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TOWN MANAGER



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

By the time this Annual Report is published, there will be a new Granby First Selectman. I want to take my final opportunity in the Annual Report to thank the people of Granby for the opportunity to serve you during the past ten years. We have experienced some difficult times during my tenure and your town government has attempted to respond appropriately and with concern for all our citizens. I am happy to report that total municipal spending has been below the rate of inflation for the past ten years. While being cognizant of the fiscal constraints, we have successfully maintained and improved infrastructure, added open space, fostered private development, and responded to the most devastating weather events in memory.

In partnership with Town Officials, the Granby Selectmen chose to invest in our schools, roads, bridges, and parks. School improvements included providing safer access to Kearns School by rerouting Canton Road, updating our intermediate schools, and building a state-of-the-art electronics lab and track/field complex at Granby Memorial High School. Road reconstruction and bridge replacements at Broad Hill Road, Simsbury Road, and Silver Street help keep travelers safe. Parks and recreational opportunities have been improved with the addition of the Farmington Valley Bike Trail and Ahren's Park. At Salmon Brook Park, the tennis courts have been renovated, a playground and dog park constructed, and a beautiful new Recreation Community Center that will foster year round use of this treasured asset. The town is working collaboratively with Holcomb Farm, Inc. to improve facilities and increase programming.

Granby's rural character and scenic vistas are often mentioned as a defining aspect of our beautiful town. I am proud that our Town has partnered with the Granby Land Trust and the State of Connecticut to preserve hundreds of acres of additional open space. Commercial developers continue to see Granby as an opportunity. In the past ten years, a medical office building has been constructed in the town center and the Mill Pond Road area was developed. We have taken steps to maintain access to large tracts of land in the southern portion of town for future commercial development.

All of this and much more has been accomplished because Granby is a town that works together with vision and commitment to preserving our unique identity. The many study committees, town boards, commissions, building committees, and municipal staff work diligently to plan for our future, develop cost effective solutions, fund, and build the projects. Granby will continue to move forward in the next decade under the watchful eyes of many hardworking volunteers and municipal staff. I do wish to recognize our Town Manager Bill Smith for his 35 years of service to Granby. His knowledge and dedication to our town is unsurpassed. Thank you Bill for all you have done to guide Granby to become the Jewel of the Farmington Valley.

Thank you Granby for the honor of serving you these past ten years. I love this town that we all call home, and can't wait to see what the next ten years bring.

Respectfully submitted,

John E Adams
First Selectman

Dear Residents,

For many years Granby issued its Annual Report along with a calendar for the New Year. While the reports provide highlights of the previous year, the calendars provide residents with regular meeting times for most of our town boards and commissions. I was recently looking at some of our past reports. The first thing I noticed is its cover. Most covers present a major theme that occurred during the previous year. Even though the covers are but a snapshot of what occurred, over time the cover themes reflect a glimpse of how Granby has changed.

The 1982 cover depicts our new Library that replaced a much smaller one near South Congregational Church. The 1986 cover presented the logo used to illustrate Granby's Bicentennial. The 1990 cover pictured the new Band Shell at Salmon Brook Park, and the 1991 cover captured a snapshot of the recently acquired Holcomb Farm, given to the town from the University of Connecticut. The 2003 cover shows before and after aerial snap shots of recent additions and renovations to the Granby Memorial High School and the Municipal Complex. The 2010 cover commemorates 50 years of Police Services in Granby and the 2011 cover displays various pictures commemorating our 225th Anniversary.

This brings us close to a new year and a new cover for 2014. It proudly displays the new Community Recreation Center at Salmon Brook Park, the new High School Athletic Fields, and the new Silver Street Bridge in North Granby.

Knowing that most all changes in Granby are guided from the efforts of many volunteers and supported by residents, it is gratifying to look at the covers on the Granby Annual Reports.

I hope that you find our 2014 calendar to be helpful and trust the reports provided by Town Departments will be of interest to you as we look ahead to the new year.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager

As required by Town Charter, the 2012-2013 Annual Report has been incorporated into a 2014 town calendar. The 2013 Reports were contributed by Town Departments and Town Agencies and was designed and edited by Barbarajean C. Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer, Patricia I. Chieski, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager, and Susan B. Christian, Administrative Assistant. We hope you find the calendar and information useful.

Cover design reflects recent town projects. Pictures include the Recreation Community Center at Salmon Brook Park, the Granby Memorial High School Athletic Fields, and the Silver Street Bridge.

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

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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	\$339,617
Land Records	\$81,777
Conveyance Tax	\$116,546
PA-02-229	\$90,648
Historic Preservation	\$2,518 (Town) \$5,036 (State)
Documents Recorded	2,518
Transfers Recorded	348
Maps Filed	22
Vital Statistics	\$8,182
(State) 24 Surcharges collected (Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)	\$456
Maps (filing fee)	\$220
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$13,427
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$625
Burn Permits Issued	\$975
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected	\$220
State fees collected	\$8,688
Licenses issued by Town Clerk	474
Misc. Combos issued	255
Handicapped License	8
Lifetime licenses issued	172
Deer Tags	16
Pheasant tags issued	6
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued	17
HIP Permits Issued	17

Dog Licenses – 1,189 issued	
Town fees collected	\$1,104
State fees collected	\$9,197
	(57 Surcharges)
Kennel licenses issued	9
Fidelco Dogs Licensed	3
Transfers-10 Replacement tags	9
Late Fee's Collected	\$562

Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 170
Absentee Ballots Issued - 670

ELECTIONS

08/14/2012 – Republican/Democratic Senate Primary

11/06/2012 – State/Presidential Election

 Electors qualified to vote - 7,440
 Electors checked as voting - 6,415

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

12/03/2012 - Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION to Accept a portion of Cider Mill Heights as a town road. RESOLUTION approved.

04/22/2013 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Machine vote: Yes vote – 514 No vote – 617. Budget defeated.

05/06/2013 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Machine vote: Yes vote – 1,211 No vote – 808. Budget approved.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2013)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	3	66	69
Deaths	43	45	88
Marriages	23	30	53

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended in order to keep updated on new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter covered included 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 and it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

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

The Town Clerk was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy (NEMCI&A) in November 2011 for a two-year term. The institute provides participants with the skills and education to soar in their career as a municipal clerk, while at the same time fulfilling the requirements to become a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). The academy programs and Athenian dialogue offerings provide Clerks with the opportunity to take their education to the next level while earning credits to maintain their CMC designation. NEMCI&A is organized by New England Clerks for New England Clerks.

