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## The Sale of Deer Lake Scout Reservation to a Developer Looms

By Clark Judge

A Killingworth resident concerned about what's going on ... or not going on ... with the sale of the Deer Lake Scout Reservation was speaking recently to a friend when the subject came up. The friend had no idea what he was talking about. So, he tried to explain.

"He had no idea this was happening," he said. "How is that possible?"

I don't know, either. But, guaranteed, he's not alone.

So, here's the CliffsNotes version: The Deer Lake property has been tentatively sold to a private developer for \$4.625 million, with a March 31 deadline set for "superior" offers. So far, there hasn't been one. End of story.

Any questions? There must be. So, let's get to them.

Q: What is Deer Lake?

A: It's a 255-acre property owned by the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It was sold to the Boy Scouts in 1959 and includes a youth day camp that runs eight weeks

(late June to mid-August) and has been operated the past 35 years by Mark and Patty Clifton. Last fall, the Connecticut Yankee Council put the property on the market, and in late February it was sold to a private developer. Only the sale wasn't final. The Council said it would consider "superior" offers by March 31.

Q: So, March 31 is the deadline?

A: Yes, unless the Connecticut Yankee Council decides to extend it. It once said it would make a decision in December, 2021. Then it postponed that date until the following January. Then it postponed that date until February. And then it acted, announcing the sale. Now the question: Will the Council be flexible again, postponing its March 31 deadline? "It's really hard to speculate," said Rudy Escalante, president of the Connecticut Yankee Council Board of Directors. "When someone has a real deal, they should come to us." That was Friday.

Q: Who makes the decision?

A: The Yankee Council Board of Directors. The Council's website lists 42 members, with Escalante saying the full board will make the decision.

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## Small Ways to Get Involved in the Haddam Sustainability Committee

By Kristin Battistoni, Haddam Sustainability Committee & Haddam Tax Collector

Have you said to yourself, "I really want to get involved with the Haddam Sustainability Committee (HSC), but just don't have a ton of time right now?" Well, have I got some great news for you! We have several opportunities for you to donate just a little bit of time. We do not have budgets for most projects; however, we can offer community service to high school students or scouts.

### Food Scrap Recovery Project:

The HSC is looking for residents willing to separate their garbage from stinky food scraps. We have doubled participation in the first two months of this program; however, we need your help to do it again. The program is so simple! Take all food scraps and throw them in a bucket. Take that bucket to the Transfer Station and dump it in the Blue Earth bins by the Swap Shack. Watch how much you reduce your garbage and how much less stinky your garbage becomes. If you don't have a transfer station pass, stop in and see Kristin in the Tax Office to pick up a free sticker. This will allow you entry to dump your food only. This program helps save the town money by taking heavy food scraps out of regular municipal waste.

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## Lent/Easter/Passover Worship Schedule/Activities

Schedules for the following churches/synagogues have been provided:

- Congregational Church of Killingworth, 273 Route 81, Killingworth
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 50 Emanuel Church Road, Killingworth
- First Congregational Church of Haddam, 905 Saybrook Road, Haddam

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Q: Who are the interested parties?

A: There are two, according to the Council. One is Fortitude Capital, LLC, a private developer headed by Margaret Streicker. It reportedly offered \$3.7 million for the property before upping that figure to \$4.625 in February, causing the Scouts to accept. The other party is the Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization with a mission "to create parks and protect land for people." It works in partnership with the Town of Killingworth and local communities and has offered \$2.4 million twice, with its first overture turned down in February.

Q: What are Fortitude Capital's plans?

A: Nobody knows. But developers develop, right? So the fear is that green space would be lost and/or compromised. If private development is proposed, expect to hear from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Q: Why such a wide disparity in offers?

