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By Darlene Brady at 9:48 am, Aug 25, 2021



Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting

August 17, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Present: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson.

Also, present: Darlene Brady, Zanne Charity, Jen Dubray, Debbie Devaux, Eric Epstein, Donna Hayes, Barbara Herbst, Connie Manes, Leah Pullaro, John Russell, Andrea Schoeny, Ron Suresha and Lynn Worthington.

Jean Speck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ed Matson made a motion to approve the following BOS meeting minutes:

July 13, 2021	Regular Meeting
August 10, 2021	Special Meeting

Chris Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Communication and Comments:

Jean Speck read two letters regarding food trucks and noted food trucks were on the agenda.

- August 16, 2021 emails from Matt Starr – Food Trucks (attached)
- August 17, 2021 letters from Elissa Potts – Food Truck Permits (attached)

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Herbst provided a written report (attached). She also provided an invoice submitted for payment by vendor report for the month of June (attached).

Assessor's Report:

Jen Dubray provided a written report (attached).

Tax Refunds:

Chris Garrity made a motion to approve the following tax refund:

- Toyota Lease Trust \$180.54

Ed Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Emergency Management Department presentation:

Jean Speck stated:

- Presentation not ready
- Have been super busy
- Covid is dynamic

- Have to pull together a presentation
- Presentation for September meeting

Town Resolution in Honor of Florence Chandler Maybrick:

Ron Suresha had originally requested the Board of Selectmen approve a Resolution for Florence Chandler Maybrick (attached). He modified his request to have the Board of Selectmen approve a proclamation for Florence Chandler Maybrick, as New Milford did, proclaiming Saturday, October 23, 2021 as Florence Chandler Maybrick Day (attached). Jean Speck agreed to reach out to Marge Smith of the Historical Society and get additional information to bring back to the September meeting.

Assign and charge new subcommittees:

ARPA:

Members: Jean Speck made a motion to approve the following members of the ARPA Needs Assessment Committee:
Joe Agli, Barbara Herbst, Patricia Oris, Jean Speck, Matt Starr and Connie Manes.
Chris Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Charge: Jean Speck made a motion to enable the ARPA Needs Assessment Committee to conduct a needs assessment to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on potential uses for the ARPA funds. Chris Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Affordable Housing Steering Committee:

Members: Jean Speck will send out a request for member participation.

Charge: Jean Speck made a motion to create a Municipal Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee to develop, with COG, a MAHP in accordance with statutory requirements set forth in CGS 8-30j. Ed Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Broadband Working Team:

Jean Speck suggested putting a Broadband Working Team on hold until September. She will reach out to Northwest Connect to determine if there is regional involvement.

Members:

Charge:

Kent Sustainability Team:

Members: Jean Speck made a motion to approve the following members of the Kent Sustainability Team:

Mike Benjamin, Julie Chang, Lianna Gantt, Amanda Quaid, Jean Speck and Joanne Wasti.

Ed Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Charge: Jean Speck made a motion to enable the Kent Sustainability Team to progress towards certification in accordance with the Sustainability CT program as outlined by the resolution passed by the BoS. Chris rarity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The question was asked if the meetings and action items taken at meetings held prior to the actions above are legal? Jean Speck responded that there was no intent of malice. Chris Garrity stated any action items should be reviewed again to make them official.

Main Street – noise/traffic:

Jean Speck will send out a request for member participation. Chris Garrity added that he will stay on after his term as a member and Ed Matson offered to assist too. Ed Matson asked that the information from the new speed signs be shared with this committee.

Members: Jean Speck made a motion to approve the following members of the Noise and Traffic Committee:

Chris Garrity, Ed Matson, Andrea Schoeny and Ira Smith
And one additional member to be announced.

Chris Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Charge: Jean Speck made a motion to create a Noise and Traffic Committee to make recommendations to the BoS regarding noise and traffic issues and concerns. Chris Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board of Finance Clerk recommendation:

Chris Garrity accepted the Board of finance's recommendation to hire Bonnie Donzella as the Board of Finance clerk. Ed Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Town Hall large meeting room video conference system update:

Jean Speck stated she has been back and forth with town attorney on the requirements for hybrid meetings. She added it appears the technology needed for hybrid meetings will not be covered under ARPA funds. Chris Garrity suggested waiting, let someone else be the first one. He recommended tabling the item.

Senior Center programming proposal update:

Leah Pullaro stated the following:

- Submitted a budget proposal for the proposed Senior Center programming (attached). She noted that the total is incorrect, the total should be \$7,121.
- The \$4,021 is for the Social Services Director/Senior Program Co-Ordinator, not budgeted.
- The \$4,021 is comprised of approximately 4 hours per week – which would put the Social Services Director over 30 hours per week (fulltime).
- The Social Services Assistant is budgeted for 4 hours per week to implement the programs.
- Park and Rec to clarify their role in senior center activities – Ed Matson to discuss with Park and Rec Commission as they review the Park and Rec Director job description.
- Outline the responsibilities of the Senior Center Co-Ordinator: set-up schedule, researching programs, co-ordinate with other departments to set-up senior programs.
- Timeline – to start programming October 1, 2021.

Chris Garrity noted making the Social Services Director fulltime is a budgetary issue.

Peddler Permit – food trucks:

Jean Speck provided the Food Truck Ordinances for Sharon and North Canaan (attached). Jean Speck agreed to obtain the guidelines from Torrington Area Health and State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for food trucks. Chris Garrity noted the Noise and Traffic Committee might want to consider the safety and health concerns.

Policy and Procedure Manual:

Hiring Policy – Department Head input:

Jean Speck gathered the feedback from the department heads and will take that information and rewrite the policy. She will send a draft to the department heads for feedback prior to sending to the BoS for approval.

Review Manual update:

Jean Speck noted she is still pulling apart the manual.

Juneteenth Federal Holiday:

The Board of Selectmen discussed adding Juneteenth to the paid days off list. Ed Matson stated the State is considering taking away Columbus Day and adding Juneteenth. He added he is not comfortable making a decision until the State makes a decision.

Resident Trooper Funding – update

Jean Speck confirmed the following:

- Two Schools have committed to not participating in the Resident Trooper financial agreement
 - South Kent School – sent a letter
 - Marvelwood – no letter to date
- No response from Kent School
- Have not reached out to High Watch to date

Chris Garrity:

- Expressed concern with regards to putting revenue in the budget without confirmation of the revenue.
- Suggested revisiting having a contract with the schools and High Watch.
- Follow-up with Kent School and High Watch.

Union Contract – update:

Jean Speck stated the union contract has been signed based on the discussion in the last executive session. The other Board members have not seen the final contract. Copies of the contract will be sent to the board and a special meeting should be scheduled to approve the contract.

BOS Subcommittee Reports

Highway CDL Maintainer hiring sub-committee update- Jean

- A meeting needs to be scheduled.

Streetscape Building Committee - Ed

Ed Matson reported:

- Ongoing issue with snow shelves.
- Mike Doherty working with State to report back to subcommittee.

Jean Speck reported:

- Two permanent easements need to be drafted.
- Working with Hock and Town Attorney to secure the two permanent easements.

Swift House – Roof Replacement sub-committee – Ed

Zanne Charity reported:

- Chimney work almost completed
- Swift House task Force recommend Advanced Construction to replace the roof at the Swift House.

Chris Garrity made a motion to hire Advanced Construction for the roof replacement and carpentry work if necessary or Rick Gallagher & Son if they are available, as budgeted. Ed Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Selectmen's Reports:

Chris Garrity had nothing to report.

Ed Matson:

- Asked if Jean had responded to Nancy Banfy's August 2, 2021 letter.
 - Jean Speck stated:
 - She had little visibility on the event.
 - P&Z discussed at their meeting.
 - On the phone over the weekend.
 - Donna Hayes and P&Z addressed the issue.
 - Will respond to Nancy Banfy's letter.

Jean Speck:

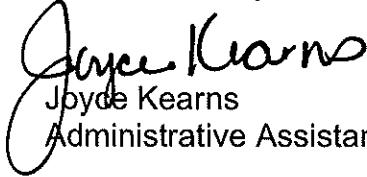
- Continuing conversation regarding a primary care in Town.
- Meet the new COG Executive Director.

Tasks:

- Jean Speck to prepare an Emergency Management presentation for the September meeting.
- Jean Speck agreed to reach out to Marge Smith of the Historical Society and get additional information to bring back to the September meeting.
- Jean Speck will send out a request for member participation for the Municipal Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee.
- Jean Speck will reach out to Northwest Connect to determine if there will be regional involvement with the Broadband Working Team.
- Jean Speck will send out a request for member participation for the Noise and traffic Committee.
- Jean Speck to send Chris Garrity the email addresses/contact information for the Noise and Traffic Committee members.
- Jean Speck agreed to obtain the guidelines from Torrington Area Health and State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for food trucks.
- Jean Speck gathered the feedback from the department heads and will take that information and rewrite the policy and send a draft to the department heads for feedback prior to sending to the BoS for approval.
- Jean Speck reach out to Kent School and High Watch regarding the Resident Trooper Program funding.
- A special meeting to be scheduled to approve the contract.
- A meeting needs to be scheduled for the Highway CDL Maintainer hiring sub-committee.
- Jean Speck will respond to Nancy Banfy's letter.

Adjourn:

Jean Speck adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.


Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.



