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Motivational Speaker John Halligan Visits H-K High School



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By Howie Field, Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation

Motivational speaker John Halligan presented his story to the entire school body in two sessions at the Haddam-Killingworth High School on April 27, 2022. Sponsored by the Nathaniel B. Field Memorial Foundation, Inc, his program addressed bullying, mental health awareness, and suicide prevention.

John lost his son Ryan to suicide on October 7, 2003. At the time of his death, Ryan was a 13-year-old middle school student in Essex Junction,

Vermont. It was revealed in much greater detail after Ryan's death that he was ridiculed and humiliated by peers at school and online.

John's powerful and positive message emphasized the importance of achieving suicide prevention through self-advocacy and advocacy for others. John talked about being an up-stander and not a bystander when someone is being bullied. Get involved, don't participate in bullying, and don't be afraid of apologizing if you owe one. Students feeling depressed or bullied should turn to their family, friends, or trusted adults for help because You're Worth It.

Dahlias Anyone?



By Terry Twigg

Even in this spring's stubborn chill, peonies are setting their buds while roses unfurl glossy leaves along their stems, with lush flowers soon to follow. So that's May into June covered in the gardener's year. By the time spring bloom is over, the beds will be overflowing with the hot colors of midsummer. But what's in your lineup for late summer, and into fall?

Why, dahlias, of course. Whether your house and gardens are cottage core or formal, antique or contemporary, you'll find varieties perfectly suited to your style—with lots of extra flowers to bring indoors. As it happens, the Haddam Garden Club will be featuring dahlias at its Plant Sale in front of HES on Saturday, May 7, 2022, and members will be happy to tell you everything you need to know. Trust me, you want some.

If you've been following the Haddam Garden Club articles, you know that I usually encourage planting

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Outdoor Track: HKHS Boys & Girls Come Away with Two Victories

By Matt Diglio, Coach

On Thursday, April 28, the Haddam Killingworth High School boys and girls track teams traveled to Clinton to compete in a tri-meet against Morgan and North Branford. Both the boys and girls team came away with two victories on the day as the boys defeated Morgan by a score of 101-31

and North Branford by a score of 127-10 to improve their dual meet season record to 4-0. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: John Panzera 110 hurdles (18.4) and 300 hurdles (48.6), Alex Lara 1600 (5:11), Kevin Cavrell 400 (54.0) javelin (107'4") and shot put (35'10"), Aidan Law 200 (23.9) long

jump (21'1.5") and high jump (5'6"), Evan Baird 3200 (11:19), Andres Montes triple jump (38'3") and Jared Frith discus (79'0"). The boys 4x800 and 4x400 relays were also victorious on the afternoon.

The H-K girls team also went 2-0 on the day to improve their dual meet



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HVFC Responds to Grill Fire on House Deck



Photo by Olivia Drake.

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Public Information Officer

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responded to a reported structure fire at 7:05 p.m. on May 1, on Plains Road in Haddam. A neighbor on Plains Road, who is a dispatcher for Valley Shore Emergency Communications, overheard the 911 call and immediately went to the scene to help. He and the homeowners used a garden hose to begin extinguishing a fire that started in the grill and spread to a deck, railing and shrub.

Upon arrival, firefighters used a line off Engine 1-13 to fully extinguish the fire and tore many burning boards off the deck. Crews

overhauled the scene and then used a thermal imaging camera to detect any additional hot spots under the deck. Crews were on scene for about an hour.

Mutual aid was provided on scene by Chester Hose Company, Middletown South Fire District, Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company and East Haddam Fire Department also were dispatched and cancelled en route.

This was the third structure fire in Haddam in the past 11 days. At 10:35 p.m. on April 27, crews responded to an appliance fire that evolved into a structure fire on Earl Roberts Road. And at 2:20 p.m. on April 21, 2022, firefighters responded to a structure fire, also on Plains Road.

