



TOWN OF SOUTHBURY ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024-2025



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MESSAGE FROM FIRST SELECTMAN JEFF MANVILLE

Dear Southbury Friends and Neighbors,

Looking back at our 2024-2025 fiscal year, I am pleased to report that Southbury remains a fiscally healthy and vibrant community.

In August of 2024, Southbury faced one of its biggest challenges, the great flood, and came out more resilient than ever. The flood caused millions of dollars in damage to roads, bridges, and infrastructure that included many residents, businesses, and Town properties.

The Southbury Public Library endured the most destruction with more than two million dollars' worth of damage. We also lost several large culverts and bridges. We are pleased to report that work is close to completion on all flood-related projects. Almost every town department was instrumental in the flood recovery efforts and the reopening of this community treasure close to one year after its devastation. Because of our diligent documentation and hard work, we are back on our feet and stronger than ever.

In November 2024, Southbury achieved its first-ever 'AAA' bond rating from Standard & Poor's (S&P), something once believed to be impossible. This is S&P's highest rating possible and indicates that Southbury is extremely strong fiscally and capable of meeting financial commitments with a minimal risk of default. It also affirms the solid fiscal policies Southbury adheres to. S&P cited Southbury's "very strong economy, very strong management, consistently strong financial operations, low debt burden, and conservative budget practices" as reasons for its decision.

In January of 2025, we established Southbury's first independent police department and hired our first chief of police. Community policing and accountability remain at the forefront of Southbury's law enforcement mission.

Ballantine Pool underwent a complete redesign and build between the 2024 and 2025 seasons, and I am happy to report that it was up and running in time for the 2025 swim season.

Our goals moving forward are to remain fiscally responsible, forward-thinking, and to maintain a high quality of life for all our citizens. Technology and security remain a top priority for our Town's operations.

I would like to thank our amazing town employees, citizens and volunteers who contribute so much to making Southbury a special place to live. Whether it is through the day-to-day town operations, town committees, or our local non-profits, Southbury has remained a community to admire due to the caring contributions of us all.

We all should be proud of the town we call home. Southbury's future is bright, and we are prepared for any challenge that may come our way.

Best Regards,

Jeffrey A. Manville

Jeffrey A. Manville
First Selectman



Board of Selectmen

*Standing: Selectman Justin Bette, Selectman Jason Van Stone, Selectman Tim O'Neil
Sitting: Selectman Holly Sullivan, First Selectman Jeff Manville, Selectman Anne Armeno*

SOME TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some of our Top Accomplishments- This list is just a sample of the many things that the town and its workforce have completed in FY25.

Achieved a prestigious AAA rating from Standard and Poor's. The AAA bond rating marks the first time achieving this rating in the Town of Southbury's history.

Recovered successfully from the devastation of the great flood.

Hosted FEMA recovery teams, as well as federal and state officials in the aftermath of the flood.

Secured FEMA funding in excess of \$2.9 million.

Provided and maintained library operations during the flood recovery efforts, creatively using multiple offsite locations and the use of the internet and online programming.

Reopened the library after the great flood of 2024, which caused more than two million dollars in cleanup and damage, two months ahead of schedule.

Established a fully independent police department in January of 2025 and hired our first Chief of Police.

Welcomed Station Dog Luke to the Police Department, a fine addition to our town.

Completed a fifteen month, in depth review of the town Charter by the Charter Revision Commission, with recommendations to be voted by the citizens in November 2025.

Commissioned a rewrite of the Zoning regulations.

Reconvened the Streetscape Committee to review and make recommendations for improvements along Main Street South.

Replaced the bridge on Purchase Brook Road, early and under budget

Redesigned and Rebuilt Ballantine Pool providing a new and upgraded ADA compliant swimming opening in time for the Summer 2025 swim season.

Achieved the Silver Certification Award from Sustainable CT.

Raised and donated \$1,100 for Make-A-Wish Connecticut with an Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

Implemented a new transfer station permit system ensuring that town residents' tax dollars are safeguarded.

Celebrated Arbor Day with the planting of horse chestnut at Kingsland on Mansion House Road.

Provided more than 80 Holiday Cheer baskets to our seniors.

Facilitated hundreds of energy assistance and renters rebate applications.

Educational opportunities provided to employees by a leader in the field of municipal grant writing.

Held 25 pre-application meetings with property owners, business tenants, and land developers.

SOUTHBURY SNAPSHOTS



ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Kristin Cedor
Animal Control Officer

Southbury Animal Control originated in the 1950's as an establishment of law enforcement solely dedicated to enforcing all State laws and Town ordinances relating to animals. The department is responsible for enforcing ordinances, such as leash laws, laws governing vaccinations, dog licensing, and the humane treatment of animals.

Our Animal Control Officers investigate all animal complaints including cases of cruelty, mistreatment, bites, roaming dogs, and respond to calls about sick or injured domestic animals and wildlife.

In addition, Southbury Animal Control strives to educate the public through different programs with Heritage Village and Southbury Public Library to make citizens aware of animal control problems and ways to solve them.

Throughout the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, Southbury Animal Control had quite a few accomplishments. This year has proven to be a busy year for us at Animal Control, from seeing more abandoned animals as well as an increase of black bear sighting reports in our town.

We held an educational talk for the residence of Southbury on the Fatal Attraction: The Devastating Impact of Rodenticides on Our Wildlife by Christine Critters Inc. on November 9, 2024.

The Southbury Animal Control Department was awarded a plaque for being designated as a No-Kill Shelter in 2024 by the Best Friends organization. We worked very hard and this award shows the effort that we have put in during this past year.

We had our first rabies clinic post-Covid on June 8, 2025. It was wonderful to welcome Roxbury Animal Hospital to this clinic. We vaccinated and licensed over fifty animals.

Animal Control Officer Cedor has been assisting the State and other surrounding communities with Animal Control activities. She conducted a licensing survey for the Department of Agriculture and assisted Oxford Animal Control and the Department of Agriculture in the seizure of 21 dogs from a home in Oxford.

This fiscal year, Southbury Animal Control took in 52 dogs: 47 of those dogs went back home, 2 were adopted out, and 3 were humanely euthanized. We took in a total of 13 cats: 7 cats were adopted, 3 went back home, 1 cat was euthanized, and we picked up 2 cats already deceased.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mark Cody
Building Official

The Building Department has the responsibility of enforcing the State of Connecticut Building Codes, Connecticut General Statutes §29-252A and §29-253, as well as Town Ordinances regarding Building Safety. These duties include reviewing applications and construction documents, plan reviews, and inspections. Projects range from simple accessory structures to mixed-use commercial properties, and anything in between.

The Department maintains professional memberships with the International Code Council, National Fire Protection Association, Connecticut Building Officials Association, and Litchfield Building Officials Association. Inspectors also maintain their license with 30 hours of approved training annually.

The Department has seen the steady volume of work continue into the past fiscal year with a slight uptick in single-family dwellings and remodeling projects. Over 1,900 permits have been issued, with a total construction cost in excess of \$43 million dollars, resulting in permit fees of just over \$554,000.

Building Permits 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

TYPE	COUNT		FEES	COST OF CONSTRUCTION
Commercial	48	\$	102,385.00	\$ 11,148,554.00
Demo	8	\$	17,500.00	\$ 1,130,370.00
Electrical	433	\$	73,585.00	\$ 5,640,722.27
Heating	377	\$	57,760.00	\$ 4,234,796.00
Plumbing	401	\$	33,110.00	\$ 1,825,386.87
Pool	15	\$	8,955.00	\$ 2,959,865.00
Remodel	554	\$	184,615.00	\$ 12,028,819.79
Single Family-New Construction	16	\$	38,510.00	\$ 2,537,950.00
Solar	112	\$	38,385.00	\$ 2,402,953.06
TOTAL	1,964	\$	554,805.00	\$ 43,909,417.16

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Stephen Schnell

Emergency Management Director

Emergency Management plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals and communities in times of crisis. It encompasses a range of activities aimed at preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of disasters. This report will highlight the significance of effective emergency management in minimizing the impact of disasters and protecting lives and property as well as the work that has taken place over the past year.

The Emergency Management Director serves as the primary emergency point-of-contact for the alert, notification, and initiation of a preliminary response to major emergencies and disaster events occurring in Southbury. The Director also serves as the Chairperson of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. One key aspect of emergency management is preparedness. This involves developing plans, conducting drills, and training personnel to respond efficiently to various types of emergencies. By being prepared, emergency responders can act quickly and decisively when a disaster strikes.

In addition to preparedness, effective emergency management also involves a coordinated response effort. This requires collaboration among various agencies and organizations, including government entities, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector. By working together, these entities can pool their resources and expertise to address the needs of affected individuals and communities in a comprehensive manner. Furthermore, emergency management encompasses the recovery phase, where efforts are made to restore normalcy and rebuild communities in the aftermath of a disaster. This involves providing support to those who have been displaced, restoring infrastructure, and promoting economic recovery. A well-planned and coordinated recovery effort is essential for ensuring the long-term resilience of communities.

Mitigation is another critical component of emergency management. By identifying and addressing vulnerabilities before a disaster occurs, mitigation efforts can help reduce the likelihood of a disaster occurring or minimize its impact.

Throughout this past year, the Emergency Management Office has been continuing regular updates of the Town of Southbury Emergency Operations Plan. We continue to maintain and utilize the emergency notification system (Everbridge). The Emergency Management Office continues to apply for grants and additional funding opportunities. The department has participated in multiple tabletop exercises and Statewide exercises designed to test our plans and response abilities. In addition, personnel have attended pipeline training, cyber security and emergency management specific courses. The Emergency Management office has delivered multiple lectures on Emergency Preparedness and presented at professional conferences over the past year as well..

We continue to work closely with our Southbury Public Safety Agencies and private sector personnel, which help to ensure the Town of Southbury, can effectively respond and recover from natural or manmade disasters.

Effective emergency management is essential for protecting lives and property in the face of disasters. By focusing on preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation, the Town of Southbury can build resilience, reduce the impact of emergencies, protect our communities, and ensure their long-term safety and wellbeing.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dan Colton
Finance Director

The Finance Department is responsible for Finance, Accounting, Pension Administration, Budget, Human Resources, Assessment, and Taxation.

