Dear Residents,

2011 A Year Not Soon Forgotten

Sometimes it’s a little too easy to put aside times that push us close to our limit. Many of us have what I call a “back-brain response”. It forces us to forget hard times and pain. However, truth be told, it’s real and can’t fully go away.

Much of Year 2011 is in my “back-brain response”. I know it did bring many residents and your public service staff to wits-end at times. In retrospect, the 2011 hard times started in the winter season of 2010 with an early snow that didn’t melt like many early storms do. The winter season then moved quickly into 2011 with a snow season that called for some worker fatigue in the Department of Public Works, as well as with others involved in emergency response service, like police and ambulance, and including students and parents facing school closings plus make-up days. Snow accumulation in 2010-11 amounted to 83 inches for the season. The average season is around 40 inches. Following the snow season, we held a usual staff in-house “let’s-be-ready” meeting just in case we had a hurricane or storms in the new season (fall of 2011). Then the surprise came with Hurricane Irene. It was to hit with all its fury. Following our emergency management plan, we opened our emergency operations center. As it turned out, we were prepared, but were somewhat spared a direct attack from Mother Nature. Other shoreline areas and inlands to our west were not as fortunate. Nevertheless, we suffered some losses. Without notice, came the October Storm, called “Storm Alfred”. This was a 200-year storm that caused more power outage and ruin than even the hurricanes in the 1950’s when town bridges and many roads were literally washed away.

On behalf of the town, I thank everyone from residents, staff, volunteers, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Public Works Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Granby Ambulance for fantastic contributions of time and energy during the 2011 year. Our recovery could not have been as successful as it was, without help from you and from the many volunteers.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager

Dear Neighbors,

Is government broken? On a recent trip to Washington DC, I took an early morning run on the National Mall. The rising sun was shining on President Lincoln seated in his memorial. Young families were viewing the Memorials; eager to teach their children about the hope and sacrifices that those who came before made to provide us with this great nation we have today.

Perhaps the most courageous civilians honored on the mall are the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. These men were branded as traitors by the British and many lost everything as a result of their act of selflessness by unanimously declaring that the ties between Britain and the thirteen colonies were broken. A Committee of five men were chosen to draft the Declaration including Connecticut’s Roger Sherman. Thomas Jefferson courageously authored the final draft, which includes perhaps the most quoted sentence in American history:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The most sacred memorials in Washington are dedicated to those men and women who so bravely served in our wars. The World War II Memorial sits prominently between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It honors the more than 16 million men and women who served in the military during the war, of which more than 400,000 gave their lives for our collective freedom in this world.

The Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials flank the World War II Memorial in areas away from the reflecting pool. Their locations within the trees provide solace to those who visit to grieve, learn, and humbly attempt to understand what forces countries into such costly conflicts.

I continued my run circling around the Washington Monument. Looking up, I saw the cracks in the white marble, caused by the 2011 earthquake. Seeing the Nation’s Capitol Building in the distance, I was struck by the symbolism of these cracks mirroring our broken national government; the gridlock paralyzing our collective efforts to protect and defend the wisdom of our Declaration of Independence.

Our country has overcome much since those 56 signed putting their lives on the line and declared we are a free people. We have much to do to solve the many problems that face our nation. I, for one, believe that our government, including ours here in Granby, will make the right decisions and keep this country great for generations to come. My hope is that we all take responsibility for being part of the solution for that great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman
JANUARY 2013

Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk’s Office.

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JANUARY 2013

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

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed
SR = School Recess
ELECTIONS:
11/08/2011 - Municipal Election
Eelectors qualified to vote 7,033
Eelectors checked as voting 1,000

4/24/12 Presidential Primary Electors voted 382

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS:
07/07/2011 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A Resolution to Approve the sale of 248 Salmon Brook Street to Visiting Nurses Association. RESOLUTION approved.

08/04/2011 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A Resolution to Approve purchase of 83 Salmon Brook Street. RESOLUTION approved.

12/19/2011 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A Resolution to Approve an appropriation of $2M for storm cleanup. RESOLUTION approved.

1/10/2012 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A Resolution to approve an appropriation of $11,400,000 for public improvement projects. Referendum vote: Yes 787, No 648. RESOLUTION Approved.

04/23/2012 - Annual Town Meeting for Budget Approval
Yes Vote - 213 No Vote - 86 Minimum 2/3 requirement was met. Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was approved.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2012)

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Hunting & Fishing Licenses
Town fees collected - $230
State fees collected - $9,126
Licenses issued by Town Clerk - 442
Licenses issued by Connecticut - 115
Deer Tags - 15
Pheasant tags issued - 13
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued - 15

Dog Licenses – 1,166 issued
Town fees collected - $1,166
State fees collected - $9,564 - (62 Surcharges)
Kennel licenses issued - 9
Fidelco Dogs Licensed - 5
Transfers - 0 Replacement tags - 7
Late Fee’s Collected - $314
Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 135
Absentee Ballots Issued - 115

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.

The Town Clerk previously attained the Connecticut State Certification and has recently obtained the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks by attending classes at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy. Both Assistant Town Clerks are currently attending classes to attain the Connecticut State Certification.

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

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of $3,500. This will be used to upgrade our current computer software program for indexing of land records. Our current system will be phased-out in the next two years and this gives us the opportunity to advance our system to the next level of technology. This will also enable us to smoothly merge into future software updates. The land record computer search station is available for public use in the Town Clerk’s office.
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Calendar to include regularly scheduled public meetings.
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The Department of Police Services has experienced some significant changes over the past year. 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. In addition, a vacant patrol officer position has also been filled. 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. Looking toward the future, the police department is exploring the possibility of adding a detective/youth services officer to increase the police department’s ability to effectively investigate crimes and provide a service to the young people in our community.

