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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 Licenses, and Clerk-Town Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to Revenue Collector	\$296,726
Land Records (1,678 Recordings)	\$59,657
Conveyance Tax (279 Transfers)	\$104,377
PA-02-229	\$48,780
Historic Preservation (Town)	\$1,355
(State)	\$2,710
Maps – 11 filed	\$110
Copies (Land Records & Maps)	\$10,586
Filing Fees (Misc.)	\$581
Burn Permits issued	\$700
Vital Statistics (Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Permits)	
Town	\$12,546
State (29 Surcharges)	\$551

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2015)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	2	61	63
Deaths	65	38	103
Marriages	32	30	62

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected	\$194
State fees collected	\$8,626
Licenses issued by Town Clerk	455
Misc. Combos issued	233
Handicapped Licenses	8

Lifetime licenses issued	194
Deer Tags	16
Pheasant tags issued	6
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued	14
HIP Permits issued	14
Dog Licenses – 1,113 issued	
Town fees collected	\$1,137
State fees collected (48 Surcharges)	\$9,426
Kennel licenses issued	10
Fidelco Dogs licensed	5
Transfers / Replacement tags	9
Late Fee’s collected	\$496
Absentee Ballots (AB) issued	272

ELECTIONS

08/12/2014 State Representative Primary
 Electors qualified to vote - 2,214
 Electors checked as voting - 565 (AB-32)

11/04/2014 – State Election
 Electors qualified to vote – 7,058
 Electors checked as voting – 4,800 (AB-225)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

04/27/2015 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Machine vote: Yes - 754 No - 589 (AB-15). Budget passed.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended 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; it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

International Institute of Municipal Clerks (I.I.M.C.) and Connecticut State Certification were previously attained by the Town Clerk. Assistant Town Clerk Jini Ruscitti has also received Connecticut State Certification. 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.

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of \$3,000. This will be used to continue the project of removing vital records from bound books, microfilming for security, and placing in vital binders where they will be more easily accessible for copying. Having vital records microfilmed is essential for the preservation and security of these permanent records. Microfilmed records stored off-site is crucial to this office in the event of a disaster.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The Granby Police Department continues to provide quality modern police services to the citizens of Granby. The Police Department is led by Chief of Police Carl Rosensweig and Captain William Tyler. Together, Chief Rosensweig and Captain Tyler have 68 years of police experience. Each has graduated from the FBI National Academy; an 11 week, full time intensive academic and physical training program in Quantico, Virginia. The police department has an authorized strength of 16 sworn officers. Our newest officer, Erin Tanucci, grew up in Granby and attended Granby schools.

Staffing a police department is always a challenge. An officer can resign or retire with two weeks' notice and it takes about 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 is actively recruiting entry level officer candidates, as well as experienced certified officers from other police departments.

Highly trained officers provide the best service to the community. In Granby, the officers participate in a regional training program for one week each year. In addition, officers receive training in specialized areas such as investigations, firearms, and defensive tactics.

Traffic complaints are one of the most frequent complaints received by the police department. The department uses traffic/speed monitoring trailers not only to alert operators of their speed, but also to collect data for later analysis regarding driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day, and day of week, all of which allow for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with actual data.

Granby Police cruisers are now equipped with digital video monitoring equipment. Each cruiser will be able to create a video record of events. This capabil-

ity will enhance criminal investigations and evidence documentation, as well as openness and accountability.

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 state-wide drills have better prepared all town departments to handle major emergencies.

The Granby Department of Police Services is an active participant in the north central Connecticut region. This collaborative regional planning and operational effort 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. The Granby Department of Police Services contributes significantly to this regional effort. One officer is part of the regional SWAT team, one is part of the regional accident reconstruction team, and two are crisis negotiators. 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 Department of Police Services 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 all activities within the wetlands and watercourses and reviews activities that are outside of these areas but within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet of watercourses. Wetlands applications and operations are administered through the Office of Community Development.

In fiscal year 2014-2015, the Commission held seven meetings and acted on seven requests for review and permit applications. Three full permits were approved by the Commission. The Commission delegated 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 determined that proposed activities, such as logging operations, were either exempt from permitting by statute or were not regulated activities.

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.

Dave Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. The town continued its contractual arrangement with the North Central Conservation District, which provides the services of a consulting Wetlands Agent. However, with the resignation of Granby resident, David Askew, Wetlands Technical Advisor and Soil Scientist from the District, the town decided to contract with Freshwater Wetland Services for the following fiscal year. The town greatly appreciates the tremendous support and professional representation that the North Central Conservation District, specifically David Askew, provided to the town over the past nine years.

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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Lost Acres Fire Department (LAFD) is an all-volunteer department providing exclusive fire and emergency services to the Town of Granby from our three stations, Center, North Granby, and West Granby. We are entirely dependent on our members to maintain readiness and to respond to all types of emergencies.

This year new officers were appointed: Jason Cooke, Captain at North Granby; Bill George, Jr., Captain at Center Station; Paul Cote, Lieutenant at Center Station; and Erik Davis, Lieutenant at North Granby. We welcomed three cadets who reached 18 years of age, to the Waiting List: Dan Jacobs, Nathan Jansen, and Joshua Briere. Tim Rickis completed his training and was elected to full active membership. Joe Harmon retired as Treasurer and handed over his duties to newly elected Treasurer John Reek. Russell French and Joe Harmon were granted Lifetime Member status, having served the department for over 25 years! We thank our entire membership for their commitment to improving the department and its operations. To those who have retired, we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the hours of hard work and sacrifices made in support of the department.

After achieving active membership, firefighters are encouraged to continue their training. This year was no exception with Deputy Chief Tim Weber, Captain Bill George, Jr., Lt. Paul Cote, and Firefighters John Cote and John Reek acquiring their Fire Instructor I certifications. Firefighter John Reek went on to complete his Fire Officer 1 and 2 training as well.

