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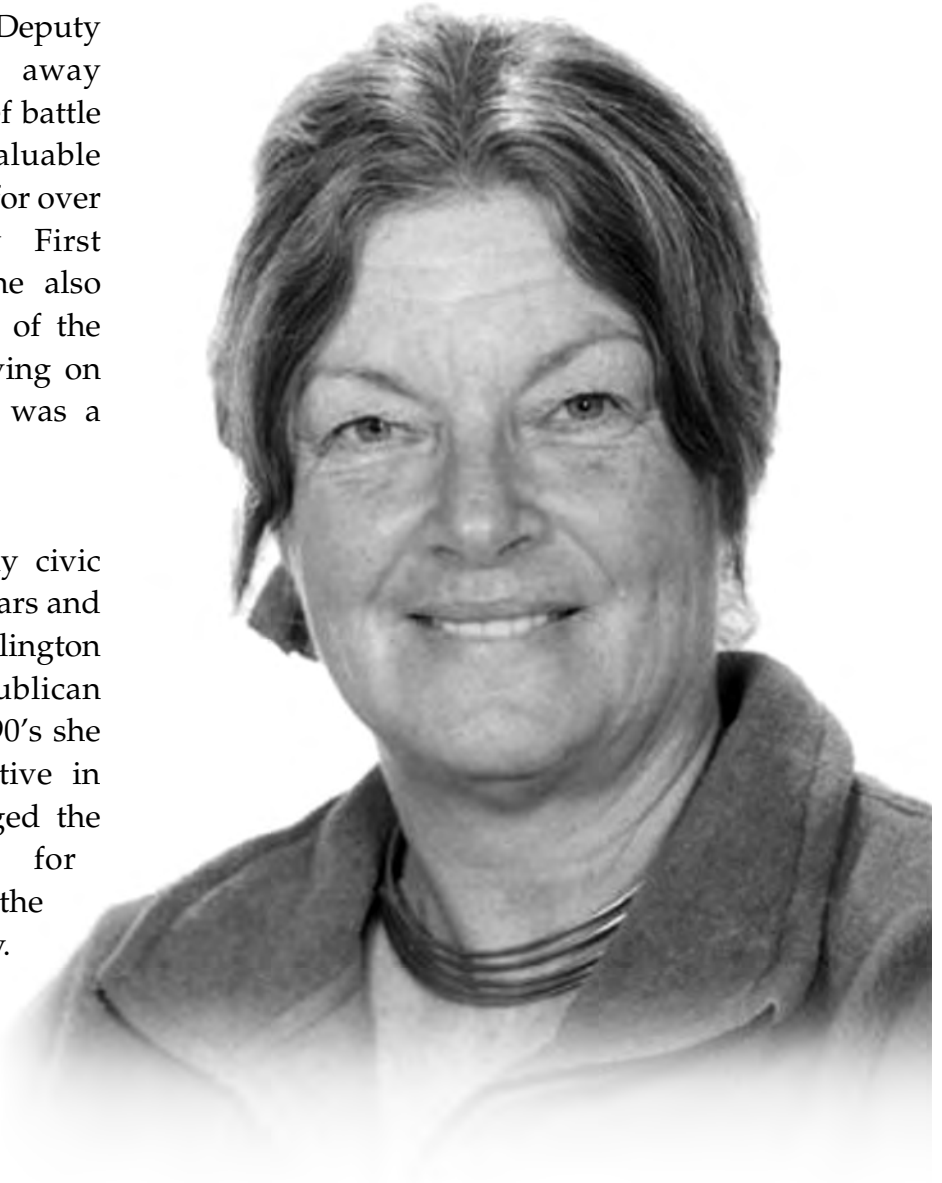


ANNUAL REPORT
2005 - 2006

IN MEMORY OF NANCY O. WAY

n memory of Nancy O. Way, Deputy First Selectman who passed away Thursday, July 27, 2006 after a brief battle with cancer. Nancy was a valuable member of the Board of Selectmen for over 10 years, serving as Deputy First Selectman for over 4 years. She also served on various subcommittees of the Board of Selectmen. Prior to serving on the the Board of Selectmen, she was a member of the Board of Education.

ancy volunteered on many civic and farm organizations over the years and was an active member of the Ellington Historical Society and the Republican Town Committee. In the early 1990's she had been involved and very active in several local groups that challenged the proposed nuclear waste sites for Ellington. She had a passion for the Town of Ellington and its history. She will be remembered fondly as a dedicated and caring citizen, elected official and friend.



2006 Wall of Honor Recipient

The Board of Selectmen selected Everett C. Paluska as the 2006 Wall of Honor Recipient in recognition of his many years of services and outstanding contributions to the Town of Ellington.

Everett served as Tax Collector, First Selectman, Republican Town Chairman, Prosecuting Grand Juror of the former Ellington Justice Court and Probation Officer. Everett was an active member of the Ellington Cemetary Association, serving as President for 15 years. Everett also devoted countless hours to the Ellington Congregational Church and demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his family and community.



EVERETT C. PALUSKA

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*Many Years of Service &
Outstanding Contributions to the Town*



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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Dear Ellington Residents:

The fiscal year of 2005-06, while difficult at times, was completed within budget projections. The cooperation of all departments is greatly appreciated and all employees are to be commended for their efforts.

The population increase continues, unabated, but we are seeing some increase in commercial construction to help our grand list. The Airport Sewer Project is now underway to encourage taxable uses for that land. These gains will be offset, if not exceeded, by requests for additional school facilities and personnel.