A: Simple: Appraisals. The Council's assessment was \$3.7-4.2 million; TPL's appraisal was considerably lower at \$2-2.4-million. "That appraisal," Escalante said of TPL's figure, "pretty much nails everybody to the wall." That was in February. But he's right. The reason: TPL policy prevents it from exceeding fair-market value, and its appraisal fixed that value. TPL has a strong record of building public

support and coordinating funding to protect land from development. In 2013, it brought together local land trusts, three towns, Save the Sound and local grassroots advocacy groups to save a 1,000-acre parcel known as the Saybrook Preserve. In 2010 it joined with the Town of Madison to purchase the 42-acre Madison Airport Property. But as a tax-exempt organization, TPL won't enter into deals to overpay for acreage. Funding from public entities like the State of Connecticut, the U.S. Government and the Town of Killingworth also are constrained by fair-market value. Bottom line: TPL is unable to compete with the \$4.625-million offer – hoping, instead, that the Scouts act in accordance with their mission, accept its offer and preserve the property in the name of conservation.

Q: So what are the chances?

A: Remote, unless the Scouts' board pulls an immediate U-turn ... and that seems unlikely. TPL's figure hasn't changed since it was first declined. "I told the Trust for Public Land on numerous occasions that if you're close, we'd accept it," Escalante said last month. "I don't know if 'close' mean a hundred dollars or \$100,000, but at least it has to be close. But if it's not close, it's an easy decision. And they weren't close."

Q: So, then, this seems like a done deal. Correct?

A: No. Not yet. First of all, there's still



Photos by Clark Judge.

time ... though precious little. Second, an aggressive grass-roots movement, led by a non-profit group known as Pathfinders is raising money to help the town and TPL. Pathfinders is a non-profit, in existence the past 35 years, which is devoted to the preservation of Deer Lake as green space. It is actively involved in talks with TPL and has been in touch with Escalante and Streicker. A combination of TPL's offer and private fundraising by Pathfinders might seem a solution to reaching \$4.7 million, but it's not – again, because TPL cannot enter into a partnership to exceed fair-market value. Nevertheless, there are other options.

Q: Such as?

A: Splitting the property in two, with 120 acres devoted to the summer youth camp and the remaining 135 acres to open space. Pathfinders would negotiate to buy the former; TPL would negotiate to buy the latter. Some people think that's unlikely – particularly with the Scouts having a \$4.625-million intent-to-buy on the table – but Escalante's comments ("when somebody has a real deal they should come to us") suggest the Yankee Council is open to all options. The second is a bit trickier. If the Scouts were to receive a substantial

separate donation, contingent on its acceptance of TPL's offer, it might be willing to accept TPL's proposal. Confused? Essentially, it means people are free to make donations to the Connecticut Yankee Council on their own. Now the question: If the figure raised independently were to amount to an additional \$2-3 million, would the Connecticut Yankee Council accept TPL's offer? Escalante did not answer. "There have been a million different ways that people have proposed on Facebook," he said. "Tell them to come back to us with something specific, and we'll look at it." That sounds like someone willing to listen.

**Deer Lake in warmer weather**

Q: Why hasn't the Killingworth Board of Selectmen called for a referendum?

A: Time. When the Connecticut Yankee Council announced its sale last month, it set a deadline that was six weeks away. That wasn't enough time to conduct public hearings and meetings prior to putting this to a vote. All of those steps require advance notice. Furthermore, a referendum must be based on real numbers, including the cost of bonding, as well as state and

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federal support. Only when those numbers were determined would a vote be called. If the proposal advanced by TPL were accepted, however, it would proceed to put together financing for the acquisition and devise plans for stewardship of the land. TPL has extensive experience in conducting public education, structuring public/private partnerships and assisting towns with referendums and fundraising. That's why Killingworth's Board of Selectmen asked for TPL's help and why it issued a public resolution on March 18 "strongly supporting" it.

Q: Are the futures of Deer Lake as open space and the summer youth camp separate issues?

A: Yes ... and no. The camp is part of the Deer Lake property, so if the Scout Reservation is sold to an outside interest, the camp facilities are sold with it. That said, while the future of the 255 acres of Deer Lake is uncertain, the immediate future of the camp is not. It was leased for this summer to Pathfinders and will be run by the Cliftons. Beyond this year, however, its future is in flux ... though there has been talk of extending the lease.

