



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

Jonathan Altshul
Town Manager

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

To: Newington Town Council
From: Jonathan Altshul, Town Manager
Date: June 24, 2025
Re: Monthly Report – May 2025

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature on the left is "J. Altshul". The second signature on the right is partially visible and appears to be "D. J. Altshul".

I am pleased to provide Council with the Monthly Report for the month of May. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Jonathan

TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager's Office had a productive month of May. Some highlights of our departmental accomplishments are summarized below:

- Participated in ratings call with S&P, which reaffirmed the Town's AA+ rating
- On-going coordination regarding labor issues with AFSCME
- Executed 2024-2028 Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreements for both Bargaining Units
- Attended CRCOG Municipal Services Meeting regarding sharing services
- Convened first meeting of new Fire Department Facilities Project Building Committee and facilitated tour of Fire Station #3 and #4
- Participated in discussions with DOT regarding extension of Cedar Street sidewalk project
- On-going discussions regarding Town Center Study, radio tower project and website update project
- Reviewed RFP responses for pool evaluation study
- With Assessor and Town Planner, reviewed proposed Tax Incentive Policy

PERSONNEL-TMO

- The vacant Groundskeeper I (LT-10) position was posted externally on May 1st, with a closing date of May 19th.
- The vacant Custodian II (LT-6) position was posted externally on May 7th, with a closing date of May 21st.

- The Welder-Mechanic's Helper (HLT-13) position was posted internally to the AFSCME union on May 19th, with a closing date of May 27th. The position was posted externally on May 28th, with a closing date of June 12th.
- The vacant part-time Library Technician in the Circulation Department at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library was posted externally on May 22nd, with a closing date of June 5th.
- The vacant Highway Equipment Mechanic II (HLT-17) was reposted to the public on May 22nd, with a closing date of June 6th.
- Interviews for the vacant Administrative Assistant to Police Chief (A-5) were held on May 14th, with the final interview scheduled on May 21st with Town Manager Altshul. A conditional offer was made.
- The vacant Part-Time Library Technician in the Children's Department position was offered to Joanna Cistulli, effective June 9th.
- The vacant Dial-A-Ride Transportation Driver (LT-7) position was offered to Janilah Parboo from the Board of Education, effective April 28th.
- The vacant Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (A-6) Technician was offered to Monique Michaud, effective May 19th.
- The Town is accepting employment applications for Recruit and Certified Police Officers.
- The Employee Engagement Committee met continuously throughout the month to plan for upcoming events in the spring and summer. The first event was held on May 29th at the Hartford Yard Goats and the annual Employee Health Fair was scheduled to take place on June 10th.

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER-TMO

In addition to general day-to-day tasks, oversight of administrative tasks, claims processing, etc. the following is a snapshot of other work performed:

- Procurement / Construction:
 - Police Department HVAC/Roof Project construction meetings
 - JWMS – attended internal meetings; posted Hazardous Materials Management Bid
- Labor:
 - Attended meetings re Union negotiations / Union matters
 - Worked with Employee Engagement Committee to plan Wellness Fair; plan Newington night at YardGoats
 - Attended CCM training re: effective communication / supporting workforce
- Risk Management:
 - Reviewed EOC plans / Page-turn meeting; went out to bid on project; Pre-bid walk-through 5/20
 - Attended CIRMA risk advisory committee
 - Meetings and review of town radio tower needs
 - Continued renewal of insurance through CIRMA and ancillary carriers
 - Attended Eversource Connecticut Annual Emergency Preparedness Meeting
- Government:
 - Attended CRCOG Municipal Services Committee
 - Attended CRCOG AI Policy Working Group subcommittee
 - Continued process for PMBC Ordinance; Public Hearing on 5/13
 - Attended NTC meetings and hearings
 - Acting Town Manager from 5/14 – 18
 - Attended Town Center Study Steering Committee meeting

RISK MANAGEMENT-TMO

2024-25 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan Year

The tenth month of the 2024-25 plan year produced a combined paid claim total that was higher than those estimates that were developed at renewal. The monthly claims for the 2024-25 plan year were estimated at \$1,082,896. The total paid claims from the Health Benefits Fund for April 2025 were \$1,425,000. It should be noted that the claims for retired participants are charged to the OPEB. The breakdown for the active participants for the Town and Board of Education is as follows.

Cumulative Claims through April, 2025

	Town	Board of Education	Total
Estimated Claims	2,353,670	8,475,290	10,828,960
Actual Claims	2,577,249	7,492,352	10,069,601

OVERTIME

POLICE DEPARTMENT	24-25 Approved Overtime Budget	Overtime Expended 24-25 YTD 4/30/25	23-24 Approved Overtime Budget	Overtime Expended 23-24 YTD 4/30/24
Administration	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,403.40	\$ 8,740.00	\$ 0.00
Patrol	758,062.00	767,236.91	726,993.00	853,584.35
Investigation	93,826.00	49,493.84	92,793.00	35,350.60
Traffic	5,006.00	4,691.85	5,006.00	3,128.59
Communication	175,382.00	145,864.37	175,681.00	157,477.54
Education/Training	148,545.00	173,423.95	146,205.00	117,335.96
Support Services	65,033.00	65,795.48	58,894.00	22,865.17
Animal Control	5,295.00	3,689.42	2,546.00	4,558.23
Total	\$ 1,256,649.00	\$1,211,599.22	\$ 1,216,858.00	\$ 1,194,300.44
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Highway Operations	\$ 30,725.00	22,011.20	\$ 37,834.00	39,683.43
Snow and Ice Control	121,519.00	121,487.62	133,578.00	78,492.24
Traffic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicles and Equipment	70,871.00	50,975.44	34,486.00	31,375.24
Leaf Collection	35,972.00	35,415.03	34,972.00	34,937.93
Total	\$ 259,087.00	\$ 229,889.29	\$ 240,870.00	\$ 184,488.84
PARKS AND GROUNDS				
Parks and Grounds	\$ 105,001.00	\$ 129,227.60	\$ 105,001.00	\$ 126,820.97
Cemeteries	17,109.00	5,813.84	17,109.00	354.65
Total	\$ 122,110.00	\$ 135,041.44	\$ 122,110.00	\$ 127,175.62

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Applications and Permits Issued in May:

- An application was submitted at 77 Pane Road for signage for SBS Realty.
- A permit was issued at 71 Halleran Drive at the John Wallace Middle School for abatement, demolition and renovation to three classroom wings.
- A permit was issued at 3111 Berlin Turnpike for renovations.
- A permit was issued at 16 Rockwell Road for roof decking at the Sunshine Laundry Company.
- A permit was issued for roofing at 1247 Main Street at Ameridental.
- A permit was issued for roofing at 39-67 Maselli Road.
- A permit was issued for siding on the pool house at 95 Churchill Drive condos.
- A permit was issued for signage at 1133 Main Street for TDBankNorth.

Certificate of Occupancies issued in May:

- Certificate of Occupancy at 301 Hartford Avenue for Tilcon.

These are the classes the inspectors took in May:

D. Jourdan

- ICC Online “Why Pipe Sizing Matters” 1.5 hours

K. Kilkenny

- May 1, IAEI – Middletown – UL and Article 230 Services 2 hours
- May 20, Rocky Hill – Hood Ventilation Systems 1.5. hours

T. Greene

- Udemy/The Basics of Household Wiring A-Z 2 hours
- Udemy/The complete Solar energy Course Beginner to Advanced 2 hours
- Rocky Hill ABO Monthly Meeting Hood Ventilation 2 hours

Building Department inspection activity for the month of May was as follows: The Inspectors completed a total of 201 Inspections. They were: A/C Install (4), Above Ceiling (1), Alarm (3), Chimney (3), Deck (1), Electrical (12), Exterior Walls (1), Final (125), Footings (4), Framing (6), Gas Line (5), Property Inspections (3), Insulation (2), Mechanical (1), Plumbing (1), Roofing (2), Rough (24), Site Visit (2), Solar (1).

The total number of Building/Renovation Permits issued/applied for the month of May produced a total permit value of **\$12,999,261.**

They are categorized as follows:

TYPE OF PERMIT	# OF PERMITS, VALUE OF PERMITS
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	36 1,048,465.00
DECKS	5 79,550.00
DEMOLITION	2 8,100.00
ELECTRICAL	49 520,676.00
FENCE	0 0.00
FIRE SUPPRESSION/SPRINKLER	0 0.00

FOOTING/FOUNDATION	0	0.00
FUEL TANK	1	4,000.00
GARAGE/SHED	2	21,500.00
MECHANICAL	41	521,034.00
NEW COMMERCIAL	0	0.00
NEW MUNICIPAL	1	8,310,568.00
NEW RESIDENTIAL	1	240,000.00
PLUMBING	23	1,188,734.00
POOL	1	51,000.00
ROOFING/SIDING	45	929,419.00
SIGN	3	46,798.00
SOLAR	1	29,417.00
TENT	0	0.00
OTHER	0	0.00
TOTAL	211	12,999,261.00

The total Building income fees received in the month of May were **\$53,715.00**

The total fees for other income were as follows: Town Planning and Zoning (Applications/Publications) \$970.00, Environmental \$180.00, Conservation \$200.00, Copies \$10.00, Zoning Board of Appeals \$0.00, Driveway/Excavation \$500.00, Engineering copies \$6.00. The other total income is \$1,866.00.

Below is a comparison of the Permit Values for May 2025 and May 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Value of Permits issued for May:	\$12,999,261.00	\$4,231,593.00
Fees for Permits issued for May:	\$53,715.00	\$48,320.00
Other income Fees for May:	\$1,866.00	\$2,515.00
Building Permits Issued for May:	211	211

Total Value of Permits and Permit Fees for the Fiscal Year:

2024-2025		2023-2024	
<u>Value</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
\$118,508,593	\$754,832	\$42,068,805	\$482,286

FACILITIES

The following is snap shot of ongoing work and projects the Facilities Department is working on or completed in the month of May. AkitaBox allows us to quantify our preventative maintenance tasks as well as work order requests. We completed a total of 182 work orders and tasks this month. We completed 71 preventative maintenance tasks and the team responded to and completed 104 reactive work orders. Of the 104 reactive work orders 62 were calls for service from outside the Facilities Department. 88 out of the 182 work orders were completed in 1 day or less from the creation of the work order.