FINANCE OFFICE

Town of Southbury remains financially strong for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. This is reflected in the Town receiving AAA rating from Standard & Poor’s. This rating helped the Town achieve borrowing rates well below the standard for a municipality of our size.

The Finance Office is responsible for the accounting of all Town Funds, maintaining financial records, and preparing financial reports. The department handles accounts payable, financial statement preparation, investment of Town funds, budget preparation and maintenance, and financial reporting

Financial Highlights

Net in the Town’s governmental activities increased 3% over fiscal year 2024-2025. The increase is substantiated by the Town’s conservative positive budgetary operations in the general fund and a pay as you go strategy for capital investments.

At the close of fiscal year 2024-25, the Town’s governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$35,620,067, a decrease of \$137,577 compared to the prior year. This decrease is due to the expenditures incurred due to the historic flood event of August 2024, and timing of reimbursements from FEMA.

The components of the \$35,620,067 fund balances are as follows:

Non-spendable	\$62,272
Restricted	\$171,896
Committed	\$18,012,561
Assigned	\$6,721,401
Unassigned	\$10,651,934

The general fund is the operating fund of the Town. At the end of fiscal year 2024-25 unassigned fund balance increased by \$1,427,459 to \$10,651,934. As a measure of liquidity, unassigned fund balance represents 12.6% of the general fund budgetary expenditure.

The Town plans to issue \$8,520,000 in short term debt (iban) in fiscal year 2025-26 to cover repair of infrastructure damaged in the August 2024 storm.

In the fiscal year 2024-25 \$1,737,976 was committed to fund road and bridge projects. In addition, the Town allocated \$1,216,932 to reserve for vehicles, infrastructure, and other large non-recurring expenditures.

There was \$1,500,000 of appropriations utilizing ARPA funds in fiscal year 2024-25. This accounted for 27% of the total ARPA allocation the Town received.

The Town’s investment in capital assets increased by \$145,000 due to purchases of police vehicles. Assets over \$5,000 with a useful life of over 1 year are capitalized.

Major capital investments during the fiscal year include the following:

Vehicles: fire apparatus and police cruisers	\$2,385,504
Roads & Bridges: various projects	\$1,998,544

The Town maintains an “AAA” credit rating from Standard & Poor’s.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Claire Donovan
Finance & Human Resources Administrator

The Human Resource Department is responsible for employee relation, pension administration, benefits administration, and payroll.

Human Resources Highlights

- 1. Negotiated a new three (3) year contract with the Fraternal Order of Police.
- 2. Worked with the First Selectman on updating employee benefits.
- 3. Worked with our insurance providers to provide top service while keeping costs down.

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Darcel Peters
Assessor

Each Assessor’s primary goal is to ensure that all taxable property within a town is assessed according to applicable law so that every property owner pays a fair share of the total tax burden. To achieve this, assessors must discover, list, and fairly value all property within their jurisdictions. They are also responsible for reviewing and approving various forms of property tax relief.

The result of these efforts is the Grand List: a record of all taxable and tax-exempt property in a specific town.

Personal Property

The Assessor's Office is required to ask businesses to report annually on their personal property. In mid-September, personal property declarations are mailed to all businesses, farms, and unregistered motor vehicle owners in Southbury. This form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Assessor's Office by November 1st to avoid the statutory 25% assessment penalty for non-filing. Each declaration must be reviewed and compared to the previous year's declaration to ensure all information is consistent and accurate. In 2024, the Town of Southbury had 1,118 active accounts.

Real Estate

By the end of December, the Assessor's Office reviews and values all changes in real estate accounts including new construction, demolitions, and home improvements. These changes are made based on information primarily received through building permits. The follow-up on 2,300 building permits started in March and continued through October. All improvements shown on the permits, or those found to have been made without a permit, will be added to the Grand List.

Motor Vehicles

Effective October 1, 2024, Assessors will utilize the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of vehicles and apply the Municipal Option (Public Act 25-2) depreciation schedule to calculate the value of motor vehicles including trucks, motorcycles, commercial trailers, and campers. This is a change from previous assessments, which used the "clean retail" value. 2046 supplemental were vehicles registered October 2, 2024 - May 2025 were priced, and bills were generated for July 1, 2025. All remaining vehicles registered between from June 2025 - September 2025 will receive bills in January 2026.

In early November, the office will receive, from the DMV, the regular list of vehicles registered as of October 1. This list typically includes more than 19,000 vehicles. About one-third of these need to be priced manually using the Price Digest MSRP method.

By January 2025 all real estate (10,157+/-) personal property (1,100+/-) and motor vehicle (19,000+/-) accounts have been checked, valued and entered into the Town's administrative system to produce a Grand List for June.

Appeals

By January 31, the Assessor will sign the Grand List. Property Owners and Business Owners whose assessments have increased on the new Grand List over the previous Grand List will receive an increase notice. If the owner disagrees with the assessment of their property, they have the opportunity to file an application to appeal the assessment before the Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA), which meets in early March. Appeal meetings occur in September for Motor Vehicles only. BAA applications are available on the website and at the Assessor's Office and must be returned to the Assessor's Office by February 20. Each applicant must appear with supporting documentation for the BAA to make a decision concerning the property value. The BAA received 18 Real Estate applications in March of 2025, and 2 Motor Vehicle appeals in September of 2025.

Exemptions

Applications for the Elderly or Disabled Homeowners’ program are accepted from February 1 through May 15. Applicants must be 65 years of age as of December 31st of the previous year. They must provide a copy of their tax return showing gross income, as well as all supporting 1099’s. For the 2024 GL, 365 applications were approved.

Applications for Totally Disabled, Blind or Disabled Veterans and additional Veterans are accepted and processed through the Assessor’s Office.

TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE

Azra Sholtes

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector’s Office is responsible for collecting all real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle taxes, including interest and fees that may be due in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

The total adjusted levy for fiscal year 2024-2025 was \$68,754,955.81, with a collection rate of 99.5% of current taxes. Collection for the fiscal year was as follows:

Current year’s tax:	\$ 67,798,543
Prior year’s tax:	\$ 664,083
Interest and lien fees:	\$ 563,205
Motor vehicle supplement:	\$ 390,810

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, TaxServ Capital Services LLC was contracted to conduct a tax-deed sale to collect delinquent taxes on 22 properties. Of these properties, 19 were redeemed prior to the sale, and three were sold at auction. As a result, \$389,911 in delinquent taxes, interest charges, and lien fees were collected.

Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills are mailed out at the end of June. Real estate and personal property tax bills less than \$100 are due in one installment by August 1. Real estate and personal property tax bills greater than \$100 are due in two installments – the first installment being due by August 1 and the second installment due by February 1. Motor vehicle taxes are due in one installment. Regular motor vehicle tax bills are due by August 1, and supplemental motor vehicle tax bills are due by February 1.

The Town utilizes several platforms to collect taxes. Payments made in person and by mail continue to be the primary method of payment. Lighthouse Payment Services is the lockbox service that processes payments for Southbury during the collection months of July and January and Point & Pay is the vendor used to process online payments. Delinquent bills are forwarded to TaxServ, a collection agency, and Connecticut State Marshals for collection action.

FIRE MARSHAL

Derrek Guertin
Fire Marshal

The mission of the Southbury Fire Marshal's Office is to protect lives, property, and the community through the comprehensive application of fire prevention, code enforcement, and origin and cause investigative services. We are dedicated to ensuring public safety by upholding the highest professional standards, fostering compliance with fire codes, and advancing fire prevention education.

The vision of the Southbury Fire Marshal's Office is to be a model of excellence in fire prevention and public safety. We strive to maintain a community where risk is minimized through diligent enforcement, proactive community engagement, and continuous professional development, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all.

Services provided to the public include: fire origin and cause investigations, life safety building inspections, preplanning for emergency incidents, public education, and permits for site plan reviews, subdivision reviews, commercial constructions/remodel reviews (including sprinkler and fire alarm reviews), reviewing blasting permits, open burning permits, and oil tank removals. Additionally, we ensure safety for large outdoor/indoor gatherings, as required by fire codes, by requiring assembly event applications to be reviewed with the Office of Emergency Management and to be reviewed for code compliance.

The Fire Marshal's Office conducts inspections for all commercial and multi-family occupancies, including mercantile establishments, hotels, medical offices, fueling stations, restaurants, and locations of public assembly, among others. Over 875 locations are subject to inspection in the Town of Southbury. In response to concerns from residents, we have revised our blasting permit monitoring program to address residents' questions and concerns regarding blasting activities.

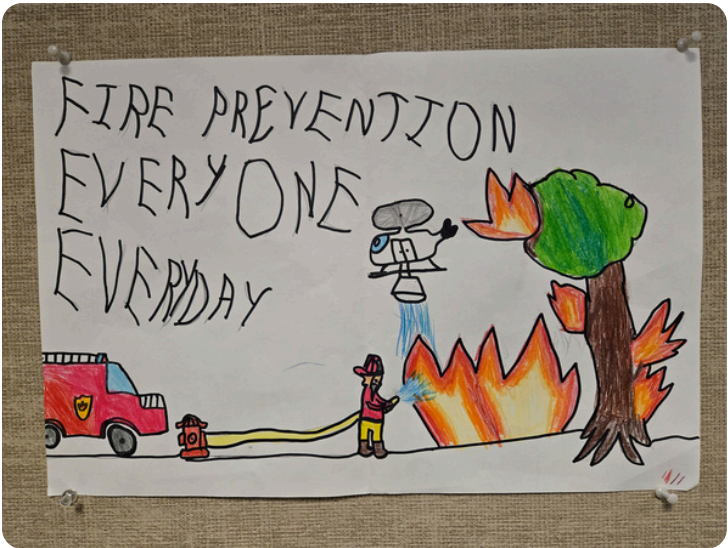
The Fire Marshal's Office works closely with the Building and Land Use Departments, the Southbury Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Southbury Police Department, Social Services, various associations, and property owners to reduce community risk.

