

# JANUARY 2020

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

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

Fees collected and paid to Revenue Collector	\$317,331
Land Records (1,678 Recordings)	\$33,570
Conveyance Tax (291 Transfers)	\$138,614
PA-02-229	\$46,648
Historic Preservation (Town)	\$2,536
(State)	\$10,144
Maps Filed – 19 filed	\$450
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$5,965
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$1,200
Burn Permits Issued	\$825
Vital Statistics (Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Certificates)	
Town	\$12,016
State (34 Surcharges)	\$1,054

#### **VITAL STATISTICS** (as of June 30, 2019)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	2	63	65
Deaths	52	41	93
Marriages	30	17	47

#### **Hunting & Fishing Licenses**

Town fees collected	\$170
State fees collected	\$5,339
Licenses issued by Town Clerk	170
Misc. Combos issued	115
Handicapped License n/c	3
Lifetime licenses issued n/c	151
Archery Permits with Deer Tags	12
Pheasant tags issued	0

## **TOWN CLERK**

Connecticut Bird Stamps issued	11
Trout/Salmon Stamps issued	115
Dog Licenses	(Issued) 989
Town fees collected	\$1,005
State fees collected (59 Surcharges)	\$8,062
Kennel licenses issued	14
Fidelco Dogs Licensed	0
Transfers / Replacement tags	5
Late Fee's collected	\$338

#### **ELECTIONS**

08/14/2018 Democratic Primary  
Electors qualified to vote 2,066  
Electors checked as voting 777 (AB-36)

08/14/2018 Republican Primary  
Electors qualified to vote 2,417  
Electors checked as voting 934 (AB-45)

11/06/2018 State Election  
Electors qualified to vote 7,749 (EDR-73)  
Electors checked as voting 5,897 (AB-475)

#### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS**

04/22/2019 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Machine vote: Yes Vote – 529, No Vote – 523, (AB-4). Budget passed.

06/04/2019 – Bonding Referendum for three projects. Machine Vote;  
Bridges – Yes Vote – 948, No Vote - 216 (AB-34)  
Schools – Yes Vote – 766, No Vote – 401 (AB-35)  
Solar Project – Yes Vote 731, No Vote – 436 (AB-35)

Referendum passed all three projects.

#### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended to keep updated on new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter covered included absentee ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws. It is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

International Institute of Municipal Clerks (I.I.M.C.) has awarded Town Clerk Karen I. Hazen the I.I.M.C. designation of Master Municipal Clerk. I.I.M.C. grants the MMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks who complete demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. Assistant Town Clerk Jini Ruscitti previously received the Connecticut State Certification. Assistant Town Clerk Laura Milne has begun taking Connecticut State Certification classes. Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses is essential to maintaining the professional level of management required by the office.

A Historic Preservation grant has enabled us to complete our project of re-indexing our land records to make more data available to the public on our work station computer and on-line. This project included land records from January 1979 through July 1984. We look forward to doing other projects in the future, as well as possibly purchasing much needed supplies for the Town Clerk's office/vault with available money from the Historic Preservation Grant program.

# FEBRUARY 2020

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The Granby Police Department continues to provide quality modern police services to the citizens of Granby. The Police Department is led by Chief of Police Carl Rosensweig and Captain William Tyler. Together, Chief Rosensweig and Captain Tyler have 75 years of police experience. Each has graduated from the FBI National Academy, an 11 week, full-time intensive academic and physical training program in Quantico, Virginia. The police department has an authorized strength of 16 sworn officers.

The Police Department was awarded national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2019. This has been a long-term project that involved a top to bottom review of policies and procedures in order to prove the department complies with national standards. The process included public input and ultimately, an on-site inspection by CALEA evaluators.

The Granby Police Department is working to expand the number of sworn police officers. The department is currently staffed with the minimum number of officers needed to provide the basic service the community expects and deserves. Any personnel shortage due to illness, pregnancy, injury, military leave or retirement presents a critical problem. Staffing a police department is always a challenge. An officer can resign or retire with two weeks' notice and it takes approximately one year to hire and train a new officer. In order to provide the highest level of service, the police department will be proactive in attempting to stay ahead of anticipated retirements by keeping staffing levels up and ultimately, increasing the number of sworn officers. When needed, the police department actively recruits

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

and hires currently certified Connecticut Police Officers from other police departments. This effort has led to an increase in the level of officer experience to better serve the community.

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

The Granby Police Department operates a multi-town Public Safety Answering Point providing professional police, fire, and emergency medical service (EMS) dispatch services for the towns of Granby (police, fire and EMS), East Granby (fire and EMS) and Hartland (EMS). The center is staffed around the clock by professional certified Emergency Telecommunicators. In addition to answering and dispatching emergency calls, the dispatchers also handle routine calls for service and walk-in traffic.

The Police Department maintains all police records required by law. The records division is managed by one part-time records clerk. The records clerk must understand and comply with the Freedom of Information Act, coordinate volumes of records ensuring access is timely and maintain secure confidential records. Records management is a vital role of the police department.

Traffic complaints are one of the most frequent complaints received by the police department. The department uses traffic/speed monitoring trailers not only to alert operators of their speed, but also to collect data for later analysis regarding driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic,

time of day and day of week, all of which allow for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with actual data.

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

The Granby Police Department is an active participant in the North Central Connecticut Region. This collaborative regional planning and operational effort is comprised of the police departments from the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. The result is a cadre of personnel trained in special areas of expertise that are available to respond as necessary. The areas include SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction. The Granby Police Department contributes significantly to this regional effort. One officer is part of the regional SWAT team, one is part of the regional accident reconstruction team, and one leads the crisis negotiation team. Additionally, the department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

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

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During this fiscal year, West and North Granby stations were damaged by a hail storm and the roofs were replaced by the insurance company. The siding at West Granby also had to be replaced. Although the Center Station was not affected by the storm, the 25 year old roof was replaced using our own funds. North Granby station had its' furnace replaced. The furnace upgrade was partially funded through a CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) grant and donations made by Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) and United Illuminating (UI).

We took advantage of an energy credit program to upgrade all of the lights in all three stations with more energy efficient LED lights with motion controls. The payback period for this project is around 10 years, well before the end of life expectancy of the new lights. Special thanks to Lt. Steve Galuska for his leadership of this project and to Lt. Paul Cote for the removal and recycling of the replaced fluorescent bulbs.

The department welcomed six new cadets this year, bringing our total to 14. The program continues to provide an excellent opportunity for new, younger members to learn about the department and help in all facets of our operations.

