

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF

WASHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

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TOWN CALENDAR 2010-2011

July 1	Beginning of fiscal year. First payment of property tax during July.
August 2	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
September 30	Military discharge to be recorded by new residents for tax exemptions.
Oct. 1 – Nov. 1	All business personal property, excluding registered motor vehicles, to be listed with Assessor.
October 4	Annual Town Meeting.
November 2	Election Day.
December 1	Gregory Seeley Bryan Birthday (1868).
January 1	Happy New Year! Second payment of property tax due during January.
Feb. 1 – Oct. 1	Additional veteran's exemption applications received (income requirements).
February 2	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
February 20	Board of Assessment Appeals must receive written appeals for hearings scheduled during March.
Feb. 1 – May 15	Elderly or disabled homeowners apply for tax credit (income requirements).
May 5	Annual Town Budget Hearing.
May 15 – Sept. 15	Elderly or disabled renters apply for tax credit (income requirements).
May 19	Annual Town Budget Meeting.
June	Dog license fees payable.
June 30	Fiscal year ends.

MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Selectmen

Every other Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Board of Finance

3rd Monday of each month 5:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

1st Wednesday of each month 5:00 p.m.

Historic District Commission

3rd Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Inland Wetlands Commission

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

2nd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission

4th Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m.

Building Official

Daily 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Sanitarian

Monday and Wednesday 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Board of Education

2nd Monday of each month 7:30 p.m. and as posted.

- Please check Town Clerk's notice board for changes and special meetings.
- Bryan Memorial Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- The Land Use Office is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.
- The Agent for the Elderly is available Tuesday at the Senior Center
 - (it is suggested specific appointments be made).
- Washington Probate Court will officially be closed as of January 4, 2011.
- The Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TOWN OFFICERS AND OTHERS SERVING IN A FIDUCIARY CAPACITY

As of July 1, 2010

Animal Control Officer

(appointed)

Cynthia F. Brissett

Board of Assessment Appeals

(elected-4 year term)

Ann Fisher Bruzzi, Chairman

Roderick M. Wyant III

Richard O. Carey

Assessor

(appointed-4 year term)

Barbara S. Johnson

Auditor

Charles P. Heaven & Company

Building Official

William T. P. Jenks

Building & Property Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Nicholas N. Solley

Mark Showalter

Conservation Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Susan F. Payne, Chairman

Kelly Boling

Phillip Markert

Linda Frank

Diane M. Dupuis

Elizabeth Corrigan, alt.

Richard Sonder, alt.

Philip M. Dutton, alt.

Vacancy

Emergency Management

(appointed)

Robert Tomlinson

Thomas Hearn

Board of Finance

(elected-6 year term)

Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

Barbara Brown

John Boyer

Gary Fitzherbert

Rexford Swain

Craig G. Schoon

Arthur J. DuBois, alt.

Lisabeth D. Adams, alt.

Reginald K. Templeton, Jr., alt.

Fire Chiefs

Mark Showalter, Chief

Darryl Wright, 1st Asst. Chief

Fire Marshall

(appointed)

Donald S. Etherington

Health Director

(appointed)

Michael A. Crespan

Historic District Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Alison Gilchrist, Chairman

William H. Smith

Peter Talbot

Ronald K. Chute

J. Allen Kerr

Jane Boyer, alt.

Phyllis J. Mills, alt.

Scott J. Tilden, alt.

Housing Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Wayne Hileman, Chairman

Jean Suddaby

Lisabeth D. Adams

Susan M. Werkhoven

Andrew O'Hazo

Vacancy, alt.

Vacancy, alt.

Vacancy, alt.

Patte Doran, Secretary

Inland Wetlands Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Anthony J. Bedini, Chairman

Charles LaMuniere

Dorothy G. Hill

Stephen Wadelton

Roger A. Bohan

Anthony P. Martino, alt.

Robert Papsin, alt.

Margaret Cheney, alt.

Michael Ajello, Enforcement Officer

Judea Cemetery Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Dennis Hussey, Chairman

Ruth M. Alex

Phyllis Allen

Ellen J. Condon

Georgia P. Whitney

Justices of the Peace

(elected)

Frank Adams

Randall J. Breeckner

Ann Fisher Bruzzi

Matthew W. Cain

Dottie Carlson

Kenneth Cornet

Reginald W. Fairbairn

Edith C. Johnson

Adam J. Korpalski

Daniel J. Leab

Joseph A. Mustich

Justices of the Peace, Continued

Davyne E. Verstandig

Joshua Weiner

Roderick M. Wyant, III

Lake Waramaug Authority

(appointed-3 year term)

Sandra Papsin

Edwin S. Matthews, Jr.

Dean Sarjeant

Land Use Coordinator

(appointed)

Janet M. Hill

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

(appointed)

Pamela F. Collins

Open Burning Official

(appointed)

Gunnar Neilson

Parks and Recreation Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Sheila M. Anson, Chairman

Timothy A. Cook

Raymond W. Reich

Joseph B. Fredlund

Joan M. Gauthey

Holly Z. Haas

Christopher J. Kersten

Louis Magnoli

Planning Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Adelaide Roberts, Chairman

Paul Frank

Susan Jahnke

Dimitri Rimsky

Sarah E. Gager

Barbara G. Braverman, alt.

J. Winston Fowlkes III, alt.

Richard O. Carey, alt.

Police

(appointed)

Stephen Sordi, Resident State Trooper
Patrick J. Kessler, Full Time Officer
Scott Flaton, Full Time Officer
Thomas J. Accousti, Part Time Officer

Probate Court Judge

(elected-4 year term)

Judge Victoria M. Cherniske

Region #12 School Board

(elected-4 year term)

Washington Representatives:
James Hirschfield
Valerie J. Andersen
Michelle Gorra
Anthony J. Bedini
Frannie Caco
Laird Davis

Registrars of Voters

(elected-4 year term)

Constance Kaylor
Mary Ann Rimbochi

Board of Selectmen

(elected-2 year term)

Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman
James L. Brinton
Nicholas N. Solley

Senior Center Director

(appointed)

Pamela F. Collins

Tax Collector

(elected-2 year term)

Tanya J. Wescott

Town Clerk

(elected-4 year term)

Sheila M. Anson

Treasurer

(elected-2 year term)

Linda M. McGarr

Tree Warden

(appointed)

Thomas Osborne

Zoning Commission

(elected-6 year term)

David L. Owen, Chairman
Gary Fitzherbert
Valerie Friedman
Ralph V. Averill
Luis Abella
Raymond Reich
Andrew Shapiro, alt.
Harry H. Wyant, alt.
Arthur J. DuBois, Jr., alt.
Michael Ajello, Enforcement Officer

Zoning Board of Appeals

(elected-4 year term)

Bradford Sedito, Chairman
Katherine K. Leab
Randolph W. Snook
Mary J. Roberts
Todd Catlin
Peter Bowman, alt.
Georgia P. Middlebrook, alt.
Roderick M. Wyant III, alt.
Vacancy

Vital Statistics

Births: 18

Marriages: 56 (partial list)

Births: 29

Marriages: 58

(Partial List)

John D. Herrmann & Meg S. Sullivan	July 25, 2009
Deana L. Tierney & William H. May	August 2, 2009
Samantha L. Landers & Kevin A. Deitz	August 8, 2009
William B. Stalvey & Meghan E. Casey	August 15, 2009
Matthew J. Vogt & Kristen N. Ranson	August 20, 2009
Carolyn R. Wallace & Raimondo Paolucci	August 22, 2009
William T. Fairbairn & Maria K. Marum	August 29, 2009
Christopher J. Saharek & Elizabeth A. Stichter	September 3, 2009
William D. Hulse Jr. & Shannon N. Balotti	September 5, 2009
David S. Lewandowski & Steven L. James	September 5, 2009
Thomas P. Arcari & Anna Machial	September 19, 2009
Vincent M. Belanger & Dawn M. Stoughton	October 3, 2009
Scott H. Smith & Catherine I. Rzepecki	October 3, 2009
Daniel A. Capobianco & Marietta A. Corso	October 10, 2009
Scott D. Werkhoven & Lauren V. Cook	October 10, 2010
William E. Fore & Joe E. Loose	October 17, 2009
Shaun M. Goodrich & Keli M. Humiston	November 14, 2009
Matthew B. Hill & Amanda M. Parks	December 5, 2009
Christopher T. Ransom & Pia R. Gandt	December 22, 2009
Sarah C. Jenkins & Erica M. Ryland	January 1, 2010
Jon W. Fletcher & Jessica L. Ullram	February 27, 2010
Nolan M. Titcomb & Jessica M. Compton	March 6, 2010
David S. Ivill & Vincent J. Weiner Jr.	May 7, 2010
Craig A. Wilbur & Jennifer K. Rosenbeck	May 15, 2010
James C. Pryor & Deva H. L. Verstandig Frisbie	May 29, 2010
Kyle P. Anderson & Jennifer L. Osborne	June 12, 2010
James E. Brundage & Jodi L. Harper	June 13, 2010
James W. Gillette & Dolores A. Ziegler	June 19, 2010
Keith C. Holden & Valerie F. Watts	June 20, 2010
James R. Belanger & Sarah D. Mikolaycik	June 26, 2010
Dylan P. Schiesel & Candice L. Ellison	June 26, 2010

Deaths: 22

Robert Lee	July 10, 2009
Seymour Surnow	July 24, 2009
Marthe Shanley	August 5, 2009
Nancy Forese	August 8, 2009
Alex Sarjeant	August 19, 2009
Carolyn Lincoln	August 19, 2009

Bruce E. Carusillo	August 30, 2009
Samuel I. Packard	September 26, 2009
Betty Jensen	October 31, 2009
Rosemarie B. Lombardi	November 5, 2009
Grover Jensen	November 16, 2009
Frederick N. Byerly	November 16, 2009
John J. Kenny	December 11, 2009
Jean Laplanche	December 16, 2009
Joanna V. Settle	January 18, 2010
Laughlin Phillips	January 24, 2010
John R. Long	February 2, 2010
Constance T. Worcester	February 25, 2010
John J. Mullen	March 29, 2010
Frank D. Conklin	June 3, 2010
Richard Lipsett	June 5, 2010
Violet Swanson	

SHEPAUG VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

With little or no change in the fiscal climate that beset the region, the state, and the nation in the 2008-2009 school year, the Board of Education proposed, and the voters accepted, its second consecutive 0% increase budget plan. In addition to the financial realities constraining the region, it also experienced another year of declining enrollment, the most recent in a series of repeated decreases representing a drop of nearly 200 students since the beginning of the decade. If there was good news to be found in either of these circumstances it would be that the reduction in staff necessary to reach the lowest possible budget request could occur without any substantial increases in class size or dramatic changes in program for the region's students. The professional staff at the start of the school year was down 4.5 FTE from the prior year, and there were similar reductions of 6.0 FTE paraprofessionals and 1.0 tutor in the support staff for the 2009-2010 school year.

