

Town of Suffield Annual Report*

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*Summary Version
With Highlights of
Our Agricultural Roots

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Board of Selectmen Goals

- *Preserve open space, farms and historical assets*
- *Support excellent educational opportunities*
- *Deliver responsive town services*
- *Promote public safety and homeland security*
- *Support well-planned residential and recreational areas*
- *Maintain existing infrastructure needs and plan for the future*
- *Diversify economic base including industrial development near Bradley International Airport*
- *Upgrade technology so that town officials can communicate and operate more efficiently*
- *Manage financial resources responsibly, and*
- *Strengthen and nurture citizen participation*

Growing Wisely

There is great concern over the continued growth of Suffield. As more and more residential developments are built, we are faced with decreased open space and farmland.

We have responded to these concerns with our continued support of farmland and open space preservation efforts. The Town has maintained strong relationships with the State and Federal Government who assist with these preservation efforts. These efforts will allow us to retain the rural, historical and agricultural character of our community.

Aside from purchasing development rights of farms, Suffield has also continued to lease Town-owned open space to supplement the supply of farmland available to local farmers.

Population growth in Suffield also translates into expanding space needs for community services. In addition to the continued efforts for accommodating the needs of the Kent Memorial Library, we completed a Space Needs Study this year to evaluate the future requirements of all our Town departments. Within this report, various options and efforts are discussed in detail.

This year substantial resources were also invested in our technology infrastructure to promote more efficient government and better communication with townspeople.

Significant time was devoted to a review and revision of our Code

of Ethics. This document will be presented at a Town Meeting in the upcoming year.

The Annual Report also describes exciting business expansion and community enhancements. From our industrial parks to our town center and out to the lake areas. These improvements show our strong commitment to economic development as well as maintenance of our natural beauty.

Our efforts to diversify our economic base are simultaneous to the implementation of conservative budgeting practices. This has allowed us to maintain the Town of Suffield's AA debt rating, while providing for our educational and service needs. We refinanced our debt for the new high school and other school renovations, saving taxpayers more than a half million dollars.

The following pages summarize our efforts this year. The entire text of each report can be found at www.suffieldtownhall.com.

These accomplishments reflect the cooperation between many individuals: employees and volunteers, elected and appointed. Each is a root from which our growth is nourished.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thank you all.

Scott Lingenfelter
First Selectman

Development Rights

The purchase of development rights is one of the most efficient and effective farm-protection options available to the Town of Suffield and farmers.

This requires government to make a one-time payment to property owners in exchange for a permanent agricultural-protection easement on their land, thus restricting future nonagricultural use of properties. Farmers continue to hold title to their property, maintain Chapter 490 (reduced) tax status, and may lease or sell their land for farming.

Over the past several years, the Town has formed strong alliances with the Federal (USDA) and State Departments of Agriculture. They understand Suffield's commitment to farmland preservation, and are willing and able to partner with us to protect farmland.

By partnering with the State and Federal governments, the cost to the Town to preserve farmland under this program is \$2K to \$3K per acre - a minor expense when compared to municipal costs associated with providing schools, roads, and other Town services to residential development on these parcels. In addition, it helps assure that Suffield maintains its rural character.

The sale of development rights provides landowners with a significant source of capital to improve or diversify a farm operation, purchase additional land, pay off debt, offer

an inheritance to non-farming children, or meet family financial needs without having to sell some or all of their land.

To qualify for the CT Farmland Preservation Program, the property must be actively farmed, include at least 30 acres of cropland, and have a high percentage of prime or important agricultural soils. If you are interested in exploring a development rights purchase, please contact Ray Wilcox, Chairman of the Open Space Subcommittee of the Heritage Committee at 668-5739.

AGRICULTURAL PHOTOS

For Suffield "growing wisely" means preservation of natural resources, farms and historical assets while building residential, commercial, and municipal properties to meet the needs of our townspeople in the 21st century.

Throughout this publication are photographs centered around the agricultural base on which Suffield was founded. From dairy farms, tobacco barns and vegetables to nursery stock, turf farms and Christmas trees, Suffield's soil continues to be at the root of its economy. In addition to photographs taken by John Smith, some photographs in this report were part of the "Suffield, A Town of Farms" photo exhibit sponsored by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Friends of the Farm at Hilltop, and the Suffield Council for the Arts and are used with their permission.



Administration

Town Clerks Statistics

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Documents Recorded	5453	4176	4143
Land Transfers	354	358	326
Local Conveyance Tax	\$226,939	\$245,000	\$258,923
Dog Licenses	1351	1398	1359
Marriages	81	59	55
Births	94	95	81
Deaths	131	133	118



William Crowley assumed his new role as Director of Human Resources for the Town of Suffield in December 2005. He returned to Suffield with over twenty years of experience in human resources and financial management.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is the official records and licensing office for the Town of Suffield. All land records, minutes of boards and commissions, and vital records are kept on file here. Trade name certificates, state liquor permits, Notary Public certificates, and veterans' discharge records are also filed in this office.

Town Clerk Elaine O'Brien reminds everyone that all the Clerk's records are open to the public, except birth and veterans' records which are confidential.

The following items are available in the Clerk's office:

- *Dog licenses:* These are due annually during the month of June. The fee is \$19, or \$8 if the animal is neutered. The dog must have a current rabies certificate.
- *Sport licenses:* These are issued for the calendar year and are available beginning in December.
- *Marriage licenses:* These may be obtained either the town in which you live or the town where the ceremony will take place. The cost is \$30.
- *Voter registration forms*
- *Absentee ballots*

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The federal government has banned the use of lever voting machines. The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) issued an advisory opinion stating that lever voting systems have significant barriers that make compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) difficult and unlikely. If this advisory opinion is binding, municipalities will have to replace all their lever machines.

Suffield is waiting for the Secretary of the State's decision on what equipment will be accepted for use in Connecticut.

Meanwhile, Suffield registrars continue to update, revise, and purge the local voter registration lists to maintain as accurate and current a list as is possible.

The registrars use the USPS National Change of Address system (NCOA), the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records, the Town's property transfer lists, the Town Clerk's records of deaths, obituaries from the Hartford Courant, and felony conviction notices from the courts to make adjustments to the voter files.

To avoid duplicate registrations, changes are registered with other Connecticut towns. Cancellations notices are sent to all states in which newly registered Suffield voters have previously voted. Where discrepancies appear, voters are sent notices.

The Department encourages voter registration with an informational program at Suffield High School. Informational packets are also sent out to all new Suffield residents listed on the property transfer lists.

At year end, there were 7,601 Active Registered Voters in Suffield. This reflects 431 new electors and 749 changes to voter registration records. 834 voters were removed from the active voter list during this fiscal year.

On November 8, 2005, municipal elections were held in Suffield. Names were placed on the ballot in an order determined by a lottery. Voter turnout was 43 percent.

2,247	Republicans
1,880	Democrats
3,462	Unaffiliated
12	Other
<hr/> 7,601	Total Active Voters as of 06/30/2006

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology (IT) Department works to standardize the technology environment of all Town departments in an effort to improve organizational effectiveness and customer satisfaction. In the short term, the goal of the IT Committee and the IT Department translates into improved efficiency and speed; the long term plan is further implementation of the diverse capabilities of the fiber-optic network.

This year marked the successful installation of the fiber-optic phone system bringing the availability of voice mail to Town offices in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The Town's website has been transformed to allow individual departments the ability to keep their information current.

The IT Committee has been evaluating the e-mail system, the network configurations and disaster recovery plan for implementing improvements.

Planning & Development

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

The final lot in Mach One Industrial Park was sold this year. Following approval by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, the 2.58-acre lot was sold to MLM Properties, LLC for \$40,000. Economic and Development Commission (EDC) Chair Howard Orr pointed out that this represents Suffield's first industrial spec building. He continued that the MLM project will help diversify the Suffield tax base and provide added jobs within the community.