The Charter Revision Commission continues to search for new ways to streamline government operations and control costs. Duplication and waste just make no sense when we are struggling to fund town services. We are asking taxpayers to fund \$39,189,991 for fiscal year 2006-07. All funds should be spent as carefully as possible. All departments or individuals should be expected to expend public funds as prudently as possible. The taxpayers deserve no less.

As in the past, the state and federal governments are long on pontification and short on funding. If talk were money, they would not be forcing the Town to dig so deeply into your pockets to fund education. Whoever said "talk is cheap", never met an unfunded mandate.

We will continue to work on your behalf to protect and improve Ellington. The volunteers and professional staff will continue to find ways to keep our town's heritage alive into the future.

Robert K. Pagani, Chairman

October 2, 2006

Richard J. Cleary
Robert J. Clements
Mark A. Joyse
Barry C. Pinto
Albert S. Wachsman

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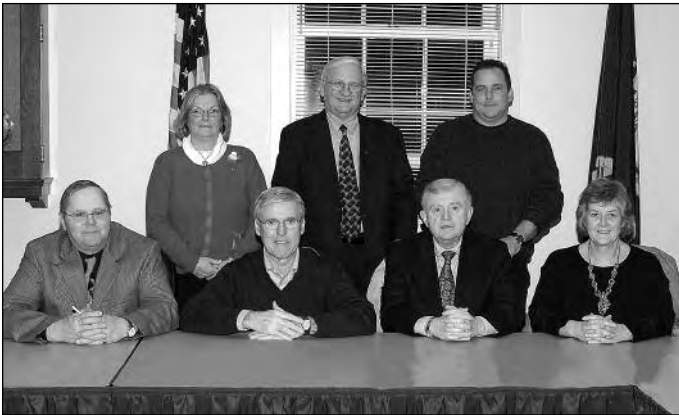
General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Selectmen is collectively responsible for the administration of the town offices, the maintenance of the town highways and parks, the public safety of its citizens, the keeping of financial accounts and the appointment of administrative officers, boards and commissions.

The First Selectman is the chief administrative and executive officer of the town, and as such is directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration and supervision of all town departments, agencies and officers appointed by the board. The First Selectman is also responsible for the enforcement of all the laws and ordinances governing the town.



Board of Selectmen:

Seated left to right: Peter J. Charter, Dennis W. Frawley, A. Leo Miller, Ann Harford

Standing left to right: Nancy O. Way - Deputy First Selectman, Michael P. Stupinski - First Selectman, James Prichard

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month in the Town Hall. There were a total of sixteen regular meetings and five special meetings. The Board of Selectmen met in joint session with the Board of Finance on two occasions. Five public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called eight town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. Per Town Charter, two additional subsequent annual town budget meetings were held. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2005-06:

AGREEMENTS

- Amended SBC License Agreement for the use of licensor's statewide Planimetric GIS Landbase Data for all data tiles located in the town of Ellington.
- Authorized First Selectman to enter into agreement with Northern CT Land Trust to install hiking trail on town-owned property.
- Entered into Agreement with Planimetrics, LLC for the preparation of the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement between Town of Ellington and Ellington Police Union Local 693.
- Entered into agreement with CCM to participate in CCM's Energy Purchase Program.
- Renewed agreement with Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT, for 2006-07.
- Authorized First Selectman to execute State Department of Transportation Rights of Way Activities Agreement Re: Windermere Avenue Bridge.

CONTRACTS

- Entered into contract with Enfield Builders to complete the punchlist for Ellington High School renovation project.
- Renewed contract with Fuss & O'Neill Technologies for town's computer service and maintenance.
- Awarded the bid for the removal of asbestos at EVFD to Oscar's Abatement of Hartford, Inc.

EQUIPMENT

- Entered into 5-year lease to purchase 4 DPW Dump trucks, DPW sweeper, DPW roadside mower and EVFD Tanker.
- Awarded bid for 2006 EVAC Ambulance to Eastford Fire & Rescue Services in the amount of \$162,973.

FINANCES

- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$90/ each residential unit.
- Approved conducting a special audit for Ellington High School Project.
- Approved \$12,850 Additional Appropriation to cover cost of Town's share of 2005 Assistance to Firefighters \$257,000 grant award as requested by EVFD.
- Approved \$2,500 Additional Appropriation to fund new Charter Revision Commission.
- Recommended to BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2006-07, net amount of \$3,497,015.
- Approved FY 2005-06 year-end transfers, adjustments, additional appropriations.
- Recommended increase of \$5,000 to Welfare Budget.
- Adjusted minimum fees for building permits to \$45.
- Waived payment in lieu of taxes for Housing Authority for fiscal year 2004-05 in the amount of \$8,888.51.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance the Board of Selectmen approved Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$11,552,894.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to 2005-06 Cultural Arts Commission Budget and to increase the 2006-07 Cultural Arts Commission budget by an additional \$7,000 for a total of \$12,000.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$13,000 to cover the cost to repair the flooring at the Center Fire Department which sustained damage during the asbestos removal.
- Sent 2006-07 budget sum of \$40,452,167 to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 9, 2006 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on May 17, 2006.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on May 24, 2006 to consider a budget sum of \$39,571,991 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on May 31, 2006.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on June 7, 2006 to consider a budget sum of \$39,189,991 which was adjourned to and passed at referendum on June 14, 2006.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Accepted State of Connecticut Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$31,200.
- Authorized Hall Memorial Board of Directors Chairman to enter into contract with the State Library for an LSTA Grant.
- Received Historic Preservation Technical Assistant Matching Grant in the amount of \$1,250 to fund the cost of a consultant re: nominating the Pinney House to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Authorized First Selectman to sign grant agreement with the State Department of Environmental Protection for Milfoil Harvesting at Crystal Lake.
- Authorized First Selectman to enter into agreement with State Department of Transportation for the Matching Grant Program for Elderly/disabled Demand Responsive Transportation.