Community Risk Reduction programs include fire and fall prevention training for older adults. This program, developed by the National Fire Protection Association, focuses on sixteen key areas, divided into eight for fire prevention and eight for fall prevention. We have delivered this program in locations in Town over the past year.

The State of Connecticut is in the process of adopting revised editions of the Fire Safety Code and Fire Prevention Code, which are scheduled to become effective in 2026. Fire codes and the adoption process are available on the websites of the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

We continually seek ways to modernize the office to provide customer-friendly, efficient service. We have been working diligently with the new online permitting program. We transitioned our open burning permit applications from paper to the online system, and our inspections have transitioned to electronic forms. We applied for grant funding this year to obtain tools and equipment for use during fire investigations.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of ensuring that everyone has a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors in their home. The Fire Marshal’s Office makes referrals to the American Red Cross and promotes its Home Fire Safety program, which provides homeowners with smoke detectors at no cost. Please ensure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

David Richards
Information Technology Director

The Information Technology Department provides and maintains Southbury's investment in technology to allow town employees to access, utilize, and share information, assisting them in providing effective and efficient services to the residents of Southbury. A key aspect of our mission is to provide current and prospective residents and businesses with a top-notch website to obtain information and do business with their town government. We also prioritize securing our Town's electronic information.

Our department works with the Information Technology Committee, department heads and staff, vendors, and outside consultants to develop and execute an Information Technology Strategic Plan to ensure a meaningful, reliable, and secure technology infrastructure.

Key aspects of the Town's technology infrastructure include:

- Fiberoptic-based communications between key town facilities
- Servers, desktop computers, printers, multi-function copiers
- southbury-ct.org town website
- Department specific software applications in most town offices
- Email and office productivity tools

Communications: Southbury uses an extensive scope of electronic platforms to communicate information in a timely and efficient manner. The Town's communications platforms are designed to effectively reach all population groups and are used based on the intended audience(s), urgency, and complexity of the pertinent information. We communicate information to the public through our Town website, direct mailers, legal notices in Voices and other newspapers, and social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. We live stream many town meetings on YouTube. This gives our residents the ability to watch some of the Town's meetings from home as they are occurring live. You can find the video streaming link on the homepage of our website.

COMMUNICATIONS 2024-2025	
Total Website Page Views	620,316
E-blasts Sent	345
YouTube Views	22,207
YouTube Subscribers	460
Facebook Reach	821,666
Facebook Pages	9

2023–2024 COMMUNICATIONS BY NUMBERS

WEBSITE TOP TEN PAGES	PAGE VIEWS
Home	92,768
Events (Collective)	51,858
News (Collective)	51,565
Tax Payment Page	20,290
Tax Collector	16,612
Parks and Recreation	14,358
Employment Opportunities	13,219
GIS	10,044
Emergency Center	9,737
Transfer Station	9,097

EBLAST SUBSCRIBERS	
Parks and Recreation	7,728
Library	5,010
Southbury News	4,014
Employment	3,114
Tax Department	2,338
Senior Services	2,223
Economic Development News	1,232
Competitive Bids	1,103
Social Services	805

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

Southbury Police	7,193
Town of Southbury	6,518
Southbury Animal Control	4,186
Southbury Farmers' Market	3,511
Southbury Public Library	2,242
Southbury EDC	1,424
Southbury Library Youth Services	827
Southbury Senior Center	640
Southbury Fire Marshal's Office	396

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

Town of Southbury (Southburytown)	2,243
Southbury Police (southburypolice)	1,047
Southbury Library Teen Department (southburylibraryteen)	621
Economic Development (southbury_econdev)	197
Southbury Police Department Youth Officer (southburypdyouth)	170

LAND USE DEPARTMENT

Jordan Marcinko

Land Use Administrator

The Land Use office oversees Planning, Zoning, and Inland Wetlands.

The Land Use office is responsible for implementing and enforcing land use regulations, processing applications, and issuing permits, together with providing information and guidance to the public, town officials, and town agencies.

Our office is dedicated to guiding the sustainable growth and development of our community by ensuring that land use decisions are made thoughtfully, and in accordance with both local and State regulations and long-term strategic goals.

Our mission is to preserve the community charm while maintaining a thriving, resilient, and collaborative department. We do this by co-hosting many meetings with our Health District, Council of Governments, prospective business owners, and other town departments. This collaboration has resulted in better long-term improvements, broader outlooks, and the ability to serve our citizens efficiently. With the dedication of staff and commissioners who volunteer countless hours, we are on track for an exceptional upcoming year

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Implementation of the Plan of Conservation and Development: The Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted on March 1, 2023. This was a monumental accomplishment considering staff changes, requests of the Board of Selectman, and finalizing such a large project. The recommended next step for this document is implementation through amendments to the Zoning Regulations. The Zoning Commission has already begun the process of amending the regulations and adopting the recommendations contained within POCD.

Land Use Enforcement Officer: The Land Use office has hired a new Land Use Enforcement Officer to assist in reviewing and issuing zoning permits as well as enforcing the Zoning, Inland Wetlands, and Aquifer Protection Regulations for the Town.

Inland Wetlands & ZBA Coordinator: We have completed the hiring of the new Inland Wetlands & ZBA Coordinator.

Pre-Application : The Land Use office has held 25 pre-application meetings with property owners, business tenants, and land developers. This is a 150% increase in pre-application meetings from the previous year. These meetings have been designed to guide the applicant through the application process. These meetings allow an opportunity to develop mutually beneficial and high quality businesses and/or developments for both owners, tenants, residents and visitors.

Public Engagement: Hosted 35 regular meetings, special public meeting, and show cause hearings, in addition to informational workshops, and many other sessions involving municipal projects.

Streetscape Review Sub-Committee: Last year the Planning Commission formally created the Streetscape Review Subcommittee. This subcommittee is in operation and consists of six members from various disciplines and occupations. This subcommittee's mission is to preserve, maintain, improve, and expand the streetscape, considered by many in the community to be one of the key features for the Town.

Regulation Rewrite Project: The Zoning Commission has been working diligently this last year to get a Request for Proposal (RFP) and to contract a consultant to assist the Commission with the rewriting of the entire Zoning Regulation document. This is the first project of this size that the Zoning Commission has undertaken and will be the first time the comprehensive set of regulations is proposed to be amended. This project is expected to take about 12 months with the first meeting taking place on September 10.

Zoning: The Zoning Department processed 297 applications/permits. This includes accessory dwelling units, accessory structures, additions, business and commercial fit-outs, pools, single-family dwellings, signage, home enterprises, food cottages, and solar applications. There have been 9 notices of violations, deficiencies, or corrections with 4 being brought into compliance.

Planning: The Planning Department processed 29 applications/permits including 5 CGS 8-24 Board of Selectman referrals, 7 CGS 8-3a (b) referrals, 3 Lot line revision, 1 Subdivision, 6 Special Exceptions, and 7 Modification requests to approved Special Exceptions and Site Plans.

Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency: The Inland Wetlands Commission and Department played an integral role in assisting property owners through the permitting process following the historic flood that occurred on August 18th. 12 Permits, 6 Permit Modifications, 14 Minimal Activity Permits, and 2 Agricultural As-of-Right designations were processed in the normal course of business. However, as a result of the August 2024 flood, authorized and permitted emergency work and repairs for 30 applications. There have been three Cease and Desist orders issued, and all three have brought into compliance.

Zoning Board of Appeals: This Board processed 9 applications, issued 3 Variances, and approved 1 Special Exception Modification.

LIBRARY

Heather Aronson
Head Librarian

The flooding event that occurred on Sunday, August 18, 2024 interrupted library services in unprecedented ways very early in FY25. Over five feet of water destroyed everything stored in the lower level of the library. This included the overflow storage of large print books and DVDs belonging to the library's collection, storage for each town department, and the entire presence of the Friends of the Library, including over 40,000 donated items. Town employees worked immediately to pump out the water and hired professional cleaners to remove the contaminated debris. The upper two floors of the library were immediately stabilized; ensuring nothing from below contaminated the collection. The temperature and humidity were constantly monitored to preserve the collection. Thanks to these quick actions, the public spaces of the library were saved.

After weathering a tornado, COVID, and the flood, the library staff were determined to remain a vital part of the Southbury community during our yearlong displacement. Immediately, staff was welcomed to the Town Hall where we worked in available spaces. Librarians adjusted scheduled programs by holding them at the Parks & Rec/Senior Center, Town Hall, and other locations. Various local organizations offered their locations as well. Online resources were heavily relied upon. The Library Board Gift Fund supplement allowed us to double our patron access to Hoopla. Part-time employees lent a hand in various departments as needed. The biggest and most positive aspect to come out of this situation was the connections we built with our Town colleagues.

Needing to increase services and connect patrons with materials, the library moved into a temporary location at the Heritage Hotel. We worked out of three rooms and created an office space, technical services, where items were processed, and a circulation center where deliveries of hold requests and returned items could be processed. We also had access to an open space on the floor of the hotel, adjacent to our office spaces. Every day staff wheeled out multiple displays to give the public access to books to browse. These small opportunities for connection made a huge difference to both staff and patrons.

While we were creating a multi-dimensional library around town, people were hard at work bringing the physical location at 100 Poverty Road back to its former glory. The flooding destroyed most of the electrical and internet systems in the library, which were housed in the basement. Led by the talented and dedicated Public Works team, town employees completed the majority of the repairs, often rebuilding huge systems and machines by hand. Professionals were engaged as needed. The critical path to occupancy of the library came down to electric, HVAC, fire suppression/safety, and telecommunications. During the entire process, the town worked closely with FEMA to ensure the greatest reimbursement for repairs. A great debt of gratitude is owed to everyone on "Team Southbury" that contributed to reopening the library.

Staffing: I want to take this time to applaud the library staff. Each one of them played a crucial role in difficult times. Their service is acknowledged and appreciated.

Programming: Despite the challenges of not having a building to host programs, 11,841 people attended 707 events offered by the Southbury Public Library. This is remarkable considering last year's total was 796 events. I commend the staff for their flexibility and ingenuity, and we thank everyone that hosted us this past year.