Across from Mach One, Marketsure completed a new 50,000 s.f. warehouse in Phase I of the Market Research Park. A substantial addition to this new building is planned for Phase II. Approvals for the addition are expected to be sought in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Town continued to work with Pearson, a western Massachusetts developer, on the potential sale of 63-acres of town-owned land for a new planned industrial park.

Also during this fiscal year, a wood pellet distribution company completed a 13,780 s.f. building on Winter Drive.

A major renovation at 1160 South Street was finished, upgrading this 24,000 s.f. structure with a new roof and new windows. Cargo Zone/BDL occupies part of this building while freight forwarder, Panalpina, Inc., has entered into a lease for 5,000 s.f. of the property.

Chairman Orr reported that the EDC worked closely with the Zoning and

Planning Commission on a zoning amendment that cleared the way for approval of a 7,800 s.f. building on Austin Street to be used as a contractor's yard.

As is obvious from this business development activity, Bradley International Airport and access to Route 20 and I-91 are prime drivers for economic development in Suffield. To foster this growth the Town continues to participate in the Bradley Development League (BDL), an economic development partnership with Windsor, Windsor Locks and East Granby. BDL developed a trade show booth this year and promoted the area with articles and advertisements in the New England Real Estate Journal.

Another important relationship for the EDC is with the Suffield Chamber of Commerce. EDC staff attends the Chamber's monthly Board of Directors' meetings, and they have partnered on several projects.

TOWN CENTER

The Heritage Committee together with the EDC has made significant steps forward in the revitalization of the Town Center.

With a goal to improve public safety, calm traffic, enhance business, improve the pedestrian network and add aesthetic features, the following initiatives were undertaken:

- Reviewed the 1 Mountain Road (formerly 5 High Street) office building development;
- Reviewed proposed signage for the Foodbag and the Mountain Road Marketplace;
- Coordinated a site visit by the Connecticut Main Street Program



to help analyze the Town Center's strengths and weaknesses;

- Strategically planned for future Town Center enhancements; and
- Reviewed current municipal space needs in light of traditional Main Street principles and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Bids for construction of the Town Center Project, received in July 2005, were higher than the available funds. Thus the project was scaled down; an additional \$200,000 was requested from the Town to augment the \$900,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant and \$100,000 in private donations. Finally, C. J. Fucci was awarded the construction contract with the bid of \$887,396.

Construction got underway in April. The scope of the construction

Work was completed on the new Main Street sidewalks. Pictured here is the reinstallation of large slates in front of the Phelps-Hatheway House. The slates were replaced between the driveway and the south property boundary.

Family-owned farms provide fresh fruits and vegetables for Suffield. Shown below is fresh produce from Belonko's East Street farm stand and baskets of berries at Kuras's stand in West Suffield. Opposite Page: "Here's Look'n At You, Kid" is an award winning photo at Colter Farm in the Children's Division. Extreme Right: The milking operation was photographed at Bielanko Farms.

includes:

- Installation of a traffic signal at the Mountain Road/Mountain Road Marketplace/Ffyler Road intersection;
- Improvements to the corner of High Street and Mountain Road; and
- Streetscape improvements along Mountain Road.

A local developer's plan for a new, two-story, brick office building was approved at 1 Mountain Road, the site of the vacant gas station at

Two Suffield businesses, Trend 2000 and Big Red's Computer Services, relocated into the Mountain Road Marketplace.

The EDC continued to sponsor the Suffield Farmers' Market on the Green.

Just beyond the Town Center, the Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund and the Val Gallivan Fund Committee reported funding beautification projects on North Main Street and on Mountain Road. Over \$7,000 from the funds were used for trees along the roads.

Within the Historic District along Main Street, the Historic District Committee (HDC) Chair William Moncrief noted the "lovely and significant repairs to ...houses and barns and outbuildings."

The HDC evaluated 20 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness this past year. Moncrief noted that some repair work, such as painting and planting, did not require applications from his Commission, but that "substantial and excellent work" had been performed in these areas to restore and preserve the material fabric of the District.

The Historic District Committee also spent considerable time this year considering the appropriate use of replacement windows and the acceptance of new siding materials in certain circumstances.

Discussions also were held on the historical and architectural significance of the current library building, as the Town considers options to resolve the space and ADA issues of the Kent Memorial Library.

LAND PRESERVATION

The Heritage Committee also reported a productive year in the preservation of agricultural lands. A coordination of their efforts with State and federal officials concluded the transaction on the development rights on the 109-acre Allen Farm.

Applications were submitted to the Connecticut and the Federal Departments of Agriculture for four Suffield farms. Three were approved as possible candidates for the purchase of development rights.

Combining Suffield Open Space Funds with money from other funding sources would make the preservation of the 80-acre Zera Farm, the 91-acre Fish Farm, and the 88-acre Beneski Farm possible. If these development rights purchases are accepted by a Town Meeting, the Town will have preserved 683 acres of open land since 2001 for a total cost of approximately \$6 million. Suffield's share is \$1.4 million.

In a celebration of Suffield's agricultural heritage, the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, the Suffield Arts Council, the Friends of the Farm at Hilltop (FOFAH) and the EDC joined together with a town-wide barn tour. *Suffield, A Town of Farms*, as the event was entitled, also included a photo contest with agricultural themes. Some of the photos entered in this contest are printed within this annual report.

FOFAH

The EDC coordinated with the FOFAH on their \$500,000 State grant to renovate the historic dairy barn. FOFAH intends to reopen the farm as an agricultural and environmen-



what was formerly 5 High Street. Demolition of the gas station and site work began. The Historic District Commission has been involved in the details of this structure.

At the other end of the Town Center, construction of a new office park next to McAlister School progressed. This structure will house Bright Horizons Day Care and 20,000 s.f. of professional office space.



tal learning center. With the help of an architectural firm, conceptual plans for the barn and specifications for Phase I of the rehabilitation are complete.

A new sewer main was constructed to service the Hilltop Farm, as well as the adjacent Culinary Institute and International College for Hospitality Management. The new sewer will allow potential new buildings on the Culinary Institute site.

LAKE AREA

A \$100,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant was secured to renovate the historic skating rink at Babbs Beach. Citizens Restoring Congamond, a volunteer group working in partnership with the Town, used the money to purchase new windows and other building materials for the reconstruction. An application, filed to nominate

Babbs Beach for the National Register of Historic Places, was approved by the State. It has been sent on to the federal government for their review.

The nearby retail plaza at Ebbs Corner has received approval for expansion.

The Conservation Commission reported the purchase of sand to expand the beach area at White's Pond in Sunrise Park. The planned expansion will accommodate residents, who wish to use the beach while the Parks and Recreation Department has beach activities during the six weeks of summer camp. Conservation Chair Arthur Christian hoped that it would be ready for the summer season.

Bernie Pepka, Sunrise Park's Superintendent for the past 19 years, announced his retirement. The Conservation Commission was con-

ducting interviews to fill the position at year end and hopes to have the position filled by August 2006.

OTHER GRANTS

The EDC oversaw administration of a \$650,000 Small Cities Grant for the reconstruction of First, Second and Fourth Streets. With the help of Congressman Rob Simmons, \$400,000 was secured for the reconstruction on Third Street.

CONSERVATION STATISTICS

Of the 26 applications processed by the Conservation Commission, six required public hearings. The Commission collected \$7,000 in revenues from applications fees and \$8,000 in soil and erosion control fees.

ZONING STATISTICS

The Zoning and Planning Commission also processed 26 applications. Application fees totaled \$17,770. Z&P held seven informal discussions with prospective applicants, a process which clarifies many confusing issues and processes.

After review, 456 building permits and certificates of occupancy were certified for zoning compliance.

In February 2006, Z&P instituted a Zoning Compliance Certification fee of \$50 per building permit. At the end of the fiscal year, the Zoning Office had collected \$4,550 in fees.

A total of \$19,167 of fees-in-lieu of open space was added to the Town's Open Space Fund.

James Taylor, Zoning Enforcement Officer, investigated 202 complaints.





Above: Students ready poinsettias for the holiday market at the Suffield Regional Agriscience Program. Below: Students sell home baked goods to raise money for victims of Katrina.

