



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES – 50 YEARS

TOWN OF GRANBY

**2010 CALENDAR
2008-2009 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 Resident,

In many ways, local government tends to live in what is often referred to as "difficult economic times." Keeping things going (improving services) in difficult times is therefore a constant challenge for many local governments. Unlike the private sector, local government does not typically increase budgets or its labor force during growth periods. This makes cutback adjustments extremely hard when the economy shifts.

In looking at some of Granby's key physical features, one can easily appreciate why we reside in our GREAT COMMUNITY. Below is a small sampling of Granby's great assets that come to mind.

- Salmon Brook Park (its multi-use activity areas and sport program events)
- Ahrens Park (as a fine compliment to our recreation service programs)
- Mclean Game Refuge (a well utilized gem for hiking and the enjoyment of nature)
- Rail-to-Trail (a linear park connected to other trails within the Farmington Valley)
- Holcomb Farm (offers community agriculture, life science education for Granby and the region)
- Granby Public Schools (an award winning system with up-to-date facilities offering top notch education)
- The Granby Land Trust (with its many distinctive trails and preserved property)

As you read the department reports in this year's calendar, one might note a multitude of town accomplishments. Personally, I hope you also find time to visit or partake in some of the wonderful town features mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr.
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Dear Neighbors,

We face significant fiscal challenges over the next several years as our nation and state struggle to recover from recession. Our fate as a town is inevitably linked to the economies of Connecticut and beyond. The State of Connecticut, through its grants-in-aid program, will continue to be an integral fiscal partner to our town, presently contributing almost 18% of the total revenues necessary to balance our budget. To meet the growing fiscal challenges of the next several years, both municipalities and the state must make significant changes in our business plans, or face draconian consequences.

Municipal governments must look both inside and outside for savings. What is it that we can do more efficiently, either by ourselves or in concert with other towns? Granby currently ranks 15th of the 162 Connecticut municipalities in the number of regional town and education programs in which we participate. We continue to look for other opportunities including more cost-effective disposal options for our solid waste and recyclables and implementation of on-line systems to secure various local permits and request services. We must continue to partner with our town employees as we continue to evolve smarter, better government.

The state legislature must recognize the plight of towns and provide real meaningful relief from unfunded and under-funded mandates. It has become far too common for our legislature to pass a law and expect/demand cities and towns of this state to pick up the price tag for implementation. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and Council of Small Towns (COST) have identified dozens of mandates that cost municipal governments millions of dollars each year. Despite bi-partisan agreement at the beginning of the last legislative session, no mandate relief was passed.

I encourage you to get involved in your state and local government. Participate in the formation of our next town budget by voicing your priorities at a Selectmen's meeting/workshop or by sending a note to the Town Manager's office. Learn about what the legislature can do by visiting the CCM and COST websites. Then contact our legislators and the legislative leadership and demand they listen to the people and pass meaningful mandate reform that will result in significant savings to Granby and other hard-strapped municipalities throughout the state. Together, we can make smarter better government.

It continues to be my pleasure to serve the citizens of Granby as your First Selectman. I appreciate your support and want to hear of your concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman

JANUARY 2010

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

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TOWN CLERK

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

Fees collected and paid to

Revenue Collector	\$287,424
Land Records	\$69,075.00
Conveyance Tax	\$102,973.71
PA-05-228	\$57,460.00
Historic Preservation	\$2,210.00 (Town)
	\$4,420.00 (State)
Documents Recorded	2,388
Transfers Recorded	290
Maps Filed	42
Vital Statistics	\$7,018.00
State Surcharge	\$646.00
(34 Surcharges collected)	
(Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)	
Maps (filing fee)	\$400.00
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$11,073.00
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$630.00
Burn Permits Issued	\$1,000.00
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected -	\$621.75
State fees collected -	\$15,548.00
Licenses issued by Town Clerk -	454
Licenses issued by agent of Town Clerk -	161
Duplicate licenses issued -	0
Handicapped License -	4
Lifetime licenses issued -	24
Pheasant tags issued -	43
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued -	30
HIP Permits Issued -	43

Dog Licenses - 1,380 issued
 Town fees collected - \$1,385.50
 State fees collected - \$12,098.00
 (94 Surcharges)
 Kennel licenses issued - 11
 Fidelco Dogs Licensed - 5
 Transfers - 4 Replacement tags - 7
 Late Fee's Collected - \$865.00

Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 375
 Absentee Ballots Issued - 836

ELECTIONS

08/12/2008 – Republican Primary/8th Senatorial District/Granby District 2
 Electors qualified to vote (District Two) 736
 Electors checked as voting (District Two) 108
 11/4/2008– State/Presidential Election
 Electors qualified to vote 7,343
 Electors checked as voting 6,450
 Electors voted Absentee 514
 Presidential Ballots 68

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

10/6/2008 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A RESOLUTION to Approve the Discontinuance of Fox Road – RESOLUTION Approved
 1/5/2009 - Special Town Meeting to Consider A RESOLUTION to Approve the Reinstatement of a Portion of Fox Road – RESOLUTION Approved
 2/2/2009 – Special Town Meeting to Consider A RESOLUTION to Approve the Discontinuance of Weed Hill Road – RESOLUTION Approved
 4/27/2009 – Annual Town Meeting for Budget Approval. Yes Vote - 289 No Vote - 275 (Minimum 2/3 requirement not met. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 NOT APPROVED)
 5/4/2009 – Adjourned Town Meeting to Referendum Yes Vote – 834 No Vote – 1,101 (Majority vote not met. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 NOT APPROVED)

5/11/2009 - Informational meeting on budget adjustments

5/18/2009 – Adjourned Town Meeting to Referendum Yes vote 1,474 No vote – 794 (Majority vote attained Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 APPROVED.)

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2009)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	0	84	84
Deaths	55	53	108
Marriages	35	13	48
Civil Unions	0	0	0

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 is now currently attending classes to attain International Institute of Municipal Clerks (I.I.M.C.) Certification. An Assistant Town Clerk is 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.

FEBRUARY 2010

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	1 BOS	2 P&R	3 BOE	4 CC	5	6
7	8 COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z	10 YSBAB IWWC AC	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 St. Valentine's Day	15 SR-1 week MFC Presidents' Day	16 ZBA BOS	17 BOE Ash Wednesday	18 CC	19	20
21	22 BOF Washington's Birthday	23 P&Z	24	25	26	27
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES



This fiscal year saw an increase in emergency planning activities with formal mutual aid agreements established with neighboring towns. Granby became the first border community in Connecticut to use enabling legislation to enter into interstate agreements with the towns of Southwick and Granville, Massachusetts. A non-emergency mutual aid compact was also developed with our regional partners to facilitate the sharing of equipment and personnel outside of a disaster/emergency situation. Granby obtained the Statewide Tactical On-Scene Communications System. This equipment will allow the various emergency services to utilize their own radio equipment when speaking with others who use a different frequency.

