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TOWN CLERK

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

Land Records (2,099 Recordings)	\$468,603
Conveyance Tax (Transfers)	\$242,779
Maps Filed (38 filed)	\$2,530
Copies (In-house & RecordHub).....	\$4,005
Burn Permits.....	\$750

Vital Statistics (as of June 30, 2022)

Births	61
Marriages	29
Deaths	108

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Town fees collected	\$92
State fees collected	\$3,897
Archery Permits with Deer Tags	10
Pheasant tags issued	0
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued	9
Trout/Salmon Stamps issued	22
Fishing Licenses	51
Hunting Licenses	138

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses Issued	990
Kennel Licenses Issued - 10	7
Kennel Licenses Issued - 20	1
Fidelco Dogs Licensed	1
Transfers / Replacement tags	6
Late Fees collected	\$361

Elections

11/2/2021 November General Election
Electors qualified to Vote 8,230
Electors checked as Voting 3,062

4/25/2022 Annual Budget Referendum
Yes votes 645 (25 Absentee)
No votes 420 (11 Absentee)
Mill Rate of 39.98 established for FY 2022-2023

The Office of the Town Clerk has experienced a great deal of transition throughout the past year with the announcement of the retirement in April 2022 of longtime Town Clerk, Karen Hazen. Karen began serving as the Granby Town Clerk in September of 2007, during which time she ensured the licensing of approximately 15,000 dogs, issued 6,000 absentee ballots in several elections, recorded 130,000 pages of land records and registered 3,000 birth, marriage and death certificates as the Registrar of Vital Statistics. Please join us in thanking Karen for her many years of service to the Town of Granby!

New Town Clerk Scott A. Nolan came to the Town of Granby with experience, most recently serving as the Town Clerk for Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Scott set the priorities for the clerk's office and beginning in June 2022, has worked to update the Town Clerk webpages, streamlined the absentee ballot approval process and simplified dog licensing. A very special thank you to Assistant Town Clerks Jini Ruscitti and Laura Milne for their efforts in helping ensure a smooth transition.

Planning for what is expected to be a busier-than-usual election season, the Town Clerk is pleased to announce that the Connecticut Secretary of State's Office is providing nearly \$4,000 in grant money to support the November 2022 General Election to ensure every voter has access to participate in the election. The federally funded Absentee Ballot Support Grant is given to towns so that town clerks will have the resources needed to process, mail and count what is expected to be a high number of ballots returned in 2022.

www.ct.gov/deep/hunting

Check the CT DEEP website for the latest information about hunting, fishing and trapping in Connecticut. The website has information and fact sheets about all of Connecticut's wildlife.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 Kurt LaFlamme. Together, Chief Rosensweig and Captain LaFlamme have 64 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 is nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA accreditation is a long-term project that involves a top to bottom review of policies and procedures in order to demonstrate that the police department complies with national standards. The process included public input and ultimately, an on-site inspection by CALEA evaluators. The police department participates in a yearly review process to maintain accreditation.

The Granby Police Department is working to expand the number of sworn police officers and increase the supervisory staff. 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, 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. To provide the highest level of service, the police department is 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 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 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 (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. Records management is a vital role of the police department. A full-time administrative assistant processes all payroll and purchasing for 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. Parameters such as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day and day of week allow for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with current 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 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.

SIGN UP FOR NON-EMERGENCY ALERTS FROM THE TOWN OF GRANBY



The Town of Granby continues to improve non-emergency communication between the Town and its residents. Visit **www.granby-ct.gov** and use the **SUBSCRIBE** icon on the home page to register for **URGENT ALERTS** by email, text message or both.

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The COVID-19 pandemic continued through this fiscal year and the LAFD coordinated with Farmington Valley Health District and the Town of Granby to make the vaccines available to our membership. Multiple members contracted COVID, however, none of the infections were traced back to LAFD calls or other department events, showing our COVID prevention protocols were effective. The LAFD participated in test kit distribution events in partnership with the Town agencies and organizations.

Recruiting and retaining firefighters continues to be a challenge for the department. In order to attract new members and incentivize current firefighters to stay, the LAFD membership approved a new Cost Reimbursement Program at their June 2022 meeting. The program provides for \$12 per call and \$5 per drill to members to cover expenses. The program goes into effect for calls beginning on July 1, 2022.

There were many changes in the department membership this year including the retirement of Assistant Chief Bill Lee after nearly 35 years with the department. We greatly appreciate all the time and service that Chief Lee dedicated to the LAFD and wish him well on his retirement. Lieutenant Steve Galuska resigned as Cadet Advisor after having worked with the cadets as an advisor since the program was established. We appreciate all his help and leadership to create a successful program that brings young men and women into the fire service. Firefighter Leo Swisher was appointed to replace Lieutenant Galuska and we wish him the best in his new role!

Treasurer Joe Harmon also stepped down this year, fully retiring from the department. Joe has been part of our operations for nearly 33 years, as a firefighter, pump operator and Treasurer. We appreciate everything that he has done and wish him well in this next chapter.

Members of the department continued training throughout the year. Lieutenant Dan Jacobs and Firefighter Josh Briere completed their Firefighter II training, the next step in the advanced classes for firefighters to improve their skills. This class was held at the Farmington Fire Department. Assistant Chief Tim Weber completed Instructor II training as part of a class that was hosted by the LAFD and run by the State Fire Academy at our Center Station. The training ran from January through

LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

April 2022. Our newest member, Brad Chaabra, completed Firefighter I training and certification. This is a huge step in becoming a full member with over 120 hours of classroom and hands-on, live fire classes. He also completed his Driver "Q" class which certifies him to drive fire apparatus.

June 1, 2021 was the 85th anniversary of the LAFD. Due to COVID restrictions, the department was not able to celebrate in person until September 18, 2021. Current and former members gathered at Holcomb Farm to enjoy great food, historic memorabilia, photos and stories of the events that shaped our department. We are proud of every member and every single accomplishment as we continue to provide our fire/rescue protection services to our neighbors and friends in the Town of Granby.

Our cadet program continues to bring in new members and provides valuable training and guidance to this new generation of firefighters. Six cadets joined the department this year. When a cadet joins, they must complete a training program before they can respond to calls. Five cadets graduated from high school this year and left the program. We wish them all the best as they continue to grow and expand their horizons. Two of these graduates plan to officially join the department when they turn 18.

Our newest truck, LA-51 was put into full service. Through the generosity of the residents of the Town of Granby we raised over \$9,000 to purchase the hand tools, meters and other equipment for the truck.

The LAFD's application for new radio frequencies was granted by the FCC. This is the first step in moving from an older, low band radio system to a new VHF system. Marcus Communications provided a loaner repeater that was installed at the Center Station. The department purchased new dual band portables for LA-51 and the four chiefs which allows communication with surrounding mutual aid partners as well as the police department and ambulance. We continue to work with the Town of Granby Radio Committee to develop the bid specification for the full town wide radio system upgrade for the LAFD, GPD, GAA and DPW.