On the right: Dr. John F. Reynolds was hired as Suffield's Superintendent of Schools in July of 2005. With an interest in curriculum development Dr. Reynolds, "Jack", was previously the Superintendent of Schools in East Lyme, CT.

Board of Education

The Suffield Public Schools has completed its first year under the leadership of Jack Reynolds as Superintendent of Schools. "We have a renewed commitment to excellence. The school community at all levels - governance, leadership and instruction - is creating a dynamic educational culture of continuous improvement that is generating ideas and improved practices," reported Michael Smith, Board of Education Chairman.

Within this commitment to excellence, the Board of Education noted the following areas of progress:

- Revised both curriculum and instructional techniques to address enormous changes in expectations and mandates.
- Revised the budget process and format to encourage understanding and participation.

- Developed new highly focused instructional services for elementary students to support the diverse needs of students.
- Developed plans for organizational changes to enable greater integration of subject areas and an expanded team approach to teaching and learning.
- Explored high school reform as part of a local, state and national effort. Suffield High School is a recognized leader in several areas, particularly its Arabic studies.

As part of the school's ten-year accreditation study and in recognition of the wider world in which graduates are being prepared to compete, SHS is exploring expansion of international student opportunities.

- Initiated the integration of new technologies at all levels of the district. Extraordinary advances

were made in the availability of new technologies for all staff and students. Video conferencing is now taking place.

A safe, limited access "email, website, digital locker" system for the entire community was developed and will permit the creation of enhanced instruction processes while reducing the costs inher-



ent in print communications. This significantly improves communication possibilities for students, staff, and families. The expansion of Suffield's wireless environment allows Suffield schools to create instructional models that are accurate reflections of the expectations of both colleges and businesses.

Suffield's public school system continues to demonstrate broad learning, growth and excellence in many areas. Students excelled in the arts, the sciences and agriscience. Current State tests scores can be viewed on the school website, www.suffield.org.

Athletic distinctions for the past year include the Suffield High School Girls Soccer team winning the NCCC Conference, Class M State Championship for 2005-2006, scoring a 4-1 victory in the finals against Holy Cross.

The Suffield Middle School Cross Country team competed in the 13th annual competition with the girls' team finishing in first place and the boys team finishing in second place.



Public Safety

Public Safety can be summarized – and rightly so – with a series of statistics. However, it is interesting to note that the 2005-06 reports from our police, fire and ambulance focused on people, community partnerships and gratitude to individuals in the community and in their departments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Michael Manzi wrote "With the assistance of the Suffield Fire Department and the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association, the Suffield Police Department strives to ensure Suffield is a safe place to live, work and visit. We have established our town as being one of the safest communities in Connecticut. The citizens of Suffield deserve credit for this distinction, as do the men and women of our public safety departments."

He noted that with the growth of Suffield in many positive areas that there also has been an increase in certain types of criminal activity. His Department has addressed these situations with proper management allocation and by deploying adequate manpower levels with the resources available. The statistics reveal an increase in criminal arrests which he attributed to a "more proactive policing approach based on officer-initiated calls for service."

Participation in community events such as Suffield on the Green, Fireman's Carnival and the Hilltop Festival continue to be viewed as opportunities to foster community partnerships. The Police Department mentioned its continued sup-

port of the School Resource Officer, its Police Explorers Program and Golf Tournament, the senior picnic and bingo, its interaction with both Suffield Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, its Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs, and its involvement with the annual food drive as indicative of this philosophy.

As usual, the Police Department reflects a few personnel changes this year. Jeremy DePietro and Barbara Reynolds were sworn in as new officers. Officer DePietro not only brings nine years of experience on the Bridgeport Police Department to Suffield, but also his talent as one of the few certified sketch artists in Connecticut. Officer Reynolds has five years of experience with the New Milford and Wethersfield Police Departments and offers "an outstanding approach to our community policing policy," wrote Commission Chair Richard Carmon.

Walter Gogulski was hired as a part-time Animal Control Officer and Marie Bourque joined the force as a part-time dispatcher.

In November, Lieutenant William Kuras retired from his full-time position after serving the Department for 38 years. He remains with the Suffield Police as a part-time Supernumerary Officer.

As a result of Kuras's retirement, Sergeant Craig Huntley was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Shawn Nelson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. These promotions from within the Department continued its efforts to maintain a solid organizational structure.

Police Department Statistics

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Calls for Service	15,343	18,521	19,883
Value Property Stolen	\$110,274	\$93,752	\$109,286
Value Property Recovered	\$4,330	\$1,590	\$2,149
Miles Patrolled	219,814	251,051	277,577
Criminal Arrests	220	285	322
Motor Vehicle Data:			
Summonses Issued	306	400	375
Verbal/Written	1,565	2,080	2,153
Accidents	356	378	398
Fatal Accidents	2	1	2
DWI Arrests	76	75	56
Crime Data:			
Auto Theft	2	11	26
Value Loss	\$30,451	\$110,060	\$150,645
Value Recovered	\$9,200	\$61,500	\$47,326
Rapes	1	1	2
Robbery	2	1	1
Assaults	93	135	186
Burglary	50	41	44
Larceny	119	126	150
Arson	0	1	3
Narcotic Arrests	44	43	39

Chief Manzi expressed appreciation to all of his employees and singled out Officers Jeffrey Reynolds, Terence Antrum and Peter Osowiecki for their involvement with Suffield youth programs. In addition to the dedication and hard work he noted from the men and women under his command, Chief Manzi commended three of his ranking officers for their volunteer efforts when they joined the Suffield Rotarians in building a wheelchair-accessible deck for Carolyn Caldwell. Ms. Caldwell's daughter had been seriously injured in an automobile accident.



Above: Officer Shawn Nelson and Sergeant Craig Huntley were promoted to Sergeant and Lieutenant, respectively in February and Officer Barbara Reynolds joined the police Department in March of 2005. Right: This annual report notes the retirement of Lt. William Kuras from the Police Department. Kuras will remain as a part-time Supernumerary Officer.

Volunteer efforts are still the backbone for both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Association.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department expressed concern that the growth of the community has increased the number of calls dramatically, while the average number of personnel responding has declined.

The Department responded to 573 calls in 2005, nearly double the under 300 average of the 1990s. The average number of people responding in that earlier time period was 9.6, while the 2005 average was 8.3.

"This trend occurred despite a variety of incentive programs, including training stipends and tax abatements, that were implemented ... to attract and retain volunteers," writes Commission Chairman Fred Hackenyos in his report. "Firefighters, both

fulltime and volunteers, must complete a significant amount of training in order to maintain their skills and certifications. Training requirements have again been expanded for 2006/2007 to comply with the National Incident Management System. Although such training is valuable," he continues, "it increases the time commitment imposed on volunteers. Time constraints are frequently cited as the principal causal factor when members resign from the Department."

Simultaneously, Hackenyos noted that the demographics of the department brought this personnel issue to the forefront the year with the retirement of three long-time members. John Golec, Sr., and Edward Chase retired after 50 and 49 years of service, respectively. Richard Miner ended his 35-year career with the Department with seven years as a volunteer firefighter and 28 years on the Fire Commission. Dick served as chairman for the last 20 years and has continued to be involved in his capacity as Building Committee Chairman. "The experience, wisdom and sage counsel of these three individuals will be greatly missed," wrote Hackenyos.

John Golec, Jr., joined the Department as a fulltime firefighter in September 2005 to offset the volunteer decline. Golec has been a Suffield volunteer since 1981 and served 23 years as a firefighter/EMT for Hamilton Sunstrand. Fulltime department personnel now stand at six including the Chief.

The Fire Commission completed a study defining the personnel, capital and other resource requirements



for the next 20 years. Because of the uncertainty of attracting and retaining volunteers, Commissioners struggled with personnel and staffing projections.

In the end they submitted two scenarios: one assumed that volunteer support remained at current levels and the other anticipated the continued, gradual erosion of the volunteer base. In both cases, additional fulltime firefighters will be needed to accommodate future population growth. However, in both options, volunteers continued to play a critical role, and the Suffield Fire Department is expected to remain a primarily volunteer organization through the 20-year planning horizon.