All personnel continue to maintain their necessary state and department mandated training requirements. Granby personnel remain able and willing to respond to the ever-increasing demands made by the Department of Homeland Security in response to both manmade and natural emergencies. New equipment to facilitate the operation of the town's Emergency Operation Center

has been received and training is underway to learn how to maximize the benefit of this equipment.

The department continues to participate collaboratively with the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks through our North Central Municipal Regional Emergency Services teams. These efforts provide each town with a cadre of specially trained personnel in the areas of SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Dive Rescue and Recovery, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction.

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

<i>INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>% INC/DEC</i>
Murder	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	15	18	20%
Burglary	23	19	-17%
Robbery	2	0	-100%
Larcenies	140	133	-5%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	6	6	0%
Arson	1	1	0%
Aggravated Assault	3	2	-33%
Simple Assault	45	82	82%
Fraud/Forgery	37	54	46%
Bad Checks	8	7	-13%
Criminal Mischief	86	91	6%
Drug Offenses	54	61	13%
Family Offenses	16	12	-25%
Liquor Offenses	11	6	-45%
Breach/Disorderly	87	61	-30%
Trespassing	13	3	-77%
Runaways	0	0	0%
Weapon Offenses	7	9	29%
Loitering	16	0	-100%
All Other Offenses	1,331	1,075	-19%
ACCIDENTS			
Property Damage	228	245	7%
Personal Injury	53	45	-15%
Fatal	0	0	0%
Total Accidents	281	290	3%
ENFORCEMENT ACTION			
D.W.I.	30	61	103%
Infractions	611	723	18%
Written Warnings	268	440	64%
Municipal Citations	16	0	-100%
Criminal/Summonses	299	234	-22%
DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE	12,929	14,519	12%

MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BOS	2 P&R	3 BOE	4 CC	5	6
7	8 COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z Early Release K-12	10 YSBAB IWWC AC	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15 BOS	16 ZBA	17 BOE St. Patrick's Day	18 CC	19	20
21	22 BOF	23 P&Z	24 Early Release K-6	25 Early Release K-12	26 Early Release K-6	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 Passover begins at sundown	30	31			Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.

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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The department responded to a total of 227 incidents during the fiscal year, with the calls broken down as follows:

- 43 Fire – building, car, chimney, brush
- 10 Motor Vehicle Extrication/Medical Assist
- 47 Hazardous Materials/Conditions
- 26 Service Calls – smoke, water problem, standby
- 15 Good Intent Calls
- 83 False Alarms
- 3 Severe Weather/Lightning

Equipment

The Lost Acres Fire Department (LAFD) evaluated and purchased new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to replace the near 15 year old packs in use today. Vendors allowed firefighters to evaluate the SCBA in drill and live fire situations. The Drager SCBA was approved by the department and will be available for training and installation in August 2009.

Cold Water Rescue capability was added this year. Suits provide a firefighter protection while extricating a victim who has fallen through ice or who is immersed in cold water.

A study of the available water sources in the Town of Granby was completed. This study clearly shows the areas in town that need improved water sources. Federal funding is available to help reduce the expense in installing these new sources. In fiscal year 2009-2010, we will evaluate adding new fill sites, for the areas that have the most need, for our tanker.

Regional Support

Working with surrounding departments affords the ability to call for equipment we ourselves don't have, or access to additional manpower for larger incidents. The LAFD joined two major regional teams



Future firefighter checks out turnout gear while sitting on the LAFD's newest truck, LA-4.

this year. Task Force 54 is made up of equipment from Avon, Simsbury, Canton, Burlington, Farmington, and Lost Acres. Tender Strike Team 52 is a team of six water tankers from East Granby, East Hartland, Lost Acres, Suffield, Poquonock, and Air National Guard.

Training

While dedicating time for fire calls, the members also invested over 2,000 hours for training throughout the year. A house was donated to the LAFD to use for live fire training. While these opportunities to use a structure come rarely, the department gains valuable experience that is hard to duplicate.

The members of the LAFD are by far the departments' most valuable resource. The men and women of the department invest their time and energy on a volunteer basis to help others. The Town of Granby is very lucky to have such a dedicated group available, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This dedication coupled with state of the art equipment and training, allows the LAFD to supply the best possible fire protection services to the Town of Granby.

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

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

This office is the only town agency that is required to perform inspections of the commercial tax base and properties on an annual basis. This includes all schools, businesses, day care facilities, industrial and commercial occupancies, 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, providing a safe environment for the public.

The Connecticut General Statutes requires this 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.

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

The 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.

APRIL 2010

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4 Easter Sunday	5 BOS	6 P&R	7 BOE	8	9	10
11	12 Budget 7:00 P.M Public Hearing BOF COA GDC GLB	13 P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC AC	15 CC	16	17
18	19 SR-1 week BOS	20 ZBA	21 BOE	22	23	24
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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

A seven 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. The Director of Recreation & Leisure Services has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 5-18 in a recreational atmosphere, which include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as boating certification, adult drop-in basketball, ballroom dance, and others. We also coordinate with East Granby and Suffield, for a variety of bus trips throughout the year.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for major town events, as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playscapes, and a fenced dog area. Each summer we present a "*Sounds of Summer*" concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

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

This year the Board of Selectmen appointed a committee to begin planning for the town's 225th birthday in October 2011. Representatives from many civic organizations, as well as interested community volunteers have been meeting to begin the process.

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

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The Director of Community Development oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Wetlands staff. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program, is responsible for the bonding of developments, the Flood Insurance Program, and serves as the liaison with Capitol Region Council of Governments, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Development Commission; and assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Conservation Commission. The department also provides information as requested by other boards and commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

During this fiscal year the Director prepared a comprehensive revision to section 8.18 of the Zoning Regulations concerning Special Flood Hazard Areas. The amendments were prepared in cooperation with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the State Department of Environmental Protection. The Director of Community Development also prepared a comprehensive rezoning of the Granby Town Center. Working with the Development Commission, workshops were held with the business community and the residents of the area to establish a new zone that can adequately serve the center area for many years to come. Significant PZC applications, which the Director worked

on, included; the second phase of an application seeking to excavate and remove earth materials for property located at 114 Wells Road, the new Windsor Federal Bank branch at 21 Hartford Avenue, and a proposed vineyard with a farm store for property located at 84 Lost Acres Road. The application of Verizon Wireless that proposed increasing the height of the existing farm silo on the Hayes Farm, East Street was unusual. The silo is now 20 feet higher and instead of grain, cell phone communication equipment can be found within the top 20 feet.