ORDINANCES

- Recommended revision of Ordinance Concerning fees under State Building Code which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Recommended new Ordinance to Waive Interest on Taxes for Servicemen serving in Iraq, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Recommended new Land Use Fees Ordinance which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Recommended new Ordinance Concerning Identification of Landlords, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Recommended new Ordinance to Create a Flood and Erosion Control Board, which was approved at Town Meeting.

POLICY

- Adopted Revised Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- Amended the Wall of Honor Policy.
- Adopted Use of Town & Personal Vehicles.
- Directed Public Works Director to institute a policy to charge developers for plowing and sanding roads in new subdivisions prior to acceptance by the Town as public road.

PROPERTY

- Recommended purchase of 3.16 acres of land located off of Porter Road, as open space in amount of \$45,000, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Granted permission to the Northern CT Land Trust to enter open space land owned by the Town to install and maintaining hiking trails.
- Accepted open space parcel on Ladd Road re: Yanaros Subdivision.
- Conveyed Open Space Land on Porter Road to State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

ROADS

- Accepted Zimmerman Way and a portion of Abbott Road as Town Roads.
- Recommended Discontinuance of Portion of Porter Road.
- Accepted Woodland Trail, Allen Ridge Drive, Cantor Knoll and Ridgeview Drive as Town Roads.
- Waived bid and entered into contract with VMS Construction for emergency sewer repair project at Fairview Avenue Extension.
- Accepted portion of Ladd Road (Yanaros Subdivision) as Town Road.
- Accepted Rye Field Road, Daisy Lane and a portion of Crane Road as Town Roads.

SCHOOLS

- Approved request of BOE to hire an Architect to develop preliminary costs for projects #1, #2, #3, #4, & #7 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

STAFF

- Granted permanent status to Robert Phillips as the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- Hired Martin Dorey and Aaron Blank as Police Constables.
- Reclassified Marie Sauve from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant.
- Accepted resignation from Robert Phillips as Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- Appointed Robert Phillips as Town Planner.
- Recognized John Abate, Library Custodian, Bart Alexander, Police Constable, Lisa Kuraska, Library Assistant I, and Diane McKeegan, Assistant Town Clerk for 10 years of services.
- Recognized Michael Bard, Police Constable, Thomas Davenport, Marine Constable, Patricia Grundman, Children's Librarian and Robert Morganson, Maintainer I for 20 years of service.

- Recognized William Basch, Maintainer II, Allen Bump, Marine Constable, Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Director/Treasurer and Franz Redler, Maintainer II for 25 years of service.
- Recognized Robert Tedford, Director of Recreation for 30 years of service.
- Reclassified James York from Fire Inspector to Deputy Fire Marshal.
- Hired Lisa Houlihan as Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
- Granted permanent status to Robert Phillips as Town Planner.
- Reclassified Brenda Strong from Tax Clerk to Deputy Tax Collector.
- Granted permanent status to Lisa Houlihan, Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement office.
- Accepted resignation of Pamela Lombardo as Tax Collector.
- Appointed Ann Marie Conti as Tax Collector.
- Accepted resignation of Cynthia Lacaprucia as Town Clerk.
- Appointed Diane McKeegan as Town Clerk.
- Granted permanent status to Brenda Strong, Deputy Tax Collector.
- Granted permanent status to Jonathan Morriset, Ambulance Driver.
- Upgraded Andrea Salemi to Accounting Assistant/Deputy Treasurer.
- Upgraded Mary Thiesing to Assessment Aide.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Revised salary range for First Selectman and approved annual salary for First Selectman in the amount of \$67,000 for FY 2006-07.
- Accepted resignation of Rachel Wheeler-Rossow from the Board of Education.
- Appointed Kelly Ramsey to the Board of Education.
- Accepted resignation of Vaughn Gerber from Board of Finance.
- Appointed Albert Wachsman to Board of Finance.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Mildred Arens Dimock as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2005.
- Established a Charter Revision Commission.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of Pinney House.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention Council for one year.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Youth Services Advisory Board for one year.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.
- Granted request to hold 2005 Winterfest on Town Green.
- Appointed Atherton B. Ryan as Town Counsel.
- Appointed Patrick McHale as Labor Counsel.
- Appointed Day, Berry and Howard as Bonding Counsel.
- Adopted resolution in support of the Connecticut Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility.
- Approved application for regatta permit for the Crystal Lake Sailing Club.
- Adopted resolution Authorizing Town's participation in the Office of Domestic Preparedness. Reimbursement Program.
- Recognized Commission members for 10 and 20 years of service.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is Financial Authority of the town. The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds. The Board also represents taxpayer interests in other policy or operational matters which would affect the tax base or impact the future receipt of taxpayer funds. While the Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Director to establish and enforce fiscal policy, and implement the recommendations of the town auditors. The Board also directs fiscal policy such as the establishment of Reserve Funds, and the allocation of funds among sectors such as departmental budgets, capital expenditures and debt service.