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 issues 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, while also collecting data for later 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 dedication and professionalism of the department’s sworn and civilian staff was evident during the difficult challenges of Storm Irene and the October snowstorm. Both events were challenging for the men and women of the Department of Police Services, as well as the citizens of Granby. Officers and civilians jumped at the chance to help, even at the expense of time with their families. Cooperation between the citizenry and the police department got everyone through this trying time. The police department has continued to work with state and local emergency planners to be even better prepared for the inevitable future emergency.

Granby’s Department of Police Services 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 MotorVehicle Crash Reconstruction. Additionally, the department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

As always, the 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

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have adverse impacts regulated on 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 2011-2012.

David 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 Wetland 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 Wetland Agent regarding a variety of wetland policies, concerns, and complaints.

In fiscal year 2011-2012, six actions were taken by the Commission. These included the approval of four activities within wetlands or upland review areas. The Commission also resolved a violation through compliance and determined that a stabilization project on Salmon Brook was eligible as an exempt conservation activity.

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 Commission also reviewed three Requests for Review that were previously delegated to the Wetland Agent for approval. The Wetland Agent conducted several inspections of on-going projects to ensure compliance with permit conditions.
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**Special Dates:**
- Good Friday
- Easter
- Palm Sunday
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Daylight Saving Time begins
This past year has proved to be one of the busiest for the Lost Acres Fire Department, Inc. (LAFD) in recent years. We responded to more calls than in any other year and persevered through two of the largest natural disasters in our history. The LAFD responded to a total of 281 calls during this period.

Fire Call Summary:
25 Fire – building, car, chimney, brush
12 Motor Vehicle Extrication/Medical Assist
60 Hazardous Materials/Conditions
67 Service Calls – smoke, water problem, standby
18 Good Intent Calls
99 False Alarms

Storm Irene struck August 27th and 28th knocking out power to major sections of town. We provided cellar pumping services to residents who did not have back-up systems for their sump pumps, as well as responding to numerous alarms.

Storm Alfred struck October 29th bringing record heavy wet snow and knocking out power to 95% of town residents. For the next eight days, all LAFD stations operated on generator power, while firefighters responded to over 80 calls for help. In the first 24 hours, those services focused on assisting motorists to get to shelters due to down trees, power lines, and snow in excess of 20 inches throughout the town. As the disaster progressed, the LAFD helped to clear over eight miles of roads blocked by fallen trees, pumped basements, and attended to generator and other storm related complications.

Shortly after the town began to fully recover from Storm Alfred, a structure fire ripped through the Pierce Building complex on Salmon Brook Street, destroying millions of dollars in structure and contents. The LAFD, assisted by East Granby, Suffield, East Hartland, Granville, Southwick, Simsbury, and Avon fire departments, battled the blaze for over eight hours using over 80,000 gallons of water, 80 firefighters, and 60 gallons of foam. There were no injuries and the property owners began cleanup the next day.

The LAFD continued its support of the Town of Granby in participating in non-emergency related activities. Our annual Fire Prevention program reached over 1,000 students at the elementary schools. Our open house allowed parents and children to see our equipment on display and in action with extrication and smoke detector demonstrations. We provided fire protection services and general support for the Granby 225th Celebration. We provided ongoing support to the Holcomb Farm with standbys for six different events so the second floor of the barn could be utilized safely. Tours of the fire stations and apparatus were provided to the Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups throughout the year and the department participated in several YMCA activities. A program on heat transfer was provided to the entire 8th grade science class with demonstrations of the department’s thermal imaging cameras.

This has been a banner year for the department on all fronts. All of our LAFD members can be proud of our accomplishments this year and look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence and dedication to the department and the Town of Granby.
## APRIL 2013

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- **BOA** .... 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.
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- **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&RE** .... Park & Recreation Board .... 7:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
- **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.
- **ZBA** .... Zoning Board of Appeals .... 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

### Memo

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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 and 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 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. 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.

The State of Connecticut, along with the Town of Granby, has an emergency notification system in place. This system will notify all residents whenever town or state officials deem it necessary. Things like hurricanes, tornados, hazardous materials situations, and request for evacuations will now be sent to you using your residential telephones. The system's database was limited to calling your traditional wire-line telephone numbers that you have installed in your homes. Now you have the choice to include any other devices, which you may have such as cell phones, email addresses, pagers, etc. This makes it possible for you to receive notifications at work, on the road, or any other time you are not physically at home. All you need to do is sign up. This can be done online at http://www.ctalert.gov/ctalert/site/default.asp. You can also get to this link through our town website, www.granby-ct.gov, click on town departments, Emergency Management, then click on the link to CT Alert ENS. You can call the Fire Marshal's office with questions on this system.

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.

**FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE**

**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, 2011 through June 30, 2012 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,565. At the end of the fiscal year, 530 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2010 Grand List adjusted levy was $31,627,866 and the net collections on the current levy were $31,293,869.
- During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, 98.9% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2012 (including back taxes) were $541,398.
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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 5-18 in a recreational atmosphere; these include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as adult drop-in basketball, exercise classes, AARP Safe Driving classes, 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 newly renovated 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 summer we present a “Sounds of Summer” concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

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. In June of 2012 the pond was dredged and a new picnic area was created. The new Mission: Adventure program for children in grades 6-9 has been very popular.

On October 1, 2011 the Town of Granby celebrated it’s 225th Anniversary. The Celebrate Granby 225 committee worked hard to organize a memorable celebration. Thousands of residents came to the park to enjoy a parade, lots of music, carnival rides, and a spectacular fireworks display. Thank you to all the local groups and residents who gave of their time to make this event a special day for all.