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of \$4,000. This will be used to further up-grade our current computer software program for indexing of land records. The up-grade will enable us to have our land records indexed into our system up to the minute, as well as integrating a new cashiering system and label and bar code system that will totally streamline our workflow. The land record computer search station is available for public use in the Town Clerk's office.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The Granby Police Department continues to provide quality modern police services to the citizens of Granby. Chief of Police Carl Rosensweig joined the department in October 2011 and Captain William Tyler joined in March 2012. Chief Rosensweig and Captain Tyler both have 31 years of experience in West Hartford and Farmington respectively. Sergeant Robert Castle retired in March 2013 with more than 30 years of service. Officer Jeffrey Murphy was hired to fill Sergeant Castle's position and a current officer will be promoted to Sergeant. Officer Murphy is currently attending the Connecticut Police Academy. Although the Police Department is now operating at its fully authorized strength of 15 sworn officers, staffing always remains a challenge. An officer can retire with two weeks notice and it takes over a year to hire and train a new officer. In order to provide the high level of service the citizens of Granby expect and deserve, the police department will be proactive in attempting to stay ahead of anticipated retirements and keep staffing levels up.

The police department will add a detective/youth services officer to the force. Adding a detective/youth services officer increases the police department's ability to investigate crimes more effectively and service the needs of our youth.

Sergeant Kurt LaFlamme has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia this summer. The FBI National Academy is a ten-week, full time college level training program for police leaders from around the world. Less than one percent of police officers in the country have the honor of attending. It is a challenging academic and physical program. Both Chief Rosensweig and Captain Tyler are FBI National Academy Graduates.

Highly trained officers provide the best service to the community. In Granby, the officers now participate in a regional training program for one week

each year. In addition, officers receive training in specialized areas, such as investigations.

Traffic complaints are one of the most frequent complaints received by the police department. The department uses traffic/speed monitoring trailers to alert operators to their speed on our roadways. The trailers also collect data for analysis on driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day and day of week, all of which allows for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with actual data.

The police department has continued to work with state and local emergency planners to be even better prepared for the inevitable future emergency. Local, regional, and statewide drills have better prepared all town departments to handle major emergencies.

The Granby Police Department continues to be an active participant in the regional police coalition known as the North Central Municipal Emergency Services Team. This collaborative is comprised of the police departments from the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. The result is a cadre of personnel trained in special areas of expertise that are available to respond as necessary. The areas include SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction. Additionally, the department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

As always, the Granby Police Department is ready, capable, and willing to respond to the needs and requests for service from our community on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

All towns in Connecticut are authorized by the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act to regulate wetlands and watercourses. In Granby, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing the 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 adverse impacts to regulated natural resources. Generally, the Commission reviews activities within wetlands and watercourses and activities within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses.

The Commission is a seven-member board. Membership on the Commission did not change during fiscal year 2012-2013.

Dave Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. During this fiscal year the town once again contracted with the North Central Conservation District, Inc. to provide the services of a consulting Wetlands Agent. This arrangement has served the town very well over the past years. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby. Throughout the year the Town's Building Office and Office of Community Development regularly consult with the Wetlands Agent regarding a variety of wetland policies, issues, and complaints.

In fiscal year 2012-2013 three permits were approved by the Commission. The Commission also provided input regarding a proposed gravel operation in North Granby. In addition, the Commission delegated three minimal impact permits to the Wetlands Agent for approval. Minimal impact permits are for activities that occur in the upland review area that are unlikely to have any impact on adjacent wetlands or watercourses. The Commission also resolved a long-standing violation through compliance.

The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but assisted applicants in an effort to minimize wetland impacts with constructive modifications or conditions of approval. The Wetlands Agent conducted several inspections of on-going projects to ensure compliance with permit conditions and inspected several other activities to determine if permits were required.

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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The Lost Acres Fire Department is a private, not for profit, corporation chartered to provide fire protection to the Town of Granby. It provides this service from three fire stations strategically located in North Granby, West Granby, and the Center of Town. Your Lost Acres Fire Department is made up of your neighbors, friends, and relatives who give their time and talent to provide this 100% volunteer service. This year, the department members gave over 3,000 hours of their time to train, prepare for, and respond to, emergencies and calls for service.

The following report is a snapshot of the activities of the department over the past fiscal year. For brevity, it does not include every activity of the department or list every call. Should you have any specific questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the department.

Fire Incidents

Notable fire incidents during the period included:

July 28-July 31, 2012. The department responded to the town's Transfer Station on Stagecoach Road. This fire involved a large pile of mulch. Operations continued over a period of several days and required the assistance of the Town Public Works Department to de-construct the pile to ensure extinguishment.

January 27, 2013. The department responded to a fire in a dwelling on North Granby Road. The fire consumed much of the dwelling before being extinguished. All occupants of the home escaped with minor injuries. It is notable that this exact home suffered a similar fire in 1982.

March 4, 2013. The department responded to a fire in a large detached garage and barn located near the home and at the end of a long private driveway on Silver Street. The members were able to contain the fire to the barn and limited the damage to the home, which suffered blistered paint and some cracked glass.

June 10, 2013. The department responded to another fire in the rear of a private dwelling on West Granby Road. The members were able to limit the fire damage to the area of origin, saving the home and much of the owner's possessions.

Mutual Aid

The department maintains a strong relationship with neighboring communities and participates in the Capitol Region Regional Emergency Response Plan and the Statewide Fire Plan.

The department responded to assist other communities twelve times over the year. Other communities responded into Granby, seven times to provide on-scene assistance.

Rescue Incidents

October 11, 2012. The department was called to Enders State Forest on Route 219 for a dog in need of rescue. Responding members did a great job and the dog was reunited with its owner.

March 8, 2013. Continuing the trend, the department responded to a request for assistance from the East Granby Fire Department, at Newgate Road, to rescue two large dogs that were stranded on the ice. Members donned the department's ice rescue suits that permit them to work in cold or nearly frozen water, and worked to retrieve the animals. The use of this newly acquired special equipment, provided for a safe rescue of the two Great Dane dogs and the return of them to their owner.

Special Events

The department provided fire safety standby at several town events, including those held at the town-owned Holcomb Farm.

Facility, Equipment, and Apparatus Improvements

New emergency power generators were installed at each fire station through town funding from the \$11.4M projects. This installation will better enable the department to provide its service during times of electrical outages.

In an effort to improve the appearance of the station, the row of trees at the southern edge of the Center Firehouse were removed and replaced with smaller and easier to maintain shrubbery.

All of the department's self-contained breathing apparatuses were retro-fitted with new technology that will improve the firefighter's ability to communicate with each other when working at fires.

The fire apparatus located in West Granby suffered damage from the Silver Street fire and was returned to the manufacturer in New Hampshire for repair and improvements.

The department tested and re-certified all of the pumps on each apparatus to ensure they can flow sufficient water during fires and emergencies.

Membership

The most important part of the department is its members. The department is chartered to have a roster of up to 50 members. New members are placed on a 'waiting list' while they receive their orientation and firefighter training. Three members were added to the waiting list this year. Three members completed their basic level firefighter training and were certified by the Connecticut Fire Academy to the National Firefighter I Standard.