HKHS SPORTS

Outdoor Track: HKHS Boys & Girls Come Away with Two Victories

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record to 4-0 on the season as they defeated Morgan by a score of 100-31 and beat North Branford 119-11. Leading the way for the Cougars were the following event winners: Brianna Nugent 100 hurdles (17.6), Izzy Berardino 1600 (6:04), Leah Sosnowski 300 hurdles (52.9), Olivia Macaluso 800 (2:46.3), Mariella Fulcher 200 (27.5), Kaleigh Nelligan 3200, Jess Timothy long jump (15'4") and high jump (4'8"), Ly-Linh Criscuolo triple jump (33'4.5"), Scarlett Strom discus (77'3") shot put (25'10") and javelin (78'6"). The girls 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams were also victorious on the afternoon to contribute to the teams' win.



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HKMS: Cougar Celebrations for April 2022

By Debra Cumpstone, Secretary of School Counseling, HKMS

On Friday, April 29, Haddam Killingworth Middle School held their Town Meeting where the following students were recognized for the month of April.

Our Cougar Core Value Awards are given to students who exemplify one or more of our Cougar Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance, Kindness, and Perseverance. These Core Values were developed and accepted by Haddam Killingworth Middle School students, parents, faculty, and staff in 2016, and we recognize students each month. We appreciate these students' commitment to upholding our core values and being role models at HKMS.

Chloe Abarientos Respect,
Responsibility, Perseverance, Kindness
Audrey Bailey Perseverance,
Respect
Charlotte Behnke Responsibility,
Perseverance
Jordan Belanger Responsibility,

Perseverance
Max Bergman Responsibility,
Respect
Paul Birkmeyer Perseverance,
Responsibility
Sophia Carrone Respect,
Responsibility
Logan Cimma Respect, Kindness,
Perseverance
Stephanie Coleman Kindness
Riley Crotty Perseverance,
Responsibility
Kyle Czarkowski Respect, Kindness,
Perseverance
Donato Daniels Respect,
Perseverance, Kindness
Lucas Dias Respect, Kindness,
Responsibility
Cole Dingus
Kindness, Respect, Perseverance
Alison Dooley Perseverance,
Kindness, Respect, Responsibility
Becton Duhamel Respect,
Perseverance
Mason Eighmy Responsibility,
Respect
Peyton Esposito Respect,

Responsibility, Kindness
Jaden Fazzone Perseverance,
Kindness
Brody Ferguson Respect, Kindness,
Responsibility
Mark Fowler Perseverance,
Responsibility
Joshua Frith Respect,
Responsibility
Emma Giaccone Respect,
Responsibility
Michael Girgenti Perseverance
Alexander Goeden Respect,
Perseverance
Jacob Gordon Respect,
Responsibility, Acceptance
Paisley Hardgrove Kindness,
Perseverance
Garrett Jordan Perseverance
Grey Kennedy Perseverance
Allison Lamarre Perseverance,
Respect, Responsibility
Luc Lamarre Respect,
Responsibility
Sophia Langer Perseverance,
Acceptance, Respect, Responsibility
Olivia LaTorre Perseverance,
Responsibility
Isabella LaViola Perseverance
Kody Lehet Respect, Kindness,
Acceptance
Max Lehet Perseverance,
Responsibility
Chase Lombardi-Bole Perseverance,
Respect
Margaret Mathews Perseverance,
Respect, Responsibility
Emilia Maziarz Perseverance,
Responsibility, Respect, Kindness,
Acceptance

Noah McCarthy Perseverance,
Responsibility
Nola Minickene Respect, Kindness,
Responsibility
Cameron Moore Respect, Kindness,
Responsibility
Catherine Nguyen Respect,
Responsibility, Kindness
Miles Norko Responsibility
Finnegan O'Hanlon Responsibility,
Respect
Riley Patton Acceptance,
Responsibility
Frieda Petersen Responsibility,
Perseverance, Kindness
Josie Piela Respect,
Responsibility
Cooper Pierce Respect,
Responsibility, Perseverance
Mackenzie Pierce Responsibility,
Respect
Megan Saraceno Respect,
Responsibility, Acceptance
Spencer Savoy Respect,
Responsibility, Kindness
Emilia Schweitzer Perseverance,
Acceptance, Respect, Responsibility
Elsa Shatraw Responsibility,
Perseverance
Aoife Sidlow Responsibility,
Respect, Kindness
Noah Soucie Perseverance,
Responsibility
Olivia Stephens Respect,
Responsibility, Kindness
Wesley Stevens Respect, Acceptance
Wyatt Voegtli Perseverance,
Respect, Kindness
Mavric Ziegler Respect,
Perseverance