In light of the personnel projections for the Fire Department, the Commission has applied for a Federal SAFER grant.

If approved, the grant would underwrite salary and benefits for an additional firefighter for five years. The Commissioners have also applied for a \$200,000 FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant to replace the Department's aging self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

SUFFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The SVAA celebrated 30 years of service to the Town of Suffield. The volunteer group has grown from one ambulance, 200 calls per year and basic level care to three ambulances, one paramedic intercept vehicle, 1,500 calls per year and paramedic level care with state-of-the-art equipment.

Suffield remains one of a few Connecticut communities that offer a paramedic scholarship program and runs with volunteer as well as paid paramedics.

The Association is now able to provide paramedic-level care for 18 hours a day and is working toward providing this on a 24-hour basis.

Another goal of the SVAA is to train as many residents as possible in CPR and the use of the Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). This goal is not a one- or two-year commitment but a long-term goal and a model for other communities.



In November 2005, Guy Henry joined the SVAA as Chief of Service. Henry comes to Suffield with an extensive EMS background, most recently as a Captain/Paramedic with the Bradley Airport Fire Department and as Assistant Chief of the East Windsor Ambulance Association.

The Association will soon move to a new 6,000-square-foot building on Bridge Street equipped with modern training facilities.

All the funding for the new SVAA headquarters has been provided through a combination of the Association's own savings and \$700,000 in donations from private sources. A \$250,000 donation was received from Michael Zak, who will name the facility.

Another example of the generosity of Suffield citizens followed a December fire in the Police Depart-



ment's K-9 vehicle. Philomena "Phil" was locked in the back seat. Officer Peter Osowiecki saw the vehicle fully gulfed in flames.

Although Osowiecki rescued Phil without injury, the devastation of the fire totally destroyed the K-9 vehicle. Suffield people responded with an overwhelming effort to raise money for a new K-9 vehicle. A fund drive by the public school system, charitable donations from residents and a non-partisan fundraiser by the Democratic Town Committee raised thousands of dollars. As a result of this heart-warming community support, a fully equipped K-9 vehicle was in service on April 1, 2006.

Guy Henry, the new Director of the SVAA, is shown beside the ambulance. The retirements of John Golec, Sr., Edward Chase, and Richard Miner from the Suffield Fire Department volunteers was noted with "The experience, wisdom and sage counsel of these three individuals will be greatly missed." They are shown here with State Representative Ruth Fahrbach.



Construction began in November of 2005 to upgrade the WPCA sewer plant. The additions will increase the plant's capacity by 50 percent and will service Suffield's needs for the next twenty years. Work will continue on this project into the next fiscal year.

GRANTS RECEIVED

While Suffield's public safety departments have been overwhelmed by the depth of generosity in both dollars and time, each department works diligently to contain the costs paid by Suffield's taxpayers for public safety. In doing so, they actively pursue grant funding.

The following were awarded:

- \$57,000 FEMA Grant to the Fire Department for vehicle exhaust systems in Stations 2, 3 and 4;
- \$2,500 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) enabled the Police Department to put a new overhead emergency light system, stop sticks and a trauma bag in one of the cruisers;
- \$15,000 Technology Transfer Program Grant purchased a Thermal Imaging Device for the Police Department.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In news about the infrastructure changes during 2005-06 fiscal year, Town Engineer Gerald Turbet reported that a December Town Meeting accepted Farmstead Lane, Melrose Lane, Pembroke Drive and Wainscot Lane as town roads.

Drainage problems on Ellison Street, the Eagle Watch subdivision and River Boulevard were analyzed as a result of severe October storms. The Ellison project was completed. The drainage system design and construction at Eagles Watch and River Boulevard as well as small drainage projects on South Grand and Halladay Avenue are one the upcoming year's agenda.

Also on the upcoming schedule is the final stage of the Suffield Street bridge project and completion of the reconstruction of First, Second, Third, and Fourth Streets.

Final approval from the DOT (Department of Transportation) in 2005-06 opened the way for the bidding and construction of the long awaited Farmington Valley Greenway project north of Phelps Road.

Also anticipated in 2006-07 is the completion of the Stormwater Management Plan and submittal of the Part B Stormwater Permit Application.

The Building Department issued 104 Certificates of Occupancy in the past fiscal year, up from 61 in the previous twelve months. However, new building permits issued and inspections by Building Official Edward Flanders dropped significantly during 2005-06, indicating a downturn in the building activity in both residential and nonresidential construction.

Public Works

Five small projects at McAlister and Spaulding Schools completed the school renovations that had dominated the work schedule of the Public Works Department for the past few years. This fiscal year marked a transition to addressing repairs and modifications of other Town-owned properties.

Repairs at several Town buildings were as result of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements. Major projects addressed DEP Department of Environmental Protection) requirements:

- Underground oil storage tanks were removed at Bridge Street School, Sunrise Park House and the Highway Garage. These tanks either exceeded the recommended life-limit or were not DEP compliant. They were replaced by internal tanks or switched to natural gas.
- The DEP requires water quality monitoring at the landfill, WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority), the highway garage, the new fire station and six other locations. Previously three separate contractors performed this service for the town. The requirements were consolidated and sent out for bid. An annual contract was awarded to a single environmental contractor saving the Town about \$20,000.
- Demolition of the house on the Babbs Beach property was completed to eliminate a potential hazardous situation. The asbestos problem was abated prior to demolition.
- Canopies were added to the landfill dumpsters as per DEP direction.

Building Department Statistics

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
House Permits	79	79	62
New Non-Residential Permits	4	4	2
Residential Alterations/Additions	113	85	90
Non-Residential Alterations/Additions	18	17	16
Inspections	3,069	3,213	3,155
Certificates of Occupancy	88	61	104
Certificates of Use	65	68	65
Number of Permits Issued	1,581	2,153	1,258
Value of New Home Construction	\$12,841,000		
Value of All Permits			
Including New Home Construction	\$30,874,227		
Total Permit Fees Collected	\$303,518		

Landfill Statistics

Waste Oil	3,438 gallons
Scrap Metal	397 tons
Newspaper & Cardboard	1,349 tons
Mixed Paper	8.3 tons
Commingled Containers	392 tons
Auto Batteries	1.56 tons
Leaves	300 tons
Taken to the CRRRA Burn Plant	
Residential Solid Waste	4,932 tons
Commercial & Municipal Waste	1,895 tons
Bulky Waste buried at Landfill	
Tree Stumps hauled for chipping	294 tons
Tires Removed	1,155 tires
Freon-containing Appliances	216 units
Propane Tanks	138 units
Households receiving Trash Pickup	
Households signed-up for Transfer Station	222
Trash Area Add-on Stickers Issued	900
Bulky Waste Pickup by appointment	111
Fees Collected for Bulky Waste Pickup	\$ 1,192
Christmas Tree Pickup	
	20 tons
April Hazardous Waste Collection Day	
Households participating	283
Disposal Cost	\$ 9,061

Department employees installed new roofs at the Copper Hill Fire Station, the Sunrise Park Pavilion and the main house at the park. A new bathroom floor was also added at the house at Sunrise Park, and the exterior of the Copper Hill Fire Station was painted. The Police Station was connected to the sewer line, and the area repaved. A secure impound area was built at the Police

Station. The Department installed a new heating system and renovated the break room at the highway garage.

The interior painting of both the Police Station and the Copper Hill Fire Station were completed with the help of inmates from the Willard Cymbulski Correctional Institution in Enfield. Now in its third year, the Inmate Program now matches inmate talents and experience with projects needing completion. The Town added a part-time Inmate Coordinator to transport inmates from the Enfield facility. This Coordinator also assists the Animal Control Officer whose duties were expanded to cover Windsor Locks.

In September 2005, the Public Works Department hired John Cloonan as a fulltime Facilities Manager replacing a part-time consultant. Cloonan previously held a similar position at American Saw & Manufacturing Company in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Last fall, a Space Needs Study was completed. This evaluated the space needs of Town departments as well as the condition of the Town Hall, Bridge Street School, the old ambulance building, the highway garage complex, and the offices at 61 Ffyer Place. The library was not included in this study as it has been the subject of several other recent studies. The entire report of this study is available on the Town website.