The Board of Finance meets monthly, except during the period of January through April, when it meets weekly toward assembling the annual budget.



Board of Finance:

Standing: Mark A. Joyce

Seated left to right: Barry Pinto, Robert Pagani - Chairman, Albert Wachsman

Missing: Richard J. Cleary, Robert J. Clements

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.
- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List, the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property. This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. Our objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established by the October 1, 2005 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Completion of the Revaluation Project
- Implementation of the October 1, 2005 Grand List
- Enabled access to assessment data via the internet
- Facilitated the acquisition of the SBC flight data including updated orthophotos and GIS data layers
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer, building layer and property maps

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are targeted to benefit active military servicemen and veterans, the totally disabled, the blind, senior citizens, manufacturers, charitable organizations, farmers and owners of land classified as farm, forest and open space.

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/03	10/01/04	10/01/05
Real Estate	620,742,350	642,010,604	1,009,183,036
Personal Property	26,213,885	28,417,231	30,797,135
Motor Vehicle	<u>80,683,395</u>	<u>89,508,166</u>	<u>93,915,913</u>
TOTAL	\$727,639,630	\$759,936,001	\$1,133,896,084

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September.

The Land Records documents prepared by the Town Clerk's office have been inspected for the period from January 2005 through December 2005. The corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen in 1963, James Thompson of the firm of Buck & Buck Engineering in Hartford was appointed as the Town Engineer. In November 1980, the Ellington Board of Selectmen established the policy that the Town Engineer shall be utilized by all town boards and commissions. Upon the request of a town agency, designation of a temporary town engineer for a particular function to be performed may be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed subdivisions and made recommendations to various land use commissions.
- Reviewed and issued recommendations to land use commissions regarding proposed commercial, industrial, and residential site plans and permits.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Finance Officer is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all financial transactions for the Town of Ellington. Other duties are: investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Continue implementation of new accounting system
- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversee Information Technology
- Bonding Resolution-Open Space
- Bonding Resolution-Pinney Street Fire Station
- CCM Energy Purchasing Program
- Special audit for Ellington High School Project
- Open Space Grant reimbursement – Porter Road properties
- Presentation to Moody's to retain town's credit rating at A2
- Prepare documents for the lease of capital equipment for DPW and EVFD Tanker
- Provided information to State Representative Ted Graziani for Special Legislation for increased reimbursement for Ellington High School Outdoor Athletic Facilities#048-0050 RNV/E. As a result, Public Act Number 06-158 was approved providing increase funding of over \$250,000 for the project.

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the following projects:

- Bid-Asbestos Removal-Ellington Fire Department
- Bid-Crystal Lake School Wells
- Bid-Ellington Airport Sewer Extension
- Bid-EVAC 2006 Ambulance

The Finance Office assisted the Board of Finance in the following areas:

- Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
- Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and contingency funds
- Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections
- Budget Workshop

The Finance Office assisted the Permanent Building Committee in the following areas:

- Ellington High School and Center School projects
- Windermere School Addition project
- Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer assessments, and sewer use charges. The fundamental objective is to achieve the highest collection rate efficiently.

HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY	2003-2004	2004-2005	2006-2006
Current Collections	\$21,985,718	\$23,853,273	\$25,649,069
Back Collections	183,735	275,065	208,188
Interest & Liens	176,675	170,131	247,413
Collection Rate	98.6%	98.8%	99.1%

During the month of June 2005, 20,763 bills were mailed for the October 2004 Grand List. In December of 2005, 2,650 supplemental motor vehicle bills were sent to people who purchased cars between October 2, 2004 and August 1, 2005.

At the Town Meeting for the FY 2006-2007 Budget Year, it was approved to continue to split the Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills in excess of \$600 into two payments. Motor vehicle tax bills are now due in one installment. Delinquent motor vehicles taxes are reported to the State of Connecticut's Motor Vehicle Department, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

Once you are delinquent, you must pay in full all MV bills by name to receive motor vehicle clearance. If it is after Oct. 1, 2006 the 2007 MV bills can be included for payment. Bad checks are charged \$20, and only cash is acceptable in the future. If you do not receive a tax bill, it is your responsibility to inquire and obtain your information.

We also file UCC Liens with the State of Connecticut for unpaid personal property taxes. Tax Liens have been filed for unpaid real estate and sewer user charges, which secure the Town's interest.

Besides tax revenues, the Tax Department also collects sewer user charges, trash user fees, sewer assessments, and water assessments. This results in six separate monthly cycles of preparation, billing and collection.

Delinquent collections require additional staff time and resources. Other avenues of collection are being used, such as tax sales, foreclosures, and tax warrants.

We provide ongoing technical information and assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, bankers, appraisers, and leasing companies. We deal electronically with escrow services and banks which make it more critical for the customer to ask questions if there is a discrepancy.

TOWN CLERK

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office are numerous and varied, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statute governs duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Statistics.

Responsibilities and duties include (but are not limited to) the following.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of all election material including ballots for all elections, primaries, referenda and the issuing of all absentee ballots
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and suits submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

SUMMARY	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Births	120	127	141
Marriages	92	76	88
Deaths	66	76	74
Land Record Recordings	5094	3891	3443
Map Filings	86	100	69
Trade Names	46	40	59
Dog Licenses	1975	1884	1973
Kennel Licenses	5	9	10
Sportsman Licenses	1121 (2003)	1297 (2004)	1784 (2005)
Liquor Permits	16	12	16
Veterans Discharges	43	56	56
Cemetery Deeds	30	38	28

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The planning department services five permanent land use commissions. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission. Department staff consists of a full time Town Planner, a full time Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer, a full time Land Use Assistant and a full time Secretary.

