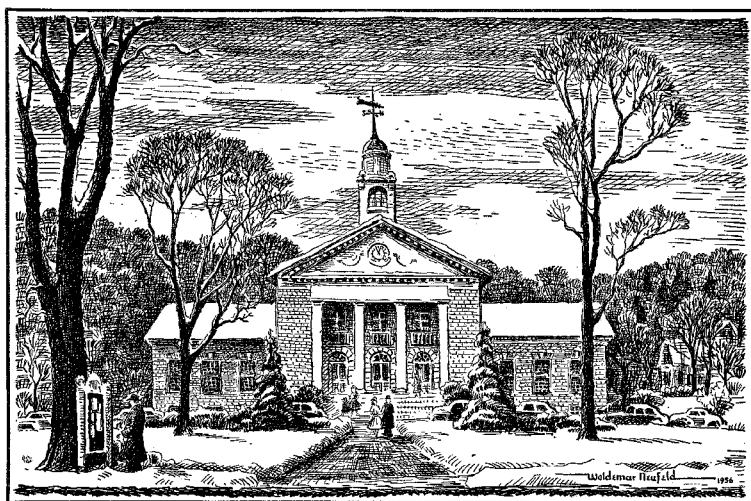


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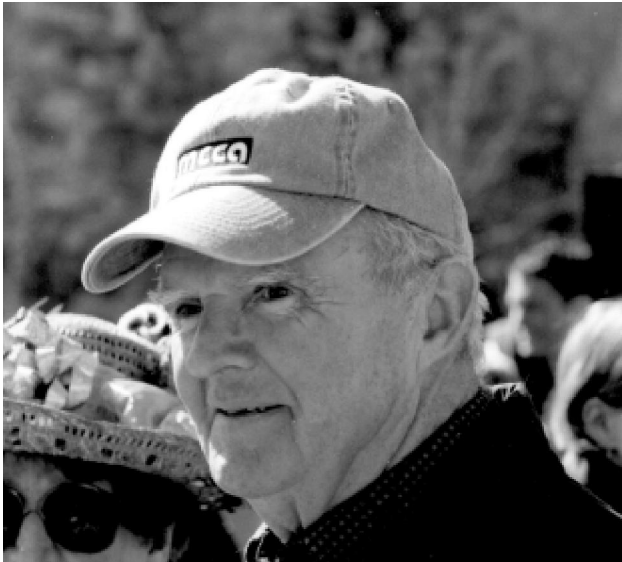
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

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**DEDICATED TO
JOHN J. ALLEN
1936-2008**



John J. Allen

John was an outstanding community member and volunteer who never tired of giving of himself to his family, friends, organizations, and commissions. The Town of Washington, and all who were fortunate to know John, are better for having been touched by him.

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TOWN CALENDAR

2008-2009

July 1	Beginning of fiscal year. First payment of property tax during July.
August 2	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
September 30	Military discharge to be recorded by new residents for tax exemptions.
Oct. 1 - Nov. 1	All business personal property, excluding registered motor vehicles, to be listed with Assessor.
October 6	Annual Town Meeting.
November 4	Election Day.
December 1	Gregory Seeley Bryan Birthday (1868)
January 1	Happy New Year! Second payment of property tax due during January.
Feb. 1 - Oct. 1	Additional Veteran's exemption applications received (income requirements).
February 2	Interest begins on unpaid taxes.
February 20	Board of Assessment Appeals must receive written appeals for hearings scheduled during March.
Feb. 1 – May 15	Elderly or disabled homeowners apply for tax credit (income requirements).
May 8	Annual Town Budget Hearing.
May 15 – Sept. 15	Elderly or disabled renters apply for tax credit (income requirements).
May 22	Annual Town Budget Meeting.
June	Dog license fees payable.
June 30	End of fiscal year.

MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Selectmen

Every other Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Board of Finance

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

Conservation Commission

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

Historic Distinct Commission

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

Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

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 or Town website at www.washingtonct.org, for changes and special meetings.
- Bryan Memorial Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- The Land Use Office is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.
- The Agent for the Elderly is available Tuesday at the Senior Center (it is suggested specific appointments be made).
- The Probate Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 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, 2008

Animal Control Officer

(appointed)

Cynthia F. Brissett

Board of Assessment Appeals

(elected-4 year term)

Ann Fisher Bruzzi, Chairman

John J. Allen

Roderick M. Wyant III

Assessor

(appointed-4 year term)

Barbara S. Johnson

Auditor

Charles P. Heaven & Company

Building Official

William T. P. Jenks

Building & Property Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

John J. Allen, Chairman

Nicholas N. Solley

Mark Showalter

Conservation Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Susan F. Payne, Chairman

Kelly Boling

Phillip Markert

Linda Frank

Joseph Gitterman

Diane M. Dupuis, alt.

Elizabeth Corrigan, alt.

Richard Sonder, alt.

Emergency Management

(appointed)

Robert Tomlinson

Thomas Hearn

Board of Finance

(elected-6 year term)

Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

Barbara Brown

John Boyer

John H. Field

Rexford Swain

Craig G. Schoon

Arthur J. DuBois, alt.

Lisabeth D. Adams, alt.

John J. Allen, alt.

Fire Chiefs

Duncan Woodruff, Chief

Brian Ohmen, 1st Asst. Chief

Fire Marshall

(appointed)

Donald S. Etherington

Health Director

(appointed)

Michael A. Crespan

Historic District Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Alison Gilchrist, Acting
Chairman

William H. Smith

Peter Talbot

Ronald K. Chute

J. Allen Kerr

Jane Boyer, alt.

Phyllis J. Mills, alt.
Vacancy, alt.

Housing Commission

(appointed-3 year term)
Wayne Hileman, Chairman
Jean Suddaby
Lisabeth D. Adams
Susan M. Werkhoven
Andrew O'Hazo
Patte Doran, Secretary

Inland Wetlands Commission

(appointed-3 year term)
Mark E. Picton, Chairman
Charles LaMuniere
Anthony J. Bedini
Dorothy G. Hill
David E. Thomson
Stephen Wadelton, alt.
Roger A. Bohan, alt.
Vacancy, alt.
Michael Ajello, Enforcement Officer

Judea Cemetery Commission

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

Justices of the Peace

(elected)
Frank Adams
Randall J. Breckner
Ann Fisher Bruzzi
Matthew W. Cain
Kenneth Cornet
Reginald W. Fairbairn
Edith C. Johnson
Adam J. Korpalski
Daniel J. Leab
John J. Muckstadt

Lake Waramaug Authority

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

Land Use Coordinator

(appointed)
Janet M. Hill

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

(appointed)
Pamela F. Collins

Open Burning Official

(appointed)
Gunnar Neilson

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Planning Commission

(appointed-5 year term)
Adelaide Roberts, Chairman
Paul Frank
Susan Jahnke
Dimitri Rimsky
Sarah E. Gager
Barbara G. Braverman, alt.
J. Winston Fowlkes III, alt.
Richard O. Carey, alt.

Joseph A. Mustich
John Olear
Davyne E. Verstandig
Joshua Weiner

Police

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

Probate Court Judge

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

Region #12 School Board

(elected-4 year term)
Washington Representatives:
Matthew Franjola, Chairman
James Hirschfield
Valerie J. Andersen
Irene Allan
Michelle Gorra
Anthony J. Bedini

Registrars of Voters

(elected-4 year term)
Constance Kaylor
Mary Ann Rimbochi

Board of Selectmen

(elected-2 year term)
Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman
James L. Brinton
Nicholas N. Solley

Senior Center Director

(appointed)
Pamela F. Collins

Tax Collector

(elected-2 year term)
Tanya J. Wescott

Town Clerk

(elected-4 year term)
Sheila M. Anson

Treasurer

(elected-2 year term)
Linda M. McGarr

Tree Warden

(appointed)
Thomas Osborne

Zoning Commission

(elected-6 year term)
David L. Owen, Chairman
Gary Fitzherbert
Valerie Friedman
Ralph V. Averill
Luis Abella
Andrew Shapiro, alt.
Harry H. Wyant, alt.
Arthur J. DuBois, Jr., alt.
Michael Ajello, Enforcement Officer

Zoning Board of Appeals

(elected-4 year term)
Bradford Sedito, Chairman
Katherine K. Leab
Randolph W. Snook
Mary J. Roberts
Todd Catlin
Peter Bowman, alt.
Georgia P. Middlebrook, alt.
Roderick M. Wyant III, alt.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 17

Marriages: 56 **(partial list)**

Thomas R. Kovacs and Maureen E. Doyle	Weston	July 7, 2007
Craig R. Badger and Jennifer B. Wasserman	New Haven	July 13, 2007
Arthur J. DuBois, Jr. and Sarah E. Gager	Washington	July 15, 2007
Gregory K. Balogh and Shanna J. Saharek	Brookfield	July 21, 2007
Ian M. Rusten and Rebekah T. Coleman	Washington	July 21, 2007
Daniel V. Gueniat and Roxanne M. Clady	Washington	August 11, 2007
Robert K. Watson, Jr. and Sarah B. Werner	Washington	August 11, 2007
Daniel D. Meeker and Lisa A. Iannazzo	Washington	August 12, 2007
Michael S. Stoughton and Susan L. Larson	Southbury	August 18, 2007
Antony M. Sheriff and Danielle M. Bodor	Washington	August 18, 2007
Francisco J. Peschiera and Erin J. Sussman	Washington	August 25, 2007
Russell J. Mackie, Jr. and Lauren A. Glavac	Danbury	August 25, 2007
Daniel C. Galore and Andrea L. Cecchinato	Washington	September 9, 2007
Raymond T. Osborne and Stephanie M. Price	Washington	September 15, 2007
James P. McDonough and Carrie S. Rowe	Washington	September 15, 2007
Joshua C. Luf and Kelly A. Doherty	Newtown	October 27, 2007
Frank H. Schildgen and Jennifer M. Hannibal	Litchfield	November 17, 2007
Dean A. O'Donnell and Michele D. Eshleman	New Milford	December 23, 2007
Sanjay D. Patel and Beth A. Gradowski	Torrington	February 22, 2008
Andre L. Thibodeau, Jr. and Brenda M. Hernandez	New Milford	March 20, 2008
Robert C. Sonnenstuhl and Barbara A. Beckerle	Washington	April 12, 2008
Erik M. G. Licardie and Gloria I. B. Tovar	Washington	May 2, 2008
Vincent C. Colwell and Jade E. LaBella	Seymour	May 31, 2008
Westley A. Thompson and Nora M. Burr	Washington	June 7, 2008
Jonathan J. Gaffney and Bethany E. Storck	Washington	June 14, 2008
Barry D. Johnston and Tamarin I. Arden	Washington	June 21, 2008
Jason P. Kariel and Rene T. Cartagena	Southbury	June 22, 2008
Patrick D. R. Horan and Margaret Suzanne Paxton	Washington	June 28, 2008
James S. Needham and Sarah G. Graham	Washington	June 28, 2008

