

TOWN OF GRANBY



2008 CALENDAR
2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT



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TOWN MANAGER

TOWN OF GRANBY Incorporated 1786

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Granby Moves Ahead:

Today, in the "not so small-world of town government," we are often called upon to provide assistance to community groups. Many requests are from agencies, like scout troops or from other volunteer not for profit entities. Most of the time the request is for meeting space. Due to demands from public agencies, we have had to limit requests to three times per year for non-public groups. Sadly, we cannot provide space for the many groups and organizations on the prowl for assured locations to conduct their meetings or events.

In the past, many groups, as well as government agencies, would gather at their homes to conduct business. To some extent, this still happens. Meetings then extended away from traditional house-based space and often moved to church meeting halls and to schools. Now, even these are full or regulations have placed an undue burden on accommodating groups in need. And, it's not just meeting space. A larger problem looms, that of providing athletic field space for our growing town and school population. Like a country road that needs to become a commuter highway, Granby now needs more active open space areas.

The good NEWS is that many of these needs are being reviewed. Last year the Board of Selectmen voted to create three new committees. The *Granby Athletic Field Long Range Advisory Committee* will soon provide a report on a comprehensive plan for needed field space for both town and school requirements. Another committee, the *Salmon Brook Park Facility Committee*, will prepare plans for the replacement of the bathhouse at this park. A third committee will soon examine storage needs for both the town and school, as well as identifying the requirements for a vehicle washing facility. In addition, the Granby Library Board has identified a need for library expansion. While these initiatives meet some community needs for space, they do not address the call for more meeting room space.

The focus is on Granby moving ahead with proper planning in order to address future needs for its residents. We all know that things change. Granby is growing and the attention being placed upon maintaining our past strengths, as a rather quiet residential community, and looking to its future needs certainly provides a positive step. We must plan ahead to address expanding needs.

As you review the activity within this year's Annual Report, it is hoped that you will think of Granby moving ahead next year - and into the future.

Sincerely,

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Dear Neighbors,

Many towns in Connecticut envy the stability and professionalism of our town staff. The average town employee has been providing services to the citizens of Granby for over 13 years. In my annual letter I would like to highlight a few employees that have significant tenure with our town.

Longevity and leadership starts with Granby's Town Manager Bill Smith. In September 2008, we will celebrate Bill's 30th anniversary of service to the town. Bill co-authored *Model Practices for Municipal Governments* this year providing insight into the municipal leadership and strong financial management. These talents have lead Granby during its transition from a small rural town to a well managed, fiscally strong suburban community.

Barbarajeane Scibelli, the Administration Finance Officer has been with the town for 24 years. This year she was awarded the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by Barbarajeane.

Between Chief David Watkins and Captain Kevin Bennett, the two top officers in our Police Department, there is close to 60 years of service to the town. During their tenure they have lead the changes to the department including successful accreditation and periodic reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. In addition, Barbara Janeski, Nancy Silkey, and Sergeant Gary Charette each have more than 20 years of experience with the Police Department.

Joan Fox, Granby's Director of Library Services has been responsible for Granby's Libraries for more than 25 years. The library located at the Town Hall Complex celebrated its 25th anniversary this past year and it has known only one Director, Joan Fox.

Fran Armentano has guided the transition and development of our town as Director of Community Development for more than 21 years. During this time we have seen significant gains in housing stock and commercial development while maintaining a rural town character that we have all grown to appreciate.

Roger Thibodeau is the longest reining town employee with over 32 years of service to the Public Works Department. He is joined by Bob Jaroch, Warren Chamberlain and Kirk Severance each of whom have more than 23 years of service with the DPW.

When you are visiting the Town Hall, taking a book out of the library, receiving emergency services or shoveling your driveway as the plows go by, please join me in acknowledging the tremendous service and wealth of knowledge that these and other municipal staff bring to the Town of Granby. Thanks to all of our talented staff for serving the citizens of Granby.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman

JANUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SR MFC New Year's Day*	2	3 CC	4	5
6	7 BOS	8 P&Z P&R	9 YSBAB IWWC	10 AC	11	12
13	14 BOF COA GDC GLB	15 ZBA	16 BOE	17 CC	18	19
20	21 SR MFC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 P&Z BOS Early Release 9-12	23 Early Release 9-12	24 Early Release K-12	25 Early Release 9-12	26
27	28	29	30	31		Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.

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TOWN CLERK

Mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes and the Granby Charter, the Town Clerk is responsible for the following services: Recorder of Deeds, Administrator of Elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Custodian of Public Records, Agent for State License, Clerk-Town Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to	
Revenue Collector	\$457,943.13
Land Records	\$94,686.75
Conveyance Tax	\$213,442.38
PA-05-228	\$76,362.00
Historic Preservation	\$2,937.00 (Town)
	\$5,874.00 (State)
Documents Recorded	3,034
Transfers Recorded	398
Maps Filed	31
State Surcharge	\$532.00
(26 Surcharges collected)	
Vital Statistics	\$4,176.00
(Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)	
Maps (filing fee)	\$405.00
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$11,926.50
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$474.00
Burn Permits Issued	\$1,100.00
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected -	\$1,259.00
State fees collected -	\$32,741.50
Licenses issued by Town Clerk -	370
Licenses issued by agent of Town Clerk -	1,139
Duplicate licenses issued -	3
Handicapped License -	1
Lifetime licenses issued -	24
Pheasant tags issued -	48
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued -	28
HIP Permits Issued -	34

Dog Licenses - 1,363 issued
 Town fees collected - \$1,290.00
 State fees collected - \$10,360.00
 - 105 Surcharges collected
 Kennel licenses issued - 6
 Fidelco Dogs Licensed - 4
 Transfers - 4
 Replacement tags - 6
 Late Fee's Collected - \$407.00
 Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 82
 Absentee Ballots Issued - 347

ELECTIONS

8/8/2006
 Democratic & Republican Primary
 Electors qualified to vote (Dem) 1,742
 Electors checked as voting (Dem) 990
 Electors qualified to vote (Rep) 2,145
 Electors checked as voting (Rep) 99
 11/7/2006 – State Election
 Electors qualified to vote – 6,865
 Electors checked as voting – 5,120

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

11/6/2006 – Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION To Accept Cider Mill Heights Section III as a Town Road - RESOLUTION Approved.
 1/2/2007 – Special Town Meeting to Consider A RESOLUTION To Approve an Agreement Between The Granby Board of Education And The Granby Education Association - RESOLUTION Approved.
 4/23/2007 – Annual Town Meeting for Budget Approval.
 Yes Vote - 179; No Vote - 64. Minimum 2/3 requirement attained. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 APPROVED.
 5/21/2007 – Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION To Approve the Purchase of Property Located at 175 Salmon Brook Street - RESOLUTION Approved.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2007)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	0	73	73
Deaths	73	35	108
Marriages	22	16	38
Civil Unions	2	2	4

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended to keep updated on new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter covered absentee ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws; it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

The Town Clerk previously attained I.M.C.C. and Connecticut State Certification. An Assistant Town Clerk has also received State Certification and having completed a three-year program is now in the process of applying for I.M.C.C. Certification.

Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses is essential to maintaining the professional level of management required by the office.

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3	4 BOS	5 P&R	6 BOE Ash Wednesday	7 CC	8	9
10	11 BOF COA GDC GLB	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 YSBAB IWWC P&Z	14 AC St. Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 SR-1 week MFC Presidents' Day	19 ZBA BOS	20	21 CC	22 Washington's Birthday	23
24	25	26 P&Z	27	28	29	

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES



Fiscal Year 2006-2007 saw the Department of Police Services continue to respond to calls for service despite significant staffing issues. At times it was necessary to utilize members of the Suffield Police Department to augment Granby personnel in order to ensure adequate numbers of personnel. Granby is experiencing the same difficulty as departments across the country in recruiting and retaining qualified candidates.

Despite staffing issues, all personnel maintained their necessary State and Department mandated training requirements. They also undertook training with new requirements imposed by the Department of Homeland Security. Officers and Dispatchers took classes on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and in Incident Command Structure (ICS). These training classes should not only help the department provide better service to the community by

insuring a common response platform with the Lost Acres Fire Department and Granby Ambulance Association, but also assure that Granby is positioned to receive various grant funding that would otherwise be denied for non-compliance of this training requirement.