In addition to carrying out our planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff also provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. We also coordinate closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the five commissions, and are then incorporated into local planning documents. Related policy objectives are then translated into land use regulations and related procedures. Department staff help elected and appointed officials achieve the objectives by administering these regulations and procedures.

TOWN ATTORNEY

As town attorney I serve all of the boards, commissions, agencies and officers of the Town of Ellington as their counsel for all municipal activities other than those where a determination has been made that a special counsel is either required or desirable. Generally, I do not attend meetings of any of the boards unless specifically requested to do so on a particular matter. The requirements of this office have dramatically increased over the years primarily due to the increase in development activity necessitating the coordination and review of deeds, easements and bonding. The number of formal contracts, including many contracts with the state and federal government, has greatly increased. All require review and frequently certification by opinion as to the authority of the local action. It is a continuing pleasure to work with the dedicated elected officials, staff and volunteers that make Ellington a good place to live

ATHERTON B. RYAN
Town Counsel

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission (the “PZC”) is responsible to maintain and update the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development, as well as process subdivision, site plan, special permit and other development applications. These applications are processed in accordance with regulations such as the zoning and subdivision regulations. In addition, the PZC reviews proposed public improvements for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the acceptance of proposed public streets and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans through the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

In 2005-2006, commission initiatives included the reorganization and minor revision of the zoning regulations and the commencement of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) review. The zoning regulations were reorganized for clarification and readability while also removing redundancies, removing unnecessary regulation, and aligning uses more closely with the intended zoning philosophy. The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every 10 years and the PZC last amended the plan in phases from 1997 through 1999. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the revised POCD will:

- Establish land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourage economic development and reduce residential development;
- Protect natural, scenic, cultural resources, and promote quality of life for residents;
- Enhance and preserve the rural character and small town aesthetics;
- Establish zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Create more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner.

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the Town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of regulations will be reviewed and possibly amended following the adoption of the POCD.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

The Inland Wetlands Agency (the “IWA”) is responsible by state law to protect our inland wetlands and watercourses. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly or very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) and floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either 100 feet or 250 feet away from these resources, as well as direct impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

In 2005-2006, the Wetland Regulations were completely re-written and brought into alignment with current state statutes. With the adoption of these revised regulations came the ability to allow the designated Wetland Agent of the town to review residential wetland applications greater than 25 feet from a wetland and/or a watercourse. This ability has reduced the amount of wetland applications that the commission has to review on a monthly basis while expediting the process for routine reviews, thus allowing the homeowner to start work earlier in many cases.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Economic Development Commission (the “EDC”) plans for and promotes business development within the community, in order to increase the grand list and balance the tax burden between commercial, industrial and residential land uses. This is essential because certain limitations, such as not having direct highway access, and our limited public sewer capacity and service area, Ellington does not have the range and extent of economic development options that might be available to other similar communities, all of whom are competing for advanced industry and high wage employers.

In 2005-2006, initiatives included providing support to the Ellington Farmer’s Market, and refining the Ellington Tax Abatement program, which encourages growth in existing business while serving as a value-added factor to attract new business. The EDC has also worked with Connecticut Camera Ready, a location site finder provided by the state to the film industry. Most recently, the EDC conducted a business survey to assess the needs and general tone of our local business community.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (the “ZBA”) is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant’s claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. The ZBA also hears appeals from people who feel that department staff had made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations, or if they have been denied a zoning permit from the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission (the “CC”) was created by Charter amendment by splitting certain functions off from the inland wetland agency. By doing so, the Town created a single board that can focus on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space. The commission is advisory, and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, and similar subjects.

In 2005-2006, a major initiative was completed with the Commission’s adoption of the “Plan of Conservation”. This plan provides a tabulation and graphical representation of the inventory of natural resources, open space, and preserved lands in town. The plan also identifies areas of conservation interest based on particular attributes of an area, such as prime farmland, water quality protection, forests, and potential riparian and wildlife corridors. With this plan, it is hoped that future development in town will be conducted with an eye towards protection and enhancement of these important town assets.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ellington Housing Authority operates two housing complexes at 20 Main Street. The two complexes are Snipsic Village 1 and Snipsic Village 2. Combined they contain 42 units of studio and one bedroom apartments for lower-income elderly and disabled individuals. As of December 2005, all 42 units were occupied.

To be eligible to reside at Snipsic Village, an individual must be 62 years of age or older or have been certified as disabled by the Social Security Administration. A couple may occupy a one-bedroom unit provided at least one partner is 62 years of age or disabled.

The most important program administered by the Ellington Housing Authority is the Resident Services Coordinator Program (RSC). In 2005, this program (PA 98-263) was funded by a \$14,785 grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Resident Services Coordinator is responsible for (1) assisting residents to maintain an independent living status; (2) assessing the individual needs of residents for the purpose of establishing and maintaining support services; (3) maintaining regular contact with residents; (4) monitoring the delivery of support services to residents; (5) advocating changes in services sought or required by residents; and (6) providing mediation and conflict resolution services between residents and between residents and management.