In the fall of the year a new Facilities Coordinator (Mr. Donald O'Leary) was brought on-board to continue the process began the prior year of developing a long-term repair plan for the elementary facilities, as well as for Shepaug Middle/High School. Considerable work done that fall involving key Board of Education members and the Facilities Coordinator finalized a sizeable inventory of repair work needed along with estimated costs. This led to the Board's decision to seek approval from the voters for a bond in the amount of \$2.3 million to accomplish this work. All three towns in the region supported the bond and work began on the many elements of the repair list in the spring. This work will continue into the following school year and will be completed in the summer of 2011. This effort lent energy to the ongoing efforts to establish leases with the three towns for the K-5 facilities. This work would continue throughout the 2009-2010 school year.

Also in the summer prior to the 2009-2010 school year, the long-term Shepaug principal, Eugene Horrigan, announced his retirement effective with the start of the school year thus creating the need to begin a search process immediately. That effort was completed and in January 2010 Mrs. Kimberly Gallo began her tenure as Mr. Horrigan's successor.

The "success planning" process begun two years earlier continued, with each school gauging areas for improvement of student performance and devising action steps to achieve that improvement. Elsewhere in this document the results of statewide testing are presented and with few exceptions the region's students continued their outstanding performances. We are pleased with the results of

such initiatives as Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) and Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI), programs intended to provide supportive and timely instruction for students experiencing very specific learning difficulties, approaches that would be instituted when and if the H1N1 cycle of infection would return.

In that student numbers are projected to continue decreasing for the next ten years and because the costs associated with educating Region 12 students will continue to rise, it will be crucial for the Board of Education in upcoming years to engage its constituent communities in a dialogue that seeks to establish targets of efficiency that allow for maintaining the excellence and effectiveness that characterizes so much of what goes on in Region 12.

2009-2010 Student Achievement

89% of the class of 2010 will be continuing their formal education
76% will be attending four-year colleges/universities

**Top "5" Seniors/Class of 2010
and College/University Attending**

Christina Dumas
Alison Carini
Nicole Deanne
Catherine Wolk
Megan Woodruff

Franklin & Marshall College
Connecticut College
American University
Fairfield University
Quinnipiac University

CAS (CT Association of Schools) Scholar-Athlete Awards (H.S.)

Christina Dumas
Samian Roy

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Luis Garcia
Nichole Souza

High Honors all year for Academic Achievement at High School

Grade 9 - Emily Deanne, Kathryn DeWitte, Jessica Dumas, James Freeland, Lucas Guliano, William Heyne, Justin Isaac, Peyton Kay, Emma Landegren, Hanna Landegren, Mia Landegren, Bridget McCarthy, Kevin Pratt, Ellery Rourk, Benjamin Steers, McKayla Sturges, Emily Svenningsen, Kelley Swenson, Oliver Taylor

Grade 10 - Catherine Alexander, Shannon Bartkus, Gina DeMeo, James Donovan, Melinda Fragomeli, Brittany Hartman, Jennifer Isaac, Lindsay Isaac, Edward Kelly, Colleen Koslosky, Jeffrey Lewis, Sarah Paisley, Nichole Parzuchowski, Kathryn Paul, Andrew Stern,

Grade 11 - Tarryn Bartkus, Lillian Bogue, Jordan Butler, Aimee Cowan, Aidan Galligan, Gregory Harris, Callie Huber, Eric Hungerford, Elizabeth Kleisner,

Alexis Lopriore, James O'Donnell, Christine Putnam, Mirriah Rebillard, Jesse Steinmetz, Cooper Swenson, Kelly Voelpel

Grade 12 -Alison Carini, Nicole Deanne, Christina Dumas, Nicholas Gueniat, Charlotte McConaghy, Aimee Reutzel, Marina Scanlon, Kimberly Ann Seeger, Nichole Souza, Catherine Wolk, Megan Woodruff

National Honor Society Members at High School

Present Members - Alexandria Bierce, Alison Carini, Emma Cava, Nicole Deanne, Kathryn Droessler, Christina Dumas, Luis Garcia, Nicole Hartman, Charlotte McConaghy, Samantha Metcalf, Megan Piersall, Michael Piersall, Samian Roy, Aimee Reutzel, Marina Scanlon, Kimberly Seeger, Nichole Souza, Stacy Sullivan, Nicholas Velseboer, Amanda Walsh, Catherine Wolk, Megan Woodruff

Newly Elected Members - Tarryn Bartkus, Lillian Bogue, Aimee Cowan, Alana Crumrine, Jamie Davenport, Patrick Firmender, Rosemary Galinski, Aidan Galligan, Matthew Griffith, Joseph Guliano, Gregory Harris, Callie Huber, Eric Hungerford, Elizabeth Kleisner, Alexis Lopriore, KD MacDonald, James O'Donnell, Bruna Pires, Linnea Quist, Mirriah Rebillard, Jesse Steinmetz, Cooper Swenson, Kelly Voelpel, Emily Zibell

Northern Regional Music Festival

Emma Cava, John Shusdock

Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS)

WPS - 5th grade, Tyler Bohenko

BS - 5th grade, Kathleen Sinatra

BFS - 5th grade, Martin Meyer

MS - 8th grade, Alexander White

HS - 11th grade, Jesse Steinmetz

HS - 12th grade, Megan Woodruff

CABE (CT Association of Boards of Education) Student Leadership Award (HS)

12th grade, Charlotte McConaghy - 12th grade, Samian Roy

CAS (CT Association of Schools) Scholar Leader Awards (M.S.)

Shaelyn Rourk - Michael Leslie

Athletic Achievements/Information

SPORT STUDENTS ON ROSTER

Grade	Males	Females	Total
9 th	56	42	98
10 th	79	52	131
11 th	52	57	109
12 th	46	48	94
Totals	233	199	432

Team Records

FALL

Field Hockey 5-6-1-2
Boys Soccer 4-11-1
Girls Soccer 10-5-1
Boys Cross Country 8-2
Girls Cross Country 4-6

WINTER

Boys Basketball 6-14
Girls Basketball 4-16
Swimming 15-3
Ice Hockey 1-19

SPRING

Baseball 10-10
Softball 8-12
Boys Tennis 3-15
Girls Tennis 14-2
Boys Track 6-4
Girls Track 8-2
Golf 18-9

Athletic Programs Offered

Female: Field Hockey, Track, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Tennis, Cross Country, Cheerleading

Male: Soccer, Track, Swimming, Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Tennis, Ice Hockey, Golf

Berkshire League Championships

Swimming
Girls' Tennis

Sportsmanship Award Winners from Berkshire League

Girls' Basketball
Girls' Track
Golf

Charles McGinnus Award (top male athlete)

Michael Piersall

Joseph Babcock Award (top female athlete)

Megan Piersall

D.A.R. Award (Middle School)

Brittany Sullivan & Katie Tracy

Roxbury Good Citizenship Awards (Middle School)

Cameron Ingram & Melissa Serra

State of CT Excellence in Citizenship Award (Middle School)

Thomas McCluskey

Awards In Excellence (M.S.)

Excellence in English.....Dana Walker
Excellence in Algebra.....Clara Wolfe
Excellence in MathematicsKimberly Valentine
Excellence in ScienceClara Wolfe
Excellence in Social StudiesKimberly Valentine
Excellence in SpanishDana Walker
Excellence in FrenchThomas McCluskey

Awards in Achievement (M.S.)

Achievement in EnglishAustyn Flayderman
Achievement in Algebra.....Sarah Williams
Achievement in Mathematics.....Alexander James
Achievement in ScienceDylan Fairbairn
Achievement in Social Studies.....Samuel Iannucci
Achievement in SpanishClaire Hagen
Achievement in FrenchSummer Mercier

Unified Arts Awards (M.S.)

Excellence in Art.....Sarah Williams
Excellence in Crafts.....Randall Holman
Excellence in ChorusMichael Leslie & Kailee Munson
Excellence in Instrumental Music.....Michael Yedowitz
Excellence in StringsAmanda Payne
Excellence in Technology.....Josephine Purdy & Dakota Wilson

Excellence in Computer Tech.....Thomas McCluskey & Shaelyn Rourk
 Excellence in Girls' Physical Education..... Amanda Payne
 Excellence in Boys' Physical EducationWesley Meeker
 Unified Arts Competency Award.....Emily Chin

CMT Generation 4 Cohort Analyses:
Percentage of Students At/Above Goal

Performance of 2009 - 2010 8th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 7th grade (2008 - 2009) and 6th grade (2007 - 2008).

	Math			Reading			Writing		
	Grade 6 Spring '08	Grade 7 Spring '09	Grade 8 Spring '10	Grade 6 Spring '08	Grade 7 Spring '09	Grade 8 Spring '10	Grade 6 Spring '08	Grade 7 Spring '09	Grade 8 Spring '10
% At/Above Goal	74.1%	68.3%	67.9%	66.7%	80.2%	73.8%	72.8%	64.6%	71.6%

Performance of 2009 - 2010 7th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 6th grade (2008 - 2009) and 5th grade (2007 - 2008).

	Math			Reading			Writing		
	Grade 5 Spring '08	Grade 6 Spring '09	Grade 7 Spring '10	Grade 5 Spring '08	Grade 6 Spring '09	Grade 7 Spring '10	Grade 5 Spring '08	Grade 6 Spring '09	Grade 7 Spring '10
% At/Above Goal	80.5%	80.0%	84.0%	73.7%	81.3%	90.8%	76.6%	76.3%	81.8%

Performance of 2009 - 2010 6th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 5th grade (2008 - 2009) and 4th grade (2007 - 2008).

