

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF

WASHINGTON, CONNECTICUT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

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TOWN CALENDAR

2009-1010

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 5	Annual Town Meeting.
November 3	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 6	Annual Town Budget Hearing.
May 15 – Sept. 15	Elderly or disabled renters apply for tax credit (income requirements).
May 20	Annual Town Budget Meeting.
June	Dog license fee payable.
June 30	Fiscal year ends.

MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Selectmen

Every other Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Board of Finance

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

Conservation Commission

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

Historic District Commission

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

Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Planning Commission

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

Zoning Commission

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Building Official

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

Sanitarian

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

Board of Education

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

- Please check Town Clerk's notice board for changes and special meetings.
- Bryan Memorial Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- The Land Use Office is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.
- The Agent for the Elderly is available Tuesday at the Senior Center (it is suggested specific appointments be made).
- The Probate Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.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, 2009

Animal Control Officer

(appointed)

Cynthia F. Brissett

Emergency Management

(appointed)

Robert Tomlinson

Board of Assessment Appeals

(elected-4 year term)

Ann Fisher Bruzzi, Chairman

Roderick M. Wyant III

Richard O. Carey

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.

Anthony J. Bedini, alt.

Assessor

(appointed-4 year term)

Barbara S. Johnson

Auditor

Charles P. Heaven & Company

Building Official

William T. P. Jenks

Fire Chiefs

Mark Showalter, Chief

Darryl Wright, 1st Asst. Chief

Building & Property Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Nicholas N. Solley

Mark Showalter

Charles Boucher

Fire Marshall

(appointed)

Donald S. Etherington

Conservation Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Susan F. Payne, Chairman

Kelly Boling

Phillip Markert

Linda Frank

Diane M. Dupuis

Elizabeth Corrigan, alt.

Richard Sonder, alt.

Philip M. Dutton, alt.

Health Director

(appointed)

Michael A. Crespan

Historic District Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Alison Gilchrist, Chairman

William H. Smith

Peter Talbot

Ronald K. Chute

J. Allen Kerr

Jane Boyer, alt.

Phyllis J. Mills, alt.

Scott J. Tilden, alt.

Housing Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Wayne Hileman, Chairman

Jean Suddaby

Lisabeth D. Adams

Susan M. Werkhoven

Andrew O'Hazo

Patte Doran, Secretary

Inland Wetlands Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Anthony J. Bedini, Chairman

Charles LaMuniere

Dorothy G. Hill

Stephen Wadelton

Roger A. Bohan

Vacancy, alt.

Vacancy, 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. Breeckner

Ann Fisher Bruzzi

Matthew W. Cain

Dottie Carlson

Kenneth Cornet

Reginald W. Fairbairn

Edith C. Johnson

Adam J. Korpalski

Daniel J. Leab

Joseph A. Mustich

Davyne E. Verstandig

Joshua Weiner

Roderick M. Wyant, III

Lake Waramaug Authority

(appointed-3 year term)

Sandra Papsin

Edwin S. Matthews, Jr.

Dean Sarjeant

Land Use Coordinator

(appointed)

Janet M. Hill

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

(appointed)

Pamela F. Collins

Open Burning Official

(appointed)

Gunnar Neilson

Parks and Recreation Commission

(appointed-3 year term)

Sheila M. Anson, Chairman

Timothy A. Cook

Raymond W. Reich

Joseph B. Fredlund

Joan M. Gauthey

Holly Z. Haas

Christopher J. Kersten

Louis Magnoli

Planning Commission

(appointed-5 year term)

Adelaide Roberts, Chairman

Paul Frank

Susan Jahnke

Dimitri Rimsky

Sarah E. Gager

Barbara G. Braverman, alt.

J. Winston Fowlkes III, alt.

Richard O. Carey, alt.

Police

(appointed)

Stephen Sordi, Resident State Trooper

Patrick J. Kessler, Full Time Officer

Scott Flaton, Full Time Officer

Thomas J. Accousti, Part Time Officer

Probate Court Judge

(elected-4 year term)

Judge Victoria M. Cherniske

Region #12 School Board

(elected-4 year term)

Washington Representatives:

James Hirschfield

Valerie J. Andersen

Michelle Gorra

Anthony J. Bedini

Frannie Caco

Laird Davis

Registrars of Voters

(elected-4 year term)

Constance Kaylor

Mary Ann Rimbocchi

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: 18

Marriages: 56 (partial list)

Donald A. Lundberg Jr. & Lisa M. Gangell	Warren	July 19, 2008
Donald R.G. Page 2 nd & Elysia M. Guhl	Norwalk	July 26, 2008
Andrew J. Cyvas & Rena M. Murphy	Washington	July 29, 2008
Dennis M. Tegmier & Erin E. Fraley	Washington	August 3, 2008
James A. Graham III & Kelly K. Creighton	Washington	August 23, 2008
Jeffrey M. Kozo & Lindsay M. LaPlante	Washington	August 28, 2008
Frank J. Tkazyik & Catherine E. Hurlbut	Washington	August 30, 2008
Kenneth A. Rohrman & Heather E. Traulsen	Litchfield	September 20, 2008
George M. Mack & Kerry M. McEntee	Washington	September 20, 2008
Timothy W. Donahue & Deborah J. Nelson	Branford	September 20, 2008
Eric R. Walsh & Heather A. Slater	Washington	September 25, 2008
Clinton B. Anderson & Susan C. Moquin	Washington	September 27, 2008
Timothy M. Coakley & Andrea L. Marazzi	New Haven	October 4, 2008
Timothy G. Peterson & Kristine R. Alexander	Washington	October 11, 2008
David A. Heineman & Kristin H. Allan	Washington	October 11, 2008
Jesse L. Wright & Carol A. McCormack	Washington	October 12, 2008
Wayne P. Kowalski & Sage T. Witkowski	Woodbury	October 25, 2008
Kenneth W. Cornet & Joseph A. Mustich	Washington	November 12, 2008
Robert W.H. Ensign Jr. & Margaret C. Federle	Litchfield	November 29, 2008
Steven M. Goodwin & James R. Pleasants	Washington	December 31, 2008
Louis Altschul & Joseph H. Simo	Washington	January 25, 2009
Kerry E. Gallagher & Andrew H. Rowan	Washington	February 4, 2009
Seymour Surnow & Alvin D.Kyte	Washington	February 6, 2009
Joan M. Gauthey & Charlotte E. Johnson	Washington	March 21, 2009
David A. Behnke & Paul F. Doherty, Jr.	Washington	March 28, 2009
Julia C. Benedict & Shane T. Galvin	Washington	April 18, 2009
Darcey L.M. Weathers & Matthew A. Collins	Washington	April 22, 2009
Joshua M. Horvath & Jessica A. Sansone	Washington	May 9, 2009
Stephen R. Extance & Robin E. Smith	Washington	May 16, 2009
Katharine H. Andersen & Brooke A. Brower	Washington	May 16, 2009
Norman R. Long & Rickey B. Kelly	Washington	May 22, 2009
Louise P. Woodroffe & Garret J. Martin	Washington	May 23, 2009
Stephen E. Sauer & Jill A. Eichen	Washington	May 24, 2009
Elizabeth C. Braverman & Alok Banga	Washington	May 30, 2009
David O. Pearsall & Lara E. Barr	Washington	June 6, 2009
Matthew W. Cain & Amy E. Dyer	Washington	June 6, 2009
Neil M. Claridge & Ana B. Porras	Washington	June 20, 2009
Lisa M. Swanberg & Christopher J. Linke	Washington	June 24, 2009
Christine M. Kandefer & Michael R. Kersten	Washington	June 27, 2009
John R. Loughner & Katherine D. Aaby	Washington	June 27, 2009

Civil Unions:

Kevin D. Comer & Richard W. Distel	Washington	October 4, 2008
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Deaths: 25

Valerie Lee Nedved Peterson	July 5, 2008
William Edward Petruno Jr.	July 18, 2008
Joseph Michael Janowicz	July 27, 2008
Loretta Rovinsky	July 27, 2008
Corey Allen Anderson	July 30, 2008
John J. Allen III	August 21, 2008
Bertha K. Brod	September 16, 2008
Allyn Carl Swanson	October 25, 2008
Mary Elizabeth Casler	November 7, 2008
Douglas C. Heaven	November 19, 2008
Roy Frederick Cheney	November 23, 2008
Andrew Lecher	November 27, 2008
Sadie Mae Douchane	November 30, 2008
Janet T. Savage	December 27, 2008
Catherine Wyant	January 10, 2009
Lois Collister Butler	January 22, 2009
Robert P. Leddy	January 25, 2009
Bertram M. Kay	January 25, 2009
Robert A. Chase	March 1, 2009
Catherine L. Khouri	March 12, 2009
Allan Sorak	March 13, 2009
Harry Fiss	May 2, 2009
Edmund K. Swigart	May 14, 2009
Henry DeNigris	May 17, 2009
Eugene R. Swanson	June 12, 2009

SHEPAUG VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #12

The 2008-2009 school year was marked by a national economic downturn and by the resultant impact on our Region's residents and schools. As we prepared the budget request for the ensuing fiscal year (2009-2010), the Board and administration redoubled efforts to request as small an increase as possible. The initial budget that went to the voters represented an increase among the lowest in recent Region history (1.12%), but that request was defeated at referendum by a small margin. Ultimately, at the succeeding referendum, the voters authorized a budget plan that had no increase whatsoever. The flat, zero increase budget proposal that was approved required the reduction of classroom teachers, classroom support personnel, and the contraction or elimination of student programs.