The Department continues to participate with the North Central Municipal Regional Emergency Services. This collaborative of nine towns: Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks; provides each town with a cadre of specially trained personnel in the areas of SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Dive Rescue and Recovery, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction.

As always the Department is ready and capable of responding to the needs and requests for service to our community on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis.

<i>INCIDENT CLASSIFICATIONS</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>% INC/DEC</i>
MURDER	0	0	0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	5	6	20%
BURGLARY	20	16	-20%
ROBBERY	0	1	100%
LARCENIES	140	146	4%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	11	5	-55%
ARSON	1	0	-100%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	4	400%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	53	56	6%
FRAUD/FORGERY	71	71	0%
BAD CHECKS	13	10	-23%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	90	54	-40%
DRUG OFFENSES	28	65	132%
FAMILY OFFENSES	11	14	27%
LIQUOR OFFENSES	12	13	8%
BREACH/DISORDERLY	67	76	13%
TRESPASSING	13	7	-46%
RUNAWAYS	0	0	0%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	9	9	0%
LOITERING	2	1	-50%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1495	946	-37%
 <i>ACCIDENTS</i>			
PROPERTY DAMAGE	188	205	9%
PERSONAL INJURY	54	44	-19%
FATAL	2	0	-100%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	244	249	2%
 <i>ENFORCEMENT ACTION</i>			
D.W.I.	35	47	34%
INFRACTIONS	487	438	-10%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	468	320	-32%
CRIMINAL/SUMMONSES	369	374	1%
 <i>DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>	 12,171	 12,666	 4%

MARCH 2008

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2	3 BOS	4 P&R	5 Early Release K-6 BOE	6 CC	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 BOF COA GDC GLB	11 P&Z	12 YSBAB IWWC	13 AC	14	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 BOS St. Patrick's Day	18 Early Release K-12 ZBA	19 Early Release K-6	20 Early Release K-6 CC	21 SR MFC Good Friday	22
23 Easter Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 SR	P&Z				

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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Calls

This is the general breakdown of the 227 calls for Fire Department assistance.

Structures	3
Vehicle Fires	5
Brush, Leaves, & Grass	7
Chimney Fires	9
Auto Accidents	4
Life Star Landings	1
Calls to Other Towns	9
False or Malfunctioning Alarms ..	46
Water, Smoke, Wires Down, Misc.	108
Hazardous Materials	18
Search and Rescue	3
Carbon Monoxide Calls	14

Stations

As always, station maintenance is a priority. In this past year the West Granby Station's generator building had a new roof put on and gas furnace repairs and up grades were performed at all stations.

Equipment

A new 1,200-gallon a minute pumper is being built and should be complete in October or November 2007.

An upgrade to our Jaws of Life has been completed. A more powerful pump and extra hose reel make the rescue truck able to do two operations at once.

Training

The Department of Homeland Security is requiring all fire departments to take training in the National Incident Management System. All department members and officers are working to complete training in a timely fashion.

The Lost Acres Fire Department was the first in the State of Connecticut to have all members sign a petition pledging to wear seat belts at all times while in a fire truck or any vehicle.

As always, the Lost Acres Fire Department, Inc. pledges the best fire service possible.

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's office is responsible for the protection of lives and property throughout the Town of Granby. The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations dictate when and where fire safety inspections are required. It also assigns responsibilities regarding hazardous materials, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and requires that all fires and explosions be investigated to determine cause and origin.

This office is the only town agency that is required to perform inspections of the commercial tax base and properties on an annual basis. This includes all schools, businesses, day care facilities, industrial and commercial occupancies, and all public assembly properties. These inspections require a working knowledge of over 100 codes and standards. Our main goal is to work with the property owner to gain a code compliant building, providing a safe environment for the public.

The office often fields questions on fire related topics such as code compliance, open burning, and fire-works.

The office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting Joseph Killen, Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments.

Tax collections for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,498. At the end of the fiscal year, 362 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2005 Grand List adjusted levy was \$28,563,873 and the net collections on the current levy were \$28,340,829.
- During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, 99.22% of the adjusted grand levy was collected. This is the highest collection rate the town has seen in thirteen years.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2007 (including back taxes) was \$298,585.

APRIL 2008

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		1 P&R	2	3 CC	4	5
6	7 BOS	8 P&Z	9 IWWC BOE	10 AC	11	12
13	14 Budget 7:00 P.M Public Hearing COA GDC GLB	15 ZBA BOF	16 YSBAB	17 CC	18	19 Passover begins at sundown
20	21 SR-1 week BOS	22 P&Z	23	24	25	26
27	28 Budget 7:00 P.M Town Meeting	29	30			Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.

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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. A seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen may advise the Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities. The Board sponsored its first annual volunteer reception this winter.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 5-18 in a recreational atmosphere. We continue to provide regular programming for soccer, basketball, and skiing, as well as many sport specific clinics throughout the year. Numerous and various youth enrichment activities are offered throughout the year.

For adults, we offer ballroom dancing, belly dancing, tai chi, boating certification, and drop-in basketball. We also have a variety of bus trips throughout the year, which are co-shared with East Granby and Suffield.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for major town events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a

Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playscapes, and a fenced dog area. Each summer we present a "*Sounds of Summer*" concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy an old-fashioned swimming pond. We provide American Red Cross swimming lessons and a quality day camp experience for children in kindergarten through 9th grade including a two-year training program for teens to provide them the opportunity to learn valuable skills and provide us with a list of well-qualified lifeguards and counselors.

Ahrens Park, our newest facility, is located on Hungary Road. This area consists of the community gardens, lacrosse and soccer fields, and the senior baseball field.

We continue to coordinate program planning with neighboring communities to provide more of a variety of leisure activities that the Recreation Department could not provide on its own.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

During fiscal year 2006-2007, the Director of Community Development, Fran Armentano reviewed, analyzed, and reported on 23 Planning and Zoning Commission applications. These applications proposed residential lots, commercial developments, accessory buildings, regulation changes, and more. During this fiscal year the Director worked with applicants on a variety of development projects and continued to promote the preservation of open space. The Director negotiated the purchase of 57 acres of land located at 149 Old Messenger Road for open space preservation. This was followed by the preparation of an Open Space and Recreation Grant application seeking 1/2 of the \$100,000 dollar purchase price.

The Director of Community Development oversees the town's Flood Insurance Program, the contractor bonding process, establishment of new town roads, and operates and coordinates the town's GIS System. This year the Director recommended that the town acquire the lower portion of Cider Mill Heights due to a bankruptcy. The Director will oversee the completion of the road using the developer's bond funds.

This fiscal year the Director worked with the Case Street Area Subcommittee and prepared a report titled "The Case Street Area, A Formula for the Preservation and Devel-

opment of a Unique Section of the Town of Granby". The study was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission as an update to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The Director also prepared amendments regarding the town's Open Space and Recreation Overlay Zone Map; Erosion and Sediment Control; the installation of outside wood burning furnaces; open space requirements and amendments related to the Case Street Area Study.

The Office of Community Development continues to administer the Small Cities Program. The Director oversees the activities and funding of the town's consulting Engineer, Wetlands Officer, and GIS consultant. The Director was pleased to be a speaker this year at the Lions Club meeting, the 2006 Connecticut Forest Conservation Forum, the Granby Women's Breakfast, and the Conservation Commission's "10,000 Acres?" forum. The Director worked with the Capitol Region Council of Governments on Regional Agricultural Regulations and GIS web site development and was asked to participate in the State DEP Grasslands Habitat Conservation Initiative Technical Working Group.

The Director of Community Development works with the Development Commission and other Boards and Commissions as necessary.

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11 Mother's Day	12 BOF COA GDC GLB	13 P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC BOE	15 CC	16	17
18	19 BOS	20 ZBA	21	22	23	24
25	26 SR MFC Memorial Day*	27 SR P&Z	28	29	30	31

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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth. In fiscal year 2006-2007 the Commission welcomed new member John Krug to the Board. The Commission now has a full complement of 6 members with varied backgrounds.

In this fiscal year the Commission met 9 times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission has been monitoring the interest in the newly created T1 zone and has been discussing creative techniques for improving development within the Town Center. The Commission has been discussing the boundaries of the Commercial Center and debating ways to unify the Center through common lighting, signs, building design, and sidewalks through an appropriate mix of uses. The Commission reviewed a proposed site design for a new commercial building within the Center. This fiscal year there were a number of changes within the Center. These changes included the relocation of Lox Stock and Bagels, the establishment of the Chocoholic, the opening of Flowers-N-Such, Do It Best Hardware, Indigo Creations, the significant renovation to Geissler's, and the rehabilitation of the office building at 261 Salmon Brook Street.