COMMUNITY

Huscher Realty Group Purchased Almost 200 Boxes of GS Cookies

By Kathy Brown

You may remember that the Huscher Realty Group at William Raveis Real Estate in Middletown wanted to buy cookies as a way to give back. The four members of the Huscher Realty Group asked Girls Scouts in their hometowns to email them and the realtors would purchase two boxes of cookies from each of the Scouts.

Scouts in Haddam, Killingworth, Durham, Middlefield, and Middletown all participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Community Give Back.

Tanya Bottaro pledged to purchase

the cookies from Scouts in her community of Haddam, Higganum, and Killingworth.

"We purchased cookies from 96 girls total, and 192 boxes of cookies were donated to the local food pantries in their respective areas," said Tanya Bottaro.

This was the first year of the program, and it was done via social media.

"We are hopeful that this could become an annual event for our Team to partner with the local Girl Scouts & Brownies in the area during their cookie-selling season!" finished Tanya.



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Girls Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Morgan 7-5; JV Wins 13-2

By Janice Calvi-Ruimerman

It was a banner game for Goalies Rhianna (Rhi) Phipps and Gabrielle (Gabby) Williams on Thursday, April 28, on Morgan's home turf. With the Junior Varsity leading the charge, the JV Haddam Killingworth High School team crushed Morgan 13-2. Goals

were tallied by Aly Campbell (4), Jaimey DiNapoli (3), Sarah Birkmeyer (3), Brooklyn Bailey (1), Madalynn "Maddy" Catalano (1) and Ella Connelly (1). Morgan was no match as Gabby saved 5 out of the 6 shots on goal, while Morgan gained only 1 shooting goal and a second on an open

penalty shot.

In the Varsity game, the cold was surely felt by all, but Morgan's offense was easily subdued by the Varsity defense. Rhi Phipps and her defensive line of Captain Kyla Mazzotta, Ava Ramino, Peyton Tyler and Te'a Norman held Morgan tightly, giving up only 5 goals of their 17 shots. Possession players Captain Yumi Imai, Georgia Cancroft, Sophie Ramino, and

Samantha "Sammy" Ruimerman, surely gave Morgan a run for their money. Goals for Varsity were racked-up by Captain Grace Cassidy (3), Audrey Wrinn (3) and Seanna "SeaSea" Ruimerman (1) with a 7-5 victory under the lights.

Great game, Lady Cougars. Way to keep those sticks up and defend GOAL, even in the cold!

Boys Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Conference Rival Morgan 7-1

By Mike Kelly

On a windswept home field Thursday evening, April 29, the defending 2021 Shoreline Conference Champion Haddam Killingworth Cougars Boys Lacrosse team defeated conference rival Morgan 7-1. This was the second victory for the Cougars against Morgan this season, having bested them 5-1 earlier in the year. In a game that never really felt in doubt, the HK defense stymied and befuddled any semblance of a Morgan attack, hounding from the first whistle until the last. From a spectator's perspective, this was a one-sided contest.

Haddam Killingworth High School started things off early in the first, again sparked by the D, when LSM Jack Insalaco took a loose ball coast-to-coast, dishing to Senior Cory Phipps for the goal, 1-0 HK. Middie Nolan Braren scored next, dodging down the left alley and firing a dart into the

top right corner of the cage, 2-0 HK. Moments later, the Cougars appeared to run the same play again, with the same outcome, when Braren again dodged and scored, 3-0 HK.

Midway through the second, attackman Aaron McLeod freed up Alex Phipps with a nicely timed pick. Phipps then rolled right-to-left above the crease, used a silky shoulder fake that froze his defender, and buried a sidearm into the net, 4-0 HK.