The LAFD continued its focus on training this year, performing live burn drills at the Fire Academy in Wind-

sor Locks and using a borrowed house that was scheduled to be demolished on 76 West Granby Rd. Granville and East Hartland fire departments participated, working on skills such as forceable entry, hand line advancement, ventilation and mutual aid coordination. LAFD members used the State of Connecticut Maze trailer at Simsbury's drill tower to practice dealing with obstacles which may be encountered in homes when searching for victims while wearing full turnout equipment and SCBA. Members brushed up on ice rescue skills, practicing at the Salmon Brook Park swimming pond. The Granby Fire Marshall held a class on fire service investigation and how firefighters can help preserve evidence during fire extinguishment activities. Members practiced the extrication procedure with East Hartland and Barkhamsted Fire Departments, GAA and State of CT DEEP personnel at Enders. A variety of skills and required OSHA drills were held as well. Another full and busy year with the LAFD, but we are confident that our skills are sharp and ready for the next call.

The LAFD received a gift to be used for a piece of equipment from the estate of Evelyn Groper, our first female firefighter. The department purchased an electric (battery) combination Hurst Tool in her honor. This allows us to perform extrication in remote areas without the need for heavy generators or power units. The tool was placed into service on LA-17, and the original electric pump and hurst cutter that was purchased when LA-7 was first put into service in 1991 was retired.

Even with an unprecedented pandemic, the LAFD and its members were always ready and continued to provide the best fire and rescue services to the residents of the Town of Granby and our mutual aid partners. We thank every member and their families for their continued support.

Total Fire Calls during the period:	215
Fires.....	22
Good Intent	32
Rescues/Medical.....	25
Service Calls	30
Hazardous Condition	35
False Alarms	71

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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Reading, Learning and Growing Together

Granby Public Library, which is made up of 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 build community

Every Granby resident is invited to visit the library and get a free library card, which provides access to the over 65,000 items in the Granby collection, hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and millions of items available throughout the state. The library is a Town department, advised by an appointed Library Board and led by the Director of Library Services, Amy Danna McCue.

Numbers of Note: In 2021-2022, the library buildings reopened fully, providing the community with 61 hours per week of direct service as well as access online 24 hours per day, 7 days a week via the library website and library apps. During this year, the library supported its 41,093 in-person visitors by completing 143,852 transactions, connecting 4,171 WiFi users and hosting 352 programs, including the 47 hosted virtually. In addition, the library provided patrons with access to four library apps, eight subscription databases (on top of the 39 provided by the State and accessed via your Granby library card), and nearly a million digital eBooks, eAudio Books and eMagazines. Patrons made good use of these digital services, getting quality information from the databases 24,945 times, checking out 18,595 digital items, reading our eNewsletter 26,311 times, and visiting our website for local information and updates 50,789 times.

Public Programs and Outreach: During Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Library exemplified its role in Granby as a community crossroads by welcoming patrons of all ages to library programs. Patrons came into its two branch locations, connected online via library Zoom programs, and traveled with the library to locations around the

town where they could accommodate all the community members who wanted to join them. Over the course of the year, the Library presented hundreds of programs, with something to interest nearly every Granby citizen. The subjects covered in the programs are as varied as the books in the library, covering topics as diverse as history, technology, nature, the arts, fitness, financial planning, travel, health, music, writing and ecology (and so much more!). For children and teens, library programming supports literacy, social development, STEM skills and artistic pursuits, providing our youth opportunities to participate in everything from weekly story times to enrichment classes, high-energy activities and professional children's performers.

To build community and support their neighbors, the Library continued to present programs in partnership with a number of Granby's businesses, experts and local organizations including the Granby Public Schools, the Girl Scouts, Salmon Brook Historical Society, Granby Land Trust and the McLean Game Refuge. In addition, the Library continued to offer many of their traditional annual events, welcoming patrons to the Tie Dye Saturday on the Library Lawn, the preschool Halloween Parade, the Gingerbread House family program and the Summer Library Celebration, which kicks off each June with much fanfare and fun. The 2021 Summer Library Celebration Program, "Tails and Tales," had patrons appreciating the "tails" in their lives with animal-focused programming like a Police K-9 demonstration (in partnership with Granby Police Department), a pet-painting workshop and a visit from some prize-winning chickens, as well as the "tales" we love from the Old West, the sea and the corners of our own imaginations. In all, they celebrated with over 700 people reading, learning, and using the library during the summer months (a 26% increase over the previous year!).

Finally, new this year, the Cossitt Branch introduced a "Seed Library" to the community in the spring of 2022. This library, which makes use of the antique card catalog at Cossitt, houses dozens of varieties of seeds patrons can use to plant gardens at home, with the help of a few gardening books from the Library to help their seeds flourish.

Technology: The Library continues to offer community members access to technology at both branch locations, providing a free connection to the Internet, access to computers and laptops, opportunities to print and fax

and assistance via both staff and volunteer technology instruction. In addition, to aid in patron access to library materials, the Library recently introduced a library app – "Library Connection Mobile" – which allows patrons the ability to search the catalog, place holds, and register for programs at the touch of a button.

Outside the walls of the physical buildings, the Library provides residents access to materials and information 24/7 via internet-based digital services. These resources, explained fully on the Library website, include digital eBooks, eAudio Books, and eMagazines, as well as curated databases. This fiscal year, the Library continued to build its digital eBook, eAudio, and eMagazine collections as patrons have continued to show increased interest in these formats. Currently, the Library offers Granby residents free access to titles via the Libby and Hoopla apps, as well as through the State of Connecticut's Palace app. Each of these apps are free to download and free to use with an active Library card. In addition, all Granby Library cardholders have access to the following databases: ConsumerReports, Value Line, JobNow and Ancestry, as well as online learning resources LinkedIn Learning (professional skills) and CreativeBug (artistic pursuits).

Grant Funding: In April 2022, Library Director McCue was awarded a \$1,998 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to help enrich the Summer Program. This grant funded the "GPL Trail Map Challenge," which engaged over 500 community members during the summer of 2022. In addition, McCue worked with the Friends of Cossitt Library to write and be awarded a \$28,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support restoration efforts at the Cossitt Branch Library.

Special Thanks to our Volunteers & Support Groups: Our continued thanks to the Friends of Granby Public Library, the Friends of F.H. Cossitt Library and the Granby Library Association for their financial assistance throughout the year. With their help, we were able to host thousands of people at our programs, purchase special materials for each branch of the library and maintain our Museum Pass program. We are also grateful for our library volunteers who, in a typical year, donate hundreds of hours of their time each year in support of our day-to-day operations.

