



# Washington Annual Report 2005





## 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 & 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 Inland Wetlands Commission  
 Washington Historic District Commission  
 Washington Montessori School  
 Washington Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Washington Planning Commission  
 Washington Primary School  
 Washington Republican Town Committee  
 Washington Senior Center  
 Washington Volunteer Fire Company  
 Washington Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary  
 Washington-Warren Salvation Army  
 Washington-Warren Food Bank  
 Washington Zoning Commission  
 Washington Zoning Board of Appeals





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## TOWN CALENDAR 2005-2006

<b>July 1</b>	Beginning of fiscal year. First payment of property tax due during July.
<b>August 2</b>	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
<b>September 30</b>	Military discharge to be recorded by new residents for tax exemptions.
<b>Oct. 1 – Nov. 1</b>	All personal property, excluding cars, to be listed with Assessor.
<b>October 4</b>	Annual Town Meeting.
<b>November 2</b>	Election Day.
<b>December 1</b>	Gregory Seeley Bryan Birthday (1868).
<b>January 1</b>	Happy New Year! Second payment of property tax due during January.
<b>Feb. 1 – Oct. 1</b>	Additional veteran's exemption applications received (income requirements).
<b>February 2</b>	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
<b>February 20</b>	Board of Assessment Appeals must receive written appeals for hearings scheduled during March.
<b>Feb. 1 – May 15</b>	Elderly or disabled homeowners apply for tax credit (income requirements).
<b>May 4</b>	Annual Town Budget Hearing.
<b>May 15 – Sept. 15</b>	Elderly or disabled renters apply for Tax credit (income requirements).
<b>May 18</b>	Annual Town Budget Meeting.
<b>June</b>	Dog license fees payable during this month.
<b>June 30</b>	Fiscal year ends.

## MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Board of Selectmen**  
Every other Thursday 4:30 p.m.

**Board of Finance**  
3rd Monday of each month 5:00 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 Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m.

**Inland Wetlands Commission**  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 7:00 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.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
2nd Monday of each month 7:00 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 due to holidays 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; however it is suggested specific appointments be made.
- The Probate Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., or by appointment.
- 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, 2005*

**Animal Control Officer**  
(appointed)  
Cynthia F. Brissett

Lisabeth D. Adams, alt.  
John J. Allen, alt.  
Barbara Brown, alt.

**Board of Assessment Appeals**  
(4 year term-elected)  
Ann Fisher Bruzzi, Chairman  
John J. Allen  
Roderick M. Wyant III

**Fire Chiefs**  
Mark Lyon, Chief  
Dick Murchison, 1st Asst. Chief

**Fire Marshal**  
(appointed)  
Donald S. Etherington

**Assessor**  
(4 year term-appointed)  
Barbara S. Johnson

**Health Director**  
(appointed)  
Michael A. Crespan

**Auditor**  
Charles P. Heaven & Company

**Historic District Commission**  
(5 year term-appointed)  
Paul Graney, Chairman  
William H. Smith  
Alison G. Picton  
Charles Treadway  
Peter Talbot  
Elizabeth R. Rives, alt.  
Jane Boyer, alt.  
Ronald K. Chute, alt.

**Building & Property Commission**  
(3 year term-appointed)  
John J. Allen, Chairman  
David Showalter  
Reese Owens

**Building Official**  
William T. P. Jenks

**Conservation Commission**  
(3 year term-appointed)  
Susan F. Payne, Chairman  
Phillip Markert  
Elizabeth Corrigan  
Joseph Gitterman III  
Kelly Boling  
Diane M. Dupuis, alt.  
Linda Frank, alt.  
Vacancy

**Inland Wetlands Commission**  
(3 year term-appointed)  
Mark E. Picton, Chairman  
Dorothy G. Hill  
Marguerite Purnell  
Helen Gray  
Charles LaMuniere  
Kathryn E. Coe, alt.  
Anthony J. Bedini, alt.  
Candace A. Korzenko, alt.  
Michael Ajello, Enforcement Officer

**Emergency Management**  
(appointed)  
Robert J. Tomlinson  
Thomas L. Hearn

**Judea Cemetery Commission**  
(5 year term-appointed)  
Dennis Hussey, Chairman  
Georgia P. Whitney  
Phyllis Allen  
Ellen J. Condon  
Ruth M. Alex

**Board of Finance**  
(6 year term-elected)  
Michael C. Jackson, Chairman  
John Boyer  
John H. Field  
Craig G. Schoon  
Rexford H. Swain  
Mark Lyon

**Justices of the Peace**  
(elected)  
Frank Adams  
Randall J. Breeckner  
Ann Fisher Bruzzi  
Matthew Cain  
Kenneth Cornet  
Edith C. Johnson  
Adam J. Korpalski  
Daniel J. Leab  
William T. McTiernan  
John J. Muckstadt  
Joseph A. Mustich  
John Olear  
Joshua M. Weiner

**Lake Waramaug Authority**  
(3 year term-appointed)  
Sandra Papsin  
Edwin S. Matthews, Jr.  
Dean Sarjeant

**Land Use Coordinator**  
(appointed)  
Janet M. Hill

**Probate Court Judge**  
(4 year term-elected)  
Judge Victoria M. Cherniske

**Municipal Agent for the Elderly**  
(appointed)  
Pamela F. Collins

**Open Burning Official**  
(appointed)  
Vincent Ives

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
(3 year term-appointed)  
Sheila M. Anson, Chairman  
Timothy A. Cook  
Joseph B. Fredlund  
Joan M. Gauthey  
Holly Z. Haas  
Raymond W. Reich  
Christopher J. Kersten  
Louis Magnoli

**Planning Commission**  
(5 year term-appointed)  
Adelaide Roberts, Chairman  
Dimitri Rimsky  
Frederick Byerly  
Sarah E. Gager  
Christopher D. Charles  
Paul Frank, alt.  
R. William Fairbairn, alt.  
Robert C. Buck, alt.

**Police**  
(appointed)  
Stephen Sordi,  
Resident State Trooper  
Ronald Dorazio,  
Full Time Officer  
Patrick J. Kessler,  
Full Time Officer  
Caleb I. Shropshire,  
Full Time Officer  
John Wyshynski,  
Part Time Officer  
Herbert Fuhman,  
Part Time Officer

**Treasurer**  
(2 year term-elected)  
Linda L. McGarr

**Region #12 Board Education**  
(Washington Representatives)  
(4 year term-elected)  
Irene S. Allan, Chairman  
Jay H. Hubelbank  
Michelle Gorra  
Valerie J. Andersen  
Lawrence H. O'Toole  
James D. Hirschfield

**Registrars of Voters**  
(4 year term-elected)  
Constance P. Kaylor  
Patricia A. Stoeffler

**Board of Selectmen**  
(2 year term-elected)  
Richard C. Sears, First Selectman  
Nicholas N. Solley  
Harry H. Wyant

**Senior Center Director**  
(appointed)  
Pamela F. Collins

**Tax Collector**  
(2 year term-elected)  
Tanya J. Wescott

**Town Clerk**  
(4 year term-elected)  
Sheila M. Anson

**Tree Warden**  
(appointed)  
William C. Bader



**Zoning Commission**  
(6 year term-elected)  
Henry Martin, Chairman  
Valerie Friedman  
A. Cecilia Page  
David L. Owen  
Gary Fitzherbert  
Luis Abella, alt.  
Andrew Shapiro, alt.  
James Brinton, alt.  
Janet M. Hill, Enforcement  
Officer

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
(4 year term-elected)  
Edmund J. White, Chairman  
Mary J. Roberts  
Bradford J. Sedito  
Katherine K. Leab  
Randolph W. Snook  
Georgia P. Middlebrook, alt.  
Todd Catlin, alt.  
Mark R. Averill, alt.

**Jeremy K. Johnson and Mildred B. Osborne**  
Seymour October 23, 2004  
**Craig R. Fox and Melissa L. Erbs**  
Sharon October 30, 2004  
**Alexander G. Fields and Eleanor A. Epstein**  
Washington November 6, 2004  
**Martin J. Moore and Patti D. Samuelson**  
Washington February 14, 2005  
**Steven W. Dodge and Melissa A. Borggreve**  
Watertown March 12, 2005  
**Jose N. Flores and Rocio Y. Cortez**  
Danbury March 16, 2005  
**Matthew M. Humiston and Jessica L. Fleet**  
Washington March 19, 2005  
**Jeffrey E. McSherry and Paulette J. Cloutier**  
Washington April 1, 2005  
**David S. Puentes and Inga L. Tompkins**  
Washington May 14, 2005  
**James H. Kocsis and Anne E. Bresnahan**  
Washington May 21, 2005  
**Steven R. Alesevich and Kristen A. Bennett**  
Avon May 28, 2005  
**Mark H. Lowe and Bevyn K. Hearn**  
Warren May 29, 2005  
**Roger E. Swanson and Tanya N. Kohn**  
Washington May 30, 2005  
**Roderick M. Wyant, Jr. and Susan D. Wallace**  
Washington June 11, 2005  
**Randall Chirumbolo and Heather L. Sherman**  
Washington June 18, 2005  
**Jacob J. Linley and Allison I. Spooner**  
Washington June 25, 2005

## VITAL STATISTICS

**Births: July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005**  
24 children born to Washington residents.

**Marriages: July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005**  
58 marriages (partial list)

**Daniel R. Fleet and Heather E. Marden**  
Washington July 3, 2004  
**Jonathan E. Fasman and Alissa Dana Krinsky**  
Washington July 10, 2004  
**James L. Waupotic and Anne-Christine Hatfield**  
Washington July 18, 2004  
**Douglas A. Baker and Kathryn E. Slocum**  
Washington July 24, 2004  
**Norman Strojny and Barbara B. Nye**  
Washington July 31, 2004  
**James C. McCann, Jr. and Christina B. Uemura**  
Washington August 3, 2004  
**Jason E. Conway and Paula A. Thome**  
Washington August 7, 2004  
**Lawrence B. Chatfield and Maypa L. Lee**  
Washington August 20, 2004  
**Justin Goodyear and Maria Chiara Masciandaro**  
Washington August 21, 2004  
**Brendan R. Foulois and Julie M. Loughran**  
Washington August 28, 2004  
**Jeremy R. Wilson and Elizabeth U. Ficks**  
Washington August 28, 2004  
**John J. Hanf and Priscilla L. Emerling**  
Washington October 2, 2004  
**Clifford G. Woodruff and Eva B. Capon**  
Litchfield October 2, 2004  
**David K. Shirlaw and Abigail P. Ficks**  
Washington October 16, 2004  
**Thomas M. Rickart and Elizabeth F. Solley**  
Washington October 23, 2004