Civil Unions: 4 **(partial list)**

Christopher J. Yelding and Daniel P. Bresnihan	Washington	July 14, 2007
Eric S. Dauwalter and Edward J. Ferrell	Washington	August 4, 2007

Deaths: 25

Roberto Arias Sandoval	July 16, 2007
Virginia Ducey Kaylor	August 4, 2007
Nancy F. Solley	August 6, 2007

Charles Thomas Pimbell	September 8, 2007
Gertrude C. Fleishmann	September 13, 2007
Francis L. Cherniske	October 3, 2007
Clarence Dean Fraley	October 19, 2007
Ralph A. Quist	October 19, 2007
Anna Wilson	October 29, 2007
Nancy R. Stableford	November 18, 2007
George M. Dolby	November 23, 2007
Carmen Acevedo Lopez	November 28, 2007
Ruth Knapp Waupotic	November 29, 2007
Raymond John Pilewski	November 30, 2007
Kenneth A. Johnson	January 10, 2008
Sarah Homans McLean	January 30, 2008
Mary Bilski Taylor Kahl	February 13, 2008
Virginia S. Risley	March 13, 2008
Eunice Trowbridge	March 21, 2008
Carrie Rapice	April 14, 2008
Mary Rose Zinick	May 17, 2008
Norma Deneault	May 22, 2008
Donald R. Page	May 31, 2008
Marlene A. Etherington	June 17, 2008
Randolph Franken	June 7, 2008

SHEPAUG VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

The 2007-2008 school year found the Board of Education continuing its search for a solution to the longstanding debate between renovated elementary facilities and the construction of a single regional facility that would combine the K-5 students from the individual towns served by the Region. The Building Committee established by the Board of Education at the end of the prior year worked with signal dedication to locate the best case three school renovation scenario and the best case regional school scenario while the Board of Education sought to locate a means by which the citizens of the Region could make an informed choice between the two scenarios. Investigation into alternative referendum questions or legislative relief to enable a choice between the two options (that met the stringent legal requirements for referendum questions in CT) were unsuccessful and the school year ended with the district not appreciably closer to resolving the issue of K-5 facilities.

On a more positive note, during the 2007-2008 school year the Board of Education successfully negotiated new three-year contracts with both the teachers' and administrators' associations, received a favorable ruling in the matter of litigation initiated by the Town of Bridgewater regarding the nature of the plan to create RSD #12 in 1967 (That ruling is currently on appeal), and held a successful referendum in December to fund a new all-weather running track and various facility improvements at Shepaug High School – Middle School.

The RSD #12 Strategic Plan Steering Committee, working with a consultant from Education Connection in Litchfield, finalized a series of four strategic goal areas which now form the underpinnings of a building-based planning process that aims to achieve the target that all children can learn at high levels. These goal areas include, *student needs, curriculum, data, and technology* and are developed in greater detail with objectives and action steps stretching out over the next three years. The extension of this four-goal plan requires that each school in RSD #12 formulate a **School Success Plan** annually and will include within it a variety of targets for improved student performance and overall change. This process involves teachers and staff from the initial development steps to final presentation. Each school's plan will be presented to the Board of Education annually and the documents will ultimately be available for public review at the Region's website: www.region-12.org.

Most importantly, and the central reason we are passionate about the work that we do, is to be certain that we are doing all that we can to provide top quality programs and opportunities for the demonstration of all students' talents. Their successes are no where more visible than in the information that is developed

annually to describe the numerous plusses and high points for students during a given school year. This profile follows.

2007-2008 Student Achievement:

91% of the class of 2008 will be continuing their formal education

75% will be attending four year colleges/universities

Top "5" Seniors/Class of 2007

and College/University Attending:

Zachary Gross Fairfield University

Emilie Kracen University of Mary Washington

Daniel Harris Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Julie Benivegna Bryn Mawr College

Jessica Bisignano University of Connecticut

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

Eleanor Curren

Troy Horrigan

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement:

Mackenzie Smith

High Honors all year for Academic Achievement at High School:

Grade 9 – Hayley Berg, Alana Crumrine, Jamie Davenport, Rosemary Galinski, Aidan Galligan,

Matthew Griffith, Joseph Guliano, Gregory Harris, Elizabeth Kleisner, Alexis Lopriore, Linnea Quist, Mirriah Rebillard, Jesse Steinmetz, Kelly Voelpel, Emily Zibell

Grade 10 – Alison Carini, Nicole Deanne, Christina Dumas, Charlotte McConaghy, Michael Piersall, Aimee Reutzel, Kimberly Ann Seeger, Catherine Wolk

Grade 11 –Hannah Andrews, Riley Brigham, Anna Carlson, Carley Davenport, Lauren Dever, Tara Furey, Sarah Gomez, Lily Horton, Nathaniel Kay, Sarah Kelly, Sara Little, Joanna Nappi, Jessica Olson, Emma Steer, Rachel White

Grade 12 – Julia Benivegna, Jessica Bisignano, Eleanor Curren, Alexander Ehrenreich, Zachary Gross, Daniel Harris, Patrick Horrigan, Emilie Kracen, Tegan Laing, Stephanie Moots, Brittany Myers, Tiffany Phillips, Melissa Randall, Samantha Steinmetz

National Honor Society Members at High School:

Present Members – Julia Benivegna, Jessica Bisignano, Benjamin Carlson, Wesley Cooke, Eleanor Curren, Caroline DeLuca, Ryan Firmender, Carolyn Gribble, Zachary Gross, Daniel Harris, Patrick Horrigan, Troy Horrigan, Emilie Kracen, Tegan Laing, Stephanie Moots, Brittany Myers, Tiffany Phillips, Melissa Randall, Amy Semenetz, Samantha Steinmetz, George Venturella

Newly Elected Members – Hannah Andrews, Tessa Bevans, David Brennan, Riley Brigham, Michael Caridi, Anna Carlson, William Curnan, Carley Davenport, Lauren Dever, Jacqueline DeVito, Amanda Edwards, Claire Franjola, Tara Furey, Kerry Gallagher, Sarah Gomez, Leah Hiravy, Margaret Hirschfield, Alexa Hopkins, Lily Horton, Arielle Johnson-Leahy, Nathaniel Kay, Sarah Kelly, Sara Little, Jay McGorty, Joanna Nappi, Emmeline Pappas, Hannah Ross, Meghan Scanlan, Chelsea Smith, Anna Wolk

Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS):

WPS - 5th grade, Alden Cain
 BS - 5th grade, Courtney DiBenedetto
 BFS - 5th grade, Sara Cava
 MS - 8th grade, Shannon Bartkus
 HS - 11th grade, Mariah Stoughton
 HS - 12th grade, Zachary Gross

Western Connecticut Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS):

MS - 8th grade, Mary Dillon
 HS - 11th grade, Ethan LaBella
 HS - 12th grade, Benjamin Carlson

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

12th grade, David Brennan
 12th grade, Samantha Steinmetz

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

Gina DeMeo and Edward Kelly

Athletic Achievements/Information:

Total Number of Student Athlete

Roster Spots by Grade:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
9th	54	55	109
10th	52	68	120
11th	51	55	106
12th	60	30	90
Totals	217	208	425

Team Records

Field Hockey	6-5-5-0	Swimming	16-1
Boys soccer	11-4-1	Baseball	15-5
Boys Cross Country	6-4-0	Softball	9-11
Girls Cross Country	8-2	Boys Tennis	15-1-0
Girls Soccer	8-7-1	Girls Tennis	13-3-0
Boys Basketball	17-13	Girls Track & Field	9-1-0
Girls Basketball	19-1	Boys track & Field	6-3-1
Boys Ice Hockey	0-20-0	Golf	5-13

Athletic Programs Offered

- Female: Field Hockey, Track, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Tennis, Cross Country, Cheerleading
- Male: Soccer, Track, Swimming, Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Tennis, Ice Hockey, Golf, Wrestling

Berkshire League Championships:

Girls Basketball

Swimming

Girls Tennis

Boys Tennis

Baseball

Girls Soccer

Sportsmanship Award Winners from Berkshire League:

- Michaels Cup Award: #1 Class 'S' Athletic Program in State of CT - (12th time winning the award) (8th consecutive year winning Class "S")
- Ted Alex Award: #1 Athletic Program in the Berkshire League (14th time winning in the 23-year history of the award)
- Charles McGinnus Award (top male athlete): Nick Parker
- Joseph Babcock Award (top female athlete): Samantha Steinmetz
- Northern Regional Music Festival: Julia Benivegna, Anna Carlson, Emma Cava, Ben Carlson, Lily Horton, Emmeline Pappas
- D.A.R. Award (Middle School): Mathi Smith and C.J. Ceperley
- Roxbury Good Citizenship Awards (Middle School): Elyse Andrews and Trevor Brown
- State of CT Excellence in Citizenship Award (Middle School): Melinda Fragomeli

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

English Awards

Excellence in English - Gina DeMeo

Achievement in English - Alexa Leahy

Reading Awards

Commitment to Reading - Asia Russell

Achievement in Reading - Shamus Craft

Mathematics Awards

Excellence in Mathematics - Jennifer Isaac

Achievement in Mathematics - Trevor Brown

Science Awards

Excellence in Science - Lindsay Isaac

Achievement in Science - Jake Brundage

Social Studies Awards

Excellence in Social Studies - Callie Carew-Miller

Achievement in Social Studies - Cody Brennan

Foreign Language Awards

Excellence in Spanish - Melinda Fragomeli

Achievement in Spanish - Shannon Bartkus

Excellence in French - Ava Coploff

Achievement in French - Logan Roy & Elyse Andrews

Fine Arts Awards

Excellence in Art - Gina DeMeo and Taylor Walsh

Excellence in Chorus - Mathi Smith

Excellence in Instrumental Music - Gina DeMeo

Excellence in Technology - Taylor Walsh & C.J. Ceperley

Excellence in Computer Technology - Kate Barlow & Edward Kelly

Physical Education Awards

Excellence in Girls' Physical Education - Shannon Bartkus

Excellence in Boys' Physical Education - Edward Kelly

Facilities:

As a consequence of not having reached any resolution to the persistent question of whether to renovate the three K-5 facilities or to replace the three buildings with a single, consolidated elementary school, the Region continued its efforts to maintain the three buildings and kept at the constant call for repair and improvement.