While displaced, we could not offer the same opportunities to display local art in the building, but we did find a way to bring the arts to the community. We highlighted virtual art shows monthly on our website, digitally converting images of artists' work. We also held our second annual Tiny Art Show, with participants of all ages participating. The creative results of the community were displayed in the office windows at the Heritage Hotel. We plan to make this event an annual tradition. We eagerly wait for the time we can make use of the Gloria Cachion Gallery and the Brinker Fireplace Room display cabinets again.

Partnerships: Many partnerships continued to thrive, and others were newly established during the past year. Our connections to each and every town department have grown exponentially. Region 15 schools also allowed librarians a means to remain relevant in the lives of students, making frequent visits to the schools to reinforce library and literacy skills. Many thanks to the multiple organizations throughout the community that offered and hosted our events, including the United Church of Christ and South Britain Congregational Church. Local libraries went above and beyond by taking in not only our returned materials but also offering services to our patrons. Libraries in Woodbury and Newtown assisted with our book clubs. The Connecticut State Library and Connecticut Library Consortium also assisted. Bibliomation, our nonprofit library technology consortium that provides information, telecommunication, and automation services to members, really stepped up to assist us every step of the way. They even stored the overflow of materials that could not be stored by other libraries until we were ready again to receive returns.

Friends of the Southbury Public Library: The Friends of the Southbury Public Library took a major hit during the flooding, losing all their donated stock as well as their location in the lower level of the library. They continued to provide funding for our programming, from supplies like crayons and construction paper to museum passes and performers. We appreciate their dedication to supporting the library. The Friends were given a donated space in the Southbury Plaza where they could receive and sort donations. The outpouring of generosity from across the state and country was huge, with many libraries and other Friends groups inquiring how they could help. Sorted donations were then moved to Gyre9 to be stored. We thank the Friends for their continued support this past year.

Library Board of Directors: The Board approved revisions to the Behavior Policy in May 2024. The Strategic Planning process wrapped up members focusing on enacting change based on survey results and patron interests. They continue to examine and address the changing needs of the library by focusing on alternative use of existing library spaces and digging deeper into statistics, and technology.

I want to to express my gratitude to each and every person that assisted us during this past year. The outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming.

New library cardholders	399
Total active cardholders	8,074 (41% of the population)
Number of items available	112,287
Total circulation of items	82,891
Circulation of electronic resources	24,253
Number of library programs	707
Total attendance of library programs	11,841
Number of website visits	50,744
Reference questions	3,817
Total database visits	1,532



PARKS & RECREATION

Meghan Lennon

Director of Parks & Recreation

Southbury Parks and Recreation Department enjoyed another year offering programs for our community and watching our kids learn and grow. We welcomed some new programs, were pleased to see existing programs grow, continued our special event traditions, and explored new trips with campers and families.

New Programs: Some of the new programs we tested included Dungeons and Dragons, fashion, photography, ceramics, traumatic grief coping strategies, and reptile education. We collaborated with Spark Business Academy, SACA, and Vineyard App Camp for these non-sports based programs, and worked with CT Sports Network for the first time to offer a kid's cross-country program. We want to be a space for like-minded health & fitness individuals to gather, so we added two exercise classes with both drop-in and session based registrations. One can drop in to a Zumba class anytime Tuesday mornings from 9-10AM. Our pilates & yoga infusion class, Centergy, welcomes "drop ins" on Monday evenings at 6 pm, and Thursdays at 9 am.

Summer Camp: As always, our year began with our busiest season – camp! Adventure Day camp served kids entering Grades 1 -5, and Teenscape camp served Grades 6-9. We added a 7th week of camp for the first year, and both camps sold-out -every week. Kids enjoyed field trips to Quassy, Urban Air, The CT Sports Center, Dave & Busters, Roller Magic, Brownstone Adventure Park, Club Getaway, The Bronx Zoo, Lake Compounce, Six Flags, and more! The campers were also entertained at Ballantine Park with Rolling Video Games, an Inflatable Obstacle course, Ice Cream Emergency, and Kona Ice. It is truly a joy to interact with the kids each day and hear what they have to say from their perspectives.

Flooding: The August 2024 flood was devastating for our town and the library, but for Parks and Rec, the library closing was a bright spot. We wanted the librarian's programs to continue to run, so we offered our space for as many programs that we could fit. By October, our calendar was full of library programs for all ages, and we were thrilled to have so much traffic through our lobby. This allowed us to see the library's work and get to know their staff, which strengthened our partnership and opened our eyes to ways we could collaborate in the future. Moving forward, we intend to combine some of our joint program offerings so that instead of competing for enrollment, we are working together.

Winter Holidays: In December, a group of 53 people took a coach bus to New York City. Patrons visited the tree in Rockefeller Plaza and enjoyed the Radio City Rockettes show. Back at the office, we hosted our first "Noon Year's Eve Party," where we counted down to 12 pm then dropped balloons and celebrated New Year's Eve dancing with our campers during the day.

Ballantine Pool: Next came the planning of the grand reopening of our new town pool. In March, we hired a new Aquatics Supervisor, Julia Albino, who is also the Panther Aquatic Club (PAC) head swim coach. In April, Julia and Meghan became Certified Pool Operators in preparation for managing the new pool. Through lots of teamwork with Public Works and the Pool Committee, our pool opened just in time for summer vacation on June 16th. For three weeks from June 16th until the 4th of July, our beautiful new, zero entry pool was free for Southbury residents. We offered our first ever “Toddler Tuesday” program free to residents for three weeks. We recognized there was not a convenient time for young kids to swim in the pool since swimming lessons were always in the morning, so this allowed a designated time for toddlers and their parent or guardian to enjoy the pool before naptime. The free Toddler Tuesday program filled up in record time!

Partnerships: The Parks and Recreation Department is grateful for all the partnerships we have within our community. The Southbury & Middlebury Equity and Inclusion Council, Southbury Arts & Culture Alliance, and S.M.A.R.T. come to multiple special events throughout the year with crafts and volunteers. The Knights of Columbus support our Holiday Celebration by serving hot chocolate. The Boy Scouts cook at our Memorial Day picnic, and the Cub Scouts participate in our Holiday celebration. The sports leagues keep our kids moving with Pomperaug Youth Baseball and Softball, Pomperaug Youth Soccer, Pomperaug Warrior football and cheer teams, the Pomperaug Basketball Community, Pomperaug Lacrosse, and the Panther Aquatic Club. PBC and the Pomperaug Warriors sponsored our camper and counselor shirts for the summer. The Southbury Land Trust offered free programs in our building such as the Milkweed Sowing program. We started a relationship with Ann’s Place, a non-profit who serves cancer survivors in the area, to get the word out about their services. Our work could not be accomplished without the support from all these organizations.

Region 15: The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work with Region 15 for gym bookings for indoor tennis and volleyball offerings. In September, we had our first PHS cross country meet at Settlers Park and decided it would be the new location for home meets. We were able to get into the new PHS pool in the winter for swimming lessons, open swim, and even an Under Water Hockey demo. The PHS Boys basketball team brought their players to one of our Shooting Stars clinics and worked with preschoolers. In addition, the ESY program used the pool at Ballantine.

Public Works: We would be remiss if we did not give a shout-out to our Publics Works crew. Behind the scenes, we book the sports leagues for practices and games and get the paperwork together for Pavilion rentals. The Public Works crews are out there lining the fields, making the parks look beautiful for all to enjoy, polishing the Pavilion kitchen and firing up the grill for rentals, and helping with playground repairs. With their teamwork, they helped us accommodate over 1,450 reservations at Ballantine (including pickleball), 430 reservations at Community Park, and 690 reservations at Ewald Park. Seman Park took the biggest hit from the flood and closed for the remainder of the year, but it is almost ready to reopen.

As we turn the calendar to a new year, I would like to say thank you for enrolling in our programs. Thank you to all the instructors who bring their creativity to us and share their passion and knowledge with us. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication to the sports teams and our volunteers for their help in the Community garden. In addition, thanks for celebrating our town’s traditions with us. It is going to be another great year!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christopher Grillo
Chief of Police

This annual review highlights the achievements of the Southbury Police Department, accentuating its commitment to the mission statement. This mission emphasizes the importance of building community partnerships, delivering compassionate service, enhancing citizens' quality of life, and creating a supportive work environment that fosters professional growth. Throughout the year, the department dedicated itself to these guiding principles, resulting in noteworthy accomplishments.

During FY 2024-2025, the Southbury Police Department underwent critical transitions, expanded its services, and made several significant strides toward establishing an independent, organized police force. With the appointment of its first Chief of Police, the addition of new personnel and community-oriented programs, and strong enforcement operations, the Department has laid down foundations for modern, effective policing in Southbury:

Community Engagements:

Babysitting, Elderly Scams, and Safety Presentations – Youth Officer Elizabeth Rywolt held multiple informational presentations at the Senior Center and several assisted living facilities on topics such as babysitting safety, elderly scams, and elderly safety. Their purpose was to help keep young babysitters and elderly residents up-to-date with current information and relevant trends to protect themselves and others from becoming victims of crimes.

Holiday Toy Drive – Officers participated in an annual holiday toy drive, leading the Southbury Police Department's efforts to bring joy to local families in need. The toy drive successfully collected an impressive array of toys and gifts for children in the community. All donations were contributed to the Southbury Needy Fund, ensuring that families facing financial hardship would have presents for their children during the holiday season. Sergeant Recupero's leadership in organizing this initiative reflects the department's commitment to compassionate service and supporting the well-being of Southbury residents.

Annual Food Drive - Officers partnered with the Southbury Ambulance Association to lead a community-wide food drive, rallying local support to help those experiencing food insecurity. The food drive resulted in an impressive collection of non-perishable food items, all of which were distributed to the Southbury Food Bank and families in need. SPD's collaboration with the Southbury Ambulance Association highlights the department's dedication to community partnerships and its commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of Southbury residents

Autism & Special Needs Program - The Southbury Police Department continued to grow their partnership with the Linked Autism Safety Project, a specialized Autism Safety Program aimed at supporting individuals with autism and special needs in our community. This program is designed to enhance safety and provide essential resources for families, caregivers, and first responders. Through training and community outreach, the program equips officers with the skills to better understand and respond to the unique needs of individuals with autism, fostering positive interactions and ensuring their safety. This partnership underscores the department's commitment to inclusivity and providing compassionate, tailored support to all members of the Southbury community. Residents can sign up for this program online or at the police department. For more information on the Autism and Special Needs Program please contact Sergeant Matthew Keeman, who heads our community relations.