Education and training of our members is the single largest activity that we undertake every week. Regular drills were held throughout the year in all aspects of fire activities including two live burns, motor vehicle extrication, CT Natural Gas pipeline emergencies training, OSHA required classes, and an introductory class into the new SLICE-RS fire scene management model based on the NIST and NFPA Fire Behavior Studies. Overall, over 1,000 hours of firefighter training helps to keep our membership updated on the latest information and keep sharp on key skills.

Our Fire Cadet Explorer post operated in its second full year. Training younger men and women in the fire service is a way to bolster our ranks of new firefighters and provide exciting opportunities to high school aged students. The department trained five new cadets this year, certifying them as responders. The cadets provide invaluable support during fire calls and drills, as well as public education activities such as Granby Days and Fire Prevention Week. The Cadets presented LAFD with a new bench back, for the West Granby Station, at the annual Christmas party.

LAFD instituted a new firefighting group this year called Fire Ground Support. This allows members who have reached the age of 70, to continue working with LAFD at calls rather than retiring. The services provided by this group include scene traffic control, crowd control, assistance with drills, rehab, accountability, pump operations, and equipment needs during the times of storms or power outages. We welcomed our first member to this group, Ken Davis, Jr.

As a member of the Connecticut firefighting community, LAFD is required to comply with CT OSHA mandates for firefighter safety. The officers, with help from our insurance carrier, CIRMA, underwent training and wrote updates to bring the department into full compliance. This completed a two year project to bring LAFD into full compliance with the latest OSHA standards.

Our fire prevention program continued this year with the support of Firefighter / Committee Chairman Bill McHugh and other members of the department. School visits, an open house with demonstrations, and the distribution of our fire safety message were accomplished during October. Throughout the rest of the year LAFD membership provided support for neighborhood block and birthday parties, Scout visits, and other public fire education requests. We are also able to provide a level of understanding of the dangers and risks of fire in the home and at work.

To ensure firefighter safety during calls, LAFD has been continually reviewing and updating our tools and personal protective equipment. This year we selected

and acquired new helmets and three new thermal imaging cameras, one for each pumper. These devices allow us to improve our situational awareness, make a better size-up at calls, and improve overall safety of those operating at the scene.

Chief John Horr, Jr. presented an overview of the department to the Board of Selectmen. This provided education on the activities LAFD conducts both as an emergency services provider and member of the Town of Granby. The presentation was well received and initiated discussions on future LAFD budget improvements and the need for a Town of Granby wide emergency radio system. Meetings between representatives of LAFD, Granby Department of Police Services, Granby Ambulance Association, and Department of Public Works were started to establish a radio system replacement committee.

Total Calls for the 2014 – 2015 Year:	216
Fires (cooking, building, chimney, brush):	75
Rescues & Medicals:	10
Hazardous Condition (no fire):	28
Service Calls (water, odor, standby):	22
Good Intent (cancelled enroute):	15
False Alarms (CO, smoke, pull box):	65
Severe Weather:	1



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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's office has a staff of three part-time employees. The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated and regulated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations require fire safety inspections in all buildings in Granby with exceptions to one and two family dwellings. Other responsibilities include enforcing hazardous materials regulations, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and determining the cause and origin of all fires and/or explosions.

Our main objective is to be in compliance with the CT Fire Safety Code. This is accomplished by working with the building owner and the occupants, educating them as to how these improvements create a safer environment for all building occupants.

This year a total of 159 fire safety inspections were completed, along with 11 fire investigations to determine cause and origin. Nine commercial building plan reviews were also completed.

Working smoke alarms 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 this office. Have a plan to escape your house should a fire occur. This plan should include two ways out and a meeting place once outside. Never reenter a house once evacuated due to an emergency until it has been cleared by an emergency responder.

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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,703. At the end of the fiscal year, 315 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2013 Grand List adjusted levy was \$33,968,158 and the net collections on the current levy were \$33,651,746.
- During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 99.07% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total of uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2015 (including back taxes) was \$609,022.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with all town agencies (Police, Fire, EMS, Health, and Public Works Departments) along with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan. The Department of Emergency Management ensures town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements. They assist with the development and execution of emergency exercises and constantly work to improve Granby's capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

In preparation of a January blizzard the Governor declared a state of emergency and ordered a travel ban throughout the state. The Town of Granby also prepared for the worse-case scenario. The Town Manager called a meeting of his command staff; the purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparedness for the upcoming blizzard. We prepared the Emergency Operations Center, relocated shelter supplies to the emergency shelter, adjusted staffing of our first responders, and put the CERT team on standby. In the end, the storm had significant snowfall but we were spared the effects of a blizzard.

The Granby Community Emergency Response Team falls under Emergency Management. They are a team of 20 residents who train monthly and are available to assist during local or statewide emergencies or community events. The main mission of the team is to assist with the operation of an emergency shelter, but can

be activated by the Emergency Management Director for other needs of the town. This year Granby CERT has documented almost 300 hours, which includes all training and activated events.

The town has also been awarded a FEMA grant. This will fund the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Granby Memorial Middle School. Once complete, we will designate this building as our primary emergency shelter.

In the event of an emergency, residents are asked to be prepared and stay aware. Have a kit, which should contain 72 hours' worth of your basic needs: food, water, medicine, etc. Stay informed through news media and the internet, and sign up for our emergency notification system. The town can send messages to your home and cell phones, email address, and even a text, but you must register for this information. Look for the CT Alert Link on the town website.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a five member board with three alternates, elected to interpret and vary the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent and to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, or decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

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

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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 which includes 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. 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 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 summer concerts and other events, a large lacrosse tournament, a fall fair, and countless games and practices for the local athletic leagues.