Q: How much attention has this gotten?

A: Plenty. When the Connecticut Yankee Council announced last fall that Deer Lake was for sale, a Save Deer Lake page was created on Facebook. It has 1,700 followers. Then, following a January news conference that included U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, state Sen. Christine Cohen, state Rep. Christine Goupil, and several environmental, preservation and advocacy groups, the Deer Lake story gained significant local coverage – from the CT Insider to H-K News to the Krier, Source and Middletown Press. But coverage broadened on March 17 when the Associated Press entered the scene with a story entitled "Advocates Hope to Stop Sale of Deer Lake to Developer." With the AP involved, Deer Lake became more than a local topic. It became a regional and national subject. That was demonstrated two days later when a story entitled "Opponents Fight Land

Parcel Sale" appeared above the fold on the front page of the Hartford Courant. Now, broadcast media have been alerted and, with a deadline approaching, could be (should be?) next to run with it.

Q: So what is the danger of losing Deer Lake to a private developer?

A: According to a study conducted by The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut loses an area "most resilient" to climate change. With a series of colored maps that appear on its Resilient and Connected Network (Resilient and Connected Landscapes (conservationgateway.org)), TNC lists Deer Lake as one of the most valuable sites near the shore between New York City and Boston. "Resilient lands not only benefit plants and animals," said Sarah Pellegrino, the Land Protection and Strategies Manager for the Connecticut Nature Conservancy, "they ensure clean air and water, maximize benefits of forests and wetlands for storing carbon in plants and soils, protect communities from extreme storms and flooding and provide open green spaces. Resilient lands are key to a future where people and nature thrives." That message was echoed by Save the Sound, an environmental action group that fights climate change, saves endangered lands, protects Long Island Sound and its rivers ... and has been outspoken in its support of the Save Deer Lake project. "There is a direct correlation between contiguous forest and water quality," said Bill Lucey, the Long Island Soundkeeper since 2017. "If the watershed is degraded, it will degrade Long Island Sound. If you want to clean up Long Island Sound you have to restore the damaged watersheds that empty into it. It is far cheaper to protect intact forests than to restore them after they are damaged." In essence, you lose more than 255 acres of land. You lose an invaluable resource that contributes to a better life. "For all of us," said Sen. Blumenthal at a January news conference, "(Deer Lake) represents the best of Connecticut. It is part of the ecological lifeblood of this region. If we lose it, there is no way to recover. Once it's lost ... once it's developed ... once it's gone ... it's gone forever."

Q: So what is the danger of losing Deer Lake to a private developer?

## Library Promises to Put the Fun in Fundraising: May 15

*By Robbie Marshall, Brainerd Memorial Library*

Save the date! – Sunday, May 15 – for an afternoon of fun at Haddam's Brainerd Memorial Library Spring BreakOut fundraiser.

"Fun and fundraising go well together, as we'll show on the fifteenth," says Tom Piezzo, Library Director.

The outdoor event will run from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and will feature great food, a local band, drinks, games, dancing and prizes. There will also be a silent auction.

Note: This event is for adults only.

Tickets are \$60 each and will be available online via PayPal at <https://brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org/> or at the library [located at 920 Saybrook Road, Haddam] any time after April 1.

Proceeds will be used for library services and programs for all age

groups. The library's annual funding comes from three sources: the town budget, state grants, and local fundraising.

To maximize the financial success of the event, local businesses are being solicited to sponsor some of the major production expenses, including the band "Old Dog New Trick," State Trooper traffic safety coverage, liquor license, chair rentals, decorations and a tent.