The Ellington Housing Authority and our Resident Services Coordinator also provide various social and entertainment programs such as monthly birthday parties, bingo, ice cream socials, a monthly movie, and an exercise program. Space is available in our Community Room for card games, Monopoly and jigsaw puzzles and other games.

The Ellington Housing Authority and its residents are grateful for the volunteer services provided by various town organizations. We would like to offer special thanks to the Ellington Girl Scouts for their volunteer work and the addition of the new Bluebird houses to our grounds.

Snipsic Village is over 30 years old and its age is showing. In the last year, our well pump and associated piping failed and had to be replaced and numerous sidewalk lamps had to be replaced or upgraded to provide safe lighting. A space gas heater was also installed in the laundry room to reduce the cost of electric heat in the Community Building. Numerous other categories of deferred maintenance were also identified such as the need for painting and the need for upgrading the unit's ventilation systems. As apartment appliances fail they are being replaced with Energy Star appliances to help reduce out tenant's utility cost.

The new Community Room was completed in 2005. Its construction was made possible by funding obtained through the Town of Ellington. It is fully air-conditioned and is the site for many Authority and tenant organized activities. It also contains a modern laundry with three washers and three dryers. Also completed in 2005 were four storage sheds to allow our residents storage space outside of their apartments for seasonal and personal items. The Housing Authority used its own funds to bring power and lighting to the sheds.

The Ellington Housing Authority is under orders from the Connecticut Department of Health to install a backup water supply system. Because Snipsic Village currently uses a well, the only alternative is to connect to the Connecticut Water Company Line on Main Street. The Town of Ellington has offered to assist us in obtaining federal funds to pay for the connection.

The financial state of the Ellington Housing Authority is somewhat precarious. Increasing expenses especially for energy and insurance are outpacing our ability to generate additional income. Moreover, we have had to draw down our reserves to pay for emergency repairs to our well, lighting and alarm system.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board presently comprised of five volunteer members including Mark Spurling, Chairman, Daniel Parisi, Co-Chairman, Edward Duell, Rex Myers and Stacie Mikol.

They are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Hockanum Sewer System, the Crystal Lake Sewer System and providing direction for the future of the sewer service areas.

The Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the sewage collection system with one WPCA dedicated employee.

Pamela Lombardo is the WPCA Administrator. The WPCA Public meetings are usually the third Tuesday of each month.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority has started the bidding process for the construction of the public sewer extension to the Ellington Airport Industrial Area. The extension of the public sewer will provide the essential infrastructure to 175 acres of vacant industrially zoned land for development. This project will significantly aid the development of Ellington's economic base.

The \$500,000 STEAP Grant Ellington is still available which was approved by the State of Connecticut was a result of the endorsement and support of Senator LeBeau, Senator Guglielmo, and our Representative Graziani. The Ellington Airport Industrial Area public sewer extension is vital for equitable growth and the development of Ellington's tax base in the future.

The Crystal Ridge subdivision has added 64 new homes to the Crystal Lake Sewer System. This will help spread the Crystal Lake expenses over a larger base.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms. The current Democratic registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican registrar is Wanda DeLand.

The registrars are responsible for conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for maintaining the town's voter records.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 has 1,476 registered Democrats, 1,501 registered Republicans, 3,554 registered unaffiliated voters, and 6 registered voters from other political parties. District #2 has 385 registered Democrats, 408 registered Republicans, 1,028 unaffiliated voters, and 3 registered voters from other political parties.

The Municipal Election was held on November 8, 2005 and budget referendums were held on May 17, 2006, May 31, 2006, and passed on June 14, 2006.

Municipal elections were held at Ellington High School for District #1, and Crystal Lake School for District #2.

Any eligible person wishing to become a registered voter or anyone needing to make corrections to their voter status can do so by mail or in person during regular business hours. Any questions can be directed to the registrar's office sat (860)870-3107.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

There have been no new projects started this fiscal year. There were a few outstanding items on the High School project that Enfield Builders completed for us. The Committee has been working with and cooperating with the town's attorney to close out this project.

Anyone interested in joining the Committee may do so by contacting the First Selectman's office.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The purpose of the Board of Assessment Appeals is to hear the appeals of taxpayers who believe they have been unfairly assessed on the valuation of their real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. The three member board, appointed by the Board of Selectman, conducts appeal hearings; researches property records relative to the complaint, conducts on-site reviews, and adjusts assessed valuation based on board determinations. Connecticut General Statutes permit appointing additional members to the Board during a revaluation year and the year following. Because 2005 was a revaluation year, the Board of Selectman appointed Peter Korbusieski to the Board of Assessment Appeals for two years to assist in the appeals process.

The Board conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles are held in September. By February 20, 2006, the Board received 109 appeals. Appeal hearings on the 2005 Grand List for real estate and personal property were conducted on March 8, 14, 15, 20, 22, 2006. The Board completed processing the appeals on May 31, 2006. Motor Vehicle appeal hearings were conducted on September 6 and September 12, 2005 and the Board processed 11 appeals.

In January, the Board of Selectmen appointed board member Thomas Stack for another three year term and in February he completed 10 years of service on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Office of Emergency Management. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Office of Emergency Management concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

The completion of the high school renovations has enabled us to establish a second certified Emergency Shelter for the town. We have ordered the necessary equipment for the shelter. Once we have everything we will set a date with the American Red Cross to make a certification inspection sometime in the last quarter of this year.