During the prior school year, Burnham school received a new gymnasium wall and roof, and during the recently completed school year, the facility was the recipient of improved kindergarten and 1st grade lavatories resplendent with new partitions and floor tiles. Plans were forged for the replacement of the in-

ground oil tank; that project is currently on-hold pending determination of the funding source.

Booth Free School had its front roof replaced with new gutters and downspouts installed at the same time. During the school year, maintenance staff worked vigilantly to identify leaks, replace ceiling tiles, and patch and repair roofs that were replaced twenty years ago. For the most part, they were able to attack the source of leakage problems and ultimately did some significant repainting in the areas most affected by the roof issues. New sidewalks replaced older, heaving ones, and tree work was done, pruning branches on adjacent trees to allow for increased sunlight and the resulting halt to the growth of moss and mold on the exterior.

At Washington Primary School, the inadequate music room that was located on the basement level was moving to the first floor and a new space was created adjacent to the stage area. The front doors to the gymnasium were replaced and the concrete steps at the main entrance were repaired and improved.

Shepaug Middle/High School benefited from the track project mentioned elsewhere in this Report, and its auditorium was spruced up with new and repaired seating throughout. A considerable amount of painting was accomplished in the entry/mall area as well as the cafeteria. Floor tiles were replaced in the REACH area and the above-ground oil tank at the rear of the building was repainted.

The continued utilization of the three elementary schools will depend upon the successful negotiation of leases with the respective towns. These as yet unapproved documents include lists of required repair and improvements to these buildings, with the Board of Education required to steadily improve these aged, tired buildings while continuing to strive for a more lasting solution to this situation.

Mastery Testing Scores:

In 2006, the fourth generation of the Connecticut Master Test (CMT-4) was administered to Connecticut's students in grades 3 through 8. This was the first time that the CMT testing included students in grades 3, 5, and 7 and also marked a change to a spring (March) administration. Prior to 2006, only students in grades 4, 6, and 8 took the test – in September. And for the first time in CMT administration, students in grades 5 and 8 took a science test in 2008.

The scores reported below represent the results of the spring 2008 administration of the CMT. Anyone interested in learning more about the CMT's in general or this administration in particular, is encouraged to contact Dr. Holly Hageman at the Region #12 Central Office.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 2008 CMT RESULT

Percentage of Students Meeting Goal – 2008

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Math	87.9%	81.6%	80.5%	74.1%	77.1%	62.3%
Reading	70.7%	67.8%	73.7%	66.7%	90.2%	71.0%
Writing	79.3%	72.4%	76.6%	72.8%	63.4%	66.7%
Science			77.9%			76.8%

Percentage of Students by Performance Level – 2008

Scores are reported in five performance levels in each testing area: Advanced, Goal, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic. The top levels (Advanced and Goal) define the goal range. The top three levels (Advanced, Goal, and Proficient) define the Proficient range for Adequate Yearly Progress.

		<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Math	Advanced	55.2%	50.6%	42.9%	32.1%	30.1%	24.6%
	Goal	32.8%	31.0%	37.7%	42.0%	47.0%	37.7%
	Proficient	6.9%	12.6%	10.4%	17.3%	16.9%	18.8%
	Basic	1.7%	4.6%	5.2%	6.2%	1.2%	13.0%
	Below Basic	3.4%	1.1%	3.9%	2.5%	4.8%	5.8%
Reading	Advanced	31.0%	26.4%	28.9%	22.2%	25.6%	26.1%
	Goal	39.7%	41.4%	44.7%	44.4%	64.6%	44.9%
	Proficient	12.1%	13.8%	11.8%	14.8%	2.4%	7.2%
	Basic	6.9%	9.2%	3.9%	9.9%	2.4%	8.7%
	Below Basic	10.3%	9.2%	10.5%	8.6%	4.9%	13.0%
Writing	Advanced	46.6%	35.6%	37.7%	33.3%	19.5%	31.9%
	Goal	32.8%	36.8%	39.0%	39.5%	43.9%	34.8%
	Proficient	13.8%	20.7%	11.7%	16.0%	2.2%	1.3%
	Basic	1.7%	5.7%	7.8%	7.4%	7.3%	14.5%
	Below Basic	5.2%	1.1%	3.9%	3.7%	7.3%	5.8%

		<u>Grade</u> <u>3</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>4</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>5</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>6</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>7</u>	<u>Grade</u> <u>8</u>
Science	Advanced			24.7%			21.7%
	Goal			53.2%			55.1%
	Proficient			15.6%			8.7%
	Basic			3.9%			4.3%
	Below Basic			2.6%			10.1%

Statewide Results

Percentage of students at or above goal.

	Math	Reading	Writing	Science
Grade 3	60.2%	52.1%	63.5%	
Grade 4	60.5%	56.0%	62.9%	
Grade 5	66.2%	62.2%	64.6%	55.2%
Grade 6	66.6%	66.4%	61.9%	
Grade 7	63.3%	71.2%	62.0%	
Grade 8	61.0%	64.9%	63.4%	58.9%

2007-2008 Enrollment Information:

October 1, 2007 Enrollment Information:

Burnham School - 106

Booth Free School - 129

Washington Primary School - 176

Middle School - 232

High School - 393

REACH - 21

Out-of-District - 23

Total - 1,080

Financial Information:

1. The appropriated 2007-08 budget was \$19,745,459.
2. The unaudited/unofficial 2007-08 budget ended with an unexpected appropriation of \$55.00.
3. The bond rating for the district remained at AA (Fitch rating).
4. % distribution between towns for student population and budget payments – (assessment) for 2007-08 based upon Oct. 1, 2006 student population:

Bridgewater	Roxbury	Washington
24.51%	30.20%	45.29%

Recent history of budget increases and enrollment increases over previous years:

	2002/03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Enrollment	1,147	1,166	1,157	1,151	1,110	1,080
Budget Increase	8.97%	4.84%	4.84%	3.89%	5.8%	3.9%

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12
2007-2008**

		Term Expires
Irene Allan	Washington	2009
Valerie Andersen (Treasurer)	Washington	2009
David Baron	Roxbury	2009
Tony Bedini	Washington	2011
Alan Brown (Vice Chair)	Bridgewater	2011
Andrew Engel	Roxbury	2011
Matthew Franjola (Chair)	Washington	2009
Mardie Ford (Secretary)	Bridgewater	2007
Michelle Gorra	Washington	2011
James Hirschfield	Washington	2009
Kelly Lott	Roxbury	2011
Edgar Wainwright	Bridgewater	2009

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

SHEPAUG VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2008

Emily Suzanne Abbott
Theodore Preston Alex
Jillian Lorraine Balaam
Kyle Christian Beglan
Korey Chase Beglan
Julia Benivegna
Monique Betolatti
Wade Birkins
Jessica Lynn Bisignano
Nichole Elizabeth Brant
David Sean Brennan
Griffin Cornelius Brown
Courtney Gillian Burns
Benjamin Walker Carlson
Joseph James Catania
Jesse George Howard Cheney
Edward Francis Collins III
Wesley Ryan Cooke
Colton J. Coviello
Eleanor Claire Curren
Bonnie Carle Davies
Campbell M. Decker
Miles Quentin DeGrazia
Caroline Grace DeLuca
Mariana Christina Diaz
David Cameron Dion
Ashley E. Doerwald
Daniel E. Donovan III
Erin Mae Dul
Alexander Ehrenreich
Emily E. Emond
Duncan Engel
Fernando C. Espinosa
Ryan Reilly Firmender
Kylie Quinn Gellatly
Zachary Walter Grapkoski Gillespie
Jeffrey Allen Grey
Michael Robert Grey
Courtney Denise Hays
Raquel Juanita Heath
Kelly Rose Heslin
JohnHoffer
Mariya Michelle Sundgren
Kayla Lee Thomas
Ryan James Thompson
Michael Jancz Urban
George Pennell Venturella III
Neil Thomas Walsh

Michael Sean Ward
Courtney Evans Went Weaving
Michael S. W. Windebank
Rebecca Francesca Zibell
PatrickCaseyHorriggan
Troy Dunn Horriggan
Eric Schedinger Howe
Zacharie Humiston
Christopher Robert Josefson
Grace Elisabeth Kalinosky
Jeffrey Kaprielian
Thomas S. Kimball
Jordan Victoria Kinney
Emilie Helene Kracen
Tegan M. Laing
Amanda Beatrice Lewis
Nicholas Joseph Lopresti
Kelsey Elizabeth Mackay
Alex Ross Maddalena
Daniel Peter Marcucio
Jesse Alexander McCulloch
Brandon Patrick McGuinn
Stephanie Mary Moots
Brittany Lynn Myers
Paige Kathryn Neukom
Ryan Patrick O'Donnell
Marianna Pappas
Nicholas Ian Parker
Tiffany Phillips
Joshua Robert Pratt
Christiana Lynn Prawius
Sawyer Przygocki
Karl Curtis Quist
Melissa Nicole Randall
Emily Lauren Ranson
Travis Benjamin Ranson
Joseph Morris Reisman
Miranda Alexandria Sarjeant
Jonathan T. Seeger
Amy Elizabeth Semenetz
Kevin Michael Sherry
Walter John Singer
Mackenzie Suzanne Smith
Mason Soetbeer
Samantha Rose Steinmetz
Aaron Michael Sturges

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To be elected as First Selectman for the Town of Washington was a privilege and an honor! The new Board of Selectmen was sworn in on November 20, 2007. Fiscal year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, saw many projects discussed, bid, begun and completed. Probably the single most important project was the completion of the Boat Launch at Lake Waramaug. This has enhanced the area, provided a safe launch for those using the Lake for boating and is a key component in the effort to keep Lake Waramaug free of invasive species and plants.