With the results of this study available, selection of an architectural engineering firm is anticipated in the upcoming year to develop plans and specifications for Town Hall renovations. An ad hoc committee to address the library needs will be formed and is expected to make its recommendations by January 2007. Funding and construction for both projects is planned for fiscal year 2007-08.

Storm drainage improvements were made on First, Second, Third and Fourth Streets during the road reconstruction there this year.





WPCA

During this year, the WPCA entered into a loan agreement with the Town of Suffield to finance a plant upgrade. This loan had been previously approved at a Town Meeting, and construction of the new facilities began in the late summer of 2005.

The \$5.1 million project is jointly funded by WPCA funds, Department of Corrections grant money, DEP grants, and Town reserve funds. The WPCA will make annual payments to the Town to repay the loan portion.

The upgrade will expand plant capacity from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2.3 million gallons per day. In addition, the new facilities will address the nitrogen removal requirements implemented by the Connecti-

cut DEP in 2003. According to the CDM, the WPCA's design firm, this upgrade should accommodate the Town's wastewater treatment needs for the next 20 years. Construction should be complete by December 2006.

The Suffield Conference Center and Hilltop Farm were added to the sewered area this year.

A study of Pump Station #1 on Thompsonville Road and its service area is planned to address existing capacity issues.

Sewer use fees were raised by \$10 for the upcoming fiscal year. The annual fee for sewers will be \$190. The WPCA reported that it continues its successful effort to collect all delinquent accounts.

Social Services

The Social Services Commission oversees the efforts of the Suffield Social Worker, the Youth Services Director, the Minibus Coordinator, and the Senior Center.

During 2005-06, the minibus continued to provide transportation for Suffield residents who are physically handicapped or aged 60 and over.

Using three minibuses and one transport car, the service provided rides for doctors' appointments, other medically related services, grocery shopping and hair appointments as well as daily transportation to Enfield Adult Rehabilitation, Enfield Dialysis, Enfield Adult Day Care and the Felician Sisters Adult Day Care. Stops at the Post Office

Tobacco growing, harvesting and curing continue their importance in Suffield's economy into a fourth century. (Shade tobacco photos on pg. 13; Field tobacco photos on pg. 14)



and the drug store are also part of the regular routine.

According to Director Denise Winiarski, the minibus made 8,004 pickups and logged 56,298 miles, while the drivers clocked a total of 4,180 hours of road time. A grant for the North Central Area on Aging funded a second bus on the Thursday schedule. This grant also allowed more flexibility in transportation to and from the Senior Center Programs, medical appointments, and other requested town-wide transportation.

The Senior Center, now in its third year at Suffield Village, continues to increase in attendance.

"The past year was truly remarkable and busy in terms of changes

to Medicare Part D and providing the very much needed counseling services through an anxious and confusing open enrollment period," wrote Senior Center Director Paula Gemme in a review of the Center's activities. She reported that Social Services Commission Vice Chair and CHOICES Volunteer Ernie Petkovich was invaluable in his help during this time. "Ernie went way above and beyond the call of duty for our community. He diligently applied himself to learning Medicare Part D and helped hundreds of people with Part D education, screenings and enrollments." She continued that in the first four months of 2006, Hartford County CHOICES volunteers, counselors and staff provided direct assistance to 4,992 individuals and logged more than 3,500 hours of counseling time.

In May, the Senior Center received an Amiel P. Zak Public Service Grant. Five new computers, software and printers were purchased with the funds for its computer lab. This has enabled the Center to provide additional programs, information, and resources for senior-related topics.

Gemme reported also that the North Central Health Department had continued its grant for ACTIVE Exercise programs and added a new class, Pilates with Yoga, to their grant. This grant offers free classes to new participants and low-cost classes for returning seniors.

The Youth Services Bureau provides direct service and referral for youth who are at risk for delinquency, truancy, substance abuse, or suffering from mental health needs. Referrals





Above: *Preparing for another lesson at End of Hunt Farm, one of several equestrian centers in Suffield. Right: "Cute as a Pumpkin," another award winning photograph. Next Page: Suffield's own Emmie Goose hatched and raised three orphaned chicks on North Grand Street. Her only frustration - they refused to swim!*

for services are received from parents, schools, police, and the youths themselves. Based in both the middle and high schools, Youth Services Director Peter Black has been involved in the creation of the Youth and School Staff advisory committee and is a member of the Suffield Juvenile Review Board and the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council. In addition to his involvement with students within the schools, Black provided services to more than 70 families during fiscal year 2005-06.

Since October 2003, the Town of Suffield has contracted with the Suffield Emergency Aid Association (EAA) to provide the citizens of Suffield with an array of social services. Services offered include Renter's Rebate, Connecticut Energy Assistance, Meals-on-Wheels, Friendly Visitor/Friendly Shopper, and the Housing Loan Program. In addition the EAA receives and disburses funds collected in Suffield by the Salvation Army kettle to provide backpacks and school supplies to low-income students.

The agency operates the food pantry, provides preschool vision and hearing screenings, holiday baskets, and flu immunization clinics. Through the memorandum of understanding between the EAA and the Town, the agency administers the Town's budgeted General Aid funds.

Social Services Commission Chair Julia O'Leary commended EAA Executive Director Janet Frechette for her outstanding job. O'Leary's report also noted the capable leadership reflected in the work of Minibus Director Winiarksi, Senior Center Director Gemme and Youth Services Director Black.

Library Parks & Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall soccer topped the 500 players mark for the first time! Soccer, while by far Suffield's most popular sport, is only one of a long list of sports programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Department's basketball, softball, baseball and lacrosse programs remain very popular, requiring great cooperation between these programs, private sports club activities and the Public Works Department for scheduling games, practices and maintenance of the Town's athletic facilities.

The Department offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for many segments of the Suffield population. The youth, however, remains the largest target audience.

Tween Camp, aimed for children between our youth and teen categories, was added to the roster of numerous day camps and programs this summer. It had full attendance all summer long.

An open forum in February, organized to allow residents to discuss recreational needs and ideas, brought forth other new programs. In response the Department offered pre-school opportunities in dance, music, cooking, and crafts.

With the Citizens Restoring Congamond partnership (CRC), progress continues on the Babb's property. The private residence was razed. "This section of land is a prime location for a future

community structure with a breathtaking view overlooking the lake," writes Parks and Rec Director Wendy LaMontagne. The CRC has been busy with renovations of the roller rink. At this time the beach remains closed.

The Department secured a \$36,480 DEP grant for improvements to the Windsor Locks Canal State Park Trail Project. The money will be used for general maintenance as well as the installation of benches, plantings and interpretive signs along the Connecticut River and the canal.

Much needed, Town-owned, athletic fields will be added to Suffield as part of a zoning agreement with the Stratton Farms development. These fields should be available for play in 2007.

Again, another Town department pointed out the generosity of Suffield's family, clubs, and civic groups. Commission Chair Lou Casinghino noted that the department operates on less than one percent of the Town Budget. It stretches into a wide





variety of recreational opportunities thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers. Special recognition was given in the report to the CRC, Knights of Columbus, the Travel Soccer Club, Friends of Suffield, Friends of the Skateboard Park, and the team coaches.

In addition to careful planning of resources, the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department was recognized by the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for new and innovative risk control initiatives for the town skate park.

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A growing population means constantly expanding use of our library facilities. The number of visitors at the library increased by nearly 10,000 this year and interlibrary loan activity more than doubled! The Kent Memorial Library hosted 16 percent more meetings and programs than in the previous fiscal year, including a film series, music concerts, crafts, magic shows, story times, and regular meetings of organizations such as the Girl Scouts and the Historical Society. Twelve local artists generated a great deal

of interest with their exhibits in the gallery.

With all this growth the library is outgrowing its current base of operations. As work continues to plan a new home for the library, the Library Commission has secured a \$500,000 State grant to help fund construction.