	Math			Reading			Writing		
	Grade 4 Spring '08	Grade 5 Spring '09	Grade 6 Spring '10	Grade 4 Spring '08	Grade 5 Spring '09	Grade 6 Spring '10	Grade 4 Spring '08	Grade 5 Spring '09	Grade 6 Spring '10
% At/Above Goal	81.6%	84.9%	77.3%	67.8%	89.3%	86.0%	72.4%	79.1%	84.1%

Performance of 2009 – 2010 5th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 4th grade (2008 – 2009) and 3rd grade (2007 – 2008).

	Math			Reading			Writing		
	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09	Grade 5 Spring '10	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09	Grade 5 Spring '10	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09	Grade 5 Spring '10
% At/Above Goal	87.9%	89.8%	98.2%	70.7%	74.6%	80.0%	79.3%	78.7%	86.2%

Performance of 2009 – 2010 4th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 3rd grade (2008 – 2009).

	Math		Reading		Writing	
	Grade 3 Spring '09	Grade 4 Spring '10	Grade 3 Spring '09	Grade 4 Spring '10	Grade 3 Spring '09	Grade 4 Spring '10
% At/Above Goal	82.8%	80.0%	73.0%	72.9%	78.1%	78.7%

2009-2010 Enrollment Information

October 1, 2009 Enrollment Information

- Burnham School 87
- Booth Free School 112
- Washington Primary School 169
- Middle School 248
- High School 323
- REACH 29
- Vo-Ag/Vo-Tech 12
- Total 980

Financial Information

1. The appropriated 2009-10 budget was \$20,566,478.
2. The unaudited/unofficial 2009-10 budget ended with an unexpected appropriation of \$20,131.
3. The bond rating for the district remained at AA (Fitch rating).
4. % distribution between towns for student population and budget payments - (assessment) for 2009-2010 based upon Oct. 1, 2008 student population:
 Bridgewater Roxbury Washington
 23.34% 30.71% 45.95%
5. Recent history of budget increases and enrollment increases over previous years.

	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005 -2006</u>	<u>2006- 2007</u>	<u>2007 -2008</u>	<u>2008 -2009</u>	<u>2009 -2010</u>
Enrollment	1,161	1,127	1,182	1,057	1,011	968
Budget Incr.	4.84%	3.89%	5.80%	3.97%	4.16%	0%

Note: The budget increase for 2010-2011 is 1.10%.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
2008-2009

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Valerie Andersen (Treasurer)	Washington	2013
Tony Bedini	Washington	2011
Alan Brown (Vice Chair)	Bridgewater	2011
Frannie Caco	Washington	2013
Gregory Cava	Roxbury	2013
Laird Davis	Washington	2013
Andrew Engel	Roxbury	2011
Mardie Ford (Secretary)	Bridgewater	2011
Michelle Gorra	Washington	2011
James Hirschfield	Washington	2013
Kelly Lott	Roxbury	2011
Michael Sinatra	Bridgewater	2013

Bruce E. Storm, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen wishes to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of the volunteers who make the Town of Washington work. There are too many individuals to mention who work tirelessly on Town Boards, Commissions and behind the scenes in different capacities maintaining the many aspects of Washington that make it special.

The replacement of the Nettleton Hollow Bridge over Sprain Brook was completed on time and under budget with financial assistance from the Connecticut Local Bridge Program. The Washington Highway Department replaced and repaired drainage structures on Painter Ridge Road before it was rebuilt and resurfaced using a Connecticut State Rural Minor Road Grant. In addition to normal road maintenance the Washington Highway Department worked with local paving contractor Waters Construction to pave a dirt section of Findley Road and repave a section of Romford Road.

The Lake Waramaug Town Beach project was completed and the beach opened on schedule in the spring. Our new facilities will serve Town residents for many years with easily accessible rest rooms, improved parking for beach patrons, and new landscaping which enhances scenic views of the Lake for passersby.

The Board of Selectmen want to thank our Town Employees who continued their dedicated service to the Town of Washington while foregoing any wage increases for the Fiscal Year 09-10. This was a tremendous help in our effort to contain municipal spending while continuing with a full compliment of Town services.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark E Lyon
First Selectman

ANIMAL CONTROL

This department received over 1700 calls during the fiscal year. The majority of calls concerned roaming/ nuisance dogs. The remainder of the calls were about cats, wildlife, agriculture/farm, cruelty/neglect concerns and questions in general with anything that came under the heading of animal.

Approximately 200 animals were found and called in to this department. The majority of them had ID in the form of a license or name tag that allowed them to be returned to their owners without going to the pound. Only 15 of them actually had to be impounded and or if deceased brought to the pound. All animals turned in were either returned to their owners or new homes were found for them. Several dozen calls concerning roaming cattle, horses, sheep, etc., were called in, but with a few phone calls by this office, the owners of such were located and they were able to round-up their wandering farm life.

Seven people were bitten by dogs and needed emergency room treatment.

Signs posted saying ALL dogs must be on leash at the River Walk path as well as all of the Steep Rock properties are there for public safety. The ball fields as well as the play grounds are for children and not to be used for bathroom facilities by dogs.

Wildlife calls and problems are as common as domestic animal calls. The bear population has dramatically increased along with bobcat, fox, fisher, coyote and other wildlife condusive to our area. Even woodchucks and flying squirrels have caused a few household problems this year. More and more wildlife is visible, literally, in our backyards. For the most part, the majority have been healthy. Rabies, distemper, mange and the like are diseases that wildlife bring with them. Make sure your animals are up to date with all necessary vaccines.

The economy has played a part in the animal world as well. The shelters across the nation are taking in more animals than ever before. Families are having to combine households, therefore having to give up their pets in order to move back home. If you or someone you know finds themselves in this situation, please place your pet responsibly, checking references on all parties concerned.

Licenses are an excellent and inexpensive form of ID. They are purchased from the Town Clerk and you must bring in a certificate of rabies vaccine in order to do so. Dog licenses are renewable in June, every year, mandatory by state law.

Any questions or concerns please call 860-868-2870.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Brissett
Animal Control Officer/ Dog Warden

ASSESSOR

The Grand List for October 1, 2009 declined from the previous year, mainly due to more acreage being classified as farm or forest land. The decrease was \$6,824,030. or one-half a percent. This also happened in 1980 after a revaluation which raised land values to a greater extent than any previous one.

For Washington, the market did not begin to change until mid-2009 but as State Statutes require using the revaluation schedule set for October 1, 2008 until the next revaluation which should be October 1, 2013 values cannot be changed based on the current market. It is possible the total grand list will go down at that time but as it is unlikely the budget will be reduced, the effect would be a higher mill rate.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara S. Johnson , C.C.M.A. II

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Following is a comparison of construction activity for the past four fiscal years:

FISCAL YEAR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09-10
#PERMITS:	703	674	550	606
# HOUSES	6	14	6	6
PERMIT FEES:	<u>\$255,337</u>	<u>\$450,049</u>	<u>\$311,979</u>	<u>\$314,228</u>

CONST. VALUE	\$26,615,612	\$48,018,778	\$32,965,505	\$33,127,535
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Construction in Washington for the fiscal year was again down about 18% from previous averages. This is above many other towns in the region. The start of our next fiscal year has shown a slight increase however I feel it will be another year or so before we get back to average.

The trend to completely tear down a dwelling and replace it with a new one continues with about ½ of those projects being done by a new property owner and the other ½ are owners who are simply replacing their dwelling. This activity does not change the number of housing units.

There were three new single family dwelling units constructed and three new apartment or guest house area's with-in existing single family dwellings to bring the total increase to 6 units.

Respectfully submitted,
William Jenks
Building Official

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission, an advisory commission, was created by Town Ordinance #7096, effective January 1, 2000. Its powers and duties are those set forth in Section 7-131a of the CT General Statutes. Per the statute: “Any town...may establish a conservation commission for the development, conservation, supervision and regulation of natural resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits...It may make recommendations to zoning, planning and inland wetland commissions and other municipal agencies on proposed land use changes. It may, with the approval of such legislative body, acquire land and easements in the name of the municipality.”

Activities during fiscal year 2009-2010

New Preston Village ~ 31 acres purchased by the Town

On February 4, 2010 the Town purchased the 31+acre property at 108 New Milford Turnpike in the heart of New Preston for \$500,000 from the Town Open Space Fund. Townspeople approved this purchase at a town meeting in April 2009.

With the input of the neighborhood and Sean Hayden of Northwest Conservation District, the Conservation Commission will develop a stewardship plan for the long-term enhancement and enjoyment of the property by our townspeople.

Town ~ 25+% Permanently Protected

The Town Plan of Conservation and Development includes a goal of permanently protecting 30% of the Town by 2015. As of February 2010 approximately 25% is protected by the Town, Steep Rock (20%), Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Roxbury Land Trust, state land such as Mount Bushnell and Mount Tom, and the state purchase of the development rights on the Averill and Seymour farms. The Conservation Commission monitors the town properties on an annual basis.

The Conservation Commission accepted two conservation easements: a four-acre road front agriculture easement to preserve the rural character of the property at 81 Painter Hill Road and a 4.41 acre road front easement at 177 Roxbury Road.

Scenic Road Designation on RT 202

In June 2010 the DOT designated a 2.8-mile section of Route 202 between Rabbit Hill Road and Route 45, and to a 0.5-mile segment of Route 45 between Route 202 and West Shore Road as scenic. This designation will help insure that the rural character of these roads is not diminished when maintenance is done or improvements are undertaken.”

Cell Tower Activity

SBA withdrew its application for a cell tower site off Couch Road in the winter.

The Town was approached by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless with a request to lease a site behind the town garage. In March (and September) there were balloon floats to determine the visual impact of the proposed tower. Lease terms are under negotiation. No application was filed as of June 30, 2010.

Critical Habitats Resource Map Update

Betsy Corrigan researched and updated this 2000 *Natural Resource Inventory Report and Recommendations* map. The new map is available in the Land Use office.

Archaeological Sensitivity Map

State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni worked with Betsy Corrigan to update this map. It is now available in the Land Use office.

Streambelts and Stonewalls

In the December 2009 Town Newsletter we recommended that property owners protect any streambelts, water courses, intermittent streams and pond edges with native vegetative buffers. Also, we urged all landowners to preserve and protect our New England stonewalls as they are an important cultural feature of our town, particularly those along roadsides and in the public viewscape.