This year the Director oversaw the completion of the Cider Mill Heights Section 4 subdivision and the Powder Mill Subdivision. The town pulled the bond funds and took over the completion due to the developer's inability to complete the public improvements as required. This year the Director worked on a list of duties and an agreement for the town's new consulting engineer. He also spent time analyzing the need and promoting a plan to extend a sewer line along Canton Road. He worked on the preservation of the Davis Farm and the Janeski land gift. A total of 72 acres were permanently preserved in this fiscal year.

The Director was a speaker this year at the Lyons Club dinner and volunteered to make a Power Point presentation to the Ellington Planning and Zoning Commission on Granby's Flexible Residential Development (FRD) regulations. He also worked with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) on regional planning issues. He continues to participate in the State (DEP) Grasslands Habitat Conservation Initiative, Technical Working Group.

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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 appropriate enforcement action involving domestic animals within the Town of Granby. Matters involving wildlife are referred to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

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

The shelter gratefully continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding, and other supplies that are greatly appreciated. These donations facilitate the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter. Dona-

tions are welcome and arrangements can be made for pick-up or drop off by contacting the MACO through the Granby Department of Police Services at 844-5335.

For the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 the MACO handled the following types and numbers of calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs.....	109
Barking Dogs.....	17
Nuisance Dogs	95
Vicious Dogs*	7
Dog/Cat Bites.....	9
Dogs vs. Automobiles.....	6
Cat Complaints.....	144
Cruelty Complaints	11
Impounded Animals	80
Redeemed by Owners.....	71
Rabies Cases	0
Total number of complaints investigated.....	549

* Vicious dogs are those deemed by the MACO to be excessively aggressive in their behavior as a result of repetitive incidents.

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 to wetlands or watercourses. Generally, the Commission reviews activities within wetlands and watercourses, and activities within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses.

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

The Commission approved revised Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations in September of 2008. The revised regulations were the first significant change in the regulations in many years and brought the regulations into compliance with state statutes.

In fiscal year 2008-2009, fourteen actions were taken by the Commission, including approval of five amendments to wetland boundaries and seven permit approvals for activities within wetlands or upland review areas. The Commission also completed two jurisdictional determinations for agricultural activities. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but requested modifications to proposed activities to minimize wetland impacts.

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,499. At the end of the fiscal year, 444 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2007 Grand List adjusted levy was \$30,523,879 and the net collections on the current levy were \$30,236,053.
- During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, 99.06% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2009 (including back taxes) was \$418,051.

JUNE 2010

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

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Voters in districts one and two vote at one central polling site, located at Granby Memorial High School's Community Gym, for all primaries and elections. 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 voting machine and the paper ballots provide a hard copy of these results. The high school polling site 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 2008-09, we added 759 new voters, changed 1,924 records, and removed 450 voters from our official voter registry. There are currently 7,044 active registered voters in Granby: 2,799 Unaffiliated, 2,236 Republican, 1,954 Democrat, 45 Independent, 4 Green, and 6 Libertarian. The Independent party has newly recognized minority party status by the State of Connecticut after running Ralph Nadar as their presidential candidate in 2008. During the past fiscal year there was a state Republican primary for district two in August, a record turnout for the Presidential election in November, the annual town meeting in April, and two budget referendums in May.

Identification is now required on all voter registration forms, which are provided at all state offices, libraries, town halls, Department of Motor Vehicles, and social services offices. State voter registration forms can also be used to report changes in address, name, or political party, as well as to register as a new voter. If you are going to be away for an election, absentee ballot applications need to be filed with the Town Clerk's office. Please allow time for the ballot to be mailed and returned. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available on the web at: www.sots.ct.gov

If you need to reach the Registrar's office for any reason, you can stop by or call on Wednesdays – our office hours at the Town Hall are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, you can send an e-mail: vr.granby@po.state.ct.us at any time, leave a phone message using voicemail: # 860-844-5322; or use our mailing address: Town of Granby, Registrars, 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.

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 continued to work with the Director of Community Development on the design of new zoning regulations for the Granby center area. They oversaw the preparation of various versions and settled on a draft regulation for presentation to the community. The Development Commission held two public workshops to present the new zoning concept and attended a roundtable meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Following the meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) held a public hearing on the matter. Members of the public were supportive of the proposal and PZC voted to adopt it in April of 2009. The Development Commission is very pleased with the adoption of the new regulation and feels that the process, which encouraged public participation, was very valuable. The Commission will monitor future zoning applications that are made under the regulations and note their affect on the center area.

In this fiscal year the Development Commission prepared positive recommendations on a proposed Windsor Federal Savings Bank and on the application seeking to establish a winery for property located at 84 Lost Acres Road. During this fiscal year, construction on the State Line Propane site and building were completed.

JULY 2010

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11	12 GLB	13 P&Z	14 IWWC AC	15 CC	16	17
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The biggest change in the Department's operations took place in July of 2009 after several months of planning and preparation this past year. For several years Granby residents recycled at some of the highest rates in Connecticut. Approaching 40% at times, it appeared this trend would continue for years to come. What we found was that rates actually leveled off and in some cases declined slightly. Our dedicated local leaders and staff looked at ways to increase the recycling rate and found that making it easier while creating an incentive to recycle were the keys to higher participation. It was clear that we had to change the existing program if we wanted to see more recycling and less trash. Implementing a single stream recycling program while changing the way recycling is collected was the best way to achieve the goal. It's exciting to know that Granby residents embraced the new program and subsequently saw the town once more at the top of recycling communities in Connecticut. Both the State DEP and recycling advocacy groups have used Granby's program as a model for other communities wishing to increase their recycling rates. Through your support and participation, the program has been a great success. Congratulations Granby.

Public Works crews tackled 23 storms last winter to keep roads open and safe. Over 84 inches of snow fell and the Department utilized 1,241 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. Changes to our mixture of salt to sand are made as conditions change to optimize its effectiveness.

Street sweeping mileage totaled 93.2 miles, with 900 catch basins being cleaned annually. We continue to see a reduction in our sweeping program due to the decrease in sand usage in our salt-sand mixture. The lower ratio of salt being used reduces the amount of sand running into local streams and brooks.

Building maintenance activities continue to increase each year as more residents take advantage of the facilities. Town Hall HVAC improvements were completed this year, resulting in more comfortable and efficient office spaces. 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.



Town crews rebuilt the foot bridge at Salmon Brook Park using funds from a DEP grant to improve park use and access. We worked throughout the year and the finished product is both attractive and functional.

New development continued to lag with the slowing economy. Our road rehabilitation program improved .45 of a mile of local roads, and our overlay program improved another 2.8 miles last year. Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvements program. The following streets were paved last year as part of the overlay program:

Old Stagecoach Road	East Street (partial)
Case Street	Maple Hill Road
Intervale Road	

The ten-year Capital Improvement plan is developed to reconstruct roads that have failed. Silkey Heights was reconstructed with new catch basins, pavement, and curbing.