**Deaths: July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005**  
**38 deaths**

Kyle A. Ballas July 1, 2004  
Walter N. Stone, Jr. July 11, 2004  
Herman Margulies July 15, 2004  
Kenneth M. Lacroix July 26, 2004  
Charles W. Woodruff August 10, 2004  
Elizabeth Lizauskas August 24, 2004  
Evelyn Wildermuth September 24, 2004  
Mary B. Weeks October 30, 2004  
W. Covington Hardee November 1, 2004  
George A. Bender November 14, 2004  
Jerri Cimmino Quist December 4, 2004  
Sydney F. Biddle December 4, 2004  
Susan Loshier December 10, 2004  
Harold J. Tompkins December 18, 2004  
Marguerite Mulherin December 30, 2004  
Robert Fray January 3, 2005  
Alyce C. M. McCone January 5, 2005  
Patricia A. Ramos January 8, 2005  
Roger J. Hebert January 13, 2005  
Shizuye Kajikawa January 20, 2005  
Sarah I. Hamcke January 21, 2005  
Louis J. Ganz January 21, 2005

Camille Mary Cappellano	February 1, 2005
Woodrow W. Cummings	February 14, 2005
David O. Lynch	February 12, 2005
Mary Monroe Morey	February 13, 2005
Joshua M. Weiner	February 25, 2005
Erasmus J. Struglia	March 5, 2005
Jack J. Marcinek	March 20, 2005
Mable Kyle	March 29, 2005
Kenneth Fleet	April 8, 2005
Lucy Clare Netzer	April 13, 2005
Fabian Johnson	April 30, 2005
Heman Buckingham Averill	May 25, 2005
Frederick Richard Dahl	May 27, 2005
Alden Rodgers "Denny" Johnson	June 8, 2005
Melanie M. Soulagnet Miller	June 24, 2005
Stephen C. Reich	June 28, 2005

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Washington thrives today as it has for more than two centuries of incorporated life because of the vibrancy of its citizenry. People care about each other, the education of children, and the preservation of natural resources, village life, volunteerism, and civic responsibility. Residents want to preserve the quality of life that goes with small town living. The past twelve months have been ones of work and play—all to the good of the Town.

The 225th Anniversary Committee hosted events that engaged thousands of Washingtonians: A July Bluegrass Concert on the Lawn; Parade and Picnic in August; a standing-room-only "Tribute to Washington in Song, Dance and Drama" in September; Community Thanksgiving Worship Service; and festive New Year's Eve Gala in Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen has been responsive to residents' desire for responsive, open government. Selectmen increased communication between Town Hall and homes by sending seven newsletters and surveys and networking offices with high-speed Internet. The "open-door policy" of the Selectmen's office is valued highly by citizens who come to us regarding issues, concerns or problems.

To support the implementation of the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development, the BOS appointed Dan Sherr, Jack Field, Michael Jackson, Nick Solley, Jay Hubelbank and Dick Sears to a Strategic Planning Team. Hundreds of citizens attended Public Forums to explore Open Space, Housing, Municipal Projects and Public Schools. Issues were clarified and prioritized through a mail-in survey. Working with the Board of Finance, the planning team developed a long-range financial plan to fund these priorities.

The BOS supported each priority: Open Space—endorsed the Conservation Commission's creating an Open Space Committee and put a \$150,000 line item in the town budget. Housing—prepared an Ordinance establishing a Housing Commission (adopted) and a line item in the

budget (\$50,000). Municipal Projects—prepared long-range plans for funding and expenditures. Public Schools—called town leaders from Roxbury and Bridgewater to work with Region 12 officials after the failed elementary school renovation referendum. The Selectmen supported the Planning Commission in retaining the Wilbur Smith/Robert Orr Associates firm to complete the Washington Depot Village Area Study. In major advances for the environment this year, I signed the Lake Waramaug Agreement and the Shepaug River Settlement.

The BOS worked closely with town Boards, Committees, and Commissions, along with elected officials to bring a lean, responsible budget to the Board of Finance. For the second year the BOS presented a budget that maintained town services, included support for open space and housing, and which resulted in a zero increase in tax impact. Additionally, the BOS worked with senior citizens to create and pass an Ordinance granting additional tax relief for eligible seniors.

**Public Works and Municipal Facilities:** The Town's need to properly maintain buildings and properties has grown over the years to the extent that a volunteer Properties Committee could not keep up with the expanding needs. This year the BOS hired a part-time property manager. Private donors, along with town allocations, allowed the completion of the comfort facilities at the Washington Primary School pavilion. Pavilion Hall in New Preston was repaired and painted. A Senior Bus was purchased using a federal grant. A new Rescue Truck for the Fire Department was ordered using town and fire company funds. The fire company purchased emergency equipment using a \$78,000 federal grant the BOS helped secure. The Church Street New Preston road improvements project was begun (funded with a Small Town Economic Assistance grant.) A tractor and dump truck were purchased. A section of Nettleton Hollow Road was repaved and numerous roads were chip-sealed.

I wish to end this report with two kudos: 1) It truly is the volunteers on our Boards, Commissions, and Committees who do the work of government in Washington. It is the nearly 100 individuals who debate and decide dozens of significant issues during thousands of hours of deliberations who carry the heavy load of our democratic way of life. It is a pleasure and honor to work with and recognize these tireless workers. 2) Though the Board of Selectmen acts on your behalf as the "Executive" office of local government, I am constantly reminded that it is the citizens of Washington who have the final say in any and all issues. Gathered together as the Town Meeting, we—the citizens—are the "Legislative" arm of government. Together we have power. It is deserving of great note that the citizens again won for their Town the Democracy Cup—this time for the highest voter turnout in the State of Connecticut in the November 2004 general election. Washington topped all other 178 towns and cities with a 93.08% of registered voters! Hats off to all who work and play and vote in Washington!

Richard C. Sears  
For the Board of Selectmen

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DOG WARDEN

The 2004-2005 fiscal year saw 1500 calls come into this office. Once again roaming and nuisance calls topped the list. The nature of calls ranged from small creatures, i.e. snakes, flying squirrels and bats getting into homes and larger animals such as cattle, horses, sheep and the like grazing on lawns and causing traffic problems. The usual complaints associated with common household pets were investigated as well. A rise in neglect/cruelty cases is disturbing but yet necessary to be reported for the well being of the animals.

Stray and abandoned cats and kittens were plentiful this year causing shelter space to be limited. I am happy to report that all of the impounded animals that weren't claimed by their owners were adopted into good homes.

Wildlife calls and complaints have become almost as commonplace as domestic calls. Bear and bobcat sightings have become a weekly occurrence. Along with the coyote and fox, the Fisher Cat is very much in evidence. In some cases the animal isn't seen, but leaves behind its footprints as well as damage it has done such as attacks on pets. All the more reason to make sure your pets are kept up to date with their rabies vaccine, which is state law, along with any other necessary protective vaccinations. Once a dog or cat receives the first vaccine, which is good for one year, the remaining vaccines are good for three years. As there were many positive rabies cases in this area during the past year, it is advisable to stay current with the vaccine.

Dogs must be licensed each June and a certificate of proof for rabies vaccine must be presented to the Town Clerk in order to purchase the license.

Any animal concerns or questions, please call 868-2870.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Brissett

Animal Control Officer/Dog Warden

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The October 1, 2004 Grand List totaled \$932,081,450., a little more than a two percent increase over 2003. This increase, coupled with the careful management of the Board of Finance kept the mill rate at 11 for another year.

The Town instituted a local program of tax relief for elderly or disabled homeowners. This year along with the 47 applicants who qualified under the State program, there were three homeowners who were able to take advantage of the Town's higher maximum income. Applications and income information will be available in this office as of February 1st, 2006 and the credit would be taken on the July, 2006 tax bill.

Adopting an Open Space ordinance is under discussion and depending on the outcome, it is conceivable that the Grand List would go down rather than increase in the year of adoption. It is to be hoped that an equitable resolution will be found.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara S. Johnson, CCMA II

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Fiscal year 2004-2005 has once again exceeded all of my expectations in respect to the amount of construction. Washington's construction activity was double what I feel a normal year should be. Total construction should be more in line with fiscal 02/03 or in the low \$20 million total. In the past couple of years we have had one or two large projects with total construction values that equal a whole years worth of construction in the rest of town.

The following is a four year comparison:

<b>FISCAL YEAR:</b>	<b>01/02</b>	<b>02/03</b>	<b>03/04</b>	<b>04/05</b>
# PERMITS:	573	560	623	712
# NEW HOUSES:	31	17	29	15
PERMIT FEES:	\$202,544	\$145,872	\$253,426	\$238,426
TOTAL VALUE:	\$32,224,970	\$22,928,157	\$40,170,567	\$39,027,597
AVERAGE				
PERMIT VALUE:	\$56,239	\$40,943	\$64,479	\$54,814

The end of the fiscal year marks the 15th year I have been the Building Official for the Town of Washington. I have seen a huge increase in construction in that 15 years with the first year under \$10 million and last year at almost \$40 million! We have also been through many building code updates with hundreds of new codes. Our code books contain more than six times the total number of pages and the number of inspectors it takes to cover the construction activity has more than tripled! Total hours spent in continued education for inspectors 15 years ago amounted to a few hours a year; now we total hundreds of hours per year! I wonder what the future will bring?

William T.P. Jenks

Building Department





## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation 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.

### Activities during fiscal year 2004-2005

The role of the Conservation Commission is advisory. Referrals from other land use commissions are appreciated.

In October 2004 we presented a forum on Open Space as one of four forums that were scheduled as follow-up to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development which includes a goal of preserving in perpetuity 30% open space. In November 2004 a 12% response rate to a town-wide poll that was mailed to all residents was received, ranking open space preservation as the primary concern of the entire community. The preservation of Washington's rural character is synonymous with the preservation of open space. The Open Space Committee pursues its mission through the monitoring of open space in Washington, advocating for its protection and partnering with local and regional organizations dedicated to the same goals.

The publication, Land Use in Washington, CT: Regulations, Agencies and Commissions, was published in October 2004 and distributed to town residents. Copies are available in the Land Use office. Our thanks to the Land Use Brochure Committee: Anthony Bedini, chairman; Kelly Boling, Jane Boyer, Elizabeth Corrigan, Siggi Hildmann, Candace Korzenko and Susan Payne.

The Ridgeline Protection Committee, after considerable research, has proposed some regulations to help protect the rural character and scenic ridgelines of the town by limiting the visual prominence of structures. The Zoning Commission has adopted one recommendation that requires that the finished height of a building be measured from the pre-existing grade and must be measured on site prior to any site disturbance. Regulatory recommendations continue to be discussed with Zoning.

The Scenic Roads Ordinance was adopted at the fall 2003 town meeting. To date ten roads have been approved. Information packets to propose a scenic road designation are available in the Land Use office, on the town web site, or by contacting Joe Gitterman, 868-1090.

During spring 2005, the Greenway Committee implemented a landscape plan, donated by Dirk Sabin, to beautify the small green open space on School Street overlooking the river and the Shepaug Greenway. Our special thanks to Gary Lavado for allowing us to use his water during a very dry summer and to Bob Williams for his tireless supervision of these new plants.

The Greenway Committee has published a new walking guide of historic points-of-interest from Hidden Valley to the Swigart Lane entrance (off Barnes Road) to Steep Rock. The committee offers special thanks to Cyndy Brissett for

her artistry and design and Valerie Leonard for her electronic layout. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office, the Hickory Stick Bookshop and the Gunn Memorial Library.