At the same time, the Board of Education continued its efforts to reach an understanding about the long-term use of the K-5 facilities which are the property of the three towns in the Region. A committee of the Board charged with formulating a mutually acceptable long-term lease agreement continued the work that started in the prior year, but found that concerns about the three buildings' conditions now became a new stumbling block to the drafting of a lease. A strategy was developed to address this concern and a work team of Board members and a citizen commenced the arduous process of gauging current condition and establishing a list for each school that included a wide range of circumstances that should be addressed. This team also worked closely with the Selectmen of the three towns, editing the lists, and finally agreeing on specific maintenance and repair to be done at each facility. These lists were given to a private contractor who was hired to supply professional estimates of cost. It was hoped that once this effort was complete the Board would consider a means to fund all the work to be done as part of a single project. This would continue into the following school year.

Shepaug High School and Middle School, along with Booth Free, Burnham, and Washington Primary Schools continued to design Success Plans that focus on the improvement of student performance in areas deemed low or weak. The school-wide Success plans were presented over the course of the fall semester to the Board of Education for the first time with results from the prior year serving as one benchmark to gauge overall improvement. The results were promising across the board and subsequent Connecticut Mastery Test and Connecticut Academic Performance Test scores showed definite gains and validated the importance of a deliberate and intense focus on distinct areas for improvement of student performance.

With the advent of spring, the Region, like most of the country, was besieged by the first wave of what was initially called “swine flu” and eventually labeled the “H1N1” virus. Our schools were spared any serious infection, but the threat of infection caused the system to become keenly attuned to those tactics and approaches that would be instituted when and if the H1N1 cycle of infection would return.

The Region made significant progress in its efforts to move toward more comprehensive electronic home-school contact and away from reliance solely on hard copy communication. During this year each school launched something known as “The Refrigerator Door” on each building’s web page. This electronic bulletin board aimed at providing students and their families with a location for notices, reminders, sign-up sheets and registration forms, the sorts of things that many families affix to their refrigerators with magnets so they are not forgotten. Each school continued and expanded the practice of sending out, via email “blast,” school-based newsletters and special announcements.

Annually, the administration develops profiles of student achievements to share with the Board and with others. These reports describe the numerous plusses and high points for students during a given school year. This profile follows.

2008-2009 Student Achievement

86% of the class of 2009 will be continuing their formal education

70% will be attending four year colleges/universities

Top "5" Seniors/Class of 2009 and College/University Attending

Carley Davenport

Sara Little

Riley Brigham

Anna Carlson

Joanna Nappi

Macalester College

Amherst College

Davidson College

St. Olaf College

Penn State University

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

Riley Brigham

Jay McGorty

President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Mackenzie Smith

Jushep Salazar

President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Mackenzie Smith

Jushep Salazar

High Honors all year for Academic Achievement at High School

Grade 9 – Catherine Alexander, Elyse Andrews, Kiera Lee Cloutier, Gina DeMeo, Mary Dillon, Melinda Fragomeli, Brittany Hartman, Jennifer Isaac, Lindsay Isaac, Edward Kelly, Colleen Koslosky, Nichole Parzuchowski, Megan Patrick, Kathryn Paul, Mathi Smith, Andrew Stern, Brendan Welsh

Grade 10 – Tarryn Bartkus, Hayley Berg, Lillian Bogue, Aimee Cowan, Alana Crumrine, Rosemary Galinski, Aidan Galligan, Matthew Griffith, Gregory Harris, Callie Huber, Alexis Lopriore, Henry Pendergast, Christine Putnam, Linnea Quist, Mirriah Rebillard, Kelly Voelpel

Grade 11 – Alexandria Bierce, Alison Carini, Nicole Deanne, Christina Dumas, Nicole Hartman, Michael Piersall, Samian Roy, Marina Scanlon, Amanda Walsh, Catherine Wolk

Grade 12 – Hannah Andrews, Riley Brigham, Anna Carlson, Shawn Childs, Carley Davenport, Lauren Dever, Amanda Edwards, Tara Furey, Kerry Gallagher, Sarah Gomez, Alexa Hopkins, Tieghe Horrigan, Lily Horton, Arielle Johnson-Leahy, Sara Little, Joanna Nappi, Daniel O'Connell-Santos, Meghan Scanlon

National Honor Society Members at High School

Present Members – Hannah Andrews, Tessa Bevans, 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 Scanlon, Chelsea Smith, Anna Wolk

Newly Elected Members

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

Northern Regional Music Festival

Anna Carlson, Emma Cava, Emmeline Pappas, John Shusdock,

Superintendent's Awards (CAPSS)

WPS- 5th grade, Brenda Gutierrez

BS- 5th grade, Katherine Klein

BFS- 5th grade, Alberto Espinosa

MS- 8th grade, Ellery Rourk
HS- 11th grade, KD MacDonald
HS - 12th grade, Jacqueline DeVito

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

12th grade, Carley Davenport
12th grade, Ethan LaBella

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

Ellery Rourk and Kathryn DeWitte

Athletic Achievements/Information

<u>SPORT STUDENTS ON ROSTER</u>			
Grade	Males	Females	Total
9 th	56	42	98
10 th	79	52	131
11 th	52	57	109
12 th	46	48	94
Totals	233	199	432

Team Records

FALL

Field Hockey 5-8-2
Boys Soccer 9-5-2
Girls Soccer 10-4-2
Boys Cross Country 8-2
Girls Cross Country 8-2

WINTER

Swimming 14-3
Boys Basketball 11-9
Girls Basketball 9-11
Boys Ice Hockey 5-14-1

SPRING

Baseball 16-4
Softball 8-12
Boys Tennis 9-8-0
Girls Tennis 17-0-0
Boys Track 8-2
Girls Track 8-2
Golf 11-13-0

Athletic Programs Offered

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

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

Berkshire League Championships

Sportsmanship Award Winners from Berkshire League

Swimming

Girls Basketball

Girls Tennis

Boys Track

Charles McGinnus Award (top male athlete)

Jamie Reilly

Joseph Babcock Award (top female athlete)

Sarah Kelly

D.A.R. Award (Middle School)

Emily Deanne and Michael Maurial

Roxbury Good Citizenship Awards (Middle School)

Jessica Dumas and Anthony Graziani

State of CT Excellence in Citizenship Award (Middle School)

William Stuart

English Awards

Excellence in EnglishEmily Deanne

Achievement in EnglishKelly Sullivan

Reading Awards

Commitment to Reading.....Amanda Taylor

Achievement in ReadingCourtney Lynch

Mathematics Awards

Excellence in Mathematics.....Sean Irwin

Excellence in Algebra.....Lucas Guliano

Achievement in Mathematics.....Tristan Fappiano

Achievement in Algebra.....James Freeland

Science Awards

Excellence in ScienceOliver Taylor

Achievement in ScienceMichael Maurial

Social Studies Awards

Excellence in Social StudiesWilliam Heyne
Achievement in Social StudiesEthan Lindblom

Foreign Language Awards

Excellence in SpanishEllery Rourk
Achievement in SpanishJessica Dumas
Excellence in FrenchEmily Deanne
Achievement in FrenchQuaid Cain

Fine Arts Awards

Excellence in Art.....Emily Giarrano
Excellence in ChorusEllery Rourk & William Heyne
Excellence in Instrumental MusicElliott Bogue
Excellence in Strings.....Oliver Taylor
Excellence in TechnologyChristopher Lowe & Kelley Swenson
Excellence in Computer Technology ...James Freeland & Rachel Vallerie

Physical Education Awards

Excellence in Girls' Physical EducationHanna Landegren
Excellence in Boys' Physical EducationJames Freeland

Facilities

With the successful completion of the all-weather track and related improvements in the prior year, the second phase of the Shepaug improvement project began, with the replacement of thirty year old air handling/HVAC units and an update of the climate control system, a continuation of the approved \$1.5 million dollar upgrade project. Other Shepaug improvements included a complete renovation of the original bleachers in the gymnasium, making them safer, code compliant, and automated; replacement of the sewage ejection pump; replacement of the school's water heating components and conversion to propane from electric; and repair and replacement of various elements of the Shepaug pool, a portion of which was required by federal statute. Lighting in the pool area and gymnasium was updated to more energy efficient units.

Booth Free School had the flat roof on the lower level building replaced in the summer of 2009, as well as replacement of three sets of steel doors in the lower building. The hot water heating system, well past its prime, was replaced. The exterior walls of the chimney were rebuilt.

The in-ground oil tank was replaced at Burnham School with a new in-ground tank once a variety of issues were satisfied. A roof project was pursued at the school in the summer of 2009 with all roof surfaces not replaced during the gym wall replacement of the prior year being replaced. This corrected a number of issues including several leaks that had developed in the old roof surfaces.