We urge you all to be stewards of our beautiful, rural community!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Payne, chair; Kelly Boling, vice-chair; Diane Dupuis, Linda Frank, Phil Markert; alternates: Betsy Corrigan, Phil Dutton and Ric Sonder.

Subcommittees (CC welcomes volunteers):

- Best Development Practices – Phil Dutton, chair
- Cell Tower- Diane Dupuis, chair
- Conservation Design Subdivision – Phil Markert, chair
- Greenway –Keith Templeton, chair, with Bob Williams, Elisha Dyer, Bob deCourcy, Dorothy Wilson and Susan Payne
- Monitoring of Town properties -Linda Frank, chair
- Scenic Road- Application available on town web site or from the Planning Commission.

The Conservation Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5PM in the Land Use Room.

Publications of the Conservation Commission

Natural Resource Inventory Report and Recommendations: copies available at Town Hall and the Hickory Stick Bookshop. (\$25 per copy)

Land Use in Washington, CT: Regulations, Agencies and Commissions: on Town web site, copies available from the Land Use office, Town Hall.

Shepaug Greenway Points-of-Interest Map – free, available Town Hall, the Hickory Stick Bookshop.

ELECTIONS

In 2009-2010 the Registrars of the Town of Washington:

Attended a two-day training session in October 2009.

Held two mandated voter registration sessions in October 2009.

Registered new residents, new citizens and residents who turned 21 after October 30th 2009 on November 2, 2009.

Opened polls on Election Day, November 3, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Held a mandated voter registration session in January 2010.

Mailed the State required canvass in February 2010. Your prompt returns were greatly appreciated.

Attended the Litchfield County Registrar Meeting in Bethlehem in March 2010.

Attended, along with their Deputies, a two-day State ROVAC Convention in April 2010.

Opened polls for a Town Referendum on May 4, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Kaylor

Mary Ann Rimbochi

Registrars of Voters

BOARD OF FINANCE

Our budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was based on our Grand List of \$1,250,524,800 after the revaluation. Region 12's budget increased to \$20,045,661 from \$19,977,980 the prior year. Our Town's share of the Region's net to Towns increased slightly from 45.25% to 45.95%, due to a slight increase in our student enrollment. After grant credits from the State and reimbursements from the Region are factored in, our actual educational expense increased \$171,307, or .01% to \$9,210,981 from the 2008-2009 actual expense. Actual Town Operating Expenditures increased to \$3,898,777 including ex-budget appropriations and before debt service, while the Town's net capital budget was \$876,900, including anticipated grants of \$319,500 for projects which would not be undertaken without the grants. The Board reduced the mill rate from 13.0 to 10.75.

This year's budget (2010-2011) is based upon a Grand List which decreased approximately \$6,823,030 or .55% to \$1,243,701,770. The Region's budget increased to \$20,323,784 or .0034% over last year. Our Town's share decreased to \$9,147,735 before grants and reimbursements as a result of a lower student population. After anticipated credits, our net expense would decrease by approximately \$64,000.

The Town's operating expense budget is \$3,938,727, before debt service, an increase of 1.7% over last year's budget. The Town's capital budget decreased to \$883,500. Based on the budget for the Region and the Town, your Board increased the mill rate from 10.75 to 10.99. The Board is hopeful that future increases in the budgets will be limited.

Again, this year I would like to thank the members of the Board of Finance for their dedication and participation: Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Gary Fitzherbert, Liddy Adams, A.J. DuBois and Keith Templeton. Also, we greatly appreciate the contributions of both Jack Field and Tony Bedini with regard to the Town's financial and educational matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

FIRE MARSHALL

Total fire loss for the year 2010 was approximately \$1,150,000.

The Washington Volunteer Fire Department is expecting delivery of a new short wheelbase-pumping engine early in 2011. This truck will feature a Spartan 4-wheel drive chassis, automatic transmission and larger oversized flotation type tires for improved traction in off-road situations.

Citizens are reminded to clean and maintain their wood burning furnaces and chimneys on a yearly basis to prevent chimney fires. Burning of candles is a potential fire risk and is not recommended.

Please remember to have your street number clearly posted for emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald S. Etherington
Fire Marshall

THE GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Gunn Memorial Library building was dedicated in 1908 and expanded three fold in the 1990's. Today our institution continues its mission of service to the residents of our town. While we have grown immensely in scope, we remain true to our historic purpose - dedication to providing free public library services to Washington, Connecticut and the surrounding communities - and to the promotion of literacy, education, and preservation of the Town's history and culture. We are pleased to report a very successful year, as noted by the statistics below.

Items of note during the past fiscal year include:

- 48,108 people came into the library - an increase of 9%.
- We circulated 68,360 items - a 2.4 % increase from last year.
- A total of 3,974 townspeople are registered as library patrons – an increase of 14%.
- Our collection comprises 49,885 items in print and non-print format.
- 2,242 interlibrary loans were borrowed for our patrons.
- The GML loaned over 2,000 volumes to other libraries.
- During the course of the year, 58 people signed in to do research in the Connecticut Room.
- Patrons logged almost 17,000 sessions accessing our online resources at the library or remotely from home.
- There were 798 hits to the Museum's online catalogue.
- 1,375 adults attended 36 diverse programs - lectures, discussions, talks, workshops or recitals.
- Our volunteer corps sustains us! 23 volunteers work on a weekly basis, 12 students volunteer through the year and a staggering number of individuals assist with exhibits and special events.
- Nearly 2,000 enjoyed 120 Junior Library programs - for 5 age ranges (2's, 3-4's, K-1st, and 2nd-3rd grades), as well as Family Events.
- The children's Summer Reading Program entitled "Make a Splash" drew 275 readers who completed 4,851 hours of reading.
- The Museum counted 3,573, including off-site, attendees – a 74% increase from last year.
- *Readings from the Archives* drew interested listeners monthly to the Senior Center and talks given off-site, such as *A History of New Preston*, were highly attended.
- *Life on Lake Waramaug: Past, Present, Future* - a collaborative community effort – opened in the spring and remained extremely popular throughout the following summer.

- The Gunn Musicians' Series continued and thrived, with attendance reaching near capacity.
- Sunday hours at the Library proved popular and are in place seasonally 6 months of the year.

As always, great thanks go out to the trustees, volunteers, staff, donors, and supporters whose contributions on so many levels make all the above noted accomplishments possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Chapin
Executive Director

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The public health service agreement between the Town of Washington and the Town of New Milford continued during this fiscal year. The services provided cover all basic services related to environmental and public health. These include permitting and approval of subsurface sewage disposal systems and private wells for any building activity, inspections of food service establishments, investigation of complaints, water testing at the Town Beach and follow-up on cases of reportable disease.

Service hours in the Town of Washington are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Office hours are from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and field inspections are conducted after office hours and at other times. Business may also be conducted during the regular hours of the New Milford Health Department, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The activities performed by the Department for the period covering July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 were as follows:

Septic Permits Issued:

New	10
Repair	12
Private Well Permits Issued	12
Food Service Inspections	49

The total amount of permit fees collected for all Health Department activities was **\$6,360.00**

Several bathing water samples were collected at the Washington Town Beach during the year. Results showed that the water quality continues to be excellent for bathing.

In regard to reportable diseases, there were fifty-eight (58) reports received from area physicians and medical laboratories. The diseases that were reported most frequently were tick-borne diseases (41 reports).

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Crespan
Director of Health

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission conducted twelve regular meetings and ten public hearings concerning applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. Nine Certificates of Appropriateness were issued.

Several times this year the issue of outdoor lighting along driveways, on signs, and to illuminate churches, came up. The HDC expressed its agreement with the Dark Skies effort. Visibility of the light source, light quality, scope and fixture design are considered for judging appropriateness. The night-time illumination of churches and their signs seems a likely ongoing issue.

For the first time, some residents of the Calhoun Ives Historic District coalesced around their disagreement with an HDC approval of a contemporary house, and successfully, around the proposal by another property owner to demolish an historic structure. The HDC views this involvement and the increase in residents' attendance at public hearings as a very positive trend and looks forward to an ongoing dialog about concerns and actions in this vulnerable district.

Peter Talbot led the effort to improve the HDC web page. It is hoped that the publication of our rules and regulations, criteria for judging applications and our clarity about property owners' need to seek HDC input as soon as any visible changes are considered, will avert or reduce the incidence of violations and frustration.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Gilchrist, Chairman
J. Allen Kerr, Vice Chairman
Peter Talbot
Ronald Chute
William Smith
Jane Boyer, Alternate
Phyllis Mills, Alternate
Scott Tilden, Alternate

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Washington Housing Commission dealt with several issues this past year concerning both short term and long-term goals. As stewards of the town's Affordable Housing Fund, we considered a substantial request from the Washington Community Housing Trust for predevelopment costs associated with their Marbledale Meadows initiative (the present Myfield site). We eventually recommended this request with provisions that protected the town's investment, but in the end the proposal failed to gain approval at a town meeting.

The commission has been working with local architect and resident Peter Talbot on conceptual plans for a revitalization of the Depot. His Mill Race Road proposal has engaged a worthwhile conversation on the future of the Depot, and led to the town finally pursuing a flood plain mapping of the Shepaug through this area.

Our Few Good Acres initiative has been moving ahead slowly but deliberately. We are in the process of negotiating a land purchase for affordable housing use and hope to bring this before the public in the next fiscal year.

We continue to work on long-range issues, foremost being a plan to create a new residential zone. The commission delved into the archives to plot the new housing created in Washington over the past 20 years (on display in town hall) and began drafting sample language to present to the various boards and commissions for their perusal. It is a daunting challenge for 5 volunteers, but we're confident that it will raise awareness of the need to provide more housing opportunities, particularly for young families looking to "buy in" and seniors looking to downsize.

We now have provisions for alternate members of the commission, and we look forward to having new voices join the discussion.

Wayne Hileman
Chair - Washington Housing Commission

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands Commission is mandated by State Statute to protect the Town's wetlands and watercourses from degradation and pollution. Except for June, July, August, and December when it meets only once and the month of November when the date of the second meeting may be changed to accommodate Thanksgiving, the Commission meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Land Use Meeting Room, Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

Inland Wetlands commissioners, who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, give many hours of their time. In addition to attending the regularly scheduled meetings, they also attend educational seminars and inspect the site conditions on properties where regulated activities are proposed and unauthorized activities have occurred. During fiscal year 2009- 2010 the Commission conducted 19 Regular Meetings and 24 site inspections and held 4 Special Meetings. It considered 56 applications; approving 49, qualifying 1 as an exemption, denying 2; 4 remained pending at the end of June. There were 7 new violations concerning unauthorized activities, resulting in a total of 20 violations as the subject of ongoing discussions. Of those, 13 remained unresolved at the end of the year. There were 3 Public Hearings held to consider applications for significant activities and 1 Show Cause Hearing was conducted to consider an enforcement matter. The Commission also approved 8 requests to amend permits.