In the fall of 2011 the Granby Recreation Department began on-line program registration and accepting credit card payments. Response to these changes has been very positive. The Recreation Department looks forward to construction of the new Pond House at Salmon Brook Park during the winter of 2012-2013.

**OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL**

*Reminder – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE*

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Department of Police Services. 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 State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) or Nuisance Wildlife Operators licensed by the CTDEP.

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street in Granby. 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 of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 the MACO handled the following types and numbers of calls for service:

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*Vicious dogs are those deemed by the MACO to be excessively aggressive in their behavior as a result of repetitive incidents.*
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### Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Public Meetings

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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.

Fiscal year 2011-12 will always be remembered as the year of Hurricane Irene and for the unbelievable Halloween Nor'easter! The town wide response to these events was one of compassion and cooperation, hard work and understanding, perseverance and strength. How wonderful to witness the town’s personnel and Granby’s residents coming together to help each other out in any way possible. It’s times like these when we see the true colors of the town’s people and their determination, kindness, and overall concern for each other.

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.

This fiscal year the town purchased property at 83 Salmon Brook Street, which is directly opposite of Floydville Road. This location makes possible a four-way intersection, which can provide future access to a significant amount of rear acreage. Private ownership and development of the land could have thwarted the four-way intersection concept. For a minimal investment of $90,000, the town not only preserved the four-way intersection concept, but also created an opportunity to control, encourage, and guide the future development of the area. Further, the existing structure located on the property is being leased and completely renovated at no cost to the town. Additionally, the lessee is responsible for all future maintenance for the entire building and property. The lease of the property adds significant value to the town’s holdings while providing the town with additional revenue and preserving the intersection concept.

In this fiscal year 77-acres of land were permanently preserved as open space by the Granby Land Trust. 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. The town is very grateful to Robert Nuckols who generously donated almost 20 acres of his land on Simsbury Road.

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**DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town’s economic growth.

In 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 the methods of improving the Granby economy and makes recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities. The Commission worked on recommendations for continued improvements to the Town Center and development within the southern area of the town.

Sadly, Chairman Bruce (Bud) Murtha passed away on Monday, February 6, 2012. Bud was appointed to the Development Commission in 1990, serving under former Chairman, Robert Daglio. Fourteen years later (in 2004) he was voted in as the Development Commission Chairman. As Chairman of the Development Commission, Bud spearheaded the creation of the T1 zone to encourage creative development in the southern area of town. He also headed up the effort to re-zone the Granby Town Center. Since his appointment on the Development Commission, the total amount of commercial space within the Town of Granby has more than tripled. Bud would often attend the meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission to actively support important projects. His presence definitely made a difference as he was highly respected for his knowledge and for his commitment to the Town of Granby. Chairman Murtha was the primary force in the town’s purchase of 83 Salmon Brook Street. Here, Bud immediately recognized this unique opportunity for the town and brought together the town officials to promote the purchase. Bud Murtha was an extraordinary person and a wonderful volunteer for the Town of Granby. He will be greatly missed by all.

At the February meeting of the Development Commission the members discussed the need for a new chairman who could lead the commission into the future. Martin Schwager was identified as such a person and elected as the new chairman.

This year John Krug resigned from the Commission. John was a highly valued member and the members expressed their appreciation of his years of service. Henry Garrett, Jr. (Matt) was appointed as a new member this year. He has stepped up and immediately offered valuable input on the economic direction of the Town of Granby.
**JULY 2013**

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2011-2012 was another exciting, challenging, and productive year for Granby Public Schools. Notable events included recognition of Kelly Lane Intermediate School as a Federal Blue Ribbon School, a successful referendum in support of new athletic facilities; disruptions caused by a hurricane and October snowstorm; loss of our facilities building and vehicles due to fire; and a budget that included the adoption of an integrated pre-school, full-day kindergarten, and elementary world languages.

In a year of educational reform, the district’s 21st Century vision, mission, and achievement goal is providing powerful leverage, accountability, and focus for school improvement. The daily practice of the schools is characterized by students and teachers learning together. Teachers work collaboratively in professional learning teams in support of student achievement.

Student achievement remains extremely high and includes an impressive list of college acceptances by the 2012 graduating class, high performance on standardized tests, and the recognition of Kelly Lane Intermediate School by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a Federal Blue Ribbon School. Granby Memorial High School is already recognized as a Connecticut Vanguard School and Granby Memorial Middle School as a Connecticut Association of Schools’ Middle School of the Year. Field hockey won another state championship and the football team won its first game and established a new annual Thanksgiving Day Bowl Game tradition to be enjoyed by the community.

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 edition of the Hartford Magazine ranked the town first in the small town category for education and second for overall quality of life. 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 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 four appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2011. Of the properties reviewed, three 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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I don’t think any of us will forget the Halloween snowstorm of 2011. A normal day turned upside down when over 20 inches of wet, heavy snow blanketed not only Granby, but the whole Northeast. Power outages, broken and bent trees, collapsed roofs, and impassable roads were just some of the effects of the storm. Your Public Works crews were on the roads from the outset until it became too dangerous even for them. The task of getting roads reopened and electricity back up was monumental and required cooperation from all the affected parties. We assisted utility companies when possible, and local homeowners to quickly eliminate all the potential hazards on the roads. Clean up was a major project that involved town crews, CL&P linemen, National Guard troops, and debris management contractors from around the country. We brought in a debris management company that has worked on almost every major disaster in the United States over the last 30 years. Over 80,000 cubic yards of brush and debris were collected from the roadsides and disposed of in approved locations. The town was able to get substantial financial assistance from FEMA to offset the cost of the cleanup.

