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It's a Record! O'Sullivan Heads EMTs Honored by Killingworth Ambulance

By Clark Judge

When the Killingworth Ambulance Association (KAA) held its annual dinner on October 23, it followed a familiar script in recognizing its top three responders of 2021-22. Except this time there was nothing ordinary about what it celebrated ... and not so much because of the people involved.

Because of the calls they answered.

Dan O'Sullivan, president of the KAA, responded to 283 of them from October, 2021 through September, 2022 ... and if that seems like a lot, it's because it is. Not only was it more than half of the 540 responses answered by the KAA during that period, it was nearly twice that of runners-up James Fretz and wife Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz.

They had 143 each, while Lisa Barbour checked in with 114.

O'Sullivan and Fretz were two of the top three responders in 2020-21, too, when 154 responses took first place. This time, however, O'Sullivan did more than lap the field. He set a KAA response record, breaking — no, obliterating — the previous gold standard of 207 set by Lisa Anderson in 2019-20.

"I don't know how to describe it," said Mike

Haaga, the KAA's Chief of Service. "What's better than astounding?"

Answer: 283. Now the question: How did O'Sullivan do it?

"I just like helping," he said, "and this is the most direct way because it involves people who are in immediate need. So it's satisfying from that perspective. I know it's not for everybody, but it's something I have the skills and inclination to do. So I make it a high priority."

O'Sullivan typically is on call Wednesday days and Thursday nights. But, like other EMTs with the KAA, he often jumps in to cover absences when needed. That happened after Fretz underwent shoulder surgery earlier this year and missed over five months.

"For a while," O'Sullivan said, "it looked like I might break 300 (calls). But in August and September things slowed down a little."

O'Sullivan didn't. One summer evening he responded when no ambulance was available for what turned out to be an automobile fatality on Route 81. O'Sullivan wasn't on that evening's schedule, but when he heard an urgent call for

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Left to right: Lisa Barbour, James Fretz, Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz, Dan O'Sullivan. Photo by Clark Judge.

Silent Vigil to be Held on Veterans Day in Higganum

By Arthur Wiknik, Jr.

On the morning of November 11, Veterans Day, there will be a silent vigil at the war monument on the green in Higganum Center beginning at around 10:45 a.m. and lasting until about 11:15 a.m. The time of day that we stand at the monument coincides with the 11:00 a.m. signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. A few local veterans and members of the Haddam Veterans Museum will be in uniform to stand quietly around the monument. This is not a ceremony and there will be no speeches. We have been doing this for about ten years to visibly bring awareness to the day. The museum also will be open. Thank you.

Rossi Property Appraisal Process Explained

By Bob McGarry, First Selectman, Haddam

Some have questioned the purchase price for the Rossi property and compared it to the value the town places on it for tax purposes. Tax values are notoriously low and are simply a snap shot in time when the town conducts a mass appraisal of the entire town. They are not a reflection of current market value. For example, I looked at one property in town with a tax value of \$320,000. The owner paid \$370,000 for it in 2016 and Zillow estimates the current market value to be \$520,000. Tax values are used to set the mill rate. They can't be used to estimate market value.

There are different ways to appraise commercial property. The Rossi's presented an appraisal recently prepared by a Connecticut Licensed Commercial Real Estate Appraiser. The appraiser had the MAI designation which is one of the highest designations an appraiser can achieve. This was not just a "fly by night" appraiser who would present whatever value the seller wanted. His appraised value of \$2.54

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KILLINGWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Annual Meeting
& Presentation:
November 16**

By Ken Wodatch, Killingworth Historical Society

The Killingworth Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company, 333 Route 81, Killingworth.

Following the meeting, the KHS will present a program by Jerry Roberts, local Author and Historian, based on his book, The British Raid on Essex, The Forgotten Battle of the War of 1812.