We had four new members join the department this year, Connor Cooke, Leo Swisher, Justin Kearns, and Ryan Huffman. Assistant Chief David Sprafke retired from the department after 45 years of dedicated service. We wish him well in his new found freedom! Firefighter Jeremiah Piescik successfully completed all of his training with LAFD and became a regular member at our October 2018 monthly meeting. Assistant Chief Sprafke's retirement, resulted in a number of officer changes; Bill Lee was promoted to Assistant Chief, Tim Weber was promoted to 1st Deputy Chief, Bill George Jr. was promoted to 2nd Deputy Chief, Erik Davis was promoted to Captain at Center Station and Bill McHugh was promoted to Lieutenant at North Granby Station.

In February 2019, we had several outages with our radio system. Radio service was able to repair the multiple issues and replace the main radio. This has reinforced our concerns with our aging system and we

## LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

have approached town leadership with a request to re-start the radio committee with the goal of getting a new system started for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The recent outage also surfaced a problem with our backup system with Simsbury Fire Department. We were able to get that repaired and made a change to our EDispatch system, tying it to our Center Station base radio, giving us better coverage for EDispatch.

New construction on Murtha's Way (next to the YMCA) has driven additional reviews in our pre-plan fire operating procedures. With the third floor apartments, we have new challenges for roof access, potential victim access, and the need for longer attack lines. Changes will be implemented later in 2019 to ensure we are prepared for any possibility.

Ender's Falls continues to see an increase in the volume of visitors and calls for our assistance. This is due to the increase in public information on the internet and in print, as one of the top swimming holes in Connecticut. The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) met with Town Officials and Chief Horr during July 2018 to discuss changes that they are planning for the area. DEEP shutdown the park in late September 2018 to perform upgrades to the trails and to add viewing platforms. The changes will drive adjustments in our response to calls within the park. Officers of LAFD and DEEP Parks and Forests have been working together to develop these plans to maintain a safe and effective evacuation procedure for anyone who is injured in the park.

LAFD constantly trains to keep all of our member's skills sharp and ready. Besides our normal skills training, this past year, we conducted live fire training with East Hartland and our own membership at the Connecticut Fire Academy, ladder skills training at the Simsbury drill grounds, and participated in the Bradley Airport disaster drill. A representative from Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) provided updated training on the pipelines installed in the towns' center.

Throughout the year LAFD performs numerous public education and fire prevention activities to deliver our

safety and public protection messages. These activities were coordinated by Firefighter Rob Flanigan, Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee. Multiple school visits, public education opportunities such as Granby Days, and visits by groups to our stations all require dedication and support of our membership. Thanks to all who helped Chairman Flanigan this year and thanks to Rob for his help and planning!

It has been another outstanding year for LAFD and it has been my privilege to serve as its' Chief. Thank you to all of the membership for your service and dedication to this great organization. We are an effective and professional team that provides key fire and rescue protection services to the Town of Granby.

<b>Total Fire Calls for the Period:</b>	<b>182</b>
Fires:	24
Good Intent:	19
Rescues/Medical:	14
Service Calls:	18
Hazardous Condition:	22
Weather:	2
False Alarms:	83





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<b>12</b>     Easter Sunday	<b>13</b> Budget 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing SR BOF COA GDC GLB	<b>14</b>     SR CC P&Z	<b>15</b>     SR BOE	<b>16</b>     SR	<b>17</b>     SR	<b>18</b>
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## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

### *Reading, Learning, and Growing Together*

The Granby Public Library, which includes the Main Branch and the F.H. Cossitt Branch Library, provides the Town of Granby with:

- Access to information (both print and digital)
- A shared collection of resources for all ages that supports both educational and recreational pursuits
- Access to the world beyond Granby via the internet, state-wide resource sharing, and innovative programming
- A space where citizens can meet to share ideas and create community

Every Granby resident is invited to visit the library and get a free library card, which allows access to the over 65,000 items in the Granby collection and to the millions of items available throughout the state.

The library is advised by an appointed Library Board and led by the Director of Library Services. In 2018-2019, the library saw a change in leadership: former Director of Library Services Kelly Marszycki retired from her position after six years of service, and the library welcomed a new Director, Amy McCue.

**Public Programs and Outreach:** Summer 2018 showed us “Libraries Rock!” by presenting dozens of music-themed programs for all ages and inspiring over 288 children to sign up for Summer Reading. That summer, the Library’s Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival hosted over 300 people of all ages, and the library closed out the summer season with a fantastic inter-generational, inter-departmental Talent Show co-sponsored by the Granby Senior Center. The show included talent of all ages and an audience to match!

The rest of the year, the library continued to inform and inspire with history lectures, art workshops, nature classes, and author visits – truly something for every-

one. Ongoing favorites included our Adult Book Clubs, the Crafters Café series, the Cossitt Writer’s Group, and new this year, a Chess group. For Children, the library continued to offer Story Time at the Main Branch twice a week for infant/toddlers and preschool age children. In June 2019, a third story time was added during the evenings at Cossitt Branch.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 saw an increase in outreach, as well, with librarians visiting the public schools to visit with children and teens in their classrooms. In addition, the library staff worked with other town departments to create the town’s first Program Guide to showcase all of the wonderful programs the town has to offer. Further connections were made with collaborative programs and events uniting the library with town organizations like the Salmon Brook Historical Society, the Granby Land Trust, and the McLean Game Refuge. To better connect with residents digitally, the library created a monthly eNewsletter to provide timely information about library programs and services, and also established an online program sign-up system that will allow patrons the ability to register for programs anywhere, any time.

**Technology:** The library worked with an IT consultant to increase the internet speed at the Main Branch of the library. There was increased focus on the collection of eBooks, eAudio Books, and eMagazines available to all Granby patrons. Database access was maintained for the year, with the library offering all cardholders the opportunity to log in to Lynda.com, Mango, Value Line, Tumblebooks, and Ancestry.com. A portion of the 2017 Pomeroy-Brace Grant was spent in 2018-2019 on new computers and an AWE Early Literacy Station at Cossitt Branch.

**Numbers of Note:** In 2018-2019, nearly 70,000 people came through the doors of our two branches. While there, they conducted 201,902 transactions (checkouts, holds, returns, and more...), asked the

library staff over 9,000 questions, used the computers 6,656 times, and attended 394 programs. Even from home, patrons used the library – they gained reliable information from online databases 4,700 times, downloaded 8,164 eBooks/eAudio/eMagazines, visited our Website over 37,580 times, and read the library eNewsletter 9,198 times.

**Pomeroy-Brace Grant / Hartford Foundation for Public Giving:** The Friends of Cossitt Library were awarded a grant in 2018 to have a historic preservationist assess the F.H. Cossitt Branch Library and to help the Town of Granby develop a restoration plan for the building.

**Special Thanks to our Volunteers & Support Groups:** Our continued thanks to the Friends of Granby Public Library, the Friends of Cossitt Library, and the Granby Library Association for their financial assistance throughout the year. With their help, we were able to host over 6,000 people at our programs, purchase special materials for each branch of the library, maintain our Museum Pass program, and develop a “Maker Space” collection for use in the coming years. We are also grateful for our library volunteers, who donate hundreds of hours of their time each year in support of our day-to-day operations.