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.

Additionally, town greens, cemeteries, and municipal complex grounds are mowed, weeded, lined, planted, and watered. 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.

AUGUST 2010

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8	9 GLB	10	11 IWWC AC	12	13	14
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THE GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2008-2009 school year was exciting and challenging. A new superintendent, two new principals, a national recession, and a flu pandemic were some of the events that characterized the year.

The community developed a blueprint of priorities that will provide direction for the school system over the next five years. The three strategic initiatives that will frame the work are (a) to focus on student learning; (b) the implementation of professional learning communities within the schools; and (c) the promotion of fiscal accountability and community involvement.

The daily practice of the schools was characterized by adult and student learning. To support instruction, administrators and teachers learned from each other by visiting classrooms and teachers worked together in professional learning community teams. Student learning is our purpose and focus and results on the CMT and CAPT were impressive. Highlights included increased reading and math scores across all grade levels and

students placed first in the state in 7th grade math and second in the state in 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math. Students also placed first in the Demographic Educational Reference Group in six different categories. Participation rates and scores on the SAT and AP tests were also impressive. Our students and schools participated in a rich variety of community service projects, many of which directly supported cancer research.

The Granby School System has a growing reputation for excellence. The *Hartford Magazine* and *Connecticut Magazine* have consistently recognized the school district's performance in its small town category. The June 2009 edition of *Hartford Magazine* recognized the high school as one of the top six high schools in the greater Hartford area. The success of the Granby Schools has always been directly related to the high degree of community support. Working together, especially in difficult times, our students and our schools will continue to remain the *Pride of the Valley!*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled seven requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations. The Board granted five and denied two.

HOLCOMB FARM ANNUAL REPORT

Holcomb Farm has 367 acres of rich rolling meadows, densely wooded forest, and pristine brooks. Located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby, the property is town-owned and managed by Holcomb Farm Learning Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization. Today the Farm brings together children, adults, and families in a plan of use that includes agriculture, education, arts, and passive recreation.

Holcomb Farm is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk and maintains over 10 miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. We invite you to come take a walk, experience the bio-diversity the property offers, and reflect on the generosity of the Holcomb family.

Last year thousands of people came to the farm to participate in our programs and activities. Our "Link and Learn" and Summer Camp program partners urban, suburban, and rural schools, bringing thousands of students to the farm for hands-on environmental and teambuilding programs. We also offer high quality nature and environmental science programs to the general public, school groups, and scouting organizations.

New in 2008, Holcomb Farm presented two folk music concerts in our

impressive 4,500 square foot hayloft. We continued our fall and spring Farm Festival programs supporting local agriculture and artisans.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters in the community, our Capital Campaign enabled us to make much needed renovations this year. The historic farmhouse received a complete facelift, including being painted, and flooring was replaced in the Main Barn. The workshop was renovated into a "green" multi-use building. A STEAP grant from the State of Connecticut was applied for by the Town of Granby and awarded for \$400,000 to assist with the workshop project. With continued support we hope to continue our improvement plan.

Holcomb Farm Learning Center subleases over 20 acres of the Farm to the Hartford Food System for their Holcomb Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project that yields over 130,000 pounds of sustainably grown produce each year. This program trains farmer apprentices on best practices and provides us with much needed high nutritional value foods.

Find out more at www.holcombfarm.org

SEPTEMBER 2010

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	5	6 MFC Labor Day*	7 P&R BOS	8 YSBAB IWWC AC Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	9	10
12	13 COA GDC GLB	14 P&Z	15 BOE	16 CC	17 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	18
19	20 BOS	21 ZBA	22	23	24	25
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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 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	669
Outreach and Benefit Counseling.....	156
Congregate Meal Program Participants ...	86
Congregate Meals Served	4,243
Exercise Class Participants.....	188
Tax Preparation Assistance.....	120

Senior Services operates two 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	188
Hours of Operation	2,450
Miles Traveled	27,583
Number of Passenger Trips.....	7,962

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Senior Center members starred in a premiere production, “Life Begins in the Center”, a three-minute video featuring all of the programs, activities, and services offered at the Senior Center.
- MySeniorCenter, a database attendance and tracking program, was installed in March 2009 through grant funding from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Inc.
- A highly successful, Art is Ageless series led by juried artists from the Granby Artists Association, taught classes reaching 38 participants. Course offerings included: All You Need to Bead, Techniques in Watercolor, and Digital Camera. The series was generously supported through a grant from the Granby Education Foundation.



Three volunteers helped entertain at the Summer Breakfast event.

OCTOBER 2010

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Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.					1	2
3	4 BOS	5 P&R	6 BOE	7 CC	8	9
10	11 SR MFC Columbus Day	12 COA GDC P&Z	13 YSBAB IWWC AC	14	15	16
17	18 GLB BOS	19 ZBA	20 BOE	21 CC	22	23
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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 Clinical Coordinator and two part-time Youth and Family Counselors. In addition, the Youth Service Bureau sponsored three master's level interns to allow for more complete counseling services. The staff is available for consultation, therapy and referrals about parenting, family communication, youth concerns, emotional/behavioral issues, and support. The YSB also provides programming for positive youth development, leadership training, and prevention.

The Youth Service Bureau's WOW (Women on the Way) enjoying a circle discussion.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ❖ **Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.)** sponsored three 6th grade dances, enjoyed by approximately 400 youth. The proceeds provided a \$1,200 donation to the Jessica Erickson fund, continued a \$500 Y.A.C. scholarship to two graduating seniors, and provided food for the Granby Food Bank. Y.A.C.'s Granola for Good Campaign raised funds for the A-T Foundation.
- ❖ **Adventures In Living**, an intergenerational program for children in grades 4-6 offered by the Senior Center and the YSB. Adventures bring children together with senior citizens for a rousing weekly after school program.
- ❖ The first annual **YSB Youth Fair** brought Granby's youth resources together in one-stop shop for Granby residents.
- ❖ The **Grandparent/Grandchild Breakfast** hosted 150 people, offering an entertaining intergenerational experience for all. **Around Again**, grandparents as parents support group, met each week to discuss unique re-parenting issues.
- ❖ **W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!)**, an experiential group for high school age girls, provided approx-

imately 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors. **B.O.W., Boys Only Weeknights**, introduces 7th and 8th grade boys to a social group that allows guys to talk, play, and socialize without fear of failure.

- ❖ **Preschool Music & Movement** provided a fun and creative outlet for 18 month to five-year-olds and their caregivers.
- ❖ **Children with Special Needs** – a support group led by parents for parents met every other Monday evening.
- ❖ **Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.)** connected adults who need services such as babysitting, lawn care, cleaning, and pet care with youth who would like to work.