Town Hall: (64 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Replaced bad motion sensor for Lighting in Fire Marshal's office
- Periodic Deep cleaning done every six months was completed in the community center
- Multiple key fob requests

- Multiple paper requests and conference room set ups for special meetings
- Multiple PMing tasks
- Hired and training in progress of new TH custodian
- Slab drainage system was cleaned/jetted out
- Cleaned roof and roof drains
- Completed yearly Partition wall preventative maintenance
- Multiple HVAC failures/issues
 - DOAS #2 recycling air wheel is going into lock out. Replaced motor for wheel, still going into lock out but not as often. Monitoring ongoing, may have a bad drive.
 - RTU-1 Drive malfunction caused 3 blown fuses. Fuses replaced waiting for new drive early May
 - Dive Replaced on RTU-1 still monitoring DOAS #2

Library: (24 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Periodic Deep cleaning done every 6 months was completed
- Multiple meetings and work done to help Structural engineer for Library renovation project
- AC tune ups completed
- HVAC – Air filters changed, Replaced humistat sensor on AHU-1
- Cleaned roof, roof drains and rain gutters
- Painted walls in quite study area where paint had been peeling

Highway Garage: (14 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Periodic deep cleaning done every six months was completed
- Repaired fascia board on oil shed and painted new wood to match building
- Multiple PMing checks and repairs
- Repaired roof leak
- A/C Tune ups done and filters changed
- Cleaned roofs and gutters

Grounds Maintenance and West Meadow Cemetery office/chapel (20 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Multiple PMing inspections completed
- Periodic Deep cleaning done every 6 months was completed
- Cleaned roofs and gutters
- Piping and wiring completed for new compressor in sign shop.
- A/C tune ups completed

Senior & Disabled Center: (30 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Periodic Deep cleaning done every 6 months was completed
- All HVAC filters change
- Multiple calls for adjustments to hvac system
- HVAC chiller conversion from heat to A/C was completed
- Discarded/recycled about 150 old chairs
- Toilet leak repairs (2) fixed and cleaned up
- Multiple PM'ing inspections and tasks completed
- Cleaned roofs, roof drains, and rain gutters

Police Department: (19 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Periodic Deep cleaning done every 6 months was completed
- Multiple calls for copy paper filled

- Rebuilt neutral bar in electrical panel
- A/C tune ups completed
- Multiple PM'ing tasks and inspections completed

Historical Houses: Kelsey and Kellogg Eddy: (5 PM tasks and work orders Completed)

- Roofs and rain gutters cleaned
- A/C tune ups completed

Administrative Projects:

- Multiple meetings with Architects and MEP engineers for PD HVAC and roofing project
- Planning for next grant for our historical properties. Kellogg-Eddy needs siding repairs, painting (exterior), and stone wall/foundation slab repairs. Ongoing
 - site visit in December by contractor to get a budget number
 - Received budget number in March
 - **Seeking a second budget number (ongoing)**
- Working on MDC water notices (ongoing)
 - Completed the known addresses, will seek assistance from MDC for locating remaining
 - Fire department completed their buildings
 - **This month I was told by a customer service rep from MDC we will get letters from them if there are any ongoing issues that need attention**
- Town Hall Canopy Project
 - Held a punch list walk through and have a list of items to be completed sometime in December
 - Some items have been corrected; weather has prevented us from completing the punch list of items. (Spring)
 - **All Items on the punch list have been completed this month**
- Multiple meetings with MEP engineers and Architects for feasibility Studies of Highway and Parks garages
- Completed most OSHA violations with a few remaining items - ACM lists for older buildings
 - Working with TRC (environmental company) to complete (ongoing)
 - **Started binder with all ACM reports, work continues**
- Multiple EOC planning and design meetings
 - **Had pre bid walk through**
- Town building lease evaluations ongoing
- Tent power for mill pond park
 - **Installed 3 power boxes and conduit into locations for tents**

FINANCE

Accounting and Administration

- Bonds were sold in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Town Hall Project and \$3,000,000 for the Anna Reynolds School Renovation project at the end of May. Proceeds were received on June 5th.
- Work on the final budget books have been completed and sent to the printers. We should have the copies back for distribution in June.
- The office prepares for the fiscal year end with review of open purchase orders and updating of salary schedules and benefits. Memo was distributed to departments advising them that entering purchase orders will end on June 13th.
- Preliminary meetings were held with the auditors in preparation for their coming to our office the last two weeks in September. They will be here in July to start the preliminary testing.

- End of year budget transfers were presented and approved by the Town Council during the meetings this month.
- Our office continues to support all other grants that have been approved or are being submitted.

The Town received Adult Education Grant funds in the amount of \$21,538 from the State of Connecticut during this month. The Town had the following interest rates for the month on investments. This list includes outstanding investments that are under the control of the Finance Department and includes the General Fund and other Town Funds.

INVESTMENTS, BY ACCOUNTING TYPE

(Unaudited)

5/31/2025

		Interest Earnings		
		Budget FY2024-25	Actual Year to Date	\$ Invested
General Fund		\$250,000	1,887,465	\$53,569,414
Special Revenue Funds		48,000	33,709	935,632
Capital Projects Funds			52,716	1,256,522
Internal Service Fund		75,000	330,637	7,284,860
Trust and Agency Funds			57,199	2,015,749
TOTAL, ESTIMATED BY FUND				\$65,062,177

INVESTMENTS, BY INSTITUTION TYPE

(Unaudited)

5/31/2025

	Interest %		Interest \$		\$ Invested
	Current Month	Last Month	Current Month	Last Month	
STIF	4.39	4.42	183,601	167,698	49,203,913
Bank North	1.66	1.66	830	803	593,386
TDBank (new)	2.22	2.22	14,883	16,648	6,238,198
Farmington Bank	.00	.00	0	0	0
Webster Bank	2.13	2.13	6,069	5,863	3,394,421
Liberty Bank	4.08	4.13	19,101	19,266	5,632,259
Total Outstanding Investments					\$65,062,177

Rates reflect avg. monthly yield, annualized

Assessor

- February 1st was the start of the State of Connecticut M-25H Elderly and Disabled Homeowner Tax Credit filing period. 236 Tax Credit applications were mailed in February, and to date 241 (102%) have been returned to the office and processed. The deadline to file was May 15th, at which point decision letters with completed applications were mailed to all applicants. To date, 4 extension

applications have been provided to those who were unable to file prior to the deadline. In addition; 49 Veterans Tax Credit forms have been processed to date.

- During the second week of April, 543 Income & Expense Reports were sent to all Commercial Property owners. The Income & Expense report is required for all Commercial Properties to assist in valuing these properties using the Income Approach to Valuation which requires the estimation of operating income for these types of properties. To date; 430 (79%) Income & Expense reports have been received back to the Assessor's Office. In the month of June, letters will be sent to all property owners who missed the filing deadline, allowing them extended time to submit the Income & Expense report before a penalty is applied.
- Revaluation data mailers continued to be sent to all residential property owners mid-March, these data mailers are being sent out by eQuality Valuation Services who were contracted to assist in completing the October 1, 2025 Revaluation. The data mailers are being sent out in batches, not to all property owners at once. Due to the data mailers being sent, the office saw increased traffic with taxpayer questions and inquiries.
- The Assessor's Office began a public relations campaign to increase awareness and provide the public information on the October 1, 2025 Revaluation. Interim Assessor Lawrence LaBarbera and Deputy Assessor Danielle Dippolino gave presentations before the Town Council, at the Senior, and concluded with a Revaluation Information Session on May 19th. Each presentation was well received by those in attendance. Public relations are an important piece of the revaluation process, and the Assessor's Office will continue public outreach.
- Real estate deeds were read and entered into the computer assisted mass appraisal system through the end of May, 47 property transfers were completed. In addition; 212 Real Estate properties were reviewed for accuracy and 212 permits were entered into the CAMA system. 54 Personal Property welcome packets were sent to businesses registered with the Secretary of the State since the end of April 2025, to date there are 50 new Personal Property Accounts and 262 pending inquires. Finally, the office completed a total of 130 certificates of correction.
- The focus for the month of June will be continuing a review of Real Estate properties for the 2025 Revaluation, specifically Split-Level Style houses and Condos. Finalizing and balancing the Real Estate accounts with the Homeowners Tax Credit. And completing any other necessary finalization to assist the Tax Collector's Office in preparing to send out Tax Bills in the month of July.

Revenue Collector

- Revenue Collections for Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes amounted to \$144,371.19. The back taxes collected were \$33,853.29 and we received \$3,269.45 in suspended accounts which is included in the back tax figure.
- Our current percentage of collection for May on the 2022 Grand list is 99% which is the same as last year.
- "Intent to Lien" notices were sent to 154 delinquent real estate taxpayers in early May reminding them Liens would be placed against their properties and would be filed with the Town Clerk's Office if not paid in full by the end of May.
- Delinquent statements were sent to taxpayers for outstanding real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes amounting to 2,044 for the 2023 GL. About one hundred unpaid motor vehicle reminders on the 2020 and 2021 Grand Lists were sent to taxpayers who had bills added by the Dept of Motor Vehicles in the last few months and were still outstanding.
- Information continues to be updated for the upcoming 2024 Grand List tax bills which will be mailed at the end of June.

- Forms are being generated to implement the printing of the tax bills to our software vendor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the activities of the Newington Fire Department for the month of May, 2025. During this period, fire department members responded to alarms or emergencies. A summary of these alarms and a manpower response break down is detailed below:

Code	Incident Type	May	10 Month Total
Fire			
100	Fire, Other	0	7
110	Structure Fire, Other (conversion only)	0	1
111	Building fire	1	11
112	Fires in structure other than in a building	0	1
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	0	22
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	0	3
116	Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	0	0
118	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	0	1
123	Fire in portable building, fixed location	0	0
130	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	0	2
131	Passenger vehicle fire	2	10
132	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	0	0
138	Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	2
140	Natural vegetation fire, other	0	7
141	Forest, woods or wildland fire	0	2
142	Brush or brush-and grass mixture fire	2	14
143	Grass Fire	0	4
150	Outside rubbish fire, other	0	4
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	0	2
154	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	0	3
160	Special outside fire, other	1	4
162	Outside equipment fire	1	1
170	Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other	0	0
Total		8	101

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Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)

200	Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat	0	4
210	Overpressure rupture from steam, other	0	1

211	Overpressure rupture of steam pipe	0	1
212	Overpressure rupture of steam boiler	0	0
221	Overpressure rupture of air or gas	0	0
223	Air or gas rupture of pressure or process	0	0
251	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no fire	0	4
	Total	0	10

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

300	Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	5
311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	0	7
320	Emergency medical service incident, other	1	1
322	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	0	1
323	Motor Vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	0	0
324	Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	0	0
331	Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	0	1
340	Search for lost person, other	0	0
341	Search for person on land	0	1
350	Extrication, rescue, other	1	2
352	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	0	4
353	Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	0	1
356	High-angle rescue	0	0
360	Water & ice-related rescue, other	0	1
362	Ice Rescue	0	0
381	Rescue or EMS standby	0	0
	Total	3	24

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

400	Hazardous condition, Other	1	21
410	Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	0	1
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	0	10
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	15
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	3
420	Toxic condition, other	0	1
421	Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	0	4
422	Chemical spill or leak	0	0
423	Refrigeration leak	0	0
424	Carbon monoxide incident	0	9
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	3	27
441	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	0	0
442	Overheated motor	0	4
443	Breakdown of light ballast	0	0
444	Power line down	4	32

445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	5
460	Accident, potential accident, other	0	1
461	Building or structure weakened or collapsed	0	2
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	8
	Total	14	143
5	Service Call		
500	Service Call, other	0	8
510	Person in distress, other	1	4
511	Lock-out	0	8
512	Ring or jewelry removal	0	1
520	Water problem, Other	0	13
521	Water evacuation	0	7
522	Water or steam leak	1	5
531	Smoke or odor removal	4	22
540	Animal problem, other	0	0
542	Animal rescue	0	1
550	Public service assistance, Other	0	3
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	1	8
553	Public Service	0	1
554	Assist invalid	0	1
561	Unauthorized burning	1	42
571	Cover assignment, standby, move up	4	30
	Total	8	154
6	Good Intent Call		
600	Good intent call, other	5	57
611	Dispatched & cancelled en route	0	12
621	Wrong location	0	1
622	No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	0	2
631	Authorized controlled burning	0	9
641	Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	0	1
650	Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	0	1
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	9
652	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	0	1
653	Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	0	0
661	EMS call, party transported by non-fire	0	0
671	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	10
672	Biological hazard investigation, none found	0	0
	Total	11	103