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RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

Throughout 2022, the Parks and Recreation team of dedicated professionals continued to deliver high quality programs and services to our community, even as the impacts and constraints of the ongoing pandemic remained. Connecting people through opportunities to recreate, socialize, gather and play remained our primary focus. Our mantra became one of perseverance, determination, stability, and a push towards getting back to “normal” for our community.

The Recreation Department is responsible for managing recreation facilities and coordinating a variety of recreation programs. The department’s three full-time and over 100 seasonal staff are responsible for renting Parks & Recreation facilities, including Holcomb Farm; scheduling the use of athletic fields and park buildings; and coordinating recreation programs for all ages, including planning special events, mobilizing volunteers, developing partnerships with other community recreation providers and publicizing services.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Extensive renovations to the restrooms at Holcomb Farm were completed. The project included new, expanded men’s and women’s rooms, new flooring in the main hallway and a new “green room”.
- Summer day camp saw its highest numbers ever with over 90 participants each week. The department received a Summer Enrichment Grant through the State of Connecticut for over \$65,000 for the Camp program. Enhancements included field trips, a program coordinator, scholarships, a behavior specialist and additional equipment and supplies.
- Expansion of after school programs including Rock Wall, PE Sports & Games, Book & Theater clubs and more.
- Pickleball continued to be extremely popular and the fastest growing program.
- The Board of Parks & Recreation conducted a needs assessment survey in the fall.

Results were presented to the Board of Selectman. The most common item to come from the survey is a need for a safe, pedestrian friendly walking path at Salmon Brook Park.

- The small playground at Salmon Brook Park was replaced with a new structure. The apparatus is larger and features slides, climbing equipment and rockers.

Parks and Recreation play a vital role in our country and within our communities. We take the lead in preserving our natural resources which have real economic benefits; we are partners in combating some of the most complicated and expensive challenges our country faces such as poor nutrition, obesity and physical inactivity; and we know providing access to our programs, parks and facilities is not just a privilege, but a universal right. Granby Parks & Recreation is uniquely positioned to help maintain and enhance our quality community – but we don’t do it alone. Thank you to the countless individuals and the many groups, organizations and businesses who support us in meeting our mission: to work in partnership with citizens to ensure responsive programs, facilities and open space which promote personal growth, social development and healthy lifestyles.



OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

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 responsible for investigating and taking 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs	146
Barking Dogs	17
Nuisance Dogs	2
Vicious Dogs*	1
Dog/Cat Bites	23
Cat Complaints	26
Cruelty Complaints	17
Wildlife Calls	136
Other calls (farm animals, horses, cows, chickens, goats)	34

Total Number of complaints investigated 466

Impounded Animals	38
Redeemed by Owners	29
Rabies Cases	0

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



DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute the owner of each dog over the age of six (6) months must license their dog(s) with the Office of the Town Clerk no later than the 30th of June each year. Find the form and instructions on the Town Clerk’s page on the town website:

www.granby-ct.gov

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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.

Granby Senior Center offers its 767 members many diverse programs including Lifelong Learning programs, exercise classes, art and music lessons, as well as small and large interest groups.

Members were ready to get back to exercise in person at the Senior Center post-pandemic. This was obvious when the attendance at most exercise classes doubled compared to enrollment in 2019. Tai Ji Quan Movement for Better Balance, a twenty-four-week evidence-based program, was offered free to participants through a grant from the Healthy Living Collective (a value of \$160 per participant).

Senior Day 2021 was a great success. More than 20 vendors from senior serving agencies participated and provided information on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors including

home care services, senior living options, health care, financial and legal services and travel. More than 75 seniors visited the event and enjoyed a free lunch courtesy of one of the sponsoring agencies.

Through a new partnership with Collette Tours, the world is open to travelers from the Senior Center. The first trip offered through the partnership was an amazing tour of the National Parks in the Western United States. Fourteen adventurous travelers visited the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone, Zion and Mount Rushmore over a two-week period.

Senior Van service provides rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, lunch at the Senior Center and day trip excursions. 190 registered riders rode 8,552 miles this year.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR SENIORS

Medicare

www.medicare.gov

Alzheimer's Association

www.alz.org/ct

North Central Area Agency on Aging

www.ncaaact.org



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, Local Assistance Fund, Salvation Army, many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations and youth groups.

Services offered directly through Social Services include:

Energy Assistance: Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 77 households to assist in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$6,500 in donations from individual donors, civic groups and churches.

Elderly And Disabled Renters' Tax Relief: Thirty-nine applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in total combined rebates of approximately \$18,395 to qualified applicants.

Holcomb Farm Produce Project: Weekly distribution of fresh organic vegetables from an Holcomb Farm organizational share was provided via drive-thru service to 74 seniors. In addition, five Granby families received CSA gifted shares.

Emergency Assistance: The Local Assistance Fund received \$9,175 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care and Crisis Assistance. Twenty-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 52 households and holiday gifts to 47 children.

www.granby-ct.gov/social-services

Visit the Social Services page on the Town of Granby website for more information on local assistance programs.



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FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley VNA has completed another successful year of Public Health Nursing and Wellness programs for the Town of Granby. Despite the ever-changing challenges of the national pandemic, our programs were run, showing continued support and excellent participation. Here are some of the highlights to the program success this past year:

Blood Pressure clinics, blood glucose testing and Influenza vaccinations were completed. Despite not being the largest community that the Farmington Valley VNA serves, the town of Granby is the largest participating town. This year, 595 health assessments were completed including blood pressure visits and 115 blood glucose assessments. The residents have taken well to these simple but very effective prevention services. Participation in the educational seminars offered continues to also be a success, and the Granby Senior Men's Breakfast club often hosts staff from the VNA to present with the latest information and best practices regarding the pandemic. The Flu/Influenza Clinics continue to be overbooked, and this year close to 300 vaccines were administered for residents. The VNA also supports vaccinations for the school system and employees.

The VNA is fortunate to receive Town funds for a Health Supervision program which provides in-home skilled nursing visits. This year, the program served a record number of residents and made 47 skilled nursing visits. The service provided by this program is vital and prevents unwanted hospitalizations. It enables people to stay home, even if treatments need to be altered. The community nurse can directly contact area primary care practices and patients receive what they need in their homes. The program is an innovative initiative that also helps with healthcare inequities. The VNA continued to provide wellness visits and provide skilled in-home nursing assessments when requested by the Town Senior or Social services. This provided for needed safety and health assessments.

The Granby Food bank continues to receive outstanding Town support through donations. This year, with

growing inflation and food costs, many more individuals and families experienced food inequities. The VNA was successful in expanding our reach to the two local low-income housing communities, in addition to supporting a local church that routinely hosts weekly meals and a larger holiday food program. The Granby Food Bank successfully distributed surplus food through the Hartford shelter programs to further assist people rather than waste the food. Volunteers have established relationships with neighboring towns and programs which allows for continued success even outside of the borders of our local communities.