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

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## RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. The Park and Recreation Board is a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen and may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive, fun experiences for ages 3-18 in a recreational atmosphere; these include soccer, basketball, field hockey, and a plethora of other fitness and wellness programs. For adults, we offer various programs such as exercise classes and painting activities. We also coordinate and distribute a triannual program guide in conjunction with the Senior Center, Youth Services, Social Services, and Library.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for the town for major events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden,

the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playgrounds, and a dog park. Each year Salmon Brook Park is host to summer concerts and events, little league opening day, a large lacrosse tournament, Celebrate Granby, and countless games and practices for the local athletic leagues.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes day camp programs, tennis lessons, specialty athletic camps, and a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy cooling off in a natural setting. Special events at the park included Family Days at the Waterfront, Family Outdoor Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, Tree Lighting and Carol Sing.

The North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm, as well as the Park House at Salmon Brook Park, is available to anyone interested in renting these facilities for their reception, party, or other event. A photo gallery of pictures for all rental facilities can be found on our website at [www.GranbyRec.com](http://www.GranbyRec.com)

## OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE

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

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. The shelter provides a safe haven for roaming dogs which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are conducted. The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding, and other supplies, which are greatly appreciated and facilitates the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter.

Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping off donations by contacting the MACO through the police department at 860-844-5335.

For the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs.....	176
Barking Dogs.....	96
Nuisance Dogs.....	3
Vicious Dogs* .....	0
Dog/Cat Bites .....	17
Cat Complaints .....	163
Cruelty Complaints .....	16
Other calls (farm animals, horses, cows, chickens, goats) .....	188
<b>Total Number of complaints investigated .....</b>	<b>659</b>
Impounded Animals .....	51
Redeemed by Owners .....	44
Rabies Cases.....	0

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

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## 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, Abigail St. Peter Kenyon, oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Wetlands Consultant. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program. She is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program and serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Census Bureau, and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Granby 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. The Director makes regular site visits, works to establish public improvement bonds and fees in lieu of open space, and maintains the GIS system.

In addition to the work associated with the above responsibilities, in fiscal year 2018-19, the town oversaw the reconstruction activities associated with the \$800,000 Small Cities Community Block Grant approved for Stony Hill Village, which was completed in the winter of 2019. The Office of Community Development initiated this project and spent many hours preparing key elements of the application and coordinating the activities necessary to meet the application requirements. In FY 18-19, work on the sidewalk extension along Salmon Brook Street was completed, providing convenient pedestrian access between the center of town and Salmon Brook Park.

## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

In this fiscal year, the Commission met numerous times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission regularly discusses ideas and methods of improving the Granby economy and makes recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities.

During this year, the members were pleased to see construction activities completed at Stony Hill Village, which they had previously supported with a 2017 Small Cities Grant application seeking \$800,000 for improvements, and the Center became a more walkable area as the Salmon Brook sidewalk project was completed. The Commission was also pleased to see continued progress on the Copper Brook and Ridgewood Developments.

The Commission reviewed and offered input on several important amendments to the Zoning Regulations, including an amendment to allow self-storage facilities in the Business Zone, gasoline filling stations in the Industrial Zone, and mixed-use building in the Commercial Center Zone. They also continued to monitor the plans for the roundabout on Route 10/202 at Notch Road and Department of Transportation (DOT) plans for Granby Center, discussing additional improvements, enhancements, and the beautification of the Center.

## 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 Johnson, Daniel Chapple, and Celia Eggert.

The Board had twenty appeals for their meetings held in March of 2018. This was mostly due to the state mandated town wide revaluation of almost 5,000 real estate parcels. The members reviewed all the documentation presented to them, signed, and finalized the numbers for the 2017 Grand List.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

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## FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley VNA is proud to continue to serve the residents of the Town of Granby with unique and comprehensive health programs. Due to the funding from Granby, our Health Supervision Program remains the only healthcare opportunity within the state that provides for medical care and oversight without any cost to residents. The VNA continues to experience clinical success with benchmarks, receiving another Home Care Elite designation, capping a seventh year in a row. Together with a lead consulting team in the home care industry, the Board of Directors and the staff set goals for continued growth. Strategic planning led to marketing efforts that enabled a 50% rise in the patient census. Having such strong signs of viability in the current market place secures the Farmington Valley VNA has a place in the future.

In coordination with the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home, the Farmington Valley VNA continued to appeal to the state for revisions in Healthcare bills that could enhance coverage for those needing home care services. The Farmington Valley VNA chose to assist in the lobbying efforts against the Self-assisted Suicide bill, using the forum as an opportunity to educate the public regarding better choices of Palliative Care and Hospice Services. The VNA supported development of a universal magazine that could not only educate the legislators, but also be a universal tool given to all constituents, educating many on the choices that face aging individuals. The VNA remains

committed to continue to serve those who are under-insured. Many agencies in the region continue to limit care to these clients due to the funding gaps that stem from insurance coverage shortages, a situation that was reported last year and only continues to worsen. Because of the funding we receive from the Town of Granby, these clients can continue to receive excellent care and not be concerned about having access to care issues related to cost of care.

As previously stated, the Agency census was able to grow over the last year for Granby residents choosing to utilize our Home Health and Hospice services. Home Health visits increased by almost 35%. Hospice patient visits were stable and busy for Granby residents in this last Fiscal Year. Health Supervision utilization remained stable. This service alone serves the residents with the highest level of preventive care possible. Skilled Nursing visits allow for residents to be monitored on an ongoing basis, so that chronic illnesses remain stable. This leads to less hospitalization and fewer healthcare costs. The Pet Therapy Program continues to be quite popular and therapeutic to those who utilize it. The VNA also had the ability to give out several vaccinations to prevent the flu and pneumonia, free of cost due to the town funded program. We continue to support the Granby Commission on Aging with consultation participation and additional support to the grassroots team working towards development of the Granby Community Center.

Blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings, and preventive vaccinations continued to show strong participation levels. Granby was the town with the highest patient participation in the glucose screenings. The volunteer support from residents continues to be unprecedented compared to other towns in the Valley, as residents serve at the Food Bank, Flu Vaccination Clinics, and as hospice support.

The Farmington Valley continues to collaborate with the Granby Board of Education and is serving the youth by way of the School Nursing Program. Our nurses continue to see record numbers of students needing healthcare during the day and their expertise and supervision allows many students with chronic healthcare needs to attend regular school activities without interruption.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to be committed to serving the residents of Granby with the goals of assisting in the health and wellness of all. We are pleased to continue the work that we do with the town and look towards many years in the future as needs and issues change to be the provider that all can count on.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit **[www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org](http://www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org)**



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Granby Public Works Makes it Happen is a slogan that we in our department prove day in and day out. It's not just the snow removal efforts but the many tasks that this department accomplishes throughout the year. It is the buildings, grounds, equipment, roads, sewer, refuse, recycling, transfer station, and bridges that we maintain that make Granby a town for residents to enjoy.