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 inefficient and repair prone vehicles and tools with new and innovative equipment and hardware, saving manpower and energy. A small excavator was added to the fleet to replace an aging backhoe. This piece of equipment has allowed us to undertake building demolition projects and large excavation jobs normally requiring outside contractors. 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 11 storms last winter, keeping local roads open and safe. Over 35 inches of snow fell on town roads. The Department utilized 490 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 900 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 98 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 crew members 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.

New housing developments continued to be slow due to the lackluster economy. Our road rehabilitation program improved .9 miles of local roads, and our overlay program improved another 3.07 miles last year. Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvements program. The following streets were rehabilitated and paved last year as part of the Capital program:

- Edgerton Road
- Peterson Road (partial)
- Kelly Lane (partial)
- Morningside Drive
- Long Lott Road
- Creamery Hill Road
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Creamery Hill Road was reconstructed using a geotextile mat to improve durability and the road profile. New catch basins and curbing were installed as needed.

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. The fleet includes dump trucks, police cruisers, senior vans, administration vehicles, excavators, and other assorted equipment.

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.
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Statewide redistricting in 2011 changed the District lines. Voters in District one and two still vote at one central polling site for all primaries and elections. This location is at Granby Memorial High School’s Community Gym. The Optical Scan voting system reads paper ballots, which are filled out by voters just like a lotto ticket, by filling in the ovals next to their chosen candidates. The results are tallied by the optical scanner voting machine and the paper ballots provide a hard copy of these results. The High School polling site also has a handicapped accessible “vote by phone” system, which is used exclusively at the polls.

The Registrar’s office is diligently working to make sure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2012, we added 262 new voters, changed 526 records, and removed 435 voters from our official voter registry. There are currently 6,861 active registered voters in Granby: 2,699 Unaffiliated, 2,234 Republican, 1,867 Democrat, 49 Independent, 6 Green, and 6 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there was a municipal election in November, referendums in December and January, a federal Presidential primary in April, and the annual town meeting in April.

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: vr.granby@po.state.ct.us, or leave a voicemail at 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 also responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers.

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, two new private roads remain 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 2011-2012, 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 ground water monitoring. He also inspected construction sites, sewer lateral installations, and has reviewed bond estimates.
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Holcomb Farm's Fresh Access program partners with the Farm Manager to provide over 11,000 pounds of produce to seniors and at-risk families in Granby and Hartford.

In 2012 Holcomb Farm continued to provide the community with farm-based activities and support. This included the use of the facilities by over 20 different civic and community groups. The Hay Loft Concert Series featured spring and fall music concerts in the farm's impressive 4,500 square foot hay loft. The 2011 Harvest Dinner was a huge success, featuring Holcomb Farm’s locally grown produce and pork artfully prepared by master chef Chris Prosperio of Metro Bis restaurant. Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction benefited Holcomb Farm’s Fresh Access program.

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 is a seven member appointed board that is charged to be an environmental steward for the town. While the commission has no regulatory powers, it makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission and reviews development plans.

The Conservation Commission is continuing progress on the “EPA Community Challenge”, a program designed to reduce towns’ municipal energy costs. Using the EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager database, information on the town’s municipal buildings are analyzed to determine areas of energy conservation improvement. The Clean Energy Task Force, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, is continuing to promote the use of alternative clean energy for residences and businesses, with the goal of obtaining a free photovoltaic electricity generation system for one of the municipal buildings. The Conservation Commission has become a resource for understanding the recent deregulation of electricity providers, and has held information sessions to assist residents in reducing their electricity costs.

The Conservation Commission has completed Granby’s Natural Resource Inventory. This inventory documents the town’s natural resources, including open space, farmland, forestland, geology, waterways, and wildlife corridors. The document also addresses native and invasive plant species.

The Conservation Commission is also working in conjunction with Westfield State University to electronically map all of the public hiking, biking, and horse trails within the town.
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PROBATE COURT

On January 5, 2012 the Simsbury Regional Probate District celebrated its first anniversary. The new court 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 District 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 the 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

In 2012 the Simsbury Regional Probate Court joined the newly created Hartford Regional Children’s Court. The court is the sixth regional children’s probate court to open in Connecticut and the largest one. The court serves children and their families in 29 municipalities, with 11 probate judges participating. These Hartford-area Probate Courts collectively handled 1,284 children’s matters in 2011. The participating judges travel to the regional court to preside over the children’s matters referred from their jurisdiction. Children’s cases handled in the Probate Courts include adoption, guardianship of minor children, paternity, and termination of parental rights.

“With the opening of the regional children’s probate court in Hartford, 74 percent of Connecticut residents now have access to a Probate Court dedicated to children’s matters,” said Probate Court Administrator Paul J. Knierim. “Our goal is to expand this model statewide because the children’s courts are so effective in helping families arrange for the best care possible for children. By placing children with family members whenever possible, the Probate Court model is better for children and saves the state money by avoiding the costly foster care system.”

The regional court in Hartford serves one of the most vulnerable populations of children in the state. Like the other regional children’s probate courts, the court in Hartford employs a collaborative model that emphasizes family involvement, ongoing support from highly experienced social workers, and cooperative planning that involves all parties. The courts work closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide coordinated, ongoing services.

The court’s seven clerks and two social workers, called probate court officers, work with local and state agencies and other community service providers to develop the best long-term approach for each child who comes before the court.

In addition to Hartford and the Simsbury Regional Probate Court, the Probate Courts participating in the regional children’s probate court are West Hartford, Tobacco Valley, Greater Windsor, East Hartford, Glastonbury-Hebron, Newington, Greater Manchester, Farmington-Burlington, and North Central CT.