The Farmington Valley VNA supports and assists many Town programs and organizations. The VNA assists the Granby Loan Closet when needed and supported efforts to secure grant funding for the expansion of the program. The association is actively involved with the Commission on Aging and looks forward to future endeavors. The mission of the VNA continues to be to create any program or service to meet the public health needs of the residents of Granby. We are pleased to continue to support the Town of Granby residents and will look forward to moving us all into a healthier state so that restrictions can one day be permanently lifted.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

Find information on community health programs, the Granby Food Bank, a calendar of VNA events and other helpful resources at:
farmingtonvalleyvna.org



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.

Summary of Tax Collections July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,975. At the end of the fiscal year, 425 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2020 Grand List adjusted levy was \$41,151,312 and the net collections on the current levy were \$40,958,491.
- During the 2021-2022 fiscal year 99.53% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2022 (including back taxes) were \$365,735. This is the lowest year end receivable since Fiscal Year 2007.

ACCESS, VIEW AND PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE

Visit the Tax Office page on the Town website for payment options using Invoice Cloud

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works department is responsible for the maintenance of all Town-owned buildings, grounds, equipment, roads, sewer and bridges available for residents and nonresidents to utilize. The department also oversees the solid waste/recycling removal and operation of the transfer station and manages building, road and bridge projects throughout the year.

Roads: Once again, the DPW had a very busy year overlaying over five miles of road including Case Street, Edgerton Road, Barndoor Hills Road, Bushy Hill Road and a section of Canton Road. Most of the areas were shimmed, chip-sealed and overlaid with a Micro pavement as part of our pavement preservation program. In addition to the overlay, catch basins were reconstructed, drainage systems were repaired, and curbs were replaced. Throughout the year, roads are patched with asphalt on an as-needed basis to keep deterioration down and eliminate safety concerns. During winter months when asphalt is not available, roads are patched using cold patch or the department hotbox. Clearing of roadside drainage areas is ongoing to facilitate water passage, guardrails are replaced, signs are replaced or repaired when necessary and sight 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. Tree trimming and removal is an ongoing process due to new growth creating poor sight lines and dieback caused by age and insects. Additionally, basins are cleaned to keep debris from entering outfall areas. In several areas throughout the town, ash trees were destroyed due to the invasion of the Emerald Ash borer and the DPW crew will be removing these trees throughout the years.

Bridges: Griffin Road Bridge replacement was completed and reopened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hungary Road Bridge located near the Suffield line was also completed and reopened to traffic. Moosehorn Bridge replacement is under new review to determine whether the road will need to be closed to all traffic during the process. Preliminary work began in the summer that included moving utilities and tree cutting. Donahue Bridge replacement plans are in progress and replacement is scheduled for 2023 that will require full closure to traffic while work is underway. Simsbury Bridge work is expected to begin in 2024. Please visit the Town website for updates under the News tab.

Winter Operations: The first snow fall kicked off the season in the beginning of December and ended in early March. Measurable snowfall totaled approximately 30 inches this season, but the greater challenges of the season were dealing with icing conditions and snow squalls. The DPW crew was called in over 40 times during the winter season to ensure the roads were safe for travel. Work included treating the roads for accumulated snow or ice conditions, opening water ways, pushing back intersections (to improve sight lines) and wing plowing to cut the bank's height down.

Buildings: Building projects are never ending much like at our own homes. DPW continued to deal with the COVID-19 epidemic by keeping Town buildings clean and disinfected daily to create a safe environment for all. Our employees are dedicated professionals that carry out their services to ensure a healthy environment throughout all our buildings. Employees are always on the move to repair minor electrical problems, HVAC concerns, as well as carpentry and plumbing repairs. Because of our skilled workforce, many repairs are made internally allowing the department to save money by not hiring outside contractors.

Maintenance: Public Works mechanics service over 60 pieces of equipment for the department, ranging from string trimmers to an L90 loader. 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 of vehicles and equipment.

Grounds: From the spring to the fall, DPW employees have logged over 1,000 hours of mower time to maintain just over 85 acres, 58 of which are in our town parks. Maintenance includes string trimming, maintaining flower beds, irrigation system repairs and tree trimming. Athletic events including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, football, tennis; the Summer Concert Series and Dog Days are a few of the many activities that take place on the grounds that require some form of maintenance. Adding to this list are nine town-owned cemeteries. The goal of the department is always to provide outstanding 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 the varied activities that take place on all Town grounds.

Transfer Station/Recycling: The transfer station is staffed by 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. Many items are included in the State's recycling programs with little or no cost associated with their disposal. The cost to dispose of solid waste continues to rise and the department works to balance disposal fee charges with the costs to operate the facility. Over 535 tons of bulky waste was taken in and removed from the site along with 56 tons of single stream recycling. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of brush were ground and removed.

The 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 services for our residents. In addition to dealing with many daily challenges, a severe winter with many ice storms and a rainy summer of growth, we are proud of the great job the crew continues to do for the Town. Special thanks to the Lions Club for contributing to the annual paper shredding day and to the volunteers who maintain the perennials on the roundabout.



RECYCLE RIGHT. RECYCLE SMART.

Use the RECYCLECT WIZARD
on the State recycling site to find
what is in and what is out!

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with various Emergency Response departments and volunteer first responder organizations in Granby (Police, Fire, EMS, and Health Departments) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan and to ensure the town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements. The department assists with the development and execution of inter-agency exercises and works to improve Granby's capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and major storms. Granby Emergency Management participated in the 2022 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative on May 24, 2022. The exercise focused on hurricane preparedness and included participation from the National Hurricane Center, in coordination with the National Weather Service the Northeast River Forecast Center, and the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. For training purposes, the Granby Emergency Operations Center was activated for this event.

The Granby Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) falls under the Emergency Management function. CERT is a dedicated team of volunteers who train regularly to provide assistance at emergencies and community events and can be activated by the Emergency Management Director for other needs of the town. The main mission of the team is to assist with the operation of an emergency shelter, special events and search and rescue. This year, Granby CERT assisted at multiple community events including the Granby Road Race, Memorial Day Parade and the Juneteenth Festival at Salmon Brook Park. The team also provided assistance with COVID-19 Test Kit Distributions. The CERT Team meets monthly and is actively recruiting new members.

As a resident, we ask that you be prepared and stay aware. Have a kit which contains your basic needs: food, water, medicine, etc. 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, prepare your kit well in advance and keep it in an easily accessible location. Visit www.ready.gov or <http://getreadycapitolregion.org/> for tips on how to prepare, which supplies you should stock up on and 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 phone, cell phone, email address and text, but you must register to receive this information. Look for the 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.

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

BE READY!

Visit these websites for information on how to prepare for and respond to an emergency.