**ROADS** - The Town of Granby Department of Public Works (DPW) continued to be very busy implementing and overseeing many projects approved by voters last year. Simsbury and West Granby Roads were chip sealed and topped off with a final two-inch coat of bituminous concrete. In addition to the overlay program, catch basins were reconstructed, drainage systems were repaired, and curbs were replaced. Throughout the year many roads were patched with asphalt. Due to the constant freezing and thawing of our roads, numerous potholes occur. If asphalt is not available, we patch with cold patch otherwise we use our hotbox to put down asphalt. Clearing of roadside drainage areas is ongoing to insure water passage, guardrails are replaced as needed, signs are replaced or repaired whenever there is a need to do so, and site lines are cleared of debris on an ongoing basis. Street sweeping mileage totaled approximately 65 miles with the developments being the primary focus. During the fall of each year, leaves and debris are removed from the road edges to improve water flow. Griffin and Enders Road bridges remained closed due to poor inspection reports derived from the State of Connecticut. Bonding to replace Griffin, Moosehorn, Donahue, Hungary, and Simsbury Road bridges was approved by the taxpayers, allowing us to enter into the first phase of the replacement for these bridges.

**WINTER** - While last year's snow accumulation was on the light side compared to previous years, there was actually an increase in the amount of salt material the department used. This was due to the fact that there were approximately 50 occasions where our crew was called out to deal with ice and freezing rain. Winter events involving ice require increased amount of salt

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material on the roadways in order to keep up with the material that is washed away. The Department utilized close to 1,200 cubic yards of winter-material on town roads.

**BUILDINGS** - Building maintenance activities remain busy as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities the town offers. Our full and part-time staff is dedicated and professional. We have on staff skilled employees that are knowledgeable in general electrical, HVAC, carpentry, and plumbing. With these skills, our department is able to make many repairs internally, allowing us to save money by not using outside contractors. During May of 2019, many of the roofs on our town owned buildings were replaced due to the 2018 hailstorm.

**MAINTENANCE** - Our mechanics service over 60 pieces of equipment ranging from string trimmers to a L90 loader for the Public Works Department. They also service the vehicles utilized by the Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Over 4,000 hours are dedicated to repair and preventive maintenance.

**GROUND**S - From the spring to the fall, DPW employees logged over 1,000 hours of mower time, in addition to the many hours of string trimming, maintaining flower beds, irrigation system repairs, and tree trimming activities. With the increased activity at Salmon Brook Park and Holcomb Farm, we have worked hard to maintain the facilities and prepare them for events. We hope to provide superb facilities for the use of not only our residents but also those who come from other towns to enjoy Granby. The Department strives to meet the demands of all the varied activities that take place in our recreational areas.

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING** - The transfer station is manned by our certified part-time employees who are helpful and always willing to lend a hand to residents. Many items are accepted at the transfer station and many residents utilize the facility on a weekly basis. Fortunately, many items fall under the state's

recycling programs with little or no cost associated with their disposal. The cost to dispose of solid waste has risen recently and we will be working to ensure we charge a fair disposal fee so that we can cover the costs to operate the facility. One program recently initiated to help reduce the cost of waste removal is the textile recycling program. This is a free curbside recycling program to remove textiles from our household waste stream.

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

## GRANBY PUBLIC WORKS

### What we do...

#### Town roads

- Pothole repair
- Bridge work
- Patching/paving
- Drainage
- Tree removal/trimming
- Roadside mowing
- Signage

#### Grounds

- Maintain 91 acres of turf
- Athletic field upkeep
- Ornamental bed maintenance
- Trash removal
- Fertilize, aerate & overseed



#### Vehicles

Repair and maintain over 50 pieces of equipment

#### Sewer

Oversee 5.5 miles of sewer lines and two pump stations

#### Winter Operations

Snow removal—roads, sidewalks, parking lots. Snow/ice treatments

#### Buildings

Responsible for over 100,000 square feet of space

#### Events

Provide setups for meetings and events at Holcomb Farm, Senior Center, Town Hall and parks.

#### Solid waste/recycling

Manage trash & recycling service for residents. Oversee the Transfer station

# SEPTEMBER 2020

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## ENGINEERING SERVICES

The town's Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E., provides a wide range of services to the town. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts field inspections to assure that construction is in compliance with engineering standards and specifications. He prepares engineering drawings for town improvements and specific projects. The Town Engineer reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development and the Director of Public Works. He also inspects projects approved by the land use commissions to assure that they are in compliance with the engineering details of the approvals. The Town Engineer is available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and others as necessary. He is also available to meet with citizens and developers to review proposals, offer suggestions, and make recommendations on a wide variety of issues and concerns.

This year the Town Engineer reviewed existing sanitary sewer standards and prepared updated and new guidelines to conform to the requirements of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). He also assisted the Department of Public Works with the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) requirements, inspecting all town-owned stormwater facilities, and preparing a report. Several development projects were also reviewed.

## 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.

Funding to support individuals and families in financial crisis is through the generosity of the Granby Community Fund, Special Assistance Fund, Salvation Army, many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups.

Services offered directly through this office include:

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 116 households to assist in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$7,400 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

**ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF:** Thirty-three applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of nearly \$17,000 to qualified applicants.

**HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT:** More than 200 senior participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from an organizational Holcomb Farm share. In addition, 12 Granby families received CSA gifted shares.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** Through generous donations, the Local Assistance Fund received over \$10,000 for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Ninety-two 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 48 households and holiday gifts to 40 children.



## GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2018-2019 school year was a year characterized by change, unexpected transitions, state and local fiscal challenges, capital projects, and high levels of student achievement.

Notable events and circumstances this past year included: a successful budget and capital projects referendum; a celebratory high school accreditation visit; contributions from the



School Start Time Task Force and Equity Task Force; introductions of Generations Mentoring; Farm-to-School Grant; new coaching model; middle school enrichment; new strings program; middle school Chinese and enrichment programming; actions around the Board goals; continued high return on investment as measured by student achievement; momentum and coherence provided by the District mission; focus on social and emotional wellness of students; commitment and progress around improving student writing; and success of clubs, athletic teams, and individual students. The schools have continued to gain recognition for academic excellence (District Performance Index of 83%, 21st U.S. News Best CT High School, Wells Road designation as a Category 1 School).

In 2019-2020, the district looks forward to supporting new high school Pre-AP, AP, and Art courses; middle school Chinese in Grade 7; the expansion of the District strings program to Wells Road; an improved teacher substitute service; school safety; and at Kelly Lane, the makeover of a makerspace/STEM lab and the purchase of a limited number of i-pad carts.