New highway and public safety vehicles were purchased. Discussions were held as to whether a new Washington Primary School should be constructed as opposed to renovating the present building. Work continued on negotiating a lease with the Shepaug Regional School District for the Washington Primary School.

The Town saw some personnel changes but continues to provide a wide range of services through its employees and the many volunteers who serve on our Commissions and Boards putting in countless hours each week.

Special thanks to John Wyshynski, who retired after serving the Town as a Constable for twenty-five years. John has been witness to many changes in law enforcement and emergency services in Washington and his dedication to public service will be missed.

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the townspeople, would like to thank all who contribute to making this Town the very special place it is!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman

ANIMAL CONTROL

In keeping with the past few years, once again this department received over 1500 calls during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Also, as with the past, over 200 animals were turned in or brought to my attention. Roaming/wandering was the major complaint. Along with dogs and cats this includes agriculture/farm animals, i.e., horses, cows, goats, pigs, chickens and the like. Only 14 dogs and cats were actually impounded. Happy to report all were returned to their owners or found new homes.

A dog license is not only required by state law but is an excellent source of identification to allow the dog an immediate return home. Licenses are purchased each June in the Town Clerks office. A rabies certificate must be presented in order to get your license. Also, if your dog is spayed or neutered you will receive a \$10.00 discount per license.

More animals were tested for rabies this year than last; all being wildlife that had interaction with people, pets or farm animals. Several of those tested were positive for rabies with all concerned receiving the series of preventive shots. All the more reason to keep your animals up to date with their vaccinations. It is mandatory by state law that all dogs and cats over the age of three months receive a rabies vaccine. Once the initial vaccine is given, the next one is due a year from that date and all subsequent vaccines are required to be given every three years. Each Spring the town offers a low cost rabies clinic - this past year the shots were \$15.00 each. Watch the papers for dates this coming Spring.

It was a busy year with a mix of nuisance complaints, cruelty/neglect concerns, along wildlife problems and anything considered animal.

Any animal concerns or questions please call 868-2870.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Brissett
Animal Control Officer/Dog Warden

ASSESSOR

Nothing much has changed in this office with the exception of the ongoing work of the revaluation which will be effective with the October 1, 2008 Grand List. While we had hoped for a greater rate of interior inspection, it is understandable that it hasn't been achieved. In many cases, residents are working or are part-time. Generally, property owners have been cooperative. I would urge everyone to take the time to check out their field cards when the new figures are reported. The field card contains the information about houses and outbuildings upon which the assessment is based. They should be available on-line at that time.

Our grand list for October 1, 2007 totals \$981,248,410 for the taxable portion which is a 1.5% increase over the previous year.

Programs which are handled through the Assessor's office include tax relief for the elderly and disabled, renter rebates for the same group, and additional benefits for veterans who meet the criteria set up by the State of Connecticut. Property owners whose property is used by bona fide farmers or who have twenty-five acres or more of forest may qualify for special classification of the land resulting in a lower assessment. Information on these programs is available here.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction activity in Washington was very strong for this past fiscal year and nearly tied the record set in 05/06. New home construction is down however we are seeing an increase in major additions and renovations to existing dwellings. Of the 13 new dwelling units, 2 are included in the construction at John Dorr Nature Camps new main building for staff dwellings, and four are included in the two new dorms at Rumsey Hall School with two units in each dorm for school staff. The remaining 7 new houses were for new single-family dwellings. The average building permit value was down from last years \$79,081 to \$71,244.

The following is a four-year comparison:

FISCAL YEAR	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
# PERMITS:	712	636	703	674
# NEW HOUSES:	15	20	6	13
TOTAL VALUE:	\$39,027,597	\$50,296,105	\$26,615,612	\$48,018,778

Over the past fiscal year the Health, Historic and Zoning offices were moved to the other end of the Town Hall into space vacated by the Resident Trooper/Police. This move generated much needed space for building department files and space for one additional desk/computer station. We were able to increase our office hours from five hours per week to nineteen with staff on site from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,
William P. Jenks
Building Official

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. Per the statute: “Any town...may establish a conservation commission for the development, conservation, supervision and regulation of natural resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits.”

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

Activities during fiscal year 2007-2008:

During the past fiscal year a number of conservation easements were accepted by the Town in the Calhoun Historic District, on Buffum Road and on Carmel Hill Road. Town easements are monitored annually by the Conservation Commission.

The Cell Tower subcommittee opposed two cell towers proposed for RT 202 in 2007; one site was approved and the cell tower has been erected on Mountain Road. During 2008 a proposed cell tower on the Tanner Farm, just over the town line in Warren, was opposed, as a similar site was opposed a few years ago. Decision pending with the CT Sitting Council.

The Greenway subcommittee is working with the Village Improvement Society to clear invasive plants from the town’s New Preston Falls.

The Conservation Commission applied to the State for Scenic Road designation for RT 202 from the Litchfield town line to New Preston Falls Route 45 intersection. Decision is pending.

As of year-end 2007 approximately 23.5% of our town is permanently protected. The Conservation Commission continues to evaluate properties for preservation with funds from the Open Space Acquisition Fund. The final decision for an expenditure from this Fund rests with the townspeople in a town meeting.

We urge you all to be stewards of this beautiful, rural community we live in and participate in the town.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Subcommittees*:

- Cell Tower- Diane Dupuis, chair
- Greenway –Keith Templeton, chair, with Bob Williams, Elisha Dyer, Bob deCourcy, Dorothy Wilson and Susan Payne
 - Greenway is on Town Web Site
 - *Historic Points-of-Interest Trail Guide* available Town Hall, Library, Bookstore
 - Greenway now extends from Hidden Valley to Macricostas Preserve off RT 202 on Christian Street
- Monitoring of Town properties -Linda Frank, chair
- Scenic Roads – Joe Gitterman, chair

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

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

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

Copies of *Land Use in Washington, CT: Regulations, Agencies and Commissions* are available from the Land Use office, Town Hall.

ELECTIONS

Highlights of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year included:

- August 2007 - Washington's poll workers had training in Torrington and Bantam. The training for the new voting machine was well attended and all learned a lot.
- September 2007 - the Registrars and Assistant Registrars attended a ROVAC Convention.
- October 2007 - there was training for moderators - new and renewed. Washington's Registrars hosted a training session for the new phone voting system which was attended by other area towns and our poll workers.
- October and November 2007 - the Registrars held three mandatory Voter Registration sessions.
- November 2007 - Town of Washington Elections were held. Thank you to our great group of poll workers and to all who voted – there was a great turnout!
- December 2007 - Poll workers training was held.
- February 2008 - The State of Connecticut required canvass was sent and the prompt returns were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance Kaylor
Mary Ann Rimbochi
Registrars for the Town of Washington

BOARD OF FINANCE

Our budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year was based on our Grand List of \$967 million. Region 12's budget for the past year was increased to \$19,295,224, not including debt service, or 4% over the prior year. Our Town's share of the Region's expenditure, before grants, increased \$478,206 or 5.6% to \$8,942,718. Our student population in the Region increased slightly over the prior year from 44.57% to 45.29%. After Education grant credits from the State and reimbursements from the Region are factored, our actual educational expense increased 3.9% to \$8,246,562 from the 2006-2007 actual expense.

Actual Town Operating Expenditures increased to \$3,762,787, including ex-budget appropriations and before debt service, while the Town's net capital budget was \$1,150,176 including anticipated grants of \$520,000 for projects which would not be undertaken without the grants. The Board increased the mill rate to 12.5.

The coming year's budget (2008-2009) is based upon a Grand List, which increased approximately \$14,250,000 or 1.5% to \$981,248,410. The Region's budget, not including debt service, increased \$488,074 or 2.5%. Our Town's share increased to \$9,306,331 before grants and reimbursements. After anticipated credits, our net expense would increase by 3.9%. The Town's operating expense budget is \$3,820,937 before debt service, which is an increase of \$104,140 or 2.8% over last year's budget. The Town's capital budget increased to \$1,150,176. Given the increase in the Grand List for the year, your Board felt it should increase the current mill rate one-half mill to 13. The Board is hopeful that future increases in the Region's budget will be limited to the increase in the Grand List.

Again, this year I would like to thank the members of the Board of Finance for their dedication and participation: Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Jack Field, Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Liddy Adams, and A.J. DuBois. We will miss the expertise, common sense and camaraderie of our good friend John Allen. I would again like to thank our vice-chairman, Jack Field, for all his effort on the school construction program. His help is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

FIRE MARSHAL

Three structure fires accounted for the majority of the fire loss for the Town, which amounted to approximately \$715,000.00.

A new tank truck has been stationed at the New Preston Firehouse. This truck features a front mounted pump and a 2,500-gallon water tank.

Residents who burn wood in their fireplaces or wood stoves should have their chimney cleaned annually. There is also an increase in the use of candles and this is a very dangerous practice and it should be avoided whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald S. Etherington
Fire Marshal
Town of Washington

THE GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Gunn Memorial Library building was dedicated in 1908. This year, one hundred years later, a Centennial Celebration was held in June in honor of a century of service to the residents of our Town. The community came together to support and joyously celebrate an organization that has grown immensely in scope, yet still maintains true to its mission - dedication to providing free public library services to Washington, Connecticut, and the surrounding communities and promotion of literacy, education, and preservation of the Town's history and culture. We are pleased to report another successful year, as noted by the statistics below.