A list of invasive plants is now available on the town web site. Formation of an Invasive Plants Working Committee is being planned.

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

### Standing Subcommittees:

- Cell Tower-Phil Markert, chair; Diane Dupuis
- Data Management for land use needs-Kelly Boling, chair; George Blake, Dimitri Rimsky, Fritz Byerly and Chris Charles.
- Flora & Fauna/Invasives, Endangered Species & Bird Identification – Betsy Corrigan, chair; Natalie Dyer, Diane Dupuis, Robbie Barnett and Linda Potter
- Greenway – Susan Payne, chair; Bob Williams, Addie Roberts, Elisha Dyer, Bonnie Matthews, Bob deCourcy, Kelly Boling, Linda Potter, Dan Sherr and Dorothy Wilson.
  - o Greenway is on Town Web Site
  - o Historic Points-of-Interest Trail Guide published summer 2005
  - o Annual trail monitoring needs volunteers.
- Monitoring of Town properties -Linda Frank, chair; all commission members and alternates.
- Open Space Committee – Dan Sherr, chair; Patte Doran, Rod Funston, Phil Gorri van, Eileen Hearn, Charles Lamunier, Phil Markert, Susan Payne, Chick Treadway, Colleen Moriarty, Jeff Weston, Diane Williams and Jack Field, advisor.
- Ridgeline Protection – Linda Frank, chair; Susan Payne and Ric Sonder.
- School Connection/ways to involve public and private school students -Linda Frank
- Water Resources – Phil Markert, chair; Randy Bernard and Susan Payne

Representatives from other town commissions are invited to participate. Volunteers are always needed.

The commission is most grateful for the expert services of Pam Osborne as our secretary.

We urge you all to be stewards of this beautiful, rural community we live in: conserve water, eradicate invasives, protect our New England stonewalls, minimize outdoor lighting, care for our woodlands and do not clear cut, drive slowly and participate in the town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Payne, chair; Kelly Boling, vice-chair; Betsy Corrigan, Joe Gitterman, Phil Markert; alternates: Diane Dupuis, Linda Frank and Dan Sherr.

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

## ELECTIONS REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

In October 2004, the Registrars held two (2) mandatory Voter Registration sessions.

Many thanks to all that voted in the November Town Election and helped Washington win the Democracy Cup again. Also, a big thank you to our great group of poll workers.

The State-required canvass went out in February 2005. Your prompt returns were greatly appreciated. The Registrars and their Deputies attended the two-day State ROVAC convention in May 2005.

The mandated voter registration sessions for the November 2005 election will be as follows at Bryan Memorial Town Hall:

- Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - last day to register to vote. (Only new residents, new citizens and residents who turn 18 after October 25th may register on Monday, November 7, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.)

November 8, 2005 is Election Day and the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Please be sure to bring ID with you - this will help eliminate waiting time in line.

Respectfully submitted,  
Constance Kaylor  
Lillian Lyon  
Registrars

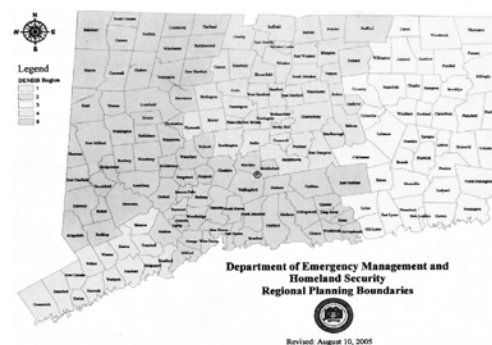


## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Local Emergency Planning Council  
(LEPC)//Citizen Corps Council  
Litchfield County Dispatch Board of Directors  
Northwest Regional Hazmat Team Advisory Board  
Northwest/Litchfield Hills Public Safety Task Force  
State of CT Citizen Corps Council

Your Emergency Management Office continues to participate and coordinate with the Regional and State Emergency Planning efforts that are well underway. Each of these projects will improve our local plans, coordination, mutual aid and communication.

Our Town is now part of the new CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Area 5 (a change from OEM Area 1).



The planning projects of the Northwest/Litchfield Hills Public Safety Task Force are continuing and most of the required equipment has been ordered. Each of these regional/local projects will serve our Town well to be better prepared in the event of a local emergency event or assist our neighboring towns. These projects will improve our equipment requirements, training, mutual aid in many disciplines; this will improve coordination and cooperation for the good of all.

Please - **HELP YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES HELP YOU !**  
- **POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBER ON YOUR MAIL BOX OR DRIVEWAY POST.**

Thank you for your support; consider volunteering with our emergency service groups as your time allows, ie: Washington Volunteer Ambulance Association; Washington Volunteer Fire Department; CERT- Community Emergency Response Team.

The Fire Department and Ambulance Association also need your financial assistance to continue the excellent service they provide for all of us. Please **HELP** any way you can.

Any questions, thoughts or concerns, please visit the Town's Web Site: Emergency Management Section or contact me;  
"Rocky" Tomlinson 868-9942  
[rtomlinsonr@netscape.net](mailto:rtomlinsonr@netscape.net) or [emsvc.arc.western\\_ct@snetnet](mailto:emsvc.arc.western_ct@snetnet)

## BOARD OF FINANCE

Our budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year was based on a Grand List of \$905 million after our mandated revaluation. Region 12's budget for the past year increased \$797,098, or just under 5%. Our Town's share of the Region's expenditure increased \$282,084 or 4% to \$7,544,026. Our student population in the Region actually decreased slightly over the prior year. After credit for Education grants from the State and reimbursements from the Region, our actual Educational expense increased 4% to \$288,312.

Town Operating Expenditures increased \$70,976 or 2.3% to \$3,232,051, before debt service, while the Town's capital budget was \$711,554, including anticipated grants of \$994,920 for projects which would not be undertaken without the grants. Consequently, the capital expenditure budget actually declined from last year by \$178,471. Given the increase in the Town Grand List, the Board increased the mill rate to 11.

The coming year's budget (2005-2006) is based upon a Grand List, which increased approximately \$19 million over last year's budgeted amount. The Region's budget before debt service would increase \$576,855 or 5%. Our Town's share would increase \$447,483 or 5.9% to \$7,991,509 before grants and reimbursements. After these credits, our net expense increased 5.84%. The Town's operating expense budget before debt service is \$3,360,320 before debt service, which is an increase of \$128,269 or 4% over last year's budget. The Town's capital budget increased to \$980,004 or 37.7% from the prior year. Given the increase in the Grand List for the year, your Board felt it could prudently maintain the current mill rate at 11.00. Given the changes in administration of Region 12, the Board is hopeful that future increases in the Region's budget will be limited to the increase in the Grand List. However, the building program currently being considered can only increase our mill rate.

Again, this year I would like to thank the returning members of the Board of Finance, Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Jack Field, Liddy Adams, Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Mark Lyon and John Allen for their dedication and participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

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## FIRE MARSHALL

Town residents are urged to post street numbers at their property entrances. Hidden driveways can be difficult to find particularly during night hours. Reflective street numbers properly displayed can greatly aid emergency responders to locate your property in time of need.

The Fire Department Water Resources Committee has been active in establishing dry fire hydrants in various parts of town. Any property owner who has a possible water supply source is urged to contact the Fire Department directly at 868-7403. The Town government is urged to support the firemen in this effort; however hydrants promised for the New Preston Village area have not been installed to date.

Respectfully submitted  
Donald S. Etherington  
Fire Marshall

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## THE GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Library and Museum remain dedicated to providing free public library services to Washington, Connecticut, and the surrounding communities and to promoting 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 that follow. Most importantly, we are gratified by the increased use of our facilities by the public at large. We have seen more residents - young and old, groups and individuals, through organized programs or simply people choosing to meet for daily interaction - coming through our doors than in any previous year.

If you have not become a regular user of our many resources, we welcome you to join your friends and neighbors. We look forward to meeting you!

Items of note during the past year include:

- ! 36,577 people came into the library.
- ! We circulated 62,701 items.
- ! 795 interlibrary loans were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons.
- ! The GML loaned 1,685 volumes to other libraries on interlibrary loan.
- ! 83 researchers visited the Connecticut Room researching topics of local interest.
- ! 392 new registrations brought our total borrowing population to 3,867.
- ! 8,896 patrons signed up to use our electronic resources.
- ! 5,387 new items were added to the collection.
- ! 2,342 titles were requested and held for patrons.
- ! Electronic reference sources remained in high demand.
- ! In the adult library, the GML continued to offer outstanding programming to our patrons. A total of 2,062 patrons attended 52 varied programs.
- ! Our enthusiastic and loyal corps of volunteers boasted 66 people.



- ! In the Junior Library, 83 storytimes were held for 5 age ranges (2's, 3-4's, and K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th grades) with a total attendance of 1,446.
- ! 30 Saturday and Tuesday evening programs were held with 1,240 attending.
- ! The Summer Reading Program entitled "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" drew 287 readers who completed 6,389 hours of reading!
- ! Museum attendance totaled 1,564 visitors.
- ! The museum exhibits included: Game Today! 100 Years of Baseball in Washington, 1860-1960; Once Upon a Town: Toy and Miniature Villages; The Washington Grange and Local Farms, "Great Caesar's Ghost, What a Catastrophe;" The Flood of 1955 in Washington, Connecticut and H. Siddons Mowbray: American Muralist and Washington Luminary.

A multitude of thanks to the trustees, committee members, staff, donors, and supporters whose contributions make such achievements possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Chapin, Executive Director

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## 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 11:30 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. A part-time sanitarian was also hired during the fiscal year and began providing additional service in April 2005.

### The activities performed by the Department for the current fiscal year were as follows:

Septic Permits Issued:	New	16
	Repair	29
Private Well Permits Issued		33
Food Service Inspections		26

The total amount of permit fees collected for all Health Department activities was **\$7,425.00**

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 fifteen (15) reports received from area physicians and medical laboratories. The diseases that were reported most frequently were hepatitis C (5 reports) and Lyme disease (3 reports).

Michael A. Crespan  
Director of Health

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## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission conducted twelve regular meetings, eleven public hearings concerning applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, and one special meeting. Eight Certificates of Appropriateness were issued.

Mr. Graney introduced a new procedure whereby a memo is sent to all residents within a district notifying them when a public hearing is scheduled for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. This action resulted not only in increased attendance at public hearings, but has allowed residents to have a voice in the protection of the character of their district.

In an effort to help preserve and protect the historic resources in each district, a photographic survey was taken. All photographs were taken from the public way. Photos of Calhoun-Ives were taken by Mrs. Boyer, The Green by Mr. Graney, and Sunny Ridge by Mrs. Rives. These photos are stored on computer in the Land Use Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Graney, Chairman  
Charles Treadway, Vice Chairman  
Peter Talbot, Secretary  
Alison Picton  
William Smith  
Jane Boyer, Alternate  
Ronald Chute, Alternate  
Elizabeth Rives, Alternate

## 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 July, August, and December when it meets only once and the month of November when 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.