The Recreation Department has been collaborating with many groups

in town to put together some very special events. The Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss has become a late winter favorite, with over 100 people attending. This event is made possible with help from the Granby Early Childhood Council (GECC). The town's Holiday Tree Lighting Event has been relocated to Salmon Brook Park and is more popular than ever. This past year over 500 residents attended as the choruses from Kelly Lane and Wells Road Schools led everyone in holiday carols, a family entertainer wowed the crowd, and there was an appearance by Old St. Nick. The Granby Lions Club and the Granby Chamber of Commerce were instrumental in making the Holiday Tree Lighting Event possible.

The North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm has continued the town's revitalization of this historic property. The building is now open and anyone interested in renting the facility for their reception, party, or other event can contact the Recreation Department. A photo gallery of pictures for all rental facilities can be found on our website at www.GranbyRec.com



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 Granby 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 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 ap-

preciated and facilitates 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs.....	113
Barking Dogs	69
Nuisance Dogs	4
Dog/Cat Bites.....	5
Cat Complaints.....	153
Cruelty Complaints	11
Abandoned dogs.....	13
Other (farm animals, horses, cows, goats, chickens)	200
Total number of complaints investigated	568
Animals Impounded	87
Redeemed by Owner.....	75
Rabies Cases.....	1

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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, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses staff, and the Wetlands consultant. This office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program; is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program; and serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments, 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, the Development Commission, and assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Conservation Commission. The Department also provides information as requested by other Boards and Commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

In addition to the work associated with the above responsibilities, in fiscal year 2014-15 the director continued to work with the Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee on the re-write of the 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development. He continued work on the Holcomb Farm Pavilion and completed work representing the Earth Excavation Subcommittee. The director also served as staff to the Center Zone Review Subcommittee. Following the approval of FEMA funding, the director worked on the Middle School Emergency Generator, preparing the specifications and putting the project out to bid. He also prepared a new STEAP grant, seeking funding for Town Center improvement projects.

In fiscal year 2014-15, three Housing Rehabilitation projects were completed and one additional project was ready to start. In response to a *Drummer* article, the office recently received a substantial number of new requests for Housing Rehabilitation funding. These applications will move forward in FY2015-2016.

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.

The Commission worked with town staff on an application for a 2015 STEAP grant. This application seeks funding for improvements to the Granby Center, including additional street lighting, additional sidewalks, unique center signage, and landscaping. The State had not selected any applications for funding by the end of this fiscal year.

In FY 2014-15 the Commission discussed and recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve an application on a proposed amendment to Section 3.12.5 of the Granby Zoning Regulations. The members strongly supported this amendment for reasons which were outlined within the Center Zoning Subcommittee report. In fact, three members of the Development Commission served on this subcommittee of 17 members.

The Commission held a Special Meeting on April 14, 2015 at the Peppermill Country Deli & Bakery located at 83 Salmon Brook Street. The building has been beautifully renovated and a new seating addition has been added. Owner, Jenifer Girard spoke with the Commission about her experience as a local business owner and tenant of this town-owned property. The Commission members were impressed by the facility and the products. The members felt that the town's purchase of the property has proven to be an overwhelming success. The members discussed the town's ability to control the future access to the

rear land and the future installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Floydville Road.

This year Beman's Hardware, 20 Hartford Avenue, completed a new addition, Small Town Septic neared completion of their new building at 566 Salmon Brook Street and the Old Oak Tavern was being converted to @The Barn.

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 one appeal during the course of their meetings held in March of 2014. Of the properties reviewed, the Board determined that the Assessment was fair and equitable and no changes were made.

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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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For Granby Public Schools, 2014-2015 was a year of advancing district priorities and responding to the State of Connecticut's educational reform initiatives.

Notable events included the adoption of a Board of Education strategic plan and core values; momentum and coherence provided by the district mission; commitment to improving student writing; continued recognition of Granby Memorial High School as a Connecticut *School of Distinction and Excelling High School*; successful rollout of one to one computing for Grades 7-10; expansion of world language instruction to grades two to four; providing expanded services for our highest achieving intermediate age students; success of early childhood programs; enhancements to school safety; state championships for girls' volleyball and softball, ice hockey, and the robotics team; production of a community musical (*Peter Pan*); implementation of Common Core State

Standards, Teacher/Administrator Evaluation and Smarter Balanced Assessments; and a successful budget referendum.

A very low cost-per-student spending and high levels of student achievement as measured by District Performance Indices for the Connecticut Mastery Test (93.1) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (92), the Scholastic Aptitude Test and Advanced Placement scores guaranteed another terrific return on investment for the community. The *Connecticut Magazine* and *Hartford Magazine* have consistently rated the town highly in the education category for small towns.

In the fall of 2015, the school system is excited to expand the Integrated Pre-school, Spanish instruction to grades K-1, enrichment programming for grade 4, one to one computing for grades 11-12, advance the arts, and complete the remaining school safety measures.

Granby has long been known as a volunteer community and that spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations actively support Granby Public Schools. The reputation of the school system has only been possible with this high level of community support.

The district thanks everyone who volunteers or donates their time and talents to make Granby a great New England school system.



The Class of 2015 celebrates its graduation in the new stadium.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Once again it's been a busy year for Department of Public Works (DPW) crews as we implemented and oversaw many projects. At Holcomb Farm, town crews assisted in the building of a pavilion and made many repairs to the attached barn, both inside and out. A parking lot was constructed allowing people to have an organized area to park for events. They also installed drainage, electrical conduits, and sewer hook ups to buildings at the Holcomb Farm. The DPW took on the task of adding additional parking places and repairing road surfaces at Salmon Brook Park. Installation of new high efficiency boilers in all buildings at the Town Hall complex is complete as well as upgrades to all buildings HVAC which will increase efficiencies.

