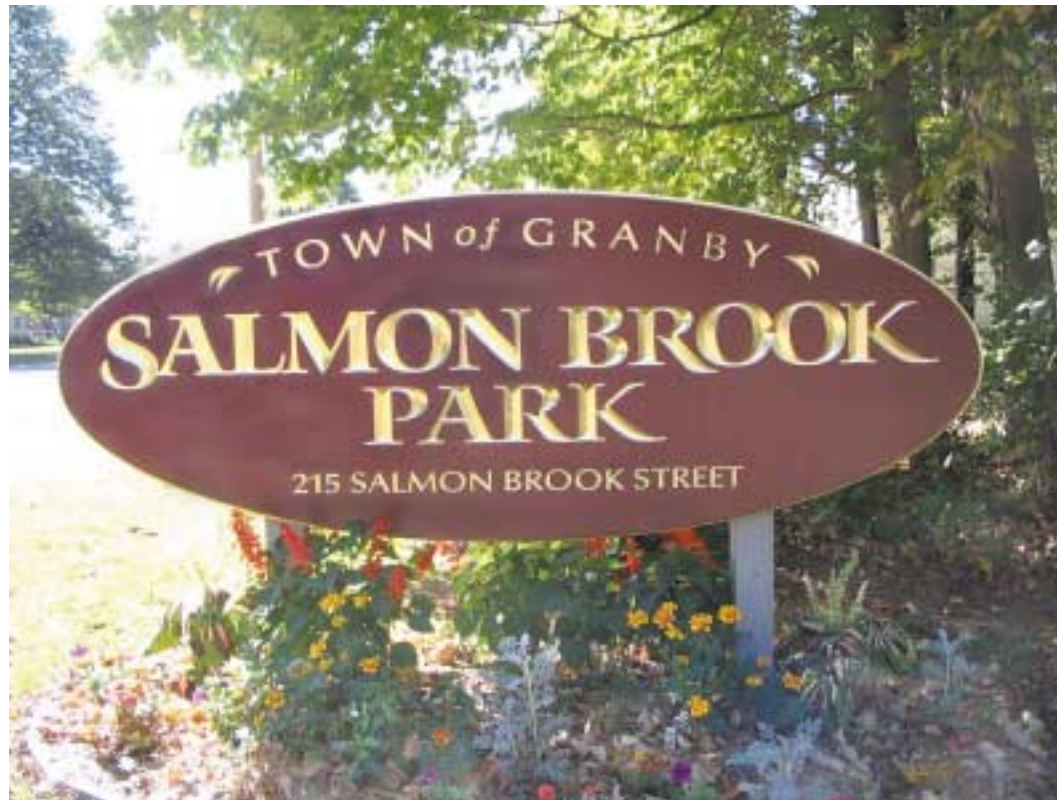


TOWN OF GRANBY



2007 CALENDAR
2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF GRANBY
Incorporated 1786

15 NORTH GRANBY ROAD
GRANBY, CONNECTICUT 06035-2125
(860) 844-5300

WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR.
TOWN MANAGER

Dear Residents:

Remember the **Information Age**? This is the term given to a time when information was able to move around faster than physical movement. Many believe it began with personal computers, but some argue that it began with the telephone or the telegraph back in the 19th century. The Information Age was supposed to have been over around 2002 or 2003 with the start up of the so-called "**Intangible Economy Age**." This is when Google became a serious competitor to Microsoft. This new Intangible Economy Age is supposed to be a little more complex than the Information Age. Maybe it's because there is so much information that it somehow becomes intangible. It involves a massive knowledge base and people sharing information to create a value, commitment, and speed.

The Intangible Economic Age is bound to continue making available more and more information (loads of material for us to sift through). It will then be up to each of us to determine if the information is useful and if the delivery system used is economically beneficial. But, some, including myself, feel that the old Information Age is still with us. For example, all I have to do is go to my computer, log on and go to the Granby web page. When I do, I am very confident it contains lots of information; I know that information is there for sharing, has value pertaining to Granby, and most of the time it has a great deal of speed.

So - where is this message headed? It's to remind us that there is plenty of information available about the Town of Granby. Not only are the permanent records of the town on file within the Town Clerk's vault, but our office department files contain information on a variety of service details for staff and residents. In addition, in the past few years the town has developed a fairly large amount of information now available to all on our website. And, there are some good links to other sites. In fact, this Annual Report will again be posted on our website for your convenience. Granby had a very successful 2005-06 Fiscal Year, so please take time to go through this old fashion hard copy at your leisure or via website. Then, get ready for the next Age - it's sometimes called the "Wireless Age."

Both your volunteer officials and staff are pleased to assist in keeping all residents up-to-date on town events. We also look forward to your suggestions. And, as new issues arise during the year, you can join other residents by subscribing to *News* at the Granby Home Page at www.granby-ct.gov or by calling us at the town hall at 860.844.5300.

Sincerely,

William F. Smith, Jr.
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Dear Neighbors,

This past year we have witnessed the absolutely spectacular *Giddy Up To Granby* event that was staged by the Granby Chamber of Commerce. This event combined local artists with business and community sponsors to produce forty-two painted horses. Local artists, including Granby students, developed designs. The artists worked tirelessly to produce the fabulous painted horses in time for the town-wide parade, BBQ, and concert event in July. The equestrian works of art were exhibited during the late summer and fall throughout the Town of Granby. *Giddy Up To Granby* culminated with the Painted Horse Auction in November. Buyers came from far and wide to have an opportunity to purchase these beautiful works of art. Remarkably, bids topped \$6,000 for some sought after pieces.

On behalf of the Town of Granby, I would like to thank the Granby Chamber of Commerce members, the artists and the many other civic groups who helped to organize and orchestrate this event. Throughout the summer and fall we all witnessed individuals, couples and families, some that have traveled great distances, to view the colorful herd. From the town center to Holcomb Farm, visitors were seen clutching their treasure maps that identified the locations of each work of art. Most of these people knew little or nothing of the Town of Granby before this event, but they left in admiration of the beauty of our town and what it has accomplished.

To those, too many to mention in this letter, that made *Giddy Up To Granby* possible, thank you for a wonderful year.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman

JANUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SR MFC New Year's Day*	2 P&R BOS	3 BOE	4 CC	5	6
7	8 BOF COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z	10 IWWC	11	12	13
14	15 SR MFC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 ZBA BOS	17 BOE	18 CC	19	20
21	22	23 Early Release 9-12 P&Z	24 Early Release K-12	25 Early Release 9-12	26 Early Release 9-12	27
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TOWN CLERK

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

Fees collected and paid to Revenue Collector \$436,795.74

Land Records	\$93,195.50	Documents Recorded	3,161
Conveyance Tax	\$228,870.74	Transfers Recorded	400
PA-05-228	\$53,066.00	Maps Filed (131 sheets)	104
Historic Preservation	\$2,999.00 (Town)	State Surcharge	\$684.00
	\$5,998.00 (State)	(36 surcharges collected)	
Vital Statistics	\$3,471.00		

(Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)

Maps (filing fee)	\$1,043.00
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$11,174.00
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$659.00
Burn Permits Issued	\$1,040.00

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Town fees collected - \$780.00

State fees collected - \$20,946.50

Licenses issued by Town Clerk - 351

Licenses issued by agent of Town Clerk - 522

Duplicate licenses issued - 2

Handicapped License - 1

Lifetime licenses issued - 24

Pheasant tags issued - 69

Connecticut Bird Stamps issued - 28

HIP Permits Issued - 39

Dog Licenses - 1,306 issued

Town fees collected - \$1,320.00

State fees collected - \$11,099.00 - 95 Surcharges collected

Kennel licenses issued - 11

Fidelco Dogs Licensed - 5

Transfers-1 Replacement tags - 5

Late Fee's Collected - \$450.00

Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 47

Absentee Ballots Issued - 42

ELECTIONS

11-8-2005 – Municipal Election

Electors qualified to vote – 7,244

Electors checked as voting – 1,650

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

1/3/06 – Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION To Accept the Following Roads: Massaco Lane and Holcomb Hill Road. RESOLUTION approved – Roads Accepted.

