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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE  
THE SUSPENDED YANTIC, CT POST OFFICE  
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
SERVICE BY THE NEARBY POST OFFICE

## I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Yantic, CT Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by the nearby post office under the administrative responsibility of the Bozrah Post Office, located two miles away.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons; an emergency suspension of services after postal officials noted deficiencies in safety and security

The Yantic Post Office provided retail service from 730 to 1300 - 1400 to 1700 Monday through Friday and 730 to 1200 on Saturday. Over the past several years there has been a decline in the amount of walk in revenue generated. The revenue trend is as follows: FY 08 \$ 482,359, FY 09 \$ 459,566, FY 10 \$ 359,086 and FY 11 \$ 299,312. Since the suspension of service, customers have received delivery and retail services by the nearby post office emanating from the Bozrah Post Office, an EAS- 13 level office located 2.2 miles away. Window service hours are from 830 to 1200 - 1300 to 1630, Monday through Friday, and 830 to 1200 on Saturday. There are 50 Post Office boxes available.

On November 07, 2012, representatives from the Postal Service will be available at Yantic Fire Station, 151 Yantic Road, Yantic CT from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to answer questions and provide information to customers.

On or about October 04, 2012, questionnaires were distributed to customers of the Yantic Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Bozrah Post Office.

### Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
5. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

### Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

## II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Yantic is an unincorporated community located in New London County. The community is administered politically by Norwich. Police protection is provided by the Norwich. Fire protection is provided by the Norwich. The community is comprised of small businesses, older residential homes, a condo complex, and an abandoned mill and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: none . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Yantic Post Office will be available at the Bozrah Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Bozrah Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

This Yantic Post Office is not listed as a historic landmark. The community name will be maintained for customer addressing, and the Zip Code is not expected to change.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years, the nearby post office is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

## III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

There is currently a Postmaster assigned to this unit. The Postmaster may be moved to another facility if possible.

## IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates a ten year savings of \$ 1,348,764 with a breakdown as follows:

Building Maintenance	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 19,731
Transportation	\$ 17,611
EAS Craft & Labor	\$ 1,611,438

Relocation One-Time Cost

\$ -2,414

Total Ten Year Savings

\$ 1,348,764

## V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has taken into account all factors while conducting the study of the Yantic Post Office. The Postal Service has identified six other independent post offices, in addition to the services, which were provided by the Yantic Post Office. In addition, there are eight alternate access options allowing purchases of stamps for members of the community to include CVS, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and several other retail stores within a five-mile radius of the Yantic Post Office. Local businesses in the Yantic community were solicited for potential interest in becoming a Village Post Office in the spring of 2012. Connecticut Valley District Retail Department will revisit the Yantic business community for interest in becoming a potential Village Post Office. The cost of relocation is an estimated amount, which could be subject to change depending on the final determination of this process. The postal service will continue to keep all options open to ensure the community continues to receive regular and effective service. The community will be able to express their concerns, issues, and have the opportunity to provide input, in addition to having the Village Post Office concept explained to the community during the community meeting which will be conducted on Wednesday, November 7, at 6:00pm at the Yantic Fire Station, 151 Yantic Road.

## VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Yantic, CT Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by the nearby post office under the administrative responsibility of the Bozrah Post Office, located two miles away.

Operations were suspended on February 06, 2012, due to an emergency suspension of services after postal officials noted deficiencies in safety and security. There were no suitable alternate quarters available.

The Postmaster assigned to this unit may be moved to another facility if possible. The mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by the nearby post office.

The Yantic Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 223 PO Box or general delivery customers and no delivery route customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated

\$ 1,348,764 over the next ten years. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

## VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Bozrah Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



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**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

**INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE  
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To the customers of the Yantic Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the closure of the Yantic Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 10/06/2012 through 12/07/2012 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Bozrah Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

BARBARA MASTROIANNI  
141 WESTON ST  
HARTFORD, CT 06101-9631

For more information, you may call BARBARA MASTROIANNI at (860) 524-6495 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Powchak".

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