2011-2012 Workload of Court

During the past year, 190 applications were accepted for probating decedent’s estates. In addition, 194 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 8:30-4:30. On-line 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.
### DECEMBER 2013

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**TOWN MEETING KEY:**

- **AC** = Agricultural Commission
- **BOE** = Board of Education
- **BOF** = Board of Finance
- **BOS** = Board of Selectmen
- **COA** = Commission on Aging
- **CC** = Conservation Commission
- **GDC** = Granby Development Commission
- **GLB** = Granby Library Board
- **GPC** = Granby Prevention Council
- **IWWC** = Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
- **MFC** = Municipal Facilities Closed
- **P&R** = Park & Recreation Board
- **P&Z** = Planning & Zoning Commission
- **SR** = School Recess
- **SRB** = Youth Service Bureau

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

**Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.**

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First Day of Winter

2013 Calendar
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 1,200 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 132 households to assist with over $78,500 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received $10,100 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS’ TAX RELIEF - Thirty-seven applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over $16,150 to qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT - Over 80 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 $17,300 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 80 children.

Overview

FY 2011-12 was a year of change for the Granby Public Library System: Hurricane Irene hit in late August, followed by the devastation of the freak snowstorm in late October; weeks were lost to many in the town due to power outages and damaged property. Then, after many years of service, Evie Caranchini, the Children’s Librarian, retired in early December followed by the retirement of Joan Fox, after 30 years of dedicated service as the Director of Library Services. In the interim period, the staff of both Cossitt Library and Granby Public Library kept daily operations running smoothly until a new Director was appointed. Kathleen Marszycki began the position on February 21, 2012 and Joan Beatson began as the new Children’s Librarian on June 6, 2012. In the remaining months of the fiscal year the staff worked together as a team to bring both Libraries back up to speed. There is still a ways to go in that process, but determination and a sense of good will will go a long way in re-strengthening the Granby Public Library System.

Automated Resources and Services

The Granby Library System continued to expand its online presence and resources for patrons and residents by offering a variety of specialized databases - Mango and Little Fim [foreign languages for adults, teens, and children], BookFlix [early childhood literacy], Ancestry [genealogy], Universal Class [continuing education], Job Accelerator [training/job searching], and Value Line [financial/investing], expanding the offerings of downloadable books and ebooks via OverDrive, introducing a Blog, as well as a Facebook page, and Twitter. In June, with the generosity of the Friends of Granby Public Library, the first Enewsletter went out to over 1,400 patrons who had submitted their email addresses!

In the spring the Library System migrated to a new edition of its Online Catalog and Circulation system, Agent Illuminat, providing patrons with inventive displays, such as 3D Flip and Cover Flow book jacket display, enhanced drag and drop functionality, and the ability for patrons to modify their own user experience through customized options.

Public Programs and Outreach

2011-12 kicked off with the Summer Reading Program, One World, Many Stories, for both children and teens, followed by the continuation of weekly storytimes, guest storytellers, and speakers in the fall. After the holidays, Sunday openings returned with a Civil War book discussion series by the CT Humanities Council, genealogy workshops and more. Spring brought the CT Audubon Society with a series of monthly storytimes focusing on the natural world, as well as a series of Saturday storytimes by Apple Tree Learning Center. In April and May, the Granby Early Childhood Center hosted weekly storytimes and activities, thus helping the Library until the new Children’s Librarian was appointed. Other popular programs continued throughout the year: Something about the Author, the Teen Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club, the Un-Book Club, and outreach to homeless senior residents continued with monthly deliveries of large-print reading materials.

Support Groups and Volunteers

Of course both Libraries owe a debt of gratitude to their support groups: the Granby Library Board, the Friends of Granby Public Library, the Friends of Cossitt Library, the Granby Library Association, and our weekly volunteers who assist staff in a variety of ways. And throughout the year the Libraries benefit from a number of high school students who offer hours of assistance in order to complete their community service requirement. A big round of applause to these groups and individuals who make our town’s Libraries a great place to be!
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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 2009 Grand List to the 2010 Grand List was 7,718,530, a .73% 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, 2010 and September 30, 2011 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 8,282,759, generating $249,300 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 has changed, requiring 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.visionappraisal.com.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled five requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations and one Appeal of a Zoning Enforcement Officer’s (ZEO) Cease and Desist. The Board granted four variances, denied one, and denied the Appeal of the ZEO’s decision. The Board also dismissed another Appeal of the ZEO’s Cease and Desist Order following the Superior Court’s dismissal of the applicant’s appeal to the Court per the Court’s instructions.

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

There are seven staff members in this department including the Transportation Coordinator, Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, three Senior Van Drivers, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

**Senior Services Statistics**

- Senior Center Participants: 810
- Outreach and Benefit Counseling: 203
- Congregate Meal Program Participants: 81
- Congregate Meals Served: 4,591
- Exercise Class Participants: 318
- Tax Preparation Assistance: 146

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: 192
- Hours of Operation: 2,240
- Miles Traveled: 29,248
- Number of Passenger Trips: 7,871

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

- There is a new force of volunteerism in Granby. The Civic Engagement Team is dedicated to discovering ways to make improvements in the community by putting the wisdom, talents, and expertise of older adults to use. In the wake of the October 2011 storm, the Team campaigned to increase awareness and enrollment in the CT Alert (Early Notification) system. In six short months 160 people registered their cell phones and alternate points of contact on the system. Watch for additional projects in 2012-2013.