Its members 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. During fiscal year 2004 - 2005 the Commission made 44 site inspections. It acted on 71 applications, approving 65, denying 5, and ruling that 1 was eligible for an exemption. A total of 28 violations were the subject of ongoing discussions; 9 of those remained unresolved at the end of the year. Eight public hearings were held to consider applications for significant activities, citations, and enforcement matters.

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

The Commission members as of June 2005 were Mark Picton, Chairman, Candace Korzenko, Vice Chairman, Dorothy Hill, Charles LaMuniere, and Marguerite Purnell. Alternates were Anthony Bedini and Katherine Coe. Alternate Helen Gray decided not to be reappointed to an additional term. The Commission recognizes her dedication and thanks her for her service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Picton, Chairman

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## JUDEA CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Judea Cemetery is the oldest known cemetery in the Town of Washington. Burials date back to 1743. The Cemetery is maintained by the Town and a commission of five volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Currently, Dennis Hussey serves as President, Ruth Alex as Secretary, Phyllis Allen as Treasurer, and Nelly Condon and Dolly Whitney as Board members. Maintenance of the grounds and burials are done by Sexton, David Swanson. The annual meeting was held on June 3, 2004 in Bryan Memorial Town Hall. For the fiscal year 2004-2005, ten plots were purchased and two burials took place. More plots are needed for future burials. Thus, the lower section of the

cemetery is being mapped and marked by surveyor, Mike Alex and Sexton David Swanson. Space for approximately one hundred more plots will be made available for purchase.

The Judea Cemetery is located one mile from the Congregational Church on the Green on Judea Cemetery Road. The Cemetery is in a very rural and picturesque part of the town. Judea Cemetery is honored ground and Washington residents take pride in having this serene and beautiful site to bury their loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Hussey, President

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## THE LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY

The nine members of the Lake Waramaug Authority are appointed in the Town of Kent and Washington and elected in the Town of Warren. Representatives from Kent are Treasurer Gary Davis, Kevin Brady and Tim Hannen. Appointed representatives from Washington include Secretary Sandy Papsin, Ed Matthews and Dean Sarjeant. Elected members from Warren are Chairman Ed Berner, Bill Hopkins, and Gary Curtiss. Washington Resident Trooper Steve Sordi continues to be instrumental in implementing and executing an emergency preparedness plan for the Lake that has proved effective and functional for large scale events on the Lake including the spring crew races, regattas, the fireworks display and the annual triathlon. Steve works closely with the Lake Authority and the Marine Patrol Staff to constantly remain up to date with events and procedures.

The Lake Authority continues to support a recent and significant change by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection law that states it is now illegal to transport a vessel or trailer used in fresh water without first inspecting it for the presence of invasive vegetation and removing that vegetation. The penalty is a court appearance and a fine of up to \$100. It is the consensus of the Lake Authority Members that the continuing procedure of inspecting boats at the Washington Launch Site is most effective and for the most part, boaters continue to be cooperative and understand the importance of this action for the prevention of the introduction of invasive species into Lake Waramaug.

The Lake Waramaug Authority is responsible for ensuring that Lake Waramaug is used first and foremost in a safe manner for all recreational activities. To that end, the Lake Waramaug Authority Marine Patrol conducts random patrols on the lake beginning in the spring and continuing until early autumn. Our Marine Patrol Officers are here to enforce the State of Connecticut Boating Regulations, conduct safety checks, provide emergency assistance, rescue

and transport, and support the inspection of watercraft on the lake. The Lake Waramaug Authority was established to ensure that the Lake remains a safe and enjoyable site for sport and recreation throughout the year.

The reconstruction of the Washington Boat Launch site near the New Preston beach area remains in the planning stages. Members are working closely with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection on this process.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Sandy Papsin  
Lake Waramaug Authority Secretary

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## **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 2004, this office received approximately 267 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

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## **NEW MILFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

The New Milford Visiting Nurse Association has once again seen a large increase in activities during the past fiscal year in the Town of Washington. We are 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.

During this year a full-time R.N. served the patient population in Washington. In total, 2,591 visits were made to Washington residents, more than double the previous year (see chart). 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 six 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. We have also been very busy with our Lyme Disease Education Program, which is available to all within our service area.

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. Six Hospice volunteers are residents of the Town of Washington and they provide support in many ways for the terminally ill and their families. This year we were privileged to have Washington resident and film star Linda Dano as the honored speaker at our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in April.

Community Health Nurse Geri Rodda has participated in community programs such as Senior Stroke Screening at the Senior Center. We continue to be part of the Greater New Milford Breast Care Coalition along with New Milford Hospital and its Regional Cancer Center, the New Milford Health Dept., and the American Cancer Society to form the Greater New Milford Breast Care Coalition. Utilizing a grant from the Susan Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, this group is expanding breast care education and the importance of mammography. This service is available to anyone in our service area. NMVNA facilitated a Skin Cancer Screening at the Senior Center with Dr. Jeffrey Knispel. We have also provided cholesterol screening and heart health education programs. At the Washington Primary School, we were happy to put on a "Handwashing and Cough Etiquette" program for the kindergarten students.

Because many of the services and programs provided by NMVNA 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 are very grateful for the support of Washington citizens, and look forward to this year's ceremony which will take place on December 11 at 4:30 p.m. Many thanks to the many committee members in Washington who worked so hard putting their committee together every year. 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 two years. It is a considerable expense, and a time-consuming labor of love for these ladies who buy and deliver all the food for the week. 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 Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and licensed by the State of Connecticut for all of our homecare programs.

A very important initiative in which we are involved is the preparation of a mass vaccination clinic in the event of an emergency.

#### 2004 – 2005 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, 2004 to June 30, 2005:

Home Care	# Visits YE 6/30/05	YE 6/30/04
Total:	2,591	1,008
Skilled Nursing	1,931	313
Occupational Therapy	14	1
Home Health Aides	248	482
Physical Therapy	359	186
MSW	36	11
Speech Therapy	3	15

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Washington Parks & Recreation begins every fiscal year with the annual 4th of July fireworks extravaganza and road race. The weather was hot and humid, but the sun was shining with no threat of rain. The winners of the annual 5K road race were David Hunt of New Milford with a time of 18:16 and “our own” Pam Quist with a time of 21:07. The 4th of July holiday picnic ended with a spectacular fireworks display. Summer programs offered every summer by the Parks & Recreation Commission are Summer Rec Camp (for grades PK-5th), Ace Baseball Camp, Tennis Lessons, Berkshire Field Hockey Camp, Dimensions Basketball Camp, Spartan Hoop School, and Soccer Camp, all well attended this year. A beautiful beach and boating season on Lake Warmaug was enjoyed by over 200 season pass holders.

Our usual fall/winter programs included Basketball for grades 1-8 and evening adult open play as well. Swimming lessons for children, Morning Adult Swim and Adult Volleyball in the evening are also offered. After School Arts & Crafts Classes for the primary school children are held with a different theme once a month. Three Yoga classes and Cardio Kickboxing keep the upstairs at the Bryan Memorial Town Hall hopping.

Holiday in the Depot held Friday evening, December 10th kicked off our winter season. A wonderful town-wide holiday celebration for young and old alike, this annual event is a combined effort with the Washington Business Association, and includes Boy Scouts, the Gunn Memorial Library and Museum,

the Girl Scouts, the Washington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary just to name a few. Washington Primary School children singing Christmas Carols ushered in Santa, who arrived by horse and wagon promptly at 6pm, to listen to the children’s wishes and poses for pictures each year to everyone’s delight. The talented Shepaug Valley High School Band performed carols as well. The weather cooperated for this town event, also!

This winter, a removable skating rink was donated to the town and was set up under the pavilion. It had some use before the weather warmed enough to keep the water from maintaining a hard surface for skating.

A spring Baseball Jamboree was held Saturday, April 30th to kickoff a very successful Baseball, Softball, T-Ball and Diamond Ball season.

Bus Trips included a trip to Yankee Stadium on August 22nd to see the New York Yankees beat the Anaheim Angels. November’s annual trip to New York City to see The Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular was again a sell out. In early December (on a very windy, rainy day) we traveled to see the Newport, RI mansions, The Elms and Marble House, decorated so beautifully for Christmas.

This fiscal year, Washington residents got to witness the Parks & Recreation Commission’s efforts to maintain and enhance the Pavilion at River Walk Park (adding a much needed bathroom facility) from the design/blue print stage come to life to near completion. We thank you . . . and as hoped, with your help, this project has been built and is in use before this annual report has been written!

As always, the Commission would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly for us, and make all our programs a huge success. Remember, thank the coaches, instructors or helpers and let them know how much they do for the good of our town, young and old alike.

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Washington Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month, except in November when it meets on the first Wednesday. 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.
- 21 Special Meetings, including 8 site inspections and 13 to work on the Washington Depot Business District study, were held.
- 10 Public Hearings were conducted.
- 9 Referrals from the Zoning Commission, neighboring towns, and the Board of Selectmen were considered.
- 4 Subdivision and Resubdivision applications were considered.
- 2 New lots were approved.

Continuing with the trend in recent years, the Commission received few subdivision and resubdivision applications. This enabled it to spend more time evaluating applications for Scenic Road Designation and preparing for and conducting the Washington Depot Business District study.

The Planning Commission received seven applications for scenic road designation. It approved six of these and one was pending at the end of the fiscal year. A site inspection was conducted and a public hearing was required for each of these applications. Those roads designated as scenic roads were Shinar Mountain Road, Senff Road, Walker Brook Road, Sunny Ridge Road, West Morris Road, and Nettleton Hollow Road. This brings the total to nine scenic roads designated since November 2003 when the Scenic Road Ordinance was adopted.



The 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development recommended that “a focused, state of the art study of design, traffic, access, character, and commercial use issues be undertaken to develop a consensus on what needs to be done to preserve and enhance the Washington Depot village center.” With an emphasis on the need to preserve the Depot, but also to return to its 1955 pre flood roots, restore access and focus on the Shepaug River, make the village center more pedestrian friendly, solve traffic and parking problems, and reestablish the district as an area conducive to successful commercial businesses, the Commission began the Depot study in 2004. It spent the first months refining the issues to be addressed, drafting a request for proposal letter, and conducting several rounds of interviews for perspective consultants to oversee the study. Early in the spring of 2005 it was announced that the Commission had hired the team of Wilbur Smith and Robert Orr Associates. The Members had been impressed that these two firms, more than any others interviewed, stressed Washington’s history and uniqueness, the importance of preserving its existing character, and the wonderful opportunity to enhance its ties to both the Shepaug River and the natural surrounding countryside. An Advisory Committee made up of a cross section of the Town, including Depot residents and business owners, members of civic organizations, and Town staff, was appointed to work with the Commission and consultants on public outreach and to organize a townwide “charrette.” In June the consultants set up an office in Town Hall for an intensive four day workshop. The resulting draft plan, which was based on comments from the public and the Advisory Committee and research by the Commission and consultants, provided strategies to allow the Depot to accommodate inevitable growth and at the same time preserve and protect the Town’s qualities that are treasured by its residents. At the end of the fiscal year, the Commission was awaiting the first draft of the study. In the upcoming year when the draft has been reviewed and revised if necessary, the Commission will decide how to progress with Phase II of the study. Probable work will include conducting more in depth studies such as septic capabilities of the area and flood plain issues, public education, and cooperation with the Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commissions to implement regulations that will permit typical historic New England growth patterns in keeping with the existing rural character of the Town.