4/24/06 – Special Town Meeting for Budget Approval. Yes Vote – 209; No Vote – 37. Minimum 2/3 requirement attained. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 APPROVED.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2006)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	0	84	84
Deaths	50	38	88
Marriages	31	30	61
Civil Unions	2	1	3

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.

I.M.C.C. and Connecticut State Certification were previously attained by the Town Clerk. An Assistant Town Clerk has also received State Certification and having just completed a three-year program will now apply for the I.M.C.C. Certification.

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

FEBRUARY 2007

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				1 CC	2	3
4	5 BOS	6 P&R	7 BOE	8	9	10
11	12 BOF COA GDC GLB Lincoln's Birthday	13 P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC BOE St. Valentine's Day	15 CC	16	17
18	19 SR-1 week MFC Presidents' Day	20 ZBA BOS	21 Ash Wednesday	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The 2005-2006 Fiscal Year was a year of transition for the Department of Police Services.

During the year the department continued to offer its Citizen's Police Academy. This program provides citizens with insight into the various roles our officers find themselves undertaking during their tours of duty. These duties encompass the traditional role of crime investigator, motor vehicle law enforcer, and accident investigator to other non-traditional roles, such as emergency medical first responder and assisting with animal control.

The department was involved in supporting our school's mission of ensuring safe learning environments. During the summer, members of the department met with school district officials and parents on the topics of violence, bullying, and discipline. The department also engaged the district in pursuing a grant to obtain cameras for monitoring the safety of our children at the various school campuses.

In an effort to increase the department's interaction with our community's seniors, the department, in conjunction with the Senior Services Office obtained a grant to purchase photographic equipment that can be used to provide identification cards to the seniors and to town personnel.

Personnel staffing became a significant issue during the fiscal year as a result of numerous injuries to personnel. One of the most significant injuries was the result of a motor vehicle crash in which a commuter van struck a patrol cruiser resulting in injuries to the officer's hand and wrist. As a result of these injuries, the third and fourth quarter of the year had a 36% shortfall of personnel. This resulted in the remaining personnel working extensive hours of mandated overtime to provide adequate responses to calls for service. This minimized the opportunities for programs to the community.

The department continues to participate in its commitment to regionalized police services with the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. This alliance has resulted in teams of officers who provide specialized services in the areas of SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Dive Rescue and Recovery, and Accident Reconstruction. The Accident Reconstruction Team has been utilized the most by the towns, including Granby. There were two (2) fatal motor vehicle crashes that occurred during this period. Also as part of our regional participation, four members of the department responded to the Town of Avon to assist with the investigation and scene management of the Avon Mountain fatal motor vehicle crash. These officers later received recognition from the Governor's office for their assistance.

The Department of Police Services continues to be ready and capable of responding to our resident's requests for emergency assistance or for providing information on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week.

<i>INCIDENT CLASSIFICATIONS</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>% INC/DEC</i>
MURDER	0	0	0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	4	5	25%
BURGLARY	30	20	-33%
ROBBERY	0	0	0%
LARCENIES	128	140	9%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	5	11	120%
ARSON	0	1	100%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11	0	-100%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	46	53	15%
FRAUD/FORGERY	42	71	69%
BAD CHECKS	22	13	-41%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	119	90	-24%
DRUG OFFENSES	47	28	-40%
FAMILY OFFENSES	19	11	-42%
LIQUOR OFFENSES	17	12	-29%
BREACH/DISORDERLY	51	67	31%
TRESPASSING	15	13	-13%
RUNAWAYS	3	0	-100%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	11	9	-18%
LOITERING	2	2	0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1426	1495	5%
<i>ACCIDENTS</i>			
PROPERTY DAMAGE	248	188	-24%
PERSONAL INJURY	60	54	-10%
FATAL	1	2	100%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	309	244	-21%
<i>ENFORCEMENT ACTION</i>			
D.W.I.	41	35	-15%
INFRACTIONS	578	487	-16%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	549	468	-15%
CRIMINAL/SUMMONSES	483	369	-24%
<i>DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>	<i>12,626</i>	<i>12,171</i>	<i>-4%</i>

MARCH 2007

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4	5 BOS	6 P&R	7 BOE	8	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 BOF COA GDC GLB	13 P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC BOE	15 CC	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 Early Release K-12 BOS	20 Early Release K-12 ZBA	21 BOE	22	23	24
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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

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

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

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

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

LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Calls

This is the general breakdown of the 215 calls for Fire Department assistance.

Structures	5	False or Malfunctioning	
Vehicle Fires	5	Alarms	45
Brush, Leaves, & Grass	8	Water, Smoke, Wires	
Chimney Fires	11	Down, Misc.	98
Auto Accidents	4	Hazardous Materials	13
Life Star Landings	4	Search and Rescue	1
Calls to Other Towns	5	Carbon Monoxide Calls	16

Equipment

A new utility truck was purchased to replace a 1974 van. It was delivered and put into service in mid-summer. This new vehicle carries our hazardous materials equipment, portable pumps, and extra lighting and can be used as a backup for our heavy rescue vehicle.

Plans are being made for a new pumper to replace the North Granby Station's 20-year old unit.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

During Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Director of Community Development, Fran Armentano, reviewed, analyzed, and reported on 20 Planning and Zoning Commission applications. These applications proposed new residential lots, commercial developments, accessory buildings, regulation changes, and more. During this fiscal year the Director worked with applicants on a variety of development projects and continued to promote the preservation of open space. A number of new commercial buildings were approved and are under construction and an additional 270 acres were set aside as permanently preserved open space. The Director of Community Development oversees the town's Flood Insurance Program, the bonding process and establishment of new town roads, and operates and coordinates the town's GIS System.

This fiscal year the Director, working with the Development and Planning and Zoning Commissions, prepared a new T1 zone. The Director coordinated meetings with the area property owners, prepared maps, and presented the materials at public hearings. The new zone was fully adopted by the Commission. The Director proposed a subdivision moratorium on new building lots within the northwest area of town. Following the adoption of the moratorium, the Planning and Zoning Commission appointed a Case Street Area Study Committee. The Director has been working with the Committee to revise the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations that apply to this area. To aid in the process, a questionnaire was mailed to the area homeowners. A response of almost 50% was received. This fiscal year the Director rewrote the section of the Subdivision Regulations, which apply to dead end streets. These changes were subsequently adopted by the Commission.