All of the Inland Wetlands commissioners have completed valuable training courses, many of which are required by the State DEP. The Commission's three new alternates, Margaret Cheney, Anthony Martino, and Robert Papsin, are currently working to complete the State mandated training requirements. Most commissioners also annually attend an all day training seminar that deals with various aspects of land use including legal requirements, preparing and reading maps, conducting site inspections, the latest technologies in stormwater management, and various other topics. They also attend short informational sessions put on by various organizations connected with land use around the State. In an effort to keep educated about legal matters and procedures and informed about the most recent court cases, in April the Commission invited a land use attorney from the Ct. Bar Association to conduct a workshop. All commissioners attended and participated in a lively discussion and a valuable question and answer session with Atty. Mark Branse.

Michael Ajello, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Janet Hill, Commission Clerk and Land Use Administrator, manned the Land Use Office, serving both the public and the Commission.

The Commission members as of June 30, 2009 were Anthony Bedini, Chairman, Stephen Wadelton, Vice Chairman, Roger Bohan, Dorothy Hill, and Charles LaMunier. The three alternates were Margaret Cheney, Anthony Martino, and Robert Papsin.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Bedini, Chairman

JUDEA CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Judea Cemetery Commission was created in 1970. At present, Dennis Hussey acts as Chairman with Ruth Alex, Nelly Condon, Dolly Whitney, and Phyllis Allen serving as members of the commission. Sexton, Dave Swanson, maintains the cemetery grounds and does all the burials and foundations.

This fiscal year, the annual meeting was held on May 21, 2009, in Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Most activity was through burials and foundations, which numbered seven. Plots sold were limited to only three. Due to the Town's generous contribution of \$2,500.00, fertilizing the grounds and spring clean up took place. Improvement of the cemetery site was noticeable.

On September 20, 2009, a unique ceremony was held at the gravesite of Revolutionary War Patriot, Ebenezer Burgess. The great, great, great, great granddaughter, Theresa Coker, who now lives with family in Colorado, initiated this. Theresa gave the genealogy history dating back to 1747. A plaque was placed on the grave and a proclamation prepared by the Town was read at the ceremony. September 20th was declared as Ebenezer Burgess Day.

Another memorable event took place at Judea Cemetery on December 12, 2009. Inspired by the national program to have wreaths laid on the headstones of those that served our country in the war, the Judea Chapter of the DAR, (Daughters of the Revolution) once again placed wreaths on the headstones of the veterans that are buried in Judea Cemetery. The wreaths are made locally and donated by Painter Ridge Farm. Anyone interested in volunteering to lay the wreaths is welcome to do so.

Judea Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Town and probably in the State. Documentation of people buried here dates back to 1743. The cemetery is situated one mile from the First Congregational Church on Judea Cemetery Road in a very picturesque part of the Town. Residents take pride in this honored ground and are grateful in having this site to bury and remember our loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hussey
Chairman

LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY

The primary purpose of the Lake Waramaug Authority is to enforce the State of Connecticut Boating Laws in cooperation with the Commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Protection. All water related activities fall under the jurisdiction of the Lake Waramaug Authority and its Marine Patrol to ensure the safety and enjoyment for all who use the waters of beautiful Lake Waramaug.

With the continued direction of Steve Sordi, Resident State Trooper from the Town of Washington, and director of the Marine Patrol, the staff continues with their random summer patrols on the Lake from early spring when the Regattas begin, until the mid autumn months. These have proved to be very effective.

Access to Lake Waramaug via the new boat launch continues to operate smoothly. All boats entering the water are carefully checked for invasive species in a valiant effort to continue to keep the lake free of the invasive species that have all but destroyed other lakes in the state and now threaten several lakes nearby. The Lake Waramaug Authority is pleased to report that the boat inspection program has had another successful year with the cooperation of resident and day boaters alike. Car top craft also require inspection and we are pleased with the system and thank Steve Sordi and his staff for the implementation of this program.

Members of the Lake Authority represent the three surrounding towns. They include Chairman Ed Berner of Warren; Secretary Sandy Papsin of Washington; Treasurer Gary Davis of Kent and representatives Kevin Brady and Chris Garrity of Kent, Bill Hopkins and Gary Curtiss from Warren, Dean Sarjeant and Ed Matthews of Washington.

This is the first season in the water for the new boat. All operators have been fully trained and are qualified to operate the boat. It has been equipped with a few additional items that were required after closer evaluation by the Marine Patrol including dash and seat covers to protect them from the intense sun and a depth locator. These items were purchased by the Lake Authority by anonymous generous donations earmarked for these items.

We remind residents that ice rescue drills are planned for the winter months when the lake is frozen and it would be most helpful if their respective properties were numbered with their street address number facing the lake. This allows for much quicker response time in the event of an actual emergency on the lake.

Thanks to all the town residents who have patiently cooperated with the boat inspections and understand the importance of protecting our lake for today, tomorrow and future generations.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy Papsin
Lake Waramaug Authority Secretary

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The office of the Municipal Agent is responsible for assisting elders by providing information and referrals to services and benefit programs. In the calendar year 2009, this office received approximately 422 inquiries from seniors and the disabled. The services of this office are available to all residents of the Town of Washington over the age of 60 and their families, as well as the disabled. There are no fees or income limitations. My office is open on Tuesdays or by appointment. The phone number is 860-868-0735.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Collins
Municipal Agent for the Elderly

NEW MILFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The New Milford Visiting Nurse Association is pleased to be able to care for clients in Washington and very grateful for the continued support of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the people of the Washington community.

In total, 1,135 *visits* were made to Washington residents. These visits were made by RNs, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, and home health aides. Through our *Medicare Certified Hospice Program*, we provided care for terminally ill patients and their families who are residents of the Town of Washington. We continue to visit the elderly in our *Health Promotion Program*, an essential community preventive program in which the visiting nurse checks in on a healthy person every month or two to help clients prevent serious health problems. We also continue to offer *Well Child Clinic* to Washington residents. This well-respected program of the New Milford VNA provides uninsured and underinsured children with examinations and immunizations from birth through 18 years of age.

Through our Travel Clinic, we are providing immunizations for travelers.

Volunteers are an important component of our agency's outreach, and many hours of volunteer work were given to Washington residents both in our Care of the Sick and Hospice Programs. Seven Hospice volunteers are residents of the Town of Washington and another is in our current training class. Hospice volunteers provide support in many ways for the terminally ill and their families.

New Milford Visiting Nurse Association provided a variety of health education programs to Washington seniors. Among the offerings were *the popular "Flex Appeal" program, Telehealth program and discussions about maintaining independence in the home with our life line coordinator.* We have also provided *flu vaccinations* at the Washington Senior Center to town employees and to staff at Washington Primary and Shepaug High School. Lots of attention and man power was devoted to distributing H1N1 vaccination during the recent pandemic.

Because many of the services and programs provided by NMOVNA are non-reimbursable through insurance or are programs offered free of charge to the community, fundraising is an important component of our non-profit agency. This past year Washington residents enthusiastically supported both our New Milford VNA Foundation fundraising drive and our annual *"Tree of Life"* campaign. We also receive great support in Washington from the ladies of the *Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church* who finance the lunches and snacks for *Camp Jonathan*, our summer day camp for bereaved children.

They have done this for the past six years. It is a considerable expense and a labor of love for these ladies who fundraise to provide food for an entire week for 24 children and a staff of ten. We very much appreciate their help.

New Milford VNA continues to be a state of the art provider of home health care and community health programs. We are accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) and licensed by the State of Connecticut for all of our homecare programs. All of our home care programs are available to residents of Washington, including *HOPE (Home Care Offering a Palliative Care Experience)*, a pre-Hospice program for patients who may still be actively treating their disease, and “*Well@Home,*” a telemonitoring system where patients’ vital signs are sent through a secure phone line right into our office for monitoring by our professional staff.

2009 – 2010 Washington Annual Statistics:

The following information details all home care services provided by the New Milford Visiting Nurse Association to the Town of Washington during the period covering July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

<u>Home Care</u>	<u># Visits YE 6/30/10</u>
Total:	1,135
Skilled Nursing	527
Occupational Therapy	50
Home Health Aides	225
Physical Therapy	259
MSW	19
Speech Therapy	55

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Washington Parks and Recreation begins every fiscal year with the annual Fourth of July activities. The morning kicks off with the Stephen Reich Freedom Run and the 5K-road race along the Shepaug River in Steep Rock continues to be enjoyed by runners, walkers, and spectators! Shepaug Valley School grounds open in the afternoon for picnicking. Local organizations offer food and patriotic items for sale. At dusk a fireworks display lights up the sky for miles around, concluding the town's celebration of Independence Day.

Three bus trips were offered over the course of the year. In July we traveled to Boston for a harbor cruise to view the Tall Ships. In August we had a trip to the new Yankee Stadium for a thrilling game between the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers. The third trip was another venture to Boston. For the 2009-2010 academic year the recreation department mentored Nick Gueniat, a student at Shepaug Valley High School, through his senior project. Nick created and carried out a fabulous bus trip to Boston, which included taking the Old Towne Trolley and walking tour of the Freedom Trail. This coincided with the 235th anniversary of Paul Revere's famous "midnight ride". The day also included a stop at the USS Constitution (nicknamed "Old Ironsides"), and Quincy Market.

The beach house reconstruction on Lake Waramaug began in September 2009 and was completed and ready for occupancy in early 2010. The project included new landscaping of the beach area and the view across the lake as you approach East Shore and West Shore is spectacular.

River Walk continues to provide enjoyment to the residents of Washington and their friends. Through the generosity of the Village Improvement Society and other donors, a stone fireplace was built at the Pavilion. With the popularity of the facility's rentals, this new feature creates an addition of warmth to the atmosphere.