The Planning Commission’s membership underwent significant changes in 2004-2005. Robert Buck, who was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1995, resigned in September for personal reasons. He was a dedicated member who was very conscientious about attending meetings. George Bender stepped down as Chairman in August 2004 due to a serious illness. George served on the Planning Commission since 1994 and was elected chairman in July 1998. He was well liked and highly respected by both his Commission and the general public during his terms as chairman because of his vast legal and planning knowledge, his ability to listen effectively, and his fair, respectful, and equal treatment of all who appeared before

the Commission. George was the driving force behind the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development and the commencement of the ongoing Depot study. He was proud of the 2003 Plan and the fact that under his leadership it had been completed on time and under budget. George died in the autumn of 2004. His death was a tremendous loss to the Commission and the Town. He is sorely missed. Addie Roberts was elected chairman to replace Mr. Bender. Mr. Rimsky was moved up from alternate to full member and Ms. Gager was appointed as a new full member. Mr. Fowlkes was appointed as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Addie Roberts, Chairman  
Chris Charles, Vice Chairman  
Fritz Byerly  
Sarah Gager  
Dimitri Rimsky  
Bill Fairbairn, Alternate  
Winston Fowlkes, Alternate  
Paul Frank, Alternate

POLICE

The Resident Trooper Office is devoted to the betterment of the community it serves. It is the personal commitment from our sworn police officers serving the town which helps continue to build an insatiable desire for outsiders to visit and envy the beautiful and safe town of Washington. The officers, at all times, are prepared to listen to the residents and assist in creating a secure hometown environment.

The Resident Trooper Office continues to strive in community orientated services:

- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- D.A.R.E.
- The Shepaug Youth Patrol
- Connecticut Safety Boating Certification Classes
- Residence Vacation Checks
- Lake Patrol (Lake Waramaug Authority)

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Resident Trooper office hired Thomas Accuosti part time. Officer Accuosti recently retired from the Connecticut State Police after 26 years of service. While employed by the State Police, Officer Accuosti achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. During his career, he was a Patrol Trooper at Troop B (Canaan) and Troop L (Litchfield). He gained valuable community policing experience when he was assigned as the Resident Trooper for the town Burlington. Upon being promoted to Sergeant, Officer Accuosti went back to Troop A (Southbury) as a Platoon Sergeant. After serving in the capacity as a Platoon Sergeant for a number of years, he was reassigned to the State Police Academy, where he was tasked with the responsibility of being the In-Service Training Coordinator. In addition, he was an educator for NESPAC and assigned

the State Police Field Training Officer Coordinator. While assigned to the police academy, Officer Accuosti was given the duty of instructing all newly promoted Sergeants, within the New England States, the “Supervisory Lesson Plan”. Officer Accuosti has a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

Detailed Statistics for the 2004-2005 Fiscal year are as follows:

Residential Alarms (Unfounded):	373
Medical Assists	39
Burglaries	9
Assaults	4
Criminal Mischief	10
Narcotics	6
DUT's	15
Larcenies	19
Motor Vehicle Accidents	131
Missing Persons	1
Family Violence	9

I would like to thank the townspeople for there continued support of the Police Department. The statistics identified within this report indicate the united efforts of the community and the Police Department proved successful.

Throughout the last year, the percentage of crime within the community has decreased. However, the number of motor vehicle collisions has increased. In most instances, the mitigating factors causing the collisions included weather, excessive speed and lack of driver experience. The Resident Trooper Office has implemented an operations plan in an attempt to decrease the amount of collisions occurring within the town borders.

I would again request all homeowners who make use of residential burglar alarms have them serviced on an annual basis. Last year we responded to 373 unfounded alarms. A good percentage of these false alarms were due to poor maintenance or user error. Although the amount of unfounded alarms continues to be high, the number has decreased almost 25% from the previous year. I would like to thank those people who have taken the time and addressed this issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trooper Stephen Sordi  
Washington Resident Trooper



## PROBATE COURT

Victoria M. Cherniske, Judge  
Pamela L. Osborne, Clerk

State of Connecticut  
District of Washington  
2 Bryan Memorial Plaza - P.O. Box 295  
Washington Depot, CT 06794

On April 26 the Probate Judges and staff gathered at the Supreme Court in Hartford for the annual meeting of the Probate Court Assembly.

Chief Justice Sullivan welcomed and praised the Probate System's improvement in handling children's matters through the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court, giving much needed support for the troubled children and families. He continued to commend the guardian ad litem program associated. This volunteer program gives students in the Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy program at Southern Connecticut State University an opportunity to serve in the Children's Court. In addition he spoke in favor of the criminal record checks that are conducted in children's matters.

In closing, the Probate Assembly was congratulated by Chief Justice Sullivan for their efforts and commitment in pursuing resolutions to the issues before them.

The Legislative Committee reported that Senate Bill 1198 was significantly altered. The remaining portion of the Bill, alternately known as House Bill 5382, pertains to hiring practices and compensation for staff. Further, the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee will submit a report to the Legislature on the Probate Court System in November. The sunset provision of the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court was eliminated and the establishment of six additional regional children's probate courts was passed through legislation.

Probate Assembly President Judge Marino described year 2004 as challenging. He referred to himself as a shepherd of the system. He pledged his best efforts for the coming year, working to ensure that the best aspects of the Probate Court System are preserved and maintained for the good of the whole.

Probate Court Administrator Judge Lawlor thanked his staff for their patience as new accounting/computer programs were installed. Additionally the laser fiche program has been installed in Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven with plans for an additional thirty-nine more units to be installed around the state. Judge Lawlor again commended the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court and the Melissa's Project, which began in Waterbury and now is expanded to Torrington and Danbury. The Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, once reluctant, is now working with the judges, staff and Casey Family Services to provide a partnership of social services to the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court.

Finally the Probate Administrator reported that the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature has agreed to a one thousand dollar appropriation for grandparents who have been appointed as guardians of minor children by the Probate Courts.

Your local Probate Court has worked efficiently and effectively with compassionate consideration to the delicate matters that are managed on a daily basis. The Hon. Victoria M. Cherniske and Clerk Pamela L. Osborne are diligently providing their services to the community while keeping information available on the proposed and enacted legislative changes to the Probate Court System.

The Washington Probate Court office hours are from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or anytime by appointment.

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

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## 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 and Scrabble games, knitting and quilting are among the regular activities. Luncheons are held, often with speakers or entertainment. This year's topics included Men's Health, Lyme disease and it's prevention and Women's Heart Health.
- **Drawing Class:** Instructor Cindy Brissett conducted a six week drawing class in the spring.
- **Fitness:** The Senior Center exercise program has been and is ongoing with regular 40-minute low impact aerobics video workouts 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 Thursday

of each month by Visiting Nurse and Homecare Northwest, who also conducted the annual flu clinic in the fall, and a bend and stretch exercise program designed to improve balance and prevent falls. In addition, New Milford Hospital and the New Milford VNA conducted two cholesterol and skin cancer screenings and Veralyn Davis, audiologist with Hearing Aid Specialist of CT, conducted a free hearing screening. The Senior Center also sponsored a vision screening this past May.

- **Trips** continue to be very popular. This past year saw trips to the Aqua Turf Club, the Spinning Wheel Inn, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Salem Cross Inn in Massachusetts and the Cirque du Soleil performance in Hartford. Other trips offered included Magic Wings Butterfly and Garden Museum, the Sharon Playhouse and 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 may be made by calling the Senior Center at least one day ahead.
- **Northwest Corner Chore Service:** This program has been enthusiastically received and continues to grow. 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 Reverse Mortgage Fundamentals, Rebuilding Together - Homeowner Maintenance Energy Workshop, Power of Attorney and Living Will Seminar and the AARP Mature Driving Course.
- **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, web site development, 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

## SHEPAUG VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

### Introduction

The 2004-2005 school year was marked by accomplishment and challenge. The district received a highly complementary report on our high school by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Significant progress was made under the first year of the district's five-year strategic plan. Students and staff were accorded recognition for their achievements. These "positives" were challenged by a budget defeat and by sharp disagreement over the resolution of issues with the elementary school facilities.

The offering of an early retirement incentive poses additional challenges to the school district. Replacing eight retired teachers in one year is unprecedented in Regional School District No.12. The district is losing considerable "institutional memory" that has served our students well for many years. However, the infusion of new staff and different levels of energy will prove to be an asset as the district moves forward.

### 2004-2005 Student Achievement

87% of the class of 2005 will be continuing their formal education

78% will be attending four year colleges/ universities

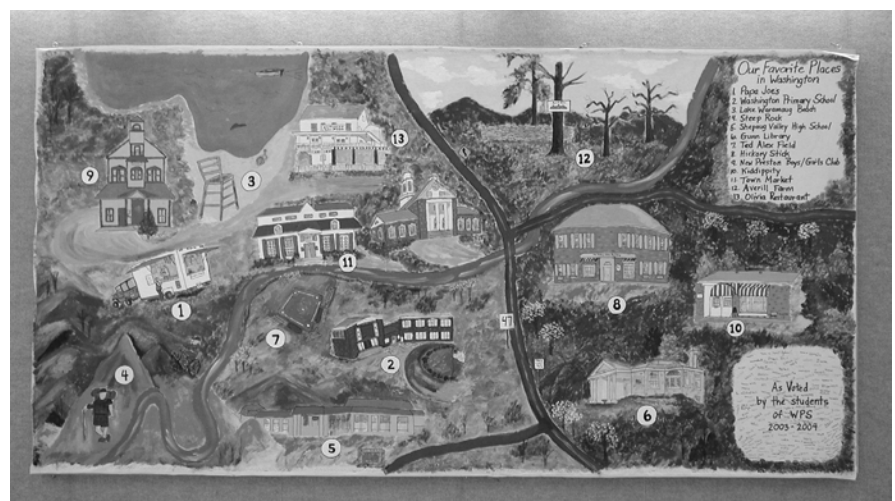
### Top "5" Seniors/Class of 2005 and College/University Attending

Camille Bevans  
David Breeckner  
Aaron Kaufman  
Aubri Gillespie  
Ryan McGorty

Williams College  
St. Michaels College  
Carleton College  
Johns Hopkins University  
University of Connecticut

### Student of the Year

Audrey Kimball



## Teacher of the Year for RSD #12 (2004-2005)

William Domonell

- Shepaug Valley Middle School Art Teacher

## Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS)

- WPS - 5th grade, Gina DeMeo
- BES - 5th grade, Kate Barlow
- BFS - 5th grade, Brittany Hartman
- MS - 8th grade, Anna Carlson
- HS - 11th grade, Taylor Young
- HS - 12th grade, Claire Wescott

## Western Connecticut Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS)

- MA - 8th grade, Riley Brigham
- HS - 11th grade, Colby Chapin
- HS - 12th grade, Alexandra Gross