During this year the expansion of Arrow Concrete remained under construction, as did the new construction of State Line Propane. Also this year the last unit in the Hunt Glen Residential complex was completed and sold. Hunt Glen was a very significant development for the Town of Granby. Not only is it beautifully designed and attractive, but also provides an alternative type of housing for the community (active adult) while adding significantly to the town's tax base.

Finally, this year the Granby Chamber of Commerce held "Giddy Up to Granby". The Development Commission applauds this effort and recognizes it as a truly wonderful promotional undertaking. "Giddy Up" brought scores of people into Granby to view the fabulously painted horses. It brought the town's businesses together with this common happening and shined a very positive light on the high quality of the town, the businesses, and the extremely talented arts.

OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE!

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Department of Police Services. As such, the MACO is assigned the task of investigating and taking appropriate enforcement action involving domestic animals within the Town of Granby. Wildlife matters are referred to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for management.

The MACO is responsible for operating the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. The Shelter functions as a safe haven for dogs that have been found roaming, and is also utilized as a holding area for animals while investigations are being conducted.

The Shelter continues to receive many donations of food, crates, bedding, and other miscellaneous items that are greatly appreciated. These donations enable the animals kept there to live comfortably, greatly reducing the stress that can be caused by impoundment. Donations are always welcome and arrangements can be made for pick-up or drop off by contacting the MACO through the Granby Department of Police Services at 844-5335.

The following represents a breakdown of the number and types of complaints/services handled by the

Municipal Animal Control Officer during the period of July 1, 2006 though June 30, 2007:

Roaming dogs	153
Barking dogs	17
Nuisance and other dog complaints	47
Vicious dog complaints	3
Cat and dog bites to humans	5
Dogs hit/killed by vehicles	4
Cat complaints	78
Other animal complaints	237
Cruelty complaints	7
Rabies cases (raccoon & woodchuck)	3
Impounded animals	60
Animals redeemed by owners ...	59
Animals sold as pets	1
Animals euthanized or found dead	11
Total number of complaints investigated	685

JUNE 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 BOS	3 P&R	4 BOE	5 CC	6	7
8	9 BOF COA GDC GLB	10 P&Z	11 YSBAB IWWC	12 AC	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 BOS	17 ZBA	18 BOE	19 CC	20	21
22	23	24 P&Z	25	26	27	28
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

For all future primaries and elections, voters in District 1 and 2 will now vote at one new central polling site, located at the Granby Memorial High School's Community Gym. This is a permanent change that will accommodate the increased space requirements for the 30 new voting booths to be used with the new optical scan voting machines.

The introduction of new voting machines was finally implemented by the Secretary of State's office in 2007. The Optical Scan Voting System reads paper ballots, which are filled out by voters just like a lotto ticket, by filling in the ovals next to their chosen candidates. At the end of the night the results are tallied by the voting machine and the results are reflected on a paper printout. We will now have a paper ballot trail. Should there be any questions regarding the results, we will be able to hand audit all future elections. This new system will be implemented for the first time at the Municipal Election on November 6, 2007. Each polling district now has a state of the art, handicapped accessible "vote by phone" system at the polls. Both of these new voting systems were financed through previously approved federal funding.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to make sure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2007, we added 435 new voters, changed 1,014 records and removed 367 voters from our official list. There are currently 6,786 active registered voters in Granby: 2,845 Unaffiliated, 2,147 Republican, 1,781 Democrat, 7 Green, and 6 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there were state primaries for Republicans and Democrats in August; a Gubernatorial election in November; and four town meetings. No referendums were held.

ID is now required on all voter registration forms. All state offices, including all libraries, town halls, DMV, and social services offices, are providing these voter registration forms. Please note that state voter registration forms can be used to report changes in address, name, or political party, as well as to register as a new voter. If you are going to be away for an election, absentee ballot applications need to be filed with the Town Clerk's office. Please allow time for the ballot to be mailed and returned. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available on the web at: www.sots.state.ct.us. If you need to reach the Registrar's office for any reason, you can stop by or call on Wednesdays – our office hours at the town hall are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, you can send an e-mail to: vr.granby@po.state.ct.us at any time. Or, leave a phone message using voicemail: # 860-844-5322; or use our mailing address: Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

The current registrars are Peter Goff (Republican) and Laura Wolfe (Democrat). Their duties include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. The registrars are also responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on the assessments from aggrieved taxpayers and reviewing valuations set by the Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review and adjustment, before appeal is made to the courts. In exercising its functions as an appeal agency, the Board may reduce or increase a taxpayer's assessment through valuation change. The Board may also add to the Assessor's list, the names of any property owners omitted and make supplemental lists of any taxable property omitted by the Assessor.

The Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Granby is comprised of three elected Granby residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed two appeals during their meetings held in March of 2006 and both received an adjustment. One was for a Veteran's Exemption and the other was for a handicap accessible addition.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

JULY 2008

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		1 P&R	2	3 CC	4 MFC Independence Day*	5
6	7 BOS	8 P&Z	9 IWWC	10 AC	11	12
13	14 BOF GLB	15 ZBA	16 BOE	17 CC	18	19
20	21 BOS	22 P&Z	23	24	25	26
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To most town residents, plowing snow is considered to be the main role of a Public Works Department. Today however, the role of the Public Works employee is varied and changing. New development, increased participation in sporting and recreation activities, and a need for more robust services has shifted the duties of the Department. We spend more time on park maintenance and construction than we ever did on snow plowing. It's an invigorating change in the scope and breadth of responsibilities that our crews welcome. With general guidance from the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, town committees, department heads, and most importantly the residents of Granby, we undertake each new activity with enthusiasm.

Our road rehabilitation program improved $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of development roads, and our overlay program covered another 3.5 miles last year. Building maintenance activities remained high as more residents took advantage of the facilities. Town Hall HVAC improvements continued with the goal of lowering fuel costs and improving comfort levels. Our part time staff continues to be a valuable asset to our full time crew in building and park maintenance and the operations at the town transfer station.

Phase III of Cider Mill Heights was added to the town's road network this past year, adding another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the road inventory. We anticipate the third phase of Cider Mill Heights to be added soon.

Maintenance of the road network requires an extensive road improvement program. The following streets were paved last year as part of the overlay program:

Kearns Drive	Kearns Circle
Day Street South	Laurel Drive
Firetown Road	Fielding Woods Road
Total linear miles paved = 3.5 miles	

A ten-year Capital Improvement plan is developed to reconstruct roads that have failed. The following streets were reconstructed:

Round Hill Road	Duncaster Circle
Duncaster Woods	
Total linear miles reconstructed = .74 miles	



Street sweeping mileage was at 89.5 miles and over 900 catch basins were cleaned. We anticipate a reduction in our sweeping program as we adjust our winter sand and salt mix. A higher ratio of salt is being used to reduce the sand build up along roads and in the town's streams and brooks.

Public Works crews managed 15 storms (32.5 inches of snow) last winter to keep roads open and safe. The Department utilized 1,670 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. Town forces screened another 3,000 cubic yards of sand in the fall for winter maintenance operations.

Improvements to Ahrens Park continued with the addition of more foul line fencing and tree clearing to allow unimpeded play for Senior

League ball players. We are utilizing an organic fertilizer program for athletic turf throughout the town and have been very pleased with the performance of the fields.

The Granby Little League Association added dugouts to the newest ball field at Salmon Brook Park. Public Works crews will maintain this new ball field, as well as field hockey fields and lawn areas for resident activities. Additionally, town greens, cemeteries, and municipal complex grounds are mowed, weeded, lined, planted, and watered. Town crews also expanded the north parking lot at Salmon Brook Park to accommodate the growing number of park users. Public Works crews also clean and maintain the 18 public buildings located throughout town.

Our dedicated mechanics service over 60 vehicles and numerous other pieces of equipment for the Public Works Department, Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Over 4,000 hours are dedicated to repair and preventive maintenance. The fleet includes dump trucks, police cruisers, senior vans, administration vehicles, excavators, and other assorted equipment.