7	False Alarm & False Call		
700	False Alarm or false call, other	4	52
710	Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	12
711	Municipal alarm system, malicious false	0	2
714	Central station, malicious false alarm	0	6
715	Local alarm system,	0	0
721	Bomb Scare – no bomb	0	0
730	System malfunction, Other	2	15
731	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	5
732	Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	0	0
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	22
734	Heat detector activation due to malfunction	0	3
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	0	12
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	0	15
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2	19
741	Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	7
742	Extinguishing system activation	0	0
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2	64
744	Detector Activation, no fire	4	17
745	Alarm system activation, no fire	3	41
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	10
	Total	20	302
8	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster		
800	Severe weather or natural disaster, other	0	0
812	Flood Assessment	0	0
813	Wind Storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	0	7
814	Lightning strike (no fire)	0	0
	Total	0	7
9	Special Incident Type		
900	Special type of incident, other	2	6
911	Citizen complaint	0	3
	Total	2	9
	Total Calls	66	853

Fire Chiefs Activities May 2025

- Attended Chamber Commerce event to accept Public Safety Award for Department
- Attended Newington Firefighter Appreciation Dinner for achieving ISO Class 2
- Attend Officer Training at VA Hospital
- Attend monthly Chief's meeting
- Attend command staff meeting with Chiefs and Captains
- Attend monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting
- Attend Memorial Parade Day committee meetings
- Meet with vendor to discuss Company 1 floor refinishing and schedule
- Attend Cadet Open House
- Attend Memorial Day Parade
- Attend Ceremony with Honor Guard for Memorial Day at Town Hall
- Attend Library 5K race with Engine 1
- Meet with Chief Regina and Captain Machado over training tower improvements and department training schedule and topics
- Discussions on new Line Officer Appointment process for 2025
- Meet with Safety division officers
- Attend Fire Department PMBC meeting for Company 4 and Company 3 space needs
- Provide Tours of Company 3 and Company 4 for PMBC
- Discussions with Chiefs on end of year budget items
- Meet Town Planner on BESS Regulations
- Meet with vendor RWE for new BESS Fire Safety Concerns at proposed Healthtrax site
- Discussions on improvements at Company 5 parking lot area and surroundings/ review drawings
- Discussions with Deputy Chief Giansanti on apparatus and building issues
- Discussions with Deputy Chief Stegmaier on personnel activities
- Discussions on public safety day events with Deputy Chief Stegmaier
- Discussions with Asst. Chief Lapierre on budget and quarter master purchasing
- Discussions with CSU on possible new command post grant thru CROG/ grant writer
- Discussions on new Service 2 specifications with Hermas-finalizing specs
- Discussions on new Tac / Rescue 2 specifications
- Discussions on new Truck 1 specifications
- Discussions with TM on West Hill Rd
- Discussions with Hermas on new Chief's vehicle delivery / equipment install at Whelen
- Discussions with Hermas on generator monitoring-ongoing
- Discussions with Department Inc. on Buffalo repairs
- Discussions with Department Inc. on building improvements and scheduling painting of interior and exterior
- Attend Ladder/ Victim Removal drill at Tower
- Discussions on project grad fire watch detail

Car 2 Fire Chiefs Activities May 2025

- Annual evaluation with Chief and Commission
- Attendance at Cadet open house.
- Prepare Command Staff minutes for company meetings

- Chief's meeting attendance.
- Quartermaster Tuesday
- Attendance at graduation for our FF-1 candidates
- Meet with Portuguese caterer
- Attendance at multi company training ladders
- Officer training attendance
- Work with Grant writer for possible command post Grant
- Office time list for sizing May 27th
- Partial sit in at Officer 1 class we are hosting
- Meet with engineering team for BESS systems
- Meet with C-1 and C-3
- Work with Grant writer on past grant closeout problem.
- Multi company training attendance.
- Order coffee bagels and donuts for Memorial Day parade
- Grill from Parks to Headquarters
- Memorial Day parade participation
- Command staff meeting attendance.
- Podium from Town Hall to Headquarters
- Work with quartermasters on floor preparation project

Car 3 Fire Chiefs Activities May 2025

June 2025 Training Report

Progress History

- **Training Tower Updates**
 - Delivery of prop is tentatively scheduled for June
 - Burn room quote received and will move forward in next budget cycle
 - Plans for additional props are being developed.
 - Plans for 3rd floor is being addressed
- **Pre-Plans**
 - Training Division will be scheduling additional walk-throughs based on our ISO data.
 - A minimum of two pre-plans will be scheduled each month.
 - Reflected in the Non-Incident Training Report for March.
 - Pre-Plan walkthroughs for April included:
 - VA Hospital (All Companies)
- **Plans**
 - Army National Guard Extrication and Hose Advancement
 - Working with Sergeant Hodgdon on June 6, 2025 training exercise
 - Two vehicles from R&M and Newington Tac for extrication
 - June 7, 2025 training on hose advancement, VEIS and search
- **Railroad Drill**
 - Classroom drill to be held on June 11, 2025 with State of CT.
 - Possibility of drill taking place in Berlin or at drill already scheduled for Windsor in June
 - Meeting with Kevin Burns, State of Connecticut took place on April 15, 2025.
 - Meeting with Newington Police on a railroad related drill (ongoing)

- o Multi-Agency Drill to include PD, EMS, Taskforce 51 and others.
- o Table-Top Drill is an option if we are unable to secure a siding or other location suitable for large scale drill.

Drill Schedule - March through June 2025

June		
Officer Training	LODD Hartford Fire	06/10/2025
Multi-Company Drill	Wildfire Operations	06/11/2025
Multi-Company Drill (Day Drill)	Roof Prop & Truck Operations	06/18/2025
Multi-Company Drill	Roof Prop & Truck Operations	06/22/2025
New Officer Candidate Training	Incident Safety	06/23/2025
Department Drill	Wildfire Operations	06/25/2025
Officer Training	Roof Operations	07/08/2025
New Officer Candidate Training	Community Risk Reduction	07/17/2025
Multi-Company Drill (Day Drill)	Air Management/Search	07/20/2025
Multi-Company Drill	Air Management/Search	07/21/2025
Multi-Company Drill	Air Management/Search	07/28/2025

Drills in August (Railroad Operations), September (RIT), October (Low Angle Rescue/Ropes), November (Extrication) and December (Sexual Harassment)

CT Fire Academy Classes - 2025

CT Fire Academy – Fire Officer I (FOI) Course – Kalasky Room

- April 19th through June 11th
 - o 8 Firefighters from Newington attending

Car 4 Fire Chiefs Activities May 2025

Month: June 2025

Submitted By: Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier

Department Status

Regular Members: 98

Cadets: 12

Co#1= 27 Co#2= 27 Co#3= 25 Co#4= 13 Co#5= 12 HQ = 5

Promotions

Jay Lapierre to Staff Captain of Personnel

New Members/Applications

(1) Application in process

Housekeeping

- June 7th Public Safety Day @ Town Hall – CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. No rain date.
- Fire Prevention Open House will be Saturday October 11th.
- Planning NPD/NFD Softball Game and Family Picnic
- Oldie getting paint and repairs done. Soffit and Trim work being done as well as ceilings and walls being painted on both floors.

Car 5 Fire Chiefs Activities April 2025

- Met with the town's Fire Department Building Committee to discuss the fire department's wants, needs and requirements for the new Company 4 and possible extension of the current Company 3.
- The new storage shed was delivered for Headquarters from Kloster Farms. The Highway Dept. put in a new pad for the shed behind the lower parking lot next to the current patio and Company 1 shed.
- Connex boxes were delivered behind Company 1 for temporary storage of the supplies and equipment from the lower bay and from upper bays when the floors get resurfaced.
- Meetings were held with the quartermasters and Company 1 officers to set up plans for the removal of all equipment and supplies for the resurfacing project of the floors at HQ.
- Met with the members of my division, including newly appointed staff Lieutenant Dan Rodriguez, to discuss what our division is responsible for and how to better improve our services to the department.
- All floor drains for HQ were cleaned and scoped to confirm no issues with them prior to the new floor going in.
- The following repairs and services were done in the following stations:
 - Company 1- Lower Bay cleaned and prepped for resurfacing. Floor drain revamped and cleaned for better fit with the new surface. Minor leaks in the roof were repaired. A/C units were PM'd and ready for this summer. Officer's door hinges adjusted and repaired.
 - Company 2 – Gutters cleaned and repaired. Weather stripping for CP-8 bay door replaced. The quarterly test on the sprinkler system was completed.
 - Company 3 – The quarterly test on the sprinkler system was completed.
 - Company 4 – No issues repaired or reported.
 - Company 5 – No issues reported.
 - Chapman Street – No new progress this month.
- Various repairs have been done to all of the fleet by the Highway Dept. Hermis has completed the annual PM services for the fleet except for Rescue 1. That will be going in in June.

FIRE MARSHAL

Inspections by Inspector and Type

Time Period From 05/01/2025 to 05/31/2025

Newington Fire Department

Inspection Types	2020	2116	1023	23999	0310	2010	2202	2113	Total Insp
	Carlson	Hofmann	Muir	Sokolows	Stegmaler	Sullivan	Zedrick	Zordan	
Acceptance Testing	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative Tasks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blasting - Witness/Follow-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint/Referral	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Complex - Landlord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Site Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Documentation/Annual	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Existing - Assembly (A1/A2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing - Assembly (A3)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Existing - Assembly (A4/A5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing - Educational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Drill - FMO On-site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Investigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
FMO Callout - Code	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Incident Response to	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inspection - Annual	1	3	0	2	0	2	2	2	11
Inspection - Certificate of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspection - Dwelling Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspection - Every 2 Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Inspection - Every 3 years	3	0	0	6	0	35	4	0	48
Inspection for Liquor Permit	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Knox Box Inspection	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Notification to FMO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Occupant Load	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Permit Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Re-Inspection	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Safe Homes Taskforce	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Special Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacant Building	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	16	14	0	12	0	37	7	10	96

Office Updates:

Training:

Fire Marshal Zordan will be attending a Fire Investigation Training Program at the National Fire Academy and will be out of the office from July 6 – July 18. Plans to ensure operational continuity are in place.

Staffing/Inspections:

As requested, the Fire Marshal is working on a comprehensive staffing analysis to compare the Newington Office to other fire marshal's offices in the area. This is on track to be completed and presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners in September.

Open Plans/Permits:

- Meadow Commons Site (3313-3333 Berlin Turnpike)
 - Marketplace at Meadow Commons (Beso)
 - Sally's Pizza
- Culver Street Apartments (69 Culver Street)
 - Started site work – construction/framing will not be allowed to begin until the water mains are tied into the existing high-pressure system and accepted by the MDC.

- The Spark (1 Myra Cohen)
 - Site work has begun
- John Wallace Middle School
 - Permit has been issued and work will begin immediately after school is dismissed for the summer

Budget:

Purchase Orders close for this fiscal year on June 13. FMO is in good shape and have no concerns about anything between now and the end of June. We do have some money in our Part-time salary budget that we are saving in the event something major happens.

Events:

- FMO Staff assisted with the Library 5k Road Race.
- Newington Goes Country – Approximately 20 food trucks (Craig and Anthony)
- Newington Soccer – 5 Food Trucks
- Project Graduation
- Extravaganza – Fireworks Permit was issued.