The ongoing training of the members is critical to ensure their ability to perform at fires and other incidents. This year, the department was fortunate to have a donated building, slated for demolition, to use for high quality hands-on training. This training was coupled with two visits to the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks for realistic live fire training.

The department participated in a defensive driving program, offered by CIRMA (the town's and department's insurer) that provided skills and enhanced the ability of members to operate large fire apparatus.

The department completed an OSHA mandated hazardous material response update program.

The Lost Acres Fire Department website is up and running. Find us at, www.lostacresfd.com.

The fire department Cadet Program will be up and running in the fall of 2013.

Department Events

The department assisted the Women's Auxiliary with their annual rummage sale in the spring.

The membership breakfast held in early spring was another success. The annual dinner was held in April and was attended by a large number of members, their spouses, and several retired members.

The traditional fire prevention week activities included visits to school and day care facilities to share a fire prevention message with the children. The week was capped by the department's traditional open house and demonstration day in October.

Summary

The year has been very busy and productive. It has led to a better prepared, practiced, and capable Lost Acres Fire Department. This effort would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of the members and the support of their families. For this, we are deeply grateful.

The mission of the department has remained the same: to provide high quality fire protection service to the residents, business owners, and visitors of our town. To meet that mission, we are prepared to respond, at a moment's notice, with the necessary personnel, tools, and apparatus.



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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

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

The Fire Marshal's office is the only town agency that is required to perform inspections of the town's commercial and non-commercial properties on an annual basis. This includes all schools, businesses, day care facilities, industrial and commercial occupancies, as well as gasoline service stations 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 thus providing a safe environment for the public.

The Connecticut General Statutes requires the Fire Marshal's office to inspect and enforce regulations concerning the storage, use and transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG). We issue permits for the purchase, transportation, and the use of explosives.

This office also fields questions on fire related topics such as code compliance, open burning, and fireworks. The state has legalized sparklers; but these types of fireworks can be dangerous and can cause injuries if misused. Children should never be allowed to handle them. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend professional shows held in various locations throughout the state.

As a reminder, a working smoke alarm is one of the best ways to survive a house fire. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area and on every level of the house including the basement. Batteries need to be replaced annually at a minimum, and smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. If you have questions about proper placement of smoke alarms, call the office. Have a plan to escape your house should a fire occur; this plan should include two ways out and include a meeting place, once outside. Never reenter a house once evacuated due to an emergency until cleared by an emergency responder.

Be sure to sign up for the statewide emergency notification system. This gives the town's emergency management team the resource to contact you in the event of an emergency. You can find the link on the town website: [CT Alert ENS](#).

Office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the 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, 2012 through June 30, 2013 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,585. At the end of the fiscal year, 487 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2011 Grand List adjusted levy was \$32,556,187 and the net collections on the current levy were \$32,248,758.
- During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, 99.06% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2013 (including back taxes) was \$522,871.

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RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

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. The Park and Recreation Board is a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen and may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 3-18 in a recreational atmosphere; these include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as adult drop-in basketball, exercise classes, knitting, sewing, and more. We also coordinate a variety of bus trips throughout the year with neighboring communities.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for the town for major 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 dog park. Each year Salmon Brook Park is host to three to four summer concerts, a large lacrosse tournament, a fall fair, and countless games and practices for the local athletic leagues.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes day camp programs, tennis lessons, and a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy cooling off in a natural setting.

The popular, but outdated, Snack Shack was demolished in September 2012 in order to make way for the new Salmon Brook Park Pond House, which is expected to open in late September 2013. The beautiful new building will house the new concession and first aid areas, a variety of recreation programs, and possibly the administrative offices of the Recreation Department. The building features a large multi-purpose room that will be an attractive meeting and private party space for Granby residents.



Salmon Brook Park Pond

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 Police Department. Hours of availability for routine matters are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The MACO is assigned the responsibility of investigating and taking any appropriate enforcement actions regarding incidents involving domestic animals. Matters involving wildlife are referred to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) or nuisance wildlife operators licensed by the DEEP.

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. The shelter provides a safe haven, primarily for roaming dogs, which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are conducted.

The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding, and other supplies, which are greatly

appreciated and facilitate the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter. Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping off donations by contacting the MACO through the Police Department at 860-844-5335.

For the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs.....	103
Barking Dogs	79
Nuisance Dogs	8
Dog/Cat Bites.....	11
Cat Complaints.....	289
Cruelty Complaints	6
Other (farm animals, horses, cows).....	222
Total number of complaints investigated	718
Animals Impounded	83
Redeemed by Owner.....	72
Rabies Cases.....	0

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The director oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses staff. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program. He is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program and he serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Census Bureau, and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Development Commission. This office also assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Conservation Commission. The Department provides information as requested by other Boards and Commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

In addition to various Zoning and Subdivision applications and activities this year, the director worked on grant applications, statistical outlines and analysis, various legal matters, FOI requests, and regularly researched a wide variety of issues in response to inquiries. The town was pleased to learn that a \$500,000 STEAP grant application was approved. The grant will be used to fund improvements at Holcomb Farm. We are currently waiting to hear the results of a FEMA grant application seeking \$350,000 to upgrade the middle school so that it can be used as an emergency shelter.

In fiscal year 2012-13 the director worked on the update of the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every 5 years in cooperation with the Capitol Region Council of Governments. The director also worked on the 2013 update of the State Plan of Conservation and Development. The plan takes a new approach and more adequately recognizes Granby's past development and preservation and offers new and more appropriate areas of growth. Over the past years, the director has been promoting the extension of a natural gas line to the center of town. The gas line currently ends in the area of Canton Road, along Route 10. Based on recent actions, it appears that the line will be extended in FY 2013-14.

In addition to the above, the director worked on the Environmental review of the Evonsion Farm, subdivision bonding and fees in lieu of open space, the extension of sidewalks, served as staff for the Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee, and assisted on a variety of legal matters.

In this fiscal year the Granby Land Trust permanently preserved 35 additional acres of land as open space. The Director of Community Development assisted in the preservation of these properties as this preservation is supported by the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Additionally the town purchased the 120-acre Evonsion farm, which will be available for future generations.

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 this fiscal year the Commission met numerous 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 regularly discusses ideas and methods of improving the Granby economy and makes recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities. In FY12-13, the Commission concentrated its efforts on recommendations for continued improvements to the Town Center and development within the southern area of town.