Through it's many programs and beautiful facilities, the Commission offers the community art, music, the beach, the walking path, family skate and family swim, picnicking, the fields you play on, playgrounds to enjoy; field hockey, baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, tennis, and multi-sports camps, and a summer recreation program for children. There is also kickboxing, yoga, and morning swim. We are our community...working, playing, learning, and living together.

Thank you to the volunteers who serve on behalf of Washington Parks and Recreation. We appreciate your time and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila M. Anson, Chairman
Tim Cook, Vice Chairman
Joe Fredlund, Vice Chairman
C. J. Kersten, Treasurer
Joan Gauthey
Holly Haas
Lou Magnoli
Ray Reich
Lisa A. Easter, Recreation Coordinator
Mary Anne Greene, Recording Clerk

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Washington Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month, except in November when it meets on the first Wednesday and in July if the July 4th holiday falls on the first Tuesday. Regular Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Land Use Meeting Room, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Ct.

During the past fiscal year the Planning Commission conducted the following business:

- 12 Regular Meetings were held.
- 1 Special Meeting was held.
- 4 Site Inspections were conducted.
- 4 Public Hearings were convened.
- 6 Referrals from the Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen were considered.
- 4 Subdivision/Resubdivision applications were considered, 3 were approved, and 1 was pending at the end of the year.
- 3 New lots were approved.
- 1 Application for Scenic Road Designation was approved.

Continuing with the trend in recent years and due in part to the slow economy, the Planning Commission received few subdivision and resubdivision applications during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This enabled it to spend more time to consider the referrals from both the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Commission and to proceed with work on the overall update of the Subdivision Regulations. As part of the work to revise its Regulations, the Commission hired Planner, Martin Connor and reviewed the new Archeological Sensitivity Map, which when adopted, will help to ensure the protection of historical and archeological sites located within proposed subdivisions.

Various other matters considered by the Commission this year included the presentation and discussion of Mr. Talbot's concepts for potential future development in the Depot, entitled Mill Race Road, executive sessions with Mr. Lyon, First Selectman, to discuss the possible purchase of real estate by the Town, and discussions with Selectman Solley regarding a request by the Board of Selectmen to use Depot Study funds to pay for flood plain mapping in the Depot. The Commission wrote to the Board of Selectmen to request that per the recommendations made in the 2005 Depot Study, the Town renew its efforts to slow traffic in the Depot. This resulted in the use of a speed monitor throughout Town to calm traffic. In addition, the Commission began its discussion on priorities for the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development, due in December 2013. It was decided that economic development will be addressed in the update.

The Planning Commission is responsible for considering and approving scenic road applications. This year the portion of West Mountain Road accessible

from Rt. 47 was designated a scenic road. A total of 15 scenic roads have been designated since November 2003 when the Scenic Road Ordinance was adopted.

The current commissioners are Addie Roberts, Chairman, Sarah Gager, Vice Chairman, Paul Frank, Susan Jahnke, and Dimitri Rimsky. The Alternates are Barbara Braverman, Dick Carey, and Winston Fowlkes.

Respectfully submitted,
Addie Roberts, Chairman
Paul Frank
Sarah Gager
Susan Jahnke
Dimitri Rimski
Alternates
Barbara Braverman
Richard Carey
Winston Fowlkes

POLICE

The Washington Resident Trooper Office is located in the Bryan Plaza. The office is staffed by (1) one full time State Police Resident Trooper, (2) two full time Constables and (1) one part time Constable. The staff, in addition to their town wide patrolling duties is trained and responsible for the Lake Waramaug lake patrol.

The Resident Trooper Office Staff:

Resident State Trooper, Stephen Sordi (steve.sordi@washingtonct.org)

Constable Patrick Kessler (pat.kessler@washingtonct.org)

Constable Scott Flaton (scott.flaton@washingtonct.org)

Constable Thomas Accuosti

The Washington Resident Trooper Office devotes full attention to the town's special policing and public safety needs. The following community service programs have been designed and put into operation.

- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- D.A.R.E.
- Connecticut State Police Explorer Post #074
- Connecticut Safety Boating Certification Classes
- Anti-Bullying Programs
- Annual Food Drives
- Holiday Toy Drives
- Residence Vacation Checks
- Lake Patrol (Lake Waramaug Authority)
- Speed Reduction Programs
- Gun License Permitting

Detailed Statistics for the 2009-2010 Fiscal year are as follows:

Residential Alarms (Unfounded):	353
Medical Assists	37
Burglaries (Residential/Auto)	10
Criminal Mischief	4
Narcotics	11
DUI's	11
Larceny	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents	94
Missing Persons	7
Traffic Stops	970

I would suggest all homeowners, when away from their residence, lock their doors and utilize their residential burglar alarms. Over the past twelve months,

there were approximately 10 residential burglaries in the town of Washington, the majority of these incidents occurred when the perpetrator had easy access to the residence. (IE: unlocked doors and unarmed alarms.)

I would also request that all homeowners clearly mark their residence with their assigned street number. The numbers should be visible from the road, both during the day and at night. Your assistance with this matter will allow emergency personnel to offer the quickest possible response time.

Thank you to the citizens of Washington, for their continued support of the Washington Resident Trooper Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trooper First Class Stephen Sordi
Washington Resident Trooper

PROBATE COURT

The Honorable Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, addressed the Probate Court Assembly at the Supreme Court Chambers for the Assembly's annual meeting on April 6, 2010. She stated that the Probate Assembly has full support of the Judicial Branch in its ongoing efforts to restructure the probate system. Chief Justice Rogers praised the Probate Administrator, Hon. Paul J. Knierim, as he navigates this system through its financial and business reform. In his outgoing speech as President of the Probate Assembly, Honorable Fred J. Anthony recognized Chief Court Administrator, Hon. Barbara Quinn. He made specific comments of appreciation for fellow judges and staff members as the changes have evolved to the system to create a viable system.

Hon. Daniel Caruso, as the newly elected President of the Assembly, committed to listen to all as we transform and renew to serve the people of Connecticut while providing energy, compassion, common sense and respect to those who appear in our Courts.

Hon. Paul J. Knierim, Probate Court Administrator, commended the entire Assembly and staff along with Judge Quinn and the judicial staff for their diligent efforts to reform. He assures all that his staff is busy managing the transition; centralized accounting, court names and locations and working to standardize practices.

Connecticut Probate Courts have a long history with the first separate forums established for the administration of decedent's estates and appointment of guardians in 1698 as offshoots of the county courts. In 1716, one court with one judge was formed in each of the then four counties. The first probate districts comprising less than a full county were established in 1719 due to the transportation needs of a growing population. Probate districts grew smaller and more local in character through 1987 when the 133rd probate district was established. Since then the trend has begun to reverse as districts combine, primarily for economic reasons. In a September Special Session, 2009, the General Assembly passed Public Act 09-1 reducing the number of Probate Courts from 117 to 54 effective January 5, 2011.

The newly formed district with jurisdiction over probate matters in Washington will be comprised of the towns of Bethlehem, Oxford, Roxbury, Southbury, Washington, Watertown and Woodbury and will be called Connecticut Regional Probate District #22, located in Southbury. Proceedings in probate courts are generally informal which means matters are able to proceed more quickly with less cost. Often parties appearing in the courts are not represented by counsel.

This will be the last Annual Report for the District of Washington Probate Court after 178 years existence. It is with heavy hearts my clerk, Pamela, my assistant, Debbee, and I pack matters dated from 1832, the inception of the Washington

Probate Court, into storage boxes to be shipped to the State Library or transferred to Regional Probate District #22; all that history of our beloved Town of Washington into storage.

The Washington Probate Court will continue to handle complex issues with professionalism and optimism until January 2011. Office hours are from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For convenience, an appointment can be arranged outside of normal operating hours.

It has been an esteemed privilege to serve the people of Washington through my tenure.

Respectfully submitted, Hon. Victoria M. Cherniske
Judge of Probate, District of Washington

SENIOR CENTER

Washington Senior Center was established to provide services and activities to senior citizens of the town. The Senior Center serves as a resource for the community, providing information on aging for family caregivers and for assistance in addressing aging issues.

During the past year the following programs and activities were provided:

- ❖ **Regularly Scheduled Activities** offer fun and socialization. Bridge, knitting and quilting are among the regular activities. Luncheons are held, often with speakers or entertainment. This year's topics included Maintaining Your Independence at Home, Take the Mystery Out of Hospice, Tele Health, Hospitalist Program, Flu Facts, Plow to Plate, Medication and Falls, How to Save Energy and a visit and demonstration from the CT State Police K-9 Unit.
- ❖ **Fitness:** The Senior Center exercise program has a regular 40-minute low impact aerobics video workout at 9:00 daily. The exercise programs are free of charge.
- ❖ **Computer Technology:** Individual computer instruction continues to be available at no charge on the computers at the Senior Center. Additional support is offered through the Center's Computer Club that meets monthly.
- ❖ **Health:** Blood pressure screenings continue to be held at the Senior Center on the third Wednesday of each month by Visiting Nurse and Homecare Northwest. The New Milford VNA conducted the annual flu clinic in the fall. "Flexappeal" (New Milford VNA) and "Bend and Stretch" (VNA Northwest) exercise programs designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility were conducted at the Center. Village Crest Center hosted a brunch to learn about healthcare options and services in our community, a diabetic foot clinic and chair massage and Carol O'Toole conducts a bi-monthly acupressure clinic.
- ❖ **Trips:** This past year saw trips to the Aqua Turf Club, Cracker Barrel, Chowder Pot, a boat cruise down the Connecticut River with a visit to Lyman Orchard and State of CT Supreme Court Senior Visitation at Litchfield Courthouse. Other trips offered included Hyde Park, UCONN Women's Basketball at Syracuse, Cheshire Senior Outing, Sharon Playhouse, Thomaston Opera House and the Warner Theater.
- ❖ **Senior Van Transportation:** The town van provides free transportation for seniors and disabled persons on Wednesdays and

Thursdays. In addition, shopping trips to the Danbury Fair Mall take place monthly. Reservations for the van can be made by calling the Senior Center at least one day ahead.