Along with special projects, the department continued to handle its normal duties such as snow and ice removal, athletic field mowing, road repairs, and building maintenance. We continued our program of replacing inefficient and repair-prone vehicles and tools with new and innovative equipment and hardware, saving both labor and energy. A pickup truck and plow replaced an aged truck, improving reliability. A roadside mower was replaced enabling us to better handle roadside mowing operations throughout the year. Recycling and trash collection are also functions of the department. We are continually scrutinizing these programs for cost saving improvements and waste reduction. We work to provide excellent service to the residents while maintaining a cost effective program.

Public Works goal is to keep the roads safe for all the motoring public. Crews were deployed for 23 storms and 10 call outs last winter; one of the most challenging storms was a sleet and freezing rainstorm in January that required an extra amount of time and material. There were over 70 inches of snowfall on town roads. The Department utilized 1,200 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the roads. A colder than normal winter also resulted in an increased amount of salt and sand used last year. From the spring to the fall, DPW employees logged over 1,000 hours of mower time in addition to the many hours of string trimming, maintaining flowerbeds, and tree trimming activities. The department strives to meet the demands of all the varied activities that take place in our parks.

Building maintenance remains a primary focus of the department as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities offered by the town. Public Works crews clean and maintain 19 public buildings located throughout town. Our full and part time staff is dedicated and professional. We have skilled carpenters and irrigation specialists on staff, along with crew members who have knowledge of general electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. The town Transfer Station is manned by our certified part time employees who are helpful and always willing to lend a hand to residents.

Street sweeping mileage totaled 65 miles with developments being the primary focus. During the fall of each year, leaves and debris are removed from the road edges to improve water flow. This keeps the water from entering roadways and prevents freezing over during winter months, as well as gutter washouts. Approximately 850 catch basins are cleaned and inspected annually.

Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvement program. Overlay roads were chip sealed first to prevent reflective cracking. New catch basins and curbing were installed as needed. The road reconstruction program targets streets that need extensive work to stabilize the base, improve drainage, and address drivability. As part of the capital program a total of 3.35 miles were overlaid including: Partridge Meadow, Day Street (partial), Canton Road (partial) and Silver Street (partial).

A permeable mat was installed on the Griffin Road bridge deck to prevent water and salt damage to the structure. The bridge deck was then overlaid with 2 inches of bituminous concrete.

Our certified mechanics service over 60 pieces of equipment ranging from string trimmers to large loaders for the Public Works Department, Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Yearly over 4,000 hours are dedicated to the repair and preventive maintenance of the town fleet.

Our Department of Public Works crew is proud of the professional work we do and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and provide service for our residents.



Working at Holcomb Farm

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

The town's Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E., provides a wide range of services to the town. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts field inspections to assure that construction is in compliance with engineering standards and specifications. He prepares engineering drawings for town improvements and specific projects. The Town Engineer reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development and the Director of Public Works. He also inspects projects approved by the Land Use Commission to assure that they are in compliance with the engineering details of the approvals. The Town Engineer is available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and others as necessary.

The Town Engineer continued work on the Salmon Brook Street sidewalk project and on Holcomb Farm redevelopment plans and improvements. He worked on the Cooley Road intersection design, Quarry Road drainage, the Department of Public Works garage addition, and consulted on various design issues throughout the town. He regularly comments on erosion and sedimentation control plans and on public sewer connections.

Additionally, the Town Engineer attended the meetings of the Earth Excavation Subcommittee and advised them on the re-write of Section 9 of the Zoning Regulations. During this fiscal year, one new town road, Gate House Road and two private roads remained under construction. The Town Engineer is available to meet with design engineers and offers suggestions and advice on the design of developments proposed for the Town of Granby.

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 1,300 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 Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 127 households needing help with heating and utility bills. Granby Fuel Bank received \$8,242 in donations from individual donors and civic groups.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF - Thirty-two applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over \$13,000 to qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT - Over 80 participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) 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 \$27,400 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorship, Campership, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Fifty-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 over 55 households and holiday gifts to 63 children.

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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 serves as a community resource through a town-sanctioned Plan of Use that includes caring for this historic property, sustainably and responsibly growing great tasting nutritious food, and engaging and supporting a variety of town and non-profit programs. The Board of Directors of The Friends of Holcomb Farm, Inc., a non-profit agency, provides stewardship for 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 in the state, sustainably growing a wide variety of fresh vegetables without any chemical pesticides on over 20 acres of land. Sustainable practices are used to

grow healthy food while improving the soils and the watershed. We harvested over 100,000 lbs. in 2014, serving over 325 local households.

Holcomb Farm's Fresh Access program raises funds to purchase some of the CSA produce for distribution to seniors, at-risk families, and others in need in Granby and the region. With the support of our contributors, last year Fresh Access distributed over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce.

With the building and dedication of the new North Barn Pavilion, 2015 saw the final realization of the last of the capital improvements envisioned by donors to an earlier capital campaign. In collaboration with the town, and with the support of a State "STEAP" grant, this Pavilion is already hosting community gatherings of all types, in a modern enclosure that complements the historic facilities.

We thank the generosity of our 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 who 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 Planning & Zoning with regard to development plans.

This year saw the departure of our longest serving commissioners, Carolyn Flint and Susan Dwyer. We are very appreciative of their hard work over the years. In an effort to involve the younger members of our community and recognize the continued interest of one of our students, Cole Goodrow was appointed to the newly approved Student Liaison position.

Board members have attended and hosted several information nights in an effort to educate themselves and other residents on the wide array of clean energy options. We continue to research the available options but encourage all residents to do their own due diligence. There are many options offered but not all will result in savings.