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By Darlene Brady at 2:35 pm, Aug 11, 2021

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting Agenda
August 17, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Access to meeting via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85266147330>
Meeting ID: 852 6614 7330
One tap mobile: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - 2.2. August 10, 2021 Special Meeting
3. **Public Communication and Comments**
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **Assessor's Report**
6. **Tax Refunds**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Emergency Management Department presentation
 - 7.2. Town Resolution in Honor of Florence Chandler Maybrick
 - 7.3. Assign and charge new subcommittees
 - 7.3.1. ARPA
 - 7.3.1.1. Members
 - 7.3.1.2. Charge
 - 7.3.2. Affordable Housing Steering Committee
 - 7.3.2.1. Members
 - 7.3.2.2. Charge
 - 7.3.3. Broadband Working Team
 - 7.3.3.1. Members
 - 7.3.3.2. Charge
 - 7.3.4. Kent Sustainability Team
 - 7.3.4.1. Members
 - 7.3.4.2. Charge
 - 7.3.5. Main Street – noise/traffic
 - 7.3.5.1. Members
 - 7.3.5.2. Charge
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1. Board of Finance Clerk recommendation
 - 8.2. Town Hall large meeting room video conference system update
 - 8.3. Senior Center programming proposal update
 - 8.4. Peddler Permit – food trucks
 - 7.5. Policy and Procedure Manual
 - 7.5.1. Hiring Policy – Department Head input
 - 7.5.2. Review Manual update
 - 7.5.3. Juneteenth Federal Holiday
 - 7.6. Resident Trooper Funding – update
 - 7.7. Union Contract - update

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Food Trucks

1 message

MATHEW STARR <mstarr03@snet.net>

Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 11:28 AM

To: Board of Selectmen Town of Kent <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Board,

While reasonable requirements should be in place for Food Trucks for safety and health, please do not attempt to stop Kent from the ability to enjoy food trucks in Town. Mobile food sales have been occurring for years at Chris's Hot Dog Wagon and in the past at Kent Falls State park. I am disappointed with the boom of food trucks and trailers across the country we have not been able to experience reasonable visits of Food trucks and all the different foods they offer.

Matt Starr

Fife 'n Drum Restaurant & Inn

53 North Main Street, Kent, CT 06757-0188

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August 17, 2021

Selectman Mr, Jean Speck, Mr Chris Garrity and Mr Ed Matson
41 Kent Green Boulevard
Kent, CT 06757

BY:

I would like this letter to be read at your August 17, 2021 meeting and recorded into your minutes.

On December 11, 2020, I wrote to you and expressed my concerns regarding any Permanent Food Truck Permit for Kent.

I remain vehemently opposed to a Food Truck Permit. I believe that if such a permit were granted, it would be devastating to the town of Kent.

1. You would destroy the look and feel of Kent as the gateway to the Northwest corner.
2. There are at present no less than 17 Brick and Mortar Food Establishments in Kent, one "Grandfathered" Food Truck, owned by Chris Della Riva, and more food establishments to open in the future. Each business pays a MORTGAGE or RENT, and TAXES, and is subject to ADA requirements, parking regulations, ARB rules and must provide rest rooms for their patrons.
3. Food trucks would just parachute in, pay a nominal fee for a Permit, and drive off at the end of the day. They do not have the same overhead and expenses that all of the local food businesses have to deal with on a daily, monthly and yearly basis.
4. Parking...where would they park...on State Highway Route 7, or on private property?

In my opinion, allowing any food trucks to operate here would not enhance the town of Kent. Ultimately, one truck would lead to more, and then the town would be subject to other pop up businesses that do not have to adhere to the same rules and regulations the local brick and mortar businesses do. It would be the beginning of the end for the charm and allure of Kent, CT.

Why does this conversation continue? Avoiding junking up Main Street with Food Trucks should be a no brainer. You need to care about the long term view for Kent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elissa Potts

Owner Fife 'n Drum Restaurant

Treasurer's Report

8/17/2021

	BoS Meetings 7.13.21	BoF Meetings	Misc 7.12.21 Streetscape 72.1.21 TAP	
	June		July	
A/P Checks Issued	76	144,718	114	1,166,539
Payroll	116	130,965	121	76,015
BoE Transactions	83	262,355	163	500,670
Deposits	16	121,599	14	3,445,450
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Totals	291	659,637	412	5,188,674

FY 2020 -2021

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget	Increases approved / Jan Town Meeting
Income	\$ 13,197,922	\$ 13,535,103	97.51%	
A · General Government	\$ 1,376,161	\$ 1,386,173	99.28%	55,000
B · Public Safety	\$ 238,669	\$ 261,281	19.8%	
C · Public Works	\$ 1,411,271	\$ 1,779,817	79.29%	
D · Health and Welfare	\$ 123,407	\$ 117,297	105.21%	
E · Recreation	\$ 162,274	\$ 217,290	38.9%	
F · Sanitation	\$ 150,488	\$ 143,292	105.02%	
G · Board of Education	\$ 7,164,693	\$ 7,292,037	98.25%	
H · Debt Service	\$ 432,569	\$ 432,569	100.0%	
I · Transfer to Capital	\$ 1,092,847	\$ 952,847	114.69%	140,000
J · Transfer to Dog Fund	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	100.0%	
K · Current Year Capital Projects	\$ 945,000	\$ 945,000	100.0%	
Total Expense	\$ 13,104,879	\$ 13,535,103	96.82%	\$ 195,000

\$93,044 FY '21 Preliminary Budget Surplus

Budget Transfers

\$1,200	Registrar's Training
\$370	BoF - Audit costs
\$2,100	Building Inspection - State Education Fund
\$45,675	Litigation
\$12,500	Welcome Center - Cleaning
\$2,180	Swift House - Maintenance (chimneys, windows, foundation)
\$7,500	Transfer Station (supplies, solid waste reoval and container rentals)

Invoices submitted for payment by Vendor

Type	Date	Memo	Cost
A Royal Flush Inc.			
Bill	06/11/2021	Trnsf Sta: monthly rental - Port-a-Let (May 2021)	82.46
Bill	06/30/2021	Transfer Staton: arrears 6/1 - 6/30/2021	79.80
Ace Hardware of Kent			
Bill	06/11/2021	Multiple: various supplies	390.58
Amazon			
Bill	06/15/2021	Avery Mutiuse tabs & Refills	32.61
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: Avery Multiuse tabs	11.64
Bill	06/30/2021	Treasurer: Pixelro Privacy filter	92.29
Bill	06/30/2021	Treasurer: Adding Machine & Stand up desk	274.55
Bill	06/30/2021	P&R: Gamma Sports Kids Training	109.98
Bill	06/30/2021	P&R: Gamma Sports Kids Training	104.32
Apex Communications, LLC			
Bill	06/15/2021	Swapped Extensions and reviewed all with First Selectmen	157.50
Aquarion Water Co.			
Bill	06/01/2021	Swift Hse: water usage 4/22 - 5/24 (0K Gallons)	15.17
Bill	06/01/2021	Sr Ctr: water usage 4/22 - 5/24 (0k Gallons)	15.17
Bill	06/01/2021	TH: water usage 4/22 - 5/24 (3K- gal)	51.30
Bill	06/01/2021	Public Rest: water usage 4/22 - 5/24 (6k Gallons)	42.42
Bill	06/11/2021	HWY: water usage 4/22 - 5/24 (1K gal)	19.70
Bill	06/11/2021	CH: water usage 4/30 - 5/28 (0Gallons)	56.75
Bill	06/22/2021	CH: water usage 5/25 - 6/22 (0Gallons)	7.52
Bill	06/22/2021	Swift Hse: water usage 5/25 - 6/22/21 (0K Gallons)	25.13
Bill	06/22/2021	TH: water usage 5/25 - 6/224 (2K- gal)	85.59
Bill	06/22/2021	Public Rest: water usage 5/25 - 6/22 (7k Gallons)	45.13
Bill	06/25/2021	Town Utility (fire hydrants): water usage 4/30 - 5/28 charge per FT/pub	2,916.14
Bill	06/30/2021	Town Utility (fire hydrants): water usage 5/29 - 6/29 charge per FT/pub	3,217.80
Aramark Uniform & Career (Inc.)			
Bill	06/08/2021	DPW: weekly uniform services 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28	325.60
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Clothing 6/4 - 6/25/2021	254.31
B & W Paving and Landscaping, LLC			
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Macedonia Brook Rd: Mill & Repave, Overlay 1 & Overlay 2	167,827.50
B. Metcalf Asphalt Paving Inc.			
Bill	06/17/2021	DPW: Cold Patch 8.33 tons	982.94
Bill	06/22/2021	DPW: Cold Patch 7.48 tons	882.64
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Cold Patch 6.97	822.46
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Stone picked up at Canaan Yard (451.47)	7,674.99
Bob's Discount Furniture			
Bill	06/11/2021	Senior Center: Loveseat (2), Chair (2) & End table (2)	2,215.97
Brady, Darlene~			
Bill	06/24/2021	Annual Telephone Reimb per JS 6/22/21	600.00
Bulls Bridge Garage			
Bill	06/30/2021	SS: Client ID 2009-47	319.05
Cardmember Service			
Bill	06/15/2021	monthly zoom	385.82
Charity, Suzanne			
Bill	06/17/2021	RoV: May 21, 2021 Town Meeting 2 hours @ 17.93	35.86