The Office of Community Development continues to administer the Small Cities Program. The program now operates with repayment funds. These revolving funds, generated by past activity, are currently adequate to maintain the program over the next few years. Should additional state funding become necessary, the office is prepared to submit a new application for funding.

APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Palm Sunday	2 BOS Passover begins at sundown	3 Early Release K-6 P&R	4 Early Release K-6 BOE	5 Early Release K-6 CC	6 SR MFC Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9 Budget 7:30 P.M. Public Hearing BOF COA GDC GLB	10 P&Z	11 YSBAB IWWC BOE	12	13	14
15	16 SR-1 week BOS	17 ZBA	18	19 CC	20	21
22	23 Budget 7:30 P.M. Town Meeting	24 P&Z	25	26	27	28
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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive and variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. A seven (7)-member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen 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. We continue to provide regular programming for soccer, basketball, and skiing as well as many sport specific clinics throughout the year. New youth activities have been added such as Mad Science, cartooning, art and several ARC baby-sitting classes throughout the year. A few of our activities are co-sponsored with East Granby.

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

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for major town events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, and two playscapes. This year, through the efforts of Dogs of Granby Getting Social (D.O.G.G.S.), a fenced dog park was added. Each summer we present a "*Sounds of Summer*" concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

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

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

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

2006-07

Mighty Hawks
Volleyball
Frisbee
Ballroom dance for kids
Wedding dance

2005-06

Cheerleading
Mini Hawks
Flag football
Dog Park

2004-2005

Creative Movie Making
Volunteer Appreciation
Nutcracker Tea

2003-2004

Playscape
MLS
Yoga
Jewelry Making for Adults & Teens
Riding Camps

2002-2003

Kangaroo Field Hockey Clinic
Summer Art Classes
After school Kids Fitness

2001-2002

DC/Tweens
DC/Mini Sports
Field Hockey Clinic
Irish Step Dance
Ballroom Dance
Circus Workshop
Exploring NYC – Central Park
& Grand Central Station

2000-2001

Roberts Brothers Circus
Tall Ships
Movie in the Park

1999-2000

New restrooms donated by the
Lions Club
Celebration 2000
Resurface tennis courts

1998-99

8/8/98 Movie in the Park "*Flubber*"

1997-98

1997 Little League Division
Championships

1996-97

Movie in the Park
Unified Soccer & Basketball

1995-96

- 1) Air National Guard
- 2) Circus
- 3) Camp continues to grow
- 4) Little League Field – Little League
- 5) Playscape – Newcomers

MAY 2007

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

Voters in District One have a temporary change of polling place while Kelly Lane School is under construction. District One votes at the Granby Senior/Youth Center, in the Municipal Complex, while the building project is finishing. District Two continues to vote at the West Granby Firehouse.

The Secretary of State’s office has experienced obstacles in 2006 for introducing the new voting machines. Granby continues to use our old, but highly reliable lever machines, but each polling place is expected to have a state-of-the-art, handicap accessible machine for the November 2006 election. The plan to add one computerized voting machine per polling site will be paid for through previously approved federal funding. Please look to our monthly column in “the Granby Drummer” for any updates pertaining to these new voting machines and opportunities to test them.

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 2006, we added 342 new voters, changed 3,927 records and removed 426 voters from our official list. There are currently 6,659 active registered voters in Granby: 2,823 Unaffiliated, 2,148 Republican, 1,673 Democrat, 9 Green, and 6 Libertarian. During the past year there was a Municipal election, in November, and a town meeting in April. No referendums were held.

ID is required on all voter registration forms. All state offices, including all libraries, town halls, DMV and social services offices, are providing these voter registration forms. Please note that state voter registration forms can be used to report changes in address, name or political party, as well as register as a new voter. If you are going to be away for an election, absentee ballot applications need to be filed with the Town Clerk’s office. Please allow time for the ballot to be mailed and returned. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available on the web at: www.sots.state.ct.us.

If you need to reach the registrar’s office for any reason:

Stop by or call on Wednesdays at the Town Hall.

Our office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At anytime, you can reach us via email at: vr.granby@po.state.ct.us

Leave a phone message using voicemail at: 844-5322, or

Use our mailing address: Town of Granby, Registrar of Voters,

15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

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

OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder - DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE!

The Office of Animal Control functions as a part-time contract service of the Department of Police Services and is assigned the task of investigating and taking appropriate enforcement action involving animals within the Town of Granby.

The Granby Animal Shelter, located at 166 Salmon Brook Street, functions as a safe haven for dogs that have been found roaming and is also utilized as a holding area for animals while investigations are being conducted. The shelter has received many donations of food, crates, bedding, and miscellaneous items that are greatly appreciated and which keeps the cost of running the shelter down. These donations enable the animals kept there to live comfortably and in a more home-like atmosphere, greatly reducing the stress that being impounded can cause. Donations are always welcome and arrangements can be made for drop-offs by contacting the Animal Control Officer through the Granby Department of Police Services at 844-5335.

The numbers and types of complaints received by this office for July 2005 through June 2006 are as follows:

Roaming dogs	186
Barking dogs	21
Nuisance and other dog complaints	61
Cat and dog bites to humans	11
Dog versus domestic animal complaints	2
Dogs hit / killed by cars	10 / 3
Cat complaints	24
Other animal complaints	249
Cruelty complaints	18
Vicious dog complaints	9
Rabies cases (bat)	1
Impounded animals	57
Animals redeemed by owners	51
Animals sold as pets	6
Animals euthanized or found dead	5
Total number of complaints investigated	570

JUNE 2007

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3	4 BOS	5 P&R	6 BOE	7 CC	8	9
10	11 BOF COA GDC GLB	12 P&Z	13 YSBAB IWWC	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 BOS	19 ZBA	20 BOE	21 CC	22	23
24	25	26 P&Z	27	28	29	30

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works is a term most people have heard of, but what does it mean? Public Works are assets owned or operated by a city, town, or other public agency. This department is charged with maintaining and improving those assets as needed throughout the year. We take our direction from the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, town committees, department heads, and most importantly the residents of Granby. One of the most important assets is the local road network. Town crews worked through 16 storms to keep roads open and safe. We also rehabilitated over one half mile of road and repaved another 3.4 miles last year. Building maintenance has stepped up as more residents take advantage of the facilities. Town Hall and Cossitt Library have been identified as needing HVAC improvements and we have been working on implementing new systems. Our part time staff continues to be a valuable asset to our full time crew in building and park maintenance, and the operations at the town Transfer Station.

More subdivision roads were added to the town's road network this past year. Massaco Lane and Holcomb Hill Road were approved and accepted adding another .66 miles to the road inventory. We anticipate the second phase of Cider Mill Heights to be added soon.

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

Dara Lane	Nestor Way	Lindsay Circle
Sakrison Road	Glen Road	Higley Road
Silkey Road	West Granby Road	

Total linear miles paved = 3.4 miles

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

Harvest Lane	Bradley Brook Drive
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Total linear miles reconstructed = .55 miles

Bradley Brook Drive and Harvest Lane are part of a subdivision constructed over 25 years ago and the roads were badly deteriorated. We rebuilt the roads from the base course to drainage and finally curbing. We expect the roads to be trouble free for 10-15 years.