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

- 12th grade, Aubri Gillespie
- 12th grade, Kevin Uniacke

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

- Aubri Gillespie
- Ryan McGorty

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

- Brittany Ronan
- Troy Scribner

## President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

- Carly Seguin

## High Honors all year for Academic Achievement at High School

- Grade 9** Julia Benivegna, Jessica Bisignano, Eleanor Curren, Carolyn Gribble, Zachary Gross, Daniel Harris, Elizabeth Hawley, Stephanie Kent, Emilie Kracen, Stephanie Moots, Brittany Myers, Ryan O'Donnell, Tiffany Phillips
- Grade 10** Nora Allen, Christine Beatty, Cristina Fernandez-O'Toole, Connor Galligan, Rebecca Hora, Susanna Horton, Caitlin Ronan, Ruth Tompkins, Christina Wells
- Grade 11** Kristie Anderson, Colby Chapin, Leigh Childs, Sarah Dupuis-Kornreich, Drew Firmender, Aimee Furey, Daren Hrelac, Natasha Little, Rebecca O'Brien, Katherine Pascal, Eric Pratt, Jenna Temple, Ryan Walsh

- Grade 12** Jessica Alex, Camille Bevans, David Breeckner, Christopher Carlson, Christin Cole, Aubri Gillespie, Alexandra Gross, Aaron Kaufman, Eben Kimball, Julie Labella, Megan Maulsof-Mark, Ryan McGorty, Rachael McHan, Christopher Millan, Jessica Randall, Kevin Uniacke, Claire Wescott

## National Honor Society Members at High School

Present Members:

- Jessica Alex, Camille Bevans, David Breeckner, Christopher Carlson, Elizabeth Clinton, James Edwards, Aubri Gillespie, Alexandra Gross, Courtney Hora, Travis Horrigan, Aaron Kaufman, Megan Mausolf-Mark, Ryan McGorty, Jessica Randall, Jonathan Taylor, Kevin Uniacke, Claire Wescott

Newly Elected Members:

- Kristie Anderson, Emily Baron, Ginna Britez, Conor Calabro, Ashley Cartagena, Colby Chapin, Kathryn Clair, Carolyn Coons, Katelyn Donovan, Sarah Dupuis-Kornreich, Jessica Fernandes, Michael Fiorito, Drew Firmender, Aimee Furey, Daren Hrelac, Erin Koslosky, Julie LaBella, John Lent, Natasha Little, Stephen Nappi, Rebecca O'Brien, Emma Pascal, Katherine Pascal, Eric Pratt, Matthew Rebillard, Jenna Temple, Grace Uniacke, Ryan Walsh, Nicholas Woodfield, Anni Ylagan

## Athletic Achievements/Information

### Number of Athletes by Season

Fall	(M) 79,	(F) 87	166
Winter	(M) 73	(F) 68	141
Spring	(M) 114	(F) 102	216

### Combined Records

34 wins	25 losses	8 ties
56 wins	26 losses	
75 wins	37 losses	

**Totals 165 wins 88 losses 8 ties**

### Athletic Programs Offered

- Female: Field Hockey, Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, Cheerleading, Track, Tennis, Softball, Golf (10 programs)
- Male: Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Ice Hockey, Track, Tennis, Baseball, Golf (9 programs)



## CIAC State Champion

Boys' Cross Country

## Berkshire League Championships

Swimming

Boys' Tennis

Boys' Track and Field

## First Place Sportsmanship Awards from Berkshire League

Boys' Soccer

Boys' Basketball

Golf

## Michaels Cup Award

1st place Overall Michaels' Achievement Cup

(Second in last three years)

## Charles McGinnus Award (top male athlete)

Jon Taylor

## Joseph Babcock Award (top female athlete)

Kate Fredlund

## Northern Regional Music Festival

Singers: Julia Benivegna, Jenna Bollard,

Jessica Alex, and Tom Sherry

Percussionist: Charlie Van Kirk

Violinist: Susannah Horton

## Outstanding Academic Achievement (Middle School) (8th Grade)

English Awards:	Carley Davenport, Jordan Walsh
Reading Awards:	Edward Droessler, James Alves
Mathematics Awards:	Alexa Hopkins, Lauren Dever
Science Awards:	Riley Brigham, Robert Mills
Social Studies Awards:	Sara Little, Erik Murray
Foreign Language Awards:	Carley Davenport, Gina Graziani, Kelly Gallagher, Amanda Edwards, Diego Maurial
Fine Arts awards:	Sara Little, Anna Wolk, Hannah Andrews, Rachel White, Amanda Oliver, Zachary Stein, William Curnan, Robert Kilian
Physical Education Awards:	Riley Brigham, William Curnan
Interscholastic Ath. Awards:	Sarah Kelly, Teige Horrigan
Outstanding Meteorology Forecasting:	Paul Yaunsem

## Facilities

The high school/middle school complex continues to be well-maintained. Repairs to the front doors, a leaky pool pump, the telephone system, carpeting and locker replacement are among the problems that have been or are being addressed. A continuing concern is the state of the running track and the field it surrounds.

The elementary school buildings have seen less repair this year because they have been the subject of intense discussion over renovation or replacement. The district's Facilities Committee and an appointed Building Committee have met regularly to design proposed solutions to the elementary school facilities crisis. A referendum question to renovate each elementary school was soundly defeated in June, 2005. Work on a suitable resolution to this problem continues.

## Middle School Principal Search

With the resignation of Mr. Travers in March, the District embarked upon a search for a new middle school principal. Twenty-five candidates sent in applications and six were interviewed by a committee comprised of parents, Board of Education member, teachers, and administrators. Two semi-finalists were invited to spend an entire day meeting with students, parents, and staff. The committee decided on Mrs. Lorrie Rodrigue as its final candidate. A site visit to Newtown High School, where Mrs. Rodrigue served as Assistant Principal, was held. Ms. Rodrigue was appointed by the Board of Education on May 2, 2005.

## Mastery Testing Scores

At the elementary and middle school level the Connecticut Mastery test results for grades 4, 6 and 8 are as follows (taken fall 2004):

Math	4th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade
RSD #12	64.9	71	61.6
State Average	56.8	60.9	55.7
Reading	4th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade
RSD #12	74.4	79.3	73.8
State Average	52.8	60.5	64.9
Writing	4th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade
RSD #12	71.6	66.7	63.3
State Average	63.3	61.3	60.7

In addition, the Connecticut Mastery Test results led to the following important information for our District as they relate to the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

## % of RSD #12 4th Graders at levels of proficiency

Math 89                      Reading 78

## % of RSD #12 6th Graders at levels of proficiency

Math 88                      Reading 85

## % of RSD #12 8th Graders at levels of proficiency

Math 86                      Reading 79

## SAT Scores

### Verbal

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
RSD #12	548	554	513	532	542	542	545
State	510	510	508	509	509	N/A	515

### Math

RSD #12	524	527	519	522	538	542	527
State	509	509	509	510	509	N/A	515

### Combined

RSD #12	1072	1081	1032	1054	1080	1082	1072
State	1019	1019	1017	1019	1018	N/A	1030

## 2004 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)

CAPT	%	%
Test	Mastery	Prof.
Math	62.5	88.6
Reading	51.7	86.8
Science	63.5	92.2
Writing	62.6	93.0

## 2004-2005 Enrollment Information

Burnham School	122
Booth Free School	139
Washington Primary School	187
Middle School	279
High School	409
REACH	18
Voc/AG	28
Total	1,182

## Financial Information

1. The appropriated 2004-05 budget was \$17,279,033
2. The unaudited/unofficial 2004-05 budget ended with a surplus of \$109,550 made up of the unspent appropriation of \$59,015 and additional revenue over budget of \$50,535.
3. The bond rating for the district remained at AA (Fitch rating).
4. % distribution between towns for student population and budget payments - (assessment) for 2004-05 based upon Oct. 1, 2003 student population:

Bridgewater	Roxbury	Washington
24.73%	31.61%	43.66%

5. Recent history of budget increases and enrollment increases over previous years.

	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
Enrollment	1,145	1,149 (.3%)	1,147 (-.2%)	1,166 (1.7%)	1,157 (-.8)
Budget Incr.	6.07%	7.31%	8.97%	4.84%	4.84%

Note: The budget increase for 2005-2006 is 3.89%

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 2004-2005

	Term Expires
Irene Allan (Chair)	Washington 2005
Valerie Andersen (Treasurer)	Washington 2005
David Baron	Roxbury 2005
Mardie Ford	Bridgewater 2007
Sheila Gross (Secretary)	Roxbury 2007
James Hirschfield	Washington 2005
Jay Hubelbank	Washington 2005
Michelle Gorra	Washington 2007
Lawrence O'Toole	Washington 2007
Laszlo Pinter	Bridgewater 2007
Gary Steinman	Roxbury 2007
Fred Stern (Vice Chair)	Bridgewater 2005

Sincerely,  
Richard E. Carmelich, Jr., Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## CLASS OF 2005

Jessica Lea Alex #+	Julie Rae LaBella *+
Jamie Lynne Beckman *	Rory Glenn Larson #
Adam Joseph Bedini	David Frances Lowe
Thomas John Belanger	James Patrick Lowe
Camille Alexandra Bevans *+	Jesse Parker Mackie
Erik James Bjornberg	Paul M. Mainolfi #
Robert Leigh Bollard	Philip A. Mainolfi
Brandon Robert Bouquillon	Julie Ann Mangino
David James Breeckner *+	Matthew Thomas Marcucio
Sean Corey Brennan	Megan Alyssa Mausolf-Mark *+
Luke Walker Brigham	Ryan John McGorty #+
Ginna Elizabeth Britez +	Rachel Marie McHan *
Kyle Reilly Brown	Joshua Jeffrey McSherry
Jenna Marie Butler	Christopher Adrian Millan #
Stephanie Cardi	Casey Delia Morrissey
Christopher Graham Carlson #+	Emily Arlene Mulhern
Kyle Louis Cipully #	Joshua Owen Murphy #
Elizabeth J. Clinton #+	Tucker Ramsdell Neary
Christin Lauren Cole #	Amanda Jo Nelson #
Danielle Helen Delisle #	Anastasia Alexandria Palella
Eamonn Michael DiGaetano	Michelle Jean Parzuchowski
James H. Edwards #+	Aaron Pierce
Christopher D. Fehr	Melissa Porras
Jeffrey Brian Fleet	Jessica Lynn Randall *+
Peter Gregory Foster	Allison Jo Rockwell #
Jenny Kathleen Francis #	Daniel E. Schrier
Kate Hamill Fredlund #	Carly Anne Seguin
John David Galinski	Thomas Robert Sherry, Jr.
Aubri Mae Grapkoski Gillespie #+	Caitlyn Rose Sincerbeaux
Alexandra Gillen Gross *+	Katie A. Stevens
Michael G. Haydin IV	Meredith Ashley Stuart
Ryan Gunnar Hays	Jonathan J. Taylor #+
Megan Marie Henry #	Graham Thomas Torpey #
Courtney Elizabeth Hora #+	Ian Charles Underwood
Jon Carl Hornish	Kevin R. Uniacke, Jr. +
E. Michael Horrigan #	Eric James VanSteenbergen
Travis John Horrigan *+	Sean Michael Voelpel #
Kurt Wolfgang Isolda	Brett Alan vonReyn
Jake Edward Kara	Sean Michael Walsh
Aaron Michael Wong Kaufman *+	Claire Ramsey Wescott *+
Audrey Elizabeth Kimball *	Meghan Corrigan Williams #
Josh E. Kimball	Richard P. Wilson

**Valedictorian: Camille A. Bevans    Salutatorian: David J. Breeckner**

+ = National Honor Society    \* Senior Project Honors    # = Senior Project Excellence



## VISITING NURSE AND HOME CARE NORTHWEST, INC.

Visiting Nurse and Home Care Northwest, Inc. (VNA Northwest) provided a variety of health care services to Washington residents during the past fiscal year, including:

- 422 **skilled nursing** visits
- 262 **physical therapy** calls
- 236.75 **home health aide** service hours
- 88 **adult health guidance** visits
- 47.25 hours of **bath aide** service

Six sessions of **bend and stretch**, a program which has been found to build muscle strength, improve balance and prevent falls, were offered. All participants responded positively to the experience on questionnaires.