Other efforts this year include assisting town representatives to promote and educate residents on clean energy. A computer showing real time solar performance, signage, a Granby Day booth, newspaper advertising, and a bag giveaway have been funded by grants made available through the town's support for clean energy initiatives.

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2014-2015 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 16 regular meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permits and requests for site plan approvals, zoning amendments and changes, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions, made site visits, and acted on various matters as required. This year member Linda Spevacek resigned from the Commission after many years of service. Linda was highly regarded for her thorough consideration of each and every matter that came before the Commission. Her contribution to the process will be missed by all.

For a complete review of all commission activities please visit the Granby Web site at http://www.granby-ct.gov/Public_Documents/GranbyCT_Min/GranbyCT_PlanMin/, where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 12 new applications. Of these, one was denied and 11 were approved. The revenue generated from these applications for the town was \$1,464. An additional \$986 was forwarded to the state as required. One new building lot was approved during this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2014-2015 the Commission:

- Approved a Special Permit for personal services at 9 Hartford Avenue
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 14 Juniper Drive
- Approved a Zoning Amendment to Section 9, Earth Excavation
- Denied a proposed Zoning Amendment for the Granby Center Zone
- Approved a Special Permit modification for Lost Acres Vineyard
- Approved and made permanent a Special Permit for the Safe Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 26 Loomis Street
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 2 Apple Tree Lane
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 105 Bushy Hill Road
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 147 Loomis Street
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 163 Hartland Road
- Approved a Special Permit to allow the continuation of earth excavation for Tilcon, Inc., Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Zoning Amendment in regards to the Comprehensive Granby Center Zone Criteria

The PZC formed the Earth Excavation Subcommittee. Their final report recommended a complete rewrite of Section 9 of the Zoning Regulations. The Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the subcommittee's proposed amendment at their meeting of January 13, 2015.

The PZC formed the Center Zone Review Subcommittee in response to a proposed zoning amendment, which the Commission received and denied. Based on a comprehensive report by the Subcommittee, the Commission approved an amendment to the Comprehensive Granby Center Zone Criteria, which would expand the opportunity for new commercial uses within the Town Center.

Sadly, this year, Fred Wilhelm, a long time Granby resident, a member of the PZC for 16 years, and a remarkably great friend to the Granby Community passed on from the town he loved. Fred's enthusiasm, knowledge, and experience made him an exceptional member of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Overview: The year 2014-15 was a bit tempestuous as the two Libraries made adjustments as the newest members in the *Library Connections* consortium. At times staff may have looked a bit stressed; at other times, just happy to see how quickly our patrons took advantage of the new system. However, after a few months, life settled down and the Libraries were back on track. We thank our patrons for their patience and good will during that transition time, and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Public Programs and Outreach: FY 2014-15 kicked off with *Fizz, Bang, Boom!* at Granby Public Library, which was the National 2014 Summer Reading Program for kids, while Cossitt Library hosted *Fun with Dinosaurs!*

In the fall, Cossitt continued to host Tuesday Evening Writers, a drop-in Knitting group, and the monthly children's *Book Brigade*. Granby Public hosted a *Build Your Etsy Site*, a memoir writing series with Sarah Merrill, a monthly Foreign Film series, and several programs during *National Novel Writing Month*. Our *Crafter's Café* evenings continued to be popular with jewelry-making, knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, and other craft projects.

Sundays kicked off with a musical performance by Marcie and Gordon Swift on harp and fiddle, which kept patrons' toes tapping; and, Cossitt hosted an historical re-enactment program, *Meet Edgar Allan Poe*. December saw the return of Dennis Picard of Storrowton Village who presented Holiday *Tales of Old New England* at Cossitt Library.

Our popular book clubs continued throughout the year: *Something about the Author*; the *Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club*; the *UnBook Club*; and our newest group, *All Around the World* rounded out the book discussion groups in the spring.

Online Resources and Services: This past year the Libraries expanded our online resources by adding *Zinio*, a database of downloadable magazines; augmenting the shared *OverDrive* ebook content and adding *OneClick Digital* for more ebook titles for adults, teens, and children. Cossitt Library added *American Ancestors* through the New England Genealogical Society last winter. Our patrons can keep in touch with the Libraries via monthly newsletters, our Facebook Page, and more than 50 Pinterest boards to help readers choose that next good book.

Volunteers & Support Groups: Both Libraries benefit from our volunteers who assist the staff, logging in over 18 hours weekly. Our Libraries are grateful to the Friends of Cossitt Library, the Friends of Granby Public Library, the Granby Library Association, and the Granby Library Board, whose continued support makes the Libraries so much better.

Special Thanks: The Children's Department of Granby Public Library is grateful to the Granby Library Association for its unanimous vote in June to donate the funds to purchase a new ADA-compliant Circulation Desk for the Children's Department. As many of you have noticed, ground was broken and work began on the Reading Terrace this spring, including a second handicapped parking space. We thank the Town of Granby for this wonderful project, the Department of Public Works for pursuing the work so diligently, and our support groups, who will be funding part of the furnishings when the Terrace is complete.

Circulation Statistics: Total transactions reached 280,327 (excluding database usage) for FY 2014-15, a 10.5% increase over the previous year. This increase can be attributed to the membership in the consortium, as system holds reached 18,251 items compared to the slow statewide *reQuest* system that is now defunct. Attendance at library programs reached 4,654; 368 new patrons registered for library cards, and 5,953 new items were added to the collections.

PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury. Cynthia C. Becker, is the Probate Judge. The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00-4:30 and Friday from 8:00-1:00. On-line information about the court is available on our website, located at www.jud.ct.gov, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by probate courts are now available through the website. A complete copy of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure can be found at the judicial website: <http://www.jud.ct.gov/probate.CourtRules/default.htm> and a list of the new Probate Court forms can be found at www.ctprobate.gov.