Inspection History			Date Range: From 05/01/2025 to 05/31/2025					
Newington Fire Department			Inspection Type: CALL, INVESTIGATE, NOTIFY					
			Inspection All Status Types					
Insp#	Date	Type	Status	Address	Address Type	Name	# Vio	Length
4271	05/03/2025	Notification to FMO	Inspection Closed	3465 BERLIN TPKE	Mercantile	Sam's Club	0	0.00
4317	05/08/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	120 CEDAR RIDGE RD	Residential - Single/Two		0	0.00
4318	05/01/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	605 WILLARD AVE	Educational	NEWINGTON HIGH	0	3.25
4329	05/13/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	37 ANN ST	Storage	Action Vending	0	0.83
4361	05/20/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	2191 BERLIN TPKE	Institutional	KIDCO	0	0.63

Total Inspections: 5

Total Length of Inspections: 4.71

Special Projects:

- We are working on scanning specific pages of our buildings plans and saving them into the property records of RedNMX. This will take a significant amount of time, but in the long run will be beneficial to several departments. We will be working closely with our IT department on this.
- We are working with the Board of Education to update how fire drills are conducted. This will be officially rolled out next year.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Administration

- Continued to meet with residents to discuss various issues and concerns
- Continued with ongoing Landfill post closure requirements
- Met with Engineering Department to discuss various projects and drainage concerns
- Met with Public Works group to discuss upcoming projects
- Coordinated with the MDC to CCTV sewer on Fairfield Avenue
- Coordinated oil/water separator cleaning at various Town buildings
- Attended LTA training course
- Conducted final interview for vacant Mechanic II position
- Conducted interview for Seasonal Maintainer Position
- Continued work with CT DEEP to obtain Leaf Composting Permit
- Continued with preparation for milling and paving program

Roadway Maintenance

- Continued with litter pickup/graffiti removal Town wide
- Highway operators continued with Transfer Station material processing

- Completed miscellaneous patching of potholes
- Assisted Parks Department in sweeping of Mill Pond in preparation of Lantern Festival
- Cleared waterway on Stonehedge Drive
- Patched various locations in Municipal Parking Lot
- Paved Seymour Park driveway and ADA parking space
- Completed CCTV of drainage infrastructure at Meadow St, Indian Hill, Highland St, and Walsh Ave
- Saw cut and completed repair of catch basin on Highland Street
- Continued with preparations of catch basin repairs for upcoming road milling/overlay program
- Installed back flow valve on Town drainage system at 1377 Main Street
- Responded to two (2) after hour call in(s) for the month
- No evictions scheduled for the month

Fleet Maintenance

- Mechanics continued with preventive, snow seasonal services, scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs to all Town vehicles/equipment
- Police Mechanic completed one (1) new patrol vehicle while continuing upfitting of other new patrol vehicles
- Continued with Fire Department spring services
- Two (2) after hour call in(s) for the month

Sanitation/Recycling/Transfer Station

- Scheduled 164 residential bulk items for collection for the month
- Scheduled 33 condominium bulk items for collection for the month
- Scheduled 29 condo/residential scrap metal items for collection for the month
- 9270 tons of cumulative Municipal Solid Waste were collected from July through May
- 1962 tons of cumulative recyclables were collected from July through May
- 200 mattresses/box springs were recycled for the month
- Three (3) television(s) were collected for the month
- Issued 72 permanent Transfer Station permits and 11 temporary permits for the month

HUMAN SERVICES

- Coordinator Manion went to the Level 2 Training at High 5 and learned all about safety protocols, rescues and a deeper knowledge of maintaining the course & facilitating programs on the challenge course.
- Summer Youth Adventure Brochure distributed to SCORE families, schools, principals, counselors, and to the community.
- Youth Leadership Coalition and Wethersfield's Youth Coalition collaborated and brought in Model Mindset Fitness & Coaching to lead a discussion on goal setting & building resiliency & leadership skills and play some active games. The students worked well together!
- Coordinator Manion brought a mentee to indoor rock climb. Mentee expressed not having many hobbies, and none that require movement or athletics, so this was an opportunity to make a connection & build these skills which increased his self-confidence. He absolutely loved it! Coordinator Manion sent him videos to share with his mom. Mentee followed up- texting that was so thankful for the experience and wants to go another time, with a message the next day saying he is sore and can't move! We plan on going again in the future and are hopeful that he has found a new hobby!

- Coordinator Hendrickson attended CT Suicide Prevention Summit in May- as she serves on regional suicide advisory board- she met with regional members and shared resources with larger work group that can be used in the community.
- Coordinator Hendrickson collaborated with Newington High School SEL counselor, Christina Redman, to assist mutual student/client in accessing inpatient rehabilitation for her substance use disorder. This youth had been contemplative about accessing this care, and after multiple hospitalizations over the course of 10 days, she was able to take action and reach out for help. The program had a bed available, student was ready to go, insurance covered this resource, and through teamwork she was successfully admitted to the program. This was a huge positive step- as internal family conflict & other challenging relationships made accessing resources difficult in the past.
- There were three successful Juvenile Review Board closings this month.
 - One youth enrolled in night school to complete his high school diploma & plans to enroll in the air force. He connected with Coordinator Manion through this process as a mentor and plans to continue this mentor-mentee relationship to support his positive choices going forward.
 - Another youth served as a mentor to younger SCORE participants, made honors during her last quarter of school and plans to participate in our youth leadership coalition in the future. Her parents report she has been spending time with positive influences- a true turn around.
 - Our 3rd youth, a middle school student, has matured greatly over the last 6 months- while completing his JRB agreement. This youth connected with coordinator Manion as a mentor through the summer and plans to attend a private high school & play lacrosse.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner is being planned for 81 volunteers.
- Park & Rec Subsidies are being determined to provide households with discount on programs, pool pass, or payment plan.
- Residents who are applying for the foodbank for the first time are sharing their anxiety & concerns re increased prices & ability to afford groceries. They present with additional needs of affordable housing, DSS program assistance such as SNAP and energy assistance.
- **Financial Casework Example:** Clients are a married couple (83, 82). Adult son met with Caseworker earlier looking for resources for his parents and asked Caseworker to come to home to discuss potential assistance programs with their family. Caseworker went out to the home and met with the couple, their 5 adult children, the children's spouses and a nephew. The couple was living in a rental apartment in New Britain until late last year when it became unsafe for them to continue doing so. Husband has dementia and experiences some good days and some bad days. On bad days, his confusion could lead him to become somewhat erratic and angry, which left his wife in an unsafe situation. As such, the wife has moved in with her daughter and the husband has moved in with another daughter. Both homes are in Newington. Wife has a host of physical limitations, which the family is trying to accommodate to keep her safe. However, they would like to coordinate some in home care for her to ensure she is safe while family is at work. Likewise, adult children would like to coordinate homecare for the husband due to his dementia. The family coordinates regular visits for the two, but husband frequently forgets they do not live together anymore and becomes upset at the close of these visits when he needs to leave her. The two are agreeable to services, although wife feels she is much more independent than what the family perceives. Caseworker discussed CT Homecare Program for Elders at great length. Discussed eligibility re income and assets, copay, application and referral process, documentation, anticipated benefits, etc. Family asked about counselling resources and Caseworker discussed our clinical coordinator's role in linkage to appropriate providers. Caseworker also discussed support groups via NAMI and agency on aging. Caseworker also discussed various other financial resources through our department such as foodbank, and programs through the Senior and Disabled Center such as Meals on Wheels.

Caseworker also discussed potential CT Home rehab loan or programs via DSS which assist with home modification for a ramp on stairs for wife. The family stated they would all discuss this information, gather the documentation and update Caseworker when they are prepared to move forward with application for the CT Homecare Program for the Elders. They were appreciative of all information provided. It was refreshing to see such a supportive family in such a difficult situation.

- Male, elderly client, who lives in his truck and is considered homeless, reached out in March 2025 and was offered multiple resources including housing application assistance, health benefits via Access Health CT, SNAP and the Food Bank. At that time, he was only interested in registering for the Food Bank. He was hopeful that he would secure employment and would not need further assistance. He returned to Newington Human Services in May and was interested additional resources as he had not secured employment. Coordinator Wassik assisted with applications for medical coverage via Access Health CT and SNAP. He was very pleased with this assistance. He was again offered housing application assistance. He was given listing of HUD housing, which he will review and Coordinator Wassik will assist with applications to available complexes that he is interested in. Unfortunately, housing is the biggest challenge to solve as there are insufficient units available & long waiting lists

May 2025 Statistics

Selected Programs	FY 25 Total This Month	FY 25 Total Last Month	FY 24-25 Cumulative Total YTD	FY 23-24 Cumulative Total YTD
Youth & Family Counseling cases Clinical presentations/# attendees	19 3	28 4/30	129 14/61	75 6
Youth & Family Service Hours	52	36.75	225	89.75
JB cases : JB hearings: JB Service hours: New Cases	6 1 8.5 1	8 1 14.5 1	117 10 183.5 7	53 11 82.75
Positive Youth Development	61	174	256	1081
Adult to Youth Mentoring: Cases sessions Service hours	2 2 6.75	9 9 15.25	46 54 491	NA
Community Service # of hours completed Challenge Course: Adult youth(outside)	1 50 0 0	1 50 0 0	7 401 47 0	13 144 0 60

Social Casework Cases	67	69	1289	1055
Under 55 =	23	18	57	288
Under 55 disabled =	6	6	89	125
Over 55 =	39	45	451	674
Social Casework Service Hours	93	94.25	1130	1393.25
Food Bank Household visits	144	166	1946	1492
# bags of groceries distributed	1174	1376	14057	11131
Mobile truck	409	273	2714	3395
Special Needs	3	8	78	73

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Town's Information Technology team consists of Scott Sharlow, Chief Information Officer, Steven Pollock, Network Administrator/Project Leader, John Bolduc, Network Administrator/Project Leader, and Scott Hoagland, Network/Application Specialist.

During the course of the month of May, the Department of Information Technology and GIS participated, assisted, and/or were directly involved in the completion of 70 formal requests for service. In addition, the department worked on the following projects:

- Continued work on audio recording implementation for the Town radio system
- Continued work configuring the new Building Management Server for PD HVAC project
- Configured and deployed mail relay server for MS365 migration
- New copier configured and installed in Senior and Disabled Center
- Assisted local municipality with interview panel
- Replaced interview room recording computers
- Created improved CAD map layers for streets, intersections, and address points
- Kicked off GIS needs assessment by inventorying existing datasets and map layouts
- Attended NEARC Spring GIS conference, learning new strategies for GIS services
- Continued project to redesign the Town website look and functionality
- Launched new Parks and Recreation program registration website
- Investigating new Cemetery management software application
- Worked with Assessor to fix address table bridge to Building Department permit system
- Continued department migrations to the MS365 cloud environment
- Troubleshoot and resolved multicast issue on the Town wireless infrastructure
- Worked with Facilities and HVAC vendor to migrate TH, Library, and PD into single Building Management System
- Updated and patched Multi-Factor Authentication solution
- Attended annual CEN conference to gain insight on new technologies and practices
- Continued review of emergency communications infrastructure and backup analog lines