In the third period, Morgan was able to tally a cheap one during a man-up advantage, 4-1 HK. The Cougars C. Phipps answered quickly, rolling from X and firing a sidearm past the top right post, 5-1 HK.

Later in the fourth quarter, Phipps again found Braren for the goal and hat trick, 6-1 HK. Start the bus. The brothers Phipps ended the show with Alex feeding Cory for the one-timer in front of an empty net, 7-1 HK.

Golf: HKHS Ties North Branford 184-184

By Kelly Brown, Assistant Coach

On Thursday, April 28, the Haddam Killingworth High School Golf team tied North Branford 184-184 in a League Match on the Black Birch Golf Course (course rating 34.2).

Haddam-Killingworth:

- Andrew Fleig, 44
- Jacob Maier, 44
- Andrew Crayton, 48
- Gabe Barile, 48
- North Branford:
- Robert Cappella, 45
- Jack O'Brien, 46
- Dakota Cooper, 46
- Blake Pearson, 47

*HK Record: 3-1-1 (3-0-1 Conference)

*at time of publication.

Softball: HKHS Defeats Cromwell 7-0

By Jeff Talbott, Coach

On Wednesday, April 27, Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Softball team defeated Cromwell 7-0.

Bella Richwine and Kaleigh Bodak combined to shut out Cromwell 7-0. HK's Ivy McNiell had 3 hits and 2 RBI, while Cheyenne LaTouche had 2 hits including a home run and two runs scored. Bella Richwine contributed a two-run single in HK's 5-run third inning. Jaime Anderson had two hits for Cromwell, whose record falls to 9-2, while HK's record is now 11-1.

Line score
CR 0 0 0 0 0 0. 0/6/0
HK 0 9 5 1 0 1 X. 7/9/2

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Thursday, May 12

HK Hall of Fame Online Auction 2022 (May 12 – 31) Online auction runs from May 12th starting at 3:00 p.m. and will end on May 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

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

Dungeons & Dragons – Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

2022 HKHS and Killingworth Library Student Art Show Killingworth Library transforms into an art gallery for the month of May, as we welcome back the HKHS Art Show! The show

itself runs through May 31.

Friday, May 13

Music with Margie - Margie Warner returns for songs and fun this spring! 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Killingworth Library. Sessions will be held outside, weather-permitting. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

Saturday, May 14

Saturday Storytime 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Library. Saturday Storytimes are now an in-person event! We will meet either in the reading garden, if the weather is nice, or the children's room. This week's story: What Not to Give Your Mom on Mother's Day by Martha Self Simpson.

Sunday, May 15

Brainerd Memorial Library Fundraiser 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This adult outdoor event will feature great food, a local band, drinks, games, dancing, prizes, & a silent auction. Tickets are \$60 each and will be available for purchase at the library.

Shad Museum – Open every Sunday

until June 12 – The Haddam Shad Museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 212 Saybrook Road, Higganum. Free and open to all. There will be a live demonstration of planking shad on an open fire with Jack Calhoun and Lenny Kochanowski, museum directors. There will also be paint-a-shad ornament for all ages!

Monday, May 16

Haddam Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m.

Haddam Committee on Aging meeting at Haddam Neck 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Spring Storytime at Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Coding for Kids 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Killingworth Library is excited to offer an introductory coding class, recommended for ages 8-13!

RSD #17 BOE meeting 7:00 p.m. HKIMS

Killingworth Planning & Zoning meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Wednesday, May 18

Haddam Annual Town meeting (to vote on Town budget) 6:30 p.m.

Haddam Board of Finance meeting 6:40 p.m. (to set Mill rate)

Haddam Board of Finance meeting 6:50 p.m.

Killingworth Committee on Alternative Housing meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Thursday, May 19

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

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

Dungeons & Dragons – Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mystery Book Club – Killingworth Library 6:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss Sycamore Row by John Grisham.

Haddam Historical Society Annual Meeting. Haddam Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum 6:30 Business Meeting 7:00 Program on Scovil Hoe Free and Open to all.

Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Dahlias Anyone?

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natives, which dahlias decidedly are not. But here's why they're safe to plant: Dahlias are the national flower of Mexico, where they originated, so they're hot-climate plants. Mexico is Zone 8, while we're still only 6b, so the plants can't overwinter, and a plant that can't survive the winter can't become invasive. Of course, native plants are always preferable as food sources for local insects, but bees and other pollinators will still feast on dahlia pollen—IF you include collarette (daisy-like) varieties. The big fluffy varieties are useless as a food source; no insect can penetrate all those layers. The good news is they're apparently uninteresting to deer, too. Every summer I plant my dahlias around the outside of my vegetable garden fence, and so far the deer have ignored them.

Dahlias have thickened roots called tubers. They look somewhat like discouraged potatoes, and that's not too far off, because the Aztecs, besides using the

roots to treat epilepsy and the hollow stems as water pipes, also ate them. Europeans tried following suit, but dahlias for dinner never really caught on.

The flowers did, though. In a move repeated throughout botanical history, European explorers brought the new (to them) plants back home, discarded their native names in favor of a European botanist (the Swede Anders Dahl, whose research on pollution from fish processing plants led to the first legislation restricting the release of industrial waste into the groundwater), and immediately started hybridizing. The results were stunning, thanks to dahlias' remarkable botanical make-up. While most plants have only two sets of homologous (paired) chromosomes, dahlias have eight, which allows for a seemingly infinite amount of what scientists call 'morphological variation' but we know as simply astounding differences in size and shape, in every color except blue (but they're working on it). Today there are 82 species (estimates vary) and many thousands of varieties, with a hundred more added every year. Tiny, near-perfect spheres of pompon or ball dahlias, 1-2 inches wide; spiky spider shapes or my favorite, the graceful waterlily style, midsize with 6" flowers on 3-4' plants; smooth- or wavy-petaled or multicolored, all the way up to giant "dinnerplate" dahlias a foot across, growing on plants that can sometimes reach six or eight feet tall. Like peonies, dahlias set buds in sets of three, with a pair of small buds flanking the larger, central bud. For really big flowers, remove the twins, so that the plant will direct all its energy to the central bud. I'm not a fan of the dinnerplates, which are so big and heavy they tend to droop, but there's no denying the impact of a single huge bloom in a centerpiece or bouquet.

For all their drama, dahlias are surprisingly easy to

grow. Wait for the soil to warm up—about mid-May, and dig a hole in a sunny spot with rich soil and good drainage. If yours is one of the larger varieties, add a sturdy stake now, because it's all too easy to spear the roots if you wait until later in the season. Lay the tuber on its side, and cover with a few inches of soil. Don't water until you see green sprouting above the surface, unless there's a really dry spell. Once the plant sprouts, though, be generous and consistent with watering. Weed by hand, since any chemical that kills weeds will also kill your plant. (And bees, insects, and birds. And possibly you.)

If you're growing plants that are midsize or larger, pinch the stems back to a pair of leaves once the dahlias are 18" tall. You'll get a well-branched plant, with more flowers and sturdier stems for cutting. Don't forget to enter the best ones at the Haddam Neck Fair, which falls at peak dahlia season.

To save your dahlias for next year, wait until a week after they turn black and shriveled after the first frost. Then dig them up. Don't be intimidated: the roots are only a few inches below the ground, easy to lift. To avoid mutilating the roots, dig gently, feeling your way toward the stem. LABEL THE TUBERS, let them cure in the sun for a few days, then store in a cool dry spot, such as your basement.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HADDAM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

Zoning Board of Appeals, Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item (s):

- A.** Variance to allow a free standing pylon sign with integrated illumination within the Tylerville Village district zone.
- Applicant:** Kara Kennedy **Location:** 1598 Saybrook Rd – Map 49/lot 31-A
- B.** Variance to allow a side setback of not less than 5ft (20ft required) to allow construction of a garage.
- Applicant:** Craig and Diane Murphy **Location:** 999 Saybrook Rd – Map 31/lot 78

