. “That is why residents need to support the small business, because the owner takes their money last, the owner invests the money in the town that supports them! Taylor and Jarret Have worked with me for years, they understand this! It is in their fiber to work hard, stay in this beautiful town, and make it better!”

The long term plan is for the Lemons to buy out the hardware store from McKenna. “I am just helping get their sea legs in business, and then have them eventually acquire the business,” said



McKenna.

The Lemons may not have hardware specific experience, but they have plenty of retail experience from their years of working at the pharmacy. “We are very open to suggestions and custom orders,” said Taylor.

Higganum Hardware has the same hours as Nutmeg Pharmacy: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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In these volunteer positions, I have gained a real appreciation for the ways that our town and region are able to work together for common goals that meet both development and conservation needs.

In 2019, I was elected to the Killingworth Zoning Board of Appeals, as an Alternate member. I am now running for the Planning and Zoning Commission, as an Alternate Member.

To that role I will bring my many years of experience with town and regional planning,

zoning, and development as well as general growth and development of our town and region. Working on Town commissions and serving with the members of those groups, I have learned and integrated awareness of what is important to the town and its residents.

Killingworth has proven to be a wonderful community, with all the country features that make it so beautiful and peaceful, and neighbors and friends who give meaning to “community”.

It would be a privilege to again serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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