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Type	Date	Memo	Cost
Frontier Communications			
Bill	06/01/2021	TH: Telephone Service 5/21 - 6/20	932.50
Bill	06/01/2021	Account # 860-927-5044-032420-5	95.77
Bill	06/15/2021	Police Protection: monthly telephone service ~6/1 - 6/30	102.40
Bill	06/21/2021	TH: Telephone Service 6/21 - 7/20/2021	975.65
Halloran & Sage LLP			
Bill	06/11/2021	Litigation: High Watch Recovery Center vs Kent PZ .60 hrs 4/27 - 5/18	135.00
Bill	06/30/2021	Litigation: High Watch Recovery Center vs Kent PZ 5 hrs 6/2 - 6/29/21	1,125.00
Bill	06/30/2021	P&Z General Matters phone conversation with Donna (.5 hr)	112.50
Harlem Valley Sand & Gravel, Inc.			
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: 6/15 - 6/29/21 Washed Crushed Material (321.27 tons)	5,461.59
Hayes, Donna M.~			
Bill	06/11/2021	P&Z & IWC Software Licenses by download	49.99
Haymore Services			
Bill	06/30/2021	P&R: Labor and machine for pool maintenance @ Emery Park	2,150.00
Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority			
Bill	06/01/2021	Transfer Station: May 8 (654 Total Cars) 2 kent cars	111.95
Bill	06/15/2021	Transfer Station: 6/12 Hazardous Waste 5 Kent Cars	296.00
HVA - Housatonic Valley Association			
Bill	06/23/2021	Assessor: GL20 Tax Map Updates (10)	850.00
Info Quick Solutions Inc.			
Bill	06/03/2021	Town Clerk: Turnkey record Management system (May 39 docs.)	900.00
Bill	06/17/2021	Verification May 2021	33.15
Bill	06/30/2021	Town Clerk: 56 June Verifications	47.60
Ink Spot of Thomaston			
Bill	06/19/2021	Conservation Commision - 30 Trail Books	270.00
Iovino Brothers			
Bill	06/30/2021	Emergency Management: embroidery on 12 PA Jackets	780.00
Kearns, Joyce~			
Bill	06/08/2021	Annual Cell phone stipend	600.00
Kinsley Power Systems			
Bill	06/08/2021	Senior Center: 4/27/2021 Service Call Generator	657.50
Bill	06/08/2021	Senior Center: Remove & Replaced Starter	1,622.88
KVFD - Kent Volunteer Fire Department Inc			
Bill	06/01/2021	Public Safety: EMT staffing 5/9 - 5/22 @ 28.25 (90 hrs)	2,542.50
Bill	06/18/2021	Public Safety: EMT staffing 5/23 - 6/5 109.5 @ 28.25 - 12 @ 32.25 an	3,734.66
Bill	06/28/2021	Public Safety: EMT staffing 6/6 - 6/19 101.75 @ 28.25	2,874.44
Bill	06/30/2021	Public Safety: EMT staffing 6/21 - 6/30 167.75 @ 28.25 and 12 @ 30	4,254.44
Lake Waramaug Interlocal Commission			
Bill	06/30/2021	50% of 2020/2021 appropriation	976.50
Lakeville Journal Co LLC			
Bill	06/30/2021	Tax Collector: Legals 6/24/2021	67.65
LeagueAthletics.Com LLC			
Bill	06/28/2021	P&R: Annual Website Hosting	575.00
Limbos Communications & Technology LLC			
Bill	06/01/2021	DPW: Radio for Chevy Truck that has no radio 4/30/2021	862.50
Bill	06/01/2021	DPW: Replace JD6220 Radio 4/30/2021	862.50

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Type	Date	Memo	Cost
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: Epson t502 eco tenk Black,(Account # 380426)	41.98
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: HP 414X Black	171.99
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: HP Color Ij pro	599.99
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: Scotch Magic, Self ink date stamp	34.98
Bill	06/30/2021	BOF: HP 57 Tri Color Ink Cartridge	67.99
Bill	06/30/2021	Tax Collector: paper & Toner (Account # 380426)	427.96
Region One			
Bill	06/15/2021	State Grants for Region 1 (2/23/2021 - 5/25/2021)	27,192.00
Republican American			
Bill	06/11/2021	PZ & IW: Legal notices Public Hearings 4/30, regular meeting final acti	605.52
Bill	06/30/2021	IW: Pprove 1254 Baker, 1253 Youngblood, 1255 Neff, 1257 Fox	118.32
Bill	06/30/2021	P&Z: 89881, 869823, 870926, 81922, 810927, 871643	914.08
Rosemark Law			
Bill	06/01/2021	Cell Tower: .9 hrs 1/4 - 1/19 (cell tower conference call, appeal of siting	270.00
Bill	06/01/2021	Cell Tower: 2.4 hrs 12/7 - 12/30 (decision review, conference calls to d	720.00
Bill	06/01/2021	Cell Tower: 6.3 hrs 11/19 - 11/25 (attend hearing, finalize corrections,	1,890.00
Bill	06/01/2021	Cell Tower: 30.4 hrs 10/2 - 10/22 (conference calls, transcript review,	9,120.00
ROVAC			
Bill	06/01/2021	Virtual Conference (June 8 & June 9) Chase, Lilienthal, Brady,& Dunca	200.00
Bill	06/30/2021	ROVAC: Dues Chase & Lilienthal	160.00
S & S Worldwide Inc			
Bill	06/01/2021	P&R: Crayola Washable Markers	92.53
Select Sportswear Company			
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Pocket Tee	495.00
Seymour Sealing Service, Inc.			
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: 6/15 trucked stone from Metcalf 379.10 @ 8.50 & 6/16 72.37 @ :	3,837.50
Bill	06/30/2021	DPW: Chip Seal (South rd, Flat Rock, Maple St ext., Ten Rod, Brown R	117,620.52
Sommers, Donna E.			
Bill	06/11/2021	Comm Hse:Downstairs Restrooms-cleaning 1X May 2021	25.00
Bill	06/11/2021	Sr Ctr: standard cleaning Mon / Wed (May2021)	180.00
Bill	06/11/2021	TH: Monthly fee for interior cleaning 1 X May 2021	1,000.00
Bill	06/30/2021	Comm Hse:Downstairs Restrooms-cleaning 2X June 2021 & Prep Mair	112.50
Bill	06/30/2021	Sr Ctr: standard cleaning Mon / Wed (June2021)	270.00
Bill	06/30/2021	TH: Monthly fee for interior cleaning 1 X June 2021	1,000.00
Spectrum			
Bill	06/12/2021	TH.: Internet 5/19 - 6/23	366.19
St of CT - DEEP			
Bill	06/01/2021	Trnsf Sta: annual municipal general permit (Transfer Station)	800.00
Bill	06/30/2021	LU: quarterly remittance for permits issued	2,262.00
St of CT. Office of Education & Data Mgmt			
Bill	06/30/2021	Bldg: Educational training fee remittance report 4/1/21 - 6/30/21	1,067.49
St. of CT - Police Protection			
Bill	06/16/2021	resident trooper OT for Kent School Graduation	753.06
Bill	06/30/2021	Police Protecton FY '21	172,202.59
Bill	06/30/2021	Poice Protection: Overtime 710.83, Workers Comp. 11.73 & fringe Ben	1,251.27
Terminix			
Bill	06/17/2021	1 Swifts Lane	81.00

5/24/21	COLLECTED PA 490 PENALTY - \$6,181.12 FOR THE SALE OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE PENALTY PERIOD									
8/4/21	COLLECTED PA 490 PENALTY - \$31,440 FOR THE SALE OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE PENALTY PERIOD									
TOTAL PA 490 PENALTIES COLLECTED	\$	37,621.12								
IN JUNE THRU 8/9/21	MAILED 13 PA 490 UPDATES/NEW APPLICATIONS FOR EITHER ACCEPTED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIPS OR SALE OF PROPERTY									
	DUE BACK BY 10/31/21									
TRANSFERRED DATA TO QDS IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY BILLING										
8/9/21-	BRIDGED DATA FOR TAX COLLECTOR - UPDATES FOR DELINQUENTS									
BUILDING PERMIT INFO	TOTAL # OF BLDG PERMITS	TOTAL VALUE OF PERMITS	TOTAL # OF PERMITS ENTERED WHICH WILL NEED ADDITIONAL TRACKING	TOTAL VALUE OF PERMITS ENTERED	# OF PERMITS FOR TAX EXEMPT ENTITIES	PERMIT VALUE FOR TAX EXEMPT ENTITIES				
APRIL PERMITS ENTERED IN MAY	49	1,876,691	26	1,847,982	4	215,275				
MAY PERMITS ENTERED IN JUNE	40	456,107	15	326,900	1	27,001				
JUNE PERMITS ENTERED IN JULY	47	1,876,142	18	1,579,534	9	181,275				
JULY PERMITS ENTERED IN AUGUST	38	1,765,166	18	1,659,350	0	0				
REPORTS TO THE STATE	MONTHLY SALES REPORT UPLOADED TO OPM									
	5/1/21	M13 - GRAND LIST TAXABLE FILED W/ OPM					Taxable grand list and property exemption data			
	5/1/21	M13A - GRAND LIST EXEMPT FILED W/ OPM					Tax exempt grand list data			
	6/30/21	STATE FORESTER REPORT SENT								
	7/1/21	HOMEOWNERS CLAIM FORM UPLOADED TO OPM					Municipal Claim for Reimbursement - Elderly Homeowners-			
	7/1/21	TOTALLY DISABLED CLAIM FORM UPLOADED AND SENT TO OPM					No longer reimbursed by state but report still required			
	7/15/21	VETERAN'S AFFAIR REPORT SENT TO THE STATE					Municipal Claim for Reimbursement - Totally Disabled Program			
	8/1/21	ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S CLAIM SENT TO THE STATE								
	8/16/21	M35P Reductions to Elderly Homeowners Claim for Reimbursement					Municipal Claim for Reimbursement - Additional Veterans' Exemption Program			
QUADRENNIAL TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION - M3 FORMS PREPARED AND READY TO BE MAILED - DUE BACK BY NOVEMBER 1ST										
JULY BILLING CYCLE COMPLETED - FIELDLED PHONE CALLS WITH ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS AND PROCESSED APPROXIMATELY 165 CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTIONS BETWEEN 4/1 AND 8/1										
FULLFILLED REQUEST FOR FIELD CARDS FROM APPRAISERS, REAL ESTATE AGENTS, TITLE SEARCHERS, ETC										
PROCESSED APPROXIMATELY 70 TRANSFERS BETWEEN 4/1/21 AND 8/1/21										
ASSIGNED TWO 911 NUMBERS										
ATTENDED ANNUAL SPRING MEETING ON 5/6/21 VIA ZOOM										
ATTENDED TWO WORKSHOPS										
	Affordable Rent Restricted Property Value									
	Covid 19 Impact on Comm/Residential Real Estate									