The top sponsors will receive free tickets, along with publicity and a thank you display on the fifteenth. To inquire about sponsorships, please contact Donna Brinckerhoff at [donnabr@comcast.net](mailto:donnabr@comcast.net)

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# Lent/Easter/Passover Worship Schedule/Activities

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Haddam Neck Congregational Church, 408 Quarry Hill Road, Haddam Neck

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, 17 Haddam Neck Rd., East Hampton

Higganum Congregational Church, 23 Parsonage Road, Higganum

Higganum United Methodist Church, 248 Saybrook Road, Higganum; both online and in-person services available

St. James Episcopal Church, 498 Killingworth Road, Higganum

St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 7 Hemlock Drive, Killingworth

St. Peter's Catholic Church, St. Peter Lane, Higganum

Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church, 220 Turkey Hill Road, Haddam

**Wednesdays in Lent** (March 2 – April 13)

7:00 p.m. Join us as we journey through Lent together, in person or on Zoom and Facebook – Congregational Church in Killingworth

**Saturday, April 9, 2020**

1:00 p.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hundreds of colorful eggs with be hidden outside the Church. There will be activities and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall – Haddam Neck Covenant Church

4:30 p.m. Service – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service – Higganum United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday in-person and on-line

worship. Join us for distribution of palms, music and fellowship – Haddam Neck Covenant Church

10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service in person and also on Zoom and Facebook – Congregational Church in Killingworth

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**Passover Begins** Friday, April 15, 2022

Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service – Higganum United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at FCCH – Higganum Congregational Church/First Congregational Church of Haddam

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in person and also on Zoom and Facebook – Congregational Church in Killingworth

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

8:00 p.m. Adoration – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**Good Friday**, April 15, 2022

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service – HUMC in Rocky Hill United Methodist Church

**Holy Saturday**, April 16, 2022

8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**Easter Sunday**, April 17, 2022

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise service at Haddam Meadows – First Congregational Church of Haddam/Higganum Congregational Church

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service in Labyrinth, followed by Pancake Breakfast – St. James Episcopal

Church

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in the field just past the Quarry Hill Road/Schoolhouse Hill Road intersection in Haddam Neck, followed by a pot-luck breakfast at the church parish house at 408 Quarry Hill Road.

8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

8:30 a.m. Service – St. Peter Catholic Church

9:00 a.m. In person and on-line worship Easter Sunday. Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with the altar filled with colorful Easter plants, joyful music and an uplifting Easter Message from Pastor Tom Cowger – Haddam Neck Covenant Church

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service – Higganum United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service – St. James Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at HCC – Higganum Congregational Church/First Congregational Church of Haddam

9:30 a.m. Service – Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service in person and also on Zoom and Facebook – Congregational Church in Killingworth

10:00 a.m. Service – Emmanuel Episcopal Church

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service – St. Lawrence Catholic Church

11:00 a.m. Service – St. Peter Catholic Church

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service will be held at the church – Haddam Neck Congregational Church

*If you belong to a church or other place of worship in town and you would like your services included on this list, please email us at editors@haddamnews.org.*



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**Community Garden:**

Do you have a green thumb you want to put to good use? Do you want to have a garden but don't have a great yard to make that possible? Do you want to help organize a community garden? The HSC has been asked to look into this project but we cannot pull it off by ourselves. We need the community to be involved. We are seeking a few individuals to see if Haddam can support this.

**Artist Needed for Recycling Corner at the Town Office Building:**

Calling all artists! Have you been into the Town Office Building? Do you know we have a recycling corner? You may have missed it because it doesn't look like much. We are looking for a design to pull the whole area together. All designs need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, but a painted mural is highly encouraged! Currently, we have special collection containers for Pantene products, Head & Shoulder products, disposable razors and toothpaste products through Terracycle. We also collect flags that are picked up monthly by veterans. Not everyone has a transfer station pass, so we collect batteries and light bulbs here as well. If you would like to add a specialty box, let us know.

**Soft Plastic Collection:**

We still collect soft plastic to be recycled through TREX. If it stretches or has a recycling symbol, it can be included. We are always looking for volunteers to update the list of stores that collect for TREX. Our contact list needs to be updated. We also need volunteers to take plastic back to participating stores. Stop and Shop in Middletown is currently the only store I know of that is taking plastic in bulk since COVID. The process is simple: just take the pre-weighed bags from the shed in the back parking lot of the Town Office Building to the bottle return at Stop and Shop in Middletown. There is no need to notify anyone at the store. If you take bags, email HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com with the weights. We keep track and after we collect 500 pounds, we are eligible for a TREX Bench. You may have seen a few of them around town already.