At Washington Primary School the ongoing issues of the older heating system continued to occupy our attention. Sections of lines routed to the boiler condensate pump were found to be severely rotted and were replaced, and the pump itself was rebuilt in early spring. The “newer” casement-style windows in the wing adjacent to the original high school/Central Office were refurbished on both the first and second floors. As in both Booth and Burnham, the gymnasium lighting was replaced with high efficiency units.

Finally, the custodial staffs in all Region 12 facilities were involved in a more intensive and more frequent effort to clean all surfaces as part of the district’s response to the H1N1 virus mentioned elsewhere in this report. Hand-sanitizer dispensers were installed in all Region 12 facilities to help limit the spread of the virus.

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

Performance of 2008 – 2009 8th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 7th grade (2007 – 2008) and 6th grade (2006 – 2007).

	<u>Math</u>			<u>Reading</u>			<u>Writing</u>		
	Gr 6 Spr 07	Gr 7 Spr 08	Gra 8 Spr 09	Gr 6 Spr 07	Gra 7 Spr 08	Gr 8 Spr 09	Gr 6 Spr 07	Gr 7 Spr 08	Gr 8 Spr 09
% at/ab Goal	73.8%	77.1%	74.4%	78.8%	90.2%	85.4%	67.5%	63.4%	77.6%

Performance of 2008 – 2009 7th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 6th grade (2007 – 2008) and 5th grade (2006 – 2007).

	<u>Math</u>			<u>Reading</u>			<u>Writing</u>		
	Gr 5 Spr 07	Gr 6 Spr 08	Gra 7 Spr 09	Gr 5 Spr 07	Gra 6 Spr 08	Gr 7 Spr 09	Gr 5 Spr 07	Gr 6 Spr 08	Gr 7 Spr 09
% at/ab Goal	71.4%	74.1%	68.3%	74.0%	66.7%	80.2%	69.3%	72.8%	64.6%

Performance of 2008 – 2009 6th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 5th grade (2007 – 2008) and 4th grade (2006 – 2007).

	<u>Math</u>			<u>Reading</u>			<u>Writing</u>		
	Gr 4 Spr 07	Gr 5 Spr 08	Gra 6 Spr 09	Gr 4 Spr 07	Gra 5 Spr 08	Gr 6 Spr 09	Gr 4 Spr 07	Gr 5 Spr 08	Gr 6 Spr 09
% at/ab Goal	81.8%	80.5%	80.0%	76.6%	73.7%	81.3%	81.6%	76.6%	73.3%

Performance of 2008 – 2009 5th graders compared to performance of same students when they were in 4th grade (2007 – 2008) and 3rd grade (2006 – 2007).

	Math			Reading			Writing		
	Gr 3 Spr 07	Gr 5 Spr 08	Gra 5 Spr 09	Gr 3 Spr 07	Gra 4 Spr 08	Gr 5 Spr 09	Gr 3 Spr 07	Gr 4 Spr 08	Gr 5 Spr 09
% at/ab Goal	86.2%	81.6%	84.9%	75.9%	67.8%	89.3%	79.3%	72.4%	79.1%

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

	Math		Reading		Writing	
	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09	Grade 3 Spring '08	Grade 4 Spring '09
% At/Above Goal	87.9%	89.8%	73.0%	74.6%	79.3%	78.7%

2008-2009 Enrollment Information
October 1, 2008 Enrollment Information

Burnham School	94
Booth Free School	121
Washington Primary School	184
Middle School	244
High School	347
REACH	21
Out-of-District	<u>16</u>
Total	1,027

Financial Information

1. The appropriated 2008-09 budget was \$20,427,392.
2. The unaudited/unofficial 2008-09 budget ended with an unexpected appropriation of \$42,968.
3. The bond rating for the district remained at AA (Fitch rating).
4. % distribution between towns for student population and budget payments – (assessment) for 2008-2009 based upon Oct. 1, 2007 student population:

<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Roxbury</u>	<u>Washington</u>
24.12%	30.63%	45.25%

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

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Enrollment	1,170	1,161	1,127	1,082	1,057	1,011
Budget Incr.	4.84%	4.84%	3.89%	5.80%	3.97%	4.16%

Note: The budget increase for 2009-2010 is 0.00%.

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

		<u>Term Expires</u>
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

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

SHEPAUG VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2009

James L. Alves	Robert E. Kilian III
Kelly Eleanor Andersen	Zach Koerner
EmilyMegan Andre	Cody Koester-Hoben
Hannah Beth Andrews	Ethan Charles LaBella
Kathryn Kelley Ascenzi	Christian Paul Lang
Stephen Edward Bailey	Rob Lena
Tessa Page Bevans	William Everett Lester
Chelsea Leola Bohan	Veronica Elise Lifland
Riley Catherine Brigham	Jennifer Linke
Erin Elizabeth Brinton	Julia Anne Little
Andres Brodie	Sara Victoria Little
Caitlin Rose Brundage	Jessica Kathryn Lynch
Michael Caridi	Diego Luis Maurial
Anna Louise Carlson	Brendan William McCarthy
Sarah Mae Case	Sara Jane McGarr
Alexandra Kathleen Cassel	Jay Thomas McGorty, II
Tess Caroline Chappuis	Malina Annalisa McNamara
Shawn Alison Childs	Robert Mills
Mary Cooper	Brittany Jane Moore
Tabor John Crumrine	Emily Moore
William Christopher Curnan	Melissa Theresa Morelli
Dana Marie Darby	Travis Andrew Morse
Carley Marie Davenport	Britgit Anna Murphy
Jason Wynne DePecol	Erik Charles Murray
Lauren Brooke Dever	Joanna Marie Nappi
Jacqueline Marie DeVito	Lyle Thomas Nichols
Edward John Droessler	Daniel O'Connell-Santos
Geoffrey Scott Edelstein	Amanda Oliver
Amanda Lee Edwards	Jessica Marie Olson
Maxine Alden Eichen	Emmeline Rachel Pappas
Eliot Pratt Eposito	Robert Joseph Poletto
Nathalie Majeau Fernandes	James L. Reilly, IV
Claire E. Franjola	Hannah Jillian Ross
Brooke Rachel Fredlund	Cody D. Rossiter
Tara Catherine Furey	Jushep Geraldine Salazar
Kerry Ross Gallagher	Meghan Hannah Scanlon
Keats D. Gill	Troy Alex Scribner
Sarah Lynne Gomez	Megan Elizabeth Silk
Alexandra M. Grigorian	Chelsea Elaine Smith
Leah Anne Hiravy	William Reid Sorell
Margaret A. Hirschfield	Emma Rose Steer
Alexa Ann Hopkins	Sara Conklin Stevens
Peter James Hopkins	Mariah Rose Stoughton
Teige W. Horrigan	Emily Marie Thompson
Lily Justine Horton	Jordan Tyler Walsh
Autumn Cloud Ingram	Spencer Thomas Wescott
Douglas Harris Jacknick	Rachel Ann White
Arielle Coree Johnson	Scott Brian Wolfe
Nathaniel Spencer Kay	Anna Elizabeth Wolk
Sarah Ann Kelly	Paul D. Yaunsem

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen wishes to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of the volunteers who make the Town of Washington work. This was another year of endless activity in all aspects of government and town wide activities.

The Washington Garden Club in addition to their annual efforts sprucing up the villages with spring planting and seasonal decorations, have adopted our "Charter Oak" growing on the north side of the Town Hall. A direct descendent of Connecticut's Charter Oak, the Club enlisted the help of a local arborist to prune, feed and continue the care of this symbol of our heritage. The Building and Property Commission has expanded their role in caring for our municipal facilities after the resignation of our Property Manager. They have overseen several projects and repairs, including the refurbishing of the Town Hall Cupola and Dome, renovation of office space over the Police Station, and general maintenance of town owned buildings. The Town took advantage of a CL&P Conservation Program by installing new energy efficient lighting in all Town buildings. The spring of 2009 saw the acceptance of the final plans and completion of permitting for improvements to the Lake Waramaug Town Beach and replacement of the Beach House. Hopefully work on this beautiful site will be completed in the 09-10 budget year for the opening of the summer 2010 beach season.

Washington completed several capital road projects, repaving of Curtis Road and South Street, and pooled two years of capital dollars in our chip-sealing program to take advantage of a volume discount from the contractor. The Town Highway Department put two new small trucks into service to improve the efficiency of their operation. These vehicles will provide better fuel mileage and are better suited for use on the smaller roads and Depot snow removal routes than the larger trucks which have been used in the past.

There were several personnel changes instituted during the budget year. The Selectmen hired a second fulltime Constable, Scott Flaton, in March 2009 who has completed his training at the Connecticut State Police Academy and currently works an evening patrol shift. The Land Use Office staffing and organization was reviewed by an independent consultant. The Selectmen, with the cooperation of our Land Use staff, have implemented several of his recommendations and will continue to move forward with issues raised in this study. The goal of all involved is to have a system which is efficient, user friendly, and supports the hard work of all the volunteers on the land use commissions.