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Florence Chandler Maybrick memorial day Oct. 23rd

1 message

Ron Suresha <ron.suresha@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 12:44 PM

To: adminassist@townofkentct.org

Hello Joyce,

Attached please find a Word doc* of the approved Joint Town Resolution in Honor of Florence Chandler Maybrick on October 23, 2021, endorsed by these parties:

- New Milford Historical Society
- Gaylordsville Historical Society
- Kent Historical Society
- South Kent School
- St. Michael's Chapel
- Ann Holloway and her Family, now of Sleepy Hollow, NY, who own the property on Old Stone Road where Florence lived and, 80 years ago on October 21st, died.

A copy of the Joint Resolution was submitted to the Mayor's Office in the Town of New Milford, and he has put it on the agenda for the Council Meeting August 9th. I'll be happy to come up to the Kent Selectmen meeting prepared with a *very brief* statement (assuming they will have already read the Resolution) and to take any questions.

As I mentioned, there are two public programs planned for Saturday, October 23rd. There are also two private events for the Holloway family.

- 10:00-11:00 am. New Milford Historical Society & Museum, Aspetuck Road, downtown New Milford. The program will include a host welcome, and a reading of the resolution by several NM townfolk, and then would Mayor Bass do us the honor of saying a few words for the occasion and lead us in a moment of silence? ~ I am hoping there will be time for folks to share memories at the end. The Museum may bring out a display of Florence's wooden cross from her grave (when they laid a headstone there in the '60s) &/or her famous black dress but nothing extensive, as I believe they have another exhibit running.
- 4:00-5:00 pm. St. Michael's Chapel & Cemetery, South Kent School, Kent. The program will include a host welcome and a reading of the Joint Resolution by several Kent townfolk. This will be followed by an Evening Service in Florence's Honor conducted by St. Michael's Pastor Steve Stolz, which may include a procession to the gravesite (weather permitting?). It would be great if someone representing the Town of Kent could join us and perhaps say a few words.

I'm so glad we will have the chance to tell the whole of Florence's story in Litchfield County, and that we have the time to develop the programs and give this bit of local history adequate publicity. I appreciate your help in making this happen.

take care,
Ron

* I can send the file in another format if you prefer.

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My pronouns: he/him/his

**FECM Resolution r6.docx**

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Proposal for Resolution Honoring Florence Chandler Maybrick for Remembrance on October 23, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1917, communities in the Town of New Milford, and the Town of Kent, Connecticut, welcomed a poor stranger who went by the name of Mrs. Florence Chandler, a small, well-bred lady with a mysterious past, ostensibly for employment in Gaylordsville at the poultry farm of Miss Henrietta Banwell; and

WHEREAS, despite Mrs. Chandler and the chickens at the farm taking an instant dislike to the other, this lady decided to leave the job but stay in the bucolic Gaylordsville neighborhood bordering New Milford and Kent; and

WHEREAS, in 1919 a benefactor of Mrs. Chandler anonymously paid for her to purchase a small plot of land on the eastern side of Long Mountain, amounting to about one-third of an acre, sited on the remote road from Gaylordsville to South Kent, a historic and scenic “highway” known now as Old Stone Road, before which it was known locally in both New Milford and Kent as “Chandler Road”; and

WHEREAS, in 1920 the benefactor paid the C. M. Beach Company to build a three-room 12 x 20-foot bungalow for Mrs. Chandler on the property featuring three cat doors and a 6-foot porch with a scenic view looking south over the Upper Housatonic Valley; and

WHEREAS, for two decades Florence Chandler lived as a recluse in her cozy house with a burgeoning clowder of cats, which she called her “children of the mountain,” earning herself the moniker “The Cat Woman” or “The Cat Lady” from the local children; and

WHEREAS, in 1923 at the north terminus of Old Stone Road located in the Town of Kent, Mr. Samuel Bartlett and Mr. Richard Cuyler established South Kent School, modeled on the Kent School from which the two founders were alumni, soon after which the new school housemother, Sister Clara Dulon, extended a selfless hand of friendship to Mrs. Chandler; and

WHEREAS, the South Kent School staff, faculty, and especially the students became endeared to old Mrs. Chandler, and along with her Gaylordsville

neighbors selflessly provided her substantial physical and spiritual support for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 Sister Dulon died and was interred near the school chapel known now as St. Michael's on the South Kent School campus, prompting Mrs. Chandler to request permission to be buried near her dear friend, a wish granted by South Kent School cofounder and headmaster Mr. Samuel Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, after the death of her friend Clara, Mrs. Chandler continued to associate with South Kent School staff and students, who along with her Gaylordsville neighbors supported her with provisions of food, water, firewood, and clothing through the Great Depression until her dying day; and

WHEREAS, in her old age Mrs. Chandler became reclusive and avoided meeting adults on her once-daily walks along the road, indeed which at some point was informally known to locals as Chandler Road, but delighted in the company of South Kent School students when they came to see her; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of October 23, 1941, Old Mrs. Chandler was found dead in her home by neighbor Mr. Howard "Pop" Conkrite, and was buried next to Miss Dulon three days later near the chapel at South Kent School, attended by more than 60 school faculty, staff, and students, and Gaylordsville neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the day after her death, on the 24th of October, 1941, Florence Chandler Maybrick's obituary ran at the top of the front page of the *New York Times*, reporting her death in Gaylordsville, revealing her hidden identity as the defendant in a famous 1889 murder trial in Liverpool and recalling her amazing life story:

WHEREIN Florence, a young lady born in Mobile, Alabama during the Civil War from a prominent American family, married James Maybrick, an older British cotton broker with whom she had two children, living in Liverpool, before discovering her husband's second "wife," with whom he had five children, as well as his longtime addiction to arsenic and strychnine powders; and

WHEREAS, in 1889 when James Maybrick abruptly died from a stomach disorder, his brother Michael unjustly accused Florence of poisoning her husband, then led the charge to have her arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to hang for the murder; and

WHEREAS, subsequent evidence proving Florence's innocence and exonerating her from this crime indicates that James was killed by his brother Michael, believed to be psychopath murderer Jack the Ripper, who with his brother Edwin poisoned James and framed Florence for the murder of her husband, subsequently confiscating her two young children and her entire estate; and

WHEREAS, the imprisonment and trial of Florence Chandler Maybrick stole her rights, manipulated evidence, suppressed witnesses, and violated proper and fair legal proceedings, presided by a mentally debilitated, opium-smoking, misogynistic judge, and convicted in less than an hour by a jury of laymen confused by a preponderance of conflicting medical evidence yet willing to hang the victim; and

WHEREAS, while a gallows was built outside Mrs. Maybrick's cell, the injustice of her arrest and trial created a public uproar not just in Liverpool but on both sides of the Atlantic, making her arrest and trial a cause célèbre, prompting urgent diplomatic appeals by Vice President Levi P. Morton and the wives of President Benjamin Harrison's entire Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, under intense public pressure, Queen Elizabeth allowed the Home Secretary of Scotland Yard to commute Florence Maybrick's capital sentence to life imprisonment as punishment for a different crime with which she was never charged or duly convicted; and

WHEREAS, while Florence served her term of fifteen years in British prisons, subject to long periods of solitary confinement and hard labor, her supporters helped to bring reforms to British jurisprudence such as the creation of an appellate court for capital punishment, and joined together in the early women's suffrage movements of both countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1904 Florence was released from prison and returned to the States to find many supporters, to write a book entitled *My Fifteen Lost Years*, and to manage a successful tour on the lecture circuit, advocating for prison reform and always declaring herself innocent of the murder of her husband; and