The meeting and program are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



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Girls Swim: HKHS Defeats Rocky Hill 99-77, Moves to 5-1

By Alison Karam, Girls Swim Head Coach

The Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Swim team moved its season record to 5-1 after losing to the Class L Co-op team of Fitch/New London/Stonington/Wheeler (90-69) on October 11, and then defeating Rocky Hill (99-77) in an away meet on October 17. The H-K Cougar girls won 10 of 11 swimming events against Rocky Hill, starting with first and third in the opening 200-yard medley relay. Senior co-captain Erin Marica qualified for

State Championships in the 100-yard breaststroke, swimming 1:21.57, and improved her State qualifying time in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:56.26. It was a fast meet for the Cougar girls, as every H-K swimmer who competed that day posted at least one personal best or season best time. Eleven swimmers scored the winning points for H-K: Aleysha Brawley (SR), Emma Sajus (JR), Erin Marica (SR, co-captain), Johanna "Jo" Houska (SR, co-captain), Kristen Thebeau (SR, captain), Layla Hayward (JR), Olivia Campo (SO), Olivia "Liv" Macaluso (SO), Peyton Tyler (JR), Sofia Campo

(SO), and Veronica "VV" Pypa (SO). Top 3 finishes for H-K: 200-yard Medley Relay: 1st: H-K (Thebeau, Marica, Sajus, Hayward), 3rd: H-K (Tyler, Brawley, S. Campo, O. Campo). 200-yard Freestyle: 1st: Houska. 200-yard Individual Medley: 1st: Macaluso, 3rd: Thebeau. 50-yard Freestyle: 1st: Hayward. 100-yard Butterfly: 1st: Sajus, 2nd: Houska. 100-yard Freestyle: 1st: Macaluso, 2nd: Tyler. 500-yard Freestyle: 1st: Marica*, 3rd: Sajus. 200-yard

Freestyle Relay: 1st: H-K (Houska, Hayward, Tyler, Macaluso), 3rd: H-K (Pypa, O. Campo, Brawley, S. Campo). 100-yard Backstroke: 2nd: Thebeau. 100-yard Breaststroke: 1st: Marica*, 3rd: O. Campo. 400-yard Freestyle Relay: 1st: H-K (Houska, Hayward, Macaluso, Marica), 3rd: (Tyler, S. Campo, Thebeau, Sajus). *Time qualifies for State Championships

ARTS

HKHS Drama Presents "This Is A Test" This Weekend!

By Marcy Webster

Join us at Haddam-Killingworth High School on Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. for HKHS Drama's fall play, This is a Test. A comedic nightmare by Stephen Gregg about the pressures of school, tests, college acceptance, competitive classmates and general teenage angst, This is a Test is a family-friendly comedy everyone will enjoy. As the ticking clock reminds you, you have only 60 minutes to complete this oh-

so-important predictor of your future, but you didn't get the review sheets, the teacher doesn't like you and your classmates are blatantly cheating. Time passes and the voices in your head remind you that though you are having trouble with the test, your personal life is far, far worse.

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available for purchase through all cast and crew members or at the door. Run time for the show is 30 minutes. We hope to see you there!

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Haddam Event Honors Military, Law Enforcement, and Other First Responders

By Meghan Peterson

On October 16, which was a sunny autumn Sunday, people of all ages convened at the Higganum Green and participated in an event honoring active military, military veterans, law enforcement and other first responder personnel (firefighter, dispatch, EMS) in Haddam as well as across Connecticut.

Brendan Saunders opened the event by welcoming those gathered. Before segueing to the line-up of speakers, Saunders gave a prayer expressing gratitude for our freedoms - and those who have fought for them and who continue to do so.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the National Anthem was sung. People waved American flags (including this author accompanied by her youngest toddler, who managed to wave the American flag fairly well) and donned patriotic apparel to mark the occasion.

To highlight the recent ambush murders of two Bristol, Connecticut police officers and the serious injury of a third – event organizers led a moment of

silence.

Those in attendance heard from various speakers, including Bob Stefanowski, CT Republican candidate for Governor (running against incumbent Democrat Gov. Ned Lamont); Leora Levy, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate (running against incumbent Democrat Senator Richard Blumenthal); Brandon Goff, Republican candidate for State Senate-33rd District (running against incumbent Democrat State Sen. Norm Needleman); Chris Turkington, Republican candidate for State House-36th District (running against incumbent Democrat State Rep. Christine Palm); Irene Haines, First Selectwoman of East Haddam and State Rep. for the 34th District.