- Creating written works of art through the Senior Voices ~“Expressing Yourself through Poetry” class participants each into their emotions and memories to find ways to deal with past experiences. Pieces produced are full of humor, energy, and poignancy. Strong friendships have been formed and new friends are most welcome. Partial funding for this program came from the Granby Education Foundation.
The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau (YSB) with support from the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board. The Bureau receives income from many sources including municipal funding, grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, 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 Middle and High Schools, the Youth Service Bureau brought three powerful programs to the youth of our community. Katie's Gift, a program about the dangers of underage drinking was presented to the 7th and 8th grade classes, Ryan's Story about the dangers of bullying, was presented to the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade classes and the documentary HAZE, a program about binge drinking on college campuses, was shown to the entire Senior class. Each assembly was preceded by a parent information night hosted by the schools and presented by the YSB. Parents were informed about the upcoming programs, and given ideas on how to carry the information over into family discussions.
✓ The popular program Kids Play You Stay was relocated to Holcomb Farm, providing larger space for this growing program that supports parents and care providers with pre-school age children. This is a combination play group, early intervention screening opportunity, and a parent resource program.

PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

D Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.) - 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.
D 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.
D G.O.! Guys Only - An action oriented group for 6th and 7th grade boys. 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.
D 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 group provides caregivers an opportunity to network with other parents, YSB staff, and GECC members. This program serves as a parent support group as well as helping with early identification of potential risk factors among participating children.

Program Number Served
Clinical Services
Total children served........................................180
Total clinical hours...........................................2,100
After school programming..................................88 youth
Preschool programming....................................47 children
The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with various emergency response departments and volunteer first responder organizations in Granby (Police, Fire, EMS, and Health) and 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 the execution of interagency exercises and work to improve Granby’s capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

The year 2012 was a little different then years in the past. This was the year the lights went out. The New England region experienced a freak October snowstorm, hitting the Granby area particularly hard. Almost every street in town found power lines down due to fallen trees and high winds.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Town of Granby, along with the State of Connecticut, had declared a State of Emergency. We opened our Emergency Operations Center, prior to the storm’s arrival, and it remained open for the next ten days. The town’s emergency shelter was ordered opened, housing as many as 31 residents each night. This shelter remained open 24 hours a day for nine days. Our mass-feeding plan was placed in effect and over these nine days, hundreds of meals were prepared and served.

The Emergency Management team spends many hours every year planning for such an event, and this was the year to open the book and put those plans in motion. In terms of preparedness, the week was a success. Many volunteers and elected officials provided hundreds of hours of support in this emergency. Police, Fire, Ambulance, Public Works, town, and Board of Education employees worked around the clock. Many of the town hall and social services staff manned shelters after their regular days work. (CERT) volunteers logged well over 300 hours operating the shelter during overnights and weekend hours.

One thing the community can do to help is to be prepared. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with the State of Connecticut, suggests every resident prepare to be self sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours. You can view websites like www.ready.gov or http://getreadycapitolregion.org for tips on how to prepare, to find which supplies you should stock up on, and even links on how to volunteer for groups like CERT.

You should also log on to www.ctalert.gov, the statewide emergency notification system, and update or add additional ways the town can contact you in case of an emergency.
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 1,025 permits with a total constructed value of $9,197,823 during Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The number of permits issued was up from 772 during the previous fiscal year. New home construction remained light, consistent with national trends. Residential remodeling and additions continued at a steady pace. Many of the homes constructed during the 1970’s and 1980’s began to require renovations and equipment replacements. The severe weather and natural disasters during the year required many homeowners to repair roofs and to install generators. 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 104 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.

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FARMINGTON VALLEY
HEALTH DISTRICT

Storms Irene and Alfred Put District Emergency Response to the Test

The Farmington Valley Health District has worked to develop emergency response plans and to prepare for events including disease outbreaks, pandemics and storms. Plans have been tested as part of drills and during real events including H1N1— but nothing prepared us for Irene and Alfred. With the vast majority of the Farmington Valley without power, the District focused on ensuring the safety of the food supply, reducing the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and ensuring the safety and adequacy of shelters across the region. With approximately 600 regulated food establishments in the District, staff fanned out to inspect facilities that had been flooded and/or lost power to ensure facilities were safe and sanitary. Staff made multiple site visits to inspect facilities that remained operational with generators, placarded restaurants with notices regarding disposal of foods not held at safe temperatures, and prohibiting reopening until certain conditions were met. Staff also inspected facilities prior to re-opening. In addition, staff worked with shelter operations to ensure the safety of food and water supplies. While we hope that we are not confronted with storms of that magnitude anytime soon, we are incorporating the lessons learned into updated plans and continue to work with our response partners in Granby so we are all prepared for the next event.

FVHD Adopts Salon Regulations

To protect health and reduce the risk of injury or infection of clients seeking services at salons offering hairdressing, manicure/pedicure, tanning, tattooing and piercing services, the Farmington Valley Health District adopted salon regulations effective January 10, 2012. The regulations require that all salons obtain an annual permit and be subject to an inspection, at least annually. The regulations are intended to ensure that establishments meet and maintain a minimum standard of cleanliness, safety and sanitation.

Teen Battle Chef

Today, it is estimated that one in three children are overweight or obese. Obese children are much more likely to
experience risk factors including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, impaired glucose tolerance, breathing and joint problems that lead to significant and preventable diseases. In addition, obese children are at greater risk of social and psychological issues such as discrimination and poor self-esteem. If this growing obesity trend is not reversed, the negative impacts on our health care system, our workforce, our schools and our communities will continue.

In an effort to reverse this trend, the Farmington Valley Health District and partners including Granby Memorial High School again offered its Teen Battle Chef program. Consistent with CDC recommendations, the program focuses on developing healthy eating habits through an 8 week curriculum. Teens work in teams and ‘battle’ by presenting cooking demonstrations. Participating youth inspire one another to cook healthier meals for family and friends. A Little Sous Chef program has also been designed to focus on the younger students.