This past year has been extremely busy for the Office of Emergency Management on all levels, federal, state, and local. We have seen severe weather in all parts of the United States, including our own town with the flooding we experienced in October. During that weekend, the emergency services provided service to our citizens from approximately 10:00 p.m. on Friday until late in the day on Saturday and again on Sunday. Because of the large number of hurricanes last year the state has been actively assessing evacuation plans and the ability for towns to cope with a devastating storm such as a category 3,4,5 hurricane. The OEM has been busy planning for distribution points should we have to provide people with water, ice, ready-to-eat meals and tarps.

We are looking for several volunteers interested in becoming members of the Citizens Emergency Response Team. There are many jobs and all training will be provided. If you are interested in helping your community in a time of need please call the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100 or the Office of Emergency Management at (860) 870-3182 and leave your name and number and someone from O E M will contact you.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains and operates the Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large-scale emergency situation, maintenance of an emergency shelter of record, administration of the federally mandated Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the provision of numerous additional services as necessary.

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police personnel is to protect life and property. This is done by a team consisting of a Sergeant, 4 Resident State Troopers, 11 Town Officers, 2 Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland.

The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads.

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. Once again, the Resident Trooper's office applied for and received three separate grants totaling over \$46,300.00 from the Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Safety Program, which has allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends, as well as weekly speed enforcement on the town roadways.

The Town wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of new neighborhoods to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.

During the past year the Resident Troopers and Town Officers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunk driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.

The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.

Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Criminal Cases Investigated	270	262	315
Motor Vehicle Investigations	252	210	182
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	3,513	2,932	2,732
DWI's	63	52	36
Marine Safety Inspections	551	471	412

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for the public safety, health and welfare, as it relates to the use and occupancy of all town buildings and structures.

The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex.

Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

ACTIVITY REPORT

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
New Single Family Homes	79	87	98
New Commercial Buildings	3	2	5
New Multi-Family Buildings	4	0	6
Residential Alterations & Additions	94	92	83
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	186	175	201
Mechanical/Electrical	731	771	852
Other	255	246	315
Totals	1,352	1,373	1,650
Field Inspections	1,633	1,617	1,943

FIRE MARSHALL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office of Town Fire Marshal has both an investigative and a code enforcement role within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes. This investigation work requires determination of the point of origin, the cause and the circumstances of these incidents and necessitates the processing of scenes for evidence, documentation and statements. Search warrant applications are filed and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of almost all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are also mandated by state statute. This requires enforcement of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, Hazardous Chemicals Code, Explosives Code, Liquid Petroleum Gas and Liquid Natural Gas Codes, Gas Equipment Code, Fireworks and Special Effects Code, Oil Burner Equipment Code, Tent and Portable Shelter Code and numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes. In the course of this inspection work liquor licenses are approved and day care centers, group day care homes, blasting operations, all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials are permitted for appropriate state agencies. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning must be permitted, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals must be approved, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistic covering past 20 years	1985-1986	1995-1996	2005-2006
Investigations	80	67	63
Criminal	16	19	23
Non-criminal	64	46	39
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	2	0
Fire Casualties	9	3	2
Fatal	6*	0	0
Non-fatal	3	3	2
Building Fires	35	12	15
Motor Vehicle Fires	13	6	1
All Other Fires	32	25	20
Hazardous Materials Incidents	2	8	18
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$147.9	\$324.0	\$40.5
Criminal	\$10.5	\$0	\$2.5
Non-criminal	\$137.4	\$278.6	\$37.6
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	\$45.0	0
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$20,871.6	\$1,321.0	\$1,391.3
Enforcement Inspections	150	55	546
Commercial	26	12	211
Public Assembly	13	16	39
Educational	6	8	19
Residential (Multi-family)	68	6	194
Hazardous Materials	12	12	51
Other	25	1	19
State Licenses and Permits Approved	-	20	62
Open Burning Permits			
Processed/Approved	-	-	31
Enforcement Citations Issued	134	83	491
Arrests and/or Referrals	3	4	0

* Casualties shown as fatal as result of fire and smoke inhalation; manner of death shown as airplane crash.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vincent L. Gambacorta

DEPUTY CHIEFS: John W. Turner, Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

CAPTAINS: Dominick Cristelli, Jack Rich II

LIEUTENANTS: Robert Smith, Thomas Adams, Brendan Burke

SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Thomas B. Adams	Jonathan H. Allen
Paul Bigelow	Fred Bird	Bryan Blotniski
Duane Boston	Steven Breault, Sr.	Brendan Burke
Stephan Chase	Daniel Connors	Jerry Connors
Jessica Crickmore	Dominick Cristelli	Richard Daugherty
Donald Davis	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Elizabeth Feldman
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.*	Kevin Gambacorta	Vincent Gambacorta
Peter Gomez	Kyle Goulet	Mitchell Griswold
Daniel Grundman	Peter Hany, Jr.	Dan Hoffman
Luke Hoffman	Robert Levandoski	Tammy Lucey
Joey Malone	Vergil Mickelson-Decker	Don Moore
Robert Morganson	Karl Neubecker	David O'Hagan
Daniel Parisi	Robert Parlante	Jack Rich
Jack Rich II	Robert Sandberg, Sr.	Allen Smith
Randall Smith	Robert Smith	Susan Trisler
William Trisler	John W. Turner	Dennis C. Varney
Michael D. Varney	Frederica Weeks	

*2005 Firefighter of the Year

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Arthur Caldwell	Clyde Cordtsen, Jr.
Luis DeCarli	Ralph Edwards	Allan Lawrence, Jr.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. This year we are proud to celebrate our 78-year history of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. During the past several years the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth of the town has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit or the LifeStar Helicopter rescue team are requested.