For the first time in our history the Board of Selectmen also moved the election of our Region 12 School Board members to a machine vote

independent of the Town Meeting. We were pleased with the interest generated and excellent candidates that came forward to serve in this very important and time-consuming position. Congratulations to the four who passed muster at the ballot box.

As an enhancement to Washington's communication system, the Emergency Management Coordinator, through a State Grant, has subscribed to a "Reverse 911" messaging system. The Alert Now system allows for a phone message to be sent to every phone subscriber in Washington when there is a need for any sort of general notification. Individuals can also include up to four additional contacts such as, work phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, by filling out forms available at Town Hall and in the Town Newsletter.

In closing the Board of Selectmen wants to thank all Town employees and Volunteers for their continued efforts in making Washington such a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark E. Lyon
First Selectman

ANIMAL CONTROL

This department answered over 1500 calls for the fiscal year 2008 - 2009.

While over 200 animals were called in as being found, whether they were in the road or found lost in Steep Rock, Hidden Valley, etc., only eleven actually had to be impounded due to no ID. All the rest had some form of ID -the majority had up to date licenses - that allowed the persons finding the dogs to get them back to their owner. Of those eleven impounded, five were claimed by their owners, three went to the shelter to be placed into new homes from there, two were euthanized (by their owners) due to the severity of their injuries and one died at the scene of an accident.

A dog license is still the best form of ID. It's inexpensive and shows that your dog is up to date with its rabies vaccine. A \$10.00 discount applies if your dog is spayed or neutered. Each June a new license must be purchased at the Town Clerks office. It is a state law to license your dog - a \$75.00 fine for failure to do so.

Six people had to be treated at the ER due to dog bites.

Twelve written warnings were issued and three infractions (tickets) had to be issued.

While roaming dogs are still the main problem, there has been an increase in reports of cruelty and neglect concerning domestic animals as well as livestock. Many calls concerning wildlife came in. Bear, coyote, bobcat and fisher cat sightings are on the rise. Rabies is still seen all year long, causing numerous problems to pets as well as their owners. All the more reason to keep your pets up to date with all of their vaccines. Watch the papers for the rabies clinic to be held in the spring.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Brissett
Animal Control Officer/ Dog Warden

ASSESSOR

The Grand List of taxable and tax-exempt property in Washington was filed with the Town Clerk on February 27, 2009. The delays in receiving information from the revaluation company have made for a hectic winter. The change in the economy had many people questioning the values but as of assessment date October 1st, 2008, the market had not changed in Washington. Sales have been slow but there has not been a dramatic drop in value. It sometimes takes an extra year or two to affect us.

The Grand List increased to \$1,250,524,800 reflecting the rise in the market from 2003, date of the last revaluation. The review and correction process has been ongoing throughout this year and I don't anticipate much of an increase for 2009 due to the fact that there are several applications for forest land classification, which result in a lower assessment plus there have not been as many new houses being built. The motor vehicle section of the list dropped from the previous year but may increase this coming year thanks to the "cash for clunkers" program. Both the Tax Collector and I would be happy if this particular tax were removed. It takes much more of our time to administer than it generates in revenue.

Please feel free to ask us about programs which are handled through this office. These include tax relief for the elderly and disabled as well as rent rebates for this same group. Others are exemptions for veterans and lowered assessments for forest or farmland, which meets certain criteria. My assistant, Jennifer DeRosa, or I will be happy to assist taxpayers with these programs

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The following is a four-year comparison:

FISCAL YEAR	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09
# PERMITS:	636	703	674	550
# NEW HOUSES:	20	6	14	6
PERMIT FESS	\$311,510	\$255,337	\$450,049	\$311,979
TOTAL VALUE:	\$50,296,105	\$26,615,612	\$48,018,78	\$32,965,505

The four year average comes to about \$40 million in construction. Therefore fiscal year 2008-2009 is about 18% below the average. I don't expect to see much of a change in the coming fiscal year, however, Washington has done a lot better than other municipalities in the region being down only 18%.

We are seeing a few more dwellings being torn down and replaced with new ones. However, that construction does not add to the number of new houses. Two of the six new dwellings are from a two family unit and the other four were new stand-alone dwellings.

Respectfully submitted,
William 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....It may make recommendations to zoning, planning and inland wetland commissions and other municipal agencies on proposed land use changes. It may, with the approval of such legislative body, acquire land and easements in the name of the municipality.”

Activities during fiscal year 2008-2009

As of year-end 2008, three conservation easements had been accepted: visible from RT 199, visible on Gunn Hill Road, and in a subdivision off Wykeham and Clark Roads. The Conservation Commission monitors the Town easements annually. Overall, approximately 21% or 5,270 acres are permanently protected, the majority held by Steep Rock.

In December 2008 the Conservation Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Commission and the Planning Commission that the 33-acre property (owned by Washington Partners) on RT 202 in New Preston Village be purchased with the Town's Open Space Acquisition Fund. In April 2009, at a well-attended town meeting, townspeople voted to purchase it for \$500,000, conditional upon an environmental assessment. The property will be maintained as open space for the benefit of the town.

The Cell Tower subcommittee opposed the application, Docket 378, by SBA Towers for sites on Tanner Farm just over the Washington border in Warren. Located in the stunning viewscapes of Rabbit Hill Road and Macricostas Preserve and in an environmentally sensitive area, the application contained numerous misrepresentations. In addition one site was proposed on farmland for which the rights of development had been previously purchased by the state of Connecticut to preserve for agricultural use. The application was fought by the Attorney General's office on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and opposed by Governor Rell. The application was ultimately withdrawn from the Sitting Council.

Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archaeologist, attended the May 2009 meeting to help with guidelines to protect the archaeological and historic resources of the town. Members of all land use commissions were invited to attend.

The Greenway subcommittee continues to monitor and maintain the Town Greenway which connects Steep Rock Reservation with Hidden Valley and out

RT 47 to the Macricostas Preserve and the landscaping enhancing the small green on School Street.

In 2007 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. In June, at the recommendation of the DOT, the proposal was modified to extend from Rabbit Hill Road to RT 45 intersection. Decision pending.

The Habitat Map for *Natural Resource Inventory Report and Recommendations* has been updated to include areas of known as well as potential ecological importance.

Research has begun on a “Best Development Practices” brochure to encourage use of streambelt buffers and to protect our traditional New England stonewalls.

The Conservation Commission thanks Joe Gitterman for his many years of service and for implementing the Town’s Scenic Road process. We welcomed Phil Dutton as an alternate.

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; Diane Dupuis, Linda Frank, Phil Markert; alternates: Betsy Corrigan, Phil Dutton and Ric Sonder.

Subcommittees (CC welcomes volunteers)*:

Best Development Practices – Phil Dutton, chair

Cell Tower- Diane Dupuis, chair

Conservation Design Subdivision – Phil Markert, chair

Greenway –Keith Templeton, chair, with Bob Williams, Elisha Dyer, Bob deCourcy, Dorothy Wilson and Susan Payne

Monitoring of Town properties -Linda Frank, chair

Scenic Road- Application available on town web site or from the Planning Commission.

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

Publications of the Conservation Commission

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

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

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

ELECTIONS

In 2008-2009 the Registrars:

- Attended a two-day Training Session in October 2008.
- Hosted a Moderator Training Session for Litchfield County Registrars on October 2, 2008 at the Washington Town Hall.
- Held two mandatory Voter Registration sessions in October 2008. A training session for the new machine was held.
- Registered new residents, new citizens and residents who turned 21 after October 30th 2008 on November 3, 2008.
- Opened polls on Election Day, November 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Mailed the State required canvass in February 2009 and prompt returns were greatly appreciated.
- Attended the Litchfield Country Registrars Meeting in Goshen on February 2009.
- Attended a two-day ROVAC Convention, along with their Deputies, in May 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Kaylor

Mary Ann Rimbochi

Registrars for the Town of Washington

BOARD OF FINANCE

Our budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was based on our Grand List of \$981 million. Region 12's budget for the past year was increased to \$19,977,180, not including debt service, or 5% over the prior year. Our Town's share of the Region's expenditure, before grants, increased \$362,724 or 4.2% to \$9,039,674.

Our student population in the Region declined slightly over the prior year from 45.25%. After Education grant credits from the State and reimbursements from the Region are factored, our actual educational expense increased 6.7% to \$8,799,527 from the 2007-2008 actual expense.

Actual Town Operating Expenditures increased to \$3,820,937 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 13.0.

This year's budget (2009-2010) is based upon a Grand List, which increased approximately \$269,276,390 or 27.4% to \$1,250,524,800. The Region's budget, not including debt service, increased \$684,810 or 3.4%. Our Town's share increased to \$9,450,297 before grants and reimbursements. After anticipated credits, our net expense would increase by 3.9%. The Town's operating expense budget is \$3,861,053 before debt service, a decrease of \$408 from last year's budget. The Town's capital budget decreased to \$996,900. Given the revaluation in the Grand List for the year, your Board felt it should decrease the mill rate to 10.75. The Board is hopeful that future increases in the Region's budget will be substantially limited.