Street sweeping mileage increased to 90.5 miles and over 908 catch basins were cleaned. The centerline-stripping program was updated to include Holcomb Hill Road. We also continued centerline striping the first 200' of local roads off state routes.

Sixteen storms dumped 48.5 inches of snow on town roads, making it a typical winter for this area.

The Department utilized 2,033 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. Town forces screened another 4,000 cubic yards of sand in the fall for winter maintenance operations

More amenities were added to Ahrens Park, including a paved parking lot and backstop for little league play. The athletic turf has performed admirably with little rain during extreme hot weather conditions. This is due to a select grass seed that is drought tolerant and an organic fertilization program that strengthens the core of the plant's root system, helping it survive during high stress periods. The Granby Little League Association added fences to the new little league field at Salmon Brook Park, and town crews continued to improve the outfield. Public Works crews will maintain this new park and ball field, along with the playscape, five baseball diamonds, 5-6 soccer fields, lacrosse fields, field hockey fields, and lawn areas for resident activities. Additionally, town greens, cemeteries, and Municipal Complex grounds are mowed, weeded, lined, planted, and watered. D.O.G.G.S., a nonprofit local group, worked with town personnel to build a new dog park at Salmon Brook Park. It has been a big success and has attracted new users to the park. Public Works crews also clean and maintain the 18 public buildings located throughout town.

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

A new contract was signed with Paines, Inc. to provide reliable garbage and recycling collection services for the town's 4,100 households. Residents disposed of over 4,400 tons of solid waste and 440 tons of bulky waste. The transfer station collected over 250 tons of brush, 215 tons of scrap metal, 1,608 cubic yards of leaves, and 865 tons of mixed paper and cardboard. We collected 1,865 gallons of waste oil and 265 gallons of antifreeze at the DPW garage and transfer site.

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

JULY 2007

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1	2 BOS	3 P&R	4 MFC Independence Day*	5 CC	6	7
8	9 BOF GLB	10 P&Z	11 IWWC	12	13	14
15	16 BOS	17 ZBA	18	19 CC	20	21
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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth. In Fiscal Year 2005-2006 the Commission was primarily involved in the preparation of a new T1 Zone. The Commission began the process by studying the existing regulations that applied to the area on the western side of Salmon Brook Street, between Canton Road and Floydville Road, in the vicinity of the YMCA. The Commission reviewed the existing Zoning Regulations that applied to this area and considered the impact of the development that might occur under those regulations. Various concerns and opportunities were identified and a conceptual plan for the development of this area was prepared. The Commission held workshops with area property owners explaining their desire to modify the area zoning and eliciting comments on the potential changes. The response from the property owners was overwhelmingly positive. The transition zone, as prepared by the Commission, reduces the number of possible curb cuts along Salmon Brook Street, provides standards for commercial development, and limits the size of commercial buildings. The zone increases the overall area where commercial development may occur while directing such development away from the Salmon Brook Street line. The zone establishes minimum lot sizes where commercial development can be considered and encourages property owners to work together to bring about an integrated approach to village style development. The Planning and Zoning Commission completed the approval of the new T1 zone and regulations in March of 2006.

During this fiscal year a number of new commercial development projects were approved or under construction. These include a 4,000 square foot building and storage facility for Stateline Propane, a 3,200 square foot building for Maximum Tree Service, a 12,000 square foot retail feed and supply center (known as Horses and Hounds) on Mill Pond Drive, a new Cumberland Farms at 19 Hartford Avenue, and a 17,200 square foot addition for Arrow Concrete.

PROBATE COURT

In April 2006, The Honorable Philip D. Main retired after serving our community for 16 years as Judge. Paul J. Knierim, Probate Judge in Simsbury, was appointed the Acting Judge until a new Judge is elected.

During the past year, 41 new estates were opened, 17 of which involved the short form of probate; i.e. either with assets of less than \$20,000 or assets declared as jointly owned for tax purposes only. Also, 15 State Aid estates were handled.

Hearings were held on two new Trust Accounts and 10 review hearings on trusts were held. There was one appointment of a Guardian of the Estate of a minor, one appointment of a Guardian of the Person, six miscellaneous hearings for Guardian Accounts, one Compromise of Claim, four Allowances of Accounting (Guardian) hearings, and seven hearings on other guardianship matters. There were thirteen appointments of Conservators of the person and/or estate, one review hearing, and eight Allowances of Account (Conservator) hearings. There were eleven appointments of Guardian of a Mentally Retarded Adult, twelve review hearings, and six miscellaneous hearings. There were two Temporary Custodians appointed for minor children. We also handled nine name changes, four adoptions, and processed 150 Passport Applications.

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

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

AUGUST 2007

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			1	2 CC	3	4
5	6 BOS	7 P&R	8 IWWC	9	10	11
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THE GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2005–2006 school year was one of unprecedented change. One-third of Granby teachers moved to a new classroom or building. The expanded Wells Road Intermediate School (grades 3-6; 450 students) was completed mid-year while the Kelly Lane Intermediate School project was begun. Intermediate schools were redistricted and new bus routes instituted. K-12 enrollment grew to 2,264, an increase of 42 students. The F.M. Kearns Primary School welcomed 12 Project CHOICE students.

The high school started and ended the school year with great fanfare. In August, over 400 educators attended a three-day national conference on Professional Learning Communities in Granby. As the year ended, the high school was recognized as a Connecticut Vanguard School. Eligibility for this prestigious award required over 80% of students to score at or above goal on the Connecticut Academic Performance tests in at least three subject areas.

Student achievement in grades 3-8 was outstanding. For the first time, 88% of 7th and 8th grade students scored at or above goal in reading, 90% in 5th grade math, 91% in 6th grade reading, and 95% in 6th grade math. Other scores showed improvement as well.

Granby students continue to receive individual recognition for events ranging from the National Readers Digest Word Power Challenge to the Connecticut Student Writers' Magazine. Student scholars, athletes, and musicians also received recognition for individual and group achievements.

In 2005-2006, Judy Cunningham Latonie was named as the Connecticut Reading Association *Outstanding Reading Educator*, David Pickhardt was selected as a semi-finalist in the *Connecticut Teacher of the Year* competition, and Shellie Pierce was honored as the 2006 *Connecticut Association of Schools Middle School Principal of the Year*. The Granby Board of Education again received a Leadership Award from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

Thanks to the larger Granby community for supporting our schools. We are thankful and we are proud!

HOLCOMB FARM LEARNING CENTERS, INC.

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

The primary programs of the Holcomb Farm are arts, environment, agriculture, and passive recreation. The arts and environmental science programs offer a wide variety of classes year round for children and adults from Granby and the Greater Hartford Area. School groups, scout groups, homeschool groups, and the general public come to the farm for programs ranging from watercolors to bird watching hikes, and from Native American studies to Colonial Crafts. In the summertime the farm offers a seven-week camp for preschoolers through eighth graders, focusing on arts, nature, multiculturalism, and fun. The programs and camps are funded in part by gifts from individuals and foundations. This past year approximately 11,000 children and 4,000 adults from Granby, Hartford, and surrounding towns participated in programs and events at the farm.

The Holcomb Farm Board of Directors plans to launch the farm's first capital campaign in 2006. The driving forces behind this campaign are the goals to preserve the farm's historic barns and farmhouse, and to increase the space useable for programs as demand for the farm's offerings continues to grow.