National Ready Campaign
www.ready.gov

Get Ready Capitol Region
www.getreadycapitolregion.org



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Similar to last year, 2021-2022 was again a year characterized by a global pandemic, state and local fiscal challenges, and capital projects.

Notable events and circumstances this past year included: expansion of the Strings Program to Grade 5 at Wells Road; the addition of a classroom teacher at Kelly Lane to meet the needs of the current class size; the addition of a K-5 Special Education Instructional Coach at Kelly Lane and Wells Road; PSAT testing for students in Grades 8 through 11; an AP Summer Boot Camp for students enrolling in Advanced Placement Courses; a Connecticut Teacher Residency Program through the Capitol Region Education Council to support efforts in minority teacher recruiting; continued high return on investment as measured by student achievement; momentum and coherence provided by the Vision of a Graduate; a State Championship in boys' tennis; two-time recipient of the CIAC Michaels Achievement Cup Award; focus on social and emotional wellness of students; commitment and progress around improving student test scores; and success of clubs, athletic teams and individual students. The schools have continued to gain recognition for academic excellence (High School Accountability Index of 89.6% and 21st U.S. News Best CT High School).

In 2022-2023, the district looks forward to supporting continued incremental student achievement growth; the addition of a K-2 Literacy Specialist at Kelly Lane; implementation of the Illustrative Math Program at Kelly Lane and Wells Road; new course offerings at the high school including Black & Latino Studies, Integrated Algebra and Advanced Communications Technology & Broadcasting; expansion of the District Strings Program to Grade 6 at the middle school; school safety; and continuation in the Connecticut Teacher Residency Program through the Capitol Region Education Council. The high school looks forward to completion of the renovation project which includes a new cafeteria/kitchen, music rooms and technology education space. Additionally, a new Broadcast Studio funded by a grant from the Granby Education Foundation was recently completed.

Granby's spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools. Parents/Guardians, senior citizens, businesses 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.

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HOLCOMB FARM

The year 2021 was the second full year of the pandemic, and full of challenges for the Friends of Holcomb Farm, the Town's stewards of the 312-acre property given to Granby by Tudor and Laura Holcomb. Through teamwork, focus and the diligence of the farm manager, his crew and many volunteers, the Friends maintained—and even expanded—the services provided. It is a tribute to all who have donated so much of their time and talent that the farm is able continue to support the recreational and nutritional needs of the community.

During 2021, the Board of the Friends of Holcomb Farm continued to focus on assuring the Farm's long-term sustainability by updating its rolling, five-year Strategic Plan. The board took stock of the progress made over the past five years - improved farming results, development of a Tree Trail, improved invasive management, increasingly strong financial results (including exceptional success in securing grants), further expansion of Fresh Access and membership growth and outlined a fresh vision for the future.

The new vision states Holcomb Farm is a model of sustainability, developed and maintained through the work of the Friends of Holcomb Farm who:

- Grow healthy food, which is provided locally and to people in need throughout the region;

- Steward the land for increased productivity, environmental sustainability and public enjoyment;
- Engage with the community to increase commitment to local food systems, land preservation and ecologically smart practices; and
- Productively invest the time, talents, and treasure generously offered by our members, volunteers, granting agency partners and the Town of Granby.

Over \$80,000 worth of food grown on the farm was provided to people who might not otherwise have access, throughout the greater Hartford region, and especially through our local partners: the Granby Senior Center, Granby Social Services, and the Waste Not Want Not Community Dinner.

While the land is worked as intended, the main campus continues to be used by the community, managed through Granby's Recreation and Leisure Services, for weddings, educational endeavors and other community events. The North Barn, in particular, has proven to be a wonderful venue for gatherings.



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, reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses and 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 2021-2022, the Commission held 13 meetings and acted on eight requests for review and 13 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. The Commission also issued seven Enforcement Orders for regulated activities that were conducted without a permit.

David 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 2021-2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission held 20 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, visit the Town of Granby website at www.granby-ct.gov, where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission reviewed and approved 25 applications. The revenue generated from these applications for the Town was \$3,336. An additional \$1,044 was forwarded to the State as required.

In fiscal year 2021-2022 the Commission:

- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations 8.1.3.3 for a garage in excess of 600 square feet and within 100 feet of the street for property located at 27 Barn Door Hills Road, R2A Zone.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 8.3 Alcoholic Beverages.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 8.30 Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments.
- Approved an application seeking a Site Plan Modification under Zoning Regulations 4.2.13 for minor changes to parking and dumpster location for property located at 12 East Granby Road, CC Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Site Plan Modification to construct a garage, pool, bathroom and associated improvements for property located at 2 and 3 Murtha's Way, The Grand, T1 and PDM Zones. File Z-19-21.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Modification under Zoning Regulations 3.5.4.3 for small engine repair service with outside storage, for property located at 369 North Granby Road, C2 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit

under Zoning Regulations Section 8.5 for an accessory apartment for property located at 10 Silver Brook Lane, R2A Zone.

- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.5 for an accessory apartment for property located at 227 Hungary Road, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application for a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 9 for earth excavation to remove 700,000 yards of material, for property located at 67, 87 and 95B Notch Road, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking to modify a Special Permit for an existing farm store under Zoning Regulations Section 8.15.17 to allow indoor and outdoor music/entertainment and to change hours of operation, for property located at 29 Bushy Hill Road, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.1.3.4 for a garage in excess of 1,000 square feet, for property located at 8 Duncaster Circle, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations 8.6.13 and 8.16.4 for illuminated building and freestanding signs and signs that exceed that maximum square footage allowed, 12 East Granby Road, Westfield Bank, CC Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Sections 3.12.2 and 8.6.14 for a retail use and an illuminated freestanding sign, for property located at 281 Salmon Brook Street, CC Zone.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 8.16.10 Outdoor Dining to allow outdoor dining by site plan approval.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.29.1.3 for a ground-mount solar array for property located at 121 Day Street, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.1.3.3 for a barn in excess of 600 square feet within 100 feet of the street line for property located at 100 East Street, R30 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a site plan and Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Sections 3.5.4.3 and 8.21.4 for a commercial building and outdoor storage for landscaping materials in the Aquifer Protection

Overlay Zone for property located at 18 Mill Pond Drive, C2 Zone.

- Approved an application seeking to opt out of the parking requirements as outlined in Public Act No. 21-29. File Z-5-22.
- Approved an application seeking to opt out of the accessory apartment requirements as outlined in Public Act No. 21-29. File Z-6-22.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Zoning Regulations Sections 1.4 and 8.5 Accessory Apartments to allow attached apartments as of right and detached apartments by Special Permit. File Z-7-22.
- Approved an application seeking a site plan modification and a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Sections 8.6.13 and 8.6.14 for a bocce court/patio area and illuminated freestanding sign and sign that exceeds the allowable size for property located at 2 and 3 Murtha's Way, The Grand, T1 and PDM Zones. File Z-6-22.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 8.30 Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments.
- Approved an application seeking an amendment to Special Permit approval for file Z-2-22 under Zoning Regulations Section 8.29.1.3 for a ground-mount solar array for property located at 121 Day Street, R50 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.1.3.4 for a garage in excess of 1,000 square feet located at 70R Bushy Hill Road, R30 Zone.
- Approved an application seeking a Special Permit under Zoning Regulations Section 8.15.17.7.1 for the sale of alcoholic beverages produced on other farms located at 29 Bushy Hill Road, R50 Zone.