- ❖ **Litchfield Hills Chore Service:** This program is available to help elderly and handicapped residents to stay safely independent and at home in the community. The service is available to anyone. Chore Service workers provide light and heavy housekeeping, shopping, laundry, cooking, yard maintenance and minor home repairs. Suggested client contribution is based on a sliding scale of monthly income.
- ❖ **Additional Programs:** Other speakers and topics included Updating Legal Documents and Investments, Financial Solutions, Get Active in Your Retirement/Take Control of Your Investment Portfolio, Living Will/POA, Medicare Roundtable, Probate Court Consolidation, “Breakfast for Your Brain”, Etymology/Origin of English Words, Card Making, Arthritis in Hands/Self Help Clinic, Free Income Tax Advice, AARP Mature Driving Course, a Monthly Gunn Museum Series of “Readings from the Archives”, and Zumba Gold. In addition, the Center hosted a 12-week Master’s Table Farm Market and Free Cooking Classes with Emily Brooks.
- ❖ **Volunteers:** Volunteers play a vital role in the workings of the Senior Center. Our dedicated volunteer staff offers their time and expertise in newsletter preparation, computer instruction, office tasks and assisting with programs.

We invite those who may not currently participate to stop in or call for information.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Collins
Senior Center Director

VNA NORTHWEST, INC.

VNA Northwest, Inc. provided a variety of health care services to Washington residents during the past year, including:

- **1,033 skilled nursing** visits
- **437 physical therapy** calls
- **529 home health aide** service hours
- **92 adult health guidance** visits

Six sessions of the **Bend and Stretch** program were offered, with funding provided by proceeds from VNA Northwest's Thrift Shop. These programs are known to build muscle strength, improve balance and prevent falls. **Blood pressure clinics** were held monthly at the Washington Senior Center. These sessions have been found to be invaluable in early detection of a wide range of health problems.

Full Report of Services

	Town Paid Service	Service Paid By Other
Blood Pressure Screening Clinic	7 hours	
Nutrition Counseling		5 hours
Flu Clinic		3 hours
Nursing:		
Adult Health Guidance	92 visits	
Skilled Nursing		1,033 visits
Physical Therapy		437 visits
Medical Social Worker		17 visits
Occupational Therapy		59 visits
Home Health Aide		529 hours
Bend and Stretch Clinic		6 hours

WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Washington Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following calls for the time period January 1st 2010 thru September 30th 2010:

Structure fires:	Automatic alarms:	CO alarms/hazmat:	Motor Vehicle Accidents:	
2	72	10	23	
EMS Rescue:	Brush fires:	Car fires:	Downed power lines:	Public assist:
23	6	2	8	20

The total amount of calls the Fire Department has responded to has decreased a little since last year. The structure fires are down. Building and fire code regulations have made a difference across the country with any kind of loss due to fire. Many of our responses are for automatic fire alarms which usually result in no fire. It is important to maintain your systems to prevent false alarms. The work of a firefighter has changed through the years. The structure fires are down but the public assist types of calls are up. Many of the calls that we respond to involve some thought where it may be hard to prepare for.

Our members have many different backgrounds and knowledge that is a resource that is tapped into constantly. They are many different ages and different levels of experience which is a good mix for the department. The town is very fortunate to have so many dedicated people who are willing to work together.

We are excited and looking forward to the delivery of new Engine #3. This piece of apparatus replaces a twenty-one year old vehicle. It will carry water, hose, ladders, and equipment. Many of the hills and driveways can be a challenge especially in the winter months. Engine #3 is all-wheel drive and has a short wheel base. We need to be ready to respond at any time and any situation. Delivery is expected before the first of the year.

Thank you for supporting The Washington Volunteer Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Showalter
Fire Chief

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

From July 2009 to June 2010 the ZBA heard 18 applications. Nine variance applications were approved; two were denied, and two were withdrawn. Three special exceptions were granted; one was denied and one was continued into the next month. Withdrawals of applications usually follow a hearing in which the applicant becomes aware that the board is unlikely to approve the application. It is worth noting that during the same '08-'09 period, this board received 43 applications.

Throughout this period, the ZBA continued to research and work on crafting wording to reinstate zoning regulation 12.14.5 for a special exception regarding the locating of noise-generating equipment, which the Zoning Commission deleted in April 2009.

All applicants to the ZBA are encouraged to read the guidelines for applications, (available on the Town's website and from the land use office) especially as related to A2 survey requirements, notifications, proof of hardship and overall considerations, as this will expedite the process. Incomplete or hard to understand applications are generally continued and sometimes denied.

Personnel:

In October 2009, Georgia Middlebrook retired after eight years of service as an alternate. Thank you, Georgia! In November 2009 Todd Peterson was elected as an alternate. Brad Sedito resigned from the board and his position as chairman in May 2010. The circumstances of living out of town during the rebuilding of his house, lost to fire in March, prompted his stepping down. In July 2009 he received a Length of Service Award from the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies; he served 19 years. We thank him for his long, diligent service, wish him well with the new house, and hope he returns to land use service in the near future. The Town owes him our gratitude. In June 2010 Peter Bowman was appointed by the selectmen to full member of the board; he had been an alternate since September 2006. Also in June, Polly Roberts was elected chairman and Todd Catlin vice-chairman.

We appreciate the capable assistance and good humor of our secretary, Shelley White.

Respectfully Submitted, Polly Roberts, Chairman
Todd B. Catlin, Vice Chairman
Katharine K. Leab
Randolph W. Snook
Peter Bowman
Roderick Wyant, III, Alt
Todd J. Peterson, Alt

ZONING COMMISSION

The Washington Zoning Commission conducts its regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Land Use Meeting Room, Bryan Memorial Town Hall. The exceptions are sometimes May and December when meetings may have to be held on the third Monday due to holidays the following week. Zoning Commission meetings are open to the public.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Commission held 12 Regular Meetings, 1 Special Meeting, and 20 Public Hearings to consider Special Permit applications and revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. The Zoning department processed 142 applications. Of these, 14 were considered by the Commission and 128 were acted on by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Commission approved 13 Special Permits and 1 Special Permit renewal.

Applications Approved

Type	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10
New House	5	4	5	5
Attached Acc. Apart.	0	0	2	1
Detached Acc. Apart.	3	3	7	5
Additions/Alterations To exist. Dwellings	42	36	28	36 1 renewal
Accessory Structures	42	34	15	27
New/Repair				
Swimming Pools	18	21	6	8
Gravel Mine Or Excavate	0	0	0	0
Commercial	8	6	10	16
Tennis and Sports Courts	1	6	1	0
Change of Use	1	6	1	4
Demolition	5	1	1	1
Signs, Fences, etc	11	5	12	14
Bed and Breakfast	0 (1 renewal)		1	1 renewal
Creation of Building Lot	5	1	1	0
Home Occupation	0 (2 renewals)	1	1	0
			2 renewals	
Temporary: Tents, Events ¹	2	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	0	1	0	0
Other	21	21	17	19
Lot Line Revisions	7	5	6	4

Throughout the year, the Zoning Commission considered applications for various uses. These included those frequently reviewed by the Commission such as detached accessory apartments, fences near Lake Waramaug, and commercial uses such as restaurants and business renovations. Another Special Permit approved was a Town Landmark site at the Schoellkopf residence and gardens on Nettleton Hollow Road. This was the first Town Landmark to be approved since the regulation governing them was adopted in 1992.

Public Hearings were held to consider several revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. Approved were amendments to allow accessory structures used to operate or maintain a pre existing golf course by Special Permit in the Lake Waramaug Residential District, to require that only noise generating equipment, not all pool equipment, be located within 50 feet of the pool served, to allow Special Exceptions for certain non conforming structures not meeting the required setbacks from wetlands and watercourses in cases where the Inland Wetlands Commission has already approved the proposal, to require Special Permits for eating and drinking establishments in all of the business districts, to expressly prohibit drive through eating and drinking establishments and eating and drinking establishments that serve food or drink to customers in vehicles, and to define eating and drinking establishment. The Commission began to work with the Zoning Board of Appeals on a future revision regarding Special Exceptions for noise generating equipment and extensive discussions were held regarding possible amendments governing inns and related uses.

Up to date Zoning Regulations, as well as recent meeting minutes, agendas, legal notices, and other public documents of current interest are posted on the Town's website.

David Owen, Chairman
Gary Fitzherbert, Vice Chairman
Lou Abella
Ralph Averill
Ray Reich
Arthur DuBois, Alternate
Andrew Shapiro, Alternate
Harry Wyant

Government Wide Financial Statements

This statement presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. Other non-financial factors will need to be considered, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the Town.

Town of Washington Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,525,969
Investments	599,331
Property Taxes Receivable - net	327,007
Contribution in lieu of taxes	29,655
Deposits	5,000
Total current assets	<u>5,486,962</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets, net of depreciation of \$16,506,881	<u>11,708,450</u>
Total Assets	17,195,412
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	80,408
Performance bonds held	95,686
Prepaid property taxes	52,691
Accrued interest	10,254
Deferred grant revenue	554,936
Long-term liabilities due within one year	58,000
Total current liabilities	<u>851,975</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due in more than one year	<u>317,198</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,169,173</u></u>
Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	11,488,450
Unrestricted	4,537,789
Total Net assets	\$ <u><u>16,026,239</u></u>

Government Wide Financial Statements

This statement presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flow in some future fiscal period. Uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave are examples of these types of items.

Governmental activities of the Town encompass most of the Town's basic services and include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, parks and recreation, education, library and other activities. Property taxes, charges for services and state grants finance most of these activities.