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

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

For further information, visit the website at www.holcombfarm.org or phone the farm at:

Learning Centers:	860-844-8616
Agriculture/CSA:	860-653-5554

SEPTEMBER 2007

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2	3 MFC Labor Day*	4 P&R BOS	5 BOE	6 CC	7	8
9	10 BOF COA GDC GLB	11 P&Z	12 YSBAB IWWC Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	13	14	15
16	17 BOS	18 ZBA	19 BOE	20 CC	21	22 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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SENIOR SERVICES

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

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

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

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Members	486
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	168
Congregate Meal Program Participants	74
Congregate Meals Served	3,953
Exercise Class Participants	175
Tax Preparation Assistance	86

Senior Services operates two senior vans to transport riders to activities at the senior center as well as for grocery shopping, health clinics, educational and social programs, and for special trips and exhibits. The vans are used to transport wheelchair bound riders to medical appointments. The volunteer van drivers donated over 500 hours of driving time to the program this year. Donations from riders, the Granby Community Fund, and the North Central Area Agency on Aging assist with funding the van service.

Senior Van Statistics

Number of Registered Riders	138
Number of Drivers	10
Hours of Operation	1,246
Miles Traveled	10,962
Number of Passenger Trips	4,761

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Two informational workshops were held for older adults about the new Medicare Part D Prescription Program. Over 150 seniors attended the workshops and over 80 people received individual assistance with choosing a plan.
- The Granby Senior Adventure Club was launched as a new initiative this year. The group participated in adventure-based activities such as rock-climbing, hiking, snowshoeing, and scuba diving. The Senior Adventure Club is now being modeled in numerous senior centers across the state.
- The Men and Women’s monthly breakfasts continue to be hugely successful with attendance of over 100 people at each breakfast.



OCTOBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BOS	2 P&R	3 BOE	4 CC	5	6
7	8 SR Columbus Day (observed)	9 BOF COA GDC P&Z	10 YSBAB IWWC	11	12 Columbus Day	13
14	15 GLB BOS	16 ZBA	17 BOE	18 CC	19	20
21	22	23 P&Z	24	25	26	27
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YOUTH SERVICES

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Author and Parenting expert, Nancy Samalin, presented "Loving Without Spoiling: Why It's Okay to be Unpopular with Your Kids" to 135 people.
- W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!), an experiential group for high school age girls, provided approximately 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.
- Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.) sponsored two 6th grade dances, each enjoyed by approximately 130 youth. The proceeds from these dances were utilized to create a fund to offer a \$500 Y.A.C. scholarship to a graduating senior.
- Middle-school grade girls participated in an in-school support group, Y.W.O.W.! (Young Women on the Way). This group provided psycho-educational counseling via group-chosen topics.
- The YSB, the Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking and the Capitol Area Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) sponsored "My Child's Becoming a Young Adult: What Do I Need to Know?" a community-wide discussion about alcohol and making choices. Approximately 65 local youth, legislators, educators, and parents attended.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	79 cases, 152 persons
Total Granby children served	80
Total East Granby Children	29
Total clinical hours	727 (658 Granby, 69 East Granby)
Adventure Club	25
YAC sponsored dances	130 youth
W.O.W.!	13
Y.W.O.W.!	16
Youth Action Council	12 members
Parenting speakers/workshops	328
Youth Employment Service	18 employers, 22 youth



NOVEMBER 2007

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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 BOS	6 P&R Election Day	7 BOE	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day	12 MFC	13 BOF COA GDC P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC BOE	15 CC	16	17
18	19 GLB BOS	20 ZBA	21	22 SR MFC Thanksgiving Day*	23 SR MFC	24
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SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 72 households to assist with over \$36,000 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$10,000 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

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

FARMERS' PRODUCE/GRANBY COUPON PROJECT – Administered in conjunction with the Granby Conservation Commission this project is funded by a Conservation Commission sponsored fund-raiser and donations from churches, businesses, civic groups, and individuals. This program continues to be a popular one, serving 65 people who redeemed over \$500 worth of coupons. The project also purchased an organizational share from the Holcomb Farm that provided fresh produce to over 60 seniors throughout the summer.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE – Through the generosity of many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups the Local Assistance Fund received over \$5,500 of donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Seventy-four households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a town-wide effort of concern and generosity provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to 45 households, and holiday gifts to 50 children.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering Services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Edward Sweeney, P.E. In Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Town Engineer worked an average of 60 hours per month. The Town Engineer advises the Planning and Zoning Commission and attends their meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various applications and conducts numerous field inspections, assuring that the construction of new roads comply with engineering standards and road specifications. The Town Engineer also inspects private roads to assure compliance with the specific town approvals. Roads that were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as new town roads and were under construction in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 included, Holcomb Hill, Powder Mill Lane, and the lower portion of Cidermill Heights. The Commission approved Private Roads that were under construction including, Holcomb Ridge, Hunt Glen, and Pheasant Lane.

In Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Town Engineer assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, sewers, bridges, a wash bay facility, Bank Street lighting, diversion permit, and landfill monitoring. He also marked out numerous Call-Before-U-Dig locations, inspected construction sites, inspected sewer lateral installations, and prepared bond estimates.

This year the Town Engineer worked on the preparation of a Stormwater Management Plan and new Erosion and Sedimentation Control measures.

DECEMBER 2007

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9	10 BOF COA GDC GLB	11 P&Z	12 IWWC BOE	13	14	15
16	17 BOS	18 ZBA	19	20 CC	21	22
23	24 SR-1 week MFC	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 SR New Year's Eve	MFC Christmas Day*	P&Z			

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

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed SR = School Recess

TOWN MEETING KEY:

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

In Fiscal Year 2005-2006, \$393,860 was appropriated for library services provided by Granby Public Library and the Frederick H. Cossitt Library branch in North Granby. The nine-member Granby Library Board, led by Chair Lynn Lochhead, meets the second Monday of each month and welcomes public attendance. As the Department of Library Services moved toward completion of the 2003-2007 long-range plan and the achievement of its many goals and objectives, the board began to look toward the next planning cycle with the establishment of a long-range planning committee to study various upcoming issues including facilities, outreach, and services.

Circulation and Collections

The one-day record for items borrowed at Granby Public Library reached a new high of 1,234 on July 5, 2005. For FY 2005-06, a total of 150,051 items were borrowed from Granby Public Library, with increases noted in almost all categories. Patrons borrowed 11,758 items from Cossitt Library; the decline in circulation was a result of the Children's Room being closed six months for repairs after heavy October rains flooded it.

Patrons have access to more than 200 subscriptions to magazines and newspapers. Multiple copies of "Acorn" and "Nutmeg Books" and early literacy materials, including books for the newest readers, are available at both libraries. The libraries must respond to changes in technology; as VCRs and cassette players become outdated, the library's collections of videos and books on tape are replaced with DVDs and CD Books. Granby Public Library introduced "Rapid Reads", a collection of popular books which can be borrowed for "one week: no renewals, no reserves, and no wait".