LIBRARY

- The Friends of the Library had a very successful spring book sale on May 2, 3 & 4 at the Newington Senior & Disabled Center. The book sale volunteers did a great job getting everything ready and worked very hard over the three days of the sale to ensure things went smoothly. Thanks once again to Boy Scout Troop 347 and their parents for helping move the books over to the Senior Center on the Thursday before the sale and helping to clean up at the end of the sale and the staff at the Newington and Disable Center for once again allowing the Friends to use their building for the book sale. The fall book sale will be held on November 7 – 9.
- The Library Board of Trustees held its annual fundraiser, the Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race on Sunday, May 18, 2025. This was the 28th year of the library road race. Registration was high with 354 people registered. Joseph Bohlke was the winner of the race with a time of 17:08. For the third year, The Little Readers Sprint, a short race for children between the ages of 2 – 5 was held at 9:45 am. This year 34 Little Sprinters participated. Saputo USA once again was the Title Sponsor with Kingston Wealth Management and Data-Mail as the other two major sponsors. This year was especially meaningful with the return of Marathon Champion and former Newington resident Bill Rodger who ran the race again this a year. After the race he was very gracious, talking and taking pictures with participants. The proceeds from this race are used by the Library Board to make improvements to the building, furnishings and insure the future of the library.
- The Children's department staff offered 20 programs to 1,901 children and their caregivers. Archived views of previous online programs for the month of May were 156. Children's staff was very busy visiting all four elementary schools to promote this year's *Level UP @ the Library* summer reading programs for kids. The library was also visited by students from Elizabeth Green Ruth Chaffee and John Paterson Elementary Schools to learn about all the library has to offer. Highlights of other programs include a *Baby Soft Play* program for babies ages 6 – 24 months, *Movers & Shakers*, a musical storytime for children ages 2 – 4, L'il Chefs who learned how to make petit fours for Mother's Day gifts and a program about belonging where local author Ron Cox read his book *You are You, You are Special: A Story of Belonging*. Regular storytimes rounded out the month.
- In May, 3 programs were offered to 582 teens. Archived views of previous online programs for the month were 19. Teen librarians had virtual visits to John Wallace Middle School to promote the teen summer reading program. Martin Kellogg Middle School will have in-person visits at the beginning of June. Other programs included another *Teen Pokemon Night* that many teens were excited to attend and a *Teen Cookies & Coloring* program where teens colored and decorated cookies. A large part of the month, the teen librarians were was getting ready for summer ready for the teen summer reading program.
- Adult were offered 23 programs attended by 751 adults. Archived views of previous online programs for the month of May were 1,304. The *Connecticut Museum of Culture and History* presented a fascinating program on the traditions and styles surrounding weddings, dating from 1600 to present. Former Hartford Police Officer and author Roberto Alfaro spoke about his book *Fighting Through the Hurdles of My Life*, a story of survival, heartbreak, redemption, and ultimately beating the odds in a way that no one expected. And our own John Hofmann, Town of Newington Assistant Fire Marshal, hosted a program where he talked about the techniques he uses and his photography that was on display at the library during the month of May. This month's *Library Speakers Consortium Virtual Author Talks* featured [How to Use Anxiety to Thrive with Harvard Psychologist, Author Dr. David H. Rosmarin, On Writing a Brilliant, Dark, and Diabolical Thriller with Author Liann Zhang and How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us with Author Rachelle Bergstein](#). Highlights of other programs included *Brown Bag it With a Movie* where the film *Juror #2* was shown, *Page Turners*, an evening book discussion that talked about the novel *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell and *Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion* that featured the book *Educated* by Tara Westover. *Grab & Go* coloring pages and puzzle packets and *Spice It to Go* completed the month. May's spice was Yellow Mustard Powder with a recipe for Mama's Hot Mustard.

- Total circulation was 21,897, a 35 % increase from the previous year. Circulation of digital materials was 4,501. Total number of people that entered the building 9,212. 33 curbside service transactions were processed. Staff processed and pulled 2,008 holds on shelf to be processed for curbside pickups and interlibrary loans. Staff answered 4,235 reference questions during the month. Meeting room and study room space were used 358 times. Head of Community Services Michelle Royer and Business Manager Karolyn McLain notarized 40 documents for patrons. Volunteers and staff delivered 174 items to our homebound patrons. Staff offered technology help 175 times to patrons. Online resources that were popular this month included *Value Line*, *Ancestry.com*, *PebbleGo Animal*, and *Science* databases and the *PebbleGo Next Science* databases.
- In technology news, a new gaming table for children that is preloaded with interactive learning games was installed. Four kids can play at the table at a time. This table was funded by the Friends of the Library. Digital Services Librarian Michelle Patnode put together a tech help binder at the reference desk to give staff guidelines and answers for many of the technology related duties they are responsible for and questions they encounter. She also had 5 *Tech Help @ Lucy*, one-on-one tech help sessions. Library staff who work on the library website attended a virtual training session with *CivicPlus* to learn how to clean up our website prior to the migration to the new look.
- In personnel news, interviews for open part-time children's department position were held in May. Joanna Cistulli was hired and will begin her new duties in June. Joanna's part-time Circulation position was posted at the end of May and interviews for it will be held in June. Head of Reference Jennifer Hebert and Digital Services Librarian Michelle Patnode continued with mini technology training sessions showing them how to unjam printers and change printer cartridges for the public printers and the staff printers. Staff continues to take advantage of online professional development opportunities offered by the State Library.
- In facilities news, the library's carpets were cleaned as part of the bi-annual cleaning schedule. Parks & Grounds did a nice job cleaning up the library grounds prior to the Library Road Race on May 18. The old, yucky valances in the Community Room were removed (they were 37 years old) and will be replaced with new valances this summer.

PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION DIVISION:

- The Department hosted its 5th Water Lantern Festival, at Mill Pond Park, on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Despite the rainy weather, over 2,000 people attended and 1,400 lanterns were sold. The event featured music, food trucks, and a beautiful lantern release into Mill Pond.
- The Newington High School indoor pool season concluded on Friday, May 23, 2025. The indoor season will resume in the fall.
- The Mortensen Community Center (MCC) Concession Stand has been recertified by the Board of Health for the upcoming calendar year.
- The Mill Pond Park Snack Shack was also recertified and opened for the season on Saturday, May 24, 2025, for the Memorial Day Parade. Parade spectators were treated to free ice cream.
- Students from the Creative Playtime Preschool proudly rode the Newington Parks and Recreation train during the Memorial Day Parade, accompanied by a patriotic-themed float designed and constructed by Department staff.
- Registration started for the Adult Summer Cornhole League, with 28 out of 30 spots already filled. The league is set to run on Thursday nights beginning June 5, 2025, at Mill Pond Park, alongside the Summer Concert Series.
- Training is underway for more than 200 seasonal employees, including counselors, lifeguards, and concession staff.

- All counselors and lifeguards have been certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED through in-house training conducted by Department staff.
- Final preparations are complete for upcoming June events at Mill Pond Park: *Newington Goes Country* on Thursday, June 12, 2025, and *Food Truck Friday* on Friday, June 13, 2025. A total of 22 food trucks are scheduled for both events, and over 4,000 individuals have expressed interest via Facebook.
- Creative Playtime Preschool staff have completed the 2024-2025 yearbooks. Each student will receive a copy during the final week of the school year.
- Planning is in progress for the Creative Playtime Preschool Graduation, scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mortensen Community Center Gymnasium.
- Camp RECreate currently has 534 participants. Grades 2 and 3 are at full capacity and have a waitlist. Grades 6 through 8 of Camp RECreate have seen impressive numbers with most weeks reaching over 100 campers.
- Camp RECreate has hired 80 staff members with the possibility of adding more substitute counselors. Camp training has begun.
- The Department has received 68 vendor applications in the categories of Arts & Crafts, Civic/Non-Profit, and Businesses for the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza Vendor Show on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Mill Pond Park.

PARKS, GROUNDS & CEMETERIES DIVISION:

- The staff has nearly completed the bank project at Mill Pond following the bridge installation this past winter. The rains in May have helped establish the new grass seed and the three new memorial benches will be installed in June.
- Pool preparations were in full swing in May with cleaning, patching, and bathhouse maintenance underway.
- All spring sports have begun along with daily field prep, mowing, and painting.
- American flags were installed along Main Street for the Memorial Day parade route.
- Installed a new stone dust base at Mill Pond Park for tents for the upcoming event season.
- Community gardens were opened for the season.
- Seymour Park's new playscape has been completed, accessible parking space installed, new grills placed at pavilion, and the Grand Opening is planned for Wednesday, June 25, 2025.
- Roadside mowing began during the month of May.
- Irrigation repairs at all facilities have been completed ahead of the summer season.
- Mulching at various government facilities in ongoing.
- Parks staff assembled the Parks & Recreation float for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Beautification staff have done a commendable job weeding beds and installing flowers.

Cemeteries: 5 Singles, 1 Double, 11 Ash, 2 sales

Overtime: 273 hours, \$13,650

TREE WARDEN

- Prune trees at Little Brook Park
- Remove hazardous tree at end of Stonehedge Drive
- Remove trunk of tree at O.F.I.

PLANNING AND ZONING

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION –

MEETING SCHEDULED ON 5/14/25:

Petition Approved with Conditions

- Petition TPZ-25-6: Site Plan Modification at 207 Deming Street and 3066 Berlin Turnpike, both in the PD (Planned Development) zone for the construction of a 6,000 sf building for an existing fraternal organization and associated utility and site improvements. Owner: Scottish Rite Foundation of Hartford, Inc, Applicant/Contact: Bruce Work.

Petitions Continued

- Petition TPZ-25-4 Zoning Regulation Text Amendment To Add Sec. 6.9 Alternative Energy Accessory Structures (AES). Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson.

C.

- Petition TPZ-25-5: Zoning Regulation Text Amendment to Section 6.1 Street Parking and Loading Regulations, add Sec. 6.1.1L Electric Vehicle Parking Requirements, and Amend Section 9.2 Definitions to add a definition for Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson.
- Petition TPZ-25-8: Special permit (section 3.17.8) for a motor vehicle sales use (construction vehicles) at 15 Holmes Road (a/k/a 15-19 Holmes Road) in the I (Industrial) zone, Owner: Stamm LLC, Applicant: Bituminous Equipment LLC, Contact: Alicia Comer.
- Petition TPZ-25-10: Special permit (section 3.17.8) for a motor vehicle service use (vehicle calibration and aftermarket customization) at 40 Commerce Court in the I (Industrial) zone, Applicant: Matt Pensiero, Contact: Bill Jodice, Owner: Progressive Casualty Insurance Company. Shiu.

MEETING SCHEDULED ON 5/28/25:

Applications Approved with Conditions

- Petition TPZ-25-8: Special permit (section 3.17.8) for a motor vehicle sales use (construction vehicles) at 15 Holmes Road (a/k/a 15-19 Holmes Road) in the I (Industrial) zone, Owner: Stamm LLC, Applicant: Bituminous Equipment LLC, Contact: Alicia Comer.
- Petition TPZ-25-10: Special permit (section 3.17.8) for a motor vehicle service use (vehicle calibration and aftermarket customization) at 40 Commerce Court in the I (Industrial) zone, Applicant: Matt Pensiero, Contact: Bill Jodice, Owner: Progressive Casualty Insurance Company. Shiu.

Petitions Approved with an Effective Date of June 11, 2025

- Petition TPZ-25-4 Zoning Regulation Text Amendment To Add Sec. 6.9 Alternative Energy Accessory Structures (AES). Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson.

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- Petition TPZ-25-5: Zoning Regulation Text Amendment to Section 6.1 Street Parking and Loading Regulations, add Sec. 6.1.1L Electric Vehicle Parking Requirements, and Amend Section 9.2 Definitions to add a definition for Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson.