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

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HADDAM, CT
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and/or taxpayers of the Town of Haddam that the Annual Budget Meeting and a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Haddam Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum CT on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm for the following purpose:

1. To elect a Moderator
2. To consider and vote on the Detailed Capital Budget as detailed by each project totaling \$1,479,000 (project authorization)
3. To consider and vote on the Annual Budget recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.
4. To approve the acquisition of real estate and authorize the First Selectman to enter into purchase and sale agreement with CTDOT for the purchase of the Scovil property for \$326,000, subject to Town's receipt of funding from a State Financial Assistance Agreement for \$1.8 million for the Scovil Mill Remediation Project.
5. To authorize the First Selectman to enter into, and execute all documents necessary to have the Town receive the State Financial Assistance Agreement for \$1.8 million for the Scovil Mil Remediation Project
6. To approve the sale of real estate and authorize the First Selectman to enter into purchase and sale agreement with PB Projects VIII, LLC for the sale of the Scovil property after PB Projects VIII, LLC expends \$650,000 improving property for future use
7. To approve the acquisition of two (2) parcels from Haddam Volunteer Fire Company including the Town Community Center, which adjoin the Scovil property. (no change in use proposed)
8. Approve acceptance of use of Town Green for Town (WPCA) owned and operated septic system serving Scovil property and Town (Community Center) property
9. To do any and all things legal and necessary to accomplish the above-named purposes and take any other action that may legally and properly come before the meeting.

A complete detailed copy of the 2022-2023 budget and latest drafts of other available documents referenced above are on file at the Town Office Building, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438 and online at www.haddam.org

Stay up to date on the Budget - Sign up for alerts www.haddam.org/subscribe Select "Town News & Announcements" under the "News & Announcements" heading.

Dated in Haddam, CT this 12th day of May, 2022

Board of Selectmen: Robert McGarry, Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty.

**LEGAL NOTICE
REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**

Notice is hereby given that the Financial Report of Regional School District No. 17 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as prepared by Seward and Monde Certified Public Accountants is on

file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W. Siegrist, III

Town Clerk

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 29th day of April, 2022

Scovil Mill Plans Subject of Public Hearing May 11

By Ed Munster

On May 11, a Public Hearing was held at the Firehouse Community Hall to discuss the purchase, environmental remediations and sale of the Scovil Mill (former CTDOT garage) at 11 Candlewood hill Road.

First, it is important to note that the Planning and Zoning Commission recently met and issued a report indicating that this project is in full compliance with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development which has the goal "Support the redevelopment of the Scovil Hoe Mill Complex by working with State agencies, especially Conn DOT and DECD. Focus on environmental remediation of the property to get ready for reuse".

Specifically, the topics discussed at the hearing will be agenda items for approval at a Town meeting to be held on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse

- To approve the acquisition of real estate and authorize the First Selectman to enter into purchase and sale agreement with CTDOT for the purchase of the Scovil property for \$326,000, subject to Town's receipt of funding from a State Financial Assistance Agreement for \$1.8 million for the Scovil Mill Remediation Project.

The State's appraisal of this DOT (Department of Transportation) property is \$325,000 plus a \$1,000 administrative fee leading to a total cost of \$326,000 which is in the capital budget. The source of the funds is from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 so that this purchase is not using town tax dollars.

- To authorize the First Selectman to enter into, and execute all documents necessary to have the Town receive the State Financial Assistance Agreement for \$1.8 million for the Scovil Mil Remediation Project

In order to receive this \$1.8 million grant from DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) the town is required to engage with a developer for the environmental remediation of the property to ensure that the

project will be completed, and the buildings will be used as envisioned. The state will hold a mortgage and a 'negative' pledge which requires that the developer not flip the property within 10 years or use it for a purpose not agreed. This project has been approved by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Municipal Brownfield Liability Relief Program which gives the town liability protection from any unknown environmental conditions when the town purchases the property from DOT. Tighe and Bond (the town's environmental consultant) has prepared the Remedial Action Plan which is the basis of the \$1.8 million cleanup estimate.