Items of note during the past year include:

- 47,305 people came into the library.
- We circulated 63,507 items.
- 3,517 titles were requested and held for patrons.
- 2,133 interlibrary loans were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons.
- The GML loaned 2,399 volumes to other libraries on interlibrary loan.
- 80 signed in to work in the Connecticut Room researching topics of local interest.
- Registered borrowers, all residents of Washington, total 2,503.
- Our collection comprises 53,124 items in print and non-print format.
- Electronic resources remained in high demand & were accessed 33,742 times.
- 1,855 adults attended 44 diverse programs in the form of lectures, book discussions, talks and workshops offered, or hosted, by GML.
- Our programs and lectures featured: Frank Delaney, Susan Kinsolving, Jack Gilpin, Robert Vare and Martin Wood, among many other distinguished authors, talented individuals and people of note.

- Our enthusiastic and loyal corps of volunteers includes 77 ardent individuals.
- In the Junior Library, 139 programs were held for 5 age ranges (2's, 3-4's, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th grades), in addition to Family Events, attracting 1,743 children & 691 adults.
- The Summer Reading Program entitled "Get a Clue" drew 289 readers who completed 5,117 hours of reading!
- 2,624 visitors were counted at the Museum – an increase of 55%!
- Museum exhibits included: *Washington Art Association 1952-2007: 55 Years and Growing*. Dolls Paradise, The Centennial of the Gunn Memorial Library, and The Fabric of Marriage: Wedding Dresses
- Shepaug eighth graders' project and exhibit - *Abner Mitchell: The Letters of a Civil War Soldier* - was filmed at the museum and aired on CPTV in April 2008.
- A Steinway piano was donated, allowing us to provide more musical programs.
- Two wireless card catalogues were added for our patrons' use in the book stacks.
- A renovated kitchen was donated on the upper level in the original library.

A multitude of thanks to the trustees, volunteers, staff, donors, and supporters whose contributions on so many levels make all the above noted achievements possible.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jean Chapin
 Executive Director

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Service hours in the Town of Washington are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Office hours are from 9:30 to 10:30 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 also provides additional environmental health services during the summer, fall and spring as needed.

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

Septic Permits Issued	New	9
	Repair	17
Private Well Permits Issued		18
Food Service Inspections		35

The total amount of permit fees collected for all Health Department activities was **\$5,805.00**

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 thirty-eight (38) reports received from area physicians and medical laboratories. The diseases that were reported most frequently were ehrlichiosis (24 reports) and hepatitis C (5 reports).

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Crespan
Director of Health

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

All residents within a district are notified by letter when a public hearing is scheduled for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. This has 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.

This year Ronald Chute moved from alternate to regular member. Betty Rives resigned from the Commission this year and she will be missed. The Commission welcomed J. Allen Kerr as a new member.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Gilchrist, Acting Chairman
Peter Talbot, Secretary
Ronald Chute
William Smith
J. Allen Kerr
Jane Boyer, Alternate
Phyllis Mills, Alternate

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Washington Housing Commission is charged with studying the housing needs of the Town and making recommendations to further the creation and availability of affordable housing opportunities for the people of Washington. We are an advisory body of volunteers who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

In this past year we provided an advisory role in the eventual approval of the Myfield project, a set-aside development undertaken by a private concern. We also advised against the restriction of accessory apartments in Washington. The Commission felt they provide a much-needed source of affordable housing, even if not officially sanctioned by the State of Connecticut.

We have started the process of developing a long-range housing plan, which will hopefully be incorporated into the Town's next Plan of Conservation and Development, due in 2013.

We have been examining the State's newest housing program, the Housing Program for Economic Growth, a.k.a. Public Act 07-4. It allows for the designation of Incentive Housing Zones and provides direct payments to municipalities that can successfully create them. The Commission has spent considerable time evaluating the feasibility and appropriateness of such a zone in Washington, and should reach a decision in early 2009.

The Town's Affordable Housing Fund is currently just over \$225,000. Recently we sent a mailing titled "We're Looking for a Few Good Acres" to the entire Town, announcing our desire to find a small parcel that may be suitable for a Limited Equity Housing initiative with the Washington Community Housing Trust. We received a number of promising responses, and are in the process of evaluating these offers; again, we should reach a decision in early 2009.

The Washington Housing Commission looks forward to a busy year ahead; with the current real estate market we hope to find opportunities that previously did not exist due to market forces.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hileman
Chairman

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands Commission is mandated by State Statute to protect the Town's wetlands and watercourses from degradation and pollution. Except for June, July, August, and December when it meets only once and the month of November when the 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 2007- 2008 the Commission conducted 19 Regular Meetings, 35 site inspections and held 1 Special Meeting. It considered 65 applications, approving 53, ruling 1 was eligible for an exemption, and denying 7. One application was withdrawn and 3 were pending at the end of the year. A total of 38 violations were the subject of ongoing discussions; 12 of those remained unresolved at the end of the year. Five public hearings were held to consider applications for significant activities 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 2008 were Mark Picton, Chairman, Tony Bedini, Vice Chairman, Dorothy Hill, Charles LaMuniere, and David Thomson. Alternates were Roger Bohan and Stephen Wadelton.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Picton, Chairman

JUDEA CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Annual Meeting of the Commission was held August 21, 2007 in Bryan Memorial Town Hall. The Town and a Commission of five volunteers, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, maintain Judea Cemetery. At present, Dennis Hussey acts as Chairman, Ruth Alex, Dolly Whitney, Nelly Condon and Phyllis Allen serve as members on the Commission. Sexton David Swanson maintains the grounds and does the burials. Lots may be purchased (@ \$700.00 per lot) by residents and non-residents who have a community interest in the Town. The financial activities this fiscal year show that nineteen plots were sold and four burials took place. Surveyor, Michael Alex, did mapping for grave layout. This allows for many more graves to be purchased in the future. Granite benches with old weathered sills were purchased which helps family and friends have a place to grieve and meditate on site.

The Judea Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Town and documentation of people being buried dates back to 1743. The cemetery is located one mile from the First Congregational Church on Judea Cemetery Road. It is situated at the top of the hill in a very rural and picturesque part of Town. Judea Cemetery is honored ground and the Town takes great pride in having the site to bury and remember our loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hussey
Chairman

LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY

The Lake Waramaug Authority has worked closely with other Lake agencies this year to ensure the completion and implementation of the State Boat Launch at the New Preston Beach site. We continue to support the inspection of all boats entering the waters from this site to protect the health of the lake and prevent invasive species from entering our waters and destroying one of the most beautiful lakes in Connecticut. Residents and visitors alike have been very cooperative in understanding, supporting, and applauding this effort.

Under the direction of Washington Resident State Trooper Steve Sordi, the Lake Authority Marine Patrol staff trains regularly and conducts both scheduled and random patrols on the Lake from early spring through Labor Day. Over the winter, emergency ice rescue drills are performed, gear is checked and tested; replaced when necessary and maintenance of the boat and equipment takes place. The Lake Authority is in the early stages of exploring the possibility of a dive team to serve the lake. This would be an all-volunteer staff that would need to train extensively and then maintain the standards required to perform as a team in the event of either an ice emergency, or summer incident. We have spoken with rescue teams from area towns and will continue to pursue the possibility of a program for our Lake.

Members serve under the direction of the Selectmen from the Towns of Kent, Warren and Washington. Kent members Kevin Brady and Gary Davis have been appointed by the Selectmen whereas those from Warren, Bill Hopkins and Ed Berner, are elected members. Appointed Members from the Town of Washington are Dean Sarjeant, Ed Matthews and Sandy Papsin. The annual budget for the Lake Authority is supported 20% from Kent, 40% from Warren and 40% from Washington.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Papsin
Lake Waramaug Authority Secretary

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The office of the Municipal Agent is responsible for assisting elders by providing information and referrals to services and benefit programs. In the calendar year 2007, this office received approximately 365 inquiries from seniors and the disabled. The services of this office are available to all residents of the Town of Washington over the age of 60 and their families, as well as the disabled. There are no fees or income limitations. My office is open on Tuesdays or by appointment. The phone number is 860-868-0735.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Collins
Municipal Agent for the Elderly

NEW MILFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The New Milford Visiting Nurse Association 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, 1,828 *visits* were made to Washington residents. These visits were made by RNs, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, and home health aides. Through our *Medicare Certified Hospice Program*, we provided care for terminally ill patients and their families who are residents of the Town of Washington. We continue to visit the elderly in our *Health Promotion Program*, an essential community preventive program in which the visiting nurse checks in on a healthy person every month or two to help clients prevent serious health problems. We also continue to offer *Well Child Clinic* to Washington residents. This well-respected program of the New Milford VNA provides uninsured and underinsured children with examinations and immunizations from birth through 18 years of age.

Through our new Travel Clinic, we are providing immunizations for travelers. We have also been very busy with our *Lyme Disease Education Program*, which is available to all within our service area. Our “*Flex Appeal*” a program of exercises for senior citizens is a very big success and a favorite at the senior center.

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.

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 provided *cholesterol screening* and *stroke risk assessments* at the Senior Center. We have also provided *flu vaccinations* at the Washington Senior Center and to staff at Washington Primary and Shepaug High School.

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 ceremony which takes place every Second Sunday in December 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 four years. It is a considerable expense and a labor of love for these ladies who fundraise to provide food for an entire week for 24 children and a staff of ten. We very much appreciate their help.

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

2007 – 2008 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, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

Home Care	#Visits YE 6/30/08
Total:	1,828
Skilled Nursing	679
Occupational Therapy	25
Home Health Aides	605
Physical Therapy	440
MSW	38
Speech Therapy	41

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Washington Parks & Recreation begins every fiscal year with the annual Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza and the “Stephen Reich Freedom Run”. The 5K road race has grown in attendance and is enjoyed by all who participate and those cheering them on. The first male and female finishers were Washington residents Jay McGorty, with a time of 18:42, and, for the second time, Christina Wells, with a time of 21:14.

The Independence Day picnic and fireworks were postponed to the next day, July 5th, due to the inclement weather. July 5th was a gray day but we were able to squeeze in our fireworks display before the rain. For the hearty people who braved the forecast on the 5th, they were treated to an unusual fireworks display as the fog rolled in and gave the show an eerie quality.