Program	Numbers Served
Clinical Services	
Total Granby children served.....	132
Total clinical hours	2,025
After school programming	89 youth
Preschool programming	40 children

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.

Due to revaluation the Board reviewed seventy six appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2008. Of the properties reviewed, fifty

eight received an adjustment and eighteen were not changed.

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.

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BOS	2 SR P&R Election Day	3 BOE	4 CC	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 COA GDC GLB	9 P&Z	10 YSBAB IWWC AC	11 MFC Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15 BOS	16 ZBA	17 BOE	18 CC	19	20
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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Mission Statement

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

In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, \$468,809 was appropriated for library services provided by Granby Public Library and the Frederick H. Cossitt Library branch. The nine-member Granby Library Board, chaired by Lynn Lochhead, meets the second Monday of each month and welcomes public attendance. The Library Expansion Study Committee, under the leadership of William Kennedy, reviewed the need for additional space for Granby Public Library, interviewed architects, and made a recommendation that the firm of Peter Gisolfi Associates be hired to do preliminary drawings for an addition to the library.

Circulation and Collections

Patrons borrowed 170,124 items, an increase of 3% over last year. Although DVDs and other non-book items grow in popularity, reading continues to be a tradition in Granby - books and other reading materials account for 59% of total circulation. Colorful new library 'kids cards' were introduced in the Children's Room. Circulation to out-of-town borrowers declined slightly as Simsbury patrons returned to their new library. Collection development focused on European travel guides and the Parent Shelf. Rapid Reads, the collection of "one book, one week" titles were borrowed more than 1,500 times. Interlibrary loans increased 12%.

Services for Children, Teens, and Adults

When school ends, it's time for the summer reading program to begin! At Granby Library, kids signed up to "Catch the Reading Bug," while the "Pirates of Cossitt" ruled at Granby's other library. Storytimes at the Park, Teddy Bear Picnics, visits from Mother Goose, Ronald McDonald, and Rocky

Rock Cat, Science Sense-ations, and storyteller Teresa Whitaker filled the summer with activities. Cossitt pirates had a traditional summer with Tie-Dye, Lego-mania, Make-a-Sundae, and a Curious George celebration. "Mrs. C" helped Granby's youngest students get ready for their first day of school with Kindergarten School Stories. Other children's programs during the year included Cars and Trucks and Things That Go, the Kids Craft and Tag Sale, Drop In and Do Crafts, and storytimes for all age groups. A new book club for girls was unanimously re-named the "Really Rock'n Reading Book Club. Multiple copies of Nutmeg and Acorn Book Club titles are available at both libraries.

Teen readers experienced the "Metamorphosis" summer program with several craft programs such as Bug-I-Gami, Morphing Metal, Beetlejuice, and Creepy Crawlers. The Teen SF/Fantasy Club met monthly for book discussions and movies. The end of the school year, and graduating members, were celebrated with a picnic/cookout at the library. The library purchases multiple copies of summer reading titles for teens.

Adult programs included monthly meetings of Something About the Author and the Tuesday AM Book Group. In October, the area One Book One Valley libraries offered discussions of *Waiting For Snow in Havana* and a lecture by author Carlos Eire. Granby Library offered a discussion of Francis Bok's *Escape From Slavery* in anticipation of the author's talk at the high school. Other cooperative programs included "Tea With Anne of Green Gables" (Senior Center), "The Big Read", featuring *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Hartford Public Library); "The Simpsons" (Connecticut Forum from the Bushnell);

a discussion of *Animal Vegetable Miracle* (Holcomb Farm); "Bears in Connecticut" (CT DEP) and *The English Garden Lady* (Friends of Granby Public Library). A series of Sunday programs offered information on a variety of health topics. In June, the "UnBook Club" debuted at Granby Public Library with 55 people enjoying the first selection. Poetry at The Cossitt continues its tradition of having adults and children reading favorite poems or their own poems.

Connections: People and Technology

Memberships in the Connecticut Library Consortium, Connecticut Library Association, and the American Library Association allow Granby libraries the advantage of cooperative discounts for library materials, supplies, and educational opportunities. Staff participates in regional roundtables for interlibrary loan services and children's services and the CLASS conference for support staff. Cooperation with schools, town departments, town businesses, and local libraries help in the development of services to the Granby community. Staff and volunteers make monthly book deliveries to senior housing units and the Granby Senior Center. As a participant in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program, Granby welcomes patrons from other towns and Granby borrowers can use all other public libraries in the state.

The Granby catalog is online on the library page at www.granby-ct.gov. Using their valid Granby library barcodes, patrons can access and manage their library accounts, checking due dates, renewing materials, and reserving titles. Patrons can also

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

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed SR = School Recess

TOWN MEETING KEY:

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

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

IWWC.....Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission..... 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 P&RPark & 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

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place interlibrary loan requests directly through www.iconn.org and have items delivered directly to Granby for pick-up. Personal computers are available in the Reading Room, Children's Room, and Teen Zone at Granby Library and in the Adult Room and Children's Room at Cossitt Library. Both libraries offer free wi-fi access. The only computer charge is for printing.

Friends, Volunteers and the Library Community

More than 25 volunteers contributed nearly 1,100 hours of service assisting with shelving, publicity, bar coding, data entry, book processing, programs, and book deliveries. Members of the Friends of Granby Public Library, Friends of Cossitt Library, and the Granby Library Association contribute hundreds of additional volunteer hours toward programs

and activities, including fundraising, membership drives, and used book sales. Throughout the year, high school students work at the library to complete their high school community service requirements. Each year the Granby Library Board thanks these valuable volunteers with a Volunteer Recognition Tea at Cossitt Library.

CIRCULATION 2008-2009

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	45,345	3,083	48,428
Teen Books	4,120	321	4,441
Children's Books	35,267	4,999	40,266
Adult Magazines	10,131	2,317	12,448
Teen Magazines	498	14	512
Children's Magazines	966	93	1,059
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	8,297	363	8,660
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	527	41	568
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,448	204	1,652
Adult CD-ROM and Software	12	0	12
Teen CD-ROM and Software	26	0	26
Children's CD ROM and Software	218	21	239
Adult Video and DVDs	20,094	4,274	24,368
Teen Video and DVDs	3,596	47	3,643
Children's Video and DVDs	13,261	1,368	14,629
Realia, Puppets, Toys	510	25	535
Museum Passes	383	47	430
Adult Computers	4,596	156	4,752
Teen Computers	1,961	249	2,210
Children's Computers	1,166	80	1,246
Total	152,422	17,702	170,124