WHEREAS, after public interest in her case waned, she became indigent and recovered at the Salvation Army in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 Florence wrote to playwright Cora Griffin in Brookfield, asking her friend if she knew of any employment for her, and Miss Griffin arranged the job at Miss Banwell's chicken farm in Gaylordsville; and

WHEREAS, Florence came to our area using her maiden name as a cover story and found that she could live her life without the stigma of being an ex-convict here in the relatively remote hills of the Northern Housatonic Valley among the Yankee farmer families who mostly minded their own business; and

WHEREAS, although Florence Maybrick lived anonymously as Mrs. Chandler in New Milford for a quarter-century, several of her neighbors in New Milford as well as in Kent discovered or guessed her hidden identity and kept her secret secure, while for two decades ensuring that she should never go without food, water, milk for her many cats, or medical attention; and

WHEREAS, the 23rd of October, 2021, marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the tragic life of Florence Chandler Maybrick, an event which unexpectedly during the advent of the Second World War put both Gaylordsville and South Kent on the top of the front page of the *New York Times* for the first and only time, thus bringing the world's attention to our great towns; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Town of New Milford as well as citizens of the Town of Kent, in coordination with the New Milford Historical Society, the Kent Historical Society, the Gaylordsville Historical Society, South Kent School, St. Michael's Chapel at South Kent School, and with the blessings of the Holloway family who now own Florence's land on Old Stone Road, together wish to honor the memory of the life of Florence Elizabeth Chandler Maybrick on the 80th anniversary of her death,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Saturday, the 23rd of October, 2021, be heretofore known as "Florence Chandler Maybrick Day" in the Town of New Milford and the Town of Kent in the Great State of Connecticut.

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

February 6, 2018
4:30 P.M. Town Hall

Present: Bruce Adams, Chris Garrity and Jeff Parkin.

Also present: Bill Bachrach, Catherine Bachrach, Darlene Brady, Virginia Bush-Suttman, Debbie Devaux, Jennifer Dubray, Lesly Ferris, John Grant, Lynn Harrington, Donna Hayes, Hugh Hill, Ron Jackson Suresha, Rick Osborne, Nick Pohl, Leah Pullaro, Stephanie Raftery, Susie Rundall, Elyse Sadler and Lynn Worthington.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The pledge was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting, as submitted. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Communication:

Oral:

- Lynn Harrington asked the Board of Selectmen to bring forth a vote at the next Town Meeting to change the Board of Education's Region One Representative from an appointed position to an elected position. Mr. Garrity asked Mrs. Harrington to bring the matter to the Board of Education and requested that the item be on the BOS agenda next month.
- Ron Jackson Suresha requested the Board of Selectmen bring forward a joint resolution exonerating Florence Elizabeth Chandler Maybrick, who was wrongly convicted of poisoning her husband, James Maybrick. No action taken.

Written: Mr. Adams stated that there are four written correspondences (attached):

- January 2, 2018 Social Service Report, 1st Quarter 2017-2018 from Leah Pullaro
- January 15, 2018 Social Service Report, 2nd Quarter 2017-2018 from Leah Pullaro
- January 31, 2018 Senior Activities from Lesly Ferris
- February 2, 2018 Staff Report from Donna Hayes

Report of First Selectman:

Mr. Adams reported on some things he did during the months of December and January:

- Interviewed three people for pistol permits. Denied one.
- Town tree lighting and Parade of Lights
- Met with KNA reps
- Picked up food at Sacred Heart for Food Bank
- Worked various days at the Transfer Station
- Met with Eversource rep
- Met with Highwatch rep
- Met with KCS BOE Chair
- Met with Salisbury First Selectman
- Met with speed limit sign company
- Met with USDA reps
- Met with CCM rep
- Economic Summit in Winsted

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BY *[Signature]*
TOWN CLERK

Meetings covered by the BOS _ Group or individual

- Full BOS – 12/7 and 1/2
- HRRRA _ 12/20 - Bruce
- COG _ 12/14, 1/11 - Bruce
- Safety Committee – Bruce
- Monthly Chamber meeting – Bruce
- Streetscape – 1/13 and 1/20 – Bruce
- Town Meeting – Full BOS

Police Report:

Phone number at Town Hall is 860-927-4043 and e-mail address

residenttrooper@townofkentct.org

Trooper Fisher has been actively involved as needed in the most recent incident in Kent. He has agreed to submit a report for the annual report in 2018. He will work on submission of a monthly report for the BOS. He spent many hours in Kent during the Ice Jam.

Report of Selectmen:

Mr. Garrity had nothing to report.

Mr. Parkin had nothing to report.

Report of Treasurer:

Mrs. Herbst did not attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

Tax Refunds:

Mr. Garrity made a motion to approve the following eleven tax refunds:

Linda Josephy and Christine Heun	\$2,268.56
Charles Wolf and Kathryn Dean	\$ 86.34
Robert Berkley	\$4,161.20
Jay Harris and Ann Lozman	\$ 966.20
Scott Mackesy	\$3,382.37
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Toyota Lease Trust	\$ 140.03
James Achard	\$ 69.47
Mary Dingee	\$ 16.70
Beth Charles	\$5,772.18
Doven Muehle Mortgage	\$ 500.00

Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Employee(s) report(s) on Seminar/workshops:

Mr. Adams stated that there were no employee seminar/workshop reports.

Nick Pohl- Housatonic Youth Service Bureau:

Nick Pohl, the Executive Director of Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, provided an overview of the services offered by HYSB. Mr. Pohl stated that the HYSB Counseling Program always has been the heart of the organizations mission to create a supportive environment in which children can embrace their full potential as individuals, students and members of their families and communities. He added given the scarcity and high cost of mental health services in the Norwest Corner, HYSB has filled a critical gap by providing mental health services to children and families from Kent to North Canaan for more than twenty-five years.

Ron Jackson Suresha
29th January, 2018
ron.suresha@gmail.com
860-460-4201 (Eastern US Time)



Florence Elizabeth Chandler Maybrick

A U.S./U.K. Event Dedicated To Pardoning & Exonerating Mrs Florence Maybrick

Introduction: A day of Remembrance, Absolution, & Honor of Florence Maybrick

A trans-Atlantic event to bring forward a joint resolution among several municipalities the U.S. and U.K. exonerating Florence Elizabeth Chandler Maybrick, who was wrongly convicted of poisoning her husband, James Maybrick.

This one-day event may be based near Florence's 1941 gravesite in the small cemetery adjoining the chapel on the campus of South Kent School, featuring:

- A formal pardon and exoneration ceremony
- Exhibits in the libraries, focusing on recalling the history of Florence's amazing life story, and honoring her memory
- Placement of a historical marker at her Gaylordsville home?

FECM Wikipedia page: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence_Maybrick

**Florence's Alabama background;
her husband, James, cotton merchant & arsenic addict;
& his brother, Michael Maybrick *a/k/a Jack the Ripper***

Accused American murderer Florence Maybrick (1862 – 1941), was born Florence Elizabeth Chandler, in Mobile, Ala., daughter of a one-time mayor there. She met British cotton broker James Maybrick in 1881 aboard a transatlantic ship and were married in London soon after, settling down in Aigburth, a Liverpool suburb, in Battlecrease House.

Florence entered local society life with James, who gave her two children, a boy and a girl. Maybrick also provided support for five children from another woman. Despite their age difference, together with her wealthy husband, she charmed Victorian Liverpool.

James's brother, Michael Maybrick, was a famous songwriter and charismatic singer who for more than a century nobody knew was the notorious British psychopath known as *Jack the Ripper*. James and Michael were both Freemasons, whose cultish traditional vows included silent complicity to protect one's Mason bros, even in cases of perjury or murder.

AGENDA

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 6, 2018
4:30 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting**
- 3. Public Communication**
 - a Oral**
 - b Written**
- 4. Report of First Selectman**
- 5. Report of Selectmen**
- 6. Report of Treasurer**
- 7. Tax Refunds**
- 8. Employee(s) report(s) on Seminar/workshops**
- 9. New Business**
 - a. Nick Pohl- Housatonic Youth Services Board**
 - b. 2018-209 Budget Schedule**
 - c. 2018 BOS Goals**
 - d. Speed signs**
 - e. Tax Collector – collection agency**
 - f. KVFD Tax abatement**
 - g. Kent Affordable Housing**
- 10. Old Business**
 - a. Electric Car Charging Station**
 - b. Health Insurance**
 - c. Job Description reviews**
- 11. Adjourn**

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The Poisoning of James Maybrick and the Framing of Florence

Jack, at the grisly murder scenes in London 1888-89, left distinct clues to ensure that Scotland Yard, the Coroners, and Judiciary, would all recognize the significance of Masonic symbology he used to violently attack and eviscerate his victims. They would be obliged to cover up for Jack's mysterious killings.

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Michael with his younger brother Edwin, the nurse and staff, made off with Florence's two young children — whom she never saw again — Battlecrease estate and its contents.

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Unable to testify in her own defense, she was convicted of a crime for which she had not been charged and summarily sentenced to be hanged.

Due to public outrage, diplomatic efforts, and media interest on both sides of the Atlantic, Florence's sentence was commuted and she was given life imprisonment. Finally after more than 14 years spent, initially in solitary confinement, at Woking Prison and at Aylesbury Prison.