This year the Commission advised the Planning and Zoning Commission that it did not support an application to use property located at 298 Salmon Brook Street for a cemetery, as the use was contrary to the Granby Center Zone and its use would hinder the future sound development of the surrounding area. The members supported the request for a zone change from ED to PDM, for property located at the end of Mill Pond Drive. Here the members found that the proposed use would not have a negative impact on future uses proposed within the ED zone, while recognizing the need for multifamily rental units. The Commission determined that the proposed units would have a substantial positive impact on the town's tax base, the occupants would support our local businesses and that they may well become future buyers of single-family homes and condominiums in town. The Commission has been very pleased with the development of 83 Salmon Brook Street and sees the town's investment in the property soaring, particularly with the recent state approval of a traffic light at Floydville Road.

The Commission continues to strongly support the proposed center sidewalks and finds them to be consistent with the goals of the Granby Center Zone. The members encourage the inclusion of traditional lighting within the project area as this will further the goals of the Center Plan and add to the attractiveness of the area. The Commission also supports the extension of a natural gas line to the Center of Town.

This fiscal year the Commission welcomed Daniel O'Connell as a new member.

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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2012-2013 was another exciting, challenging, and productive year for Granby Public Schools. Notable events included the successful implementation of integrated pre-school, full-day kindergarten, elementary world language programs, and a boys' basketball team state championship.

After many years of planning, the new 21st Century high school athletic facility became a reality for the students and community. The \$3.2M project includes a six-lane track, two artificial turf fields, lights, a 750-seat grandstand, an additional score board, two storage buildings, a ticket/concession booth, and the relocation of the girls' softball field.

It was a year of educational reform as the district made preparations for a 1-to-1 digital computing pilot for middle school students, Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessments, Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans, and Secondary School Reform.

Student achievement remained extremely high and included some of the highest SAT and AP scores in many years, increased CAPT achievement

and some excellent CMT scores. In recent years, Granby Memorial High School has been recognized as a Connecticut Vanguard School, Granby Memorial Middle School as a Connecticut Association of Schools' Middle School of the Year, and Kelly Lane Intermediate School as a Federal Blue Ribbon School. Granby continues to be a great place to live and work and our quality of life is enhanced by our excellent school system. The June 2013 edition of the *Hartford Magazine* ranked the town first in the small town category for families and education.

Granby's spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools and is reflected in the district's mission. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations actively support Granby Public Schools and the growing reputation of our schools is only possible with the high level of community support. The school system thanks everyone that volunteered or donated their time and talents this year – it is what helps make Granby a great New England school system and a wonderful place to live.



BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on 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 three appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2012. Of the properties reviewed, one received an adjustment.

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.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It's been a busy summer for DPW crews as we implemented and oversaw many projects approved by voters last year. Town crews razed a hazardous structure abutting the Cossitt Library and in its place created a beautiful park for library goers and town residents. A new gazebo highlights the outdoor space. The Granby Public Library benefited from a new roof and the town tennis courts were reconstructed to give players an excellent facility to use. New parking lot lights were installed at the municipal complex to give residents a safer walk to their cars at night. The biggest project was the reconstruction of the Silver Street Bridge. The new span is wider and more functional than the old bridge and is a perfect fit for the location. Emergency generators were installed at the Senior/Youth Center, Town Hall, and Route 10 pump station to ensure critical functions and facilities will be available during and after major storm events. The most satisfying project for town crews has been the construction of a new multipurpose building at Salmon Brook Park. Perched on the site of the old concession stand (snack shack), the new building will house camp personnel, lifeguards, recreation staff, and league concessions. There will be room for campers during the summer and events year round. The building complements the existing structures and will add a new dimension to the park.

The department still had its normal duties such as, snow and ice removal, athletic field mowing, road repairs, and building maintenance. We also continued our program of replacing and repairing inefficient prone vehicles and tools with new and innovative equipment and hardware, saving manpower and energy. A new riding mower with a 12' deck was added to the fleet to replace an aging mower. This piece of equipment has increased our productivity and ability to keep athletic fields and parks in excellent shape with existing personnel. Recycling and trash collection are major functions of the department that are continually scrutinized for cost saving improvements and waste reduction. These activities allow us to provide excellent service to the residents while maintaining a cost effective department.

Public Works crews deployed for 14 storms last winter, keeping local roads open and safe. Over 65.5 inches of snow fell on town roads. The Department utilized 722 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. A milder than normal winter resulted in a reduction in the amount of salt and sand used last year.

Street sweeping mileage totaled 93.2 miles, with approximately 850 catch basins being cleaned annually. The street sweeping program has seen savings due to the reduction in sand use during winter snow removal operations. In 2006, we used 1,450 cubic yards of sand in plowing operations. This year we used 144 cubic yards of sand.

Building maintenance activities remain busy as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities the town offers. Our full and part

time staff is dedicated and professional. We have skilled carpenters and irrigation specialists on staff, along with crewmembers who have knowledge in general electrical, HVAC, and plumbing skills. The town Transfer Station is manned by our certified part time employees who are helpful and always willing to lend a hand to residents.

We have begun to see a slight increase in new housing developments although activity is still slow. Our road rehabilitation program improved .57 miles of local roads and our overlay program improved another 3.03 miles last year. Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvements program. Overlay roads were chipped sealed first to prevent reflective cracking from appearing in newly paved roads. New catch basins and curbing were installed as needed. The following streets were rehabilitated and paved last year as part of the Capital program:

Silver Street (partial)	Wolcott Road	Loveland Road
Greenwoods Road	Strawberry Fields	Donahue Road

Our talented 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.

Public Works crews clean and maintain 18 public buildings located throughout town. Our crew is proud of the professional work we do for the residents and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and service up.



REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Granby's Town Charter was revised in 2012 to allow Granby's Annual Budget to automatically go to a machine vote on the fourth Monday of April. Statewide changes in voting were also enacted in 2012 and took effect starting in 2013. Election Day or Same Day Registration will begin with the November 5, 2013 Municipal Election. Unregistered voters, who are 18 or older and US citizens, will be able to register on Election Day if they bring proof of identity and residency and will, for the first time, be able to vote on Election Day. If the voter registration is completed by 8 pm, uncontested voted ballots cast at Town Hall will be taken to Granby's polling site, the Granby Memorial High School Community Gym, to be counted. Online poll worker training began in 2013 but online voter registration will not be available until 2014.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to make sure all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2013, we added 683 new voters, changed 1,240 records and removed 582 voters from our official voter registry. There are currently 7,072 active registered voters in Granby: 2,853 Unaffiliated, 2,264 Republican, 1,879 Democrat, 58 Independent, 6 Green, and 12 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there was a double federal primary in August, a Presidential election in November, and two budget referendums, one in April and one in May.

Identification is now required on all voter registration forms. State voter registration forms are 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. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are available on the web at: www.sots.ct.gov

To contact the registrars, you can stop by or call on Wednesdays at the Town Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E-mail: lwolfe.granby.ct@gmail.com and mwolf.granby.ct@gmail.com or leave a voicemail: # 860-844-5322.