The construction of a new boat launch facility on Lake Waramaug began as soon as the boat launch closed for the season in October 2007 and was up and running by mid-May 2008. The Town of Washington and the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection worked for the last several years on an agreement to allow the boat ramp to be open to the public. On a daily basis, this agreement allows for thirteen boats from the Lake Waramaug State Park campers and seven non-resident boats. Residents of Washington, Warren, and Kent were not impacted by the agreement and still have access to the lake. The new facility has enough parking for nine vehicles with boat trailers, including one handicapped spot. This on-site parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Our boat inspector, Hank Valley, worked hard to make the transition happen as smoothly as possible. Hank is vigilant about the boat inspection process for invasive species and, as a result, he has turned away several boaters because of the weeds he found on their boats.

Washington Parks and Recreation provided three bus trips for one and all to enjoy this past year. On August 18th a bus trip was held to Fenway Park in Boston to see the Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-5. On November 10th, there was a bus trip to New York City to see the Radio City Music Hall’s Christmas Spectacular celebrate its 75th year. It was a beautiful day in New York and the show was extra special. The New Year was celebrated with a bus trip on January 5th to the Theatre at Madison Square Garden to see Cirque Du Soleil’s “Wintuk”. This was “an enchanting winter tale about a boy’s quest to find snow and adventure”. Everyone who attended this trip raved about it, especially when it began to “snow” inside the theatre!

Over the summer, the Commission continued its “Classic Movie Night at River Walk Pavilion” and plans to show more movies next summer. Anyone with suggestions for a movie should contact the recreation office.

River Walk is the host to three major fundraising events, Relay For Life in May, the Washington Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Carnival in June, and the Swanson/Horrigan Softball Tournament in July. The Commission is grateful to those who organize these events for their independence in setting up and cleaning up.

During the summer months, a storage shed was constructed to the River Walk Pavilion. This much-needed shed is used to store our gas grill, tables, and chairs. These items are available for use when renting the pavilion for an additional fee. We would like to acknowledge those of you who leash and pick up after your dogs when visiting River Walk. With cooperation from everyone, it will remain the safe, clean place we all can enjoy.

The Commission and the Recreation Coordinator continue to work closely with the town crew in the maintenance and upkeep of our recreational facility and with Larry Cable who attends to the pavilion and the grounds. We thank our program instructors and volunteers who represent us in making our programs safe and fun.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

- 12 Regular Meetings were held.
- 5 Site Inspections were held.
- 4 Public Hearings were conducted.
- 13 Referrals from the Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen were considered.
- 6 Subdivision applications were considered; 5 were approved and 1 was denied.
- 6 New lots were approved.

Continuing with the trend in recent years, the Commission received few subdivision and re-subdivision applications. This enabled it to spend more time to evaluate the application for scenic road designation, consider referrals from both the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Commission, discuss the Depot Study, act on requests to amend approvals, and progress with work on an overall update of the Subdivision Regulations.

The Planning Commission received and approved 1 application for scenic road designation. A site inspection was conducted and a public hearing was required for this application. Washington's new scenic road is Whittlesey Road. This brings the total to 14 scenic roads designated since November 2003 when the Scenic Road Ordinance was adopted.

In August 2007, Jim Donovan, landscape architect, of Wilbur Smith Assoc. won one of the 2007 ASLA awards for his work with the Washington Planning Commission on the Depot Study. This award winning study is available in the Land Use Office for public review.

During 2007-2008 Commissioner Chris Charles resigned and Mrs. Jahnke was appointed in his place. The current commissioners are Addie Roberts, Chairman, Sarah Gager, Vice Chairman, Paul Frank, Susan Jahnke, and Dimitri Rimsky. The Alternates are Barbara Braverman, Dick Carey, and Winston Fowlkes.

Respectfully submitted,
Addie Roberts, Chairman

POLICE

The Washington Resident Trooper Office recently settled into its new Bryan Plaza location. The new location is fully accessible to people with disabilities. It also has increased its visibility with the general public, thus increasing positive interaction with the community.

The Resident Trooper office is staffed by:

Resident State Trooper, Stephen Sordi

Full time Constable Patrick Kessler

Full Time Constable Scott Flaton

Part Time Constable Thomas Accuosti

The Washington Resident Trooper Office devotes full attention to the town's special policing and public safety needs. The following community service programs have been designed and implemented to improve the quality of life of the towns' people.

- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- D.A.R.E.
- The Shepaug Youth Patrol
- Connecticut State Police Explorer Post #074
- Connecticut Safety Boating Certification Classes
- Residence Vacation Checks
- Lake Patrol (Lake Waramaug Authority)
- Speed Reduction Programs

Detailed Statistics for the 2007-2008 Fiscal year are as follows:

Residential Alarms (Unfounded)	356 (17% reduction from 2006/2007)
Medical Assists	29
Burglaries (Residential/Auto)	15
Assaults	5
Criminal Mischief	14
Narcotics	3
DUI's	8
Larcenies	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents	109
Missing Persons	3
Traffic Stops-speeding primary charge	353

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, speed on the neighborhood roadways continued to be the number one concern amongst the town's people. An aggressive speed reduction program continues to reduce speeding on town roads. The speed reduction program will continue throughout the upcoming year. If there is a specific area in town, where speed on the roadway is an issue, please call or come into the office and discuss the locale of the problem.

I would suggest all homeowners, when away from their residence, lock their doors and utilize their residential burglar alarms. Over the past twelve months, there were approximately 8 residential burglaries in the town of Washington, the majority of these incidents occurred when the perpetrator had easy access to the residence. (IE: unlocked doors and unarmed alarms.)

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Trooper First Class Stephen Sordi
Washington Resident Trooper

PROBATE COURT

Over 200 Probate Judges, court staff and friends gathered at the Connecticut Supreme Court on April 29th for the annual meeting of the Connecticut Probate Assembly. Outgoing President-Judge Dianne Yamin affirmed the celebratory air as she confirmed the Assembly's commitment to the Probate Court System.

Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, the Hon. Chase Rogers, addressed the attendees and commended the invaluable work of the Probate Courts while reminding the group of the inevitable change to the future of the Probate Court System. She encouraged a collaborative effort on the part of the Assembly, urging public input as part of the process.

Newly elected Assembly President-Judge Fred Anthony in his presentation honored Judge Yamin's dedication to resolve divisive issues and resolution to lines of communication. He envisions a solution available to existing issues by acting together.

In his comments, Probate Court Administrator James Lawlor also praised the outgoing President-Judge for her remarkable work and stated that the newly elected President-Judge has the ability to tackle any problems ahead. Solution will come as a Probate Assembly function with creative, innovative ideas. He declared the Assembly "best at doing probate; no one can do it better".

The Probate System, led by the Connecticut Probate Assembly of probate judges, continues to improve services. Newly formed Probate Matters is the electronic newsletter of the Connecticut Probate Assembly, the organization of the 117 Probate Judges elected by the people in the communities they serve. Published are statistics of the year 2007 and information regarding the Assembly along with the website established at www.ctprobatejudges.org. The Connecticut Probate Court System had exciting and demanding experiences in the year. The probate courts are statutory courts having only the jurisdiction and authority granted by the state legislature.

Over 500 intricate matters, not including passport applications, were managed by the District of Washington Probate Court with professionalism and optimism while maintaining responsive and effective resolution. The Court hours are from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. An appointment can be arranged outside of normal operating hours for convenience.

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

SENIOR CENTER

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

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

THE WASHINGTON SENIOR CENTER HELD AN OPEN HOUSE IN CELEBRATION OF ITS TWENTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!

- ✓ **Regularly Scheduled Activities** offer fun and socialization. Bridge, knitting and quilting are among the regular activities. Luncheons are held, often with speakers or entertainment. This year's topics included Cardiovascular Disease & How it Can Be Monitored And Controlled and Sleep Issues.
- ✓ **Fitness:** The Senior Center exercise program 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. The New Milford VNA conducted the annual flu clinic in the fall. "Flexappeal" (New Milford VNA) and "Bend and Stretch" (VNA Northwest) exercise programs designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility were conducted at the Center. In addition, New Milford Hospital and the New Milford VNA held a skin cancer screening. The Western CT Area Agency on Aging and the Dept. of Social Services conducted a Free Health Screening program, including heart and stroke risk assessment, cholesterol, podiatry, breast health and fall prevention. Veralyn Davis, audiologist with Hearing Aid Specialist of CT, conducted a free hearing screening and Carol O'Toole conducts a bi-monthly acupressure clinic.
- ✓ **Trips:** This past year saw trips to the Aqua Turf Club, Spinning Wheel Inn and the Annual Senior Outing at Holiday Hill. Other trips offered included Chez Josef, Mohegan Sun, Wright's Mill Farm, Sharon Playhouse, Thomaston Opera House and the Warner Theater.