The Southbury Police Department collaborated with the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to support the **Bring Me Back Home Program**. This collaboration reflects the department's dedication to providing compassionate, informed service to all members of the Southbury community, especially its most vulnerable residents.

Connecticut Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics CT - Officers took part in carrying the Flame of Hope through Southbury and Oxford. As temperatures reached well into the 80's, officers carried the torch along the more than 7-mile stretch from Southbury to Oxford.

Bench Dedication - The Southbury Police Department held a special bench dedication ceremony in honor of a colleague and friend, Linda Leigh who passed away on May 15, 2022 after a 4-year battle with cancer. With support and contributions from the police, a beautiful bench has been placed in front of the Police Department. The bench overlooking Main Street South is a spot that now holds a permanent reminder of someone who was a true inspiration. Linda worked for the Town for 10 years, 8 of them as an administrative assistant/records clerk with the police department.

Station Dog Event - Along with actor/songwriter Michael Lombardi, station dogs from CT gathered at Southbury PD in an event to support K9's for Warriors. K9s for Warriors is the nation's largest Veteran service organization focused on providing highly trained service dogs to warriors with invisible wounds of war. The program is focused on mitigating the debilitating symptoms of service-connected traumas. They validate their methods through tireless research and make breakthroughs every day. Successfully guiding a veteran through the K9s for Warriors program and providing them with a service dog doesn't just change the warrior's life. It saves it. Our very own station dog, Luke, was received through the K9 for Warriors program.

Administrative Accomplishments:

Chief of Police - After an extensive and competitive selection process, the Town of Southbury selected its very first POSTC certified Chief of Police. Chief Christopher Grillo was sworn in as the Southbury Police Department's first Police Chief on August 1, 2024. Prior to his promotion, Chief Grillo served a dedicated, distinguished, and respected career as a Police Sergeant in Southbury for over 22 years.

Deputy Chief of Police - In addition to the hiring of a Chief of Police, the Town of Southbury selected its first Deputy Chief of Police – Deputy Chief Steven Cifone. Deputy Chief Cifone joins the Southbury Police Department after 14 years of service as a Lieutenant with the Southington Police Department.

Officers - The Southbury Police Department hired certified and entry-level police officers, fully staffing the agency. This is an accomplishment as most police agencies across the nation struggle to keep up with their staffing levels.

Dispatch - Dispatch computers, police office computers, and in-vehicle Mobile Data Terminals were transitioned from Resident State Trooper software to new, independent, Southbury Police Department software. The transition keeps the Southbury Police Department prevalent with records, statistics, trends, and current policing technology.

Personnel Accomplishments:

Promotions

- John Jaskolka was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Matthew Keeman was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Michael Markette was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Duane Manville was promoted to the rank of Sergeant

Awards and Recognitions

- Unit Citation Award: Sergeant Anthony Armeno, Officer Michael Loiacono, Officer Brian McKirryher, Officer Tyler Sullivan
- Outstanding Service Award: Sergeant Joshua Recupero, Detective Brianna Critelli
- Life Saving Awards: Officer Richard Volpe, Officer Zachary Simpson, Officer Bailey Cook, Officer Deondre Pierce, Officer Kareem El-Ayoub, Officer Richard Volpe, Officer Kimberly Hannigan, Officer Vincent DeSanto, Dispatcher Denise Canale
- MADD Award: Officer Matthew Keeman and Officer Kareem El-Ayoub received the MADD Award for their efforts in DUI enforcement.
- Retirement Recognition: Officer Brian Flynn and Officer Brian Morrone retired from the Southbury Police Department.
- Regional Support: Officer Zachary Simpson was assigned to the Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Accident Investigation Team.

Operational Accomplishments:

On August 18, 2024, the Southbury Police Department responded to the worst flooding the Town of Southbury has experienced in modern history. In partnership with Southbury Emergency Dispatch, Emergency Management, Fire Department, EMS, Public Works, Utility Companies, and Regional and State assets, the Southbury Police Department responded to, and conducted water rescues, trapped persons rescues, residential and commercial evacuations, medical calls, downed utility poles & lines, roadway and bridge obstructions and voids, and flood shelter security duties. All of this was completed without anyone sustaining any significant injuries or loss of life.

Blue Plan Drill:

Sergeant Joshua Recupero and Sergeant Anthony Armeno represented the Southbury Police and participated in the first regional blue plan drill. The blue plan is a mutual aid agreement between neighboring and regional law enforcement agencies where resources such as work force, specialty units, specialty equipment can be shared during critical incidents, exponentially increasing the effectiveness of police and emergency services responses.

The achievements outlined above would not have been possible without the collective support and teamwork of the entire Southbury Police Department. From our dedicated administrative assistants and dispatchers to our committed officers, command staff, and the invaluable partnership with the Southbury community, each individual has played a crucial role in our success. Their dedication and tireless efforts have driven us forward, enabling us to reach these remarkable milestones together.

Looking ahead, we are excited by the many opportunities that await us. The coming year promises both the chance to build upon this year's accomplishments and to pursue new initiatives that further enhance our service to the community. As we close out this year, we will focus on crafting strategic plans and preparing projects that will set the stage for even greater achievements in the year to come







PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Blake Leonard

Director of Public Works

The Public Works Department remains committed to the safety, maintenance, and improvement of all town-owned infrastructure. As we close fiscal year 2024/25, the DPW Team celebrates one of its most productive, challenging, and emotional years ever.

As we began the new fiscal year in July of 2024, DPW strategically wrapped up two very critical projects in town, which were River Road's slope stabilization and road reconstruction project, and approximately 90% completion of the box culvert replacement which serves Purchase Brook Road traveling over Purchase Brook. The Purchase Brook project was fully completed by mid-August. These projects were crucial to complete on time so that residents and businesses between these two project areas maintained consistent and safe access, and the ability to exit. Had these projects not been managed well, there was the potential for the community to be landlocked in between the two site failures, which would have affected dozens of local households and businesses. Along with the support from Town Leadership, the community, and a few great local contractors and engineers, DPW's attention to detail and commitment to our critical path agenda allowed these projects to be delivered successfully ahead of schedule and under budget.

River Road: River Road is now fully open to two-way traffic following the completion of our slope stabilization and re-construction project in the failed areas. This was a very challenging project given how unique River Road is due to its steep topography and the power of the Housatonic River along its riverbanks. DPW will continue to monitor River Road routinely and will advise on future maintenance needs.

Purchase Brook Road Culvert Replacement: Given that we were able to expedite and complete River Road's reopening, and now that we could use it as a detour, we were able to fully close Purchase Brook Road over Purchase Brook for the culvert's replacement. This allowed us to start the project on time back in July, and we were able to complete the culvert replacement a few months ahead of schedule and under budget. The new bridge looks great, and once again, we would like to thank all who were involved in making this happen. This project was 50% funded by the State Local Bridge Program.

The Flood: After reopening River Road and installing the new concrete box culvert and wing walls at Purchase Brook, little did we know what was coming in August of that year. All Town infrastructure was about to be physically challenged in a way like never before. Although Southbury DPW was about to take on a completely unprecedented and historical workload, we are proud to say these two recently completed projects stood resiliently against the forces of the August 18, 2024 flood.

As midday that Sunday approached, only an inch or so of rain was predicted in the weather forecast, but the rain was not letting up. Throughout the morning, several team members were watching the local radar and forecast, and concern grew as the storm systems seemed to hover over our town. It was just after noon on August 18, 2024, when the DPW received its first flood related phone call from First Selectman Manville. He reported that the road surface of Old Field Road Bridge over Bullet Hill Brook had been washed away.

A few DPW Leadership team members were called in immediately to inspect the road/bridge failure, and to make the area safe. It was during this commute as we navigated around closures and obstacles to get to work when our phones began to ring off the hook with other damage reports and emergencies around our community. It became clear that we had a major disaster on our hands. The entire DPW Team was called in immediately with the direction to get to work as safely and quickly as possible.

Flood Event Priorities: There is an order of operations that DPW follows when responding to emergency situations/natural disasters like tornadoes, floods, traffic accidents, snow and ice, etc. Given DPW is responsible for the safety and upkeep of all town-owned roads and bridges, facilities, outside properties, trees, transfer station, and fleet maintenance, the August floods were one of toughest infrastructure losses and challenges that we've encountered as a municipality, and as a team.

The DPW Team, as they always do, stood up to the challenge. It is important to remember that the Department of Public Works is a first-responding unit. Here is how DPW prepares for and responds to incidents like these, while using the August 2024 flood as an example.

