Selectmen

Todd H. Gelston
First Selectman

Manages the business of the Selectmen's Office. Complies with town ordinances and State Statutes. Selectmen attend numerous meetings with Boards, Commissions, business owners and citizens to assist with town business and to keep the lines of communication open throughout all areas of the town. Maintains town website. Assists Finance Office in grants management. Oversees all departments and handles a variety of issues as they arise. Promotes economic development. Works closely with State General Assembly and lobbying groups (COST, CCM, LCRVMPO & RPO and LCRVCOG).

Staffing

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
First Selectman	Annually	n/a	Elected
Selectmen (2)	Annually	n/a	Elected
Executive Manager	Salaried	40 hours per week	Non-Union
Recording Secretary	Hourly	144 hours annually	Non-Union

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- Managed the business of the Selectmen's Office in an efficient and business-like manner.
- Complied with town ordinances and State Statutes and kept our citizens informed.
- Continued with improvements to website upgrades.
- Worked with departments, boards and commissions to apply for and execute grants available and beneficial to the town.
- Issued Invitation to Bids, Requests for Proposals and Requests for Qualifications as required.
- Worked with the Redevelopment Agency and all associated departments regarding reuse of the former Town Office site.
- Worked with Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Commissions to develop a Moodus Master Plan.
- Investigated broadband opportunities for the benefit of the town's citizens.
- Investigated recycling, composting & reuse opportunities to reduce the town's waste stream.
- Examined Emergency Service needs for the Town.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Major Service Level Goals

- To continue to provide excellent service and to be a user-friendly office for town residents and businesses.
- To continue to comply with the law and inform the public.
- To continue with associated training for website upgrades and improvements.
- Investigate future opportunities for regionalizing and shared services.
- To continue to aggressively pursue grants available to East Haddam.
- To continue to work with the Redevelopment Agency and all associated departments regarding reuse of the former Town Office site.
- To continue to work with Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Commissions to develop a Moodus Master Plan.
- To continue to investigate broadband opportunities for the benefit of the town's citizens.
- To continue to investigate recycling, composting & reuse opportunities to reduce the town's waste stream.
- To continue to examine Emergency Service needs for the Town.

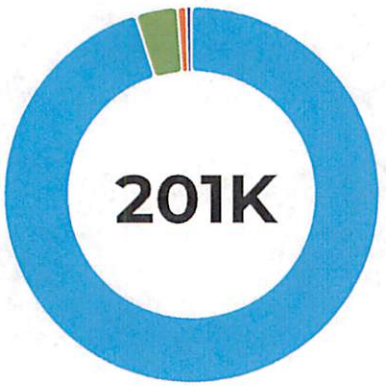
Additional Budget Information

Salaries: Increase for non-union and clerical employees in accordance with the clerical contract. For the fiscal year 2027, the increase was calculated at 2.5%.
Advertising/Legal Notices: Increase to cover actual expenditures over the last 4 years.
Conference: Increase to cover actual expenditures over the last 4 years for all three Selectmen and Executive Manager.

Selectmen Financials

Expenditures by Object Summary

FY27 Expenditures by Object Summary



Salaries & Wages	**$191,530**	95.21%
Purchased Other Services	**$7,215**	3.59%
Supplies	**$1,520**	0.76%
Miscellaneous	**$900**	0.45%

Expenditures by Object Summary

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budgeted	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY 2026 Approved 2025-2026 Budget vs. FY 2027 Budgeted (% Change)
Salaries & Wages	$176,002.01	$181,283.27	$186,857.00	$191,530.24	$4,673.24	2.50%
REGULAR EMPLOYEES	$71,507.28	$73,295.04	$76,227.00	$78,132.74	$1,905.74	2.50%
Executive Manager	-	-	$76,227.00	$78,132.74	$1,905.74	2.50%
CLERICAL (RECORDING SECRETARY)	$2,320.55	$3,259.55	$3,283.00	$3,366.72	$83.72	2.55%
Recording Secretary	-	-	$3,283.00	$3,366.72	$83.72	2.55%
ELECTED OFFICIALS	$102,174.18	$104,728.68	$107,347.00	$110,030.78	$2,683.78	2.50%
First Selectman	-	-	$96,859.00	$99,280.58	$2,421.58	2.50%
Selectmen	-	-	$10,488.00	$10,750.20	$262.20	2.50%
Purchased Other Services	$6,073.43	$6,474.59	$6,715.00	$7,215.00	$500.00	7.45%
POSTAGE	$26.60	$30.56	$675.00	$675.00	-	0.00%
TELEPHONE/CELL PHONE	$1,395.66	$1,313.56	$1,440.00	$1,440.00	-	0.00%
ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	$2,650.99	$3,042.93	$2,500.00	$3,000.00	$500.00	20.00%
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (MILEAGE)	$2,000.18	$2,087.54	$2,100.00	$2,100.00	-	0.00%
Supplies	$688.60	$446.99	$1,520.00	$1,520.00	-	0.00%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$346.13	$171.47	$720.00	$720.00	-	0.00%
OTHER SUPPLIES	$342.47	$275.52	$800.00	$800.00	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous	$529.20	$549.00	$500.00	$900.00	$400.00	80.00%
CONFERENCE	$529.20	$549.00	$500.00	$900.00	$400.00	80.00%

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Total Expenditures	**$183,293.24**	**$188,753.85**	**$195,592.00**	**$201,165.24**	**$5,573.24**	**2.85%**