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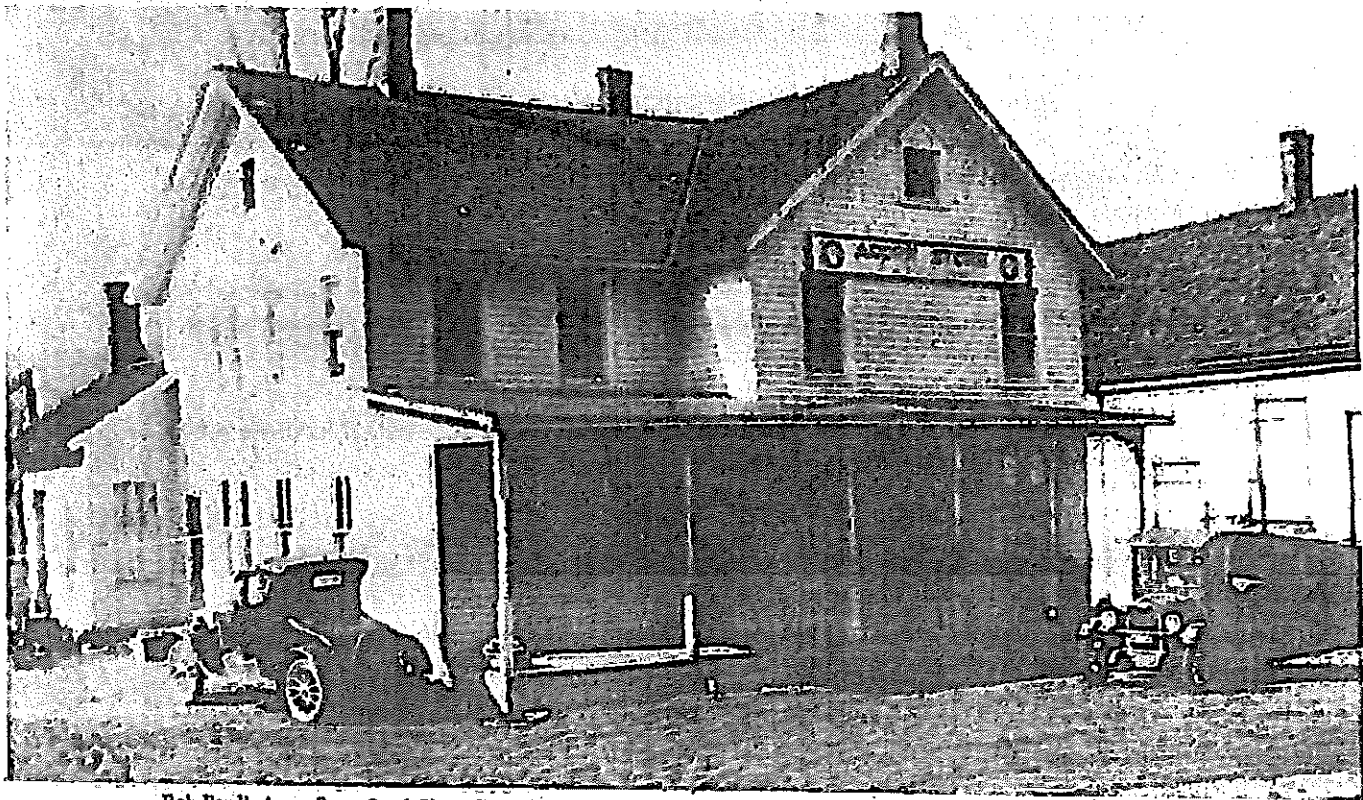
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Rob Boyd's Acorn Store, South Kent, Connecticut, in the winter of 1928-1929. Here Mrs Chandler bought provisions for herself and her growing number of cats, and received her mail, during the last fifteen years of her life. The store was a long walk (a mile and a half) from her cottage.

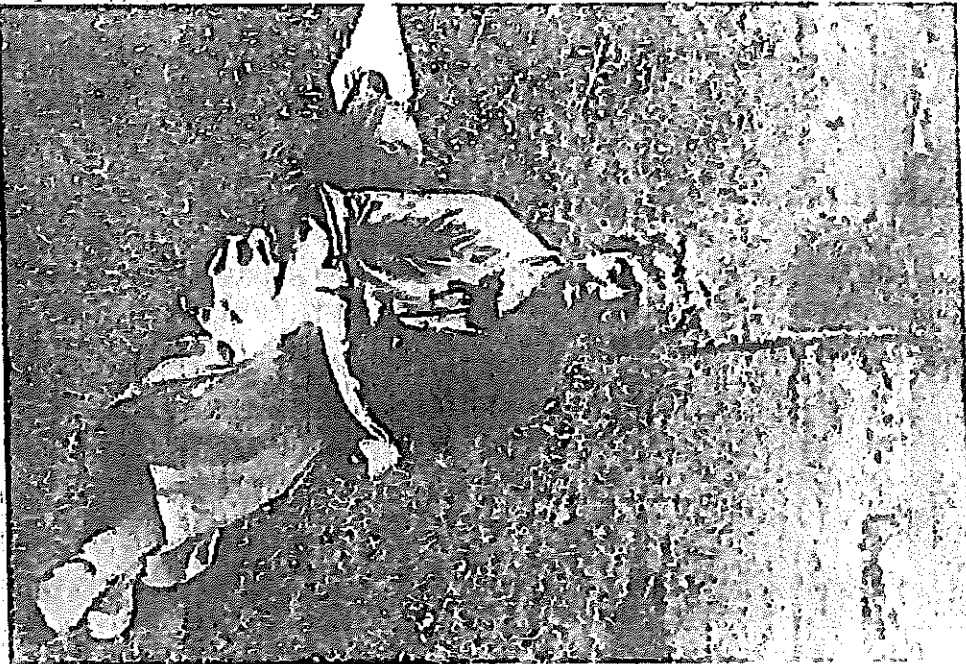
The Poisoned Life of Mrs Maybrick

by Bernard Ryan
w/Rt Hon the Lord Havers

Foreword by
Lord Russell of Killowen

Penguin Books 1989
originally published 1977

Mrs Chandler at age 77 in September, 1929. An avid reader, she received the *New York Times* daily through the mail, her subscription maintained by a friend until her death. Her last letter, dated 1929, is preserved in the collection of the New York Public Library. (Probably the copy of *Life* magazine was given to her by South Kent School Miss Amy Lyon.)



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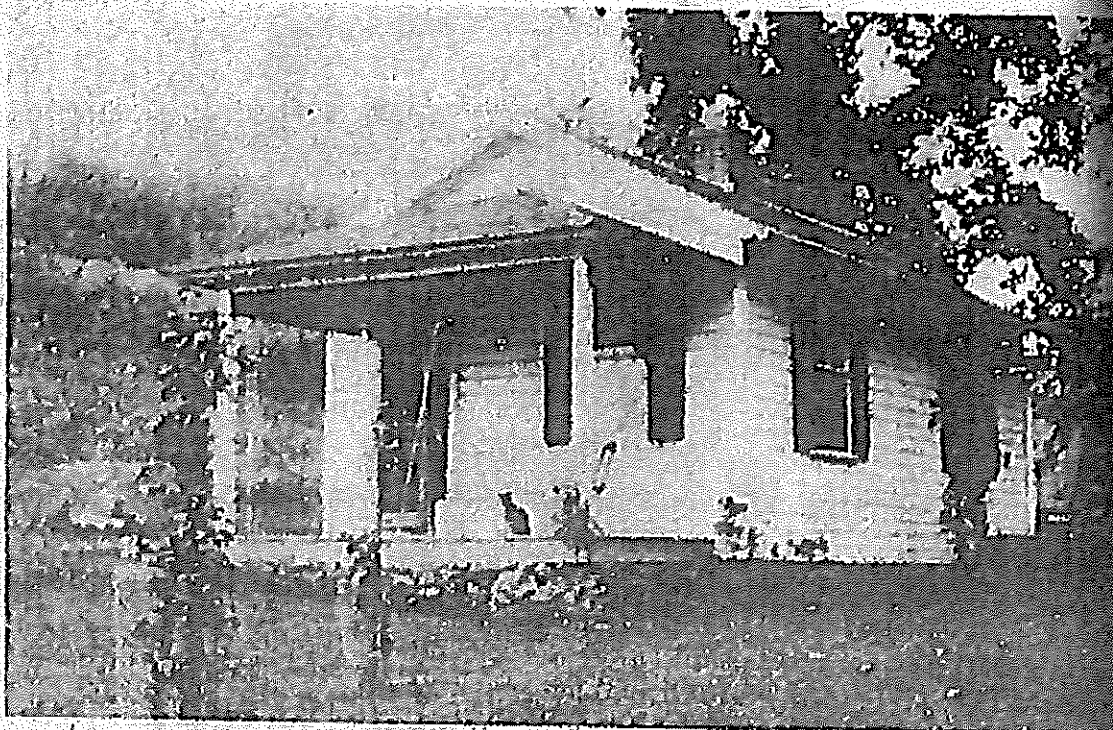
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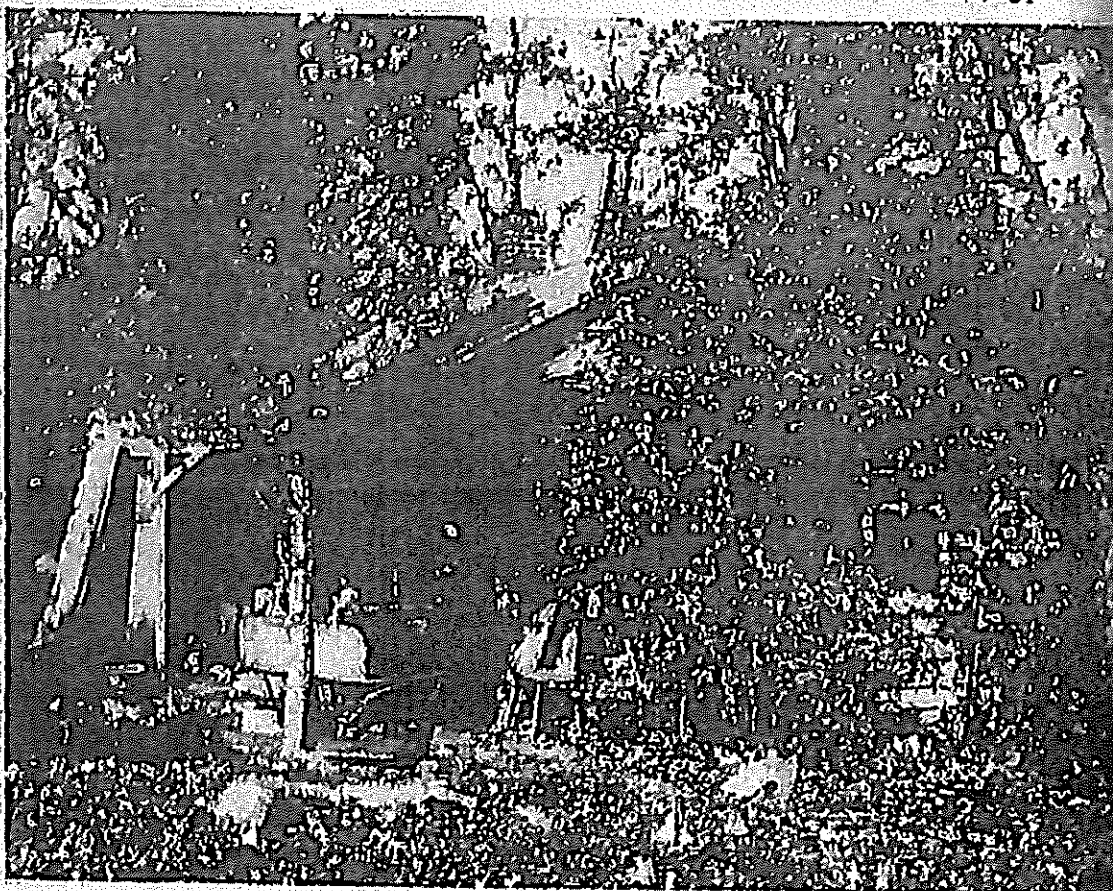
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Mrs Chandler's cottage near Gaylordsville, Connecticut, in 1922. She captioned this snapshot, 'The Cat.'