The current Registrars are Maureen Wolf (Republican) and Laura Wolfe (Democrat). Their responsibilities include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. In addition, the Registrars must obtain ten hours of accredited training per year and attend the quarterly Hartford County meetings. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E. The Town Engineer provides a wide range of services primarily to the Community Development Office and the Department of Public Works. He regularly prepares plans for intersection improvements and all types of construction. He reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development. He attends Planning and Zoning Commission meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts 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 approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. During this fiscal year, one new town road, Gate House Road, was under construction and two private roads remained under construction. The Town Engineer meets with design engineers and offers suggestions and advice on the design of developments proposed for the Town of Granby.

This year the Town Engineer assisted in the preparation of grant applications, worked on traffic analysis and intersection alignments, and prepared a variety of preliminary designs.

In fiscal year 2012-2013, the Town Engineer regularly assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, bridges, septic systems, parks, state permits, the landfill/transfer station, and groundwater monitoring. He also inspected construction sites, sewer lateral installations, and has reviewed bond estimates. Specific projects which the Town Engineer worked on this year include; the Cossitt Library site development, Cooley Road intersection, Salmon Brook Park Pond House, the Green Way Village application and sewer line concern, the Peck Orchard Road gravel removal application, the Salmon Brook Street sidewalk project, the high school running track and field project, and Wells Road realignment.

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HOLCOMB FARM

Holcomb Farm's 367 acres of rich rolling meadows, densely wooded forest and pristine brooks are located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby. Today the Farm brings together children, adults, and families in a plan of use that includes caring for this historic property, responsibly growing great tasting nutritious food, and engaging and supporting the needs of the community. The Board of Directors of Holcomb Farm, Inc., a non-profit agency, helps to support this town-owned property.

Holcomb Farm's trails are open to the public daily from dawn-to-dusk. Over 10 miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are maintained year-round. We invite you to come and visit the farm, experience the bio-diversity the property offers, and reflect on the generosity of Tudor and Laura Holcomb.

Holcomb Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is one of the oldest and largest in the state, sustainably growing 40 kinds of fresh vegetables without any chemical pesticides on over 25 acres of land. Sustainable practices are used to grow healthy food while improving the soils and the watershed. We harvested over 113,000 lbs. this year, serving over 400 local households.

Holcomb Farm's Fresh Access program helped address local hunger and nutritional needs by growing and distributing over 15,000 lbs. of fresh produce to seniors and at-risk families in Granby and Hartford this past year.

In collaboration with the Granby Youth Services Bureau, Holcomb Farm ran a 2013 Summer Youth Work Skills program, serving over 15 local youth, providing work and leadership skills over an eight-week period.

In 2013 Holcomb Farm continued to provide the community with farm-based activities and support. The Hay Loft Concert Series featured spring and fall music concerts in the Farm's impressive 4,500 square foot hayloft.

We thank the generosity of our friends and supporters in the community, which enables us to preserve, protect, and utilize this historic New England Farm.

Find out more at www.holcombfarm.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission consists of seven members that have been appointed to advocate on environmental matters for the town. The Board has no regulatory powers, but makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to development plans.

The Natural Resource Inventory completed in 2012, has been published and a copy is available at the Granby Public Library. This can also be viewed on the Town of Granby website: www.granby-ct.gov. The purpose of this document was to list Granby's natural resources and provide detail on open space, farmland, forestland, geology, waterways, and wild-life corridors.

Efforts continue to promote the use of clean energy for residences and businesses in Granby with the goal of obtaining free solar panels for one of the municipal buildings through the state's clean energy program. A Clean Energy Fair is being planned to provide information to the public regarding the energy saving options that are available to the local community.

The Conservation Commission, in partnership with Westfield State University, has completed GPS mapping of the majority of Granby's public trails and expects to publish electronic maps on the town's website later this year.

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PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury and is located in the Simsbury Town Hall. Cynthia C. Becker, former judge for the Avon Probate Court, was elected as Judge of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court for the term commencing January 5, 2011.

The mission of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court is to assist individuals and families residing in the district who require the services of the court in an efficient and compassionate manner. The probate court strives to ease the process as much as possible knowing that during stressful times it is difficult to cope with the unknown.

Although the staff and judge cannot provide legal advice to the users of the court, informational pamphlets are available and questions are always welcome. In addition, Judge Becker, in her capacity as Judge of Probate, is available to speak to community groups about probate matters.

Jurisdiction of the Court

Connecticut probate courts have jurisdiction over probating of wills, administration and settlement of decedent's estates, overseeing the carrying out of the terms and provisions of testamentary and living (inter vivos) trusts, and reviewing the accountings of trustees. In addition, probate courts appoint, supervise, and remove conservators of the person and estate of individuals incapable of managing their personal or financial affairs due to mental or physical disability. These areas represent over half of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court's workload.

The probate court also has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians of the property and persons of minors and persons with developmental disabilities; the removal of unfit parents as guardians of their children; the termination of parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities; the adjudication of paternity of children born out of wedlock and the finalization of adoptions. These matters make up

about one third of the court's caseload, but are some of the most sensitive and time-consuming responsibilities of the court.

While probate courts have jurisdiction to authorize the commitment of those suffering from mental illness, or drug or alcohol addiction to appropriate hospitals or facilities for treatment, these cases represent a small percentage of the court's workload due mainly to the absence of psychiatric facilities in the region.

New Developments

The Connecticut Probate Assembly revised the Probate Practice Book, which means that users of the Probate Court will find there have been some procedural changes and new forms. The new Probate Court Rules of Procedure went into effect July 1, 2013. A complete copy of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure can be found on our website: <http://jud.ct.gov/probate.CourtRules/default.htm>. A list of the new Probate Court forms can also be found on our website: www.ctprobate.gov.

2012-2013 Workload of Court

During the past year, 143 applications were accepted for probating decedent's estates. In addition, 159 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The Court also processed several applications for Conservatorships, Guardianships of the Estate and Person of minors, Guardianships of the Intellectually Disabled, Termination of Parental Rights, approval of Adoptions, name changes and inter vivos trust matters.

Court Contact Information

The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Online information about the courts is available on our website, located at www.jud.ct.gov, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website.

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 151 households to assist with over \$118,135 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$10,900 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF - Thirty-five applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over \$15,880 to qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT - Over 70 participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from an organizational share at the Holcomb Farm. Donations and Senior Center membership dues fund this project.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - Through the generosity of the Granby Community Fund Special Assistance Fund, the Salvation Army, many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups the Local Assistance Fund received over \$24,055 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Seventy-seven 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 over 50 households, and holiday gifts to 74 children.

DECEMBER 2014

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*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 Agricultural 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..... 7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 GDC... Granby Development Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 GLB ... Granby Library Board 7:00 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries
 GPC... Granby Prevention Council 6:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.