Again, this year I would like to thank the members of the Board of Finance for their dedication and participation: Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Liddy Adams, and A.J. DuBois. As you may know, Jack Field retired as vice-chairman and Liddy Adams was elected to take his place. Jack's contribution to the Town's financial and education budgets are well known, greatly appreciated and hopefully will continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Jackson, Chairman

FIRE MARSHALL

There were five structure fires for the year resulting in an estimated loss of \$908,000.00. Automobile losses from fire were \$39,363.00. Total for the year \$947,363.00.

Blasting permits were down sharply due to the economic decline.

A larger than normal amount of automobile accidents resulting in severe injuries and loss of life were handled by the Emergency Services personnel.

Anyone with a viable water source that can be easily accessed by the Fire Department should contact the Firehouse directly at 860-868-7403.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Etherington
Fire Marshall

THE GUNN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Gunn Memorial Library building was dedicated in 1908 and over one hundred years later our institution continues its mission of service to the residents of our town. This organization has grown immensely in scope, yet maintains true to its historic purpose - dedication to providing free public library services to Washington, Connecticut, and the surrounding communities and to the promotion of literacy, education, and preservation of the Town's history and culture. We are pleased to report another successful year, as noted by the statistics below.

Items of note during the past year include:

- 43,957 people came into the library.
- We circulated 66,747 items.
- 4,579 titles were requested and held for patrons.
- 2,577 interlibrary loans were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons.
- The GML loaned 2,528 volumes to other libraries on interlibrary loan.
- 100 signed in to work in the Connecticut Room researching topics of local interest.
- Washington residents holding library cards total 2,500.
- Our collection comprises 50,296 items in print and non-print format.
- Electronic resources remained in high demand & were accessed 24,605 times.
- 1,108 adults attended 38 diverse programs in the form of lectures, book discussions, talks and workshops offered, or hosted, by GML.
- Our programs and lectures featured: Frank Delaney, Francine du Plessix Gray, Ed Matthews, Randall Balmer, George Krinsky, and Chandler Saint, among many other distinguished authors, talented individuals and people of note.
- Our enthusiastic and loyal corps of volunteers includes 70 ardent individuals.
- In the Junior Library, 120 programs were held for 5 age ranges (2's, 3-4's, K-1st, and 2nd-3rd grades), in addition to Family Events, attracting 1,785 children & 751 adults.
- The children's Summer Reading Program entitled "Be Creative" drew 275 readers who completed 4,851 hours of reading.
- 2,054 visitors were counted at the Museum.
- Museum exhibits included: *Trucks, Hydrants & Hoses – Washington's Emergency Services: A History of the Fire Department & Ambulance Association, Keepers of History: Scrapbooks & Album, Washington*

Club: A Century in the Community, and *Jerome Titus: The Story of a Civil War Soldier from Washington*.

- The collaborative project with Shepaug 8th graders - *Abner Mitchell: The Letters of a Civil War Soldier* – received 3 local & national history organization awards.
- There were 804 hits to the Museum's online catalogue.
- The Gunn Musicians' Series debuted with an all Mozart program presented by Sandy Kleisner & friends. Attendance at this & each subsequent program tallied nearly 100 attendees!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Chapin
Executive Director

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Service hours in the Town of Washington are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Office hours are from 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	13
Repair	26
Private Well Permits Issued	16
Food Service Inspections	48

The total amount of permit fees collected for all Health Department activities was **\$7,305.00**

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 forty-five (45) reports received from area physicians and medical laboratories. The diseases that were reported most frequently were tick-borne diseases (25 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, three special meetings and one site inspection. Nine Certificates of Appropriateness were issued.

The Commission has been an advocate for the restoration of historic barns. Their goal is to have old barns accurately measured and documented for the record.

In order to make the HDC page on the Town Website more user friendly, the members met with Webmaster, Steve Wadelton. Regulations, Guidelines and application forms are now on-line.

HDC has made an effort to encourage residents in all three Historic Districts to adhere to the “Dark-Sky Friendly” principles when considering outdoor lighting.

This year J. Allen Kerr moved from alternate to regular member and Scott Tilden joined the Commission as an alternate.

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

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Washington Housing Commission is charged with studying the housing needs of the Town and making recommendations to Board of Selectmen, Planning and Zoning Commissions on policies and practices deemed to promote housing opportunities for the people of Washington. The Commission pursued two different initiatives during the past year.

First, the Commission spent considerable time and effort examining the possibility of an Incentive Housing Zone for the Old Town Garage Site (16 Titus Road). In the end the Housing Commission decided against recommending such a zone because a) the property could not meet the minimum density requirements under Public Act 07-4, b) senior housing was excluded as a permitted use and c) the state cut off funding for the program. We did, however, learn much about the site and its potential for use in either residential or commercial development of the Depot in the future.

Second, we pursued our "Few Good Acres" initiative to locate a small parcel of land in Washington to purchase on behalf of the Town for affordable housing purposes. We received numerous responses from our Postal Patron mailing and have narrowed our choices considerably. It is our hope to move forward with a specific proposal for acquisition in the coming year.

The Washington Housing Commission consists of five volunteers who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 5pm in the Land Use Room of Bryan Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hileman
Chair - Washington Housing Commission

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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

Inland Wetlands commissioners 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 2008- 2009 the Commission conducted 20 Regular Meetings, 28 site inspections, and held 9 Special Meetings. It considered 46 applications (43 new submissions and 3, which had been pending at the end of the year;) approving 41, denying 1, and 4 remained pending at the end of June. There were 8 new violations concerning unauthorized activities, which brought the total to 20 violations that were the subject of ongoing discussions. Twelve of those remained unresolved at the end of the year. Three public hearings were held to consider applications for significant activities and for the revision of the Regulations. Two Show Cause Hearings were conducted on enforcement matters. The Commission also approved 10 requests to amend permits.

Four commissioners spent several months reviewing and revising the Inland Wetlands Regulations per the state statutes and past experience. Most of the definitions were revised and clarified to make them more user friendly. The final draft was reviewed by the DEP and the Commission's attorney, who is an expert in land use law in Connecticut. In February the Commission adopted the revised Regulations, and they are now currently in use.

The Commission met with the Lake Waramaug Task Force and attended a talk and slide presentation by Dr. Kortmann on the effects of building walls and modifying the Lake Waramaug shoreline. This is an important issue that is repeatedly addressed by the Commission when applicants propose to modify the shoreline around the lake.

All of the Inland Wetlands commissioners have completed valuable training courses, many of which are required by the state DEP. They attend an all day training seminar annually that deals with various aspects of land use including legal requirements, preparing and reading maps, conducting site inspections, the latest technologies in stormwater management, and various other topics. They also attend short informational sessions put on by various organizations connected with land use around the state.

The Commission currently has three alternate commission positions open and is actively looking for candidates. It has imposed some requirements for these positions so that it may continue to conduct its business fairly and adhere to its Regulations. Prospective applicants should:

- 1) Attend at least two regular meetings of the IWC before considering whether to apply,
- 2) Be prepared to attend two monthly meetings and an occasional special meeting each month,
- 3) Be prepared to attend several site inspections per month and participate in the writing of a report on those inspections,
- 4) Attend the three DEP day long training courses and other informational seminars throughout the year, and
- 5) Read and understand the Washington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

During the year the chairman, Mark Picton, resigned to pursue other personal activities, as did Commissioner David Thomson. The Commission thanks them for their service and commitment during their years with the Commission.

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

The Commission members as of June 2009 were Tony Bedini, Chairman, Steve Wadelton, Vice Chairman, Roger Bohan, Dorothy Hill, and Charles LaMuniere. The three Alternate seats were vacant.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Bedini, Chairman

JUDEA CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Judea Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in town. The name Judea was given to the cemetery due to the town's site resembling the city of Judea in Bible history. Documentation of people being buried in Judea Cemetery dates back to 1743. At this time, verbal requests were made to the town's Board of Selectmen to have a loved one buried in this honored ground. Plots were not sold and recordings not done until the town of Washington created the Judea Cemetery Commission in 1970. At present, Dennis Hussey acts as Chairman, with Ruth Alex, Nelly Condon, Dolly Whitney and Phyllis Allen serving as members on the Commission.

This fiscal year, the annual meeting was held on September 10, 2008 in Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Financial activity was limited due to only five plots being sold and two burials taking place. Residents may purchase lots and by anyone who may have family ties to the Town or any community interest in the Town. Sexton, Dave Swanson maintains the grounds and does the burials. This year, a generous donation was given by Virginia Risley for the completion of the black wrought iron gates, which has been done and now completes the beautiful fencing that outlines the front boundary of the cemetery.

Judea Cemetery is situated one mile from the First Congregational Church on Judea Cemetery Road. It is situated at the top of the hill in a picturesque part of Town. Judea Cemetery is honored ground and the Town takes pride in having the site to bury and remember our loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hussey, Chairman

LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY

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

Under the vigilant direction of Steve Sordi, Resident State Trooper from the Town of Washington, and director of the Marine Patrol, the staff continues with their random summer patrols on the Lake from early spring when the Regattas are in season, until the mid autumn months. This past season included one medical assist, one water rescue, two stranded vessels, and several written and verbal warnings and violations.