Mrs Chandler's cottage, a few days after her death in October, 1941.



PROCLAMATION HONORING Florence Chandler Maybrick

WHEREAS, in 1917, communities in the Towns of Kent and New Milford, in the Great State of Connecticut, welcomed a poor stranger who went by the name of Mrs. Florence Chandler. A small, well-bred lady with a mysterious past, Mrs. Chandler settled down and lived in a Gaylordsville neighborhood bordering New Milford and Kent; and

WHEREAS, in 1923 at the top of Old Stone Road in Kent, Mr. Samuel Bartlett and Mr. Richard Culler established South Kent School, modeled on the Kent School from which the two founders were alumni, soon after which the new school housemother, Sister Clara Dulon, extended a selfless hand of friendship to Mrs. Chandler. Sister Dulon died in 1933 and was interred near the school chapel known now as St. Michael's on the South Kent School campus, prompting Mrs. Chandler to request permission to be buried near her dear friend, a wish granted by headmaster Mr. Samuel Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of October 23, 1941, Mrs. Chandler was found dead at age 71 in her home by her neighbor and was buried next to Miss Dulon near the chapel at South Kent School. The day after her death, Florence Chandler Maybrick's obituary ran at the top of the front page of the New York Times with a South Kent dateline, reporting her death in Gaylordsville, revealing her hidden identity as the defendant in a famous 1889 murder trial in Liverpool and recalling her amazing life story; and

WHEREAS, Florence, a young lady born in Mobile, Alabama during the Civil War from a prominent American family, married James Maybrick, an older British cotton broker with whom she had two children, living in Liverpool, before discovering her husband's second "wife," with whom he had five children, as well as his longtime addiction to arsenic and strychnine powders. In April 1889 when James Maybrick abruptly died from a stomach disorder, his brother Michael unjustly accused Florence of poisoning her husband, then led the charge to have her arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to hang for the murder; and

WHEREAS, subsequent substantial evidence proving Florence's innocence and exonerating her from this crime indicates that James was killed by his brother Michael, believed to be psychopath murderer Jack the Ripper, who with his brother Edwin poisoned James and framed Florence for the murder of her husband, subsequently confiscating her two young children and her entire estate; and

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WHEREAS, in 1904 Florence was released from prison and returned to the States to find many supporters, to write a book entitled My Fifteen Lost Years, and to manage a successful tour on the lecture circuit, advocating for prison reform and always declaring herself innocent of the murder of her husband; after which she chose to escape the notoriety of the name Maybrick by living in Southern Litchfield County under her maiden name, and

WHEREAS, the 23rd of October, 2021, marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the tragic life of Florence Chandler Maybrick, an event which unexpectedly during the advent of the Second World War put both South Kent in Kent and Gaylordsville in New Milford atop the front page of the New York Times for the first and only time, thus bringing the world's attention to our great towns.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Selectmen of the Town of Kent in the great state of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 23rd, 2021, be known as "Florence Chandler Maybrick Day."

In the Town of Kent Connecticut

Signed and Sealed at the Kent Town Hall

This 18th Day of August 2021.

Jean C. Speck, First Selectman



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

BOF Clerk Update1 message

Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick <nodeawyrick@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 7:59 AM

To: Jean Speck <jeancspeck@mac.com>, Chris Garrity <cgarrity@townofkentct.org>, Ed Matson <ematson@townofkentct.org>

Cc: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>, bonniedonzella@gmail.com

Good morning,

We have selected Bonnie Donzella as our new Board Clerk. She will be following up with Joyce as to any paperwork that may need to be completed. She is starting with us at our next regular meeting.

Thanks,

Nancy

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Next Selectmen's meeting

1 message

Leah Pullaro <socialservices@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 3:55 PM

Please see attached proposed budget for the Senior Center.

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Municipal Agent for the Elderly
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**Proposed budget.xlsx**
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Compensation for Senior Center Coordination	\$4,021.00
internet/wireless	\$1,200.00
computer desktop	\$1,000.00
printer	\$400.00
Supplies	\$500.00
Total	\$7,021.00

Furthermore if any case where a portion of this Ordinance is found to be not in conflict with a pre-existing regulation, then the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the general public shall prevail.

In the case of something not specifically mentioned in the Ordinance, then the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut shall apply.

History: Voted: September 6, 1991. Published: September 10, 1991. Effective: September 25, 1991. Amendment Voted: January 6, 2012. Published: January 12, 2012. Effective: January 28, 2012.

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Section 2

Ordinance

1. Any Food Truck must have a current license from the Town's Health Department authority.
2. The following must be submitted by vendor prior to issuing a permit:
 - a. Valid food safety certificate, unexpired
 - b. If not pursuing a year-round license with Sharon, vendor must present an annual permit from another Health Department
 - c. A copy of their most recent inspection
 - d. Water test from within the last year if they are using private well water as their water source on their truck
 - e. A pre-operational inspection must be conducted by the Sharon Health Department prior to serving food to the public
3. A Food Truck Must get a permit from the Selectmen's office. Permit must list location with a map of Food Truck placement on property, date and hours of operation, permission from land/business owner and permission from any "Brick and Mortar" food businesses if within said 50'. 50' will be measured from the main entrance of said "Brick and Mortar" businesses. Land/business owner shall provide indoor, fixed toilet and hand washing facilities for the Food Truck employees. Portable toilets shall not be permitted.
4. The permission from the host land/business owner should also be in writing and have a commencement and termination date stated.
5. The host of a Food Truck is the land/business owner that issues permission to the Food Truck to use that entity's/person's premises for Food Truck vending.
6. The host premises or business owner who issued permission to the Food Truck operator shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and may revoke permission at any time for a Food Truck operator's violation of any Ordinance term. In such event the Municipal Food Truck Permit shall be automatically revoked for that host site.
7. Permits are not transferable.