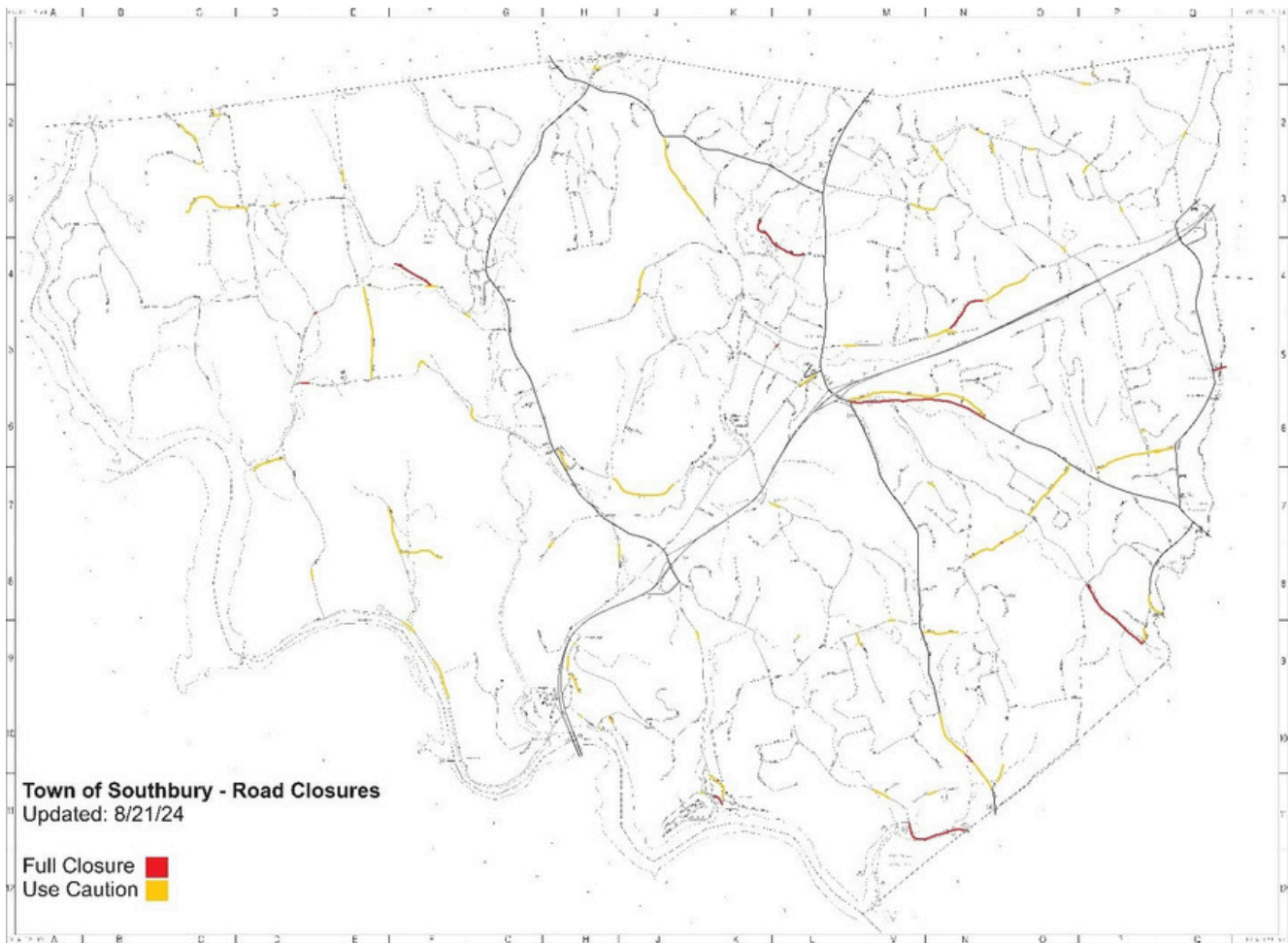
Priority 1 - Life Safety - Community and Team: This exercise takes place right away when dealing with a disaster. We immediately began to inspect all town-owned infrastructure for damage and hazardous situations. We prioritized communication with Southbury Dispatch, the Emergency Management Director, Police Department, and Fire Department to identify all dangerous situations and community needs reported on their end.

As information flowed in, we began to inventory and prioritize all reports, and the DPW Team immediately started isolating all roads, bridges, buildings and parks that presented a threat to the public due to infrastructure failure/risk, all while we were providing as much support as possible to the other emergency response teams and their individual needs. If we could help, we were there.

After Priority 2 - Access/Egress: Many residents and businesses had no access to or egress from their properties due to the flooding compromising or completely washing away local roads and bridges, and on the private side, private driveways. DPW prioritized creating access/egress to these locations, mainly to allow for emergency vehicles if needed, and to provide the community and utility companies with a way in or out.

Much of the repair work was temporary in this early stage of recovery, but for life safety, utility company access, and community purposes, it was necessary. We are proud of how quickly we were able to get so many of our local roads operational in such a short period of time. One highlight was just over a week after the flood, and with Regional School District 15’s support and some detour strategizing, DPW was even able to safely permit school buses to travel on our local roads, and the new school year started on time as scheduled. This was a huge win for the Town.

Here is what Southbury’s road closure map looked like on August 21, 2025. Closed roadways are marked red, and open roads (use caution) are marked yellow. Most of the roads marked in yellow were fully closed immediately following the storm, but it is amazing to see what DPW was able to reopen safely within just 3 days after the storm.



Priority 3 - Asset Preservation: DPW's last priority in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster focuses on asset preservation. It was our goal to prevent further loss to infrastructure due to damage caused by the flood. Some examples of the work we expedited were clearing blocked storm water systems to prevent additional road and subsurface damage in the next rain event. We reinforced bridges, road sub-surfaces, and edges to prevent further failure. We completed the water extraction, debris removal, and demolition in the Town Library basement to prevent additional equipment failure and indoor air quality problems later down the road. Had these types of urgent matters been left unaddressed for a long period of time, the cost and time of recovery would have more than doubled our estimates.

September 2024 - Damage Inventory: As we headed into September 2024, it was time to start inventorying all municipal damages and estimating the cost of reconstructing all lost and damaged infrastructure. Not only was this an important task for Leadership's awareness and budgeting purposes, but we also knew FEMA would arrive soon to begin their preliminary damage assessment. The results of FEMA's assessment would determine if we met the threshold for FEMA support including funding.

The DPW Team got to work right away in identifying all infrastructure losses (Damage Inventory), and we began estimating the cost of restoration for each project with rebuilding more resilient structures in mind. It was our goal to leave "no stone unturned" when completing this inventory, given we knew FEMA would need to see and confirm in-person a professionally estimated dollar value in loss recovery to confirm an actual disaster had taken place in the county. We did not know what the dollar threshold would be, so it was our job to include everything that was negatively impacted by the flood to give our town the best chance of receiving financial support.

The Town was successful and efficient in justifying our future work estimates and money already spent. We met the threshold required for achieving FEMA relief and funding support following completion of their preliminary damage assessment. Here is a summary of our Damage Inventory relating to infrastructure losses only.

Roads: More than 60 of our local roads received damage in one or multiple locations, each one unique. Some roads were undermined and compromised by floodwater, and others were fully washed away. Many storm water pipe systems underneath our roads were critically damaged also. Road reconstruction estimates in total exceeded \$2M.

Bridges: More than a dozen bridges/culverts/watercourse crossings were damaged, each one unique. Most town bridges were breached by floodwaters causing damage to the structure and road surfaces above. Some bridges need full replacement, some required substantial repair work. Estimates for bridge and crossing reconstruction in total exceeded \$5M.

Parks: Many of our parks and fields are located within low-lying flood plain areas, which is normal for municipalities given these locations are typically flat and fertile areas, and they make for great recreational use. Most parks received tons of flood debris and turf damage caused by floodwaters. Community Park also lost a large three court tennis area. Park reconstruction, and clean-up effort estimates in total, exceeded \$.5M.

Facilities: Flood damage to the Town Library caused the most devastating facility-related loss. Approximately 6 feet of water flooded the basement level causing a substantial loss of inventory and finishes, and it severely affected all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, communication, elevator, and fire protection systems. Clean-up and demolition, reconstruction, and the replacement of inventory estimates in total exceeded \$2M. Below is a photo taken just after the floodwaters burst open the Town Library's basement level doors.



Over the last fiscal year, substantial progress has been made on a full recovery relating to the list above, and FEMA has been supportive of reimbursement funding. Additional updates related to project progress will be shared in next fiscal year's report.

Bridge Forecast: Separate from FEMA's relief funding, this year, we are also proud to have received two new 50% funding commitments from the Connecticut State Local Bridge Program for the replacement of Bucks Hill Road over Walnut Hill Brook and Munn Road over Walnut Hill Brook. Design for these two projects will begin shortly, and construction is expected to take place in early 2027.

In addition, still in our bridge pipeline, and currently in the design phase is our Poverty Road Bridge over Pomperaug River replacement, which is 100%, funded by the Federal Local Bridge Program and it is still planned to be upgraded to a two-lane bridge for safety reasons, which is required by the Federal program. We look forward to kicking this project off very soon.

Our next bridge replacement to be completed in the Fall of 2025 is Old Field Road over Bullet Hill Brook which is also 50% funded by the State Local Bridge Program. This project is going very well.

PROJECT	FUNDING TYPE	STATE/FEDERAL SHARE	TOWN SHARE
Bucks Hill Road Culvert Replacement	State Local Bridge Program	\$581,100	\$581,100
Munn Road Culvert Replacement	State Local Bridge Program	\$562,250	\$562,250
Poverty Road Bridge Replacement	Federal Local Bridge Program	\$8,726,000 (est.)	\$0
Purchase Brook Road Culvert Replacement	State Local Bridge Program	\$702,569	\$702,569
Old Field Road Culvert Replacement	State Local Bridge Program	\$763,000	\$763,000
Spruce Brook Road Culvert Replacement	State Local Bridge Program	\$671,000	\$671,000

Summer of 2025: With all that had gone on in 2024, it was wonderful to support the town on some previously planned projects like the new town pool at Ballantine Park. Not only is the new pool functional and beautiful, but this awesome project represents another example of an infrastructure project completed on time (just after Memorial Day), and within our planned budget. It shines as an example of how resilient we are as a community – although we were dealing with the aftermath of an extremely devastating event, we still accomplished our goals for the year and continuously make improvements.

All 2024/25 road and bridge renovation and maintenance projects were completed as planned. Our facility operations and building aesthetics have improved. At the time of writing this report, the Town library is back open to the public. Our parks and other outside properties look like they did before the storm, excellent as always. Our fleet vehicles and equipment remain fine-tuned. Our trees are well cared for.

There is some serious pride within the DPW Team, and it shows wherever we look in town.

There are also so many other departments, commissions, contractors, and community members to thank individually for their contributions, resilience, and patience. We sincerely appreciate all the support and compliments we receive from all of you every day.

So, on behalf of all of us at DPW – Thank you! It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Marie Papaioannou
Republican Registrar of Voters

Mary McDonald
Democratic Registrar of Voters

Registrars serve elected terms of four years and must be certified moderators, attend monthly state-provided training, and participate in bi-annual conferences. As dictated by state law, each registrar appoints a deputy to assist in his or her duties. Registrars and Deputy Registrars in Southbury are certified with the State through UCONN and the Secretary of the State.