Granby's spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations support Granby Public Schools and the reputation of the school system has only been possible with this high level of community support. Welcome to those families new to town and thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talents to make Granby a great New England school system.

# OCTOBER 2020

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## HOLCOMB FARM

Located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby, Holcomb Farm is 367 acres of rich rolling-meadows, densely wooded forest, and pristine brooks. The farm was gifted to the town by Tudor and Laura Holcomb and now serves as a community resource.

Holcomb Farm is a hub of all sorts of activity throughout the year and has become one of the most desired facilities of its kind in our region. Throughout the year, Holcomb Farm is alive with not only the Friends of Holcomb Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farming activities, but with the many local groups who use the facilities for their meetings, environmental presentations, and other activities. Holcomb Farm is popular with locals for its scenic miles of hiking trails.

The Holcomb Farm North Barn Pavilion was the recipient of Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association's "Facility of Merit" award. This award is given to a parks and recreation department in Connecticut that has developed or renovated an exceptional facility within the last two years.

Projects completed at Holcomb Farm this year included the addition of a patio and propane fire pit. This not only extends the usable space, but is a beautiful spot to sit and look out at the scenery. A door was added between the kitchen area and hallway to allow for quieter time during cooking programs.



The North Barn Pavilion was the site for many popular Recreation Department events including a comedy show and breakfast with Santa. This year, the Recreation Department partnered with the Granby Artists for two marketplace events. The North Barn Pavilion also hosted the annual Chamber of Commerce and YMCA awards banquets and many other private and community gatherings throughout the year.

The Holcomb Farm facility is utilized by a number of local groups for meetings and other purposes. The Granby Land Trust, Granby 4-H Club, the Granby Horse Council, and Friends of Holcomb Farm are just a few of the groups that meet at the Farm. The Farm is also host to the Friends of Granby Public Library's Annual Used Book Sale.

The Town of Granby has continued to see a rise in the number of people and groups wishing to rent the facilities for both private and public events. Holcomb Farm is often rented for weddings, receptions, memorial services, and many other types of gatherings. Summers are quite busy at the Farm as well with a variety of camps. During the school year, after school youth cooking classes were offered as well as school vacation educational enrichment programs and yoga offerings.

Holcomb Farm has continued to be a vibrant place for the community to gather and enjoy the amazing natural beauty of our community.

## INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

All towns in Connecticut are authorized by the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act to regulate wetlands and watercourses. In Granby, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing the boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have adverse impacts to regulated natural resources. Generally, the Commission reviews all activities within the wetlands and watercourses and reviews activities that are outside of these areas but within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses. Wetlands applications and operations are administered through the Office of Community Development.

In fiscal year 2018-2019, the Commission held 10 meetings and acted on five requests for review and five permit applications. All permits were approved by the Commission. The Commission delegated minimal impact permits to the Wetland Agent for approval. Minimal impact permits are for activities that occur in the upland review area that are unlikely to have any impact on adjacent wetlands or watercourses. The Commission also determined that proposed activities, such as agricultural operations were either exempt from permitting by statute or were not regulated activities. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but assisted applicants in an effort to minimize wetland impacts with constructive modifications or conditions of approval. In fiscal year 2018-2019, the Commission also adopted a new fee schedule and amendments to the regulations to ensure consistency with state legislation and recommendations.

Dave Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. The town contracts with Soil Scientist, Kate Bednaz of Freshwater Wetland Services as the town's Wetland Agent. Ms. Bednaz is a consistent advocate of environmental sustainability. Working in both the public and private sectors, Ms. Bednaz has a unique understanding of the latest available tools and techniques to reduce the impacts of development proposals and the knowledge to employ the regulatory process to assure that such methods are used and used properly.



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## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2018-2019 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 16 regular meetings and one special meeting. At these meetings, the members discussed, considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit requests, site plan modifications, zoning amendments and changes, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions and acted on various matters as required.

For a complete review of all Commission activities, please visit the Granby website at [www.granby-ct.gov](http://www.granby-ct.gov), where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 18 new applications. Of these, 17 were approved and one application remained pending a decision. The revenue generated from these applications for the town was \$3,434. An additional \$986 was forwarded to the state as required.

In fiscal year 2018-2019 the Commission:

- Approved a Special Permit for a detached accessory apartment for property at 271R Simsbury Road
- Approved a Special Permit for an illuminated freestanding sign and two additional freestanding signs for property at 4 East Granby Road
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations Section 8.16 Restaurants, which would allow, by Special Permit, a seasonal outdoor dining area
- Approved a Site Plan Modification for 9 Bank Street, parking lot reconfiguration
- Approved a Special Permit for an illuminated freestanding sign for property at 91 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for an illuminated freestanding sign for property at 116 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved an amendment to Zoning Regulations Sections 3.5.2, 8.21.4 and 8.21.9 which would allow, by Special Permit, a self-storage facility in the Business (C2) and Aquifer Protection Overlay Zones
- Approved a change of zone from Economic Development (ED) to Business (C2) for property located at 100 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment 29 Notch Road

- Approved an amendment to Zoning Regulations Sections 1.4, 3.8.2.16 and 8.17.4 which would allow gasoline filling stations by special permit in the Industrial Zone and would increase the building height of a self-storage facility
- Approved a Site Plan Modification application for property located at 124 Salmon Brook Street, Stop & Shop pick-up lockers and parking space designation
- Approved an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 3.12.1 which would allow mixed use buildings by Special Permit in the Commercial Center Zone
- Approved an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 8.3.1 Alcoholic Beverages which would add manufacturer permit for cider
- Approved a Special Permit for an existing farm store to allow the sale of wine and hard cider under a farm winery liquor permit and manufacturer permit for cider, and site improvements for property located at 29 Bushy Hill Road
- Approved a Special Permit for personal service in the aquifer protection overlay zone, massage center, for property located at 345 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit renewal for earth excavation for Tilcon Inc., for property located at 536 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a Special Permit for an accessory apartment for property located at 25 Notch Road

## PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury and is located in the Simsbury Town Hall. Cynthia C. Becker was elected as Judge of the Simsbury Regional Probate District for a four year term commencing January 2, 2019.

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

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

## Jurisdiction of the Court

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

The probate court also has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians of the property and persons of minors and persons with developmental disabilities; the removal of unfit parents as guardians of their children; the termination of parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities; the adjudication of paternity of children born out of wedlock, and the finalization of adoptions. These matters make up about one third of the court's caseload, but are some of the most sensitive and time-consuming responsibilities of the court.

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

## 2018-2019 Workload of Court

During the past year, 242 applications were accepted for probate of decedent's estates. In addition, 198 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The Court also processed 66 applications for Conservatorship, and several applications for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of minors, Guardianship of the Intellectually Disabled, Termination of Parental Rights, approval of Adoptions, Name Changes, and intervivos trust matters.