Have questions about zoning regulations, applications or interested in finding out more about a project in Town? Check out the Community Development Department page.

**[https://www.granby-ct.gov/
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17	18 BOS	19 ZBA	20 BOE	21 First Day of Winter	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	MFC Christmas Day	BOF				

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed

TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC.....Agricultural Commission..... 7:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm.
 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

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District is the local health department for the town of Granby.

Pandemic response activities remained a central focus of work in the past year. FVHD continues to serve as a critical provider of COVID-19 vaccinations. During the past fiscal year, FVHD hosted 11 vaccination clinics at schools and other community sites, 12 clinics for hard-to-reach populations including restaurant workers and in-home vaccinations for homebound individuals. Through these efforts we provided 1,134 1st dose, 1,086 2nd dose and 183 boosters for a total of 2,403 vaccinations. FVHD recently opened an on-site clinic at our office at 95 River Road in Canton, providing COVID-19 vaccine clinics twice weekly, and are looking forward to providing influenza vaccinations this Fall. FVHD team members continue to stay apprised of the ever-changing COVID information and serve as the subject matter expert for our communities and partners. The district continues to provide weekly data updates including the number of cases, infection rates, age distribution and vaccination rates.

As COVID response demands wane, the health district is transitioning back to other priorities including completion of our Community Health Assessment and community health programming. A community health assessment describes the health status of our communities and the key risk factors associated with health. The district reconvened its Community Health Assessment Advisory Group and completed the analysis and summary of data. Next steps will include sharing the data with our communities and developing a Community Health Improvement Plan in collaboration with our many partners. Recognizing the toll that the pandemic has had on mental health, the district is prioritizing mental health programming including sui-

cide prevention trainings and mental health first aide trainings for the public. This is the first step in building mental health literacy in our communities in an effort to enhance overall mental wellness, reduce stigma and build the capacity of individuals and groups to support those with mental illness.

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 dining out, swimming in a public pool, visiting a salon or drinking water from a private well. In an effort to enhance our support of the regulated community, the district has acquired an on-line permitting, renewal and inspection program called OpenGOV.

The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.

Permits Issued:

Food Service Establishments	54
Salons	12
Public Pools.....	6
New Septic	6
Septic Repair.....	30

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:

Food Service Establishments	125
Salons	15
Public Pools.....	8
New Septic	15
Septic Repair.....	45

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 several development projects including a modification to a site plan for 2 and 3 Murtha's Way for a garage and pool area, earth excavation project and a commercial building at 18 Mill Pond Drive. He also reviewed plans for town bridge replacement projects and worked with the Director of Public Works on several drainage and road projects.

THE FVHD IS HERE FOR YOU!

Consult the Farmington Valley Health District website for information on subjects such as protecting yourself from the flu, proper septic system maintenance or the latest food recalls and more.



fvhd.org

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 2019 Grand List to the 2020 Grand List was 15,105,570, a 1.48% increase. This was due in great part to the construction of the new 130 apartment complex, The Grand at Ridgewood and the building of new homes at Copper Brook Circle, 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, 2020 and September 30, 2021 was established by the Assessor. This supplemental Grand List totaled 15,667,825 generating \$620,600 in revenue. This was a decrease from the previous year which seems to indicate that the purchasing of newer vehicles is on the decline.

The Connecticut state law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. The Assessor's Office has completed and implemented their state mandated revaluation for the Grand List year of 2017. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2022. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.granby-ct.gov.

	2019 Grand List Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2020 Grand List Fiscal Year 2021-2022
REAL ESTATE	894,971,360	903,570,690
MOTOR VEHICLES	95,854,190	101,494,850
PERSONAL PROPERTY	31,213,220	31,213,220
Net Grand List.....	1,004,834,820	1,037,144,340
<i>MV Supple. Grand List.....</i>	<i>10,814,016</i>	<i>15,667,825</i>
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	<i>65,806,720</i>	<i>67,121,600</i>

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The current Registrars are Laura Wolfe (Democrat) and Paul Willis (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 remain current with legislative and technology changes. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and are actively seeking new volunteers. Required training for poll workers is available at different times to accommodate the varying needs of poll workers.

The Registrars' office is diligently working to ensure that all eligible residents can quickly and easily register to vote, check their address, party affiliation or voter status. During fiscal year 2022, we added 591 new voters, changed 1,109 records and removed 700 voters from our official voter registry. As of July 1, 2022, there were 8,081 active registered voters in Granby; 3,130 Unaffiliated, 2,386 Republican, 2,419 Democrat, 117 Independent, 4 Green, 2 Working Families and 17 Libertarian.

On November 2, 2021, there was a Municipal Election (no primary was needed). In January and March 2022, the two major parties held caucuses for Town Committee positions and for delegates for State conventions to endorse candidates for the November 2022 ballot. The annual budget meeting or referendum was held on April 25, 2022.

In the past two years, major changes were made to how people vote to make absentee voting more available to help minimize risk from the pandemic. Links for online voter registration, to check voter status and absentee applications are available on the town website.

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

Email: registrarofovoters@granby-ct.gov
Phone: 860-844-5322

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, Fire Marshal, Emergency Management and the Engineering and Wetlands Consultants. The office administers the Town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Director 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 provides staff support 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.

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 continued progress on the single-family homes and duplexes on Murtha's Way and the construction of the Westfield Bank building. The Commission also reviewed plans and provided feedback for a commercial development at 18 Mill Pond Drive. This past year the Commission also completed several Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation tasks, including a discussion of the Granby Center Zone. The Commission also began a study of the Neighborhood and Commercial Transition (T1) Zone, and it is expected this study will continue in the next fiscal year. In addition to this work, the Commission continues to monitor Connecticut Department of Transportation 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 C. Johnson, Dorcus S. Forsyth and Erik T. Lohr.

The Board had seven appeals for their meetings held in March of 2021. The members reviewed all the documentation presented to them, signed and finalized the numbers for the 2020 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.

PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District serves the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury and is located in the Simsbury Town Hall. Cynthia C. Becker, former judge for the Avon Probate Court, was re-elected as Judge of the Simsbury Regional Probate District for the 4-year term commencing January 5, 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 (inter vivos) trusts, and reviewing the accountings of trustees. In addition, probate courts appoint, supervise and remove conservators of the person and estate of individuals incapable of managing their personal or financial affairs due to mental or physical disability. These areas represent over half of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court's workload.