Elections: The Registrars of Voters play a pivotal role in managing elections, overseeing voter registration, and ensuring that the democratic process runs smoothly and legally in Southbury, Connecticut. In essence, the Southbury Registrar of Voters Office is the local guardian of democratic integrity, while promoting voter participation and confidence in the system. Our office administers elections, primaries, and referendums in the town at the federal, state, and municipal levels, including our referendums. This encompasses setting up polling places, securing necessary equipment, coordinating supervised absentee balloting, and ensuring compliance with federal and Connecticut election laws and town ordinances. Southbury offers both Early Voting (EV) and Same-Day Registration (SDR). The new Early Voting laws allow voters to cast ballots prior to Election Day. For general elections, SDR allows eligible individuals to register and vote immediately at Town Hall.

Voter Registration: Our office facilitates voter registration through multiple channels: online via the Connecticut Voter Registration System, in-person at Town Hall, or by mail. Eligibility includes being a U.S. citizen, at least 18 by Election Day, and a Southbury resident. For online registrants without a DMV ID, applicants must submit printed, signed forms by mail or in person. One highlight from this past year was our high school registration drive, which was held at Pomperaug Regional High School in April.

Canvass: Each year, the Registrars conduct an annual canvass to verify voter eligibility, confirming current residency, and removing ineligible voters (e.g., those who moved away, are deceased, or otherwise disenfranchised). This, in addition to continually monitoring local vital statistics, ensures the voter registry remains accurate and current.

Training: Annually, we appoint and train all election officials including moderators, assistant registrars, checkers, ballot clerks, and tabulator tenders. These staff members must complete mandatory training overseen by the Secretary of the State. Registrars supervise the preparation, storage, maintenance, and transportation of voting equipment. They ensure polling places are accessible and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and may request security or other logistical support as needed.

The Flood: In 2024-2025, our office was significantly affected by the August 18, 2024 flood. Our equipment is housed in the library basement, and the floodwaters damaged every piece of election equipment. We worked with the State and other towns to replace all our election equipment. We also created a new, temporary, polling location at Calvary Church to replace the library-polling place and notified all the voters of that district.

This year had many changes in the Registrars of Voters office with a new administration taking office in January 2025, as well as the use of new tabulators used for the first time in the May Referendum. The new tabulators are a jurisdiction-wide system and a significant upgrade. The Referendum passed and went very smoothly.

Despite all these hurdles, Southbury successfully held a primary for state office, the Presidential general election, and the town's budget referendum. Southbury ranked high in early voter turnout, including being noted as the #3 municipality for early voter turnout in the August primary election.

We also worked with the State to update mapping for the new state registration system scheduled to take effect in 2025-2026.

Below is a picture of the destroyed equipment. We are looking forward to the re-opening of the library!



SENIOR SERVICES

Andrea Corcoran

Director of Senior Services

The Southbury Senior Center serves as a vibrant activity center and is an essential community resource. Our devoted staff continues to add quality programs and supportive services for older adults and their families. Our goal is to provide many opportunities for healthy aging through social interaction, lifelong learning, and physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

The Southbury Senior Center has an annual membership that runs from January – December. The annual fee is \$15.00 for Southbury residents and \$25.00 for non-residents. This fee covers the majority of our programs excluding luncheons, trips, and specialized services like facials & Swedish massage. As of June 30, 2025, we have 897 members and continue to add more each month. Our growth can be attributed to new and innovative programs like Drawing Workshops, Healthy Brain Series, Diabetes Wellness Group, as well as our friendly and welcoming environment. Community partnerships with organizations like the Housatonic Valley Health District, M&T Bank, CT Nursing Services, The Lutheran Home, Bethel Healthcare, and more contribute to our growth and success.

Every June we host a Health Screening Fair where local vendors offer free screenings for our members. Screenings ranged from blood pressure & glucose screenings, hearing tests, chair massage, fall and stroke risk, and more. Back by popular demand, Pulse4Pulse of Middlebury provided a 20-minute non-invasive circulation test providing a clear picture of your cardiovascular health. After another successful screening fair, the staff from Pulse4Pulse expressed concern for the Southbury Police Department officers. Approximately 3 out of 4 emergency responders have prehypertension or hypertension. Elevated blood pressure is inadequately controlled among these professions and strongly linked to on-duty cardiovascular disease morbidity and mortality. Early detection is key to successful treatment. With this partnership, we were able to connect Pulse4Pulse with the Southbury Police Department to offer proactive screenings for their employees.

The Southbury Senior Transportation Department provides bus rides for Southbury residents who are 60 years and older or are disabled. Riders can make reservations within Southbury for medical appointments, grocery shopping, personal care appointments, Senior Center, Southbury Library and more. Out-of-Town Medical Transportation is available to Danbury, Middlebury, New Haven, Newtown, Waterbury, and Woodbury. Roundtrip fees range from \$0-\$5.00, and bus tickets can be purchased through the Senior Center Office. 7193 rides were completed, encompassing 42,203 miles throughout the year. Recently, the Town of Southbury purchased three SUVs for shared department use. Having access to these smaller vehicles offers greater flexibility, comfort, and convenience. These vehicles are more ecofriendly than the passenger buses, so we expect to see savings on gas and maintenance.

SOUTHBURY SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP:

The Southbury Senior Center requires all participants to have an active yearly membership. The cost of a yearly membership for a Southbury Town Resident is \$15.00 and \$25.00 for non-residents. This yearly membership is a one-time fee and allows the members to attend Senior Center programs as much as they would like. Some programs have additional fees (lunches, Swedish massage, trips, etc.). Membership fees are not pro-rated.

2025 Senior Center Membership Breakdown (as of June 30, 2025)

Membership Classification	Count	Male/Female	50-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	Avg
Resident	776	167/570	33	107	148	215	261	76.31
Non-Resident	121	20/87	8	27	29	30	24	72.96
TOTAL	897							
Average Age								75.86

Monthly Attendance at Southbury Senior Center

Month	Attendance FY 2025	Unduplicated Attendees FY 2025	Attendance FY 2024	Unduplicated Attendees FY 2024
July	1426	300	1302	339
August	1675	369	1395	344
September	1549	378	1399	349
October	1742	360	1537	405
November	1430	398	1456	392
December	1263	317	1133	379
January	1810	339	1677	375
February	1271	339	1468	369
March	1943	419	1507	373
April	2027	379	1732	423
May	1841	388	1686	422
June	1698	377	1389	356

Total Attendance July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, 18,928
Last Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024: 17,681

Southbury Senior Center Programming

Weekly Programs	Monthly Programs	Special Events	Trips
Aerobics A&B	Ask the Attorney	AARP Driver Class (2)	Aqua Turf (2)
Bingo	Ask the Financial Advisor	Armchair Travel	Beyond Monet/Van Gogh
Chair Yoga	Ask the Realtor	Asset Protection	Christmas Festival Mohegan
Fit & Flex A&B	CHOICES	Back to Broadway	CT Flower Show
Garden Club	Creative Flair Crafts	Birds of Prey	Discovery Planetarium
Haven's Harvest Donation	Facials	Breath of Spring	Dream Girls - White Plains
Hooks & Needles	Flower Arranging	Caregiver Series	Fascia's Chocolates
Let's Do Lunch (twice a week)	Great Courses	Cooking Classes	Four Town Fair
Let's Take a Walk	Hairdresser	Don't Get Scammed!	GLOW Hartford
Line Dancing	Healthy Chats	Drawing Workshop	Goodspeed Opera
Loop Troop Crochet Group	Manicures	End of Summer Picnic	Hartford Yard Goats
Mah Jongg	Page Turners (Book Club)	Estate Planning	Holiday Hill
Muscle Tone	Paint and Sip	Fairy Hair	Joann Fabrics Closing Sale
Panera Bread Donation	Senior Services Commission	Genealogy Introduction	Lessard Lanes
Pilates	Southbury Shells	Halloween Party	Lunch with the Director
Senior Learning Network	Tech Help	Health Screening Fair	Meriden Daffodil Festival
Swedish Massage		Healthy Brain Series	New Britain Museum
Table Tennis		Holiday Party	New York Botanical Gardens (2)
Tai Chi		Ice Cream Social	Peabody Museum
Tango		Leaving Your Legacy	River Cruises
Tap Dancing		Lower Your Electric Bill	Shepaug Dam Eagle Viewing
Yoga		Makeup Class (2)	Tanger Outlets
Weight/Strengthen & Tone		Memorial Day Picnic	
Zumba Gold		Men's Breakfast	
		Octoberfest	
		Pizza Party	
Support Groups and Screenings		Pumpkin Breakfast	
Blood Pressure Screenings		Realistic Shading	
Dementia Caregivers		Retirement Planning	
Diabetes Wellness		Thanksgiving Dinner	
Grief/Trauma Support		Red Cross Blood Drive	
Memory Screenings		Souper Bowl Party	
		Tax Prep	
		Thanksgiving Dinner	



On 8/13 & 12/16, the Southbury Senior Center hosted celebrity makeup artist, Joby Rogers for his interactive classes on Makeup for Mature Women. Our members learned tips and tricks to better understand their individual color palates and proper application techniques. We hope to have Joby back again soon!

On 11/14, the Southbury Senior Center hosted their 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we increased our attendance to accommodate 100 seniors and volunteers! We are grateful for our dedicated staff and volunteers who help make this event possible. This year we invited a few Town Employees to each special event to thank them for all their support to the Senior Center throughout the year.



On 4/16, Southbury Police Chief Grillo & K9 Luke visited the Senior Center for a special Men's Breakfast. Attendees got a chance to meet K9 Luke, hear about his work for the Southbury Police Department, and ask the Chief important questions. The seniors were served a delicious meal of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and more!



SOCIAL SERVICES

Mary Silverman

Social Services Administrator

The Social Services Department is responsible for ensuring members of the Southbury community have the resources and services available to help promote financial and emotional stability.

To accomplish this, referrals are made to non-profit organizations including the Food Bank, Fuel Bank and Southbury Helping Hands (formally known as the Southbury Needy Fund) as needed.