**The District Celebrates the Contributions of Rick Matheny, Director FVHD 1977-2012**

On May 21, 2012 FVHD celebrated Rick Matheny's retirement as the District’s director. Rick served the District since its inception in 1977. Numerous town officials, state dignitaries, colleagues and friends visited throughout the day. Many fond memories were shared and accolades bestowed upon Rick. We wish him the best in the years to come.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

(FY 11-12)

**Permits**

- New Septic, 4
- Septic Repair, 38
- Pools, 5
- Food Establishments, 30
- Temp Food Permits, 28

**Inspections/Site Visits**

- Complaints- ALL, 6
- Septic Repair, 6
- Public Bathing, 3
- Food Establishments, 89
- New Septic, 2

Students of Granby Memorial High School prepare for the “Chili Challenge.”

The staff of the FVHD help celebrate Rick Matheny’s 37 years of service as the Director of the Farmington Valley Health District during his retirement open house.
In a health care environment in which mergers, acquisitions, and agency closures are continuing with unprecedented frequency, the Farmington Valley VNA remains steadfast to its original mission as a local, independent, and nonprofit Visiting Nurse Association. Unfortunately, many of the traditional VNA’s in Connecticut and throughout the country are unable to remain viable due to growing financial pressures and have ceased to exist. With the uncertainty of the effects of health care reform, health care providers of all types are nervously attempting to predict the future and position themselves in preparation for health care delivery models that are still developing. Competition among health care providers, including home health agencies, is fierce. Large national chains, profit making health systems, and hospital owned home health agencies are aggressively entering the Farmington Valley, creating significant challenges for our Agency and confusion among our residents.

Since its inception in 1908, the Farmington Valley VNA’s mission has remained intact and unwavering. Care is provided to any individual or family, regardless of ability to pay or other hardship. Often, our Agency is contacted to provide services when no other home health agency is willing or available to do so. With financial resources shrinking, very few organizations other than the VNA are willing to accept patients with chronic, complicated, and costly health conditions. Despite these issues, our special organization is continuously evaluating and working to further improve its quality and scope of services, responsiveness to community needs and cost efficiency. Granby residents can be assured that their needs remain a genuine priority and that donations and other funds are utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

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

Services available to Granby residents include:

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

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

The Farmington Valley VNA Hospice Program has grown dramatically over the past year and offers caring support to individuals and families who are dealing with a life limiting illness. Our skilled and caring staff, have made a positive difference in the quality of many patients’ lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this special program. Many of our own friends and neighbors have been helped. Hospice services are provided in the patient’s place of residence including their home, skilled nursing facility or assisted living community. Hospice as a care concept is growing due to greater acceptance of hospice care intervention with non-cancer diagnoses such as alzheimer’s disease, and end stage cardiac and respiratory conditions. The Farmington Valley VNA’s Hospice Program is Medicare certified and state licensed, and also accepts patients covered by the Hospice Medicaid Benefit.

As a fundamental part of its mission and history, the Agency continues to maintain a Community Programs Department, based in Granby, dedicated to planning, coordinating and providing programs with a focus on illness prevention, health promotion, and education. This department makes our organization very unique in that most home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to lack of funding and changes in programmatic priorities. Over 3,500 Granby residents benefited from one or more community wellness programs last year. Of particular note is the continued need and high utilization of the VNA’s Granby Food Bank Program. Despite indications that the economy may be improving, the Food Bank assisted more families and distributed more food than last year with 1,140 individuals visiting the Food Bank and 2,141 bags of groceries being distributed, compared to 1,103 individuals and 2,093 bags of groceries for the same period last year. The Food Bank relies exclusively on donations of food, money, and volunteer time in order to operate. The Farmington Valley VNA remains as one of the rare health organizations that still operates a food bank as a community program. Food banks in most other areas are managed and operated by town social service departments or churches.

In October 2011, our organization was very pleased to purchase the building at 248 Salmon Brook Street, a location the Agency had rented for nearly thirty years from the Town of Granby. The ‘Keep Us At Home’ capital campaign was initiated in May 2011 to help raise necessary funds and thanks to the generosity of Granby residents, businesses, and service groups our $350,000 campaign goal was reached in June 2012. Integral to this success were the grants received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the Granby Community Fund, and Windsor Federal Savings Bank. This purchase has secured the Agency’s long-term presence in Granby and will allow essential services and programs to continue and expand in the future. As part of this project, building improvements are underway and will continue into the fall.
Storm Alfred affected Granby and the surrounding communities in a manner that will be remembered for many years. Even with their own challenges during that emergency, VNA management and staff tirelessly provided many hours of health care services and support to the many residents who needed care in their homes and within the local shelters. Despite the number of other home health care providers that find Granby a favorable place to do business, the Farmington Valley VNA was one of the only home health agencies that came forth and demonstrated their genuine commitment to the Granby community. The collaborative effort with Granby town officials and social services staff was remarkable and we were honored to have made a difference during that incredibly difficult time.

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 very positive arrangement, which assures that students and Board of Education employees receive high quality health care services during the school year.