Monthly **blood pressure screenings** have continued at the New Mil Bank. These sessions have been found to be invaluable in early detection of a wide range of health problems.

A full statistical report for fiscal year follows:

Service:	Town Paid Service:	By Other Payor:
Blood Pressure		
Screening Clinic	20.50 hours	
Flu Clinic	3.25 hours	
Community Liaison	2 hours	
Nursing:		
Adult Health Guidance	88 visits	
Skilled Nursing		422 visits
Physical Therapy		262 visits
Medical Social Worker		21 visits
Occupational Therapy		0 visits
Speech Therapy		0 visits
Home Health Aide		236.75 hours
Bath Aide		0 hours
Program:		
Bend and Stretch	6 one hour sessions	

Please visit our website at [www.vnanw.org](http://www.vnanw.org) for more information.

## WASHINGTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The Washington Ambulance Association responded to 216 requests for emergency medical services during the year 2004. These ranged from standbys at fire calls and minor incidents to major trauma or serious illness. The Regional Paramedic was automatically dispatched or requested by us for 115 of those calls. Life Star aero medical service was used 12 times for transport of a patient to a Level 1 Trauma Center. Most of our patients went to New Milford Hospital unless we were in a part of town where Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington was closer.

We would like to thank the Washington Lions Club for their support and guidance and the Washington Police and Fire Departments for their assistance when responding to calls. While many services around the State have started billing patients, we do not. We are still able to operate through funding provided by donations and the support of the Lions Club. Those contributions are greatly appreciated and allow us to provide quality service to our community.

The ambulance has been very fortunate in having personnel available during the day while other towns have struggled. Our personnel are highly trained and dedicated (over 2,000 hours) in order to serve the Town of Washington. We continue to serve the Town in so many other ways, for example, medical coverage at several public events in town and providing speakers for first aid instruction while visiting schools. We demonstrated a "hip fracture" at the Senior Center this summer and it was very well received.

The Ambulance Association with the cooperation of the Lions Club has succeeded in getting more AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) placed in different locations around town.

We are always looking for more help, especially during the daytime hours. If you are interested in joining us, please call 860-868-7913 or come to one of our meetings which are held at the Depot Firehouse every second Tuesday at 7:30 pm. We will also offer an EMT-Basic course at the firehouse starting in January, 2006. Sign up early to assure your place in class!

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan D. Wallace-Wyant  
Chief of Operations



## WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calendar year 2004 was a busy one for the Washington Volunteer Fire Department. 181 calls and 1,613.25 emergency call hours were logged in. These calls included:

- 70 automatic alarms
- 36 motor vehicle accidents
- 3 public service (water leaks)
- 6 structure fires (4 mutual aids given)
- 2 chimney fires
- 6 smoke scares
- 1 dryer fire
- 23 wires
- 4 carbon monoxides
- 1 food on stove
- 8 EMS assists
- 1 smoke in building
- 5 hazardous materials incidents
- 3 missing persons (1 mutual aid given)
- 2 tree fires
- 1 elevator rescue
- 1 transformer fire
- 3 brush fires
- 1 outside burning
- 1 electrical fire
- 1 dumpster fire
- 1 rekindle
- 1 mutual aid (miscellaneous to Morris)

Through generous donations and other funding, several new pieces of equipment have been added to our inventory. In the fall of 2005, the Department will take delivery of the Town's first air boat. Our equipment and extensive training greatly increased our ability to serve Washington and the outlying areas.

As always, please remember to check your smoke detector batteries twice a year and please make sure your house number is visible from both directions of travel day or night. During the winter months let your car warm up outside the garage and make sure you put ashes from your wood stove or fireplace in a metal container away from your home.

We are always looking for good volunteers. It is a wonderful way to give something back to your neighbors and to be a part of one of the most important organizations in Town. Please call the Firehouse at 860-868-7403 if you would like more information.

Respectfully submitted  
Matthew Somerset, Chief  
W.V.F.D.

## ZONING COMMISSION

The Washington Zoning Commission conducts its monthly Regular Meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Land Use Meeting Room, Bryan Memorial Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Commission held 12 Regular Meetings, 1 Special Meeting, and 16 Public Hearings to consider Special Permit applications, applications of interest to the public, and revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. The Zoning Department processed a total of 150 applications, approving 144. Of these, 128 were acted upon by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and 22 were considered by the Zoning Commission. The Commission approved 10 Special Permits, approved revisions to 2, and renewed 4 others, approved 2 first cut applications, and had 1 application pending at the end of the year. The Commission also denied one application, one application was withdrawn, and one was returned as incomplete.

### Applications Approved

Type	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
New House	14	11	12	12
Attached Acc.Apart.	0	1	2	0
Detached Acc.Apart.	3	3	3	5
Additions/ Alterations To exist. Dwellings	43	40	53	47
Accessory Structures New/Repair	33	28	39	25
Swimming Pools	15	12	12	10
Gravel Mine Or Excavate	0	0	0	0
Commercial	11	4	8	4
Tennis and Sports Courts	0	1	0	1
Change of Use	2	7	6	1
Demolition	2	4	7	1

Signs, Fences, etc	17	18	15	12
Bed and Breakfast	1 +1 renewal	0	0 +2 renewals	0 +2 renewals
Creation of Building Lot	2	1	1	2
Home Occupation	3 +1 renewal	0 +2 renewals	1	0 +2 renewals
Temporary: Tents, Events <sup>1</sup>	0	1	0	0
Affordable Housing	0	1	0	0
Other	4	10	19	15
Lot Line Revisions	2	6	7	5

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Tag Sale permits

During this fiscal year the Zoning Commission worked to revise and update several sections of the Washington Zoning Regulations. These included:

- Amended Regulations

Sections 11.7.3, 12.5.2, and 21.1.4 – Height of Accessory and Primary Buildings. The purpose of these revisions was to reduce the total vertical height permitted from 45 feet to 40 feet and to provide more flexibility in the Regulations regarding the relationship between the height of accessory and primary structures. With the adoption of these amendments, accessory structures such as barns could be taller than the primary structure on the same lot as long as they were smaller in ground floor area and volume. This now allows barns more in keeping with those historically constructed in this area and will help preserve Washington's rural character.

Sections 11.7.1 and 11.7.2 – Method of Measuring Maximum Vertical Height and Mean Height of Buildings and Structures. The method for measuring the total vertical and mean heights was revised in June 2005. The Regulations now require that these measurements be taken from the average pre existing grade. This would prevent a property owner from filling to raise the level of his land in order to get a taller building than would otherwise be permitted. Definitions for Average Pre Existing Grade and Average Finished Grade were added to Section 21 of the Regulations.

Sections 12.14.5 and 18.1.3 – Special Exceptions for Generators and Other Noise Generating Equipment. Effective February 12, 2005 Sections 12.14.5 and 18.1.3 were added to the Zoning Regulations to permit generators, air conditioners, pool filters, and other noise generating equipment to be situated under certain circumstances farther from the structure principally served than is specified under Sections 12.14.1, 12.14.2, and 12.14.3. The applicant would be allowed to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Exception if he could demonstrate to the satisfaction of that Board that placing the noise generating equipment in the proposed location would have less noise impact on neighboring properties than would placing it in accordance with Sections 12.14.1, 12.14.2, and 12.14.3. Also a definition for Special Exception was added to Section 21.

- Regulation Revisions Under Study

Section 16 – Signs. In response to the growing number of commercial signs posted without zoning permits and in violation of the current Zoning Regulations, the Commission began consideration of revisions to the sign regulations.

Regulations for Protection of Scenic Vistas. The Zoning Commission has begun work to evaluate options for protecting the Town's scenic vistas. It was stressed that the only options to be considered would involve regulating, not banning, development on ridgelines.

Multi Family Housing Regulations. The Zoning Commission continued with its consideration of possible housing diversity options for Washington in response to the recommendations made in the 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development. As part of its study of this matter, in April 2005 the Commission conducted a public informational meeting, which was well attended

There was no change in the membership of the Commission during 2004-2005. However, the staff was reorganized. Janet Hill, Zoning Enforcement Officer since February 1994, stepped down from that post. Michael Ajello, the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, added Zoning enforcement to his job as of October 1st. Janet remains the commission clerk and Land Use Coordinator.

Up to date Zoning Regulations as well as recent meeting minutes, agendas, and legal notices are now posted on line on the Town's website; [www.washingtonct.org](http://www.washingtonct.org).

Henry Martin, Chairman  
David Owen, Vice Chairman  
Cecelia Page, Secretary  
Gary Fitzherbert  
Valerie Friedman  
Luis Abella, Alternate  
James Brinton, Alternate  
Andrew Shapiro, Alternate



## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

From July 2004 through June 2005 the Zoning Board of Appeals accepted 25 applications. Of 16 variance applications, 6 were approved, 5 were denied and 5 were withdrawn. Of 9 petitions for Special Exception, 6 were approved, 1 was denied and 2 were withdrawn.

Special Exception requests are the result of coordination between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Commission. They have produced two recent changes in the Zoning regulations:

- Section 17.5 allows the ZBA to grant Special Exceptions for the expansion of nonconforming structures. This applies to the enlargement or modification of nonconforming single-family dwellings and accessory buildings that are nonconforming due to their existence prior to the adoption of zoning regulations. It allows the Board some latitude for approval of applications where hardship is difficult to prove, but where the application is in keeping with the structure's size, context and historical use.

- Section 12.14.5 enables the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a Special Exception to locate generators, pool equipment and other noise-generating equipment farther from the principally-served structure than the regulations specify. Often an alternate location will have less impact on a neighbor than the regulations require, and this gives the ZBA the discretion to evaluate each situation.

Of the 9 Special Exception requests, 4 were for expansion of non-conforming buildings and 5 were for relocating noise-generating equipment, although there were an additional 6 variance applications for relocating noise-generating equipment before the Special Exception regulation took effect. Due to the increased number of applications related to the location of noise-generating equipment, the Board has been investigating ways to regulate the decibel level of noise of these machines.