Common themes throughout the remarks included the importance of respecting law and order; the necessity for preserving foundations for freedom and liberty; and the paramount value of standing for parental rights in guiding their children's education.



Leora Levy.



Brendan Saunders.



Chris Turkington. Photos courtesy of Dan Luisi.

HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Thank-You from the Haddam Historical Society

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

The Haddam Historical Society would like to thank everyone who helped make our “Fresh Faces, Old Places” House Tour a tremendous success on October 8. It was a perfect day and visitors thoroughly enjoyed visiting the six wonderful historic homes owned and loved by the “next generation of historic house owners.”

First and foremost, we would like to thank the generous owners for opening their lovely homes for all to enjoy:

Dan and Valerie Ballek
Joe and Morgan Dalton
Zach Eddinger
Carrah Kalat and Erich Twachtman
Mike Karam

Rebecca Lineberry

We could not have done it without our hardworking house captains who made everything run smoothly:

Gloria Gorton
Bill Gresham
Rebecca Lineberry
Elizabeth Malloy
Cindy Sola

Tim Teran

A special shout-out to Ron and Mary Alice Matulevich for all their help with lunches and making the day a success.

Thank you to the following members of the Haddam Garden Club for providing beautiful arrangements for each of the homes:

Elizabeth Adams
Gail Christie
Patricia Gill
Rogene Gillmor
Terry Twigg

Thank you to Melissa Gibson of Wellstone Farm, Higganum for providing flowers for the tour headquarters.

We could not have done it without all of our dedicated and reliable volunteers. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm:

Jane Aldieri, Mark Aldieri, Sue Bement, Lynda Birch, Charlene Breen, Donna Brinckerhoff, Amy Casey, Laurie Connor, Marijean Conrad, David Costa, Sue Costa, Marge DeBold, Melissa Gibson, Charlotte Gradie, Pat Hartman, Tim Jarrell, Debbie Karpf, Karen Kruger, Sharon Marcantonio, Carol Matregrano, Mary Alice Matulevich, Ron Matulevich, Kate Morrison, Dianne McHutchison, Dan McNeil, Sarah Neal, David Neal, Margo Novack, Annie

O'Brien, Cindy O'Neill, Lindamae Peck, Deb Rutter, Laura Schneider, Bill Schneider, Katherine Schoonover, Belle Seggerman, Terry Smith, Elaine Stephens, Linda Talbot, Bob Waller, Grace Wisnesky and Adam Wisnesky.

Below are some of comments we got from attendees:

“The tour was absolutely A+—the docents at the houses, the flower arrangements, the properties themselves—all top notch.” S.Q.

“Thank you so much, my family had such a great day. Thank you to all the homeowners who gave us a look at all their hard work on their gorgeous homes.” N.S.

“Beautiful homes. Thank you so much for sharing!” R.D.

“We had a wonderful time! Thank you!!” M. J.

“What an impressive event. Each house was unique and special. The flowers were glorious.” C.

“Best House Tour Ever” S.C.

“Wonderful historical house tour yesterday! Thank you to all for a job well done!” J.D.

“As they say, ‘It takes a village.’ Being a newcomer to all of this, to say the least, I was amazed. Everyone gave it their all, even the patrons who visited the houses. There is a true sense of community in this town, something you don't see these days.” A.O.

Summary of RSD 17 Board of Education September Meeting

By Jennifer Favalora, RSD 17 Board of Education Vice Chair

The following is a summary of the September 13, 2022 meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education:

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Cougar Pride

Haddam-Killingworth High School student Alex Lara presented his drawing titled “Parabola,” which won the Congressional District Art Competition. The message of the piece was based around the rise and fall of civilizations over time, and each segment represents New York City through time from the colonial period until today and into the future. The piece is currently hanging in the US Capitol in Washington, DC until June 2023.

Athletic Director Lynne Flint presented a report on the numerous athletic accolades from the 2021-2022 school year. She also reported that all athletic teams are fully staffed, including a full-time athletic trainer. Also, the Football team has begun wearing Guardian Caps on their helmets, which reduce the severity of concussions.