IWWC ...Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 P&R.....Park & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m. Rec. Community Ctr. at SBP
 P&Z.....Planning & Zoning Commission..... 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 YSBAB... Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board..... 4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 ZBAZoning Board of Appeals..... 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Overview: FY 2012-13 swung into full-gear with the 2012 Summer Reading Program for school-aged children, followed by a busy autumn and winter of book discussion groups, a writer's group, a monthly crafter's café, story times, musical events, and more. Additionally, both libraries worked through the Adults, Teens, and Children's collections to pull outdated and damaged materials and to replenish with updated editions and new materials in all formats. As with other libraries around the state and country, we are seeing a shift to new formats, such as eBooks, and these types of shifts drive how libraries expand and enhance their collections and utilize existing space. Because of some space changes, Granby Public Library was able to expand the teen section, almost doubling its size. Improvements to the Cossitt Library took place this past year with the re-landscaping of the side property, installation of the gazebo, paving of the parking lot, new steps, and exterior lighting. The ultimate vision is to always serve the town's residents and patrons, whose continued support throughout the year keep the libraries striving to excel in our offerings of resources and services for all ages.

Public Programs and Outreach: FY 2012-13 kicked off with *Dream BIG: Read!*, the Summer Reading Program for children, with 30+ programs offered and 162 children completing the summer reading goals. With autumn's arrival, adult programs such as *From Book to Film: Hitchcock!*, a new Writer's Group, and an evening crafter's café began; the Children's Department started a new Infant/Toddler story time in collaboration with the Granby Early Childhood Council, and preschooler's story times and other special events also continued. After the holidays, Sunday openings returned with a host of musical events, local history lectures, and genealogy sessions. Other popular programs continued throughout the year: *Something about the Author*, the *Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club* and the *UnBook Club*, and outreach to homebound senior residents continued with deliveries of large-print reading materials.

Volunteers and Support Groups: Throughout the year the libraries benefit from a number of volunteers, including high school students, who help staff in a variety of ways and make our life a bit easier on a daily basis, logging in 578 hours of their time. And, of course, both libraries are grateful to the ongoing support of the Friends of Granby Public Library,

the Friends of Cossitt Library, the Granby Library Association, and the Granby Library Board whose endeavors only help to make the libraries stronger.

Technology Resources and Services: Online outreach was expanded by adding Flickr and Pinterest, as well as a new Teen Blog and Children's Blog, to existing social media. Our electronic newsletters continue to be published on a monthly basis – all new ways for the libraries to expand beyond the four walls and reach out in a more immediate manner to residents and patrons.

This year the Granby Library Association (GLA) gifted a set of Ereaders to the libraries, which staff and volunteer Computer Tutor, Gail Altschwager, used to tutor patrons. The GLA also donated funds for the purchase of a new DVD display bin, thus making it easier for patrons to use this collection.

With the passing of the FY13-14 budget, the request for funding to join the CONNECT Consortium was approved and the libraries will be migrating to join our sister libraries (Simsbury, Avon, West Hartford, Canton, et al.), an important move that will give the Granby Public Library System a new infrastructure and a host of resources and services that our patrons will appreciate for years to come.

LIBRARY SERVICES *continued from page 24***Circulation 2012-2013**

	GRANBY	COSSITT	TOTAL
Adult Books	32,907	1,982	34,889
Teen Books	3,402	250	3,652
Children's Books	29,265	3,448	32,713
Digital Ebooks*	1,943	<i>n/a (counted in GPL)</i>	1,943
Online Database Usage	5,281	<i>n/a (counted in GPL)</i>	5,281
In-house Computer Usage	n/a	n/a*	n/a*
Adult Magazines	8,808	1,651	10,459
Teen Magazines	461	26	487
Children's Magazines	514	54	568
Adult Audio	5,135	375	5,510
Teen Audio	218	16	234
Children's Audio	575	106	681
Adult Movies	21,173	2,893	24,066
Teen Movies	2,459	32	2,491
Children's Movies	7,430	940	8,370
Adult CDROM / Games	279	0	279
Teen CDROM / Games	0	0	0
Children CDROM/Game	15	0	15
Realia/Puppets/Toys	199	0	199
Museum Passes	341	37	378
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	120,405	11,810	132,215
Total Transactions <i>(excluding online resources):</i>	229,350	23,620	252,970

	GRANBY	COSSITT	TOTAL
Interlibrary Loans			
Borrowed	2,994	n/a	2,994
Loaned	988	n/a	988
CCard (out-of-town patrons)	17,967	n/a	17,967
Program Attendance	3,577	174	3,751
New Registrations	830	n/a	830
New Materials Added	7,469	1,625	9,094
Total Holdings	58,169	13,101	71,270

**NOTE: In-house computer usage is no longer counted as a circulation statistic, thus decreasing overall circulation by about 5% as compared to previous year.*

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all taxable 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, 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 from the 2010 Grand List to the 2011 Grand List was 9,890,280, a .93% increase. This increase was predominately due to additions and the purchase of

newer vehicles.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 9,796,304, generating \$300,650 in revenue. This was a slight increase from the previous year, which seems to indicate that people are willing to purchase new vehicles.

The Connecticut State Law requires all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2007. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2012. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.granby-ct.gov, click on the assessor's page and follow line to the property values or visit the website: <http://www.qpublic.net/ct/granby/>.

	2010 Grand List <u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	2011 Grand List <u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2012-2013</u>
REAL ESTATE	958,339,060	962,385,940
MOTOR VEHICLES	81,355,570	86,066,740
PERSONAL PROPERTY	17,415,490	18,547,720
<i>Net Grand List</i>	1,057,110,120	1,067,000,400
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	8,282,759	9,796,304
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	72,943,360	73,250,590

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled nine requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations granting eight and denying one.