Recycling rates for town residents remains very high. Residents disposed of 4,300 tons of solid waste and 757 tons of recyclable material at the curb. The Transfer Station collected over 350 tons of electronics, metal, mixed paper, cardboard, and textiles for recycling. We also collected 3,000 gallons of waste oil, 2,500 gallons of which the town utilizes to heat the DPW garage.

The Department will continue to provide excellent services while keeping costs down, and to complete any task no matter how big or small.

AUGUST 2008

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3	4 BOS	5 P&R	6	7	8	9
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THE GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2006-2007 school year was characterized by opening our doors and professional practice to a broader audience. An expanded Kelly Lane Intermediate School literally opened its doors to sixth grade students in September and to the community at



a building re-dedication ceremony in June 2007. Two new programs were housed in Granby intermediate schools – an after-school day care program in partnership with the Farmington Valley YMCA and a district tuition-based extended day kindergarten program.

Granby Memorial High School began the year with a spirited celebration in recognition of its CT Vanguard High Performing School award and ended the year by welcoming back members of the 50th Granby Memorial High School graduating class. Granby Memorial Middle School instituted two parent visitation days and a grandparents' day. Four educators from China spent three days in Granby in September. This international focus continued in the spring with student delegations from Japan and France. Granby also hosted the state competition for the Readers' Digest Word Power Challenge and the

New England "Trills and Thrills" music event.

The district administrative team visited classrooms in each school on two different days as part of the district focus on instruction and student achievement. In March, a delegation of eleven Superintendents, three CT Center for School Change staff members, and a Harvard professor visited middle school classrooms. In May, the high school hosted sixteen educators for four days as part of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process. The high school also completed a federal Civil Rights Compliance Review.

Student achievement is at the center of our practice. Student results on the Connecticut Mastery and Academic Performance Tests (CMT & CAPT) continue to be solid. Participation rates and scores have improved on Scholastic Achievement Tests. The Advanced Placement program shows similar results with increased courses, enrollment, and test scores. The Granby Teacher of the Year was selected as a state semi-finalist and an increasing number of individual students were recognized for their achievements. The *Connecticut Magazine* rated Granby schools second in the state for towns with a population from 10,000 to 15,000.

The success of the Granby Schools is directly related to consistent community support. Together, we can continue to be proud of our students and our schools!

HOLCOMB FARM LEARNING CENTER, INC.

As a registered nonprofit organization, Holcomb Farm Learning Center, Inc. is responsible for managing and operating a 320-acre site located on Simsbury Road in West Granby. Tudor and Laura Holcomb willed the farm to UConn to use for agricultural and educational purposes. When such usage did not come to fruition, the Town of Granby reclaimed the farm and undertook an exploration of possible uses. In 1993, the Granby Board of Selectmen approved a plan presented by The Friends of Holcomb Farm to utilize the facility in a manner that would take advantage of the farm's many resources. The land and facilities are owned by the Town of Granby and are leased to the Holcomb Farm Learning Center, Inc.

The primary programs of the Holcomb Farm are arts, environment, agriculture, and passive recreation. The arts and environmental science programs offer a wide variety of classes year round for children and adults from Granby and the Greater Hartford Area. School groups, scout groups, home school groups, and the general public come to the farm for programs ranging from watercolors to bird watching hikes, and from Native American studies to Colonial Crafts. In the summertime, the farm offers a seven-week camp for preschoolers through eighth graders, focusing on arts, nature, multiculturalism, and fun. The programs and camps are funded in part from gifts from individuals and foundations. This past year approximately 11,184 children and 1,266

adults from Granby, Hartford, and surrounding towns participated in programs and events at the farm.

The Holcomb Farm Board of Directors has launched the farm's first capital campaign. The driving forces behind this campaign are the goals to preserve the farm's historic barns and farmhouse, and to increase the space useable for programs as demand for the farm's offerings continue to grow.

Passive recreation available at the farm includes a variety of hiking, cross country skiing, and horse trails throughout the 320 acres, which are open to the public dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. The farm has sheep, rabbits, chickens, ducks, reptiles, and amphibians that are a source of enjoyment and education for visitors to the farm.

In 1994, Holcomb Farm formed a partnership with the Hartford Food System to establish the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The CSA grows over 130,000 lbs. of produce each year, using sustainable practices, on 20 acres of the farm. Individuals, families, and organizations purchase shares and come each week to the farm to pick up their fresh produce. A significant portion of the fresh produce is distributed to low-income individuals and families in the Greater Hartford area, including Granby.

For further information, visit the website at www.holcombfarm.org or phone the farm at Holcomb Farm Learning Center, 860-844-8616 or the CSA at 860-653-5554.

SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.	1 MFC Labor Day*	2 P&R BOS	3	4 CC	5	6
	7	8 BOF COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z	10 YSBAB IWWC	11 AC	12
14	15 BOS	16 ZBA	17 BOE	18 CC	19	20
21	22	23 P&Z	24	25	26	27
28	29 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	30				

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SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the nationally accredited Granby Senior Center is to maximize the social, physical and educational well being of older adults, nurture relationships and foster independence through involvement in the Senior Center community.

The Center offers a wide variety of social, educational, recreational, and health related programs as well as professional assistance where needed. The Granby Senior Center is a focal point of services and activities for the seniors in the community. A variety of programs are offered including: a Congregate Meal Program, exercise classes, computer classes, billiards league, camera, art and needle working groups, educational and health programs, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, and the Senior Club. Other special programs include AARP Drivers' Course, Medicare counseling, and tax preparation assistance. Senior Services also provides assistance in the areas of transportation, benefit counseling, and referrals.

There are six (6) staff members in this department including the Transportation Coordinator, Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, two Senior Van Drivers, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Members	509
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	188
Congregate Meal Program Participants	78
Congregate Meals Served	3,486
Exercise Class Participants	177
Tax Preparation Assistance	133

Senior Services operates two senior vans to transport riders to activities at the senior center as well as for grocery shopping, health clinics, educational and social programs, as well as for special trips and exhibits. The vans are used to transport wheelchair bound riders to medical appointments.

The volunteer van drivers donated over 500 hours of driving time to the program this year. Donations from riders, the Granby Community Fund and the Connecticut Department of Transportation assist with funding the van service.

Senior Van Statistics

Number of Registered Riders	155
Number of Drivers	10
Hours of Operation	1,586
Miles Traveled	16,761
Number of Passenger Trips	6,103



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- The newly established Adventure Club held 30 events including hiking, kayaking, and rock climbing. Thirty-five seniors participated in the program throughout the year.
- The Hartford Foundation approved a grant of \$116,250 for senior center and youth service staffing to enhance intergenerational programming over the next three years. Bridges, an intergenerational program was introduced as part of this initiative. Eight seniors and 15 fourth/fifth-grade students worked together in a six-week session to develop relationships and explore the theme of aging as a life-long process.
- Theme dinners were held throughout the year to bolster senior center activities in the evening. Themes included Oktoberfest, Polynesian Luau, Italian Night, and Valentines' Day. An average of 60 people attended each dinner.

OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 CC	3	4
5	6 BOS	7 P&R	8 YSBAB IWWC Yom Kippur begins at sundown	9 AC	10	11
12 Columbus Day	13 SR Columbus Day (observed)	14 BOF COA GDC P&Z	15 BOE	16 CC	17	18
19	20 GLB BOS	21 ZBA	22	23	24	25
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YOUTH SERVICES

The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau (YSB) with support from the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board. The Bureau receives income from many sources including municipal funding, grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

The Youth Service Bureau employs a Youth Counselor and a Youth Program Coordinator. In addition, the Youth Service Bureau sponsored four Master's level interns to allow for more complete counseling services. The staff is available for consultation about parenting, emotional/behavioral issues and support. The YSB also provides programming for positive youth development, leadership training and prevention.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Author and Parenting expert, Anthony Wolf, presented "THE SECRET OF PARENTING: What Works and What Doesn't with Today's Kids," to 35 people.
- W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!), an experiential group for high school age girls, provided approximately 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.
- Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.) sponsored two 6th grade dances, each enjoyed by approximately 280 youth. The proceeds from these dances were utilized to create a fund to offer a \$500 Y.A.C. scholarship to two graduating seniors. Y.A.C. also participated in the Connecticut Youth Leadership forum at the State Capitol.
- The Middle School Y.W.O.W.! program graduated to a weekly after-school program. This group provided psycho-educational and social skills counseling via group-chosen topics.