- ✓ **Senior Van Transportation:** The town van provides free transportation for seniors and disabled persons on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition, shopping trips to the Danbury Fair Mall take place monthly. Reservations for the van can be made by calling the Senior Center at least one day ahead.
- ✓ **Litchfield Hills Chore Service:** This program is available to help elderly and handicapped residents to stay safely independent and at home in the community. The service is available to anyone. Chore Service workers provide light and heavy housekeeping, shopping, laundry, cooking, yard maintenance and minor home repairs. Suggested client contribution is based on a sliding scale of monthly income.
- ✓ **Additional Programs:** Other speakers and topics included Estate Planning and Finances, Medicare Roundtable Discussion, Part D Enrollment and Medicare Fraud Bingo, Free Income Tax Advice, AARP Mature Driving Course, Tai Chi, Country Line Dancing, Drawing Class, a Monthly Gunn Museum Series of “Readings from the Archives”, and two slide show presentations of “Ever Shrinking Everglades and Hidden Treasures of Nature.” The Center participated in a 14-week Master’s Table Farm Market. This is a pilot project creating a Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program for the Conn Dept. of Agriculture.
- ✓ **Volunteers:** Volunteers play a vital role in the workings of the Senior Center. Our dedicated volunteer staff offers it’s 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

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION NORTHWEST

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

- **479 skilled nursing** visits
- **194 physical therapy** calls
- **183.5 home health aide** service hours
- **81 adult health guidance** visits

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

Full Report of Services:

SERVICE	TOWN PAID SERVICE	SERVICE PAID BY OTHER PAYERS
Blood Pressure Screening Clinic	11 Hours	
Nutrition Counseling		4 visits
<i>Nursing:</i>		
Adult Health Guidance	81 Visits	
Skilled Nursing		479 visits
Physical Therapy		194 visits
Medical Social Worker		11 visits
Occupational Therapy		1 visit
Home Health Aide		183.5 visits
Bath Aide		1 hour
Bend and Stretch Clinic		\$750

WASHINGTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Washington Ambulance Association responded to 198 requests for emergency medical services during the year 2007-08. These ranged from stand-bys at fire calls and minor incidents to major trauma and serious illness. Our Regional Paramedic was automatically dispatched or requested by us 48 times. Life Star Aero-Medical helicopter was used 6 times for transport of a patient to a Trauma Center. Most of our patients went to New Milford Hospital, unless we were in a part of town where Charlotte Hungerford Hospital was closer. Of our patients, 145 were ill, and 53 had traumatic injuries.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Washington Lions Club for their support and to the Washington Police and Fire Departments for their assistance when responding to calls. While many services around the state have begun billing for services, we do not. We are able to operate through funding provided by your donations and the support of the Lion's Club. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

The ambulance has been very fortunate in having personnel available during the day. Our personnel are highly trained and dedicated (over 2,000 hours) in order to serve the Town of Washington. During this year we conducted three EMS Education courses and are delighted to add six new emergency medical technicians and medical response technicians to our roster. The Fire Department's Rescue One and Rescue Two trucks respond with medically trained personnel when the ambulance is on another call.

With the New Year upon us, we are facing increasing challenges in emergency medical services. Because of our training and dedication, we are poised to meet these challenges.

We are looking forward to becoming a "Heart Safe Community," having automatic defibrillators positioned strategically around town to immediately treat a heart attack victim. This community award will be presented to us in early Spring.

We are always looking for more help, especially during the day. 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallace-Wyant, Chief of Operations

WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Washington Volunteer Fire Department mans two fire stations in Town, operating eight pieces of fire apparatus as well as two ATVs, a gator and an airboat. We have consistently responded to between 200 and 225 calls per calendar year for the last few years.

The Washington Depot fire house has the following equipment:

- Engine 6 is a 1750 GPM engine tanker that carries 2200 gallons of water. In addition to the usual compliment of breathing apparatus (SCBA), hose lines, ladders, etc., it has two foam tanks, one with thirty gallons of class A foam and one with sixty-six gallons of class B foam. The type and concentration of foam needed is determined by the pump operator and is mixed with water as the hose lines are filled. Foam enhances extinguishment by more quickly absorbing air and then suffocating fire by sticking to charred material thereby using less water. This truck is also capable of shuttling water to the fire scene from a remote water source.
- Ladder 1 is both an aerial device and a pumper rated at 1500 GPM. It carries six firefighters, hose lines, ground ladders, 500 gallons of water, two foam tanks of thirty gallons each, and a 5KW diesel powered generator for light and power.
- Engine 3 is a four-wheel drive (FWD) 1000 GPM pumper that can be a scene truck or it can lay a large diameter (5") supply line to a water source. It carries 500 gallons of water as well as hose lines, SCBA, ladders and other firefighting equipment.
- Engine 4 is a FWD brush fire truck that can access fires deep in the woods. It also serves well carrying lost hikers to safety.
- Rescue 2 is a heavy rescue that carries seven firefighters, a 25KW electrical generator, a cascade system (large air tanks for refilling SCBA on scene), extrication tools, emergency medical equipment, a winch, hazardous material equipment, an ice rescue sled, traffic control signs and other equipment. It also serves as a command center on scene.
- The New Preston fire house has the following equipment:
- Engine 5 is a 1500 GPM pumper that carries six firefighters, 500 gallons of water, two foam tanks, hose lines, ladders and other equipment. It carries large diameter hose enabling it to serve as a scene truck or a water source supply engine.

- Engine 7 is a 1250 GPM engine tanker that carries 2500 gallons of water. This truck can be a scene engine or it can haul water from a water source to the fire ground.
- Rescue 1 is a light duty FWD rescue that carries an 8.5KW diesel generator for lights and power, a cascade system, emergency medical equipment, extrication equipment, a winch and other equipment.

The public is always welcome to visit our firehouses and learn more about how we operate.

We appreciate all the support we receive throughout the year and look forward to continue training and improving our equipment to better mitigate any emergency that may arise in Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Woodruff, Chief

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 the Zoning Board of Appeals received 29 applications of which 13 were for Variances, 16 were for Special Exception from the Zoning Regulations. In total, 2 applications were withdrawn, 3 were denied, and 22 were approved.

While a number of the applications were approved at their initial presentation, many were continued to allow the applicant time to incorporate suggestions and conditions imposed by the Board to limit the impact of the requested changes.

Many of the applications for a Special Exception involved a standby power generator or pool equipment located more than the 25' allowed from the structure principally served. The board's current philosophy requires that the sound level at the nearest property line be limited to a maximum of 50 decibels. (50 decibels is equivalent to the hum of a refrigerator or the sound of rainfall.) In some cases the Board required, as part of its approval, that the equipment be enclosed within a properly ventilated shed or barn, or completely surrounded by a 6' tall stockade type fence to reduce the noise and the resulting impact on neighboring properties which is the intent of the Special Exception Regulation.

There was one major personnel change in this period. The Board welcomed new ZBA secretary and land use clerk Shelley White who came on board in February, but we had to say goodbye to long time ZBA secretary Pam Osborne. Her easy-going nature, professionalism and accuracy will be missed.

All new applicants to the ZBA are encouraged to read the guidelines for applications, especially as related to survey requirements, notifications, proof of hardship and overall considerations as this will expedite the process. Incomplete or hard to understand applications are generally continued and may be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brad Sedito, Chairman
Polly Roberts, Vice Chairman
Katherine K. Loeb
Randolph Snook
Todd Catlin
Georgia Middlebrook, Alt.
Peter Bowman, Alt
Roderick Wyant, Alt

ZONING COMMISSION

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

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Commission held 12 Regular Meetings, 2 Special Meetings, and 22 Public Hearings to consider Special Permit applications and revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. The Zoning department processed 154 applications, two requests to amend Special Permits, and 1 petition to amend the Zoning Regulations. Of these, 20 were considered by the Commission and 136 were acted on by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Commission approved 12 Special Permits, 1 First Cut application, and 2 amendments to Special Permits. It denied a petition to amend the Regulations and rescinded a first cut approval. Also during the year 2 applications were withdrawn, and 2 Special Permit applications were pending at the end of June.

<u>Type</u>	<u>APPLICATIONS APPROVED</u>			
	<u>04-05</u>	<u>05-06</u>	<u>06-07</u>	<u>07-08</u>
New House	12	9	5	4
Attached Acc. Apart.	0	0	0	0
Detached Acc. Apart.	5	5	3	3
Additions/Alterations to				
Existing Dwellings	47	46	42	36
Accessory Structures New/Repair	25	22	42	34
Swimming Pools	10	13	18	21
Gravel Miner or Excavate	0	0	0	0
Commercial	4	10	8	6
Tennis and Sports Courts	1	3	1	6
Change of Use	1	4	1	6
Demolition	1	2	5	6
Signs, Fences, etc.	12	8	11	1
Bed and Breakfast	0 (2 renewals)	0	0 (1 renewal)	5
Creation of Building Lot	2	2	5	0
Home Occupation	0 (2 renewals)	0	0 (2 renewals)	1
Temporary: Tents, Events*	0	0	2	
Affordable Housing	0	1	0	1
Other	15	26	21	0

*Does not include Tag Sale Permits.

The Zoning Commission considered applications for various uses throughout the year. These included uses frequently reviewed by the Commission such as detached accessory apartments and home occupations as well as major applications such as the Devereux Glenholme School theater addition, Myfield

LLC, affordable housing, the Shepaug Valley Regional High School track, the Rumsey Hall School ice hockey rink and dormitories, and the proposed Wykeham Rise, LLC. inn.

Public Hearings were held to consider many revisions to the Regulations. Approved were amendments addressing fences and walls, docks, outdoor residential lighting, the method for calculating average building height, inns, and non-residential signs. Amendments to limit accessory apartments to one per lot and to exempt porous surfaces from the definition of lot coverage were not approved. Possible revisions governing the following matters were also discussed: noise generating equipment, preservation of stonewalls, signs in residential districts, dance studios in the R-1 district, and the definition of inn.

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

Respectfully submitted,
David Owen, Chairman
Gary Fitzherbert, Vice Chairman
Valerie Friedman, Secretary
Lou Abella
Ralph Averill
Arthur DuBois, Alternate
Harry Wyant, Alternate
Andrew Shapiro, Alternate

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 of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. It speaks to the question of 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 property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the Town.