## Court Contact Information

The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street and is open Monday from 8-5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00-1:00 p.m. Online information about the court is available on our website, located at [www.jud.ct.gov](http://www.jud.ct.gov), click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website.

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

COA.....Commission on Aging.....9:30 a.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.  
CC.....Conservation Commission .....7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.  
GDC.....Granby Development Commission.....7:00 p.m. Town Hall  
GLB.....Granby Library Board.....6:00 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries  
IWWC...Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission .....7:00 p.m. Town Hall

P&R ..... Park & Recreation Board .....7:00 p.m. The Park House at SBP/North Barn  
Pavilion at Holcomb Farm/Ahrens Park  
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 .....7:00 p.m. Town Hall

## FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

### **Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Smoke detectors save lives.**

The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated and regulated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations require fire safety inspections in all buildings, with the exception of one and two family dwellings. Other responsibilities include enforcing hazardous materials regulations, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and determining a cause and origin of all fires and or explosions.

The Fire Marshal works closely with the Building Official. These offices work together on projects involving commercial or multifamily occupancies. The main objective of the Fire Marshal's office is to gain compliance with mandated Life Safety and Fire Codes. This is accomplished by working with the building owner and the occupants, educating them as to how these improvements create a safer environment for all building occupants.

This year, a total of 170 fire safety inspections were completed, 33 burn permits were issued, four fire investigations were held to determine cause and origin, and several plan reviews for new and existing construction projects were done. The Fire Marshal's office also makes many onsite inspections of projects with the Building Official to ensure compliance with codes and regulations.

**Working smoke alarms is one of the best ways to survive a house fire.** Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on every level of the house, including the basement. Batteries need to be replaced annually, at a minimum, and smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years. Never re-enter a house once evacuated due to an emergency until cleared by an emergency responder.

Office hours are Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

## COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments.

Tax collections for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,755. At the end of the fiscal year, 432 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2017 Grand List adjusted levy was \$38,319,030 and the net collections on the current levy were \$38,066,054.
- During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 99.3% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2019 (including back taxes) were \$405,814.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

The Granby Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) falls under the Emergency Management function. They are a dedicated team who volunteer their time to train monthly and assist during local or state wide emergencies or community events. The main mission of the team is to assist with the operation of an emergency shelter, special events, search and rescue, and can be activated by the Emergency Management Director for

other needs of the town. This year, Granby CERT has participated in every town event.

As a resident, we ask that you be prepared and stay aware. Have a kit which should contain 72 hours of your basic needs; food, water, medicine, etc. You may visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or <http://getreadycapitolregion.org/> for tips on how to prepare, which supplies you should stock up on, and even links on how to volunteer for groups like CERT. Emergency information is also available through news media, the internet, and our town wide emergency notification system. The town can send messages to your home, cell phone, email address, and even a text, but you must register for this information. Look for CT Alert Link on the town website. If you have already registered for notifications, please sign in to ensure your contact information is up to date.

**BE PREPARED** - When creating an emergency survival kit for home, consider supplies you might need to last you and your family for a minimum of three to seven days. In case of emergencies that may require that you leave your home quickly, such as a wildfire, prepare your kit well in advance and keep it in an easily accessible location.

CERT would be happy to meet with town groups or residents to discuss emergency preparedness. To schedule a meeting, please call 860-844-5318.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled six requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations, granting four, denying one, and had one withdrawn by the applicant. The ZBA also granted one request pursuant to CGS, sec. 14-54(b).

## ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all taxable real estate, motor vehicles, and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest, open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with the local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment from the 2016 Grand List to the 2017 Grand List was 13,274,310, a 1.36% increase. This was due mostly to the 2017 Revaluation that the Assessor's Office conducted per State Statute. The 2017 town wide revaluation indicated that the Real Estate Market and Real Estate Values have increased over the past five years, since the last 2012 Revaluation was conducted. The start of building the apartments at 24 Mill Pond Drive (34 Units) which were underway also contributed to the increase, along with many residents renovating their existing homes and building additions.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 13,124,250 generating \$507,700 in revenue. This was an increase from the previous year, which seems to indicate that people are willing to purchase new vehicles.

The Connecticut State Law requires all real property to be revalued every five years. The Assessor's Office has just completed and implemented their State Mandated Revaluation for the 2017 Grand List. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2022. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at [www.granby-ct.gov](http://www.granby-ct.gov).

	<b>2016 Grand List Fiscal Year 2017-2018</b>	<b>2017 Grand List Fiscal Year 2018-2019</b>
REAL ESTATE	864,241,450	874,815,590
MOTOR VEHICLES	90,106,350	90,958,890
PERSONAL PROPERTY	22,939,100	24,786,730
<b>Net Grand List</b>	<b>977,286,900</b>	<b>990,561,210</b>
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	12,683,895	13,124,250
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	65,226,180	65,416,750

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Major improvements have been made in making voter registration a seamless process for our residents. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has partnered with the Secretary of the State (SOTS) to allow voters to maintain or update their voter registration at the same time they register for a driver's license, update or renew. The new system also allows for a smooth transfer of a voter registration anywhere within the state; no need to complete the change of address paperwork twice.

On August 14, 2018 there were two state wide primaries and on November 6, 2018 there was a Gubernatorial Election. There were two referendums: April 22, 2019 we had our annual budget referendum and on June 4, 2019 there was a bonding referendum.

The Registrars' office is diligently working to ensure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2019, we added 741 new voters, changed 789 records and removed 666 voters from our official voter registry. As of July 1, 2019, there were 7,673 active registered voters in Granby; 2,970 Unaffiliated, 2,457 Republican, 2,128 Democrat, 99 Independent, 7 Green, and 12 Libertarian.

The current Registrars are Laura Wolfe (Democrat) and Sonja Smith (Republican). Registrar responsibilities include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. The Registrars must complete the required 26 hours of college level coursework at the University of Connecticut to attain state certification. A minimum of ten hours of accredited training per year is required to maintain certification. The Registrars also attend quarterly Hartford County meetings and biannual state conferences to keep up with legislative and technology changes. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers. Required training for poll workers is available at different times to accommodate the varying needs of our poll workers.

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

Email: [lwolfe@granby-ct.gov](mailto:lwolfe@granby-ct.gov) and  
[ssmith@granby-ct.gov](mailto:ssmith@granby-ct.gov)

Voicemail: 860-844-5322



## SENIOR SERVICES

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

Research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction (NCOA.org). The Senior Center offers opportunities to stay healthy through exercise classes, wellness programs and clinics, support groups, congregate meal program, and social activities.

### SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Center Participants . . . . .	591
Number of Events at Center. . . . .	2,093
Congregate Meals Served . . . . .	1,718
Civic Engagement Team Volunteer Hours . . . . .	425
AARP Tax Return Preparation. . . . .	166
CHOICES appointments. . . . .	44

### WELLNESS CLINICS

Blood Pressure Screening . . . . .	1,160
Blood Sugar Screening . . . . .	100
Foot Care Appointments . . . . .	233
Chair Massage. . . . .	128

### VAN SERVICE

Van Riders . . . . .	140
Hours of Operation . . . . .	1,473
Passenger Trips . . . . .	3,539
Miles Traveled . . . . .	19,192
Day Trips . . . . .	100
Medical Appointments . . . . .	356



Active Aging Carnival raised awareness of community resources and \$1,800 for programs.



Lifetime Learning Academy launched. 391 people participated in over 100 learning programs.



Granby Senior Van Service replaced its aging van.



Granby Senior Center partnered with Valley Brook Community Church and Resilience Grows Here to present the 2nd Annual Veterans Tribute Concert.



## YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

The purpose of the Youth Services Bureau (YSB) is to promote healthy youth development by enhancing communication between young people, their families, and our community. Granby YSB offers a variety of support groups that are formed in response to needs expressed within the community. All groups are open to new members and new groups are formed as needs are identified.

Ongoing programs include the Youth Action Council (YAC) and Women on the Way Program (WOW) for high school girls. WOW again ran at capacity, offering a wide variety of experiential activities that help break down barriers and encourage positive connections. YAC has developed a successful formula for hosting dances. The third annual Red Carpet Dance for the eighth grade class and the second Sweet Heart Dance for kids and families at Kelly Lane School were held. The first ever Zombie Shuffle in October drew children and families from Wells Road School. These family friendly, positive youth development dances helped the YAC group raise funds for two scholarships in support of graduating Granby seniors. These scholarships recognize the quiet leaders of the graduating class, those who may not garner as much attention and acclaim as other leaders, but whose quiet contributions have made the graduating class stronger and more positive.

In addition, Open Rec for Middle School youth has continued to grow. During the school year the drop in program drew an average of 18 youth on Thursday evenings and 26 youth on Friday evenings. High School helpers assist the adult facilitators and were offered community service credit for the hours they volunteered with the program.

New in the fiscal year is Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexual Health class for 7th and 8th graders. This class met for 30 sessions over the course of the school year, providing a comprehensive sexual health curriculum that was positively received by the boys and girls enrolled. Based on the positive reviews, the YSB plans to continue to offer this course on an annual basis.

Adventures in Living returned this year, bringing Granby Seniors together with children from Wells Road School for after school fun and exploration. This intergenerational group focused on learning about each other, making positive social connections, and exploring the things that change and the things that stay the same across the life span.

Program	Average Number Served
Family Counseling . . . . .	30 per week
Individual Youth Counseling . . . . .	65 per week
Afterschool Programs . . . . .	102
Youth Action Counsel sponsored dances. . . . .	230
Social Media presence . . . .	1,360 weekly post reach

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Granby Conservation Commission consists of seven members who advocate on the environmental matters for the town.

The Commission members studied and reported on the issue of transportation and storage of hydraulic fracking waste and submitted a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission continues to monitor activities at the state level, for example, shared solar legislation that may impact our town positively or negatively. In November 2018, the Town of Granby established a committee to develop an implementation plan for the Plan of Conservation and Development. Conservation Committee Chairman Peter Jalbert served on the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

During the past year, the Commission experienced some turnover in membership and leadership. As new members were added to the Commission, new energy and interests have accompanied them. The Commission has reviewed its mission statement and is working to define and plan innovative activities that will promote conservation, educate our citizens, and raise awareness of the natural resources that the Town of Granby has to offer. The Commission is working to establish better relationships with other local, like-minded organizations.

The Conservation Commission continues to promote the environmental issues in town through a Celebrate Granby Day booth and working with schools and scouts in town. Members of the Commission attend the state wide meeting of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commissions.

The Commission will continue to implement the suggestions put forth by the Plan of Conservation and Development.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department had one of its busiest years in history during Fiscal Year 2018-19. Most of the department's efforts dealt with the effects of the May 15, 2018 hailstorm. In recent typical years, the department issues approximately 1,000 building permits, representing 12-13 million dollars in constructed value. Due to the hailstorm, the Building Department issued 2,430 building permits with a constructed value of over \$40 million dollars. This work generated almost 1,500 additional permits with revenue of \$659,957. The storm did over 27 million dollars of damage in Granby alone. Other significant projects in Granby this year included the Ridgewood Apartments and the Copper Brook development. The Building Department also issued 19 new home permits.

In addition to the services for Granby residents, the Building Department provides building inspection services, by contract, to the Town of Hartland. During this fiscal year, the Building Department issued over 530 permits. Approximately 400 of these permits were related to the May hailstorm.

The Building Department participates in a mutual aid agreement with East Granby, Suffield, Simsbury, and Canton Building Departments. This agreement provides valuable support during vacation periods and emergencies.

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

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

During this fiscal year the State of Connecticut adopted a newer edition of the State Building Code. This produced substantial changes to building methods and techniques for many builders and residents.

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

<b><i>Building Permits Issued</i></b>	<b><i>Number of Permits</i></b>	<b><i>Total Construction Cost</i></b>
New	19	2,531,000
Mechanical Permits	616	2,247,832
All other Permits	1,814	38,575,874
	<b>2,449</b>	<b>\$43,354,706</b>

<b><i>New Home Permits</i></b>			<b><i>All Other Permits</i></b>			
<b><i>Year</i></b>	<b><i>#</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>	<b><i>#</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>	<b><i>#</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
2018-19	19	\$2,531,000	2,430	\$40,823,706	<b>2,449</b>	<b>\$43,354,706</b>
2017-18	18	2,685,000	1,140	11,153,381	<b>1,158</b>	<b>13,838,381</b>
2016-17	12	2,274,000	888	8,665,503	<b>900</b>	<b>10,939,503</b>
2015-16	8	1,411,000	946	10,747,678	<b>954</b>	<b>12,158,678</b>
2014-15	10	1,886,000	983	11,321,607	<b>993</b>	<b>13,207,607</b>
2013-14	11	2,372,864	1,036	6,245,665	<b>1,047</b>	<b>8,618,529</b>
2012-13	6	1,133,463	1,009	6,509,222	<b>1,015</b>	<b>7,642,685</b>

## FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

### *Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats*

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

It is always an interesting and exciting time to be in public health and this past year was no different as we tracked emerging public health threats, launched new communication channels, continued to strengthen our community partnerships, and launched a five-year strategic plan to better meet our statutory mandates using national accreditation as our benchmark.

In 2014, the CT General Assembly updated the statutory mandates of local health departments. Aligned with national standards, the “Ten Essential Services of Public Health” define the core functions that all local health departments must provide to protect the health of the communities they serve. The Health District is working hard to build its capacity to meet these requirements. As part of this work, FVHD has convened a community health advisory group to develop a community health assessment that will help us better understand the critical public health issues facing our communities, the populations at greatest risk, and the strategies and resources available to improve health. The District also continues to ensure that food establishments and salons are regularly inspected, public bathing areas are routinely tested, and septic systems are installed to protect our natural resources.