- Two new after school programs, Kid-Chill and Bridges, were launched, serving approximately 40 children.
- The Grandparent/Grandchild Breakfast hosted 139 people, offering an entertaining intergenerational experience for all. The Grandparents as Parents support group met each week to discuss issues unique to re-parenting parents.
- Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) connects adults who need services such as babysitting, lawn care, cleaning, and pet care with youth who would like to work.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	78 cases, 175 persons
Total Granby children served ...	174
Total East Granby Children	17
Total clinical hours	1,362
After school programming	93 youth
Preschool programming	28 children
Parent presentations	75 adults



NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.						1
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 BOS	4 SR P&R Election Day	5	6 CC	7	8
9	10 BOF COA GDC GLB	11 MFC Veteran's Day	12 P&Z YSBAB IWWC	13 AC	14	15
16	17 BOS	18 ZBA	19 BOE	20 CC	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 SR MFC Thanksgiving Day*	28 SR MFC	29
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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Mission Statement

"We support intellectual freedom and the right of individuals to read, learn and gather together in a safe, friendly, welcoming environment. We provide free access to a diversity of ideas, resources, and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing and encouraging life-long learning with a variety of resources."

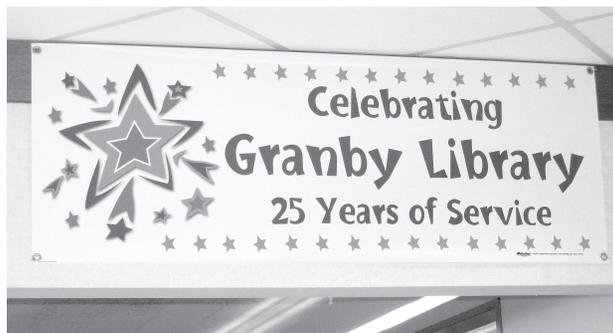
In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, \$411,847 was appropriated for library services provided by Granby Public Library and the Frederick H. Cossitt Library branch. The nine-member Granby Library Board, led by Chair Lynn Lochhead, meets the second Monday of each month and welcomes public attendance. In February, the Library Board completed and presented "The Libraries of Granby: Growing to Meet Community Needs," its long-range plan for library services 2007-2011. The plan addresses collection development, technology, community enrichment, staffing, customer service, public relations, outreach and partnerships, as well as the need for the expansion of Granby Public Library. On April 29, several hundred people celebrated Silver Sunday, the 25th anniversary of Granby Public Library at its present location. The Cossitt Children's Room re-opened following the completion of repairs and improvements.

Circulation and Collections

For Fiscal Year 2006-07, patrons borrowed 158,039 items. Books still account for the majority of items circulated at 56%. Since 1982 when the 'new library' opened, there has been a 141% increase in the circulation of library materials and a 104% increase in the size of the collection. Collection favorites include "Rapid Reads," Playaways (a new recorded book format), books on CD, updated travel, home repair selections, museum passes, manga and anime in the Teen Zone, and multiple copies of Acorn and Nutmeg books. Inter-library loan requests, which may be placed online or at the library, increased 16%.

Services for Children, Teens, and Adults

The 2006 summer reading program invited children, teens, and adults to "Giddy Up and Read." Summer events included family storytimes, book



discussions, Mother Goose stories, crafts, a visit from the Rock Cats mascot, and teddy bear picnics. Special programs included "Skunk Grease and Turpentine", "Connecticut Invents", "Cars and Trucks and Things That Go," and Scouts Story and Craft Times. Special children's programs during the year included storytimes for children entering kindergarten, visits to first and second grade classrooms, a Connecticut Opera presentation of Pinocchio, "Miss Maggie's" storytimes for one year olds, a series of Little Scientists programs created and presented by a volunteer parent, and a Kids Craft and Tag Sale. At Cossitt, children could "Saddle Up and Read" and join one of the summer reading clubs. Programs included Lego Mania, a Tie Dye program, Miniature Horses, and concluded with Cossitt's traditional Curious George Picnic and Sundae Party.

The Teen Zone features a collection of fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, recorded books, magazines, comics, and DVDs. The Teen SF/Fantasy book group meets monthly and occasionally holds a movie day. Several high school students completed their school community service hours at the library. Cossitt Library offered a program on college aid.

Granby took part in "The Big Read," a nationwide program created by the National Endowment for the Arts to revitalize the role of literary reading in American culture. Granby also cooperated with area libraries in "One Book One Valley", a series of programs and book discussions of *Girls of Tender Age* and culminating in an author appearance by Mary Ann Tirone Smith. Other adult programs included: Vienna Voices, Get Organized, Sugar Blues, Starbucks book discussions, and two Literature for a Lifetime discussions at Hunt Glen. Active book groups include: Something About the Author, Tuesday Morning Book Group, and Let's Talk About It, a new Cossitt discussion group led by volunteers. There was a 16% increase in the number of programs offered and a 50% increase in attendance, even though many of the larger programs Granby Public Library offers are held offsite. Museum passes, photocopy and fax services, and tax forms are other popular services offered by both libraries.

Connections

The Granby 'card catalog' is available online on the library page at www.granby-ct.gov. Staff and

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.	1 BOS	2 P&R	3	4 CC	5	6
	7	8 BOF COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z	10 IWWC	11 AC	12
14	15 BOS	16 ZBA	17 BOE	18 CC	19	20
21 Hanukkah begins at sundown	22	23 P&Z	24	25 SR MFC Christmas Day*	26 SR MFC	27
28	29 SR-1 week	30	31 New Year's Eve			

*Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of the week.

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed SR = School Recess

TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC Agriculture Commission 7:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm.
 Board of Assessment Appeals Call Town Hall for dates & times
 BOE ... Board of Education 7:00 p.m. Central Office
 BOF ... Board of Finance 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.

BOS ... Board of Selectmen 7:30 p.m. Town Hall
 COA .. Commission on Aging 1:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 CC Conservation Commission 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 GDC .. Granby Development Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 GLB ... Granby Library Board 7:30 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries

IWWC ... Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 P&R Park & Recreation Board 7:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 P&Z Planning & Zoning Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 YSBAB.. Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 ZBA Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

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volunteers completed the addition of Cossitt adult collection information to this catalog. Public access computers, including wireless internet access, are offered at both libraries. As a participant in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program, Granby welcomes patrons from other towns and Granby borrowers with up-to-date Granby Library cards can use all other public libraries. Circulation of items to out-of-town borrowers increased 12%.

Granby has consistently been a leading user of the statewide 24/7 reference service InfoAnytime. In the 2007 InfoAnytime challenge, Granby Public Library was the top team in its bracket and ended

the statewide competition as the 1st runner up to Manchester Community College. This is a fine showing for our small town.

The libraries participated in community activities. Cossitt Library and "Mr. Cossitt" welcomed visitors as part of the Salmon Brook Historical Society's December House Tour. The library entered the Bookies as a team in the Gran-Bee. Staff and volunteers made monthly book deliveries to senior housing units.

Memberships in the Connecticut Library Consortium, American Library Association, and Connecticut Library Association afford Granby the

opportunity to take advantage of cooperative discounts, programming, and education.

Friends, Volunteers, and the Library Community

The libraries have the support of many individuals and organizations, including the Friends of Granby Public Library, Friends of Cossitt Library, Granby Library Association, Granby Pharmacy, Small World, and the Connecticut Humanities Council. More than 20 individuals volunteer on a regular basis assisting with bar-coding and data entry, book processing, programs, and book deliveries.