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

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

2020-2021 Workload of Court

Despite the COVID pandemic, the Court remained open throughout the year via e-filing, mailed documents and correspondence. Hearings were conducted by Judge Becker telephonically and via WEBEX and as COVID subsided in-person hearings resumed. As a result, 224 applications were accepted for probate of decedent's estates. In addition, 178 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The Court also processed 36 applications for Conservatorships and several applications for Guardianships of the Estate and Person of Minors, Guardianships of the Intellectually Disabled, Termination of Parental Rights, Approval of Adoptions, Name Changes and inter vivos trust matters.

Court Contact Information

The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street and is open Monday's from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Information about the courts is available online at www.jud.ct.gov, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

The demand for mental health services has remained high throughout Connecticut reflecting stressors created by the ongoing pandemic. The Youth Service Bureau provided counseling services to over 70 families during the year. Clinicians saw an average of 26 individual clients each week.

In an effort to extend the services available and reduce the length of the counseling wait list, the YSB began offering a weekly parental support drop-in group online. The success of this program has resulted in it becoming an ongoing offering to parents with younger children experiencing behavioral issues.

Youth Action Council developed an anti-vaping campaign to provide facts and increase awareness of the hazards of vaping. Middle school students were quizzed on facts posted at the schools and won prizes for their gained knowledge.

As Covid restrictions lifted, the YSB began offering its Our Whole Lives (OWLs) comprehensive sexual health program which covers values, biology, relationships and culture for youth in grades 7-9. The class ran with eight students enrolled in the 30-session program.

The YSB also began offering a Friday evening drop in for younger teens. Called The Vibe, this is a small group recreational program for teens looking for a supportive environment with a focus on building social connections and embracing individual differences. The Vibe is staffed by a licensed mental health professional who provides support and structure to meet the emotional needs of participants. A group of nine youth participated in this program, and it has continued into the new school year. The program features an ongoing Dungeons & Dragons game, nightly snacks and a pizza party on the last Friday of the month.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Granby Conservation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen who advocate on the environmental matters for the Town. For the first time in many years, all seven positions are filled with active members.

The Commission meets monthly and continues to build on the areas identified to promote conservation, educate our citizens and raise awareness of the natural resources that the Town of Granby has to offer. Commission members continued an education campaign on invasive species known as "Not Wanted" which included a detailed article on a specific invasive published in each issue of the Granby Drummer. In addition, monthly work parties were organized by one Commissioner to remove invasive plants at Holcomb Farm and to replace them with native vegetation. These events have been well attended by volunteers from the community.

The second year of the Explore Granby program was very successful. The program offers open space scavenger hunts and motivates Granby residents to get outside and explore the Town's beautiful natural resources. This year's destinations included Granby Land Trust properties, McLean Game Refuge and the Holcomb Farm Trails Network. Residents who explored each destination and reported their activity to the Commission received a certificate of acknowledgement at the November Commission meeting. Explore Granby 2023 is in the planning stage and will showcase some of the wonderful waterfalls and cascades located in the town.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in December to adopt the resolution supporting registration in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification program and authorized the Conservation Commission to pursue

it further. Commission members worked tirelessly to apply for the initial certification and all seven commissioners as well as community members continue to actively participated in this project.

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

INVASIVE SPECIES

Over the years, a variety of non-native species have been introduced to Connecticut. These are referred to as invasive species and can cause harm to the environment. To find out more visit the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website.

www.portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Invasive-Species/Invasive-Species



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 1,340 permits with a total constructed value of \$30,065,306 during fiscal year 2021-2022. This represents an increase of \$13,917,093 from fiscal year 2020-2021.

Development in Town is holding steady with new construction and is apparent with the start of construction of Harness Way, a 24-lot single-family subdivision located off West Granby Road and a residential development located at 2 Murtha's Way, which consists of 19 single-family homes and 56 duplexes.

In addition to the services provided to Granby residents and developers in Town, the Building Department provides building inspection and administrative services to the Town of Hartland. The Building Department also participates in a mutual aid agreement with the towns of

East Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, and Canton. This agreement provides valuable coverage and support to each of these towns during times of emergency and planned staff absences.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the Connecticut State Building Code, the Building Department provides administrative support to the Town's Fire Marshal, Director of Emergency Management as well as the Town Engineer, Wetlands Agent and several land use boards, including the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

The Building Official also serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer and is responsible for reviewing applications for building and development and ensuring their compli-

ance with the Zoning Regulations. The Zoning Enforcement Officer also responds to and takes the appropriate and necessary action in dealing with complaints regarding these regulations. A total of 1,345 inspections were performed this year.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact the department to discuss plans for proposed projects and any related building code questions. The department maintains files on all buildings constructed in the town. The information on each developed property can be useful in planning any project. The goal of the department is to ensure a safely built environment for all of Granby's citizens.

Building Permits Issued			Value of Construction		Permit Fees Collected	
1,340			\$30,065,306		\$481,045	
New Home Permits			All Other Permits		Totals	
Year	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
2021-22	87	11,934,479	1,253	18,130,827	1,340	30,065,306
2020-21	10	1,610,000	1,462	14,538,213	1,472	16,148,213
2019-20	12	2,192,459	1,491	19,719,605	1,503	21,912,064
2018-19	19	2,531,000	2,430	40,823,706	2,449	43,354,706
2017-18	18	2,685,000	1,140	11,153,381	1,158	13,838,381
2016-17	12	2,274,000	888	8,665,503	900	10,939,503
2015-16	8	1,411,000	946	10,747,678	954	12,158,678
2014-15	10	1,886,000	983	11,321,607	993	13,207,607
2013-14	11	2,372,864	1,036	6,245,665	1,047	8,618,529

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware.

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, except for one-and two-family dwellings. Other responsibilities include enforcing hazardous materials regulations, reviewing proposed building plans, determining the cause and origin of all fires and explosions and administering the open burning regulations in Town.

The main objective of the Fire Marshal's office is to gain compliance with mandated Connecticut Life Safety and Fire Codes. The Fire Marshal works closely with the Building Official on projects involving commercial or multifamily occupancies. 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 121 fire safety inspections were completed, 30 burn permits were issued, seven fire investigations were conducted to determine cause and origin and 12 plans were reviewed for new and existing construction projects. The Fire Marshal also assisted the Emergency Management Director during the pandemic and continues to do so. The office also makes many on-site inspections of projects with the Building Official to ensure compliance with codes and regulations. The Fire Marshal must complete the required continuing education credits to remain certified.

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. If you need assistance with installation of smoke alarms, please contact the Fire Marshal's office.

The Fire Marshal's office hours are Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments for meetings and inspections can be arranged by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at 860-844-5321.