Members of the Washington, Warren and Kent Fire Departments are invited to join in mid winter emergency ice rescue drills where skills are reinforced, gear is checked, tested, maintained and replaced when necessary. This is a crucial component to ensuring that staff is familiar with, and capable of handling both the patrol boat and the air boat and the accompanying equipment and gear in the event of any emergency on the Lake.

A new boat has been purchased with the support of the three surrounding towns and delivery is expected during the early winter. This will afford the marine patrol the time required to outfit the craft with the items necessary to make it water ready for the springtime.

Access to the Lake via the new boat launch is running smoothly. All boats entering the water are checked for invasive species in a valiant effort to continue to keep the lake free of the invasive species that have all but destroyed other lakes in the state. Boaters have been very cooperative and responsive to this effort.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Papsin
Lake Waramaug 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 2008, this office received approximately 462 inquiries from seniors and the disabled. The services of this office are available to all residents of the Town of Washington over the age of 60 and their families, as well as the disabled. There are no fees or income limitations. My office is open on Tuesdays or by appointment. The phone number is 860-868-0735.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Collins
Municipal Agent for the Elderly

NEW MILFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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

In total, 1,414 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.

Our “Flex Appeal” a program of exercises for senior citizens, has been well received 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 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 five years. It is a considerable expense and a labor of love for these ladies who fundraise to provide food for an entire week for 24 children and a staff of ten. We very much appreciate their help.

New Milford VNA continues to be a state of the art provider of home health care and community health programs. We are accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) and licensed by the State of Connecticut for all of our homecare programs. 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.

2008 – 2009 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, 2008 to June 30, 2009:

<u>Home Care</u>	<u># Visits YE 6/30/09</u>
Total:	1,414
Skilled Nursing	604
Occupational Therapy	75
Home Health Aides	318
Physical Therapy	343
MSW	32
Speech Therapy	40

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Washington Parks & Recreation begins every fiscal year with the annual Fourth of July fireworks show and “Stephen Reich Freedom Run”. The 5K road race along the Shepaug River in Steep Rock continues to increase in attendance and is enjoyed by both runners and walkers. The first male and female finishers were New Milford resident David Hunt with a time of 16:23 and Jeanne Theleen of Southbury with a time of 20:02. Due to the threat of serious thunderstorms, the picnic and fireworks were cancelled.

Three bus trips were provided during the year. On July 8th a full bus of spectators visited Yankee Stadium to watch the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays. With a new stadium being built, this will be the last visit to the historic ballpark. In November another bus trip to New York but this time to see the Radio City Music Hall’s Christmas Spectacular celebrate its 75th year with some new features added. On Mother’s Day in May we traveled to Fenway Park in Boston to see the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays. It was an exciting night to be in Boston; the Bruins, playing across town, won their game and, in Orlando, the Celtics beat the Orlando Magic in a playoff game! The stadium erupted when the news broke of a win by each hometown team. It seemed only fitting that the Red Sox should win too.

The boat launch facility on Lake Waramaug was open for business the first day of the fishing season, April 18th. This spring the launch will be open Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays (6 am to 11 am and 4 pm to sunset). Summer hours for the launch are Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, 6am to sunset, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 am to 5 pm. The boat inspector, Hank Vallely, is working hard to keep the lake clean and has been turning away boats that carry invasive species.

The River Walk groundskeeper, Larry Cable, left that position and accepted one with the town’s highway department. With his “jack of all trades” talent, Larry did a great job keeping the fields, walking path, and pavilion maintained and looking its best. Gary Alex, a native of Washington, was hired and brought with him a wealth of knowledge from his many years of experience working at golf courses in Florida.

Three major fundraising events continue to be held at River Walk over the spring and summer months; Relay for Life, the Washington Volunteer Fire Department Firemen’s Carnival, and the Swanson/Horrigan Softball Tournament.

Community spirit in Washington is as great as ever and the Commission acknowledges the many volunteers who have given so generously on our behalf to make our programs and events so successful and enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Easter, Recreation Coordinator
Sheila M. Anson, Chairman
Tim Cook, Vice Chairman
Joe Fredlund, Vice Chairman
C. J. Kersten, Treasurer
Joan Gauthey
Holly Haas
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.
- 2 Special Meetings were held.
- 4 Site Inspections were conducted.
- 4 Public Hearings were convened.
- 6 Referrals from the Zoning Commission and Board of Selectmen were considered.
- 3 Subdivision applications were considered and all 3 were approved.
- 3 New lots were approved.

Continuing with the trend in recent years and due in part to the slow economy, the Planning Commission received few subdivision and resubdivision applications during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. This enabled it to spend more time considering referrals from both the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Commission, acting on requests to amend approvals, and progressing with work on the overall update of the Subdivision Regulations. As part of the work to revise its Regulations, the Commission met with the Conservation Commission and the State Archeologist to discuss procedures to ensure the protection of historical and archeological sites located in proposed subdivisions.

Various other matters considered by the Commission this year included methods for ensuring the submission of complete applications, traffic measures to cut down on speeding through the Depot, the Town policy regarding abandoned and discontinued Town roads, and requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. In May Mr. Hileman of the Housing Commission delivered that Commission's report on the possibilities for affordable and senior housing by creating an incentive zone at 10 Titus Road, the old Town Garage site. In June the Planning Commission reaffirmed its support of the current Town policy of not approving any permanent plans for 10 Titus Road until it has been determined what the best and most appropriate use of that property will be.

The Planning Commission is responsible for considering and approving scenic road applications. However, this year there were no scenic road applications. A total of 14 scenic roads have been designated since November 2003 when the Scenic Road Ordinance was adopted.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Addie Roberts, Chairman

POLICE

The Washington Resident Trooper Office is located in the Bryan Plaza. The office location is fully accessible to people with disabilities and is staffed by the Resident Trooper, (2) two full time Constables and (1) one part time constable. The Resident Trooper program provides a direct link to the Sate Police Troop Commander and all divisions within the Department of Public Safety.

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 programs are currently performed by members of the R/T office.

- 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 2008-2009 Fiscal year are as follows:

Residential Alarms (Unfounded):	408
Medical Assists	37
Burglaries (Residential/Auto)	7
Assaults	1
Criminal Mischief	5
Narcotics	7
DUI's	17
Larcenies	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	80
Missing Persons	3
Traffic Stops-speeding primary charge	959

During the 2008-2009 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 request 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

On April 26, 2009 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable Chase T. Rogers, addressed the Probate Court Assembly at the Supreme Court Chambers for the Assembly's annual meeting. Chief Justice Rogers commended the Probate Administrator, Hon. Paul J. Knierim, for his energy and foresight moving forward with his Strategic Plan for reorganizing the old probate system in a difficult economic period. She indicated that the Judicial Branch supports an independent Probate Court System while referring to both the Strategic Plan and House Bill 6027, two separate proposals submitted to legislation for financial and business reform to enable survival of the system.

The Honorable Fred J. Anthony congratulated the officers and members of the Executive Committee and the Assembly as we focus on the positive aspects of the probate system while dealing with the difficult challenges the system is facing as it reforms. He recognized the diligent efforts of the staff in maintaining a smooth flow of change.

Hon. Paul J. Knierim, Probate Court Administrator, addressed the current state of the Probate System to the attendees as he asked them to remember the achievements in developing the Children's Probate Courts and the Melissa Project for the special needs of our minors. Judge Knierim stated that centralized accounting, standardization of procedure in both financial and office management and consolidation of the courts are in the near future. Stewardship of the new Probate System will be the focus of achievement. The Probate Strategic plan and the Governor's Bill are part of the solutions to be made to the reform of the Probate System in the legislation.

Judge Knierim also applauded the efforts of all members of the Assembly and their staff for their help and assistance in the economic and transformation crisis of the entire probate system.

The Probate System, led by the Connecticut Probate Assembly of probate judges, continues to improve services including intensive, specialized training and education for probate judges; an informational website established at www.ctprobatejudges.org ; increased accessibility and consistency of court operation; judicial and clerical salary reform and improvement of the courts technical operation. The Connecticut Probate Assembly is taking the lead to ensure the system responsible and sensitive to individuals' needs during critical times in their lives.

The Connecticut Probate Courts are statutory courts having only the jurisdiction and authority granted by the state legislature. The fees that are generated by the users of the system have sustained the operations of the Probate Courts in the past.

Fees that were accessed from the Washington Probate District workload for the year include matters in the following categories: 60% Decedent's Estates, 22% Trusts, both decedent and inter vivos, 6% Conservatorships, 5% Terminations and/or Adoptions, 4% Guardianships, 2% Name Changes and 1% managing wards in care of the Department of Developmental Services. Not included in the workload figure are the services provided by processing numerous passport applications.