CIRCULATION 2006-2007

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	42,270	2,630	44,900
Teen Books	3,868	267	4,135
Children's Books	34,911	4,059	38,970
Adult Magazines	10,012	1,945	11,957
Teen Magazines	810	16	826
Children's Magazines	1,048	83	1,131
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	8,262	272	8,534
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	645	16	661
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,928	189	2,117
Adult CD-ROM and Software	70	0	70
Teen CD-ROM and Software	63	0	63
Children's CD-ROM and Software	528	8	536
Adult Video and DVDs	16,071	2,763	18,834
Teen Video and DVDs	3,867	0	3,867
Children's Video and DVDs	12,465	1,040	13,505
Realia, Puppets, Toys	565	34	599
Museum Passes	368	39	407
Adult Computers	4,098	456	4,554
Teen Computers	1,854	0	1,854
Children's Computers	519	0	519
Total	144,222	13,817	158,039

COLLECTION 2006-2007

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	32,376	4,918	37,294
Teen Books	2,420	345	2,765
Children's Books	14,897	7,541	22,438
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,839	136	1,975
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	213	31	244
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	580	213	793
Adult CD-ROM and Software	7	0	7
Teen CD-ROM and Software	21	2	23
Children's CD-ROM and Software	136	36	172
Adult Video and DVDs	1,970	648	2,618
Teen Video and DVDs	410	0	410
Children's Video and DVDs	1,106	346	1,452
Realia, Puppets, Toys	96	87	183
Museum Passes	31	5	36
Adult Computers	5	2	7
Teen Computers	3	1	4
Children's Computers	6	2	8
Total	56,116	14,313	70,429

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SUBSCRIPTIONS	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Magazines	160	60	220
Teen Magazines	17	0	17
Children's Magazines	28	3	31
Newspapers	8	5	13
CONNECTICARD LOANS	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Loans to Out-of-Town Patrons	26,365	1,481	27,846
INTERLIBRARY LOANS	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Loans to Other Libraries	877	0	877
Loans from Other Libraries	2,416	0	2,416
PROGRAMS OFFERED	Granby	Cossitt	Total
# Adult Programs	42	7	49
# Teen Programs	84	0	84
# Children's Programs	209	41	250
# Family Programs	113	4	117
Total Programs Offered	448	52	500
PROGRAMS ATTENDANCE	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Programs	811	162	973
Teen Programs	394	0	394
Children's Programs	3,636	337	3,973
Family Programs	3,518	169	3,687
Total Programs Attendance	8,359	668	9,027

SOCIAL SERVICES

The focus of the Social Services Department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services, to increase community awareness of these services, and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. Services offered directly through this office include:

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL – Over 1,000 personal and telephone inquiries were responded to with referrals being made to agencies for a wide range of services including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, day care, home health and nursing services, medical care, housing, and entitlement programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 68 households to assist with over \$27,200 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$7,300 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF – Thirty-four applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of \$13,150 to qualified applicants.

FARMERS' PRODUCE/GRANBY COUPON PROJECT – Administered in conjunction with the Granby Conservation Commission this project is funded by a Conservation Commission sponsored fund-raiser and donations from churches, businesses, civic groups, and individuals. The program continues to be a popular one, providing over \$760 dollars worth of fresh produce to participants. The project also purchased an organizational share from the Holcomb Farm. The two programs served 80 participants.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE – Through the generosity of many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups the Local Assistance Fund received over \$8,100 of donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Seventy-four households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a town-wide effort of concern and generosity, provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to 40 households, and holiday gifts to 66 children.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

After spending a significant portion of last year studying the options and benefits of home care technology, the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association has successfully implemented a number of exciting initiatives which will enhance patient care, ease the paperwork burden for caregiving staff and improve the efficiency of Agency operations. A new home health agency and hospice software system was purchased in the fall of 2006 with full transition as of December 1st. The migration to this new state of the art system also necessitated the purchase and implementation of new hardware, bringing staff to new levels of efficiency and productivity.

In January 2007, a new telehealth program was also initiated to offer a higher level of patient health status monitoring remotely via technology from the patient's home to the FV-VNA office. With simple to use, highly sensitive and accurate monitors, the FV-VNA now has the ability to receive a patient's vital signs on a regular basis and evaluate any changes in their condition or health care trends. This technology does not replace the "hands on" care provided by clinicians, but supplements it. Patients and families have enthusiastically received this new program and it is expected to grow in popularity as the benefits are documented with our patients and their physicians.

The last and one of the most complex milestones in this massive technology overhaul was to train staff and implement laptop computers for use in the FV-VNA's clinical care. During the month of February 2007, all professional caregiving staff were trained to use the new software and to maintain computerized patient clinical records. The FV-VNA has purchased a number of advanced notebook PCs

for clinical use and these highly sophisticated machines now allow staff to access and document patient care more efficiently in a new, virtually paperless format. Added benefits to this amazing technology include our ability to securely transmit current clinical data to the clinician's laptop and back to the FV-VNA office to assure patient related information is current and accurate.

Despite this tremendous undertaking, the FV-VNA has continued its unwavering commitment to the Farmington Valley and residents of Granby by providing a comprehensive variety of home health care, hospice services, and illness prevention programs to residents of all ages, without regard for ability to pay or insurance limitations. Despite continuing financial and other challenges associated with the delivery of health care, the Farmington Valley VNA is proud to still be one of the few remaining traditional and non-profit visiting nurse associations, which is not owned or operated by a hospital or larger health care system. This important distinction assures Granby residents that community needs remain a true priority and that funding is utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

Services available to Granby residents through the FV-VNA's home care program include:

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Services
- Telemonitoring
- Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services
- Private Duty Aide Services
- Intravenous Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling
- Companion Services

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management and digital photography for more accurate and timely treatment, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing, early rehabilitation programs after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and early maternity discharge services.

The FV-VNA's outstanding Hospice Program has also continued to support many individuals and families who need this specialized care when dealing with a life limiting illness. Highly trained and compassionate staff have made a positive difference in the quality of many patients' lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this wonderful program.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to be unique in that it operates a distinct and separate Community Programs Department, housed in the FV-VNA's Granby office, with the goals of illness prevention, health promotion, and education. Regrettably, many home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to cost and realignment of service priorities. Community Programs remain a cornerstone of the FV-VNA, particularly due to its historic roots as a public health nursing organization. Multiple services are offered which focus on maintaining healthy lifestyles, illness prevention, and health education. Nearly 4,000 residents attended one or more community wellness programs last year. Many programs are offered at little or no cost thanks to funding from the Town of Granby which include:

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- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Foot Care Clinics
- Wellness Walking Programs
- Health Screenings for Businesses and Groups
- Ear Assessment/Irrigation Programs
- Vision and Hearing Testing
- Tuberculosis Screenings
- Flu/Pneumonia Clinics
- Health Care Education Programs
- CPR, AED and First Aid Courses for groups

In addition, we continue to be pleased to offer School Health Services in the Granby Public School System, and a vibrant, accessible Food Bank for local residents and families in need of support.

As a local, free standing, non-profit organization, continued financial support from community residents, area businesses and service organizations is absolutely essential for the FV-VNA's future survival. Reimbursement from state, federal, and private insurance payors is remaining flat in the upcoming year despite natural increases in operating costs and the concern of a growing nursing shortage. The Farmington Valley VNA is quickly approaching its 100th anniversary in 1908, and is very pleased to be a vital and essential health care organization serving Granby residents.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Our website continued to be redesigned to include all of the emergency preparedness information for the district's residents, as well as, making most of our forms available for the public to download and print. Of course, the new website continues to provide our Food Service Ratings program – the only one of its kind currently available in the State of Connecticut. Please visit the website <http://www.fvhd.org>, and consider volunteering to assist with our emergency preparedness efforts.

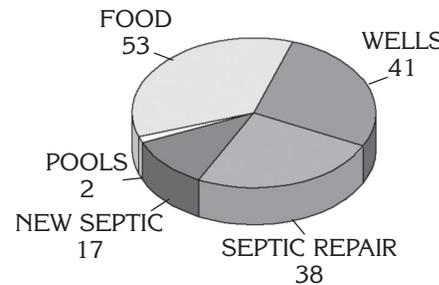
The district and its staff continued its efforts in planning for emergencies, particularly those associated with bioterrorism and pandemic influenza. We are active participants in the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC), and the district's staff participated in several regional exercises. Specifically, our staff members were involved in the design, operation, and evaluation of numerous tabletop exercises at the town and regional level.

Special attention was given to the public school systems and their planning for a possible pandemic of influenza.

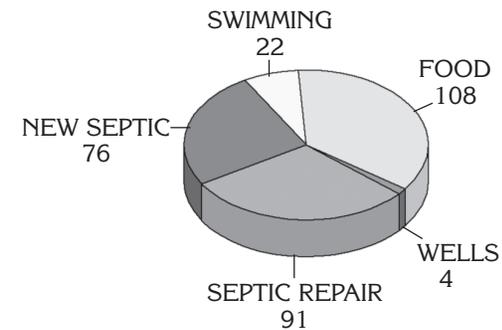
The district continued its annual effort to insure that the residents of the Farmington Valley Health District receive vaccinations to protect them from influenza by purchasing 7,650 doses of vaccine for the vaccination efforts of its various local public health system partners – the largest purchase of flu vaccine by any health department (state or local) in Connecticut.