GRANBY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Granby Ambulance Association (GAA) has been a vital part of the Granby community since 1963. GAA was mostly a volunteer organization until about 20 years ago when the association upgraded to an advanced life support organization with the inclusion of paramedics. Today GAA employs six full-time paramedics, three full-time EMTs, 12 part-time paramedics and EMTs, and eight volunteers to answer the call for emergency medical services. GAA also has a fully volunteer board of directors. The full-time administrator retired at the end of 2021 and all of those duties are now completed by volunteers. One new ambulance was added to the fleet earlier this year and two older ambulances were retired. The fleet of ambulances has been reduced to three along with one non-transport vehicle. It is estimated that GAA responds to over 1,000 requests for services in the Town of Granby.

All of the ambulances and the non-transport vehicle carry state-of-the-art cardiac monitors complemented by over 30 medications, basic and advanced airway equipment, intravenous and intraosseous therapy supplies, CPR assist devices, as well as stretchers and lifting aids to prevent back injuries. GAA is also honored to be one of only two ground transport organizations in the State of Connecticut selected by the St. Francis Hospital emergency coordinator to carry whole blood.

Emergency (911) medical transport is only part of the mission at Granby Ambulance Association. GAA's Chief of Service, Kate Coupe, and her training team continues to offer several community educational courses to residents, churches and businesses, including adult and pediatric first aid, CPR for all ages, AED use and Stop the Bleed classes. Many of these had been on hold during the pandemic but are now being offered to the community on a regular basis.

GAA is privileged to continue as a partner to Granby to promote and support healthy outcomes. When the emergency happens in homes, cars, workplaces, gyms, churches or neighborhoods, Granby Ambulance wants the citizens of Granby to be armed with knowledge, skills and abilities to act safely, swiftly and calmly to

render immediate aid before police first responders or EMS responders arrive on the scene.

GAA appreciates all the support provided by the Granby community. We are proud and fortunate to be a member of this community and wish to continue to do so for years to come. It is our privilege to be Granby's EMS provider.

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 nine requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations, granting all nine.

SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

If you need assistance with installation of smoke and carbon dioxide alarms, contact the Fire Marshal's Office.

860-844-5321



APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Animal Control Officer,
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor,
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer,
Joel D. Skilton

Chief of Police,
Carl G. Rosensweig

Collector of Revenue,
Lauren C. Stuck

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

Director of Finance,
Yim K. Cheng

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,
Brian K. Long

Emergency Management Director,
Kyle V. Botteron

Town Clerk,
Scott A. Nolan

Town Engineer,
Kevin W. Clark

Town Manager,
Erica P. Robertson

Treasurer,
John E. Adams

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

Mark H. Fiorentino, First Selectman
Margaret Q. Chapple
Frederick A. Moffa
Mark C. Neumann
Kelly O. Rome

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr., Chairman
Jenny P. Emery
Kevin F. Hobson
William J. Kennedy
James C. Tsapsinos
Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

Sarah E. Thrall, Chairman
Kristina G. Gilton
Monica Logan
Donna M. Nolan
David Peling
Whitney Sanzo
Rosemarie T. Weber

Planning & Zoning Commission

Mark W. Lockwood, Chairman
Jonathan T. Boardman
Christine L. Chinni
Eric L. Lukingbeal
Eric W. Myers
Matthew M. Peters
Brennan J. Sheahan

Planning & Zoning Commission Alternates

Paula H. Johnson
Vacancy

Town Moderator

John E. Adams

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ann Crimmins, Chairman
Thomas J. Caputi
Robert M. Lindeyer
Steven E. Muller
Suzanne L. Yucha

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Lynn Guelzow
William P. O'Leary
David W. Roberts

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman
Dorcus S. Forsyth
Erik T. Lohr

Registrar of Voters

Paul R. Willis
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Hon. Cynthia C. Becker

State Representative

Mark W. Anderson, 62nd District

State Senators

John A. Kissel, 7th District
Paul Honig, 8th District*

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal
Christopher S. Murphy

*Unofficial results

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agricultural Commission

Heather L. Lombardo, Chairman
Sara A. Esthus
Shirley B. Murtha
John D. O'Brien
William P. O'Leary
Erin Pirro
Ellen L. Whitlow

Commission on Aging

Jean A. Donihee-Perron, Chairman
Kimberly Becker
Mae Collins
Donna M. Snyder
Jennifer Jalbert
Philip D. Main
Walter L. Mission
Patricia E. Sansone
Ellen Thomson

Conservation Commission

David W. Roberts, Chairman
David Desiderato
Zachary Donais
Melinda L. Gould
Kelley Lawton
Kent R. McCord
Kara Marshall

Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager, Chairman
Mathew L. Brady
James K. Caldwell
Kenneth O. Kuhl
Robert J. Rome
Anna Sogliuzzo

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman
Nicholas Dethlefsen
Victoria K. Dirienzo
Frederic B. Jones
John L. Laudati
Aurelle S. Locke
Vacancy

Library Board

Judith A. Guarco, Chairman
Robert P. Donna
Kristal Fiorentino
Sandra Fischer
Pam Jones
Audrey Lampert
Lynn G. Lochhead
Hillary Peterson
Catherine D. Watso

Park & Recreation Board

Suzanne L. Yucha, Chairman
Jennifer P. Bilodeau
Gregory Dion
Sheryl Litchfield
Anthony McGovern
Stephen Simard
Kathy D. Ungerleider

For further information
on Community Agencies,
see Town of Granby website:
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

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.
 Tue., Wed., & Thurs. ... 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Sat. 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cossitt Library Branch 860-653-8958

Library Hours are subject to change - please see the library website www.granby-ct.gov/library for the most current information.

Granby Senior Center 860-844-5352

Transfer Station 860-653-8960

Police Department 860-844-5335

POLICE EMERGENCY 911

Probate Court – Simsbury 860-658-3277

Regional Probate District

Public Works Facility 860-653-8960

Recreation Office 860-653-8947

For all of the weeks of summer camp, the office will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons.

Registrar of Voters 860-844-5300

Social Services 860-844-5351

Superintendent of Schools 860-844-5250

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.** Please call the Town Hall 860-844-5300 or check the town website www.granby-ct.gov for the most up to date information.

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.

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2023 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 2023						
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				

February 2023						
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				

March 2023						
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 2023						
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

May 2023						
Memorial Day – 5/29/23						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
30	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			

June 2023						
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	1

July 2023						
Independence Day – 7/4/23						
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					

August 2023						
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		

September 2023						
Labor Day – 9/4/23						
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 2023						
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 2023						
Thanksgiving – 11/23/23						
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 2023						
Christmas – 12/25/2023						
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

Paine's 2023 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 - no change in service

Memorial Day - May 29, 2023

Independence Day – July 4, 2023

Labor Day - September 4, 2023

Thanksgiving Day - November 23, 2023

Christmas Day – December 25, 2023

When in doubt, put it out!