**Town of Washington
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008**

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash	\$ 3,457,249
Investments	1,894,094
Property Taxes Receivable - net	197,706
Government grant receivable	18,974
Total current assets	<u>5,568,023</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Net pension asset	454
Capital assets, net of depreciation of \$14,822,079	10,641,314
Total noncurrent assets	<u>10,641,768</u>
Total Assets	16,209,791
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	132,594
Performance bonds held	201,242
Due to State of Connecticut	2,662
Prepaid property taxes	53,057
Accrued interest	14,699
Deferred revenue	390,000
Long-term liabilities due within one year	58,000
Total current liabilities	<u>852,254</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due in more than one year	409,041
Total Liabilities	<u>1,261,295</u>
Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,311,314
Restricted for :	
Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure	1,486,165
Other purposes	1,083,025
Unrestricted	2,067,992
Total Net assets	\$ <u><u>14,948,496</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, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Total Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 1,597,481	\$ 824,149	\$ 7,000	\$ ---	\$ (766,332)
Public safety	670,847	80,887	---	---	(589,960)
Highways (public works)	1,742,374	---	161,568	354,507	(1,226,299)
Sanitation	438,879	70,266	---	---	(368,613)
Social services	3,748	---	---	---	(3,748)
Health	89,558	5,875	---	---	(83,683)
Parks and recreation	292,742	137,788	---	---	(154,954)
Education	8,476,813	---	230,250	---	(8,246,563)
Other	514,441	23,807	---	---	(490,634)
Interest on long-term debt	14,699	---	---	---	(14,699)
Total governmental activities	\$ 13,841,582	\$ 1,142,772	\$ 398,818	\$ 354,507	(11,945,485)

General revenues:

Property taxes	12,177,511
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	140,007
Investment earnings	264,294
Lease income and other miscellaneous	19,574
Total general revenues	12,601,386

Change in net assets 655,901

Net assets - July 1, 2006	14,292,595
Net assets - June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 14,948,496</u>

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, 2008**

	Major Funds					
		Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
	General Fund					
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,700,328	\$ 441,031	\$ 517,190	\$ 798,700	\$ 3,457,249	
Investments - at fair value	652,667	1,005,544	739	235,144	1,894,094	
Property tax receivable, net	197,706	-	-	-	197,706	
Grant and pledge receivable	-	-	-	18,974	18,974	
Due from other funds	19,468	475,000	-	34,887	529,355	
Total Assets	\$ 2,570,169	\$ 1,921,575	\$ 517,929	\$ 1,087,705	\$ 6,097,378	
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 59,043	\$ 25,942	\$ -	\$ 47,609	\$ 132,594	
Performance bonds payable	201,242	-	-	-	201,242	
Due to State of Connecticut	2,662	-	-	-	2,662	
Due to other funds	34,887	19,468	475,000	-	529,355	
Prepaid property taxes	53,057	-	-	-	53,057	
Deferred property tax and other revenue	158,118	390,000	-	-	548,118	
Total Liabilities	509,009	435,410	475,000	47,609	1,467,028	
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved:						
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	406,208	1,658,402	-	-	2,064,610	
Undesignated						
General fund	1,654,952	-	-	-	1,654,952	
Special revenue funds	-	(172,237)	42,929	1,040,096	910,788	
Total Fund Balances	2,061,160	1,486,165	42,929	1,040,096	4,630,350	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,570,169	\$ 1,921,575	\$ 517,929	\$ 1,087,705	\$ 6,097,378	

Town of Washington
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property taxes	\$ 12,085,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	12,085,521
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	85,234	-	-	-	85,234
Intergovernmental	296,960	26,812	161,568	244,693	730,033
Contribution in lieu of taxes	73,297	-	-	-	73,297
Investment income	170,801	45,395	16,369	31,729	264,294
Lease income - Town building	15,451	-	-	-	15,451
Licenses and permits	979,468	-	-	-	979,468
Fines and penalties	753	-	-	-	753
Program fees and other receipts	20,450	10,000	-	226,226	256,676
Total Revenues	13,727,935	82,207	177,937	502,648	14,490,727
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	1,498,098	-	-	-	1,498,098
Public safety	488,270	-	-	-	488,270
Highways	945,061	-	-	-	945,061
Sanitation	441,879	-	-	-	441,879
Social services	3,748	-	-	-	3,748
Health	77,876	-	-	3,782	81,658
Recreation	149,577	-	-	115,572	265,149
Education	8,476,813	-	-	-	8,476,813
Other	348,461	-	-	160,700	509,161
Capital outlay	27,767	919,727	232,081	136,637	1,316,212
Debt service	72,298	-	-	-	72,298
Total Expenditures	12,529,848	919,727	232,081	416,691	14,098,347
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,198,087	(837,520)	(54,144)	85,957	392,380
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers	(1,125,989)	1,119,602	(250,000)	256,387	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses	72,098	282,082	(304,144)	342,344	392,380
Fund Balance - beginning of year	1,989,062	1,204,083	347,073	697,752	4,237,970
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 2,061,160	\$ 1,486,165	\$ 42,929	\$ 1,040,096	\$ 4,630,350

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

Town of Washington
Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Special Revenue Funds)
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2008

	Judea Cemetery	Park and Recreation	Senior Center	Greenway Committee	Land		Affordable Housing	Dodge Farm	Boat Launch Project	Health Benefit	Total
					Acquisition	Open Space					
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	
Assets:											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,312	\$ 87,682	\$ 6,682	\$ 3,437	\$ 504,496	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 4,968	\$ 124,805	\$ 23,318	\$ 798,700
Investment - at market	26,756	20,021	5,510	---	406	182,451	---	---	---	---	235,144
Grant receivable	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18,974	---	---	18,974
Due from other funds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34,887	34,887
Total Assets	\$ 70,068	\$ 107,703	\$ 12,192	\$ 3,437	\$ 504,902	\$ 182,451	\$ 182,451	\$ 23,942	\$ 124,805	\$ 58,205	\$ 1,087,705

Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 23,942	\$ 23,667	\$ ---	\$ 47,609

Fund balances:											
Undesignated	70,068	107,703	12,192	3,437	504,902	182,451	---	---	101,138	58,205	1,040,096
Total Fund Balances	70,068	107,703	12,192	3,437	504,902	182,451	---	---	101,138	58,205	1,040,096

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 70,068	\$ 107,703	\$ 12,192	\$ 3,437	\$ 504,902	\$ 182,451	\$ 182,451	\$ 23,942	\$ 124,805	\$ 58,205	\$ 1,087,705
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Town of Washington
Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Judea Cemetery Fund	Park and Recreation Fund	Senior Center Fund	Greenway Committee Fund	Land Acquisition Open Space Fund	Affordable Housing Fund	Dodge Farm Fund	Boat Launch Project Fund	Health Benefit Fund	Totals
Revenues:										
Governmental grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,693	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 244,693
Investment income	2,064	2,897	334	4	15,006	6,507	-	3,947	970	31,729
Program fees and other receipts	14,875	112,869	8,482	-	-	-	-	90,000	-	226,226
Total Revenues	16,939	115,766	8,816	4	15,006	6,507	144,693	193,947	970	502,648
Expenditures:										
Cemetery expenditures	10,011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,011
Programs and Activities	-	104,450	11,122	997	-	-	149,692	136,637	3,782	406,680
Total Expenditures	10,011	104,450	11,122	997	-	-	149,692	136,637	3,782	416,691
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	6,928	11,316	(2,306)	(993)	15,006	6,507	(4,999)	57,310	(2,812)	85,957
Other Financing Sources:										
Operating transfers in	2,000	-	-	-	150,000	50,000	-	19,500	34,887	256,387
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	8,928	11,316	(2,306)	(993)	165,006	56,507	(4,999)	76,810	32,075	342,344
Fund Balance - beginning of year	61,140	96,387	14,498	4,430	339,896	125,944	4,999	24,328	26,130	697,752
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 70,068	\$ 107,703	\$ 12,192	\$ 3,437	\$ 504,902	\$ 182,451	\$ -	\$ 101,138	\$ 58,205	\$ 1,040,096

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. A condensed schedule, which shows the approved final budget and actual results follow

Town of Washington
Condensed Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP, Budgetary Basis)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 11,905,731	\$ 12,024,048	\$ 118,317
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	59,148	85,234	26,086
Intergovernmental	294,903	296,960	2,057
Contribution in lieu of taxes	69,000	73,297	4,297
Investment income	100,000	170,801	70,801
Lease income - Town building	15,451	15,451	-
Licenses, permits and other receipts	715,550	1,008,691	293,141
Fines and penalties	-	753	753
Total Revenues	13,159,783	13,675,235	515,452
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,273,468	1,273,028	440
Public safety	491,967	488,269	3,698
Highways	945,806	945,061	745
Sanitation	442,790	441,879	911
Social services	5,806	3,748	2,058
Health	90,710	77,876	12,834
Recreation	159,679	149,577	10,102
Education	8,676,950	8,676,950	-
Other	376,638	348,462	28,176
Debt service	72,298	72,298	-
Total Expenditures	12,536,112	12,477,148	58,964
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	623,671	1,198,087	574,416
Other Financing (Sources) Uses :			
Operating transfers:			
Judea Cemetery	2,000	2,000	-
Non-recurring capital expenditures fund	1,069,603	1,069,602	1
Health insurance fund	34,887	34,887	-
Boat Launch Fund	19,500	19,500	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses	(502,319)	72,098	574,417
Fund Balance - beginning of year	502,319	1,989,062	1,486,743
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ -	\$ 2,061,160	\$ 2,061,160

Town of Washington
Schedule of Property Taxes Levied, Collected and Outstanding (Report of the Tax Collector)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Taxes Receivable July 1, 2007	LAWFUL CORRECTIONS		Net Transfers (To) From Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Receivable	COLLECTIONS		Taxes Receivable June 30, 2008
		Lawful Additions	Corrections Reductions			Taxes and other costs	Total Collections	
Grand List : October 1,	2006 \$ 12,127,204 \$	33,904 \$	(85,692) \$	- \$	12,075,416 \$	11,974,685 \$	47,719 \$	12,022,404 \$
2005	102,966	1,269	(199)	-	104,036	53,833	12,943	66,776
2004	32,901	103	-	(10,067)	22,937	10,777	3,050	13,827
2003	3,815	-	-	-	3,815	1,058	761	1,819
2002	3,588	137	-	-	3,725	1,520	2,880	4,400
2001	2,593	165	-	-	2,758	2,758	851	3,609
2000	749	-	-	-	749	749	935	1,684
1999	1,264	-	-	-	1,264	759	1,073	1,832
1998	875	-	-	-	875	875	1,402	2,277
1997	875	-	-	-	875	875	1,559	2,434
1996	849	-	-	-	849	849	1,667	2,516
1995	825	-	-	-	825	825	1,768	2,593
1994	800	-	-	-	800	800	1,860	2,660
1993	764	-	-	-	764	764	1,917	2,681
Suspense book collections	-	-	-	1,535	1,535	1,535	1,026	2,561
Totals	\$ 12,280,068 \$	35,578 \$	(85,891) \$	(8,532) \$	12,221,223 \$	12,052,662 \$	81,411 \$	12,134,073 \$
								168,561

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

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