Circulation at first glance appears to be lower, but this is mainly a result of a change in the circulation periods. Previously, six different circulation periods ranged from three days to four weeks. Since last May, circulation periods are either one week or three weeks.

Another major change is our new website (www.suffield-library.org) designed by Kim Lord and Diane Morse. It now includes Virtual Reference, which gives patrons reference access 24/7.

The library also started renting books from McNaughton Company. McNaughton gives the library multiple copies of popular reading material that can be returned after interest wanes.

The fiscal year saw several staff changes as Patricia Cafferata and Rebakah Hayes relocated to Maine, and Danna Gauntner took a position in Farmington.

A great deal of selected weeding and reorganization has taken place this year in the Juvenile Reference and non-fiction areas. Youth Services Head Wendy Taylor coordinated 256 children's programs, marketed the Summer Reading Program in the school, and made a concerted effort to create holiday displays in the

Young Adults. The Teen Selection Committee continues to be involved with library choices for their age group.

The Friends of the Kent Memorial Library supported three Courtyard Concerts this past year and hosted the First Annual Books, Wine and Jazz Celebration fundraiser in June. Over \$3,000 was raised for new materials. Other event highlights included a workshop and mini-concert with Guitarist Glen Roth; Choosing a Medicare Plan: Medicare Part D with a representative from the office of Congressman Rob Simmons; a program with Elaine Kuzmeskus, author of Connecticut Ghosts: Spirits in the State of Steady Habits; Greg Bulter, Suffield native involved with special effects on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; and a lively Harry Potter book discussion group.

In the official report of Library Director James McShane, he noted with gratitude the contributions of Bob White, Kerry White, Bob Carroll, Lester Smith, Meadowbrook Kennels, Subway, River's Edge Restaurant, Highland Park Market, Bradley Bowl, and Wendy's Restaurant Co. in adding special details to the variety of programs.

As seen here on Spruce St., maple sap collection is still a harbinger of spring. Maple syrup is produced in several Suffield homes.



Connecticut produces one pumpkin for every three of its residents; grows one Christmas tree for every 9 of its residents; has one horse for every 58 people; produces 222 glasses of milk for every man, woman, and child in the state every year. Suffield alone produces more than 59,600 of those glasses per day! Connecticut is first in the US in horse and layer (chicken) density and first in New England in tobacco acreage and value, nursery and greenhouse sales, milk production per cow, and Christmas tree sales. It is first per square mile in NE in silage and hay production. "Full-time farms are fewer but much larger. Part-time and lifestyle farms are growing and increasingly diverse." (Dr. W. A. Cowan, *Agriculture in Connecticut 2005*) With over 100 farms, Suffield is mirroring this trend.



Besides providing beautiful vistas, Suffield's hay fields provide food for its livestock and contribute to the region's agricultural economy. Shown here are hay fields at Hilltop Farm and Halladay Ave.



Financial Departments

ASSESSOR

Suffield's 2005 Grand List increased \$30,109,106 over the 2004 Grand List. This increase of 2.09% is a reflection of today's market and results in an increase of \$762,964.75 tax dollars. The town's grand list defines the total amount of taxable real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. Distribution of the Assessments is Residential 91%, Commercial 5% and Industrial 4%.

The Assessor's Office is responsible for the appraisal and assessment of all real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles within the town. The office keeps track of all sales within the town and follows market trends and construction costs. Assessor Fran Keenan writes in her report: "For the convenience of our citizens, our entire database is available on the internet. It can be accessed at www.visionappraisal.com. This allows access to the assessment and sales information along with building data, total acreage and even the photo." She reminds readers that the Assessor's Office contains much helpful information to those buying or selling real estate, purchasing a motor vehicle, or considering moving into town.

By Connecticut State Law the Town of Suffield is required to revalue all real estate within the town as of October 2008. A revaluation is the process of conducting the data collection and market analysis necessary to equalize the property values of all properties within the town for the purpose of a fair distribution of the tax burden. This upcoming revaluation is a complete physical revaluation.

The Assessor's Office processed and approved 147 applications for elderly or disabled tax relief. State reimbursement totaled \$87,852.36. An additional \$9,524.29 in State reimbursement was received for veteran's exemptions.

Legislative changes impacting municipal assessment include Public Act 06-83 (as amended by Public Act 06-196) institutes a new tax relief program as of October 1, 2006, under which the State of Connecticut pays a portion of the property tax for certain machinery and equipment used in manufacturing and biotechnology.

TAX COLLECTOR

The fiscal year ended with a 98.3% collection rate. Tax Collector Tina Lucia reported that her office filed 103 real estate tax liens and 104 trash service liens this year. The office also had one foreclosure for two lots located on Austin Street.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Municipalities are governed by the Governmental Auditing Standards Board (GASB). This Board recently issued two Statements, GASB 43 and 45, both of which concern Other Post Employee Benefits. The Town of Suffield is required to implement the first in the upcoming fiscal year, and the latter in the 2007/08 financial statements.

GASB 43 applies to trusts which are set up to fund these benefits. GASB 45 applies to the financial statements the Town issues regarding these trusts and estimated liabilities of the benefits. To meet these new requirements the Town will be required to have actuarial valuations completed every two years to estimate the liabilities. The Statements do not require that the liabilities be funded. The RFP, Request for Proposal, has been issued for the actuarial report. The 2006/07 budget includes \$500,000 to begin funding these costs.



The Board of Finance and the Town of Suffield have also been addressing the need for new Municipal Financial Software. The current system has not been efficiently managing the Town's needs, as has been pointed out in the Auditor's Reports during the past few years. The new system is expected to include the general ledger, accounts payable, project/grant accounting, purchasing, budgeting, account receivable/cash receipts/miscellaneous billing, capital assets, payroll, human resources, utility billing, and tax assessment/collection.

An ad hoc committee was formed to study this issue. By year end, an RFP had been issued for assistance in this task and developing an RFP for a new software system.

Each year the process of developing a Town Budget begins in late February and continues until it is passed, usually the second Wednesday in May. The Board of Finance meets weekly to review the requests presented to them by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education. The public is welcome to attend these meetings. The Town Budget is also affected by the State of Connecticut Budget, as approximately 25% of the Town's revenue comes from it.

The Board of Finance must find an equitable balance between the amount requested by the Selectmen, the amount requested by the Board of Education, the State's contribution, and the ability of the residents to support the budget.

The town ended the year with revenues received in excess of budget by about \$628,000. The primary

surplus areas include:

\$217,000	Property Tax, Interest and Lien Fees,
\$238,000	Interest Income,
\$83,000	Current Services and Fees, and
\$48,000	Miscellaneous.

There were also \$299,000 of unspent budgeted appropriations. The undesignated fund balance at the end of the year is \$6,916,309 which is 16.1% of the FY 2006/07 budget.

In her report, Director of Finance Deborah Cerrato thanked everyone who assisted her during the year in these tasks with special note of appreciation to Christine Mills and Janell Wray.

ACCE

The major projects for 2005/06 were a town-wide telephone system, facilities/infrastructure improvements, dispatch compliance and pavement management.

Projects submitted to ACCE for the next five years totaled about \$30,000,000. In addition to normal requests for equipment, technology and studies, there were requests of \$26,000,000 for various town building renovations or new building and \$2,000,000 for open space. This committee had the task of prioritizing the projects presented to them.

The amount approved for fiscal year 2006-07 was \$2,441,000. These projects include:

\$240,000	Bridge Repairs, (less \$192,000 grant reimbursement)
\$500,000	Pavement Management,
\$615,000	Public Works Projects,
\$615,000	Open Space, and
\$125,000	Technology.

AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The financial statements of the Town of Suffield were audited by Scully & Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants from Glastonbury.

The audit "disclosed no instances of noncompliance" nor "any matters involving the internal control over the financial reporting and its operations" that were considered to be material weaknesses. The auditors did offer suggestions for consideration to modify and improve accounting controls and administrative practices. Some of these were recommended for change in Scully & Wolf's previous audit.