**Connecticut Sustainability Certification:**

Did you know the town is applying for Bronze status through Connecticut Sustainability? We are looking for a highly organized individual to make sure our application is submitted on time and that all requirements are checked off. Check out [sustainablect.org](http://sustainablect.org) for volunteer opportunities through this program.

All of the opportunities are open to anyone. You do not need to be a member of the HSC to help out. If you have an idea, bring it to a meeting and present it. We have lots of various interests among our members. There is always someone interested in the same things you are. We are currently looking into, in addition to the programs listed above, a solar initiative, recycling education, expanding the Food Scraps program to schools/restaurants, creating a "Phone Book" for environmentally-friendly businesses, and bringing a can/bottle recycling machine to town. It takes a village to get some projects off the ground. We are very happy to help get all sustainable projects rolling. Your involvement is what you make it. Our committee is small, but we reach high! Come help us!

We are always looking to talk to groups in town. If you want us to come talk to you, let us know!

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall located at 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam. Email

HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com with any questions.

# Mark Your Calendars for the 2022 Senior Picnic: June 20

R. Thurston Clark, Chair Committee on Aging

The Haddam Committee on Aging (COA) is sponsoring a Senior Picnic this year on Monday, June 20, 2022.

It will occur at the Haddam Neck Fair grounds between 11:30 and 2:00 p.m. We'll have entertainment. Bring your Frisbee or Hula Hoop!

It's a picnic, so the menu will be hot dogs & hamburgers, salad, soft drinks (lemonade, iced tea), and dessert.

You will need to reserve a spot(s) by giving us a refundable \$5 deposit, which you can do in two ways:

Beth Hartke: she'll take your deposit at the Club 60 meetings that are held at the Haddam Community Center 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, or via snail mail to 56 Landing Road, Higganum, CT 06441.

Senior Center: Colleen Totman, that facility's Coordinator at 923 Saybrook Road will accept your \$5 deposit. Be sure to indicate if you desire a ride to Haddam Neck.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org), [www.townofkillingworth.com](http://www.townofkillingworth.com) or [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for more information on calendar items.

### Thursday, April 7

**Toddler Tunes** – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-5, outdoors weather permitting. Siblings welcome.  
Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Parmelee Farm Committee meeting** 7:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Special Board of Finance meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

### Saturday, April 9

**Haddam Meadows Invasive Cleanup** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please register by emailing Cherry Czuba at [cherylczuba@comcast.net](mailto:cherylczuba@comcast.net)

**Saturday Storytime** 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Library (Zoom). This week's story: Wild About Books by Judy Sierra.

### Monday, April 11

**Killingworth Open Space Committee meeting** 6:00 p.m. (remote).

**Haddam Board of Selectmen meeting** 6:30 p.m.

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

**Killingworth Park & Recreation meeting** 7:00 p.m. Sheldon Park/Remote.

### Tuesday, April 12

**Spring Storytime** - Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m., outdoors weather permitting. Ages 2-5, siblings welcome.

**Tech Time Tuesday Killingworth Library** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The one-hour program allows for two

single-attendee slots, but we will also schedule for a mutually convenient day and time as needed. Please register.

**Tuesday Book Discussion** – Killingworth Library 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us as we discuss The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See.

**Killingworth Inland Wetlands meeting** 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD

**Volcanoes and Their Literary Connection** – Zoom 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us as Phil Devlin returns to explore this most unlikely of topical pairings!

Killingworth Board of Finance meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

### Wednesday, April 13

**Haddam Economic Development meeting** 6:30 p.m.

**Brainerd's Culinary Club Returns!** 6:30 p.m.

**Killingworth Public Health Agency meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

### Thursday, April 14

**Killingworth Conservation Commission meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

**Haddam Park & Recreation meeting** 7:30 p.m.

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

Fun, interactive sign language classes for children ages 6 months to 6 years old. Program dates are March 31; April 14 and 28; May 5, 12, 19, and 26; and June 2 and 9 - nine sessions total. Please register for each session. 860-663-2000.