Services for Children, Teens, and Adults

Reading hit the road in 2005 with "Reading Road Trip", Granby Public Library's reading program for teens and adults. More than 550 teens, adults, and children participated. Teens and adults were asked to fill out review cards, rate what they read, and add comments. Children were asked to read at least 20 minutes per day throughout the summer. Summer events included a Reading Road Trip Concert, Teddy Bear Picnics, a visit from Mother Goose, Storytimes in the Park, and craft and nature programs. Cossitt Library offered its traditional Curious George Picnic and Make-A-Sundae Party. A variety of children's programs for all ages are offered throughout the year, including Drop-In Crafts, robots, storytimes for homeschoolers, Kindermusik with Beth Galloway, science programs with NASA educator Rachel Manzer, a Connecticut Opera production of The Billy Goats Gruff, quilting classes, Kids Tag and Craft Sale, Connecticut

Book Voyagers, book discussions, and cooperative programming with the Senior Center. The Children's Librarian visited first and second grade classes and encouraged children (and their parents) to get their library cards.

The library promotes teen interests with a collection of more than 3,000 items. The Teen SF/Fantasy book group meets once a month. Drop-In Days are held Wednesdays during the school year. The library is a popular site for school community service workers.

Adult programs included "Armchair Travel to Costa Rica," Scrapbooking, Exploring Connecticut's Natural Wonders, Wonders of Weather, and "I'm With Her", a program with writer Steve Rushin. Active book discussion groups are "Something About the Author," "Tuesday Morning Book Group," and a new book club co-sponsored with Starbucks. The Stillwell Discussion Series offered fall and spring scholar-led programs. The Connecticut Humanities Council co-sponsored a Literature For A Lifetime Discussion. Both libraries offer a museum pass program, which provides free or reduced admission to area attractions. Tax forms, photocopiers, and fax services are available at both libraries. Cossitt Library was a featured attraction of the Salmon Brook Historical Society's House Tour.

Thanks to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the libraries were able to purchase two computers and seating for the Cossitt Children's Room, and display carousels, DVD browsers, and a study table and chairs for Granby Public Library.

Connections

The library's computers were used for internet access or personal computing more than 7,500 times during the year. Both libraries offer wireless access. The Granby Library catalog, the adult collection at Cossitt, and InfoAnytime, a 24/7 reference service, are accessible at both www.iconn.org, as well as through the library page at www.granby-ct.gov. More than 2,800 interlibrary items were loaned and borrowed through Granby Public Library. The library continues to cooperate with other Connecticut libraries as a member of the Connecticut Library Consortium and as an affiliate of the Connecticut Center for the Book. A valid Granby library card may be used at any other public library in the state, and Granby welcomes borrowers from other towns.

Friends, Volunteers and the Library As A Community

Friends of Granby Public Library, Friends of Cossitt Library, Granby Library Association, Granby Pharmacy, Small World, Connecticut Humanities Council,

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Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Galasso Materials, and numerous individual donors supported programs, purchased museum passes, magazines and materials, and funded special projects to benefit our libraries and patrons. A dependable group of volunteers worked more than 950 hours assisting with special projects, programs, bar-coding, processing, and book deliveries. In the spring, the Library Board hosted a Volunteer Appreciation event at Cossitt Library.

CIRCULATION 2005-2006

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	42,411	2,777	45,188
Teen Books	4,573	198	4,771
Children's Books	39,226	2,679	41,905
Adult Magazines	9,765	1,818	11,583
Teen Magazines	876	27	903
Children's Magazines	1,025	56	1,081
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	8,663	191	8,854
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	670	14	684
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	2,140	128	2,268
Adult CD-ROM and Software	23	0	23
Teen CD-ROM and Software	52	1	53
Children's CD-ROM and Software	505	34	539
Adult Video and DVDs	15,052	2,483	17,535
Teen Video and DVDs	4,478	0	4,478
Children's Video and DVDs	13,644	902	14,546
Realia,Puppets,Toys	549	41	590
Museum Passes	237	28	265
Adult Computers	3,956	381	4,337
Teen Computers	1,352	0	1,352
Children's Computers	854	0	854
Total	150,051	11,758	161,809

Lady Bird Johnson wrote, "Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest." In Granby, we want to keep your interest in the library vital. As services grow and we reach beyond the library boundaries with new technology and resources, we remember with pride that we are still able to sustain small-town friendliness and personal service. You are the "public" in public library, and we encourage your comments and suggestions, your expectations and opinions.

COLLECTION 2005-2006

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	31,745	4910	36,655
Teen Books	2,297	326	2,623
Children's Books	15,594	8,003	23,597
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,842	376	2,218
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	201	23	224
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	512	196	708
Adult CD-ROM and Software	9	0	9
Teen CD-ROM and Software	24	1	25
Children's CD-ROM and Software	129	36	165
Adult Video and DVDs	1,780	597	2,377
Teen Video and DVDs	450	0	450
Children's Video and DVDs	1,098	403	1,501
Realia,Puppets,Toys	100	87	187
Museum Passes	24	5	29
Adult Computers	5	2	7
Teen Computers	3	1	4
Children's Computers	6	0	6
Total	55,819	14,966	70,785

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	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Subscriptions			
Adult Magazines	162	48	210
Teen Magazines	18	3	21
Children's Magazines	26	4	30
Newspapers	8	4	12
Connecticard Loans			
Loans to Out-of-Town Patrons	23,252	1,595	24,847
Interlibrary Loans			
Loans to Other Libraries	954	0	954
Loans from Other Libraries	1,882	0	1,882
Programs	Granby	Cossitt	Total
No. Adult Programs	32	0	32
No. Teen Programs	52	0	52
No. Children's Programs	214	20	234
No. Family Programs	110	3	113
Total Programs Offered	408	23	431
Attendance at Programs			
Adult Programs	390	0	390
Teen Programs	336	0	336
Children's Programs	2,854	98	2,952
Family Programs (+ museum no.)	2,246	107	2,353
Total Programs Attendance	5,826	205	6,031

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, 2005 through June 30, 2006 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,297.
- The 2004 Grand List adjusted levy was \$26,883,005 and the net collections on the current levy were \$26,609,098.
- During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, 99.17% of the adjusted grand levy was collected. This is the highest collection rate the town has seen in twelve years.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2006 (including back taxes) were \$298,303. This is the lowest end of year tax balance since 1990.



FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association (FV-VNA) has continued to have a strong presence within the Granby community by providing a comprehensive variety of home health care, hospice services, and illness prevention programs to residents of all ages, without regard for ability to pay or insurance limitations. Since 1908, the FV-VNA's culture and operating philosophy have reflected a genuine commitment to providing local, community based service without prejudice, and a broad based service mission which encompasses newborn assessment to end of life care. Despite continuing financial and other challenges associated with the delivery of health care, the FV-VNA is proud to still be one of the few remaining traditional and non-profit true visiting nurse associations, which is not owned or operated by a hospital or larger health care system. This important distinction assures Granby residents that community needs remain a genuine priority and that funding is utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

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

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

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management and digital photography for more accurate and timely treatment, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing, early rehabilitation programs after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and early maternity discharge services. The FV-VNA's Private Duty Aide service has continued to grow in response to increased requests for this important, in-home support service. In addition, Companion Services were added as a new service in the past year, also in response to community feedback. Farmington Valley residents can feel comfortable and secure in knowing that all FV-VNA employees are carefully interviewed, screened, and supervised to assure the highest quality of care. All employees are required to undergo drug screening and complete background checks to avoid placing any community member receiving home care services at risk. The FV-VNA's highly respected Hospice Program has nearly doubled in size over the past year and has contin-

ued to make a positive difference in the lives of many local families. Many of the home health care and Hospice services offered are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, managed care plans and other private insurances. A sliding fee scale is available for individuals and families who may have health care needs, but are experiencing a financial hardship. No one is turned away from services due to a lack of resources.