Food Services

Food Services is facing a shortage in staffing. The efforts of Director Shettleworth to ensure department operation have been greatly appreciated, and talent management is looking at options to fill vacant positions.

Fiscal Operations Department

Director David Solin and his team completed and submitted the annual state financial reports including the EKMS Grant and the EFS Grant. Finance is continuing to support the work of the Annual Financial Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Class Rank

HKHS Principal Donna Hayward shared the upcoming move to a GPA Distribution Model instead of our current Class Rank Model. This will better align with the Board’s Vision of the Graduate in areas such as maintaining a growth mindset and reflecting upon feedback as opportunities to adapt and improve upon learning. Powerschool will continue to rank students and will be readily available to parents, upon request. The positions of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will remain in place. The new GPA distribution model will be implemented with this year’s incoming Freshmen (Class of 2026).

High School Air Conditioning Project

Peter Sonski presented a report on the air conditioning units at HKHS, which are original to the building and have begun to fail. There are currently five units not working, which cannot be fixed or replaced due to outdated materials and technology, and a long-term solution will not be feasible within this academic year due to sourcing

delays. Mr. Sonski made the request for the District to perform an analysis on how to best address this issue.

KES/BES Lighting Project

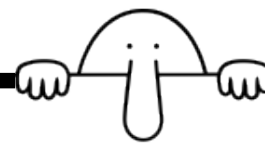
The Board approved a proposal from Secure Energy Solutions to upgrade the lighting at Burr and Killingworth Elementary Schools to LED. The cost will be at a 0% interest rate over 48 months and will cost approximately \$30,000 per year each of the four years. The result will be long-term energy savings in both buildings.

Member Update

Haddam Board of Education member Brenda Buzzi will be withdrawing from the Board as she is moving out of the District. Brenda will be dearly missed by all, and we wish her the very best in her new home.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the District Website, www.rsd17.org, under “District.”



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The Rossi Property: To Buy or Not to Buy

There's no arguing with the fact that The Rossi Property is the linchpin for Higganum Center. Developing that property makes strategic sense for the revitalization of Higganum. However, even with all the reasons that compel me to agree with the purchase, I have several reservations.

First, paying \$2.5 Million for a property valued at much less just doesn't add up. It has an appraised value of \$921,400 according to the Haddam GIS (Geographic Information System). Far less than the \$2.5 Million price tag, even with the approx. \$300-\$500K environmental clean-up costs. The math just doesn't add up.

Second, the plan only develops the front parcel along Saybrook road – seemingly to benefit one interested developer. What happens if that developer backs out, and no new developers come to the table? Particularly because the property and how it's being remediated will not allow for housing, which could turn off many developers.

Third, the back parcel of the property, will remain what it is today: an eyesore.

Fourth, moving the Town Garage out of the center and off of the Rossi property is not part of this deal. Even though the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) made it very clear the Town

Garage should move out of the center.

Last but not least, I'm left with the question of why we should buy new property when we aren't taking care of the properties we currently own?

This is a tough one. I really want to vote yes, but still need some convincing. Please come out and make your voice heard. There is a Town Vote on November 9th.

Mike Karam, Higganum

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

It was decided at the Town of Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on October 20, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to approve the following:

1. **CGS 8-24 review** - The Acquisition / leasing of the Rossi Lumber Company (ROLUMCO) by the Town of Haddam, 300-305 Saybrook Road Town of Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission

LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF HADDAM, CONNECTICUT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given to all electors and others entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town of Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town") that a Special Town Meeting of the Town will be held at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, Community Hall, located at 439 Saybrook Road, Haddam Connecticut on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To choose a moderator to preside of meeting
2. To consider and vote on the purchase of real property from Rolumco Corporation located at 300 Saybrook Road, Haddam in the amount of \$2,500,000, and the lease of real property on 305 Saybrook Road, LLC located at 305 Saybrook Road, Haddam.
3. To appoint the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority (H-K Recreation Authority) for the fiscal year 2022-2023: Peter Christopher, David Law, Jason Lonergan and Jennifer O'Neal
4. To consider, and vote to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$1,105,000.
5. To fill the vacancy for a board member of Regional District # 17 - Board of Education.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, November 3

Music with Margie 11:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Love2Sign 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Haddam Planning & Zoning meeting 6:30 p.m.