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

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

SENIOR CENTER

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

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

- ❖ **Regularly Scheduled Activities** offer fun and socialization. Bridge, knitting and quilting are among the regular activities. Luncheons are held, often with speakers or entertainment. This year's topics included Fall Prevention, Alzheimer's Disease, Hearing Loss, Breast Cancer Awareness, Flu and "Are You Ready for An Emergency?"
- ❖ **Fitness:** The Senior Center exercise program has a regular 40-minute low impact aerobics video workout at 9:00 daily. The exercise programs are free of charge.
- ❖ **Computer Technology:** Individual computer instruction continues to be available at no charge on the computers at the Senior Center. Additional support is offered through the Center's Computer Club that meets monthly.
- ❖ **Health:** Blood pressure screenings continue to be held at the Senior Center on the third Wednesday of each month by Visiting Nurse and Homecare Northwest. The New Milford VNA conducted the annual flu clinic in the fall. "Flexappeal" (New Milford VNA) and "Bend and Stretch" (VNA Northwest) exercise programs designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility were conducted at the Center. The Western CT Area Agency on Aging and the Dept. of Social Services conducted a Free Health Screening program, including heart risk assessment, cholesterol, podiatry, breast health, pre-diabetes screening and sleep apnea. Audiologist, Alexis Kaiser 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 and Spinning Wheel Inn. Other trips offered included Westchester Theatre, Stageloft Repertory, Baldwin Vineyards, 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 Protecting Your Assets Through Estate Planning, Trusts and Insured Accounts, Medicare Compare Plans and Part D Enrollment Day, Free Income Tax Advice, Reverse Mortgage, AARP Mature Driving Course, Lunch and Learn – Living a Healthy Lifestyle, Arts and Crafts, a Monthly Gunn Museum Series of “Readings from the Archives”, a slide show presentation of “Helping the Animals” and Zumba Gold for Seniors. In addition, the Center hosted a 12-week Master’s Table Farm Market and Free Cooking Classes with Emily Brooks.
- ❖ **Volunteers:** Volunteers play a vital role in the workings of the Senior Center. Our dedicated volunteer staff offers their time and expertise in newsletter preparation, computer instruction, office tasks and assisting with programs.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Collins, Senior Center Director

VNA NORTHWEST, INC.

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

- **428 skilled nursing** visits
- **118 physical therapy** calls
- **81 home health aide** service hours
- **61 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	6 hours	
Nutrition Counseling		4 hours
Flu Clinic		3 hours
Nursing:		
Adult Health Guidance	61 visits	
Skilled Nursing		428 visits
Physical Therapy		118 visits
Medical Social Worker		3 visits
Occupational Therapy		6 visits
Home Health Aide		81 hours
Bend and Stretch Clinic		6 hours

WASHINGTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Washington Ambulance Association responded to 247 requests for emergency medical services during the year 2009. 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 76 times. Life Star Aero-Medical helicopter was used 5 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. We also transported patients to Waterbury and St. Mary's Hospitals, as well as Danbury Hospital. We noted that we had 106 medical calls, 98 trauma calls which included 38 motor vehicle accidents.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Washington Lions Club for their support and to the Washington Fire and Police Departments, particularly Trooper Steve Sordi, Constable Patrick Kessler and Fire Chief Wally Showalter for their assistance when responding to calls. While many services around the state have begun billing for services and using paid personnel during the day, we have not. We are able to operate through funding provided by your donations and the support of the Lions Club. We are also very fortunate to have personnel available during the day by conducting EMT courses throughout the year. Our personnel are highly trained and dedicated (over 2,000 hours) in order to serve the Town of Washington. We have two state certified EMS instructors on our roster and two state licensed paramedics.

In October we were certified as a "Heart Safe" Community by the State of Connecticut. Very simply, this means that there are defibrillators placed at strategic points around town, either in our crewmembers' vehicles and/or buildings. Our "heart safe" signs will be posted at the entrances to Washington in the 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 the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wallace-Wyant, Chief of Operations
Washington Ambulance Association, Inc.

WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2009 has been a good year so far for fire loss. The structure fires that we have had resulted in minor damage. The number of motor vehicle accidents has unfortunately increased.

Through September 2009, the Fire Department has responded to the following calls:

• Structure	3
• CO/Hazmat	14
• MVA	24
• Chimney	4
• Brush	5
• Auto Alarm	77
• Car Fire	2
• EMS/rescue assist	21
• Wires Down	16
• Mutual Aid	6

There has been a steady increase in the automatic fire alarms. Many of these alarms occur at homes that are very large and not occupied year round. When we are dispatched to your home or business the only way to make sure there is not a problem is to walk through the building. Many times there is no one that meets us there that has a key to let us in. There are a few things that can be done to help. You can have someone that lives locally be your key holder. If you have someone already, that information needs to be on file with your alarm company. This information will be given to us so we know that someone will respond. If we don't have anyone that is going to respond it is our obligation to get into the building to check it. The Fire Department has been doing some research on a system that is used nation wide. This system is called a Knox Box System. It is a secure rapid entry system that is used by many other fire departments that actually has the key at the building and the fire department can access it. You can contact the fire department for more information. There is also a town ordinance that refers to fire alarms. It is to try to help prevent the fire department from being dispatched to alarms where there are systems that are in need of maintenance. Your systems should be checked by a professional regularly.

As always, fire prevention is the key to staying safe. If your furnaces, fireplaces and wood stoves are serviced regularly, it can prevent many problems from occurring.

The department is highly trained in all aspects of fire and rescue and continues to perform at a high level of proficiency. We are always looking for new members. Our community relies on volunteers for many things and being part of an organization that helps your neighbors when they are in need can be a very rewarding experience.

Make sure that your house numbers are posted at the end of your driveway and can be seen from either direction. We need to be able to locate you if you are in need of help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Showalter
Fire Chief
Washington Volunteer Fire Department

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 the Zoning Board of Appeals received 40 applications of which 24 were for Variances and 18 were for Special Exception from the Zoning Regulations.

While a number of the applications were approved at their initial presentation, 6 were withdrawn and 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.

It should be noted that the Zoning Commission deleted the generator special exception from the regulations in April, 2009 and that the ZBA is currently working with the Zoning Commission to re-instate this regulation.

There were no personnel changes in this period.

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. Leab
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 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Commission held 12 Regular Meetings, 3 Special Meetings, and 22 Public Hearings to consider Special Permit applications and revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. The Zoning department processed 117 applications, and 1 petition to amend the Zoning Regulations. Of these, 20 were considered by the Commission and 97 were acted on by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Commission approved 16 Special Permits, 2 Special Permit renewals, and 1 First Cut application. It denied 1 Special Permit application.

Applications Approved

Type	05-06	06-07	07-08
New House	9	5	4
Attached Acc. Apart.	0	0	0
Detached Acc. Apart.	5	3	3
Additions/Alterations To exist. Dwellings	46	42	36
Accessory Structures New/Repair	22	42	34
Swimming Pools	13	18	21
Gravel Mine Or Excavate	0	0	0
Commercial	10	8	6
Tennis and Sports Courts	3	1	6
Change of Use	4	1	6
Demolition	2	5	1
Signs, Fences, etc	8	11	5
Bed and Breakfast	0	0 (1 renewal)	
Creation of Building Lot	2	5	1
Home Occupation	0	0 (2 renewals)	1
Temporary: Tents, Events ¹	0	2	0
Affordable Housing	1	0	1
Other	26	21	21
Lot Line Revisions	8	7	5

Throughout the year, the Zoning Commission considered applications for various uses. These included those frequently reviewed by the Commission such as detached accessory apartments, home occupations, and commercial uses such as restaurants, a storage facility, and an office. In addition, the following major applications were acted on: the performing arts center at the Devereux

Glenholme School, a commercial renovation in Washington Depot, and the proposed Wykeham Rise, LLC. inn in the R-1 District.

Public Hearings were held to consider several revisions to the Washington Zoning Regulations. Approved were amendments to allow Eating and Drinking Establishments by Special Permit in the Woodville Business District, add Offices to the uses permitted by regular zoning permit under specific circumstances in the Marbledale Business District, delete the Special Exception provisions for noise generating equipment, and allow certain business and institutional signs in the residential districts. Possible revisions governing the following matters were also discussed: the location of non noise generating pool equipment, accessory structures to operate or maintain a golf course in the Lake Waramaug Residential District, the definitions of inn, restaurant, and tourist home, and the height of structures in the historic districts.