The fiscal year 2005-06 can be best described as a year of transition. In an effort to make the recommended changes and to accommodate the mandatory Government Auditing Standards Board (GASB) changes, many different areas have been addressed. New computer software, personnel changes, and new procedures have been analyzed.

Many changes were implemented during fiscal year 2005-06, but year end statements did not reflect their use during the entire year and/or the focus was to implement the change for the 2006-07 year.

The Board of Finance Chair, Charles Watras, reports that he is pleased with the progress and the cooperation during this transition process. Most of the results will be more obvious in upcoming annual reports.

The entire text of the auditors' report is accessible at www.suffieldtownhall.com.



This bale elevator lightens the load as hay is brought to the barns at Buck Hill Farms on Halladay Avenue. Below: Silage is a major feed crop for Suffield's four dairy operations. This photo was taken at Hastings Farm.



Revenues

	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property Taxes			
Current list	25,118,201	25,282,102	163,901
Supplemental MV tax	300,000	282,912	(17,088)
Interest & Fees	100,000	137,744	37,744
Prior years	175,000	207,051	32,051
	25,693,201	25,909,809	216,608
Licenses, Permits & Fines			
Building Dept.	300,000	302,518	2,518
Zoning & Planning	20,000	24,947	4,947
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,360	3,080	(280)
Police Permits	3,000	4,021	1,021
Conservation	12,000	14,174	2,174
Historic District Fees	800	850	50
	339,160	349,590	10,430
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	250,000	488,138	238,138
Revenues from Other Agencies			
Telecommunications grant	75,000	49,048	(25,952)
Hood Share Sec Trtmt Plt	240,000	237,925	(2,075)
	315,000	286,973	(28,027)
State Grants			
PILOT, State Property	2,664,620	2,735,043	70,423
Mashantucket Pequot	1,229,801	1,580,527	350,726
PILOT, Vessels	5,656	5,656	0
PILOT, Mfg. Equipment	94,991	125,327	30,336
PILOT, Disabled Tax Relief	0	879	879
Veterans Exemption	11,000	8,578	(2,422)
Elderly Tax Relief	63,000	78,804	15,804
Property Tax Relief	7,000	7,947	947
Bridge Grant	560,000	5,286	(554,714)
LOCIP Reimbursement	87,142	0	(87,142)
Youth Services	14,000	14,000	0
Miscellaneous	60,000	277	(59,723)
Town Aid Road (all monies used for unimproved roads)	115,190	129,361	14,171
	4,912,400	4,691,685	(220,715)
Federal Grants	0	41,067	41,067
Education Related Revenues			
Tuition, Vo-ag	755,000	762,458	7,458
Tuition, Other	100,000	125,177	25,177
Education Cost Sharing	4,321,431	4,474,280	152,849
Vo-Ag Grant	112,000	112,441	441
Other Educational Grants	5,503	19,807	14,304
Pupil Transportation	182,444	164,166	(18,278)
Special Education	0	72,467	72,467
Misc. School Income	10,000	5,775	(4,225)
	5,486,378	5,736,571	250,193

Robert W. Baker Nursery is just one of a number of Suffield businesses involved in nursery stock. Baker's is one of the top five nursery producers in New England with about 1,000 acres cultivated in Suffield.

	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Charges for Current Services			
Assessor's Map Sales	1,000	2,093	1,093
Bulky Waste	0	1,504	1,504
Real Estate Conveyance Tax	190,000	258,594	68,594
Social Service, Mini-Bus	4,000	3,784	(216)
Police Alarm Fees	5,000	2,350	(2,650)
Town Clerk Historic Document Fees	5,000	3,468	(1,532)
Town Clerk Recording Fees	140,000	137,798	(2,202)
	345,000	409,591	64,591
Landfill			
Landfill Operation	87,500	81,135	(6,365)
Landfill Residential Permits	668,080	679,375	11,295
Permits	18,000	14,336	(3,664)
	773,580	774,846	1,266
Recreation			
Recreation Summer Programs	37,590	38,932	1,342
Recreation Activity	83,522	84,838	1,316
	121,112	123,770	2,658
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous Town Income	75,000	113,898	38,898
Cell Tower	50,000	48,880	(1,120)
Rental of Town Property	58,000	72,080	14,080
	183,000	234,858	51,858
Transfers In			
Town Improvement Fund	150,000	150,000	0
Off Duty Fund	40,000	40,000	0
Industrial Park Fund	194,000	194,000	0
Sewer Assessment Payments	425,300	425,300	0
	809,300	809,300	0
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	39,228,131	39,856,198	628,067



The family tradition of cutting your own Christmas tree is still available at several locations in Suffield.

5-YEAR REVENUE SUMMARY	Actual 2001-02	Actual 2002-03	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Budget 2006-07
Property Taxes	20,236,190	21,936,209	23,489,380	24,313,695	25,909,809	27,368,054
Licenses, Permits & Fines	242,996	339,814	368,092	342,570	349,590	367,160
Revenues from Use of Money & Property	542,975	265,132	136,134	262,103	488,138	450,000
Revenues from Other Agencies	397,276	355,811	329,282	317,565	286,973	282,000
State Grants	4,511,736	4,358,452	3,931,460	4,613,604	4,691,685	5,529,451
Federal Grants		32,768	37,247	43,144	41,067	201,250
Education Related Revenue	3,921,781	4,440,375	4,733,755	5,349,810	5,736,571	5,685,500
Charges for Current Services	235,717	287,288	414,884	379,972	409,591	388,400
Landfill	621,294	701,917	757,804	779,546	774,846	727,840
Recreation	97,564	101,943	98,135	110,956	123,770	123,976
Miscellaneous	131,415	348,287	286,279	432,246	234,858	184,000
Transfers in	407,000	503,000	492,900	570,900	809,300	535,344
Short Term Borrowing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
	31,345,944	33,670,996	35,075,352	37,516,111	39,856,198	42,842,975

Expenditures



Ron Kirschbaum's barn photos were placed "Best of Show" and first place in the Adult Category. "Little Barn" was photographed at Colter Farm and "Afternoon Shadows" at the Majewski Farm.



	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Administrative			
Selectmen	168,388	164,321	4,067
Human Resources	48,811	47,613	1,198
Probate Court	4,300	3,554	746
Election	24,637	22,851	1,786
Board of Finance	13,014	13,013	1
Assessor	145,470	140,050	5,420
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,401	1,025	376
Tax Collector	141,060	134,630	6,430
Tax Rebates	45,000	43,669	1,331
Finance	260,873	252,532	8,341
Data Processing	260,939	247,010	13,929
Town Counsel	95,000	70,745	24,255
Town Clerk	173,836	160,490	13,346
Town Hall	85,042	85,041	1
Insurance & Benefits	1,731,327	1,731,326	1
	3,199,098	3,117,870	81,228
Planning & Development			
Zoning & Planning	180,833	163,525	17,308
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,026	4,450	576
Economic Development	139,327	138,443	884
Historic District Commission	931	908	23
Conservation Commission	36,524	31,847	4,677
	362,641	339,173	23,468
Public Safety			
Fire	603,990	603,249	741
Police	1,732,948	1,732,946	2
Civil Preparedness	1,857	0	1,857
Building Department	184,487	182,876	1,611
Town Engineer	106,903	105,505	1,398
Dog Account	13,311	13,311	0
	2,643,496	2,637,887	5,609
Public Works			
Public Works	370,440	367,214	3,226
Highways	1,091,026	1,091,025	1
State Aid Road	7,242	7,242	0
Public Utilities	373,000	366,460	6,540
Landfill	852,380	820,044	32,336
	2,694,088	2,651,985	42,103
Health & Social Services			
Health & Social Services	109,013	102,512	6,501
Social Services Commission	1,754	1,359	395
Senior Center	98,585	97,760	825
Minibus	128,307	126,303	2,004
EMS / SVAA	183,654	183,654	0
Social Worker	45,449	45,449	0
	566,762	557,037	9,725

	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Library, Recreation & Parks			
Library	371,190	371,190	0
Recreation	217,270	215,460	1,810
Recreation Activity	109,489	87,622	21,867
Youth Services	56,322	56,288	34
Tree Warden	7,000	6,937	63
	761,271	737,497	23,774
Other			
Capital Expenditures	1,419,325	1,410,581	8,744
Cemeteries	30,000	30,000	0
Contingencies	102,771	0	102,771
CNR Fund	1,344,919	1,344,919	0
	2,897,015	2,785,500	111,515
Debt Service	3,227,891	3,226,909	982
Board of Education	23,689,114	23,688,205	909
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	40,041,376	39,742,063	299,313



The goat and sheep share the pasture at Cupola Hollow Farm on North Stone Street. Part-time farms in Suffield have a wide range of produce including beef cattle, goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, honey bees, grapes, flowers, vegetables, syrup, chickens and eggs.