The food service program held 18 training seminars for food service workers and trained 182 individuals. Two new food service facilities opened, and two closed during the fiscal year in Granby. Although the health district was short staffed for much of the year, it continued to provide the following environmental health services to the residents of Granby:

Environmental Health Activities (FY 06-07)



PERMITS



SITE VISITS/INSPECTIONS

Food Permits = Annual + Temporary

BUILDING OFFICIAL

The activity level this past year was not consistent with past years for new residential structures. The Village at Hunt Glen was completed. Home starts that have been predominantly large single-family homes have significantly slowed, causing the lowest number in over a decade. Material prices were stable but labor and land costs including development costs remain high. Activity in commercial construction and residential additions has been steady with the cost and complexity of additions going up. Kelly Lane School was completed and the renovation of Geissler's has begun. Construction in the coming year is expected to be steady and considered to be average for a department of this size based on national standards of staffing. As

you may know, Granby provides inspection services to Hartland where 125 permits were issued.

In addition to our responsibility of administering and enforcing the Building Code, our department provides administrative support to the Planning and Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Zoning Enforcement, and Fire Marshal's Office. The Building Official is also the designated Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is responsible for reviewing applications for Zoning Compliance and responding to complaints concerning violation of Granby's Zoning Regulations. We also act as a liaison between the utility companies and the contractor/homeowner for service changes and emergency situations.

<i>Building Permits Issued</i>	<i>Number of Permits</i>	<i>Total Construction Cost</i>
1. New Houses	20	2,905,140
2. New Commercial/Permits	34	783,502
3. Additions	93	2,441,680
4. All Others/Garages/Barns	589	3,408,895
TOTAL	736	\$9,539,217

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	<i>Houses</i>		<i>Residential</i>		<i>Commercial</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
2006	20	2,905,140	682	5,850,575	34	783,502	736	9,539,217
2005	37	5,839,856	813	5,754,353	45	2,037,160	895	13,631,369
2004	63	9,328,082	821	5,461,451	50	415,503	934	15,205,036
2003	64	10,782,035	526	3,966,996	23	697,235	613	15,446,266
2002	61	9,798,067	753	4,046,033	41	6,684,747	855	20,528,847
2001	65	10,977,652	757	3,374,941	18	6,678,833	840	21,031,426
2000	77	10,610,853	876	2,444,463	10	1,176,575	963	14,231,901
1999	58	7,918,747	749	4,394,096	7	169,765	814	12,482,608
1998	65	7,025,900	773	4,814,532	14	502,278	852	12,345,710
1997	66	7,572,384	572	3,463,005	16	202,710	654	11,238,099
1996	48	5,039,049	532	3,251,806	19	87,344	699	8,378,199
1995	82	9,561,740	962	4,340,865	12	210,500	1,056	14,113,105

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering Services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Edward Sweeney, P.E. In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the Town Engineer worked an average of 60 hours per month. The Town Engineer advises the Planning and Zoning Commission and attends their meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various applications and conducts numerous field inspections, assuring that the construction of new roads comply with engineering standards and road specifications. The Town Engineer also inspects private roads to assure compliance with the specific town approvals. Roads that were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as new town roads and were under construction in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 included Powder Mill Lane, and a part of Cider Mill Heights that will connect the upper and lower portions.

In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the Town Engineer assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, sewers, bridges, a wash bay facility, Bank Street lighting, diversion permit, and landfill monitoring. He also marked out numerous Call-Before-U-Dig locations, inspected construction sites, inspected sewer lateral installations, and prepared bond estimates.

This year the Town Engineer worked on Erosion and Sedimentation Control and measured and continued work on a state mandated Stormwater Management Plan. He also worked on the five corners improvement plan, the Silver Street Bridge renovations, the transfer station stormwater permit, and the Salmon Brook Park footbridge. The Town Engineer continues to work on the completion of the Cider Mill Heights Section III roadway, which will be completed in the fall of 2007.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Commission members volunteered in August 2006 to support the annual Hazardous Waste Collection effort held in Simsbury, CT. This event gathers stronger community awareness and participation each year, helping to mitigate and prevent the unlawful disposition or dumping of hazardous waste into landfills. The collection effort has the ultimate impact of protecting ground water and watersheds from such materials that might otherwise be leached out of landfills into the surrounding environment.

The State of Connecticut allows for the establishment of protective guidelines for designated trap rock ridgelines, several of which are located within the confines of Granby. The Commission spent a great deal of time this past year assessing other community's (Canton, Barkhamsted, Simsbury) efforts and approaches for establishing planning and development guidelines aimed at protecting ridgelines, some of which have gone beyond only protecting trap rock formations. Such protections would be aimed at mitigating the environmental impact of development and to maintain the aesthetic quality of the ridgelines within the community. The Commission expects to conclude its research in the latter half of 2007 and publish its recommendations in early 2008.

In April 2007, the Commission sponsored a public forum at the Senior Center entitled "10,000 Acres?"

The forum focused on the status and need for open space in the town in order to maintain and enhance Granby's character as a community and to meet its future recreational, agricultural, and space preservation needs. Keynote speakers included Put Brown, Fran Armentano, Charlie Katan, Sally King, and Bill Bentley. The event was recorded by Granby Community TV and showed on repeated public broadcasts on GCTV throughout the summer months.

In June 2007, the Commission co-sponsored and promoted a rain barrel sale with the Farmington Valley River Association in order to encourage residential water conservation and use of rainwater from rooftops. The New England Rain Barrel Company recorded reserved advanced sales of over 100 barrels, a record for the event. Sales demand forced an additional event in Collinsville, CT later that month. Commission members attended the event and handed out informational brochures concerning Connecticut's SmartEnergy program, promoting a shift to alternative sources of energy for residential electrical supply.

The Commission was asked to review and comment on several residential development plans during the course of the year. Commission members reviewed the proposed plans and provided input concerning environmental impact issues.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have significant adverse impacts to wetlands or watercourses.

The Commission reviews activities within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses. Proposed activities in upland review areas are subject to a Request for Review of Activity. The requests are examined and acted on by the Designated Wetland Agent, often after a review from the full Commission at their monthly meeting.

The town continues to contract with the North Central Conservation District Inc. to provide services as the consulting Wetland Agent. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby.

An important change in leadership of the Commission occurred this year, as Charlie Katan resigned as Chairman. He was a founding member of both the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and Conservation Commission, and has served as both the Chairman and

Wetland Agent for the Commission. His dedication to the town and to the conservation of Granby's natural resources is greatly appreciated by his fellow commission members and the community. He will continue to serve as a member of the Commission. David Tolli took over as Chairman in December 2006.

In fiscal year 2006-07, sixteen actions were taken by the Commission, including approval of four amendments to wetland boundaries and 11 permit approvals for activities within wetlands or upland review areas. Three of the approvals involved maintenance dredging of existing ponds, and two permitted logging activities. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but restricted and regulated activities to minimize wetland impacts.

The Wetland Agent took action on 30 Requests for Reviews.

In this fiscal year, the Commission began a complete review of the existing Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. It is anticipated that a complete restructuring of the regulations, based upon the State Department of Environmental Protection model regulations, will be adopted in fiscal year 2007-08.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2006-2007 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 19 regular meetings where the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit and zoning amendment applications, requests for site plan approvals and modifications, subdivision and re-subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions on a variety of issues, recommended the acceptance of roads and established, reduced, and released security agreements and bonds.

In fiscal year 2006-2007 the Commission took in 23 new applications. The revenue generated from these applications was just over \$4,949. This fiscal year, three subdivision applications were filed seeking the approval of five residential building lots and two commercial lots. All were approved. As part of the five-lot subdivision approval, the Commission agreed to accept a fee in lieu of open space in the amount of \$33,000. The funds will be added to a special account for the future purchase of open space.