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.

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.

2014-2015 Workload of Court

During the past year, 193 applications were accepted for probate of decedent's estates. In addition, 180 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The court also processed 35 applications for conservatorships, and several applications for guardianships of the estate and person of minors, guardianships of the intellectually disabled, termination of parental rights and approval of adoptions, name changes, and inter vivos trust matters.

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 2012 Grand List to the 2013 Grand List was 6,010,990 - a .63% increase. This was due mostly to

an increase in Real Estate because of many people renovating their existing homes and additions.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 10,208,907 generating \$362,600 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 2012. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2017. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.granby-ct.gov.

	2012 Grand List Fiscal Year 2013-2014	2013 Grand List Fiscal Year 2014-2015
REAL ESTATE	849,057,110	852,289,420
MOTOR VEHICLES	85,595,310	87,870,220
PERSONAL PROPERTY	19,489,890	19,993,660
Net Grand List	954,142,310	960,153,300
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	10,144,443	10,208,907
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	60,722,380	61,487,970

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The November 4, 2014 State Election saw a 68% voter turnout in Granby, with 57 Election Day registrations processed, a seven-time increase from the Municipal 2013 November election.

New in 2014 was the option to register to vote online and 70 people opted to register online in this fiscal year. Additionally, you may make changes online to your voter information with your DMV issued Driver's license or CT identification.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to ensure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2015, we added 351 new voters, changed 612 records, and removed 397 voters from our official voter registry. As of July 1, 2015, there were 6,841 active registered voters in Granby: 2,801 Unaffiliated, 2,181 Republican, 1,772 Democrat, 71 Independent, 4 Green, and 12 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there was a Republican primary in August, a statewide election in November, and one budget referendum in April.

The current Registrars are Laura Wolfe (Democrat) and Peter Goff (Republican). Registrar responsibilities include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. In addition, the Registrars must now attain state certification by July 1, 2017. This new state program will involve 26 hours of college level coursework at UConn. An additional ten hours of accredited training per year will be required to maintain certification. The Registrars also attend quarterly Hartford County meetings and biannual state conferences to keep up with legislative and technology changes. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers. Required training for poll workers was offered in a lunchtime series as well as evening and weekend classes last year to accommodate the varying needs of our poll workers.

Registrar office hours are Wednesdays at the Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: vr.granby.ct@gmail.com or leave a voice-mail message at: 860-844-5322.

SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the nationally accredited Granby Senior Center *is to empower older adults to live full, independent lives by providing leadership on aging issues and enhancing the social, physical, and educational well-being for each participating individual.*

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.

The Director of Human Services supervises the five staff members in this department including the Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Coordinator, Senior Van Driver, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Participants	895
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	245
Congregate Meal Program Participants . .	94
Congregate Meals Served	4,359
Exercise Class Participants	233
Tax Preparation Assistance	145

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, and 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	170
Hours of Operation	1,885
Miles Traveled	25,131
Number of Passenger Trips	6,536

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Civic Engagement Team continues to support the community by participating at the Celebrate Granby event and co-hosting the Volunteer Fair. The Durable Medical Equipment Loaner Closet loaned 273 items to 187 clients. The Senior-to-Senior project again hand-made graduation cards for each Granby Memorial High School senior. The Lunch for the Mind events drew over 100 participants to educational topics such as How to Leave ‘Em Laughing, First Aid for Mental Health, Art Looting During WWII, and How to Say It with Music.
- ✓ A Matter of Balance, an evidence-based nationally recognized program, was introduced. Two volunteer leaders along with the program coordinator were trained to teach the class, which gives participants techniques to avoid one of the greatest risks to face older adults - falls and 80% of the class participants increased their confidence in their ability to protect themselves if they fell.

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, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

The Granby Youth Service Bureau celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. 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 well qualified Marriage and Family Therapy Interns.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ In collaboration with Granby Memorial Middle School, the Youth Service Bureau hosted Scott Driscoll, a nationally recognized internet safety speaker. Scott presented to the GMMS student body and also gave a parent specific presentation. Scott provided valuable information about the ever changing risks that can be encountered online. Parents were educated and informed and left with a sense of the steps they could take to keep their children safe while they are online.
- ✓ The Youth Service Bureau was pleased to be invited to present to the Lunch for The Mind's group at the Granby Senior Center. AnneMarie Cox presented the Q.P.R. Suicide Prevention Program to a group of interested and concerned Senior Center Members.

- ✓ Based on the four year success of the GO! Guys group, the Girls program for 6th and 7th grade students, GO! Girls, launched in September of 2014. Modeled after the GO! Guys group, 6th and 7th grade girls came together for lots of outdoor activities, and when the weather was unwilling, for many games of Hide and Seek, GaGa, Bingo, and more. Face painting, crafting, and lots of fun helped bring girls together from three different schools, breaking down social barriers and helping develop peer relationships, problem solving, and bolstering self-esteem.
- ✓ The YSB hosted a Mother/Daughter self-defense class. Over 70 participants took part in a 4 hour program held in the community room. The focus was on physical self-defense skills as well as developing the situation awareness needed to stay safe in unfamiliar environments. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **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 was 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 participants serve as program assistants developing their leadership skills, patience, and communication.