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, 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 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 Participants	785
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	230
Congregate Meal Program Participants .	137
Congregate Meals Served	4,186
Exercise Class Participants	256
Tax Preparation Assistance	167

Senior Services operates three senior vans to transport riders to activities at the senior center as well as for medical and personal care appointments, grocery shopping, health clinics, educational and social programs. The vans frequently travel for day trips to special events, recreational activities, sites of interest, and exhibits. 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	119
Hours of Operation	1,939
Miles Traveled	27,285
Number of Passenger Trips	7,630

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Wellness programming has expanded to include monthly foot care clinics (188 appointments) and dental clinics (12 clients in the first two months). Weekly blood pressure checks, annual flu clinics, monthly Ask the Doctor, and Lunch and Learn programming give participants the tools they need to stay healthy.
- ✓ The opening of the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loaner Closet on November 1, 2012 is credited to the Civic Engagement Team. This dedicated group of volunteers identified a location, completed renovations to the space, created forms, and developed marketing materials. Since then, 64 people borrowed 96 pieces of donated equipment. Further information is available on the town’s website: www.granby-ct.gov.
- ✓ The Senior Club held fundraising events and was able to make a generous contribution toward replacing the flooring in the Community Room.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau 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 and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

As one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in the State of Connecticut, the Granby Youth Service Bureau is a leading prevention agency, providing short term counseling and support services for Granby youth and their families, as well as educational programming and opportunities for youth leadership and development. The staff consists of a Youth Services Coordinator, Master Level Clinicians, and select, well qualified Marriage and Family Therapy Interns.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ In collaboration with the Granby Public Schools, the Youth Service Bureau brought a powerful **internet safety program** to both parents and all youth in grades 6-10. In the middle school, the internet safety message was further reinforced through the Student Union, with over 25 students working with the Youth Service Bureau staff and teachers to develop posters and displays focusing on internet safety and cyber bullying which were displayed throughout the school.
- ✓ **Love and Logic Parenting Class:** Ten families participated in the first six-week session of this nationally recognized parenting program. Reviews were overwhelmingly positive, as participants found ways to implement the program allowing them to enjoy parenting while raising responsible and loving children. Class sessions are offered throughout the year. Members of our Youth Employment Service provide babysitting.

PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

- ❖ **Youth Action Council** - A leadership group for youth in grades 9 through 12, brought together to work on common goals, to discover the needs, interests and concerns of Granby teens and to actively serve Granby teens and the community. Programming included two 6th grade dances and a safe zone anti-bullying sticker project for both elementary and middle school aged children.
- ❖ **W.O.W! (Women on the Way!)** - An experiential group for high school age girls provided 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.
- ❖ **G.O! Guys Only** - An action oriented group for 6th and 7th grade boys offered throughout the spring, summer, and fall. This program brings together youth from Granby and East Granby, as well as Hartford Open Choice students in a non-competitive, positive environment where diversity, acceptance, communication, and social skills are emphasized. Former GO! members who have aged out were given the opportunity to serve as program assistants, developing leadership skills, patience, and communication.
- ❖ **Kids Play You Stay** - A drop-in-group for pre-school age children and their parents or caregivers. Run collaboratively with the Granby Early Childhood Council, this popular program was relocated to the Holcomb Farm last year and continues to grow. With an average attendance of 30 pre-school age children, this is a combination playgroup, early intervention screening opportunity, and a parent resource program.

- ❖ **Pride Club** - An after school program for Middle School students. Healthy relationships, healthy snacks, and creative activities drove the 10-week program.
- ❖ **Social Skills Groups** - Co-facilitated with Granby Memorial Middle School guidance staff these weekly groups met during lunch periods. At-risk students were invited to attend. Healthy relationships were fostered through engagement in group projects such as fundraising and in school activities including both a foosball and volleyball tournament.
- ❖ **Women's Divorce Support Group** - A weekly support group facilitated by a Youth Service Bureau Clinician.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	
Total children served	187
Total clinical hours.	2,028
After school programming.	182 youth
Preschool programming.	68 children

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with the various emergency response departments and volunteer first responder organizations in Granby (Police, Fire, EMS, and Health Departments), along with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan. The Department of Emergency Management insures town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements. They assist with the development and with the execution of interagency exercises and works to improve Granby's capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

Over the last year the Town of Granby has participated in several statewide exercises. During these events, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated. Our unified command staff assembled and communications between our EOC and the State EOC was tested. The Emergency Operations Plan was reviewed with all the key players.

In the past decade alone, blizzards, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, drought, blackouts, and heat waves have all affected Granby and surrounding towns. There is no better time than right now to prepare for the next disaster. Being prepared makes a difference!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Being aware and staying informed are the first steps in disaster preparedness, a variety of tools and resources are available to our residents:

- Town of Granby website www.granby-ct.gov
- Connecticut Alert Emergency Notification System www.ctalert.gov
- FEMA preparedness website www.ready.gov

Knowledge is power. Learn about the hazards you may face and know how to get the information you'll need in the event of an emergency.

While local emergency services (police, fire, emergency medical) are well equipped to quickly and effectively provide help when emergencies arise, the response demands of a major disaster can quickly outpace capacity. Each and every household must be ready to fend for their own needs for at least 72-hours (three days) after an emergency begins.

Prepare and Prepare

Disaster preparedness actions are taken in advance of an emergency or disaster to ensure you and your family are able to respond and recover from a variety of disaster events.

The goals of disaster preparedness include:

- **Knowing what to do before, during, and after a disaster strikes,**
- **Knowing how to do what needs to be done, and**
- **Being equipped with the right information and tools to do it effectively.**

Disaster preparedness not only helps you prepare for major hazards, but also helps you be ready to respond to any emergency you encounter in your everyday life, no matter how small or large.

By taking time to prepare for disasters, you empower yourself, and in many respects, become a first responder for those around you.

To ensure that you and your family are prepared, take steps to build a kit, make a Hazard Preparation Checklist, and safeguard your valuables.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 1,015 permits with a total constructed value of \$7,642,685 during Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The number of permits issued was consistent with the previous year. New home construction remained relatively light, however remodeling and additions is steady. In addition to the services provided to Granby residents, the department also provides inspection services to the Town of Hartland. This fiscal year the Building Department issued 147 permits in Hartland. During this year the department provided plan review and inspection services for several large municipal projects such as

the Salmon Brook Park Pond House and the High School athletic fields. The department participates in a mutual aid agreement with East Granby, Suffield, Simsbury, and Canton Building Departments. This agreement provides valuable support during vacation periods and emergencies.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the Connecticut State Building Code, the department provides administrative support to the Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Wetlands Agent, and several of the land use boards and commissions. The Building

Official also serves as Zoning Enforcement Officer, and is responsible for reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding these regulations.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact us to discuss plans for proposed projects and with any related building code questions. The department maintains files containing valuable information on most buildings constructed in modern times, which can be useful in the planning process. The goal of the department is to ensure a safe built environment for all of Granby's citizens.

<i>Building Permits Issued</i>	<i>Number of Permits</i>	<i>Total Construction Cost</i>
New	6	1,133,463
Mechanical Permits	564	1,949,508
All other Permits	445	4,559,714
	1,015	7,642,685

<i>Year</i>	<i>New Home Permits</i>		<i>All Other Permits</i>		<i>#</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>#</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Amount</i>		
2012-13	6	1,133,463	1,009	6,509,222	1,015	7,642,685
2011-12	3	744,000	1,022	8,453,823	1,025	9,197,823
2010-11	5	966,411	767	5,927,285	772	6,893,696
2009-10	6	1,107,670	684	6,473,963	690	7,581,633
2008-09	3	569,290	748	6,037,500	751	6,606,790
2007-08	6	1,177,285	694	5,616,295	700	6,793,580
2006-07	20	2,905,140	716	6,634,077	736	9,539,217

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT
Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District is the local health department for the Town of Granby. The District is responsible for enforcing the Connecticut Public Health Code and may adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the promotion of general health.