Applications are also processed through this office for state funded programs: Connecticut Energy Assistance, Rent Rebate, and Water Assistance. Guidelines for eligibility include income, age, and disability.

The Southbury Women's Club continues to generously sponsor Operation Backpack, which provides students in region 15, who qualify, a backpack and school supplies specific to the grade and school they are attending. Southbury Helping Hands also gives each child a new pair of "back to school" sneakers and sponsors the Holiday Program, which is a tremendous undertaking.

In addition to the scheduled programs and planned events, crisis management and intervention is also ongoing in collaboration with the Emergency Management Department, Fire Marshall, Animal Control, and Police Department. An example of this is the unexpected flood that occurred this past August. Teamwork amongst the departments was necessary to address a variety of issues that needed immediate attention.

The generous contributions of local churches, businesses, and organizations throughout the year are genuinely appreciated and crucial in aiding struggling individuals and families.

The department is constantly assessing the needs of the community and evolving based on public suggestions. As a result, new this year is a bereavement group held twice monthly at the Senior Center.

The objective of the Social Service Department is to support residents who are experiencing difficulty affording basic needs, have mental health issues and/or changes to their existing environment. These changes can include divorce, death of a spouse or child, financial instability, food insecurity and limited housing options. The goal is to provide the concrete services and emotional support to foster success and independent living.

SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT 2024-2025

Energy Assistance	October 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025	262 Applications Processed
Rental Rebate for 2024	Applications processed in 2025 for rental year 2024	98 Applications Processed
Connecticut Water Assistance	Full Year 2024	100 Applications Processed
	January - September 2025	75 Applications Processed
Southbury Helping Hands Referrals	Full Year 2024	50 Referrals
	January - September 2025	30 Referrals
Southbury Food Bank	Full Year 2024	15 New Referrals
	January - September 2025	10 New Referrals
Emergency Fuel Bank	Full Year 2024	85 Payments
	January - September 2025	55 Payments
Holiday Program	December 2024	66 Families, 158 Children
Backpack Program	August 2025	47 Families, 101 Children

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Alice Maisano
Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office serves as a liaison between local government and the public. The duties of the office are determined by State Statute and Town Charter. The responsibilities of the Town Clerk's office are to maintain and provide access to public records as required by state law and charter, provide certified copies of public records, record, index and preserve municipal land records, surveys and maps, maintain official records of charters, ordinances, oaths, appointments and petitions, maintain public meeting minutes and agenda, record trade names and military discharges, issue certificates of authority to justice of the peace and notary public, maintain copies of town budgets, audits and annual reports, administer oath of office to elected and appointed officials.

The Town Clerk also serves as the Registrar of Vital Statistics and issues state marriage, liquor and dog licenses, issues burial cremation, and disinterment permits, issues certified copies of vital records according to statute and maintains complete record of all vital records within the town.

The Town Clerk also has many responsibilities regarding elections including overseeing budget referendum according to town charter, examining and approving applications for admission as an elector, distribute campaign finance forms upon request, act as a filing repository for municipal office candidates' campaign finance statements, notify the Secretary of State of campaign finance violations, certify nominating petitions, prepare ballots, publish legal notices, issue absentee ballot applications, direct preparation of absentee ballots, maintain permanent absentee ballot records, compile election results and forward to the Secretary of State.

The Town Clerk retains custody of the Town Seal, per State Statutes (S 7-101). The Town Seal shall not be affixed to any item or document without the express permission of the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's office is often the first point of contact within town hall providing information on all other town offices

Codified Ordinances: There were no new ordinances this year.

Roads Accepted by the Town: There were no new roads added this year.

Roads Discontinued by the Town: There were no roads discontinued this year.

Town Meetings:

- 9/19/2024 Special Town Meeting to act upon a request to transfer the sum of \$505,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Emergency Operation Account.
- 11/7/2024 Special Town Meeting to act upon a request appropriating \$6,000,000 up to 91,000,000 for the planning, design, reconstruction, repair and replacement of roads, bridges, drainage and other infrastructure and facilities damaged in connection with the August 2024 storm from the general fund.
- 4/17/2025 Annual Town Meeting for budget referendum in accordance with Southbury Town Charter §901.
- 6/12/2025 Special Town Meeting for Resolution Appropriating \$8,520,000 For The Planning, Design, Reconstruction, Repair, And Replacement Of The Roads, Infrastructure, And Facilities Damaged In Connection With The August 2024 Storm, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$8,520,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Elections:

- 8/13/2024 Republican Primary
- 11/5/2024 Presidential
- 5/7/2025 Budget Referendum

Projects:

- Prepare the Grant Application for the State Library Grant.
- Follow Legislation that impacts the office and the town especially election and land records. This past session saw a lot of legislation that directly impact town clerks and registrars.
- Continue to streamline and organize to provide easy access to information and records including implementing Granicus software to organize and record our Town Officials both elected and appointed.
- We are continuing a project to upload trade name certificates into IQS to make them more accessible.

Training: Town Clerk Alice Maisano is participating in online security training through the Secretary of State's office in connection with the Elections Division. In addition, she attended monthly zoom meetings with the State Election Division with regard to the upcoming municipal election, as well as attended monthly zoom meetings with Stephanie Thomas CT Secretary of State with regard to legislation and elections. These meetings are ongoing.

Town Clerk Maisano is working on classes to obtain her Master Town Clerk designation.

Conferences: Town Clerk Maisano attended both the Fall and Spring Connecticut Town Clerks Association Conferences. Both conferences were informative and hosted Stephanie Thomas the Connecticut Secretary of State speaking about the upcoming changes to Elections including early voting. The conferences focus on changing legislation as well as the statutory requirements of the Town Clerks Office.

Accomplishments: STATE OF CONNECTICUT LIBRARY GRANT—Town Clerk purchased a Fire King file cabinet with \$5,500 grant to be used for elections and early voting.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Fees Collected for the State

Conveyance Tax	\$1,555,732.58
Community Investment	\$89,424.00
Health Department Marriage Surcharge	\$3,604.00
Agriculture Dog Surcharge	\$4,186.00
Dog License Fees	\$11,384.00
Historic Preservation	\$19,872.00
State MERS	\$52,442.00

Fees Collected for the Town

Dog Fund	\$1,991.50
Dog Redemption/Boarding	\$1,685.00
Legal Fees	\$94,275.05
Conveyance Tax	\$1,555,732.58
Copier/Map/Scan	\$4,502.00
Certified Copies	\$27,155.00
Marriage Licenses	\$1,696.00
Town Clerk/Miscellaneous Fees	\$6,560.00
Historic Preservation	\$4,968.00
Capital Improvements	\$89,424.00

Statistics

Documents Recorded	3,443
Maps Filed	8
Trade Name Certificate	56
Temp Trailer Permit	0
Liquor Permit	31
Notary Renewal	0
Notary Service	453

Vital Records

Birth	127
Marriage	302
Death	414
Fetal Death	0

TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

August 13, 2024 – Official Southbury Republican State Election Primary Results

Republican Party

Statistics

Total number of registered Republican voters	4,639
Total number of Republican voters who voted (at the polls, during early voting, and by absentee ballot)	1,245
Turnout (approximately)	27%
Number of absentee ballots	84
Number of early voting ballots	260

Results

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	VOTES
State Representative	Jason Buchsbaum	1,006
	Edwin N. Cady	112
United State Senator	Gerry Smith	827
	Matthew M. Corey	328

TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

November 5, 2024 – Official Southbury Presidential Election Results

Statistics

Number of registered voters (including SDR)	15,678
Number of electors who voted (at the polls, during early voting and by absentee ballot)	12,946
Voter turnout (approximately)	83%
Number of absentee ballots	1,351
Number of early voting ballots	6,852
Number of Same Day Registration (SDR) ballots	250

Results (winners in bold)

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	VOTES
Kamala Harris and Tim Walz (D)	6,315
Donald Trump and JD Vance (R)	6,207
Jill Stein and Butch Ware (G)	88
Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat (L)	51
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan (P)	59
Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis (Write-In)	0
Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia (Write-In)	0
Cherunda Fox and Harlan McVay, Jr. (Write-In)	0
Andre Ramon McNeil and Roschelle D. McNeil (Write-In)	0
Future Madam Potus and Jessica Kennedy (Write-In)	0
Peter Sonski and Lauren Onak (Write-In)	0
Cornel West and Melina Abdullah (Write-In)	0

UNITED STATES SENATOR	VOTES
Christopher S. Murphy (D)	6,183
Matthew M. Corey (R)	5,973
Christopher S. Murphy (WF)	228
Justin C. Paglino (G)	56
Robert Finley Hyde (CGG)	70
John Flynn (Write-In)	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	VOTES
Jahana Hayes (D)	5,993
George Logan (R)	6,352
Jahana Hayes (WF)	193
Ahmad AJ Darwish (Write-In)	11
Bertram Ferguson (Write-In)	1

STATE SENATOR - District 32	VOTES
Jeff Desmarais (D)	5,763
Eric C. Berthel (R)	6,544

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - Assembly District 69	VOTES
Ed Edelson (D)	4,855
Jason Buchsbaum (R)	5,802

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - Assembly District 131	VOTES
Ellen S. Fox (D)	744
Arnold Jensen (R)	961
Ellen S. Fox (I)	25

SOUTHBURY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	VOTES
Mary McDonald (D)	5,761
Marie Papaioannou (R)	6,393

JUDGE OF PROBATE	VOTES
David Labriola (R)	8,332

QUESTION ON THE BALLOT	YES VOTES	NO VOTES
Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?	6,294	5,715

D - Democratic Party
 G - Green Party
 I - Independent Party
 L - Libertarian Party
 R - Republican Party
 WF - Working Families Party

TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

May 7, 2025 – Official Southbury Referendum Results

Statistics

Number of registered voters	14973
Number of electors who voted at the poll	1464
Number of absentee ballots	16
Number of voters from grand list (Not registered)	4
Total number of ballots cast	1484
Voter turnout (approximately)	12%

Results

Town of Southbury Budget

Yes Votes	1131
No Votes	347

Region 15 School Budget

TOWN	Yes Votes	No Votes
Southbury	1082	400
Middlebury	620	481
TOTAL	1702	881