- ❖ **Kids Play You Stay** - a drop-in-group for pre-school age children and their parents or caregivers. This program runs collaboratively with the Granby Early Childhood Council and with an average attendance of 30 pre-school age children, this is a combination play group, early intervention screening opportunity, and a parent resource program. This popular program was relocated to the Holcomb Farm Learning Center last year and continues to grow.
- ❖ **QPR (Question, Persuade & Refer)** - Suicide Prevention was a focus for the year. Five QPR trainings were held, targeting groups of school staff, parents, and coaches.
- ❖ **Women's Divorce Support Group** - a weekly support group facilitated by a Youth Service Bureau Clinician.
- ❖ **Love and Logic Parenting Class** - a six-week, easy-to-learn parenting program that teaches parents how to provide loving support, enjoy their children, and teach their children responsibility. Class sessions are offered throughout the year. Babysitting is provided by members of our Youth Employment Service.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	
Total children served	174
Total clinical hours	1,682
Youth Programs	258 youth
Parent Programs	52 Adults
Preschool Programming	106 children
Community Events	2 events, 460 youth, 46 adults
Youth Employment Service	29 youth, 19 referrals

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 993 permits with a total constructed value of \$13,207,607 during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The number of permits issued was down slightly from the previous fiscal year, but the constructed value was over \$4,500,000 higher than the previous year. New home construction continued to rebound from the recent recession, and many residents did substantial renovation and additions to existing homes. Significant projects during the year included the renovation of the Valley Brook Church on Granville Road, an addition to the Public Works garage, and construction of a pavilion at Holcomb Farm. Many residents installed solar photovoltaic systems and other energy conservation systems on their homes. In addition to the services

provided to Granby residents, the Department also provides inspection services to the Town of Hartland. During this fiscal year the Building Department issued 123 permits in Hartland. The Department also participates in a mutual aid agreement with the 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 our 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	10	1,886,000
Mechanical Permits	546	2,869,940
All other Permits	437	8,451,667
	993	13,207,607

<i>New Home Permits</i>			<i>All Other Permits</i>			
Year	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Total
2014-15	10	1,886,000	983	11,321,607	993	13,207,607
2013-14	11	2,372,864	1,036	6,245,665	1,047	8,618,529
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

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) is the local health department for the Town of Granby.

Preventing Disease: Working with the Granby Chamber of Commerce, FVHD launched a small-business workplace wellness program recognizing that the number of working-aged adults living with chronic conditions is increasing. Workplace wellness programs can have significant impact on productivity, employee morale, and healthcare costs while reducing illness and disease. The program focuses on the leading causes of pre-mature illness and death and includes educational materials, activities, environmental, and policy changes that can help support employee health.

Promoting Health: Recognizing that the proportion of the population 50 years of age and older is increasing, FVHD partnered with the Farmington Valley YMCA and Arden Courts to host a series of seminars on healthy aging. Participants learned about fall prevention, normal aging versus dementia, and nutrition. Memory screenings were also offered. In our ongoing efforts to provide factual information on health topics, FVHD has begun issuing monthly newsletters focusing on important and timely public health issues and our website, www.fvhd.org and our Facebook page continue to be important resources. FVHD representatives participate on the Granby School Wellness Committee with a focus on promoting health and wellness in the school environment.

Protecting Against Health Threats: Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code, and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public's health is protected

when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon, or drinking water from a private well. The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.

Permits Issued:

Food Service Establishments	46
Temporary Food Service.	32
Salons	11
New Septic	7
Septic Repair	41
Well.	11

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:

New Septic	51
Septic Repair	166
Public Bathing	15
Food Service Establishments	130
Complaints (ALL)	13
Salons	13
Day Care	4

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley VNA's 106th year of service was commemorated by the receipt of our third consecutive "HomeCare Elite Agency" award. This prestigious designation results from an independent assessment of patient care outcomes, quality improvement measures, patient experiences, and financial oversight, naming us among the top 25% of home care agencies nationwide.

Although Connecticut residents have access to a large number of health care organizations, Granby residents continue to enjoy the benefits of having a small, local, independent visiting nurse agency in the heart of their community. In addition to offering in-home nursing care, rehabilitative services, and

Hospice services, our Community Programs Department provided an array of community-based health and wellness programs in Granby. About 1,108 residents took advantage of the free blood pressure screenings we hosted at the Granby Senior Center and Farmington Valley YMCA, which accounts for more than 20 percent of the total screenings conducted throughout the seven major towns served by our organization. Health and Wellness presentations on topics including "Food and Medical Myths," "Get Your Ducks In A Row (Protecting Your Assets)," "Ready to Jump Into Spring," and "Procrastination and How to Overcome It" were well attended.

Even though flu shots are available at most pharmacies and grocery store locations, our Community Programs nurses administered 357 vaccinations to Granby residents. Such personal interactions allow us to answer questions and provide information about the other immunizations we offer to protect against Hepatitis A and B, Pneumonia, Shingles, and Tuberculosis. We documented 1,651 visits to the volunteer-run Granby Food Bank Program and distributed 2,745 bags of groceries to these program participants, reflecting an 8% increase in food distribution and an unprecedented 22% increase in visits. Food Bank hours intentionally coincide with the presence of the Foodshare truck at the adjacent church so participants can also obtain fresh produce and perishable products.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to provide the nurses for the School Health Services program in the Granby Public Schools. Our agency participated in the Granby Volunteer Fair in April 2015 and we were delighted with the opportunity to invite potential volunteers to join our organization in some capacity. We remain steadfast in our commitment to offering high quality health care and wellness programs and services to residents of Granby.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer,
Barbarajean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer,
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor, Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer,
William R. Volovski

Chief of Police,
Carl G. Rosensweig

Collector of Revenue,
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community
Development,
Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health,
Jennifer C. Kertanis

Director of Human Services,
Sandra J. Yost

Director of Library Services,
Kathleen E. Marszycki

Director of Recreation and Lei-
sure Services,
Thomas J. Tyburski

Fire Chief, John E. Horr, Jr.

Fire Marshal, Joseph R. Killen

Director of Public Works,
Kirk A. Severance

Town Clerk, Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer, Kevin W. Clark

Town Manager,
William F. Smith, Jr.