After being sued for turning down ZBA-0326, the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision was upheld in court. Defending this suit cost the Town more than of \$7,000.

There were no personnel changes on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the period of July 2004 through June 2005. [However, Mark Averill resigned in July 2005.] In May of 2005 Heman Averill a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals passed away. Mr. Averill had a long history of service to the community and he will be greatly missed. Pam Osborne continues her excellent work as the Board's secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edmund J. White, chairman  
Polly Roberts, vice chairman  
Katharine K. Leab  
Bradford Sedito  
Randolph W. Snook  
Mark R. Averill, Alt.  
Todd B. Catlin, Alt.  
Georgia Middlebrook, Alt.



## TOWN OF WASHINGTON

### FINANCIAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION -- JUNE 30, 2005

The Town of Washington is pleased to present this narrative overview of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. Copies of the audited financial statements, financial statement notes and supplemental schedules are available from the Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794 or on the Town's Website: [www.washingtonct.org](http://www.washingtonct.org).

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the Town of Washington exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent year by \$13,209,256 (net assets). Of this amount, \$2,096,122 (*unrestricted net assets*) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The government's total net assets decreased by \$39,214 during the fiscal year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Washington's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,208,771, a decrease of \$74,550 in comparison with the prior year. These fund balances are considered to be *unreserved* even though \$3,724,161 is designated for subsequent years' expenditures. The *unreserved undesignated* balance of \$484,610, or less than 12%, is *available for spending* at the government's discretion.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved undesignated fund balance for the general fund was \$1,493,657, or 13.8% of total general fund expenditures of \$10,823,329.
- Our bonded debt decreased by \$55,000 (10.0%) during the current fiscal year as a result of scheduled repayment of principal on our outstanding bond issue.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Washington, Connecticut (the "Town") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The audited financial statements are comprised of three components: I. Government wide financial statements, II. Fund financial statements, and III. Notes to the financial statements.

#### **I. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

**Government-wide financial statements** give a broad overview of the Town's finances in a manner similar to private-sector business. All of the resources the Town has at its disposal are shown, including major assets such as buildings and infrastructure. A thorough accounting of the cost of government is presented because the statements present all costs, not just how much was collected and disbursed. They provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's overall financial status.

#### **II. Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control and accountability over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Washington, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **III. Notes to the Financial Statements**

The accompanying notes to the audited financial statements are an integral part of those financial statements.

## 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 an indicator whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. It speaks to the question whether or not the Town as a whole is better or worse off as a result of this year's activities. Other non-financial factors will need to be considered, however, such as changes in the Town's proper 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, 2005**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,588,676
Investments	2,823,316
Prepaid expenses	22,000
Property Taxes Receivable - net	170,777
Grant receivable	44,794
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>4,649,563</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>	
Capital assets, net of depreciation of \$12,292,661	9,531,753
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>14,181,316</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	147,059
Performance bonds held	85,217
Due to State of Connecticut	2,158
Prepaid property taxes	50,869
Accrued interest	22,316
Long-term liabilities due within one year	58,000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>365,619</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	
Due in more than one year	606,441
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>972,060</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	9,531,753
Restricted for :	
Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure	1,185,001
Judea Cemetery	54,069
Road improvements	183,140
Park and recreation	135,092
Senior center	16,183
Greenway committee	7,896
Unrestricted	2,096,122
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 13,209,256</b></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, 2005**

Statement of Activities		Program Revenues				Total
Year Ended June 30, 2005						Net (Expense)
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for	Operating	Capital	Revenue and	
		Services	Grants and	Grants and	Changes in	
			Contributions	Contributions	Net Assets	
Governmental Activities:						
General government	\$ 1,235,693	\$ 586,671	\$ 7,000	\$ 92,480	\$ (549,542)	
Public safety	683,364	106,389	2,933	31,574	(542,468)	
Highways (public works)	1,510,011	---	136,704	---	(1,373,307)	
Sanitation	410,823	51,446	---	---	(359,377)	
Social services	3,532	---	---	---	(3,532)	
Health	80,006	8,100	---	---	(71,906)	
Parks and recreation	389,900	235,978	2,999	---	(150,923)	
Education	7,289,371	---	175,876	---	(7,113,495)	
Other	282,945	28,940	---	---	(254,005)	
Interest on long-term debt	22,317	---	---	---	(22,317)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 11,907,962	\$ 1,017,524	\$ 325,512	\$ 124,054	(10,440,872)	

#### General revenues:

Property taxes	10,135,377
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	125,279
Investment earnings	104,557
Lease income and other miscellaneous	36,445
<b>Total general revenues</b>	<b>10,401,658</b>

Change in net assets (39,214)

Net assets - beginning	13,248,470
Net assets - ending	<b>\$ 13,209,256</b>

## Fund Financial Statement Balance Sheet

This statement focus' 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 to facilitate a comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

**Town of Washington**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2005**

	<b>Major Funds</b>			
		<b>Non-Recurring</b>		
		<b>Capital</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Governmental</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,239,905	\$ 99,361	\$ 249,410	\$ 1,588,676
Investments - at fair value	1,544,833	1,152,712	125,771	2,823,316
Property tax receivable, net	170,777	-	-	170,777
Grant receivable	44,794	-	-	44,794
Prepaid expenditures	-	-	22,000	22,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,309</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,073</b>	<b>\$ 397,181</b>	<b>\$ 4,649,563</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 79,186	\$ 67,072	\$ 801	\$ 147,059
Performance bonds payable	85,217	-	-	85,217
Due to State of Connecticut	2,158	-	-	2,158
Prepaid property taxes	50,869	-	-	50,869
Deferred property tax revenue	155,489	-	-	155,489
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>372,919</b>	<b>67,072</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>440,792</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Unreserved:</b>				
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	1,133,733	2,590,428	-	3,724,161
Undesignated				
General fund	1,493,657	-	-	1,493,657
Special revenue funds	-	(1,405,427)	396,380	(1,009,047)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,627,390</b>	<b>1,185,001</b>	<b>396,380</b>	<b>4,208,771</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,309</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,073</b>	<b>\$ 397,181</b>	<b>\$ 4,649,563</b>

**Town of Washington**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	<b>Major Funds</b>			
		<b>Non-Recurring</b>		
		<b>Capital</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Governmental</b>
		<b>Fund</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 10,093,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,093,776
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	99,428	-	-	99,428
Intergovernmental	324,984	131,054	100,959	556,997
Contribution in lieu of taxes	64,706	-	-	64,706
Investment income	74,045	26,434	4,078	104,557
Lease income - Town building	18,341	-	-	18,341
Licenses and permits	676,847	-	-	676,847
Fines and penalties	8,932	-	-	8,932
Program fees and other receipts	101,093	100	248,656	349,849
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,462,152</b>	<b>157,588</b>	<b>353,693</b>	<b>11,973,433</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
General government	1,224,797	-	-	1,224,797
Public safety	499,978	-	-	499,978
Highways	835,238	-	-	835,238
Sanitation	413,823	-	-	413,823
Social services	3,532	-	-	3,532
Health	74,469	-	-	74,469
Recreation	136,967	-	243,649	380,616
Education	7,289,371	-	-	7,289,371
Other	265,417	-	17,840	283,257
Capital outlay	-	829,996	133,169	963,165
Debt service	79,737	-	-	79,737
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,823,329</b>	<b>829,996</b>	<b>394,658</b>	<b>12,047,983</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>638,823</b>	<b>(672,408)</b>	<b>(40,965)</b>	<b>(74,550)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Operating transfers	(634,212)	632,212	2,000	-
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses</b>	<b>4,611</b>	<b>(40,196)</b>	<b>(38,965)</b>	<b>(74,550)</b>
<b>Fund Balance - beginning of year</b>	<b>2,622,779</b>	<b>1,225,197</b>	<b>435,345</b>	<b>4,283,321</b>
<b>Fund Balance - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,390</b>	<b>\$ 1,185,001</b>	<b>\$ 396,380</b>	<b>\$ 4,208,771</b>



This report shows the amount of state aid the Town receives for road maintenance and repair. Revenue and expenses for the Town Aid Road Fund are shown below in the Special Revenue Funds report.

**Town of Washington**

**Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds**

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	<b>Judea Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>Town Aid Road Fund</b>	<b>Park and Recreation Fund</b>	<b>Senior Center Fund</b>	<b>Greenway Committee Fund</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Governmental grants	\$ -	\$ 97,960	\$ 2,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,959
Investment income	78	3,496	416	78	10	4,078
Program fees and other receipts	6,991	-	228,748	12,917	-	248,656
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,069</b>	<b>101,456</b>	<b>232,163</b>	<b>12,995</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>353,693</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Highways	-	133,169	-	-	-	133,169
Cemetery expenditures	4,603	-	-	-	-	4,603
Programs and Activities	-	-	243,649	10,154	3,083	256,886
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,603</b>	<b>133,169</b>	<b>243,649</b>	<b>10,154</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>394,658</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>(31,713)</b>	<b>(11,486)</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>(3,073)</b>	<b>(40,965)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>						
Operating transfers in	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>(31,713)</b>	<b>(11,486)</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>(3,073)</b>	<b>(38,965)</b>
<b>Fund Balance - beginning of year</b>	<b>49,603</b>	<b>214,853</b>	<b>146,578</b>	<b>13,342</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>435,345</b>
<b>Fund Balance - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 54,069</b>	<b>\$ 183,140</b>	<b>\$ 135,092</b>	<b>\$ 16,183</b>	<b>\$ 7,896</b>	<b>\$ 396,380</b>

The Town adopts an Annual Appropriated Budget for its general 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](http://www.washingtonct.org). A condensed schedule, which shows the approved 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, 2005**

	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 9,711,551	\$ 10,093,776	\$ 382,225
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	55,995	99,428	43,433
Intergovernmental	248,053	286,240	38,187
Contribution in lieu of taxes	53,500	64,706	11,206
Investment income	35,000	74,045	39,045
Lease income - Town building	18,200	18,341	141
Licenses, permits and other receipts	480,200	638,538	158,338
Fines and penalties	-	8,932	8,932
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,602,499</b>	<b>11,284,006</b>	<b>681,507</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
General government	1,146,721	1,146,432	289
Public safety	427,716	415,489	12,227
Highways	796,625	796,494	131
Sanitation	442,877	413,823	29,054
Social services	3,900	3,532	368
Health	84,453	74,469	9,984
Recreation	140,685	136,967	3,718
Education	7,310,664	7,310,664	-
Other	272,258	255,546	16,712
Steap grant project	20,000	12,030	7,970
Debt service	79,737	79,737	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,725,636</b>	<b>10,645,183</b>	<b>80,453</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(123,137)</b>	<b>638,823</b>	<b>761,960</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
<b>Operating transfers:</b>			
Judea Cemetery	2,000	2,000	-
Non-recurring capital expenditures fund	711,554	632,212	79,342
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses</b>	<b>(836,691)</b>	<b>4,611</b>	<b>841,302</b>
<b>Fund Balance - beginning of year</b>	<b>836,691</b>	<b>2,622,779</b>	<b>1,786,088</b>
<b>Fund Balance - end of year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,390</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,390</b>