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## ARTS/POETRY

# I Will Not Keep You

By E. Ann Baldwin, of Higganum

I Will Not Keep You

Words flow  
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syllables garnered with left  
hand and trying not to leave a  
question of sorts.  
My left hand is keeping diligent  
pace across the cold press  
paper of yore.  
I do not fumble but move  
slowly in time  
adjusting the abandoned  
cluster of chosen words.  
Shout now! And I will see you...

*About the Author: "I retired from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts 1/21/21 after 20 years of teaching in the visual arts department. I have taught at Wesleyan Potters, Guilford Handicraft Center and Creative Arts Workshop all in visual and ceramic arts. I have been writing my poetry for some-teen years, and crafting/authoring 2 children's books during my undergraduate work. On to illustrating them this year as well. I write/create almost everyday."*

BFA Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio  
MALS Wesleyan University, Middletown CT  
Penland Craft School, Penland, North Carolina  
\*\* Poem submitted for E. Ann Baldwin to HK-Now.com, by Haddam Poet Laureate Lorraine Riess.



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A certified list(s) of party-selected candidates for the Democratic Party in the Town of Haddam for participation as DELEGATES to the convention(s) of said party specified below is on file at my office at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution.

Conventions:

- Judge of Probate District 33 - May 18, 2022**
- State House District 36 - May 17, 2022**
- State Senate District 33 - May 16, 2022**
- U.S. House of Representatives District 2 - May 5, 2022**
- Connecticut State Convention - May 6 & 7, 2022**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert W. Siegrist III  
Town Clerk  
Haddam, Connecticut

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### TOWN OF HADDAM NOTICE OF DECISION OF TOWN PLANNER AND ZEO

Upon review of the file, relevant facts and previous opinions, the Town Planner and ZEO have determined that the property know as Map 02/Lot 002 on Earl Roberts Road (a private road) is a legal lot of record and eligible to apply to construct a single family home, pursuant to Section 29.1 Town of Haddam Zoning Regulations. No further division of said parcel is permitted. This decision can be appealed within 15 days of the publication.

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## COMMUNITY

### Haddam Food Scrap Diversion Program is Growing

By Linda Talbott, Haddam Sustainability Committee

Haddam's Food Scrap Diversion Project started December 8, 2021 and in that first month, residents removed 725 pounds of food scraps from the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). January saw 2,275 pounds of food scraps removed. February achieved 2,625 pounds, even though the Haddam transfer station was closed for 2 days due to inclement weather and February is a short month!

We have sold 91 of the 150 starter kits we have. If you would like a starter kit (\$25 donation) or need extra compostable bags (\$5 for roll of 25), they are still available at the Haddam Town Office Building, 30 Field Park Drive. See the Tax Collector or First Selectman's Office. Hours are posted on the Town website. The Higganum Village Market is also carrying the 3-gallon compostable Biobags as well. Thank you to all who are participating.

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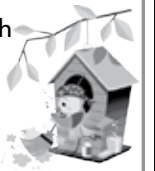
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# Fridays in Haddam Neck

By Connie Farrington

'Twas on a Friday in November 1810, so they say, that 34-year-old Captain Chauncey Brainerd and his crew sank to the briny deep on a schooner he had built, named the Mary Ann. Chauncey had been born in Haddam Neck on the second of June in 1776, just in time to hear the Declaration of Independence read to him by his parents, Josiah and Lois Brainerd. He married Jemima Brooks about 1801 and had a daughter Jemima, the wife dying a few months thereafter. Before long he married Cynthia Tyler, resulting in the birth of a daughter, Mary Ann, on August 22, 1805, and followed by at least two other offspring.

A son, Chauncey, was born about the time his father Chauncey launched his new ship, heading for the West Indies. Or so it is said. According to the Brainerd-Brainerd Genealogy of 1908, quoting The Middlesex Book, "the keep was laid on Friday, and every important part was commenced on Friday; launched on Friday, sailed from New York on Friday and, it is supposed, was lost on Friday, with Captain Brainerd and all his crew."