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

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

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, 2009

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Land Acquisition Open Space Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 795,384	\$ 1,587,614	\$ 551,862	\$ 8,794	\$ 229,647	\$ 3,173,301
Investments - at fair value	1,158,421	704,726	101,284	199,913	342,037	2,506,381
Property tax receivable, net	227,275	-	-	-	-	227,275
Grant and pledge receivable	6,743	-	-	-	-	6,743
Deposits	-	-	6,000	-	25,000	31,000
Due from other funds	-	200,000	-	-	16,500	216,500
Total Assets	\$ 2,187,823	\$ 2,492,340	\$ 659,146	\$ 208,707	\$ 613,184	\$ 6,161,200
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 71,336	\$ 246,039	\$ -	\$ -	500	\$ 317,875
Performance bonds payable	131,015	-	-	-	-	131,015
Due to other funds	16,500	-	-	200,000	-	216,500
Prepaid property taxes	55,312	-	-	-	-	55,312
Deferred property tax and other revenue	179,349	390,000	-	-	-	569,349
Total Liabilities	453,512	636,039	-	200,000	500	1,290,051
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved:						
Designated for subsequent years expenditures	110,735	2,316,302	-	-	-	2,427,037
Undesignated						
General fund	1,623,576	-	-	-	-	1,623,576
Special revenue funds	-	(460,001)	659,146	8,707	612,684	820,536
Total Fund Balances	1,734,311	1,856,301	659,146	8,707	612,684	4,871,149
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,187,823	\$ 2,492,340	\$ 659,146	\$ 208,707	\$ 613,184	\$ 6,161,200

Town of Washington
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Non-Recurring Capital Expenditure Fund	Land Acquisition Open Space Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 12,759,386	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	12,759,386
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	68,867	-	-	-	-	68,867
Intergovernmental	306,665	221,298	-	162,212	83,062	773,237
Contribution in lieu of taxes	75,935	-	-	-	-	75,935
Investment income	50,115	17,128	7,363	3,687	11,380	89,673
Lease income - Town building	15,450	-	-	-	-	15,450
Licenses and permits	607,099	-	-	-	-	607,099
Sale of truck	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Program fees and other receipts	14,523	-	-	-	101,398	115,921
Total Revenues	13,908,040	238,426	7,363	165,899	195,840	14,515,568
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,494,802	64,184	-	-	-	1,558,986
Public safety	489,159	-	-	-	-	489,159
Highways	1,002,826	-	-	-	-	1,002,826
Sanitation	440,256	-	-	-	-	440,256
Social services	2,843	-	-	-	-	2,843
Health	72,067	-	-	-	46	72,113
Recreation	155,343	-	-	-	96,330	251,673
Education	8,964,622	-	-	-	-	8,964,622
Other	361,096	12,320	3,119	121	90,474	467,130
Capital outlay	13,500	741,962	-	200,000	-	955,462
Debt service	69,699	-	-	-	-	69,699
Total Expenditures	13,066,213	818,466	3,119	200,121	186,850	14,274,769
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	841,827	(580,040)	4,244	(34,222)	8,990	240,799
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating transfers	(1,168,676)	950,176	150,000	-	68,500	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing Uses	(326,849)	370,136	154,244	(34,222)	77,490	240,799
Fund Balance - beginning of year	2,061,160	1,486,165	504,902	42,929	535,194	4,630,350
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 1,734,311	\$ 1,856,301	\$ 659,146	\$ 8,707	\$ 612,684	\$ 4,871,149

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, 2009

Assets:	Judea Cemetery	Park and Recreation Fund	Senior Center Fund	Greenway Committee Fund	Affordable Housing Fund	Dodge Farm Fund	Boat Launch Project Fund	Health Benefit Fund	Document Preservation Fund	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,908	\$ 60,335	\$ 4,410	\$ 3,414	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 102,715	\$ 8,772	\$ 2,093	\$ 229,647
Investment - at market	26,000	20,504	6,743	---	238,810	---	---	49,980	---	342,037
Deposits	---	25,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25,000
Due from other funds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16,500	---	16,500
Total Assets	\$ 73,908	\$ 105,839	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,414	\$ 238,810	\$ ---	\$ 102,715	\$ 75,252	\$ 2,093	\$ 613,184
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	\$ ---	\$ 500	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 500
Fund balances:										
Undesignated	73,908	105,339	11,153	3,414	238,810	---	102,715	75,252	2,093	612,684
Total Fund Balances	73,908	105,339	11,153	3,414	238,810	---	102,715	75,252	2,093	612,684
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 73,908	\$ 105,839	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,414	\$ 238,810	\$ ---	\$ 102,715	\$ 75,252	\$ 2,093	\$ 613,184

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

Town of Washington
Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Judea Cemetery Fund	Park and Recreation Fund	Senior Center Fund	Greenway Committee Fund	Affordable Housing Fund	Dodge Farm Fund	Boat Launch Project Fund	Health Benefit Fund	Document Preservation Fund	Totals
Revenues:										
Governmental grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,062
Investment income	830	1,739	278	4	6,359	-	1,577	593	-	11,380
Program fees and other receipts	8,395	79,831	11,079	-	-	-	-	-	2,093	101,398
Total Revenues	9,225	81,570	11,357	4	6,359	83,062	1,577	593	2,093	195,840
Expenditures:										
Cemetery expenditures	7,385	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,385
Programs and Activities	-	83,934	12,396	27	-	83,062	-	46	-	179,465
Total Expenditures	7,385	83,934	12,396	27	-	83,062	-	46	-	186,850
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,840	(2,364)	(1,039)	(23)	6,359	-	1,577	547	2,093	8,990
Other Financing Sources:										
Operating transfers in	2,000	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	16,500	-	68,500
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,840	(2,364)	(1,039)	(23)	56,359	-	1,577	17,047	2,093	77,490
Fund Balance - beginning of year	70,068	107,703	12,192	3,437	182,451	-	101,138	58,205	-	535,194
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ 73,908	\$ 105,339	\$ 11,153	\$ 3,414	\$ 238,810	\$ -	\$ 102,715	\$ 75,252	\$ 2,093	\$ 612,684

Town of Washington
Schedule of Property Taxes Levied, Collected and Outstanding (Report of the Tax Collector)
Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Taxes Receivable July 1, 2008	LAWFUL CORRECTIONS		Net Transfers (To) From Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Receivable	COLLECTIONS		Taxes Receivable June 30, 2009
		Lawful Additions	Corrections Reductions			Taxes	Interest, liens and other costs	
Grand List : October 1,								
2007 \$	12,780,755 \$	24,635 \$	(49,586) \$	- \$	12,755,804 \$	12,612,847 \$	44,313 \$	142,957 \$
2006	100,731	634	(718)	-	100,647	60,349	14,136	40,298
2005	50,203	-	(571)	(8,376)	41,256	25,878	6,977	15,378
2004	12,160	-	-	-	12,160	5,585	3,042	6,575
2003	2,757	-	-	-	2,757	2,757	1,992	-
2002	2,205	17	-	-	2,222	2,222	262	-
1999	505	-	-	-	505	-	-	505
<u>Suspense book collections</u>								
	-	-	-	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,384	-
Totals	\$ 12,949,316 \$	\$ 25,286 \$	(50,875) \$	(7,232) \$	\$ 12,916,495 \$	\$ 12,710,782 \$	\$ 72,106 \$	\$ 205,713

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 follows:

Town of Washington
Condensed Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP, Budgetary Basis)
Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 12,552,605	\$ 12,720,522	\$ 167,917
Interest and lien fees on property taxes	47,380	68,867	21,487
Intergovernmental	344,792	345,529	737
Contribution in lieu of taxes	69,000	75,935	6,935
Investment income	150,000	50,115	(99,885)
Lease income - Town building	14,851	15,450	599
Licenses, permits and other receipts	485,650	397,933	(87,717)
Scrap metal sale and other receipts	10,000	14,523	4,523
Town's share of RSD #12 prior year credit		75,052	75,052
Total Revenues	13,674,278	13,763,926	89,648
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,297,399	1,297,399	-
Public safety	486,552	483,896	2,656
Highways	1,010,948	1,002,826	8,122
Sanitation	442,451	440,256	2,195
Social services	4,850	2,843	2,007
Health	72,296	72,067	229
Recreation	167,395	155,343	12,052
Education	9,039,674	9,039,674	-
Other	377,436	374,596	2,840
Debt service	69,699	69,699	-
Total Expenditures	12,968,700	12,938,599	30,101
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	705,578	825,327	119,749
Other Financing (Sources) Uses :			
Operating transfers:			
Judea Cemetery	2,000	2,000	-
Non-recurring capital expenditures fund	1,150,176	1,150,176	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues And Other Sources Over Expenditures and other Financing uses	(446,598)	(326,849)	119,749
Fund Balance - beginning of year	446,598	2,061,160	1,614,562
Fund Balance - end of year	\$ -	\$ 1,734,311	\$ 1,734,311

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, 2009

	Governmental Activities
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Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,173,301
Investments	2,506,381
Property Taxes Receivable - net	227,275
Government grant receivable	6,743
Deposits	31,000
Total current assets	<hr/> 5,944,700
Noncurrent Assets	
Net pension asset	436
Capital assets, net of depreciation of \$15,531,471	10,597,852
Total noncurrent assets	<hr/> 10,598,288
Total Assets	<hr/> 16,542,988
 Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	317,875
Performance bonds held	131,015
Prepaid property taxes	55,312
Accrued interest	13,864
Deferred revenue	390,000
Long-term liabilities due within one year	58,000
Total current liabilities	<hr/> 966,066
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due in more than one year	364,798
Total Liabilities	<hr/> 1,330,864
 Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,322,852
Unrestricted	4,889,272
Total Net assets	<hr/> \$ 15,212,124 <hr/>

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