**Town of Washington
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2010**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Total Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 1,540,835	\$ 563,866	\$ 5,000	\$ ---	\$ (971,969)
Public safety	633,100	54,444	---	---	(578,656)
Highways (public works)	1,807,639	---	---	458,747	(1,348,892)
Sanitation	428,810	40,044	---	---	(388,766)
Social services	3,844	---	---	---	(3,844)
Health	86,329	8,336	---	---	(77,993)
Parks and recreation	310,395	110,521	---	---	(199,874)
Education	9,135,602	---	240,339	---	(8,895,263)
Other	406,057	12,491	---	---	(393,566)
Interest on long-term debt	8,463	---	---	---	(8,463)
Total governmental activities	\$ 14,361,074	\$ 789,702	\$ 245,339	\$ 458,747	(12,867,286)

General revenues:

Property taxes, interest and lien fees	13,500,461
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	139,162
Investment earnings	22,603
Lease income and other miscellaneous	19,175
Total general revenues	13,681,401

Change in net assets 814,115

Net assets - July 1, 2009	15,212,124
Net assets - June 30, 2010	\$ 16,026,239

Fund Financial Statement Balance Sheet

This statement focus is on near-term inflows and outflows or spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Both the Governmental fund balance sheet and the Government fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation, which is available upon request, to facilitate a comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

**Town of Washington
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2010**

	Major Funds					Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Land Acquisition Open Space Fund	Town Aid Road Fund			
Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,733,147	\$ 2,061,351	\$ 232,955	\$ 173,727	\$ 324,789	\$ 4,525,969	
Investments - at fair value	406,681	-	-	-	192,650	599,331	
Property tax receivable, net	327,007	-	-	-	-	327,007	
Contribution in lieu of taxes	29,655	-	-	-	-	29,655	
Deposits	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	
Due from other funds	8,402	-	-	-	-	8,402	
Total Assets	\$ 2,504,892	\$ 2,061,351	\$ 232,955	\$ 173,727	\$ 522,439	\$ 5,495,364	
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 59,489	\$ 16,188	\$ 1,650	\$ -	\$ 3,081	\$ 80,408	
Performance bonds payable	95,686	-	-	-	-	95,686	
Due to other funds	-	8,402	-	-	-	8,402	
Prepaid property taxes	52,691	-	-	-	-	52,691	
Deferred property tax and other revenue	253,436	390,000	-	164,936	-	808,372	
Total Liabilities	461,302	414,590	1,650	164,936	3,081	1,045,559	
Fund Balances:							
Unreserved:							
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	-	1,660,431	-	-	-	1,660,431	
Undesignated							
General fund	2,043,590	-	-	-	-	2,043,590	
Special revenue funds	-	(13,670)	231,305	8,791	519,358	745,784	
Total Fund Balances	2,043,590	1,646,761	231,305	8,791	519,358	4,449,805	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,504,892	\$ 2,061,351	\$ 232,955	\$ 173,727	\$ 522,439	\$ 5,495,364	

Town of Washington
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Land Acquisition Open Space Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 13,337,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	13,337,056
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	89,318	-	-	-	-	89,318
Intergovernmental	295,753	463,747	-	-	-	759,500
Contribution in lieu of taxes	67,905	-	-	-	-	67,905
Investment income	10,238	4,328	1,619	339	6,079	22,603
Lease income - Town building	15,700	-	-	-	-	15,700
Licenses and permits	684,535	-	-	-	-	684,535
Program fees and other receipts	10,088	-	-	-	114,397	124,485
Total Revenues	14,510,593	468,075	1,619	339	120,476	15,101,102
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,476,747	5,083	455	255	393	1,482,933
Public safety	500,903	-	-	-	-	500,903
Highways	1,004,585	-	-	-	-	1,004,585
Sanitation	431,810	-	-	-	-	431,810
Social services	3,844	-	-	-	-	3,844
Health	78,984	-	-	-	-	78,984
Recreation	161,538	-	-	-	114,269	275,807
Education	9,135,602	-	-	-	-	9,135,602
Other	349,047	-	-	-	43,984	393,031
Capital outlay	-	1,643,869	504,005	-	-	2,147,874
Debt service	67,073	-	-	-	-	67,073
Total Expenditures	13,210,133	1,648,952	504,460	255	158,646	15,522,446
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,300,460	(1,180,877)	(502,841)	84	(38,170)	(421,344)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating transfers in (out)	(991,181)	971,337	75,000	-	(55,156)	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing Uses						
	309,279	(209,540)	(427,841)	84	(93,326)	(421,344)
Fund Balance - beginning of year	1,734,311	1,856,301	659,146	8,707	612,684	4,871,149
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 2,043,590	\$ 1,646,761	\$ 231,305	\$ 8,791	\$ 519,358	\$ 4,449,805

Data from these nine nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation on the Town's Audited Financial Statements

**Town of Washington
Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Special Revenue Funds)
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010**

	Judea Cemetery	Park and Recreation Fund	Senior Center Fund	Greenway Committee Fund	Affordable Housing Fund	Legal Litigation Fund	Boat Launch Project Fund	Health Benefit Fund	Document Preservation Fund	Total
Assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,815	\$ 65,651	\$ 4,207	\$ 3,417	\$ 127,859	\$ 159	\$ ---	\$ 75,225	\$ 3,456	\$ 324,789
Investment - at market	26,000	20,891	6,946	---	138,813	---	---	---	---	192,650
Deposits	---	5,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,000
Total Assets	\$ 70,815	\$ 91,542	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,417	\$ 266,672	\$ 159	\$ ---	\$ 75,225	\$ 3,456	\$ 522,439
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 3,081	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 3,081
Fund balances:										
Undesignated	70,815	91,542	11,153	3,417	266,672	(2,922)	---	75,225	3,456	519,358
Total Fund Balances	70,815	91,542	11,153	3,417	266,672	(2,922)	---	75,225	3,456	519,358
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 70,815	\$ 91,542	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,417	\$ 266,672	\$ 159	\$ ---	\$ 75,225	\$ 3,456	\$ 522,439

Data from these nine nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation on the Town's Audited Financial Statements

**Town of Washington
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Year Ended June 30, 2010**

	Judea Cemetery Fund	Park and Recreation Fund	Senior Center Fund	Greenway Committee Fund	Affordable Housing Fund	Legal Litigation Fund	Boat Launch Project Fund	Health Benefit Fund	Document Preservation Fund	Totals
Revenues:										
Investment income	\$ 382	\$ 516	\$ 204	\$ 3	\$ 4,662	\$ -	\$ 124	\$ 183	\$ 5	\$ 6,079
Program fees and other receipts	3,825	99,956	8,606	-	-	-	-	-	2,010	114,397
Total Revenues	4,207	100,472	8,810	3	4,662	-	124	183	2,015	120,476
Expenditures:										
Cemetery expenditures	9,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,800
Programs and Activities	-	114,269	8,810	-	1,800	22,922	-	393	652	148,846
Total Expenditures	9,800	114,269	8,810	-	1,800	22,922	-	393	652	158,646
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(5,593)	(13,797)	-	3	2,862	(22,922)	124	(210)	1,363	(38,170)
Other Financing Sources:										
Operating transfers in (out)	2,500	-	-	-	25,000	20,000	(102,839)	183	-	(55,156)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	(3,093)	(13,797)	-	3	27,862	(2,922)	(102,715)	(27)	1,363	(93,326)
Fund Balance - beginning of year	73,908	105,339	11,153	3,414	238,810	-	102,715	75,252	2,093	612,684
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 70,815	\$ 91,542	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,417	\$ 266,672	\$ (2,922)	\$ -	\$ 75,225	\$ 3,456	\$ 519,358

The Town adopts an Annual Appropriated Budget for its general fund and non-recurring capital expenditure fund. A detailed, year-end budgetary comparison statement to demonstrate compliance with the authorized budget is included in the Town of Washington Audited Financial Statements available from the Selectman's office or on the Town's Website: www.washingtonct.org. A general fund condensed schedule, which shows the approved final budget and actual results follows:

Town of Washington
Condensed Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP, Budgetary Basis)
Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 13,174,279	\$ 13,311,811	\$ 137,532
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	48,801	89,318	40,517
Intergovernmental	343,692	286,737	(56,955)
Contribution in lieu of taxes	69,000	67,905	(1,095)
Investment income	50,000	10,238	(39,762)
Lease income - Town building	14,850	15,700	850
Licenses, permits and other receipts	314,650	412,718	98,068
Scrap metal sale and other receipts	10,000	10,088	88
Town's share of RSD #12 prior year credit and ARRA Federal grant	-	109,640	109,640
Total Revenues	<u>14,025,272</u>	<u>14,314,155</u>	288,883
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,308,080	1,218,507	89,573
Public safety	489,982	487,509	2,473
Highways	1,004,585	1,004,585	-
Sanitation	475,789	431,810	43,979
Social services	4,850	3,844	1,006
Health	81,792	78,984	2,808
Recreation	166,765	161,538	5,227
Education	9,210,981	9,210,981	-
Other	374,283	349,047	25,236
Debt service	67,073	67,073	-
Total Expenditures	<u>13,184,180</u>	<u>13,013,878</u>	170,302
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	841,092	1,300,277	459,185
Other Financing (Sources) Uses :			
Operating transfers:			
Housing Fund	25,000	25,000	-
Judea Cemetery Fund	2,500	2,500	-
Legal Litigation Fund	20,000	20,000	-
Open Space Fund	75,000	75,000	-
Non-recurring Capital Expenditures Fund	868,498	868,498	-
Total Transfers out	<u>990,998</u>	<u>990,998</u>	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses	(149,906)	309,279	459,185
Fund Balance - beginning of year	<u>149,906</u>	<u>1,734,311</u>	1,584,405
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ -	\$ 2,043,590	\$ 2,043,590

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Gage Zumpf Post #87
Daughters of the American Revolution
Devereux-Glenholme School
Dramalites
First Congregational Church of Washington
First Ecclesiastical Society of New Preston
Gunn Memorial Library & Museum
The Gunnery School
Judea Cemetery Commission
Lake Waramaug Authority
Lion's Club of Washington
New Milford Visiting Nurse Association
New Preston Boys and Girls Club
New Preston Cemetery Association
New Preston Congregational Church
New Preston Women's Club
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Parent-Teacher Organizations
Rotary Club of Washington
Rumsey Hall School
Salem Covenant Church
Scouts-Boy & Girl
Shepaug Valley Middle-High School
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
Steep Rock Association
Village Improvement Society
Visiting Nurse & Home Care NW
VNA Thrift Shop
Washington Ambulance Association
Washington Art Association
Washington Board of Education
Washington Board of Finance
Washington Board of Selectmen
Washington Business Association
Washington Cemetery Association
Washington Citizen's Scholarship
Washington Community Fund
Washington Community Housing Trust
Washington Conservation Commission
Washington Democratic Town Committee
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Garden Club
Washington Grange #11
Washington-Gunnery Hockey Association
Washington Historic District Commission
Washington Housing Commission
Washington Inland Wetlands Commission
Washington Montessori School
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission
Washington Rod and Gun Club
Washington Planning Commission
Washington Primary School
Washington Republican Town Committee
Washington Senior Center
Washington Volunteer Fire Department
Washington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Washington-Warren Food Bank
Washington Zoning Commission
Washington Zoning Board of Appeals