8. No Food Truck may operate on town or state-owned property unless it is for a Town sponsored event or a non-profit event with permission from the Board of Selectmen.
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12. All Food Trucks must pay a fee, which is determined by the length of time in accordance with the fee schedule below.
13. No Food Truck shall operate within 50' of any "Brick and Mortar" food business during that business's regular operating hours without written permission from said business owner.
14. Any Food Truck not registered in Sharon shall be limited to a maximum of 36 single day permits in one calendar year. Food Trucks registered in Sharon will have no limits as to the amount of days of operation but must obtain a permit for each day. Permits for multiple days in a row or multiple dates can be pulled at the same time. Any out of Town Food Truck requesting more day permits than stated above would have to come to a Board of Selectman monthly meeting and explain why they would seek permission to have more dates. Any decision made by the Board of Selectmen shall be in its sole discretion and judgment and shall be final.
15. Any Food Truck operating without a day permit would be fined \$100 for the 1st offense, \$200 for second offense and on a third offense permission to operate in Sharon would be denied for (1) calendar year from date of most recent offense.
16. Hours of operation will be no earlier than 7 AM and no later than 10 PM.
17. Any complaints about a Food Truck operation will be brought to the Board of Selectmen. Including but not limited to noise, smell, appearance, or any other issues and/or complaint that may arise. At such time the Board of Selectmen may, in its sole discretion and judgment, terminate said Food Truck's ability to obtain any additional permits within that calendar year. In its discretion, the Board of Selectmen could determine that the said Food Truck would have to appear in front of the Board of Selectmen before being allowed to operate in town again.
18. In the event of limited space, permits shall be issued on a first come, first serve basis.
19. Temporary Signage, such as a sandwich sign, temporary tables and chairs, are permitted only in proximity of the Food Truck.

Section 3

Fee Schedule

All Food Trucks shall pay a \$10 a day permit fee.

A fee of \$100 would cover an Annual Permit for one year from the date the permit is issued for those Food Trucks registered in Sharon. All other rules still apply.

A fee of \$250 would cover an Annual Permit for one year from the date the permit is issued for those Food Trucks not registered in Sharon. All other rules still apply.

Voted: May 14, 2021; Published, May 20, 2021. Effective: June 5, 2021.

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8. No Food Truck shall operate within 50' of any "Brick and Mortar" food business during that business's regular operating hours without written permission from said business owner.
9. The town will not allow more than 2 food trucks within 1000' of any other food trucks at the same time. (Town sponsored events as well as non-profit events approved by the Board of Selectmen are excluded)
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11. Any truck ~~caught~~ operating without a day permit would be fined \$100 for the 1st offense, \$200 for second offense and on a third offense permission to operate in North Canaan would be pulled ~~for~~ denied for (1) calendar year from date of most recent offense.
12. Hours of operation will be no earlier than 11am and no later than 11pm.
13. Any complaints about a food truck operation will be brought to the Board of Selectmen. Including but not limited to ~~This could include~~ noise, smell, appearance, or any other issues and/or complaint that may arise. At such time the Board of Selectmen may, in its sole discretion and judgment, ~~could agree to~~ terminate said food truck's ability to ~~obtain~~ apply for any additional permits within that calendar year. In its discretion, the ~~case of a serious offense~~ the Board of Selectmen could determine that the said food truck would have to appear in front of the Board of Selectmen before being allowed to operate in town again.

Fee Schedule

Food Truck not registered in North Canaan = \$25 a day Monday-Thursday or \$50 for the 4 days; \$30 a day Friday-Sunday or \$50 for the 3 days. A fee of \$150 would cover one year from the date the permit fee is paid. All other rules still apply.

If approval to operate more than the (12) approved permits day fees would be follows

\$50 a day Monday-Thursday; \$75 a day Friday-Sunday

Food Trucks registered in North Canaan = \$5 a day Monday-Thursday or \$10 for the 4 days; \$5 a day Friday-Sunday or \$10 for the 3 days. A fee of \$150 would cover one year from the date the permit fee is paid. All other rules still apply.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: Juneteenth and Policy and Procedure Manual

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 2:48 PM

To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Can you see where it stands with the Governors office? Maybe email Zach up at CCM.

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 14:35 Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org> wrote:

Jean, Chris and Ed,

Point of clarification the policy and procedure manual currently states:

Seven other days set by Federal or State decree:

and

Two days set by the Board of Selectmen

I will keep Juneteenth on the agenda.

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Stay well,
Jean

Jean Conlon Speck
First Selectman
Town of Kent

9. Administrative Policies

Town Hall Closure

Full-time employees who work year-round shall be entitled to a paid day off at their Regular Hourly Pay Rate any time Town Hall is closed except for the 104 weekend days. Part-time employees will be entitled to be paid their regular scheduled hours if Town Hall is closed on a day they are regularly scheduled to work. Temporary, Seasonal or per diem Employees shall not be so entitled.

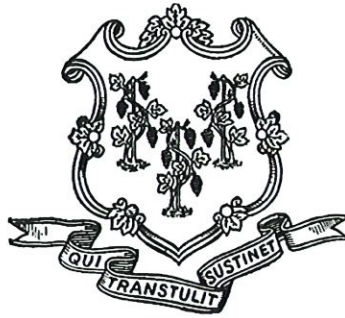
Lincoln's b-day		
Town Hall will be closed on three calendar specific days: [SEP]		
- January 1	Federal	State
- July 4	Federal	State
- December 25	Federal	State
- 1/2 day on Christmas Eve		
- 1/2 day on New Year's Eve		
Seven other days set by Federal or State decree:		
- Martin Luther King Day	Federal	State
- President's Day	Federal	State
- Labor Day	Federal	State
- Columbus Day	Federal	State
- Thanksgiving Day	Federal	State
- Memorial Day	Federal	State
- Veterans' Day	Federal	State
Two days set by the Board of Selectman:		
- Good Friday		State
- the day after Thanksgiving.		

June 11th Federal
If one of the three calendar specific days falls on a Sunday, Town Hall shall close the following Monday, but if one of those three days falls on a Saturday, qualified Employees, as described above, shall be awarded one day of Paid Time Off in that fiscal year, even if they typically do not qualify for other Paid Time Off. In addition to these 12 days, the First Selectman may close Town Hall for any reason, the most common of which is a dangerous weather condition.

Fair Treatment

The First Selectman and every Department Head are encouraged to consider an unusual circumstance that an Employee faces where the policies set forth herein could be temporarily amended in a negotiated agreement that fairly exchanges Time Off for other compensation. However, any Employee seeking a recurring or "standing" exception to the policies set forth herein must apply to the Board of Selectmen for such a waiver. See Appendix I. All such policy waivers granted shall be a matter of public record and shall terminate the following June 30th. The Employee may apply for and the Board of Selectmen may grant a new waiver any time after July 1st of a succeeding fiscal year.

State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: a

PROCLAMATION

African Americans enslaved in Galveston, Texas first learned of their freedom on June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln became effective.

Since that time, June 19th has become known as "Juneteenth," and is recognized as the oldest known celebration of the end of slavery in the United States.

Since 1865, the observance of June 19th as Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Juneteenth not only commemorates African American freedom, but it also emphasizes education, self-improvement and the myriad achievements of the African American community. It is marked with public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation and celebrations with family and friends.

Throughout the State of Connecticut, many organizations will host Juneteenth Celebrations, including parades and cultural activities with entertainment and food.

Here in Connecticut, we have worked to attempt to correct the wrongs of the past in working with the General Assembly on policies aimed at bringing equity to all of our communities.

Slavery is a stain on the American conscience, and it is incumbent upon all of us to learn from the past, listen to our neighbors, and work to forge a better and more just future for our children and grandchildren.

I also applaud the 117th Congress of the United States of America for voting in a bipartisan fashion to make Juneteenth a Federal holiday, allowing all across our country to recognize the significance and history of this day.

I would also like to thank President Biden for signing the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

THEREFORE, in recognition of the 156th anniversary of the emancipation of all people who were enslaved in the United States of America, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, I hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, to be

JUNETEENTH DAY

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all our citizens to recognize the many significant contributions of Connecticut's African American community but also to reflect on Connecticut's incomplete journey toward racial equity.



Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, nineteenth day of June, two thousand and twenty-one and of the independence of the United States the two hundred forty-fourth.

Ned Lamont
by His Excellency's Command

Denise W. Hunk
Secretary of the State

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August 2, 2021

Jean C. Speck First Selectmen, Town of Kent

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Dear Ms. Speck,

I have lived in Kent all my life. I have always been very proud of the town I call Home. One of the things that makes me proud of this town is the sense of privacy and respect the residents have for one another. I am comforted in knowing that we, as a town, don't NEED to enforce a noise ordinance because we all seem to respect one another's privacy and desire to enjoy the peacefulness of our town. It is one of the main reasons many weekender residents of this town flock here on the weekends.....to get away from the noise and hustle and bustle of the city life from the week before. This past weekend my sense of pride for this town was a bit lost and I was actually embarrassed by the constant, reverberating, loud music resonating from Club Getaway. I understand that Club Getaway hosts many functions during the summer months however, I have never been so disturbed by the inappropriate hours of constant loud music. It started Friday and went well past midnight. It continued all day Saturday and well past midnight Saturday and then started back up again at a very surprising 8:30 SUNDAY morning!! What was most shocking is the inappropriateness of the hours of this entertainment. I won't even mow my lawn until 10 or 11 on a Sunday morning. What I'd like to know is how this sort of disturbance was approved or were you even aware of the magnitude of this event and how it would affect the residents of your town? Perhaps a town meeting should have been held to survey the neighbors of Club Getaway or at least given us a warning of some sort. I just really felt the need to let you know, as the Town's first Selectmen, that as a tax paying, long time resident of this town, I have never felt so disrespected and, quite honestly, embarrassed at the events of this past weekend at Club Getaway. I

feel even worse for my fellow neighbors, who arrived here Friday evening for the weekend to escape all the noise of the city, only to find it worse here in Kent.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Banffy

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