Petitions Received for Scheduling

- Petition TPZ-25-11: Special permit (sec. 3.17.8) for a used motor vehicle sales and service use at 115 Pane Road in the PD (Planned Development) Zone. Applicant/Contact: John Incontro, Owner: H & M Property Holdings, LLC.B.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION –

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5/20/25:

Cancelled.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS –

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5/1/25:

- *Cancelled due to no applications being filed.*

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE –

- NO MEETING HELD IN MARCH.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION –

- MEETING HELD ON MAY 07.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING AGENCY –

- NO MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY

ZONING OFFICER ACTIVITIES:

- Issued 34 Zoning Permits for various projects in town.
- 01 Certificate of Zoning Compliance
- Received 119 questions and/or complaints (via emails, phone calls, Civic Plus, in-person etc.) about zoning regulations, blight and zoning complaints, and property information.
- Performed 21 inspections for zoning complaints and 23 for blight complaints. The following items were issued and/or closed;
- 3 Zoning Notices of Violation

- 1 Cease and Desist issued
- Closed 7 Zoning cases
- 5 Blight Notice of Violation
- 1 Blight Citation issued
- Closed 9 Blight cases
- Removed 55 illegal signs from the Town and/or State R/W
- Spoke with realtors/potential developers, owners, and/or potential tenants for the following properties. Typically, we discussed allowable uses and the permitting process for their potential projects.
 - 2640 Berlin Turnpike
 - 51-53 Dean Dr
 - 1665 Main St
 - 124 Maple Hill Ave
 - 25 Market Sq
 - 255 New Britain Ave
 - 450 New Britain Ave
 - 39 Progress Cir
 - 56 Richard St
 - 71 Valentine St
 - 63 Willard Ave

POLICE

Patrol Calls for May are as follows:

Abandoned MV 1	Fire Task Force Activation 0	MV Complaint 53
Administrative 0	Fire Training 0	MV Evading 16
Alarm Commercial Burg Alarm 55	Fire Trouble Alarm 0	MV Fire 0
Alarm Hold Up Alarm 3	Fire Veh Maintenance 0	MV Fatal 0
Alarm Residential Burg Alarm 10	Fire Vehicle Fire 0	MV Injury 13
ALTERED MENTAL STATUS 0	Fire Veh Fire Near Stru 0	MV Property Only 74
Animal Complaint 27	Fire Water Problem 1	Neighbor 11
Arson/Fire Invest 0	Fireworks 0	No Pol Actual Call Type 175
Assault 3	Follow Up 46	Noise 35
Assault in Progress 0	Found Property 6	Non Collect Person 0
Assist Motorist 4	Gun 0	Notification 0
Assist Notification 0	Harassment 7	Open Door/Window 2
Assist Other Agency 26	Hazard 24	Other Archive 0
Bad Check Insufficient Funds 0	Hazmat 0	Parking Violation 12
Blighted Property 0	Hold Up Alarm 0	PD ASSIST FIRE DEPT 40
Bomb Threat 0	HOPE PROJECT 0	PD Vehicle Maintenance 0
Breach of Peace/Disorderly 7	IDENTITY THEFT 6	Personal Relief 0
Burglar Alarm 0	Illegal Dumping 1	Pistol Permit 5

Burglary 2	Impersonating Police 0	Prisoner Care 2
Car Seat 4	Indecent Exposure 0	Private Duty 0
Check Welfare 76	Intoxicated 1	Property Found 0
Check Welfare 911 57	Juvenile Complaint 16	Property Lost 1
Check Welfare Other 0	K9 Assist 4	Prostitution 0
Clear Lot 3	K9 Narcotics 6	Recovered Stolen MV 2
Construction 0	K9 Track 0	Rescue Call 0
Court Detail 22	Kidnapping 0	Residential Lockout 3
CREST CALL OUT 1	Landlord/Tenant Dispute 6	Risk Protection Order 9
Criminal Mischief 3	Larceny 70	Robbery 1
CSO 0	Larceny from MV 3	Roll Call 2
Customer Dispute 19	Lift Assist Only 2	Serve Subpoena 0
Dog Complaint 30	Liquor 0	Serve Warrant 31
Domestic 22	Local Traffic Authority 0	Sexual Assault 1
Door Check 0	Location Check 78	Shots Fired 0
Drug 10	Location General 0	Specific Detail 88
DUI 9	Location School 0	State Pistol Permit – Tempo 0
EDP 17	Lockout Building 4	Stolen MV 5
Escort/Transport 4	Lockout MV 0	Sudden Death 2
Escort/Funeral 4	Lost Property 6	Suicide 0
Escort Other 0	LTA 0	Suicide Attempt 1
ESCORT RETRIEVAL 5	Medical Alarm 17	Suspicious MV Unoccupied 16
Escort Tax 0	Medical Cardiac 0	Suspicious Report 121
Fingerprint 0	Medical Complaint 222	TEST 2
Fire Alarm Commercial Bldg 3	Medical Diabetic 0	Threatening 7
Fire Alarm Residential 0	Medical Fall 2	Tobacco 0
Fire CO Detector no sympt 0	Medical Other 0	Tow 16
Fire CO Detector with sympt 0	MEDICAL OVERDOSE 2	Town Ordinance Violation 0
Fire Extrication 0	Medical Respiratory 0	Traffic Stop 438
Fire Hazmat 2	Medical Stand By 0	Traffic Stop Attempt 5
Fire Mutual Aid Request 4	Medical Trauma 0	Traffic Survey 0
Fire Other 2	Medical Unresponsive 0	Training 0
Fire Rescue 0	MIDSTATE ACCIDENT 0	Trespass 8
Fire Special Detail 0	Missing 1	Unknown 0
Fire Stand By 0	MV Abandoned 1	Water problem 2
Fire Structure Fire 1	MV Assist 25	

Total: 2,192

In May, the Detective Division Report:

The Detective Division submitted 79 case management sheets and typed 83 reports during the month of May, 2025. The case load consisted of the following:

- Asset Forfeiture:
- Assist Other Agency: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Crime Scene Processing: 2
- Discovery Request: 4
- Fraud: 1
- Juvenile Complaint: 1
- Larceny: 1
- Missing Person: 1
- PD Assist: 15
- Property Disposal: 37
- Risk Protection Order: 6
- Search & Arrest Warrants Served: 2
- Sex Offender Registry Compliance: 2
- Specific Detail: 1
- Task Force Assist: 4

The Newington Police Department served 31 warrants this month; 25 by Patrol and 6 by the Detective Division.

Detective Zajac was assigned to the Detective Division as the 4-year rotator during the month of May, 2025. He attended a digital photography school, along with a crime scene processing school upon his assignment. Detective Zajac will be added to the on-call list as a trainee until it is determined that he is ready to process scenes on his own.

During the month of May, a residential burglary occurred on Bittersweet Court. The Detective Division responded to process the scene for evidence, and learned that the family is of Southeast Asian descent. This is part of a burglary pattern in which the victims are of Asian descent. Information was shared with other law enforcement agencies, and we learned that a group of similar suspects were wanted by the NYPD for similar incidents in their jurisdiction. A suspect and associated vehicle has since been identified, and Detective Kelliher continues to work with the NYPD to identify the others involved in this incident.

The Department continues to fulfill its commitment to the Greater Hartford Regional Auto Theft Task Force in Hartford once per week using the State-awarded Auto Theft and Violence (ATV) grant funds to pay for the overtime. Lieutenant Aivano and Detective Camara have been participating in operation days, which included 5/8/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25, and 5/29/25. Sergeant Rodriguez also continues to work with the FBI-Northern Connecticut Gangs Task Force, whose primary focus is narcotics and firearm trafficking investigations.

Property Report May 2025:

<u>Category</u>	<u># of Counts</u>	<u>Property Value (\$)</u>
Burned	3	\$ 900
Counterfeited/Forged	0	\$ 0
Damaged/Destroyed	19	\$ 7,655
Recovered	21	\$ 27,019
Seized	25	\$ 66
Stolen	94	\$ 123,619
Evidence	78	\$ 2,000
Found	9	\$ 24
Impounded	0	\$ 0
Lost	10	\$ 1,140
Informational	16	\$ 1,200
Abandoned	0	\$ 0
Vehicle Inventory	0	\$ 0
Total	275	\$ 163,623

In May, the Patrol Division report:

- On 05/08/2025 at 1902 hours officers responded to the Grantmoor Motor Lodge located at 3000 Berlin Turnpike to investigate an assault complaint. The caller stated that she was sprayed with "mace" by a white male with long hair and a beard. The caller stated that the female, a white female with blue-colored hair, who was assaulted ran to room 120, from room 135. The caller stated that the assault happened in room 135 and that multiple individuals were sprayed with mace. Contact was made, by the first officer on scene, with two females, later identified through the booking process, as Tisha Verge and Hali Graveline. Verge stated she and Graveline were sprayed by her husband, J. Dion-Balliro with pepper spray after they arrived at the location to speak with his current girlfriend, later identified as K. Copeland. Verge stated they located Copeland and Dion-Balliro in room 135, knocked at the door and were allowed to enter the room. Verge stated that during her conversation with Copeland, Dion-Balliro sprayed her with mace and then fled the room. Verge stated she was concerned that her vehicle, which was parked nearby at the Walmart store, was taken by Dion-Balliro or one of the other involved parties. The vehicle was found to be in the parking lot and while confirming that it was still there, officers discovered that a third female, identified during the booking process as Kaitlyn. Cruickshanks, was in the vehicle's rear passenger compartment. The occupant of room 120 informed Newington Police Dispatch that the female with the blue-colored hair, Copeland, had fled from room 135 to room 120. Contact was made with Copeland who had obvious injuries and lacerations to her face. Copeland stated she and Dion-Balliro went to the hotel to separate from Verge, due to their starting a relationship. Verge and Dion-Balliro were previously in a lengthy relationship. Copeland stated that Verge, Graveline and Cruickshank used a ruse to trick the hotel manager, R. Makwana, into providing them with the room number, 135. Copeland stated the females came to the room and began to hit and kick the door to gain entry. Copeland stated that Porter went to the room's exterior door to speak with the females and they were then able to gain entry. Copeland stated the females, in concert, entered the room and physically attacked her, prior to Dion-Balliro spraying them with mace. Based on the investigation, probable cause was determined to believe that Verge, Graveline and Cruickshank arrived at the location with the intent to assault Copeland.