Unfortunately, our District has not been immune to the opioid epidemic and we routinely track data on opioid related deaths and overdoses to better understand the magnitude of the problem. The District worked collaboratively with our social service and police departments to promote drug takeback programs, provide

educational outreach, increase access to Narcan, and encourage medical providers to participate in the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

The proliferation of vaping among youth is presenting a new challenge for public health as both the short and long term health consequences of vaping continues to emerge. The District joined with other public health agencies to advocate for and see passage of Tobacco21 - a law that will reduce access to tobacco and vaping products by increasing the age of purchase. We were also recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials as a model practice for our school based youth programming building the resilient attributes of youth.

This year we were excited to launch both a regular television series called “Health Matters” and a monthly newsletter focused on providing our community with the most up-to-date information on timely public health topics. These also provide an opportunity to highlight many of our community partners and the work we are doing jointly to improve the health of our community.

Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code, and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public’s health is protected when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon or drinking water from a private well. The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.



#### **Permits Issued:**

Food Service Establishments	47
Temporary Food Service	17
Salons	11
New Septic	5
Septic Repair	37
Well	9

#### **Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:**

New Septic	24
Septic Repair	43
Public Bathing	4
Food Service Establishments	77
Complaints (All)	15
Salons	13
Day Care	6



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer,  
Yim K. Cheng

Animal Control Officer,  
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor,  
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning  
Enforcement Officer,  
William R. Volovski

Chief of Police,  
Carl G. Rosensweig

Collector of Revenue,  
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community  
Development,  
Abigail E. St. Peter Kenyon

Director of Health,  
Jennifer C. Kertanis

Director of Human Services,  
Sandra J. Yost

Director of Library Services,  
Amy E. McCue

Director of Public Works,  
Kirk A. Severance

Director of Recreation and  
Leisure Services,  
Kristine N. Vincent

Fire Chief,  
John E. Horr, Jr.

Fire Marshal,  
Harold C. Holmes

Emergency Management Director,  
David E. Vincent

Town Clerk,  
Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer,  
Kevin W. Clark

Town Manager,  
John D. Ward

Treasurer,  
John E. Adams

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Board of Selectmen

B. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman  
Glenn G. Ballard  
Sally S. King  
Mark C. Neumann  
Edward E. Ohannessian

### Board of Finance

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

### Board of Education

Melissa E. Migliaccio,  
Chairman  
Jenny P. Emery  
Mark H. Fiorentino  
David D. Peling  
Sarah E. Thrall  
Rosemarie T. Weber  
Brandon C. Webster

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Jonathan T. Boardman  
Margaret A. Chapple  
Christine L. Chinni  
Mark W. Lockwood  
Eric L. Lukingbeal  
Eric W. Myers  
Brennan J. Sheahan

### Planning & Zoning Commission Alternates

Paula H. Johnson

### Town Moderator

John E. Adams

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman  
Ann Crimmins  
Robert M. Lindeyer  
Steven E. Muller  
Suzanne L. Yucha

### Zoning Board of Appeals

#### Alternates

David J. Hennessey  
William P. O'Leary

### Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman  
Daniel C. Chapple  
Celia Eggert

### Registrar of Voters

Sonja G. Smith  
Laura A. Wolfe

### Judge of Probate

Cynthia C. Becker

### State Representative

William J. Simanski, 62nd District

### State Senators

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

### United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

### United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal  
Christopher S. Murphy

## APPOINTED BOARDS

### Agricultural Commission

Erin S. Pirro, Chairman  
Pamela J. Kirk  
John D. O'Brien  
Heather L. Lombardo  
Shirley B. Murtha  
William P. O'Leary  
Ellen L. Whitlow

### Commission on Aging

Donna M. Snyder, Chairman  
Mae L. Collins  
Jean A. Donihee-Perron  
Philip D. Main  
Kathryn M. Miller  
Shirley R. Ryan  
Patricia E. Sansone  
Susan M. Schoepflin

### Conservation Commission

Peter L. Jalbert, Chairman  
David Desiderato  
Melinda L. Gould  
Kent R. McCord  
David W. Roberts  
William J. Sleavin

### Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager, Chairman  
Mathew L. Brady  
James K. Caldwell  
Kenneth O. Kuhl  
Daniel O'Connell  
Robert J. Rome

### Inland Wetlands and

#### Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman  
Victoria K. Dirienzo  
Frederic B. Jones  
Jason R. LaChance  
John L. Laudati  
Aurelle S. Locke  
Ronald W. Winsor

### Library Board

Judith A. Guarco, Chairman  
Carol Y. Bressor  
Robert P. Donna  
Matthew R. Hamer  
Patricia M. Jones  
Patricia L. Kennedy  
Audrey M. Lampert  
Lynn G. Lochhead  
Elizabeth E. Nichols-Newman

### Park & Recreation Board

Suzanne L. Yucha, Chairman  
Jennifer P. Bilodeau  
Peter J. Gunn  
Kevin F. Hobson  
Sheryl Litchfield  
Saverio Mancini  
Kathy D. Ungerleider

For further information  
on Community Agencies,  
see Town of Granby website:  
**[www.granby-ct.gov](http://www.granby-ct.gov)**

## TOWN SERVICES

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

\* Town Hall Offices are open Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment  
 \*\* For all of the weeks of summer camp, the office will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons.

## MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission	
Second Wednesday .....	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Education	
First and Third Wednesday .....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting Room*
Board of Finance	
Fourth Monday .....	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen	
First and Third Monday .....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals	
During the Month of March .....	Call Assessor for Dates and Times
Commission on Aging	
Second Monday.....	9:30 a.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission	
Second Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	
Second Monday.....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	
Second Monday.....	6:00 p.m. Granby Public Library/Cossitt Library
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday .....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Park & Recreation Board	
First Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. The Park House at Salmon Brook Park/ North Barn Pavilion at Holcomb Farm/Ahrens Park
Planning & Zoning Commission	
Second and Fourth Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	
Second Wednesday .....	4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Third Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. Town Hall

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

\*Call BOE for possible changes



## 2020 Recycling Pickup Schedule

(recycling weeks indicated by shaded areas)

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

January 2020 New Year's - 1/1/20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

March 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2020 Memorial Day - 5/25/19						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

August 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2020 Labor Day - 9/7/20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2020 No trash holidays this month						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2020 Thanksgiving - 11/26/20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2020 Christmas - 12/25/20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### Paine's 2020 observed holidays

Trash/recycling pickup will be delayed by one day if your pickup day is on or after the holiday.

New Year's Day - January 1, 2020

Memorial Day - May 25, 2020

Independence Day - no change in service

Labor Day - September 7, 2020

Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2020

Christmas Day - December 25, 2020

**When in doubt, put it out!**