The FV-VNA continues to be progressive in that it operates a distinct and separate Community Programs Department with the goals of illness prevention, health promotion, and education. Many home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to cost and realignment of service priorities. Community Programs remain a cornerstone of the FV-VNA, particularly due to its historic roots as a public health nursing organization. Multiple services are offered which focus on health maintenance, illness prevention, and health education. Nearly 4,000 residents attended one or more community wellness programs last year, not including town health fairs. Many programs are offered at little or no cost thanks to funding from the Town of Granby which include:

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

In addition, Granby is unique in that our organization provides school health nursing services to all schools within the Granby Public School System, and offers a well-stocked and readily accessible Food Bank for local families who are experiencing a hardship.

The FV-VNA is very pleased to continue a strong collaborative relationship with the Farmington Valley Health District. Together, a variety of programs and services are planned and implemented for the enhancement of public health and wellness, including influenza vaccine clinics, tuberculosis screening and control programs, emergency preparedness initiatives, and health education programs. We were pleased to offer again this year the "Healthy Heart"

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educational series to Granby residents and employees of the Granby Board of Education free of charge through Health Education/Illness Prevention Block Grant funding from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Many participants benefited from this interactive educational series which focused on maintaining cardiovascular health, limiting dietary fats, improving nutrition, and incorporating fun, healthy exercise into daily living. With the rising incidence of obesity and related illnesses, especially with our youth, this program addressed contemporary health education topics, which are essential to our community's health and well-being. Efforts have also continued to maintain an adequate level of emergency preparedness, particularly in today's world of increased risk of terrorism events, and the rising concerns regarding a worldwide flu pandemic.

The FV-VNA has continued its leadership role in the provision of health care services to residents of Granby and other neighboring communities, and has done so never wavering from its charitable mission. As a small, freestanding, non-profit organization, continued financial support from community residents, local businesses, and service organizations is absolutely essential for the FV-VNA's future survival. Reimbursement from state, federal, and private insurance payers falls short of covering costs of providing care, particularly with sharp increases in operating expenses and the growing nursing shortage. In order for the FV-VNA to reach its centennial and further, corporation sponsorships and the generosity of local residents through longer term gifts and future legacies are extremely important. The FV-VNA is very pleased to be a vital and essential health care organization, and we look forward to our continued service to the residents of Granby.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. and its programs, or if we can assist you or someone you know, please call 651-3539 or visit our website at: www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is a seven member appointed board that is charged to be an environmental watchdog and conscience for the town. Although the commission has no regulatory powers, it makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as reviewing development plans.

Over the past year the commission has taken the opportunity to comment to Planning and Zoning on various proposed residential developments, with respect to environmental impact, wildlife corridors, and building density. The commission was represented on the sub-committee for the study of issues and the creation of new regulations concerning development in the Case Street area. In our on-going study of ridgeline development issues, we continue to make progress; creating preliminary maps highlighting areas of concern for use with regulations that will further aid in the promotion of development consistent with the community of Granby.

Members also attended the annual daylong workshop put on by the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, which cover a variety of current environmental subjects. Several invited guests have presented on environmental issues affecting our town and the surrounding area. As always, we continue to develop new ideas for issue education and community involvement.



FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

The Farmington Valley Health District moved its office on March 2, 2006 to 50 Avon Meadow Lane, PO Box 529, Avon, CT 06001 after six months of search and deliberation of several office space options. The district's phone numbers remain unchanged.

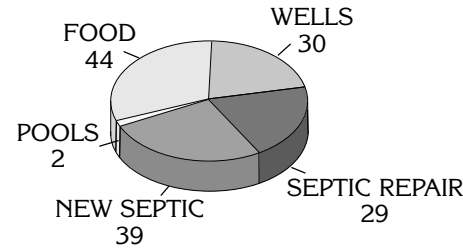
In addition to moving our office, the district had its website completely re-designed to include all of the emergency preparedness information for the district's residents, as well as making most of our forms available for the public to download and print. Of course, the new website continues to provide our Food Service Ratings service – the only one of its kind currently available in the State of Connecticut. Please visit the website <http://www.fvhd.org>, and consider volunteering to assist with our emergency preparedness efforts.

The district and its staff continued its efforts in planning for emergencies, particularly those associated with bioterrorism and pandemic influenza. We are active participants in the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC), and the district's staff participated in several regional exercises. Specifically, our staff was involved in the design, operation, and evaluation of the exercises of both the Bradley Airport Infectious Disease Response Plan and the state-wide Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) point of dispensing (POD) Plan.

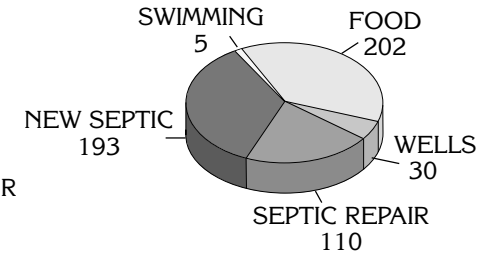
The district continued its annual effort to insure that the residents of the Farmington Valley Health District receive vaccinations to protect them from influenza by purchasing 7,850 doses of vaccine for the vaccination efforts of its various local public health system partners – the largest purchase of flu vaccine by any health department (state or local) in Connecticut. The various local public health partners delivered 825 flu vaccinations in Granby during FY 05-06.

The food service program held seven training seminars for food service workers and trained 136 individuals. Four new food service facilities opened, and four transferred ownership during the fiscal year in Granby. Although the health district was short staffed for much of the year, it continued to provide the following environmental health services to the residents of Granby.

Environmental Health Activities (FY 05-06)



PERMITS



SITE VISITS/INSPECTIONS

Food Permits = Annual + Temporary

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In Fiscal Year 2005-2006 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 19 regular meetings where the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permits, zoning amendments and zone change applications, requests for site plan approvals and modifications, subdivision, re-subdivision, rear lot applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions on a variety of issues, recommended the acceptance of roads and established, reduced, and released security agreements and bonds.

In Fiscal Year 2005-2006 the Commission took in 20 new applications. The revenue generated from these applications was approximately \$16,000. This fiscal year, three subdivision applications were filed seeking the approval of 42 residential building lots. Of these, 10 lots were approved, two lots were denied and 30 lots were withdrawn from consideration. Additionally, 40 lots remained under consideration from the previous fiscal year. The Commission approved 26 of these lots and denied 14. The total number of lots approved this fiscal year was 36. The subdivision applications resulted in the preservation of 22 acres of open space. The Granby Land Trust will take ownership of 12 of these acres, the majority of which will be used for agriculture. As part of a two-lot subdivision approval, the Commission agreed to accept a fee in lieu of open space in the amount of \$5,400. The funds will be added to a special account for the future purchase of open space.