Despite the growing complexities of retaining its independence and local presence, the Farmington Valley VNA is 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

In fiscal year 2011-2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 14 regular meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permits and requests for site plan approvals and modifications, zoning amendments, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions and acted on various matters as required. For a complete review of all Commission activities, please visit the Granby website at 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 11 new applications. The revenue generated from these applications was $3,275. There was one new subdivision lot requested and approved in this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2011-2012 the Commission:
- Made a positive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding the purchase of property at 83 Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved a 180-day extension to record the approved mylars for the Gate House Road Subdivision, 69 Hartford Avenue.
- Approved a resubdivision of property located at 103 Petersen Road, which proposed one additional building lot.
- Approved a special permit for an accessory apartment for property located at 8 Darla Lane.
- Approved a special permit for excavation and removal of sand and gravel from property located at 359 North Granby Road.
- Approved a special permit for a subdivision sign, under Section 8.6.13 of the Zoning Regulations, for property located at 76 Cider Mill Heights.
- Approved an amendment to Section 5.2.9 of the Zoning Regulations regarding a reduction of the required front yard setback when new residential subdivisions are proposed.
- Supported Board of Selectmen referrals regarding:
  1. Replacement of the Silver Street Bridge
  2. Purchase of land adjacent to Cossitt Library
  3. Construction of sidewalks within the Granby Center area
  4. Purchase of the Evonsion Farm
  5. Construction of a Salmon Brook Pond House
  6. Construction of a Storage and Wash Bay at Public Works
  7. Leasing of property at 83 Salmon Brook Street
- Denied an application seeking to establish a recreation area for the riding of a dirt bike in a residential R50 zone for property located at 18 Candlewood Lane.
- Approved the placement of a barn for property located at 183 Day Street.
- Approved the expansion of a Farm Store for property located at 130 Lost Acres Road.
- Approved a sign for property located at 215 North Granby Road, First Congregational Church of Granby.
- Approved a Beauty Salon for property located at 17 Hartford Avenue.
- Approved a Bed and Breakfast for property located at 289 Granville Road.
- A special permit for a rear lot under Section 8.14 of the Zoning Regulations for property located at 123 Old Messenger Road was withdrawn.
ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Ronald F. Desrosiers
Sally S. King
B. Scott Kuhnly
Mark C. Neumann

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Chairman
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Francis J. Brady
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Frederick A. Moffa, OD
Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education
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Jenny P. Emery
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Edward E. Ohannessian
Ronald S. Walther
Rosemarie T. Weber
Matthew T. Wutka

Planning & Zoning Commission
Paula H. Johnson,
Chairman
Margaret A. Chapple
Charles O. Kraiza
Paul R. Lambert
Eric Lukingbeal
James R. Sansone
Linda C. Spevacek

Town Moderator
Jason E. Bogli

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Ann Crimmins
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Kelly O. Rome

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Dianne M. Maher
Suzanne L. Yucha

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

Registrar of Voters
Maureen F. Wolf
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate
Cynthia C. Becker

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William J. Simanski,
62nd District

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Kevin D. Witkos, 8th District

United States Representative
John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators
Richard M. Blumenthal
Christopher S. Murphy

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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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. Ker tanis
Director of Human Services,
Kerry Ann O. Kielbasa
Director of Library Services,
Lauren C. Stuck
Director of Community Development,
Francis G. Armentano
Director of Public Works,
James R. Klase
Town Clerk,
Karen I. Hazen
Town Engineer,
Kevin W. Clark
Town Manager,
William F. Smith, Jr.
Treasurer,
Roger A. Hernsdorf

APPOINTED BOARDS

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Chairman
Katherine B. Bogli
Pamela D. Burek
Stanley A. Hayes
Stephen Hayes
Lucy E. Lindeyer
Erin S. Pirro

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Joanne R. Desrosiers
Karen H. Hood
Neil W. Krane
Incy S. Muir
Dorothy M. Prior
Bruce W. Sullivan

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Patricia M. Jones
Richard J. Lydon
Jennifer N. Pizzanello

Park & Recreation Board
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L. Squire Bressor
Evan S. Dantas
Russell L. Stone
Kathy D. Ungerleider
Suzanne L. Yucha

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
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Wayne J. Cahoon
Neil W. Krane
Aurelle S. Locke
Craig W. Perry
Deborah A. Sheaahan
Richard J. Van Nostrand
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

Farmington Valley Visiting
Nurse Association –
Granby Office...................... 860-653-5514
Granby Public Library........... 860-844-5275
Children's Room .................. 860-844-5284

Granby Senior Center........... 860-844-5352
Landfill Hours........................
Police Department............... 860-844-5335
POLICE EMERGENCY .............. 911
Probate Court..................... 860-658-3277
Public Works Facility........... 860-653-8960
Recreation Office.............. 860-844-5356
Park Bathhouse.................. 860-653-0173
Registrar of Voters.................. 860-844-5300
Social Services.................. 860-844-5351
Superintendent of Schools..... 860-844-5250
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

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.

Weekdays ..........8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Mon. & Wed...10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
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. (Jan-March)...1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday............8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Simsbury Regional Probate District
Mon.-Fri..8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Weekdays........8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Summer

Wed........9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Weekdays........8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission
Second Wednesday..............7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (Oct. – April)
8:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (May – Sept.)

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
First and Third Thursday..............7:30 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

Granby Prevention Council
First Monday........................6:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Second Wednesday.....................7:00 p.m. Town Hall

Park & Recreation Board
First Tuesday.........................7:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building

Planning & Zoning Commission
Second and Fourth Tuesday...........7:00 p.m. Town Hall

Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board
Second Wednesday..................4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building

Zoning Board of Appeals
Third Tuesday..........................7:30 p.m. Town Hall

*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

*Call BOE for possible changes
As required by Town Charter, the 2011-2012 Annual Report has been incorporated into a 2013 town calendar. The 2012 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 highlights recent renovations at Cossitt Library. Property purchased next door to the library provided an opportunity, along with other improvements, to expand the parking area, place a gazebo, and create a more picturesque setting.

An acknowledgement of thanks for the improvements is to be given to the Granby Library Association, Granby Library Board, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and the Town of Granby.