- To approve the sale of real estate and authorize the First Selectman to enter into purchase and sale agreement with PB Projects VIII, LLC for the sale of the Scovil property after PB Projects VIII, LLC expends \$650,000 improving property for future use

The developer Parker Benjamin will need to invest at least \$650,000 to bring the buildings up to code and secure Certificates of Occupancy. PB will not take ownership of the buildings until this happens at which time the town will turn over title to PB. At this point the town will begin receiving taxes on the buildings.

- To approve the acquisition of two (2) parcels from Haddam Volunteer Fire Company including the Town Community Center, which adjoin the Scovil property. (no change in use proposed)

This will clear up the title on these properties.

- To approve acceptance of use of Town Green for Town (WPCA) owned and operated septic system serving Scovil property and Town (Community Center) property

The community septic system will include the Town Green and two parcels on the HES property to service the tenants at the Scovil Mill property and the possibly Town Community Center and Veterans Museum. This will be operated by the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) which was established by the town.

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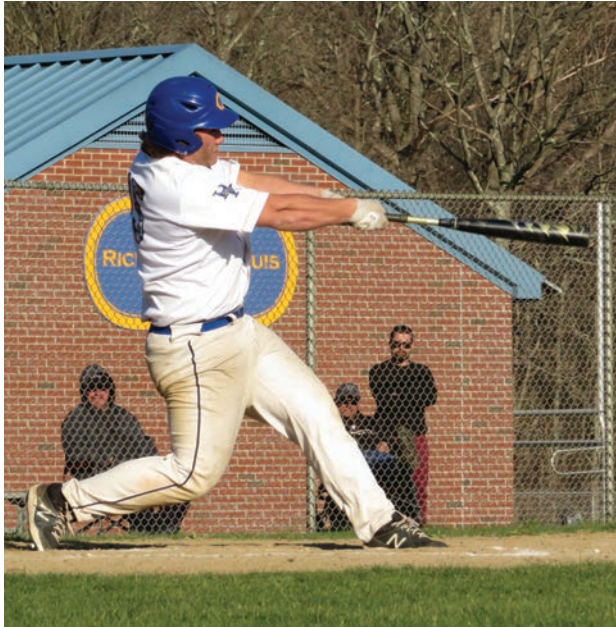
By Mark Brookes

On Thursday, April 28, the Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team was defeated by North Branford 6-0 in Higganum.

Cam Garrett threw a 2-hit shutout, striking out nine to get the win. Todd Butler and Dylan Coon each had a hit for HK.

NB 1 0 0 0 0 5 6 5 0
 HK 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3

Batteries: HK- Liam Gordon and Nick Glynn. NB
 - Cam Garrett and Ryan Michonski
 WP Garrett LP Gordon
 *Records: HK (8-4), NB (6-6)
 *at time of publication.



Photos by Rita Civiello.

Boys Tennis: HKHS Loses by Tiebreak to Cromwell

By Rod Pakus, Coach

On Thursday, April 29, the Haddam Killingworth High School Boys Tennis team lost a Shoreline Conference match to Cromwell in Higganum, which was decided by a Super Tiebreak as the regular match had ended in a 3-3 tie. The Cougars duo of Eddie White and Joe Wessinger lost the tiebreak to Tyler Daniele and Thomas Garcia 8-10 which gave Cromwell a 4-3 match victory.

#1 Singles Eddie White (H-K) d. Tyler Daniele (C) 6-1, 6-4
 #2 Singles Bryce Leiberan (H-K) d. Zach

Daniele (C) 6-1, 6-1
 #3 Singles Darragh McNeil (C) d. Joey Mercier (H-K) 6-3, 6-2
 #4 Singles Cromwell by forfeit
 #1 Doubles Wessinger/Luzietti (H-K) d. Garcia/Sharter (C) 6-4, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Gradzki/Shah (C) d. Stevens/Lirot (H-K) 7-5, 6-3
 Super tiebreak
 Daniele/Garcia (C) d. White/Wessinger (H-K) 10-8

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