Parmelee Farm Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Pond Room.

Friday, November 4

Thankful Arnold's Treasure Chest Online Auction November 4-11, 2022 Charity Online Auction for the Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum.

Killingworth Historic Review Meeting 11:00 a.m. (remote).

Music with Margie 11:00 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Cricut Crafting for Teens 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Cricut Crafting for Adults 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Saturday, November 5

Minecraft for Kids - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Minecraft for Tweens - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

All About Opossums Saturday 11:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Sunday, November 6

Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary's 11th Annual Holiday Vendor Fair 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road on Sunday.

Haddam Historical Society Founders' Day Celebration 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hankful Arnold House.

Monday, November 7

Haddam Registrar of Voters Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fire Station #1.

Killingworth Registrar of Voters Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Haddam Club 60: Business meeting 1:00 p.m. Higganum Community Center.

Lego Club Themed Build - Brainerd Memorial Library 5:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 8

ELECTION DAY

To see what the ballot looks like, visit haddam.org
Haddam Registrar of Voters Hours 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fire Station #1.

Killingworth Registrar of Voters Hours 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Preschool Storytime - 10:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Do the Write Thing for Kids - 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Do the Write Thing for Tweens - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Turtles and the Sins of Good Samaritans 7:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Killingworth Board of Finance meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Office Building.

Killingworth Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Tuesday Book Discussion 1:00 p.m. Killingworth Library. Join us as we discuss West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge.

Wednesday, November 9

Haddam SPECIAL Town meeting & Vote on Rossi property 7:00 p.m. Fire Station #1.

Haddam Registrar of Voters Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fire Station #1.

Lego Hangout 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Haddam Economic Development meeting 6:30 p.m.

Culinary Club 6:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

Galaxy Bottles 5:30 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library. These cool sensory bottles are fill with their very own galaxies. Construct your galaxy bottle at this program for kids of all ages, then take it home and give it a shake to watch your galaxy spin and shine!

Thursday, November 10

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

Holiday Card Making 5:00 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library. Please register both participants by going to our website; www.brainerdlibrary.org or calling 860-345-2204.

Love2Sign 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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



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November Calendar & Menu

By Town of Haddam

For the Senior Center Menu, visit the Town website.

CALENDAR

Tuesday November 1, 12:45 p.m. – Cards

Thursday November 3, 11:00 a.m. – Author Vicky Harlow, a lifelong resident of Haddam is coming to discuss her latest book.

Monday November 7, 1:00 p.m. – Club 60 Meeting Held at Higganum Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Rd

Tuesday November 8 – Election Day 12:30 p.m. Christie Bondos, Medicare agent coming for a question & answer session during open enrollment. Reminder ends 12/7

Thursday November 10, 1:00 p.m. – Bingo

Monday November 14, 10:00 a.m. – Cindy Stevens is returning for another fun morning of glass painting. This time it will be wine bottles with fairy lights. Come give it a try.

Tuesday November 15, 12:45 p.m. – Cards

Thursday November 17, 12:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving luncheon, come enjoy all the classics of this favorite holiday meal. Please sign-up by Monday 11/14

Monday November 21, 10:00 a.m. – COA Meeting 1:00 p.m. – Club 60 Entertainment Meeting Nancy Meyers, a local musician, will play patriotic music.

Tuesday November 22, 10:00 a.m. – Craft Christmas Candle Centerpiece

Thursday November 24 – Thanksgiving SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Monday November 28, 12:45 p.m. Movie Day – TBD

Tuesday November 29, 12:45 p.m. – Cards

Boys Soccer Team Says Thank You

By Bethany Jacobs

On Saturday, October 15, the Haddam-Killingworth High School Boys Soccer team held a pumpkin and bake sale fundraiser in both Haddam and Killingworth. We want to thank our Haddam-

Killingworth community for supporting the high school Boys Soccer team. Thank you to the entire community for your continuous support of our high school soccer team!