5-YEAR EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	Actual 2001-02	Actual 2002-03	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Budget 2006-07
Administrative	2,106,564	2,410,986	2,787,890	2,892,451	3,117,870	3,471,269
Planning & Development	316,629	316,670	330,863	347,167	339,173	370,178
Public Safety	2,090,060	2,158,177	2,312,516	2,435,919	2,637,887	2,819,334
Public Works	2,183,947	2,385,870	2,484,142	2,560,801	2,651,985	2,838,563
Health & Social Services	324,524	405,241	499,060	527,947	557,037	605,272
Library, Recreation & Parks	615,777	644,353	678,895	696,898	737,497	804,100
Other	2,149,925	1,834,062	1,686,403	494,254	2,785,500	3,224,100
Debt Service	3,272,798	4,534,597	4,308,133	4,985,461	3,226,909	3,142,126
Board of Education	17,236,946	18,897,063	20,389,525	22,187,368	23,688,205	25,568,033
	30,297,170	33,587,019	35,477,427	37,128,266	39,742,063	42,842,975
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,048,774	83,977	(402,075)	387,845	114,135	
Adjustments for Budget to GAAP Reporting	(1,619,805)	1,040,474	175,430	(485,684)	(1,221,859)	
Total Fund Balance (GAAP)	8,283,484	9,407,935	9,181,290	9,083,451	7,975,727	
Designated Fund Balance (GAAP)	1,201,057	2,591,531	2,466,961	1,531,277	59,418	
Undesignated Fund Balance (GAAP)	7,082,427	6,816,404	6,714,329	7,552,174	7,916,309	
Undesignated Fund Balance as % of Total Expenditures (GAAP)	23.4%	20.3%	18.9%	20.3%	19.9%	

GAAP - Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

Three large horticulture greenhouse operations and several part-time greenhouses in Suffield add to Connecticut's ranking first in New England for nursery and greenhouse sales.



GRAND LIST

	2004 Grand List		2005 Grand List	
	Number of Accounts	Net Assessments	Number of Accounts	Net Assessments
Motor Vehicles	13,385	88,445,775	13,633	95,548,910
Personal Property	613	38,098,972	632	42,642,952
Real Estate	5,826	922,636,223	5,890	941,098,213
		\$1,049,180,969		\$1,079,290,075

2005-06 TAX COLLECTIONS

	Total Tax Due	Total Tax Paid	Interest and Liens	Rebates	Transfer to Suspense	Uncollected
Current Year	25,792,702	25,593,804	78,198	34,722		233,620
Prior Years	432,652	188,384	59,885	9,15	26,256	218,163
	26,216,354	25,782,188	138,083	43,873	26,256	451,783

OUTSTANDING DEBT

	For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Notes	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds	36,313,421	33,336,445	30,462,335	26,806,049	24,252,544
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DEBT SERVICES AS A PORTION OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total Expenditures	30,297,170	33,587,019	35,477,427	37,128,266	39,742,063
Debt Service	3,272,798	4,534,597	4,308,133	4,985,461	3,226,909
Percentage	10.80%	13.50%	12.14%	13.43%	8.12%

Municipal Elections

NOVEMBER 8, 2005

✓ Indicates elected to the position.

First Selectman

✓ Scott R. Lingenfelter R 1,786
Eileen B. Moncrief D 1,631

Board of Selectmen

✓ Douglas H. Viets R 2,080
✓ Timothy J. Reynolds R 1,930
✓ John G. Smith, IV D 1,678
✓ Christine R. Davidson D 1,748

Board of Finance

✓ Joanne M. Sullivan R 2,229
✓ Charles P. Watras R 1,796
✓ David R. Tagliavini R 1,895
Mark O'Hara D 1,576

Board of Finance

2-year Term

✓ Dennis A. Kreps D 1,733

Board of Finance

Alternate

✓ James W. Lennon R 1,649
Enrique Alvarez R 1,578
✓ Joseph J. Sangiovanni D 1,655
✓ Derek E. Donnelly D 1,639

Board of Education

✓ Robert W. Eccles R 1,706
David P. Beltramello R 1,630
✓ Mary K. Roy R 1,833
✓ Susan M. Clark R 2,003
Jeanne Long D 1,481
MaryEllen Tunsky D 1,605

Fire Commission

✓ Herbert K. Smith, Jr. R 1,709
✓ Frederick E. Hackenyos R 1,806
✓ Richard W. Gemme R 1,841
Ernest J. Begin D 1,682

Police Commission

✓ John H. Zavisza, Jr. R 1,811
Gerald N. Pleasant R 1,410
✓ Donald W. Miner R 1,951
William W. Murty D 1,214
✓ Joseph J. Quinn, Jr. D 1,514

Board of Assessment Appeals

John G. Permatteo R 1,569
✓ George J. Roebelen, Jr. R 1,601
✓ Christopher W. Burke D 1,583

Planning and Zoning Commission

✓ Francis J. Ravenola R 1,913
✓ John J. Conley, Jr. D 1,756
✓ John P. O'Malley D 1,583

Planning and Zoning Commission

Alternate

✓ Mark D. Winne R 1,431
Thomas W. Frenaye D 1,272

Water Pollution Control Authority

✓ John S. Gifford, III R 2,085
✓ Donald G. Leis, Jr. D 1,766
✓ William J. Steinka D 1,853

Town Meetings

These summaries are furnished for convenient reference. The official minutes are available in the Town Clerk's office.

DECEMBER 28, 2005

Acceptance of State Property Near the Enfield Bridge

The meeting voted to accept a small parcel of land on the west side of East Street North (Rte. 159) near the Enfield Bridge, offered free as long as the land was to be used for municipal or highway purposes. (The "SUFFIELD" sign occupies this parcel.)

Melrose Lane, Farmstead Lane, Pembroke Drive and Wainscott Lane
Four new subdivision roads were accepted as public roads. Melrose Lane runs southerly from Halladay Avenue East; Farmstead Lane is a U off of Melrose; Pembroke Drive runs westerly from Taintor Street; and Wainscott Lane runs westerly from South Street.

MAY 10, 2006

Annual Town Budget Meeting

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence honoring the memory of USMC Corp. Steven Bixler, killed in the Iraq War on May 3.

The proposed Town Budget, calling for a total expenditure of \$45,159,664, elicited many comments complaining that the budget was inadequate. The resolution calling for its acceptance failed (by paper ballot: 109 YES, 151 NO.).

MAY 22, 2006

Second Town Budget Meeting

A proposed Town Budget of \$45,344,664, revised by the addition of \$185,000 (the amount that had been removed from the Board of Education's recommended budget), was approved by voice vote.

First Selectman Elaine Sarsynski resigned her position in July 2005 to accept a position in the private sector. This fiscal year saw two other administrative resignations. William Troy resigned his position as Superintendent of Schools. Town Planner Phil Chester resigned his position in June 2006.



TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION

Selectmen

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Christine R. Davidson
Timothy J. Reynolds
John G. Smith, IV
Douglas H. Viets

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Frances Keenan

Town Clerk

Elaine C. O'Brien

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Blair Childs

Tax Collector

Christine A. Lucia

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Edward G. McAnaney

Judge of Probate

Edward G. McAnaney

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Timothy M. O'Connor
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