Treasurer, Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

B. Scott Kuhnly,
First Selectman
Sally S. King
James C. Lofink
Mark C. Neumann
Edward E. Ohannessian

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr.,
Chairman
Gordon C. Bischoff
William J. Kennedy
Frederick A. Moffa, OD
Kelly O. Rome
Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

Ronald S. Walther, Chairman
Jenny P. Emery
Mark H. Fiorentino
Lynn F. Guelzow
Melissa E. Migliaccio
Stephen P. Royer
Rosemarie T. Weber

Planning & Zoning Commission

Paula H. Johnson, Chairman
Jonathan T. Boardman
Margaret A. Chapple
Charles O. Kraiza
Mark W. Lockwood
Eric L. Lukingbeal
James R. Sansone

Planning & Zoning Commission Alternates

Christine L. Chinni
Eric W. Myers

Town Moderator

John E. Adams

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman
Ann Crimmins
Judy A. Goff
Robert M. Lindeyer
William L. Percival

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Christopher M. Roughton
William P. O'Leary
Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

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

Registrar of Voters

Peter S. Goff
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Cynthia C. Becker

State Representative

William J. Simanski, 62nd District

State Senator

John A. Kissel, 7th District
Kevin D. Witkos, 8th District

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal
Christopher S. Murphy

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agricultural Commission

Michelle A. Niedermeyer,
Chairman
Pamela D. Burek
John D. O'Brien
Erin S. Pirro
Ellen L. Whitlow

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick, Chairman
Lynne A. DeMatteo
Karen H. Hood
Neil W. Kraner
Michael L. Ortengren
Dorothy M. Prior
Patricia E. Sansone
Bruce W. Sullivan

Conservation Commission

Anna K. Sogliuzzo,
Chairman
Victoria K. Dirienzo
Steven E. Muller
William J. Sleavin
Lana M. Torres

Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager,
Chairman
James K. Caldwell
Henry F. Garrett, Jr.
Kenneth O. Kuhl
Daniel O'Connell
Robert J. Rome

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman
Wayne J. Cahoon
John L. Laudati
Aurelle S. Locke
Craig W. Perry
Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board

Maureen F. Eberly, Chairman
Carol Y. Bressor
Robert P. Donna
Judy A. Goff
Judith A. Guarco
Patricia M. Jones
Patricia L. Kennedy
Lynn G. Lochhead
Jennifer N. Pizzanello

Park & Recreation Board

Brigid R. Gunn, Chairman
Jennifer P. Bilodeau
L. Squire Bressor
Susan M. Lasotta
Abigail D. Roughton
Kathy D. Ungerleider
Suzanne L. Yucha

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	860-844-5335	
Assessor*	860-844-5311	
Building Official*	860-844-5318	
Community Development*	860-844-5318	
Cossitt Library Branch.....	860-653-8958	Tuesday
		10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
		Thursday
		10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
		Sat.
		12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
Farmington Valley		
Health District.....	860-352-2333	Mon.-Fri.....
		8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Farmington Valley Visiting		
Nurse Association –		
Granby Office	860-653-5514	Weekdays
		8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Granby Public Library	860-844-5275	Mon. & Wed.
		10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Children’s Room.....	860-844-5284	Tues.....
		10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
		Thurs.....
		10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
		Fri. & Sat.
		10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
		Sun. (Nov.-March) ..
		1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Granby Senior Center	860-844-5352	
Landfill Hours		Saturday.....
		8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Police Department.....	860-844-5335	
POLICE EMERGENCY	911	
Public Works Facility.....		
	860-653-8960	Weekdays
		8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Recreation Office	860-653-8947	
Registrar of Voters	860-844-5300	Wed.
		9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Simsbury Regional	860-658-3277	
Probate District.....		Mon. - Fri.
		8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Social Services	860-844-5351	
Superintendent of Schools.....	860-844-5250	Weekdays
		8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Kearns School	860-844-3044	
Kelly Lane School	860-844-3041	
Wells Road School	860-844-3048	
Middle School.....	860-844-3029	
High School	860-844-3014	
Tax Collector*	860-844-5315	
Town Clerk*.....	860-844-5308	
Town Engineer.....	860-844-5318	
Town Manager*	860-844-5300	

* Town Hall Offices are open Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment

MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission	
Second Wednesday	Police Dept. Community Room
	See Town of Granby website for meeting dates
Board of Education	
First and Third Wednesday.....	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance	
Fourth 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	
Second Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Granby Public Library/Cossitt Library
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday.....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Park & Recreation Board	
First Tuesday	7:00 p.m. The Park House at Salmon Brook Park/ North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm/Ahrens Park
Planning & Zoning Commission	
Second and Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	
Second Wednesday.....	4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Third Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Dates, meeting times, and location information may be changed. For updated details of meetings and events, check with the Granby Town Clerk or visit the town website: www.granby-ct.gov which may also be of assistance concerning meeting event activity.

*Call BOE for possible changes

TOWN OF GRANBY 2016 Recycling Pickup Schedule

(recycling weeks indicated by shaded areas)

Trash and Recycling barrels must be curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

January 2016						
New Year's Day - 1/1/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

February 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

March 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2016						
Memorial Day - 5/30/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2016						
Independence Day - 7/4/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2016						
Labor Day - 9/5/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

October 2016						
No holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2016						
Thanksgiving - 11/24/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016						
Christmas - 12/26/16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2016 holidays

The following holidays are observed, collection is delayed by one day for the remainder of that week.

- Friday, January 1, 2016 – New Year's Day
- Monday, May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day
- Monday, July 4, 2016 – Independence Day

- Monday, September 5, 2016 - Labor Day
- Thursday, November 24, 2016 - Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 26, 2016 - Christmas