Also in this fiscal year the Commission:

- Approved a Bed and Breakfast for property located at 151 North Granby Road;
- Approved a proposed amendment to the town's Open Space and Recreation Overlay Zone Map;
- Approved an additional building of 4,000 square feet for property located at 504 Salmon Brook Street, State Line Propane;
- Amended the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations concerning Erosion and Sediment Control;

- Approved the sale of alcoholic beverages for the Granby Chinese Restaurant;
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations to prohibit the installation of outside wood burning furnaces;
- Adopted an amendment to the Granby Plan of Conservation and Development by adding a study titled: The Case Street Area, A Formula for the Preservation and Development of a Unique Section of the Town of Granby;
- Renewed a Special Permit for earth excavation for Tilcon, Inc., property located at 536 Salmon Brook Street;
- Approved a Subdivision Regulation amendment regarding open space requirements;
- Approved a florist, Flowers-N-Such for property at 28 East Granby Road;
- Approved an application for an accessory apartment 379 North Granby Road; and
- Approved 2 separate applications for barns in excess of 1,000 square feet.

Four applications remained undecided at the close of the year and one was withdrawn.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals held five meetings to consider eight requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations. Six variances were granted and two were denied.

PROBATE COURT

On January 5, 2007 Daniel P. Brown, Jr. became the Probate Judge for the District of Granby.

During the past year, 40 new estates were opened, 16 of which involved the short form of probate; i.e. either with assets of less than \$20,000 or assets declared as jointly owned for tax purposes only. Also, 10 State Aid estates were handled.

Hearings were held on two new Trust Accounts and six review hearings on trusts were handled. There was one appointment of a Guardian of the Estate of a minor, seven miscellaneous hearings for Guardian Accounts, five Allowances of Accounting (Guardian) hearings, and two hearings on other guardianship matters. There were twelve appointments of Conservators of the person and/or estate, one review hearing, and five Allowances of Account (Conservator) hearings. There were eight appointments of Guardian of a Mentally Retarded Adult, five review hearings, and three miscellaneous hearings. There was one Temporary Custodian appointed for a minor child and one Termination of Parental Rights. We also handled nineteen name changes, two adoptions, and processed 163 Passport Applications.

All Probate records are open to the public, with the exception of Adoptions, Termination of Parental Rights, Removal of Guardians, and files for the Mentally Retarded Adults. Fees to the court are set by law and retained by the Judge, who is responsible for paying most of the expenses of the court.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Friday.

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all tax-able real estate, motor vehicles, and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest, and open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with the local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment, after changes, from the

2004 Grand List to the 2005 Grand List was 22,619,990, a 2.83% increase. This increase was predominately due to additions, along with new dwellings at Hunt Glen and some other areas in town.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 9,515,074, generating \$329,890 in revenue.

Until 2002, towns were required to implement quadrennial revaluations. The Connecticut State Law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2002. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2007. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at [www.vision appraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com).

	2004 Grand List Fiscal Year 2005-2006	2005 Grand List Fiscal Year 2006-2007
REAL ESTATE	712,701,050	728,630,940
MOTOR VEHICLES	72,462,290	78,045,330
PERSONAL PROPERTY	15,013,820	16,120,880
<i>Net Grand List</i>	<u>800,177,160</u>	<u>822,797,150</u>
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	10,468,581	9,515,074
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	48,721,630	48,974,260



APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer
Barbara Jean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer
William R. Volovski

Chief of Police
David L. Watkins

Collector of Revenue
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community Development
Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health
Richard H. Matheny, Jr.

Director of Human Services
KerryAnn O. Kielbasa

Director of Library Services
Joan M. Fox

Director of Public Works
James R. Klase

Director of Recreation and Leisure Services
Kay A. Woodford

Fire Chief
John Horr

Fire Marshal
Joseph Killen

Town Clerk
Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer
Edward J. Sweeney

Town Manager
William F. Smith, Jr.

Treasurer
Roger A. Hensdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS**Board of Selectmen**

John E. Adams, Chairman
Ronald F. Desrosiers
Frank D. Judice, Jr.
Sally S. King
Mark Neumann

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr.,
Chairman
Gordon C. Bischoff
Francis J. Brady
B. Scott Kuhnly
Frederick A. Moffa, OD
Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

James C. Heminway, Jr.,
Chairman
Marie A. Nicholls
John P. O'Connor
Edward E. Ohannessian
Deborah Torgersen
Ronald S. Walther
Matthew T. Wutka

Planning & Zoning Commission

Paula H. Johnson, Chairman
Daniel P. Brown, Jr.
Margaret A. Chapple
Charles O. Kraiza
Paul R. Lambert
James R. Sansone
Linda C. Spevacek

APPOINTED BOARDS**Agriculture Commission**

Stanley A. Hayes, Chairman
Jason E. Bogli
Gary F. Cirullio
Samuel E. Hammer
Stephen Hayes
Anne E. Wilhelm

Conservation Commission

Michael L. Lengvarsky, Chairman
Susan F. Dwyer
Carolyn R. Flint
Jane I. Johnson
Charles J. Katan
Victoria Mazzei-Stepanov

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman
Barry K. Avery
Charles J. Katan
Neil W. Kraner
Eric Lukingbeal
Richard H. Martindale
Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board

Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman
Shawn E. Ball
Carol Y. Bressor
Norman M. Council
Robert P. Donna
Elaine B. Jones
Richard J. Lydon
Duncan M. Rowles

Town Moderator

Donald P. Wilmot

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman
Ann Crimmins
Judy A. Goff
William L. Percival
Kelly O. Rome

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Paul R. Lambert
Dianne M. Maher
Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman
Celia Eggert
James R. Sansone

Registrars of Voters

Peter S. Goff
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Daniel P. Brown, Jr.

State Representatives

Richard F. Ferrari, 62nd District

State Senators

John A. Kissel, 7th District
Thomas J. Herlihy, 8th District

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Christopher J. Dodd
Joseph Lieberman

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick, Chairman
George L. Bronsord, Jr.
Irene B. Courser
Paula H. Johnson
Mary Keating
Neil Kraner
Incy S. Muir
Bruce W. Sullivan
John H. Vanderbilt

Development Commission

Bruce E. Murtha, Chairman
Edward Guarco
John J. Krug
Kenneth O. Kuhl
Robert J. Rome
Martin F. Schwager

Park & Recreation Board

Edward N. Allen, Chairman
L. Squire Bressor
Wayne E. Chapple
Brigid R. Gunn
Kathy D. Ungerleider
Suzanne L. Yucha

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	844-5335		
Assessor*	844-5311		
Building Official*	844-5318		
Community Development*	844-5318		
Cossitt Library Branch	653-8958	Mon., Wed.	12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
		Tues.	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
		Thurs.	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		Sat.	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association –			
Granby Office	653-5514	Weekdays	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Granby Public Library	844-5275	Mon.-Thurs.	10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Children’s Room	844-5284	Fri.	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.
		Sat.	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
		Sun.	1:00 p.m.-4:00p.m. (Jan.-March)
Granby Senior Center	844-5352		
Landfill Hours		Saturday	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Police Department	844-5335		
POLICE EMERGENCY	911		
Probate Court	844-5314	Mon.-Wed.	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Public Works Facility	653-8960	Weekdays	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Recreation Office	844-5356		
Park Bathhouse	653-0173	Summer	
Registrar of Voters	844-5300	Wed.	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Social Services	844-5351		
Superintendent of Schools	844-5250	Weekdays	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Kearns School	844-3044		
Kelly Lane	844-3041		
Wells Road	844-3048		
Middle School	844-3029		
High School	844-3014		
Tax Collector*	844-5315		
Town Clerk*	844-5308		
Town Engineer	844-5318		
Town Manager*	844-5300		

* Town Hall Offices Are Open
 Monday-Wednesday
 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
 or by appointment

MEETING TIMES

Agriculture Commission	
Second Thursday	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (Oct.-April) 8:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (May-Sept.)
Board of Education	
Wednesdays, check calendar ...	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance	
Second Monday	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen	
First and Third Monday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals	
During the Month of March –	Call Assessor for Dates and Times
Commission on Aging	
Second Monday	1:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission	
First and Third Thursday	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	
Second Monday	7:30 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries
Park & Recreation Board	
First Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Planning & Zoning Commission	
Second and Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	
Second Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Third Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

*Call BOE for possible changes

As required by State Law and Town Charter, the 2006-2007 Annual Report and 2008 Calendar of Events has been prepared by the Town Manager. The 2007 Report was designed and edited by Barbarajean Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer.