COLLECTION 2008-2009

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	34,706	4,478	39,184
Teen Books	2,619	486	3,105
Children's Books	15,771	7,579	23,350
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	2,082	302	2,384
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	207	30	237
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	627	221	848
Adult CD-ROM and Software	2	0	2
Teen CD-ROM and Software	30	0	30
Children's CD ROM and Software	136	35	171
Adult Video and DVDs	2,387	886	3,273
Teen Video and DVDs	456	16	472
Children's Video and DVDs	1,340	536	1,876
Realia, Puppets, Toys	97	29	126
Museum Passes	25	22	47
Adult Computers	5	2	7
Teen Computers	4	1	5
Children's Computers	6	2	8
Total	60,500	14,625	75,125
Subscriptions	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Magazines	166	61	227
Teen Magazines	21	1	22
Children's Magazines	22	3	25
Newspapers	10	6	16

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Connecticard Loans	Granby and Cossitt		Total
Loans to Out-of-Town Patrons	31,432	0	31,432
Interlibrary Loans	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Loans to Other Libraries	1,193	0	1,193
Loans from Other Libraries	2,998	0	2,998
Programs	Granby	Cossitt	Total
# Adult Programs	23	9	32
# Teen Programs	20	0	20
# Children's Programs	221	30	251
# Family Programs	68	5	73
Total Programs Offered	332	44	376
Attendance at Programs	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Programs	329	153	482
Teen Programs	138	0	138
Children's Programs	3,326	356	3,682
Family Programs (+museum#)	2,463	148	2,611
Total Programs Attendance	6,256	657	6,913



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.

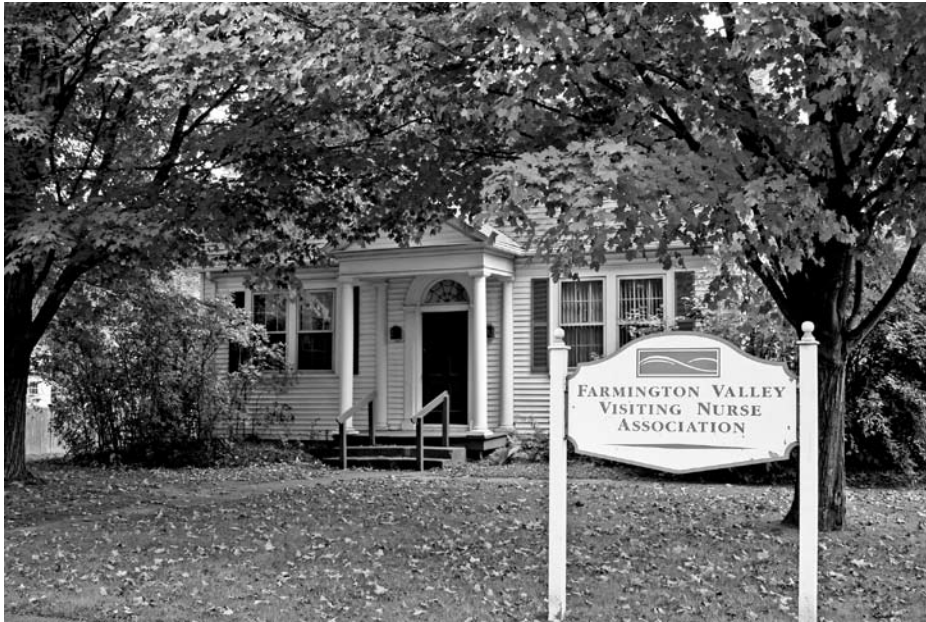
ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 127 households to assist with over \$96,500 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$12,760 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF – Thirty-six applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over \$15,950 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 many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups, the Local Assistance Fund received over \$10,860 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-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 44 households, and holiday gifts to 68 children.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.



Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association located at 248 Salmon Brook Street

The Farmington Valley VNA has continued its steadfast commitment to the residents of Granby by providing a comprehensive variety of home health care, hospice services, and illness prevention programs to residents of all ages. Despite growing financial and regulatory challenges associated with the delivery of health care, the Farmington Valley VNA is proud to be one of the few remaining traditional and non-profit visiting nurse associations, which is not owned or operated by a hospital or larger health care system. This important distinction assures Granby residents that community needs remain a true priority and that funding is utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

Having celebrated its 100th anniversary of community service last year, the FV-VNA is prepared to begin another century of compassionate, high qual-

ity delivery of health care services to local residents. Throughout the years, the FV-VNA's mission of caring for any individual, regardless of ability to pay or other hardship, has remained intact and unwavering. Our organization carries out this mission on a daily basis and serves as the community's foundation of compassion. So many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Preschool vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following an illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the

community, and the special support needed 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 through the FV-VNA's home care program include:

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

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management

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 FV-VNA's outstanding Home Hospice Program has also continued to support many individuals and families who are dealing with a life limiting illness. Highly trained and compassionate staff have made a positive difference in the quality of many patients' lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this special program. Many of our own friends and neighbors have been helped. Significant growth has occurred in the Hospice Program, largely due to more wide spread 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 continues to be unique in that it operates a distinct and separate Community Programs Department with the goals of illness prevention, health promotion, and education. Due to lack of funding and the need to reduce expenses, 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. Many services are offered which focus on maintaining healthy lifestyles, illness prevention, and health education. Over 3,400 Granby residents attended one or more community wellness programs last year. Most programs are offered at little or no cost thanks to funding from the Town of Granby which include:

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Vision and Hearing Testing

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

In addition, the FV-VNA continues to provide School Health Services in the Granby Public School System, and a fully stocked, accessible Food Bank for local residents and families in need of support. Nearly 900 individuals visited the Food Bank for assistance with basic food needs, a clear indication of the stresses caused by the current economic climate.

As a local, free standing, non-profit organization, continued financial support from community residents, area businesses, and service organizations is critical for the FV-VNA's future survival. Reimbursement from state, federal, and private insurance payors is remaining flat in the upcoming year, and will actually be decreased from Medicare, despite increases in many operating costs. The Farmington Valley VNA is very pleased to be an integral and vital part of Granby's community.

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

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

The Farmington Valley Health District started the fiscal year by actively participating in the Easy Breathing Asthma Program of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Keri Gilford, MSPH, was our full time coordinator of the grant funded program. The district also increased Kerry Flaherty's time as our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, which is also a grant-funded position. Previously, Kerry was the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management. Our long time, 32 year, Assistant Director of Health David Knauf, left to become the Director of Health for the Town of Darien. Dave's position was not filled. Since 2003 when the district had 13 full time employees; we have left three vacancies unfilled, and converted one position to a part time contract, resulting in a full time staff of 7 and 2 part time, or 8.6 full time equivalents.