Jennifer C. Kertanis Joins the District as its New Director

It has been a transition year for the District after Rick Matheny, director for 37 years, retired last August. In September, Jennifer Kertanis became the District's second Health Director. Prior to joining the District, Ms. Kertanis served for ten years as the Executive Director of the CT Association of Directors of Health, an organization that provided advocacy, workforce trainings, and program development for CT's local health departments. Prior to that, she worked for 11 years at the CT Department of Public Health as an epidemiologist in environmental health.

The public health challenges that face our communities are dynamic and complex. Despite advances in vaccine preventable disease, food safety, and environmental conditions, this is the first generation of children that are projected to live a shorter life than their parents due to an obesity epidemic and rising rates of chronic diseases including diabetes and heart disease. New and emerging infections, including pandemic influenza, demand vigilance and require public health to have well developed and exercised response plans. Ms. Kertanis is looking forward to building strong partnerships as the District strives to make the Farmington Valley the healthiest place to live, work, and play.

UConn Student Interns Enhance FVHD Health Promotion Activities

The District was very fortunate to host three students pursuing their Masters in Public Health at UConn in Farmington. Students come with a variety of skills in health education, epidemiology, and program planning. With student support, FVHD was able to update and enhance the District website, develop materials on the obesity epidemic, promote healthy eating, active living initiatives, and assist with our public bathing water sampling. Hosting graduate level student interns is a win-win. The District is able to put student skills and fresh ideas to work to enhance our programs and services and the students receive practice-based learning and real-life work experience.

Environmental Health Activities:

Permits Issued:

Food Service Establishments	62
Temporary Food Service.	19
Salons	10
New Septic	8
Septic Repair	30
Well	3

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:

New Septic	13
Septic Repair	52
Public Bathing	12
Food Service Establishments	78
Complaints (ALL)	6
Salons	20
Day Care	5

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

In keeping with the long standing history of the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of promoting health and wellness in the community and providing home health and hospice care to the residents of Granby, we are pleased to say that this continues to be our objective and we have had another very successful year. Although a challenge, our Agency is very proud that it continues to operate as a non-profit, independent VNA that is not owned, operated, or otherwise managed by a hospital or large health care system. We are working diligently to retain this status and the historical, charitable mission that the Farmington Valley VNA has carried out since 1908.

As a whole, our Agency is continuing to do well even in this difficult environment. The competition with larger, hospital based organizations is rising and reimbursement from the State and Federal government is either flat or decreasing. Each year we have to do more with less but we are very pleased with the work we continue to do in the community. Our patient care and quality outcomes exceed State and Federal benchmarks and we are honored to have been designated as a '2012 Home Care Elite' home health provider, which is an independent compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States. Our Agency ranked in the top 100 nationally and is one of only three agencies in Connecticut that attained this designation. This designation is the result of outstanding patient care outcomes, quality improvement measures, patient experiences, and financial management.

So many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Preschool vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following surgery, illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and compassionate hospice services when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home ~ these are just a few examples of

the ways the Farmington Valley VNA has benefited local residents of all ages.

Services available to Granby residents include:

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

A variety of specialized services are also provided, including complex wound care management, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing including a Congestive Heart Failure management program, early rehabilitation protocols after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and contemporary remote tele-monitoring of patients' cardiac and respiratory status.

The Agency's Community Programs Department also provides an outstanding level of quality services with a focus on illness prevention, education, and maintaining good health. Flu season continues to be a challenge in today's environment with intense competition from pharmacies, urgent care facilities, and national home health franchises. Residents often return to the Agency to receive their flu shot as they appreciate the nurses' knowledge of the immunization being given, education they provide, and the one-on-one attention they receive from an engaged, caring health professional. As a new service, the Agency began offering Zostavax (the Shingles vaccine) due to the greater incidence of this condition among middle age adults and the debilitating complications that can occur. Overall, the Agency was pleased to serve over 3,800 Granby residents through their participation in one or more illness prevention services during the past year.

Given the current national economic climate, the Farmington Valley VNA has continued to successfully manage and operate our Granby Food Bank Program. Over the past few years the number of local residents who require this resource has increased dramatically. In 2007, there were 702 visits to the Food Bank and 1,074 bags of food were distributed. During the 2012-13 year, there were 1,316 visits and 2,123 bags were distributed, reflecting nearly a 100% increase. The Food Bank Program hours are coordinated on Tuesdays so that participants may also visit the Foodshare Truck at the South Congregational Church from which they receive fresh produce and other perishable items. This has proven to be a beneficial and positive partnership with Foodshare in supporting the essential food and nutritional needs of Granby residents and families.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to maintain a contract with the Granby Board of Education to provide School Health Services in the Granby Public School System. This has been a long-standing and positive arrangement, which assures that students and Board of Education employees receive high quality health care services during the school year and summer school sessions.

Despite the growing complexities of retaining its independence and local presence, the Farmington Valley VNA is very pleased to be an integral and vital part of Granby's community, and remains committed to improving the quality of life of our residents and families.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2012-2013 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 16 regular meetings and two special meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permits and requests for site plan approvals, zoning amendments, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions, made site visits, established a fee in lieu of open space, and acted on various matters as required. For a complete review of all commission activities, please visit the Granby Web site at <http://www.granby-ct.gov>, and click on Agendas and Minutes where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 25 new applications. Of these, four were withdrawn, one was denied, two were pending, and 18 were approved. The revenue generated from these applications for the town was \$4,690. An additional \$1,106 was forwarded to the state as required. One new building lot was approved during this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2012-2013 the Commission:

- Approved special permits for accessory apartments at six different locations and amended the Zoning Regulations in regard to accessory apartments.
- Approved a zone change to allow the construction of a new apartment complex and amended the zoning regulations to permit up to eight units per acre.
- Approved two new uses for 10 Hartford Avenue Plaza; Westfield Bank, and Han Asian Restaurant.
- Approved special permits for non-profit users; Bandit's Place, Safe Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and the Valley Brook Community Church.
- Approved a sign for State Line Propane.
- Approved an apartment complex on Mill Pond Drive.
- Approved special permits for two separate out-buildings greater than 1,000 square feet and approved a special permit for a home occupation in an outbuilding.
- Approved a rear lot application for property on Broad Hill Road.
- Made a positive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding construction on the town's property at 83 Salmon Brook Street.
- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen accept the final section of Cidermill Heights Road.
- Established a Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee to study the issue of such vehicles.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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Barbarajean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer,
Jennifer L. Abalan

Assessor,
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Enforcement Officer,
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Carl G. Rosensweig

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