Cruickshank was found to be in possession of crack cocaine which was located in her pant leg. She was also found to be in the possession of a glass pipe, which had white-powder and burn residue. Cruickshank was also found to be the subject of a PRAWN and hard copy warrant out of Wallingford. Verge was arrested and charged with the violations of CGS 53a-61: Assault in the Third Degree and 53a-182: Disorderly Conduct. Verge was released on a \$5,000.00 bond. Cruickshank was arrested charged with the violations of CGS 53a-61: Assault in the Third Degree, 53a-182: Disorderly Conduct, 53a-167a: Interfering with an Officer, 21a-267a: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 21a-279(a)(1): Possession of a Controlled Substance. Cruickshank was released on a \$5,000.00 non-surety bond. Graveline was also arrested charged with the violations of CGS 53a-61: Assault in the Third Degree and 53a-182: Disorderly Conduct. Graveline was released on a \$5,000.00 non-surety bond

- On 5/10/2025 at approximately 1626 hours, officers were dispatched to Walmart located at 3164 Berlin Turnpike in Newington, CT for a larceny complaint. Dispatch informed officers a black male wearing a grey sweatshirt and black pants was concealing merchandise. Officers detained the male later identified as Leonard Hill and escorted him to the loss prevention office. While in the office Hill identified himself as Elwin Randell Joyce. Hill was placed under arrest and as officers were walking Hill out of the store three glass crack cocaine pipes, 3 glassine bags one containing suspected fentanyl fell out his pants. Hill became uncooperative with officers and was placed on a store front window in the front of Walmart. Hill then smacked his face four times into the store front window. Due to the size of Hill and his active resistance additional officers were requested on scene to safely transfer him into a cruiser for transport. Once more responding officers arrived on scene, then Hill was escorted towards a Newington patrol cruiser (#134). As the Hill approached the cruiser, he used both feet to kick the cruiser just above the back right tire well causing damage to the cruiser. Hill then proceeded to smack his face behind the back right door of the cruiser which caused visible damage. The damage to the cruiser consisted of two dents. Hill was charged in violation of C.G.S 53a-125b Larceny in the Sixth Degree for stealing \$140.52 worth of merchandise from Walmart, C.G.S. 53a-130 Criminal Impersonation for attempting to identify as Elwin Joyce, who is a real person, C.G.S. 167a Interfering with An Officer for physically resisting efforts to place him into a police vehicle and lying about his identity during an official investigation, C.G.S. 53a-117a Criminal Mischief in The Fourth Degree for the damage to the police cruiser, C.G.S. 21a-267(a) Use of Drug Paraphernalia for possession of the 4 cylindrical pipes, and two counts of C.G.S. 21a-279(a)(1) Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Offense (one count for the crack cocaine and one count for the fentanyl). Hill was held on a \$10,000.00 bond.
- On May 17, 2025 at 1837 hours an officer observed a white female transient panhandling in the intersection. After conducting a U-turn further south at Costello Road, he proceeded back northbound on the Berlin Turnpike, towards the area where he observed the female. The officer observed that the female had relocated into the Verizon parking lot (3140 Berlin Turnpike) and was talking to a single occupant, white male that was sitting in the driver seat of a gold, Jaguar 4-door sedan. The Jaguar was backed into the side of the building and the officer observed that the vehicle did not have a front license plate affixed. A short time later the officer was able to observe the rear affixed Connecticut license plate to be AH35648. An inquiry into COLLECT determined “No records found” regarding this license plate with no registration information listed. Based on the violations 14-147(c) Improper Use of a Marker Plate and 14-18(a) Display of Marker Plates and Stickers, he followed the vehicle

further into the parking lot of 3000 Berlin Turnpike (Grantmoor Motor Lodge) and watched as the vehicle parked in parking space. The officer made contact with the operator who identified himself with a false name. A subsequent investigation revealed the operator's true identity of Angelo Dimauro. Dimauro was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, 17.8 grams of suspected methamphetamine, \$401.00 U.S. dollars divided into numerous denominations, (15) round, pink pills engraved "K 56" inside of a pill bottle with no label identified as Oxycodone Hydrochloride, 4.5 mm "Full Auto" P-1 BB Gun bearing serial number 24C01616, This BB Gun was partially loaded with 4.5 mm steel BB's and had a Co2 cartridge inserted, Skeleton themed facemasks, and (1) pair of reinforced carbon fiber knuckle gloves. The methamphetamine was divided up into multiple, tied plastic baggies of similar weigh, size and packaging consistent with street level narcotics sales. An interview with the female panhandler revealed that the Dimauro attempted to sell her the Oxycodone Hydrochloride pills. Dimauro was arrested and charged with C.G.S. 21a-278(b) (1A* Possession w/ Intent Narcotic Substance, 2 counts of 21a-279(a)(2) Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd Offense, 21a-267(a) Use of Drug Paraphernalia, 14-12(a)* Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, 14-147(c) Improper Use of a Marker Plate, 14-213b Illegal Operation of a Motor Vehicle Without Minimum Insurance, 14-18(a) Failure to Display Plate, 53a-167a Interfering with an Officer, and 53a-130 Criminal Impersonation. He was held on a \$50,000.00 bond. During the booking process Dimauro was found to be the subject of 4 active PRAWN warrants which were also served.

In May, the Support Services report:

- The Support Services Division continues to play a large role in the operations of the Police Department in the areas of recruitment, hiring, training, accreditation, records, communications, public information, and community engagement.
- Sergeant LaChance continues to assist with accreditation, body worn cameras, and video requests.
- Sergeant D'Esposito continues to assure that every sworn member meets the standards for yearly training requirements.
- Lieutenant Amalfi continues to work towards the Police Department achieving Tier 3 Accreditation. The State of Connecticut completed their accreditation audit and the Police Department achieved Tier 3 accreditation.
- Chief Perry, Lieutenant Amalfi, Sergeant Lachance have continued meetings in regards to the roofing and HVAC project.
- Lieutenant Amalfi, Sergeant LaChance, and Sgt. D'Esposito held entry level oral boards for approximately 8 candidates. Some of those candidates have moved on in the hiring process.
- The Command Staff held oral boards for the four-year rotating Detective position. Officer Zajac was ultimately selected for the position.
- Lieutenant Amalfi and Sergeant Gore attended a week-long critical incident stress management training and are now certified in running critical incident stress debriefings.
- Chief Perry and Lieutenant Deane met with the Town Manager and Mayor regarding speed and red-light cameras.
- Anthony Cascone graduated the New Britain Police Academy and has started his field training.
- Lieutenant Amalfi, Lieutenant Deane, Lieutenant Aivano, and Sergeant D'Esposito attended a conference on leadership presented by Gordon Graham.

- Sergeant LaChance attended Civic Plus training. Civic Plus is the platform the town uses for their website.
- Sergeant D'Esposito and Sergeant Douglas attended a career fair at Camp Nett.
- Multiple members of the Police Department attended an awards ceremony at AMR headquarters. Awards were presented to Officers who assisted in saving lives during 2024.
- Multiple members of the Police Department attended Walmart's Grand Reopening. Walmart donated money to assist in funding the annual Police-Fire Golf Classic.
- A Police Department tour was given to 12 middle school ages children who are part of the organization Homeschool CT.
- The Newington Police Department is preparing for power loss to the communication center during a UPS replacement.
- Spring firearms qualifications has started. During spring qualifications officers must qualify with the handgun, rifle, shotgun, and any off-duty firearm.
- Lieutenant Amalfi and Sergeant D'Esposito had a meeting with the town attorneys regarding a new contract for the tow companies we use at the police department.
- Lieutenant Amalfi attended a meeting at the fire department for "Public Safety Day." This is a community service event that Newington Fire, Police, and EMS host.
- The Support Service Division readied the Newington Police Department for electronic paperwork submission to court. At this time, court is not ready for the Police Department to submit electronic paperwork.
- Community Services has continued to engage with the community through the use of Facebook, Instagram, and Atlas One.
- Sergeant LaChance is actively involved several days a week in coordination with the radio project
- Sergeant LaChance is the project manager for the entire town.
- Sergeant LaChance is actively involved several days a week in coordination with implementing the License Plate Reader System.
- Officer Casasanta and K-9 Ray continue to supplement patrol.

Police Department Overtime Report May 2025

OT April	\$ 156,603	3 pay periods
OT May	\$ 80,420	2 pay periods
	\$ 76,183	Decrease over April

- Applications continued to be received and testing continues for Police Officer vacancies. May finishes with 5 officer positions vacant (4 Patrol, 1 support Services – CSO). Three recruits are in the New Britain Police Academy and 1 officer is in NPD's FTO program. Additional vacancies occurred when two officers left the department to pursue other adventures.
- Administrative overtime of \$0.
- Patrol overtime of \$48,024, a decrease of \$52,780 from the previous month. Overtime included the filling of shifts for time off (vacation, sick, earned time, and FMLA) and for vacancies requiring overtime to fill them. Overtime was created for holding over to complete cases/reports and casework which included; domestics, motor vehicle accidents, surveillance, Larceny calls, Narcotics investigation, special details, serve warrants, subpoenas, recert drug testing, Sr. Prom, DUI reports,

evaluations, traffic stops, CREST call out, fatal accident continued investigation, auto theft, cellphone investigation, and other related duties.

- Detective Division overtime of \$2,951 a decrease of \$3,412 from the previous month. Overtime included drug investigations, fatal MVA, surveillance, and crime scene investigation.
- Traffic Division overtime of \$969, an increase of \$757 for stop sign drop offs and Memorial Day parade route barricades.
- Communications overtime of \$7,506 a decrease of \$8,722 from the previous month. Overtime included the filling of shifts for time off (vacation, sick, earned time). The dispatcher overtime continues to show signs of the savings by hiring the 9th dispatcher.
- Educational overtime of \$19,161, a decrease of \$8,040 from the previous month. Overtime included the coverage of shifts for officers attending the following training or classes, drone training, Crest training, and Recertification training.
- Support Services overtime of \$1,615 a decrease of \$3,561 from the previous month. Overtime included attendance at a Job Fair/recruitment fair, Memorial Day parade and Honor Guard participation.
- Animal Control overtime of \$194, a decrease of \$425 from the previous month. Overtime included late calls. Overtime costs are split with Wethersfield as well as the salary.

SENIOR AND DISABLED CENTER

- The Center was open daily from 8:30am – 4:30pm and was busy with daily activities and special April programs including: Coffee and Conversation with the Deputy Assessor, Music Bingo, a discussion on fraud and scams, a presentation on growing potatoes at home, a karaoke party, and a lunch and learn on LGBTQ+ identities, issues and terminology, plus many other classes and activities, all well-attended.
- Program Coordinator Barbara Womer held an information session for members interested in participating in the upcoming Tia Je Quan: moving for Better Balance exercise training program; a 26-week evidence-based program for improving balance and preventing falls.
- Staff and Commission members held input/feedback session, on April 2, in which about 40 members provided over 250 suggestions, program ideas and feedback Staff is using the feedback to create and prioritize long and short-term goals at the Center (in progress).
- Center staff coordinated with the Library to host the Friends of the Library Book sale and with the Newington Schools Art staff to host the annual K-12 Art Show
- The volunteer gift shop sales were \$807 from 4/12/25 – 5/23/25. Coffee shop sales were \$1,183 for the month. Note: the gift shop went on break in late May and will resume operations at the end of June.
- ARPA-funded projects in-progress or completed in May include the purchase of the purchase of portable exercise equipment that will eventually be used in the new exercise equipment loaning closet program, scheduled to begin in late Spring, and hand sanitizing stations to be installed throughout the center.
- The Trip Committee is planning for 2025 trips. So far, there are trips planned to: A St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Aqua Turf, an Elvis tribute show at Villa Louisa, Waitress the musical at the Majestic Theater, and a Summer Breeze trip to Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven.
- We continue to offer weekly telephone-based programs such as Boggle, mediation, and bingo. When possible, we provide speaker programs and lectures in a hybrid format via Zoom. The weekly robocalls to members with updates about the Center, the community, and other important information remain popular.

- The in-person congregate lunch program operates Monday – Friday. A crew of 4-5 volunteers serve hot lunches to an average of 30-50 members daily.
- In May, Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered a hot, balanced meal to an average of 62 clients Monday through Friday. Recipients are eligible to receive weekend meals if requested. Volunteers deliver an average of 1,200 meals per month. There are currently 23 Meals on Wheels drivers who volunteer weekly or on-call. Meals are provided along four routes, with an average of 13 deliveries per route each day.
- During the month of May, the DAR drivers (with subs as necessary) completed 593 trips for 2,419 miles and 2280.0 hours.
- The Giving Garden is open for the season, with a team of 5-8 volunteers planning and tending to the all-organic garden. The crops produced from the garden benefit the Human Services Food Bank.
- The Director met with the Commission on Aging and Disability on May 7. Topics of discussion included the CRT/nutrition program shortage, member input, center operations, fundraising and programming. The Commission considered waiving the membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year, and accepting donations in lieu of the fees. The Commission has done so since the 2020-21 fiscal year, and as a result, voluntary donations have exceeded expected membership fees for the year. The Commission will take a formal vote on the item in June.
- The Director attended a website redevelopment meeting on May 15. among other meetings and development sessions.

