Open Space Committee

Will Brady Chairman

Open space areas within the town of East Haddam have been and continue to be a diminishing resource. Open space areas are considered a valuable asset to the community. It is recognized that there is a need to obtain additional open space areas in order to meet future recreational needs, to preserve agricultural lands, to protect natural resource areas and to maintain the town's quality of life. The Committee has recommended several key parcels that have been purchased. The Committee will continue to actively review possible acquisitions of additional key parcels. The Committee identifies and quantifies potential parcels for open space preservation and the Land Use Administrator acts as liaison for the Committee with property owners, appraisers, attorneys, real estate agents and partners such as the State and The Nature Conservancy. The Committee prepares grant applications and materials for public presentations.

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
Recording Secretary	Hourly	5 hours annually	Non-Union

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Accomplishments

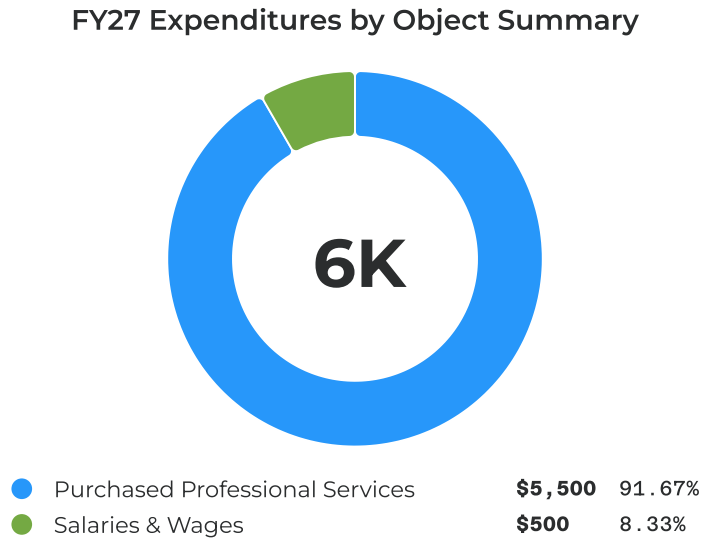
- Continued investigation of critical properties in the town.
- Continued to work with partners to preserve open space.
- Continued to evaluate town parcels for potential purchases or easements.
- Received the CT DEEP grant for the 95 acre Kronberg parcel located on North Moodus Road and closed on the property.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Major Service Level Goals

- Continued investigation of critical properties in the town.
- Continued to work with partners to preserve open space.

Open Space Financials

Expenditures by Object Summary



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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	$85.74	-	$500.00	$500.00	-	0.00%
CLERICAL	$85.74	-	$500.00	$500.00	-	0.00%
Purchased Professional Services	-	$1,800.00	$5,500.00	$5,500.00	-	0.00%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES	-	-	$500.00	$500.00	-	0.00%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (APPRAISAL/SURVEY)	-	$1,800.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	-	0.00%
Supplies	-	-	$2,000.00	-	-$2,000.00	-
SIGNAGE	-	-	$2,000.00	-	-$2,000.00	-
Total Expenditures	**$85.74**	**$1,800.00**	**$8,000.00**	**$6,000.00**	**-$2,000.00**	**-25.00%**