This year the Commission approved a 17,200 square foot addition for Arrow Concrete, bringing their main operating building to 50,000 square feet. The Commission approved a "preservation barn", containing 6,400 square feet for the Granby Historical Society. The Commission also approved a residential landscape business, a gravel removal operation, and a number of residential businesses and outbuildings. The Commission approved a new T1 zone for an area along Salmon Brook Street in the vicinity of the YMCA. The transitional zone was created in recognition of the commercial growth that is occurring in this area, the relocation of the Canton Road intersection, the availability of public water and sewer, and the town's overall success in limiting curb cuts and managing traffic flow within the overall area.

In this fiscal year the Commission adopted a 12-month moratorium on subdivisions of three or more lots, for a specific area in northwest Granby. A Case Street Area Study Committee was appointed to consider subdivision and zoning changes for the area. A report is anticipated for October of 2006. This year the Commission adopted a comprehensive revision to the Subdivision Regulations, which apply to dead end streets.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications from persons wishing to engage in activities that impact these areas, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have significant adverse impact.

The Commission's responsibility includes buffer areas that extend 100 feet from wetland boundaries and 200 feet from watercourses. Proposed activities in buffer areas are subject to a Request for Review of Activity. These requests are examined and acted on by the Designated Agent. During the past year, the Designated Agent reviewed and approved nine requests.

The town has contracted with the North Central Conservation District, Inc. to provide a consulting Wetlands Agent. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby. He is assigned to work 3- 5 hours per week and is available for up to 5 additional hours per month for scheduled meetings of the Granby Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

The Commission accepted amended wetland boundaries for properties on Firetown Road, Knollwood Lane, and Edgerton Road.

Permits were granted for four new residences, a house addition, two access drives, a bridge repair, and a subdivision road.

Permits were denied for two pond restorations, a timber harvest, and a berm reconstruction.

Three cease orders were issued. A previous cease order was revoked.

Intervener status was granted to three persons in reference to development on Lost Acres Road.

BUILDING OFFICIAL

The activity level this past year was not consistent with past years for new residential structures. The dip in new home starts has its roots in the fact that Granby has not had an inventory of approved lots to build on, the lots that do exist are more difficult and costly to develop, and there is an apparent cooling of the new home market in this region. Activity in commercial construction and residential additions has been more than steady with the cost and complexity of additions going up. Wells Road School is complete and Kelly Lane School is in the final stages of construction. Construction in the coming year is expected to be steady but not the very busy pace we have experienced in the past decade. As you may know, Granby provides inspection services to Hartland where 127 permits were issued.

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

<i>Building Permits Issued</i>	<i>Number of Permits</i>	<i>Total Construction Cost</i>
1. New Houses	37	5,839,856
2. New Commercial/Permits	45	2,037,160
3. Additions	113	2,799,600
4. All Others/Garages/Barns	700	2,954,753
TOTAL	895	\$13,631,369

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	<i>Houses</i>		<i>Residential</i>		<i>Commercial</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
2005	37	5,839,856	813	5,754,353	45	2,037,160	895	13,631,369
2004	63	9,328,082	821	5,461,451	50	415,503	934	15,205,036
2003	64	10,782,035	526	3,966,996	23	697,235	613	15,446,266
2002	61	9,798,067	753	4,046,033	41	6,684,747	855	20,528,847
2001	65	10,977,652	757	3,374,941	18	6,678,833	840	21,031,426
2000	77	10,610,853	876	2,444,463	10	1,176,575	963	14,231,901
1999	58	7,918,747	749	4,394,096	7	169,765	814	12,482,608
1998	65	7,025,900	773	4,814,532	14	502,278	852	12,345,710
1997	66	7,572,384	572	3,463,005	16	202,710	654	11,238,099
1996	48	5,039,049	532	3,251,806	19	87,344	699	8,378,166
1995	82	9,561,740	962	4,340,865	12	210,500	1,056	14,113,105
1994	50	6,846,271	675	2,753,906	11	275,500	736	9,875,677



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, and open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment, after changes, from the 2003 Grand List to the 2004 Grand List was 21,712,270, a 2.79% increase. This increase was predominately due to additions, along with new dwellings at Hunt Glen, and other commercial buildings at Mill Pond Drive.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 10,468,581, generating \$349,750 in revenue.

The Connecticut State Law requires all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2002. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2007. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.visionappraisal.com.

	2003 Grand List	2004 Grand List
	Fiscal Year 2003-2004	Fiscal Year 2004-2005
REAL ESTATE	696,301,200	712,701,050
MOTOR VEHICLES	68,051,530	72,462,290
PERSONAL PROPERTY	14,112,160	15,013,820
Net Grand List	778,464,890	800,177,160
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	9,241,511	10,468,581
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	48,570,640	48,721,630

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 is comprised of three elected Granby Residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed one appeal during their meetings held in March of 2005 and the one property 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.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

After serving on this Board for 16 years, 14 as secretary and almost 4 as Chairman, J. Holden Camp resigned. Wayne E. Chapple has succeeded him as Chairman.

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals held six meetings to consider ten appeals for variances to the Zoning Regulations. All ten appeals were granted.

As required by State Law and Town Charter, the 2005-2006 Annual Report and 2007 Calendar of Events has been prepared by the Town Manager. The 2006 Report was designed and edited by Barbarajean Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer
Barbara Jean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer
Henry M. Miga

Chief of Police
David L. Watkins

Collector of Revenue
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community
Development
Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health
Richard H. Matheny, Jr.

Director of Human Services
KerryAnn O. Kielbasa

Director of Library Services
Joan M. Fox

Director of Recreation and
Leisure Services
Kay A. Woodford

Fire Chief
Allen S. Christensen

Fire Marshal
Joseph Killen

Public Works Superintendent
James R. Klase

Town Clerk
Carol J. Smith

Town Engineer
Edward J. Sweeney

Town Manager
William F. Smith, Jr.

Treasurer
Roger A. Hensndorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

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

Board of Finance

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

Board of Education

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

APPOINTED BOARDS

Conservation Commission

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

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

Town Moderator

Donald P. Wilmot

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman
Judy A. Goff
Robert M. Lindeyer
William L. Percival
Kelly O. Rome

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Paul R. Lambert

Library Board

Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman
Shawn E. Ball
Carol Y. Bressor
Robert P. Donna
Mary Hunt
Elaine B. Jones
Richard J. Lydon
Paul R. Willis

Development Commission

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

Board of Assessment Appeals

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

Registrar of Voters

Peter S. Goff
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Daniel P. Brown, Jr.

State Representative

Richard F. Ferrari, 62nd District

State Senator

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

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Christopher J. Dodd
Joseph Lieberman

Park & Recreation Board

Deborah A. Kulwich,
Acting Chairman
L. Squire Bressor
Wayne E. Chapple
Bridget Dunn
Kathy D. Ungerleider

Commission on Aging

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

TOWN SERVICES

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

* TOWN HALL OFFICES
ARE OPEN WEEKDAYS
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
OR BY APPOINTMENT

MEETING TIMES

Board of Education	First and Third Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance	Second Monday 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen	First and Third Monday 7:30 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals	During the Month of March – Call Assessor for Dates and Times
Commission on Aging	Second Monday 1:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission	First and Third Thursday 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	Second Monday 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	Second Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	Second Monday 7:30 p.m. Granby Public Library
Park & Recreation Board	First Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Planning & Zoning Commission	Second and Fourth Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	Second Wednesday 4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	Third Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

*Call BOE for possible changes