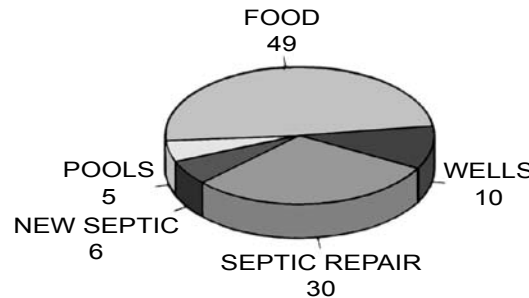
The district and its staff continued its efforts in planning for emergencies, particularly those associated with bioterrorism and pandemic influenza. As active participants in the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC), and the district's staff participated in several regional and town exercises. In April, we worked closely with the

Granby Superintendent of Schools in developing a response to the emergence of the Novel H1N1 Influenza outbreak. The district has sufficient equipment, ancillary supplies, and communications capacity to operate two simultaneous mass vaccination clinics. Utilizing our Preventive Health Services Block Grant, we continued to work with Teresa Dotson, RD to develop a Building Healthy Families Program that helps families to adopt heart healthy diets and practices. We hope to expand the program in subsequent years.

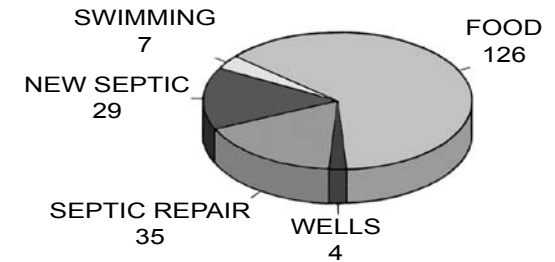
On a national level, the Director of Health, Richard H. Matheny, continued his work with both the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Public Health Accreditation Board in developing national standards for local health departments that could eventually lead to a system of accreditation of local health departments. Mr. Matheny also continued his efforts regionally by participating with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG) in developing a "digital health department" that would make health department records available in a web based system.

Please visit our website: <http://www.fvhd.org>

Environmental Health Activities (FY 08-09)



PERMITS



SITE VISITS/INSPECTIONS

FOOD PERMITS = ANNUAL + TEMPORARY

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued over 750 permits with a constructed value of \$6,606,790 during Fiscal Year 2008-2009. This was consistent with the level of construction during the previous fiscal year. Reflecting national and state trends there were few new houses constructed, although many residents completed additions and renovations to existing homes. Many residents installed wood stoves and other alternative energy systems due to increasing fuel costs. In addition to the services provided to Granby residents, the Building Department also provides inspection services to the Town of Hartland. During this year the Building Department issued 163 permits in Hartland. The Building Department continued to improve its section of the town's web site, offering downloadable permit applications and other helpful information for residents and contractors. The Building Department initiated a more modern computerized recordkeeping

program this year, and expanded its application and use of the town's Geographic Information System (GIS).

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, and several of the land use boards and commissions. The Building Official also serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is responsible for reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding the regulations.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact us to discuss plans for proposed projects and with any other building code questions. The goal of our department is to ensure a safe built environment for all of Granby's residents.

Building Permits Issued	Number of Permits	Total Construction Cost
1. New Houses	3	569,290.00
2. All other Building Permits	395	5,067,101.00
3. All Mechanical Permits	<u>353</u>	<u>970,399.00</u>
TOTAL	751	6,606,790.00

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	Houses		Commercial		Total			
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$		
2008-09	3	569,290.00	704	5,313,463	44	724,037	751	6,606,790
2007-08	6	1,177,285.00	672	5,404,050	22	212,245	700	6,793,580
2006-07	20	2,905,140	682	5,850,575	34	783,502	736	9,539,217
2005-06	37	5,839,856	813	5,754,353	45	2,037,160	895	13,631,369
2004-05	63	9,328,082	821	5,461,451	50	415,503	934	15,205,036
2003-04	64	10,782,035	526	3,966,996	23	697,235	613	15,446,266
2002-03	61	9,798,067	753	4,046,033	41	6,684,747	855	20,528,847
2001-02	65	10,977,652	757	3,374,941	18	6,678,833	840	21,031,426
2000-01	77	10,610,853	876	2,444,463	10	1,176,575	963	14,231,901
1999-00	58	7,918,747	749	4,394,096	7	169,765	814	12,482,608
1998-99	65	7,025,900	773	4,814,532	14	502,278	852	12,345,710
1997-98	66	7,572,384	572	3,463,005	16	202,710	654	11,238,099

PROBATE COURT

During the past year, 69 new estates were opened, 24 of which involved the short form of probate, i.e. either with assets of less than \$40,000 or assets declared as jointly owned for tax purposes only. Also, seventeen 4a-16 estates (State Aid) were handled.

Eight review hearings on Trust Accounts were held. There were five appointments of Guardians of the Estate of a minor, three Compromises of Claim, three Temporary Custody hearings and nine Allowance of Account (Guardian) hearings. There was one appointment of a Temporary Conservator of the person, three review hearings, and four Allowances of Account (Conservator) hearings. There was one appointment of a Guardian of a Mentally Retarded Adult, seventeen review hearings, and two hearings on miscellaneous matters. We also handled four Name Changes, one Adoption, one Validation of Foreign Birth Registration, one Department of Children and Families (DCF) Determination Hearing, and processed sixty-one 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 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: Monday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2008-2009 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 15 regular meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit and zoning amendment applications, requests for site plan approvals and modifications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions on a variety of issues and acted on road and security agreements and bonds.

For the first time in at least 25 years, the Commission did not approve a single new subdivision lot, nor were any requested. In another unusual circumstance, this year the Commission took action to make an existing subdivision null and void due to the failure of the developer to complete the required public improvements.

In fiscal year 2008-2009 the Commission adopted a new zoning plan for the Granby Center area. The new zone recognizes the uniqueness of the area, particularly the historic and commercial nature of the area and the density of the existing housing. The Commission also adopted significant changes to the Zoning Regulations regarding Flood Hazard Areas and adopted the digital GIS version of the Zoning Map as the town's official Zoning Map.

Other actions taken by the Commission in this fiscal year include:

- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen discontinue Weed Hill Road and a portion of Broad Hill Road.
- Approved an application for earth excavation for property located at 100-114 Wells Road.
- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen discontinue Fox Road.

- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen permit the construction of freestanding signs at the Wells Road and Kelly Lane Schools.
- Approved a site plan for a new Windsor Federal Savings Bank for property located at 21 and 23 Hartford Avenue.
- Approved a special permit to increase the height of the existing silo that supports wireless telecommunication equipment for property located at 151 East Street.
- Approved the Retail Sale of Antiques for property located at 114 West Granby Road.
- Approved a special permit for a farm store and the sale of wine under a farm winery liquor permit for property located at 84 Lost Acres Road.
- Approved an application seeking a special permit for the sale of alcohol under a package store permit for property located at 9 Bank Street.
- Gave final approval for the sale of antiques for property located at 74R Silkey Road.
- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen approve the extension of a sewer line in the area of Canton Road, Burleigh Drive, and Archie Lane.
- Adopted Pre-Application Review Procedures.
- Approved a renewal of an existing earth excavation permit for property located at 536 Salmon Brook Street for Tilcon Connecticut, Inc.
- Approved a special permit for use by a religious/non profit organization to be located in an existing storefront located at 345 Salmon Brook Street.