HADDAM TOWN UPDATE

Rossi Property Appraisal Process Explained

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million was based on how the property could be developed.

Another way to value property is the income approach. The current income from the property is \$96,000. We spoke to a very experienced Middlesex County commercial real estate broker. Based on the income produced, he indicated a \$2.3 million value is appropriate.

A third appraisal method is a replacement cost analysis. We looked at the recent land sale on Brookes Court where the apartments are being developed. In that instance 4 acres of vacant land sold for \$1.1 million. (Admittedly, Brookes Court was approved for apartments, but at the same time it did not have buildings and a cash flow. It's hard to get an exact match.) Using the \$1.1 million as a land value and a very conservative \$100/square foot replacement cost to value the 17,000 square feet of metal buildings and 7,000 square feet of brick buildings on the Rossi property results in a value of \$3.5 million.

There are other intangibles at play with this purchase. I have to wonder, will our efforts to create a town park at Higganum Cove be successful with only nine parking spaces and no meaningful connection to the Center? Will our efforts to create a Senior/Community Center and multi-generation park at HES be successful adjacent to the Rossi property in its current state? Will the \$3 million redevelopment of the Scovil Hoe property attract the types of tenants we all desire with the Rossi property in its current state?

The Rossi property can be the linchpin in Higganum Center that ties everything together. It can be the critical piece stimulating further revitalization of Higganum Center. However, in its current state it is more of the rotten apple that can spoil the whole barrel. The question before us is very simple. Do we act now or continue to do nothing while the property continues to deteriorate?

There will be a town meeting on November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haddam Fire House on Saybrook Road.

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KILLINGWORTH PUBLIC SAFETY

It's a Record! O'Sullivan Heads EMTs Honored by Killingworth Ambulance

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available EMTs and a request for Life Star, he voluntarily drove to the scene.

"Our ambulance had gone out (on another call)," he said, "so I decided to go (to the accident). Sometimes I've done that, and I'm more in the way. But this time I was glad I'd gone."

O'Sullivan was able to assist with the victim who survived.

According to KAA information, responses in 2021-22 increased 19.3 percent from the 459 a year before ...and that figure was up significantly from the 379 in 2019-20. When the KAA was first formed in 1971, there were fewer than 50.

Also recognized Sunday evening were Mike and Marguerite Haaga for their 25 years of service as Killingworth Ambulance EMTs. Mike is the KAA's Chief of Service, and Marguerite is its Vice President. With 25-year pins, the Haagas are part of a select group. They're two of only three active Killingworth Ambulance EMTs with 25 years' experience. Board member Mark Clifton is the third.

"This is one of those things where it's like: Where did the time go?" said Haaga. "It just goes so fast."

Sandy Castlevetro was also honored with the Haagas Sunday. The managing member at Shared Response Health Systems, Castlevetro has been associated with the KAA for the past 25 years.

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This Week on VSCTV: November 3-10

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

Comcast Channel 18 - Valley Shore Educational Network

11/5 1:30pm HKTU Film Festival
11/6 7:45pm Mr. HK 2018

Comcast Channel 19 - Valley Shore Community Television

11/3 - 1:00pm & 8:00pm UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 10/30/22

11/3 - 5:00pm Old Saybrook Meetings

11/4 - 7:00pm UR Community Cares in UR Town

11/5 - 6:00pm Talk of the Town/Sports Talk

11/6 - 4:00pm First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 10/30/22

11/6 - 5:00pm Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 10/30/22

11/6 - 6:00pm Deep River Town Meetings 10/25/22

11/7 - 5:00pm Silver Linings Talk Show

11/7 - 7:00pm Looking Back

11/8 - 4:00pm Clinton Town Council 11/2/22

11/8 - 6:00pm Arts & Entertainment: Emma Palzere-Rae

11/8 - 7:00pm Pete Mezzetti Show: Miner Vincent Families Helping Families

11/8 - 9:00pm High School Football Game of the Week

11/9 - 4:00pm Westbrook Congregational 11/6/22

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