That crew included his brother David and two brothers named Strong. I found no evidence that the ship's remains were ever located.

Chauncey's widow, Cynthia, married the widowed John Smith, whose first wife had been Elizabeth Brainerd. Cynthia and John Smith had children Edgar, Elizabeth and Caleb Smith.

And what, pray tell, became of 5-year-old Mary Ann Brainerd, for whom the schooner was presumably named by her father? Based on census records of 1850, 1860, and 1870, and a gravestone inscription, she died Nov. 26, 1879, having never married. She appears to have lived in Haddam with her mother and some or all of her three half-siblings for the rest of her life. Interestingly, the 1870 census reports 65-year-old Mary as having no real property, but personal property of \$10,000, significantly more than her half-brother, Edgar Smith, 54, head of household. How she acquired her fortune, I know not.

To my surprise, if Google calculates the dates correctly, Mary Ann died on a Wednesday, not a Friday. Her gravestone is in New Rock Landing Cemetery.

# Calling All Knitters Follow up/More Info

**Editor's Note:** The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. We welcome supporting or opposing views on any published item. This letter is a follow up to this letter we published in February.

Thank you so much to all of the people that have knitted, crocheted, sewn and donated much needed warm clothing for the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, home of the Lakota Sioux.

People from Haddam, Westbrook, Killingworth, Colchester, Chester, East Haddam and Cromwell – to name a few – are helping with this project. Our neighbors are amazing!!

For the participating senior centers and large groups, I'll be collecting at their sites in early May, about May 5, 2022.

For those who are able to, Brainerd Library located at 920 Saybrook Road

in Haddam has generously offered their reading room area as a drop-off site. We will be starting about April 5, 2022 and will collect donations until May 5. There will be a table set up near the fireplace. Please leave your name and contact information with items. If possible, please label boxes or bags with the type of items donated.

Killingworth Library, located at 301 Killingworth Turnpike (Rt 81), has also generously offered their facility as well. A collection box will be in the main area near the display case.

For those who would like to donate warm clothing or blankets, we are only accepting new items at this time.

For those who cannot get to the sites, please email me at roedennis@comcast.net and I'll be happy to pick them up after April 15.

Roe Dennis  
Haddam

## HADDAM ROAD WORK

### Beaver Meadow Road Culvert Project Detour Plan to Begin April 18

Information from Haddam Town Alert

The target closure date is April 18, 2022. Estimated completion date is end of August. This all depends on supply chain and site conditions throughout the project. Once the project starts, the road will be closed

until its completion. Detour signs will be posted in the coming days.

Accessing Beaver Meadow from the SW, Jail Hill side, you can only get as far as #316 Beaver Meadow. Accessing Beaver Meadow from the NE, Woods Rd. side, you can only get as far as #267.



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### This Week on Valley Shore Community TV: April 8-13

By Chris Morgan, Public Access  
Coordinator, VSCTV

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4/8 8:00 p.m. Haddam-Killingworth HS  
Chorus Concert 2022  
4/10 7:45 p.m. Mr. HK 2022

#### Comcast Channel 19 - Valley Shore Community Television

4/7 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of  
Clinton Sunday Service 4/3/22  
4/7 - 5:00 p.m. Old Saybrook Meetings  
4/10 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational  
Church in Essex Sun. Service 4/3/22  
4/10 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist  
Church Sunday Service 4/3/22  
4/10 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town  
Meetings 3/22/22  
4/11 - 4:00 p.m. A Slice of Life

4/11 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show  
4/11 - 6:00 p.m. Shore Things: Tanya  
Porcelli  
4/11 - 8:00 p.m. Art of Poetry  
4/12 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Meetings  
4/12 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment:  
Zeller & Squires  
4/12 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show:  
Read to Grow  
4/12 - 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Music  
Monthly: Season 6 Bonus Bits  
4/13 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook  
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