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 the local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment from the 2006 Grand List to the 2007 Grand List was 208,977,970, a 24.96% increase. This increase was predominately due to revaluation and the increasing values in real estate. The resident real estate market saw a healthy increase in market values over the last five years and since the last revaluation in 2002.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 9,268,917 generating \$272,040 in revenue.

The Connecticut State Law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2007 and its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2012. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.visionappraisal.com.

	2006 Grand List Fiscal Year 2007-2008	2007 Grand List Fiscal Year 2008-2009
REAL ESTATE	741,450,920	949,133,430
MOTOR VEHICLES	78,991,050	79,545,660
PERSONAL PROPERTY	16,625,490	17,366,340
Net Grand List	837,067,460	1,046,045,430
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	9,003,291	9,268,917
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	49,109,320	72,726,850

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Board of Selectmen established the Granby Agricultural Commission in 2007 to support, promote, and encourage agriculture and agricultural pursuits. It serves as a conduit between non-profit agencies and persons engaged in agricultural pursuits locally. The Commission supports opportunities for young farmers and new farmers and supports local, regional, and state vocational agricultural education programs.

During the past year, the Agricultural Commission sponsored a number of programs. In early 2009, a survey was conducted to help determine the agenda for the Agricultural Commission. This survey was open to all Granby residents and over 130 people responded, answering questions about what agricultural products they currently consume or would consume if available. They also provided suggestions as to how the Commission could further promote agriculture in town and voiced concerns they had regarding the future of agriculture in Granby. The survey identified a number of opportunities for the Commission to promote farming in Granby, including re-instituting a farmers market, implementing a website showcasing Granby agri-

cultural businesses, and supporting educational programs.

The survey also helped the Agricultural Commission to identify farms in town. We identified over 30 local Granby farms, including dairy farms, goat farms, horse ranches, beef cattle, vegetable farms, and orchards.

The survey served as a catalyst for a number of programs that the Commission sponsored this past year. The Commission developed a website, www.granbyag.org, to provide an inventory of farms and agricultural businesses in town. The Granby Farm map, produced by the Commission, shows the location of farms in town.

In coordination with the Holcomb Farm, a spring festival highlighted some of the farms and agricultural businesses in town. The Commission also sponsored a Food Film Festival aimed at educating people about the food they eat and the implications of the decisions they make regarding food. A farmers market was held at the Food Festival. The farmers market was particularly exciting. Consumers attending were able to buy fruits, vegetables, grass fed beef, cheese, and milk, which were all produced in town by Granby farmers.

ENGINEERING SERVICES



Town Manager William F. Smith, Jr. congratulating Edward Sweeney on his retirement.

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering Services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E. Mr. Clark became the Town's Engineer in February of 2009 following the retirement of Edward Sweeney, PE. Mr. Sweeney served as Granby's Town Engineer for over 30 years, first as a full time employee and then as a consultant engineer. For over three decades, Mr. Sweeney played a major role in the town's rational and responsible growth. It is largely through his common sense approach and engineering ability that Granby developed in a manner that preserved the town's traditional character, while significantly improving the public infrastructure. Mr. Sweeney was both a civil engineer and a structural engineer. Kevin Clark

is both a civil engineer and a licensed surveyor.

In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the duties of the Town Engineer were significantly redefined. The Town Engineer 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 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 specific town approvals.

In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the Town Engineer assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, sewers, bridges, parks, permits, and landfill monitoring. He also marked out Call-Before-U-Dig locations, as necessary, inspected construction sites, sewer lateral installations, and prepared bond estimates.

This year the Town Engineer began work on a new sewer line that will extend south along Canton Road and service portions of Burleigh Drive and Archie Lane.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer
Barbara Jean C. Scibelli
Animal Control Officer
Jennifer Abalan
Assessor
Susan J. Altieri
Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer
William R. Volovski
Chief of Police
David L. Watkins
Collector of Revenue
Lauren C. Stuck
Director of Community
Development
Francis G. Armentano
Director of Health
Richard H. Matheny, Jr.
Director of Human Services
KerryAnn O. Kielbasa
Director of Library Services
Joan M. Fox
Director of Recreation and
Leisure Services
Kay A. Woodford
Fire Chief
John E. Horr, Jr.
Fire Marshal
Joseph R. Killen
Public Works Superintendent
James R. Klase
Town Clerk
Karen I. Hazen
Town Engineer
Kevin W. Clark
Town Manager
William F. Smith, Jr.
Treasurer
Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS**Board of Selectmen**

John E. Adams, Chairman
Ronald F. Desrosiers
Sally S. King
B. Scott Kuhnly
Mark Neumann

Board of Finance

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

APPOINTED BOARDS**Agriculture Commission**

Michelle A. Niedermeyer,
Chairman
Jason E. Bogli
Don H. Butler
Stanley A. Hayes
Stephen Hayes
Anne E. Wilhelm

Conservation Commission

Michael L. Lengvarsky,
Chairman
Susan F. Dwyer
Carolyn R. Flint
Neil J. Hornish
Charles J. Katan
Rochelle J. Reuben

Board of Education

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

**Planning & Zoning
Commission**

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

**Inland Wetlands and
Watercourses Commission**

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

Library Board

Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman
Shawn E. Ball
Lisa B. Blessis
Carol Y. Bressor
Norman M. Council
Robert P. Donna
Judy A. Goff
Richard J. Lydon

Town Moderator

William J. Simanski

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Alternates**

Robert M. Lindeyer
Dianne M. Maher
Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

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

Development Commission

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

Park & Recreation Board

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

Registrar of Voters

Peter S. Goff
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Daniel P. Brown, Jr.

State Representative

Annie Hornish, 62nd District

State Senator

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

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Christopher J. Dodd
Joseph I. Lieberman

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick, Chairman
George L. Bronsord, Jr.
Karen H. Hood
Mary T. Keating
Neil W. Kraner
Incy Severance Muir
Bruce W. Sullivan
John H. Vanderbilt
Rosemarie T. Weber

TOWN SERVICES

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

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

MEETING TIMES

Agriculture Commission	
Second 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	7:30 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
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

As required by Town Charter, the 2008-2009 Annual Report and 2010 Calendar of Events has been prepared by the Town Manager. The 2009 Report 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.

Cover design highlights the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Granby Department of Police Services. The shields shown represent the changes over these past 50 years starting with the Constable shield and including the Anniversary shield our officers will be wearing this upcoming year.