TOWN CLERK

- There were 57 property transfers during the month of May for a total of \$15,166,355.79 in sales. State conveyance tax collected was \$112,194.26; Town conveyance tax collected totaled \$36,787.26.
- There were 14 residential sales over \$400,000.
- We had one (1) commercial sale; for \$1,625,000.00 at 1581 & 1599 South East Road from Farmington South East Road LLC to 1599 SE Road LLC.
- In May there were 306 documents filed on the land records: 109 mortgages, 82 releases, 10 liens and 12 probate documents. 107 were electronically recorded bringing in revenue of \$10,681.
- Staff certified 242 copies of vital records (birth, marriage & death certificates); 13 cremation and 18 burial permits were issued. Nine marriage licenses were issued.
- During May the Town Clerk's staff issued 39 Land Fill permits for the Highway Dept.
- Seven Notary Public commissions were filed, ten Trade Name certificates and six Liquor permits were catalogued.
- 2,200 dog license renewal notices were mailed at the end of the month for the June renewal period. Our office received 16 dog photos for our Perfect Pooch Contest.

<u>DATA SUMMARY May 2025</u>				
	<u>May-24</u>	<u>May-25</u>	<u>FY23/24 to Date</u>	<u>FY24/25 to Date</u>
Land Record Documents	324	306	3,880	3,687
Dog Licenses Sold	6	7	778	899
Game Licenses Sold	51	60	337	368
Vital Statistics				
Marriages	19	6	175	211
Death Certificates	35	30	354	365
Birth Certificates	31	25	249	236
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 65,612.30	\$ 54,429.66	\$ 620,101.03	\$ 694,282.19

Town Document Preservation	\$ 1,101.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 12,461.00	\$ 12,240.00
State Document Preservation	\$ 1,976.00	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 24,416.00	\$ 22,672.00
State Treasurer (\$36 fee)	\$ 8,892.00	\$ 8,676.00	\$ 107,532.00	\$ 97,632.00
State Treasurer (\$127 fee)	\$ 4,318.00	\$ 3,556.00	\$ 38,989.00	\$ 38,735.00
State Treasurer (\$110 fee)	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 37,070.00	\$ 41,360.00
LoCIP	\$ 741.00	\$ 723.00	\$ 8,961.00	\$ 8,136.00
State Game Licenses	\$ 254.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 1,601.00	\$ 1,712.00
State Dog Licenses	\$ 74.00	\$ 77.50	\$ 5,988.50	\$ 6,167.00
Dog Licenses Surcharge	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 2,186.00
Marriage Surcharge	\$ 204.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 2,992.00	\$ 3,570.00
Grand Total	\$ 87,148.30	\$ 75,124.16	\$ 862,021.53	\$ 928,692.19

TOWN ENGINEER

Permits:

- Reviewed 7 contractor license applications (bond/insurance/agreement)
- Reviewed and approved permits: 16
 - Excavation: 3
 - Driveways: 13
- Reviewed utility clearance notifications (routine & emergency): 179

Meetings:

Represented the Town/Department at:

- CRCOG transportation committee monthly meeting
- TON economic development meeting (engineering, planning, building, fire marshal, assessor)
- Town Council Meeting(s), as requested
- Conservation Commission monthly meeting
- TON CIP/budget, Planning and Zoning meeting(s), as requested
- Eversource/CL&P planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- MDC planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- CNG planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- DOT planning/coordination meeting(s), as requested
- Project meeting(s) with residents, businesses, developers and engineers/architects, and other Town departments as requested
- Storm Resilience Public Information meeting held in New Britain and run by CIRCA (a UConn institute). We have been active with this collaboration with CRCOG and our neighbors.
- Regional Stormwater Authority advisory committee – Feasibility Study meeting.
- Others as required.

Site Plan Review and project Monitoring: Reviewed plans and calculations for conformance with the Town of Newington Planning & Zoning Commission and monitor project progress.

Reviewed site plans and projects that are still ongoing:

- 712 Cedar Street – Punch list and developer bond work remaining.
- 3333 Berlin Turnpike –Punch list and bond items
- 77-93 Pane Road –Developer bond posted for punch list items
- 227 Pane Road – Developer bond posted for punch list items
- 35-67-69 Culver Street –Project in early-stage construction, permit for first building issued.

- Rock Hole Lane subdivision – Project progressed to gas and electric utilities, MDC water and sewer main work complete. Preparing to place the binder course for the road, developer's engineer notified to provide documentation for subgrade depth and material suitability.
- 101 Cedarwood – under construction, MDC issues with the cul de sac
- 680 N. Mountain Road – Site plan review, project pending application to TPZ.
- 60 Prospect Street – Site plan review, drainage approved, project idle.
- 2176-2180 Berlin Turnpike – Site plan review, project idle
- 1170 Main Street (Keeney Bldg) – Building for sale, project status unknown.
- Peckham Farm Drive subdivision - Plot plan review as needed
- 161 Carr Ave – under construction, site monitoring
- 200 Church Street – under construction
- 67 Pane Road – Developer bond posted for punch list items.
- 250 Cedarwood – subdivision review, on hold by owner.
- Kitts Lane – Completed Conservation Commission, approved. Next step, TPZ.
- 280 Hartford Ave. – approved by CC, moved to TPZ.

Public Works: Assessed, investigated and inspected infrastructure (roads, parking lots, bridges, curb, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, dams, drainage, stonewalls) throughout town.

Engineering:

- Assisted public (residents, developers, contractors, realtors, title searchers, etc.) with Town engineering data (GIS, maps, etc.), ordinances, engineering procedures, building/property addresses, etc.
- Assisted public (residence and businesses) with drainage/flooding concerns and inspected portions of drainage system.
- Coordinated with MDC/CNG/ Eversource (CL&P) regarding utility projects in Newington
- Coordinated with CDOT regarding state projects in Newington, PIM held for Cedar Street sidewalk project.
- Coordinated with MDC regarding sewage service, water service, CWP, and road restoration
- Research and provide engineering data to defend TON against lawsuits, as needed
- Parks Garage boundary and limited topographic survey field work complete for Facilities feasibility study. Sent to the architect. Completed project.
- Transfer station boundary and limited topographic survey field work complete for DEEP leaf composting permit. CAD drawing provided to consultant, Town to provide boundary map. Completed project.
- Facilities – Survey of old firehouse #3 at 2 Chapman Street, field work complete, survey drawing in progress. Draft plan under review.
- Beginning survey field work for two potential tower sites for the new emergency communications tower.

Town Projects - Construction:

- Public Works (LOTCIP 2018): Complete Street Project - Robbins Avenue and Maple Hill Avenue, now in close out phase, minor additional work expected. Final items for traffic signal at Willard installed, 30 day test period to run until July 5th. Previously stated completion date of June 5th, DOT considers that the start date.
- Public Works: Annual sidewalk replacement program
- Public Works: Annual mill and overlay program
- Public Works: Annual sidewalk grinding program
- Town Hall parking lot EVCS conduit and base installation complete, EV Stations waiting for the Eversource transformer. When that is installed NEC will install the charging station pedestals.
- Mill Pond Bridge installed, grant close out in progress.

- Alumni Road right in right out island constructed, gate removed. Final work underway, completion expected by end of June.
- Garfield Street project expected start in early August after the Newington Extravaganza.

Town Projects – Design:

- Public Works: Gilbert/Fisk Drive – Storm drainage evaluation, MDC clearing trees, evaluating their end of this issue.
- Public Works: Brookside Avenue – Storm drainage evaluation
- Public Works: drainage improvements: Pheasant Run – Ridgeway intersection improvement
- Public Works: Garfield Street 2018 Community Connectivity Project – preliminary design
- Public Works: Garfield Street Town Hall parking area reconstruction project – nearly ready to bid.
- Public Works: Garfield Street mill and overlay.
- Public Works: 1936-1940 Main Street – Sidewalk Improvement plan – design
- Planning (CT Urban Funding Grant): Elm Hill Business District Streetscape – New Britain Ave – conceptual design, public input.
- Planning: North End Business District Streetscape – Hartford-Stoddard Ave – Concept plans complete, moving toward 90% design, survey for final design in progress
- Public Works: drainage improvements: Parker Street neighborhood, determine scope of work.
- Parks: ADA accessible route for new playground at Candlewyck Park, survey complete, site design and plans complete.
- Cedarwood storm drainage – failed piping, priority. Plans complete, project funding TBD.
- Culver/Cobblestone drainage - failed piping, priority. Work to begin early May.
- Public Works: LOTCIP 2020/2024 Complete Street Project - Maple Hill and Alumni Road, rescoped, updated costs, PD complete, revised application to CRCOG asap.
- Public Works: Basswood sidewalks

Town Projects – Planning:

- Town Manager: Future Transportation Center – Conceptual Plan
- Public Works: Styles Avenue (plan and profile) – design
- Police Department: assess Dowd Avenue (No Thru Truck)
- Parks (Clem Lemire – Memorial Field) – survey and drainage improvement
- Public Works/BOE: 490 Church Street to 534 Church Street Sidewalk Gap
- Planner: Main Street, Stoddard Avenue, Hartford Avenue-Streetscape North–Parking lot layouts
- Flooding mitigation Ct. Ave at Brentwood.
- Flooding mitigation Timber Lane/Badger Field.
- Flooding mitigation North Main Street/Brookside area.
- Senior Center – Proposed replacement of the sanitary sewer lateral, result of failure of existing in January, repairs made, camera inspection pending.
- Public Works: 1537-1551 Willard Avenue – Sidewalk improvements

Town Projects – Future:

- Public Works: Rockhole Brook drainage improvements
- Public Works: Anna Reynolds Brook drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Francis Street Culvert Improvements.
- Public Works: Veterans Monument in Newington Center Green.
- Public Works: 1136-1142-1150 Schoolhouse Brook drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Main Street culvert to Mill Pond drainage and culvert improvements

- Public Works: Timber Lane drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Ct. Ave. detention pond improvements

Town Project - other:

Town Grant Applications:

- Public Works: Main Street 2020 Community Connectivity Project
- Public Works (LOTCIP 2020): Complete Street Project - Maple Hill Avenue and Alumni Corridor Improvements
- Town of Berlin+Newington (LOTCIP 2022): Complete Street Project – Rowley Street & Episcopal Road Corridor Improvements, managed by Berlin.
- Public Works: CTDEEP VW Settlement – EV charging stations grant (\$70k)
- Public Works: Eversource Rebate – EV charging stations (\$20k)
- NCRS Watershed Program – Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report phase
- SS4A with CRCOG
- Locip for flooding projects thru CT. OPM
- STEAP Grant application for Mill Pond Dam Pedestrian Bridge
- WRDA 24 application for regional flooding associated with the Mill Brook/Piper Brook and Webster Brook watersheds.
- RAISE grant via CRCOG with Wethersfield and Berlin, funding in limbo.
- CDS grant – Candlewyck playground, Holly Drive area, funding not approved.

Town project: Managed consultant projects:

- Public Works: inspect bridges under 20 feet long (arch/box/pipe) culvert (GM2)
- Public Works: Kelsey Street & Christian Lane traffic signal improvements (VHB)
- Engineering: Updating sidewalk specification (WMC)