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of the emergency service delivery team. For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., visit our award winning website www.ellingtonfire.org or leave us a message at 870-3190, someone will get back to you.

GRANTS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department received two federal grants in this fiscal year. A grant of \$242,000 was awarded from the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The department is using this award to upgrade and purchase live fire training equipment increasing their capability to conduct training which had only been available in the past by traveling around the state to regional and state fire academies. The second grant was an award of \$61,500 from the 2005 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This grant will be used to recruit new members into our organization to prolong our ability to maintain a volunteer department. This now totals four competitive grants received in a period of four years by the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a compilation of our emergency response statistics for the time period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. During this period of time our department responded to 706 emergency calls. There were a total of over 603 hours of emergency services provided. This accumulates to over 7091 man-hours donated to provide these emergency services.

To report an emergency enhanced 911 telephone service is available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center.

Fire, Explosion	40
Structural/Building fire	29
Vehicle fire	1
Trees, brush, grass fires	4
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	4
Outside storage fire	1
Fire, other	1
Rescue Call	346
Emergency medical call/ Assist	297
Vehicle Accident, Extrication	32
Extrication from building	2
Water, Ice Rescue	4
Swiftwater Rescue	4
Extrication, Rescue other.....	1
Lock-in	1
Rescue Standby	5
Hazardous Condition Standby	110
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill.....	14
Gas leak	2
Chemical hazard spill or leak	3
Carbon monoxide incident	4
Power line down.....	29
Electrical or Ballast equipment problem	2
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	7
Accident other	11
Vehicle accident no extrication	33
Aircraft Standby	5
Service Call.....	93
Service call, other	3
Lock out	3
Water or steam problem, other	6
Water evacuation, leak	44

Smoke, odor removal	5
Police or other govt. agency assist	16
Public service assistance	5
Unauthorized burning.....	7
Cover assignment, standby, move up	4
Good Intent Call	31
Good intent call, other	9
Cancelled en route, wrong location	6
Authorized controlled burning	2
Prescribed fire	2
Vicinity alarm	1
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	10
Hazmat investigation	1
False Call.....	72
False call, other	2
Alarm system malfunction.....	21
Unintentional alarm.....	42
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	7
Other Type of Incident	14
Flood assessment	5
Lightning strike.....	2
Severe weather standby	3
Other type of incident	4

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 7000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Drills were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Mass Decontamination, Large Foam Operations, Tower ladder operations, Tanker Shuttle and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted / sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Scene Photography, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials Technician, and OSHA reviews. Several regional response team and association meetings were also held at our station throughout the year.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, response to weapons of mass destruction, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, Office of Domestic Preparedness or some other recognized organization/agency accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attending specialty courses held at the National Fire Service Leadership Summit in Washington D.C., Volunteer Chief Officers Symposium in Florida, International Fire Chiefs Conference in Denver, the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Atlantic City, Fire Service Technology Symposium in Seattle, New England State Training Conference in Amherst Mass. and the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

We are very proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I	19
Fire Fighter II/III	22
Fire Service Instructor I	14
Fire Service Instructor II	1
Fire Officer I	8
Fire Officer II	7
Safety Officer	7
Pump Operator	5
Truck Operator	1
Hazardous Materials Operational	20
Hazardous Materials Technician	15
Emergency Medical Technician	21
Medical Response Technician	14
Emergency Medical Services Instructor.....	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

During this last fiscal year the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department in addition to the many thank-yous, was also honored for the third year to have its Chief, Michael Varney recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Chief Magazine as one of the top volunteer fire chiefs in the country.

Several of our officers and members are also very active within regional and state organizations. The officers listed held the following leadership positions in these organizations; Jack Turner; Treasure of Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Michael Varney, Board member of the New England Division of Fire Chiefs and CT Fire Chiefs Associations. Chief Varney also serves on the State Urban Search and Rescue Steering Committee, Statewide Radio System Interoperability Committee Chairman among several other regional and statewide workgroups. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership.

EQUIPMENT

All safety inspections for apparatus and equipment were conducted as required by DOT, DMV, OSHA and NFPA. It should be noted that extensive efforts are necessary to meet these regulations. Examples of specific annual tests include: Apparatus, Ladder, Hose, Pump, SCBA, SCBA Cylinders, and all Fire Extinguishers.

Six new sets of firefighting gear were purchased as part of our annual replacement program. All members are issued their own SCBA facemask and protective carry bag. The fire department completed the UHF radio system for operational use with the apparatus and officers. This past year we were able to purchase items such as forestry hose and firefighting gear at reduced rates using CCROG and the State of Connecticut bids.

Due to our increase in emergency medical responses and training levels we placed additional emergency medical service equipment, portable oxygen units and first responder medical kits in service.

FACILITY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department currently operates from 1 facility at 29 Main Street which houses 9 vehicles, several trailers and all dept offices, equipment and records. Department meeting and training sessions are also conducted at this facility. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections. This past year through the capital improvements program we completed an asbestos abatement within several area of the firehouse. During 2001 we completed the work on a feasibility study for an additional Fire Station in the southern end of town. This station would solve our space

issues while reducing response time to other areas of town, in turn increasing the ability for our organization to better save lives and property. As an organization we have been actively pursuing this project with the Town and hope to have the necessary support to build this new facility soon.

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen eighteen. Explorers participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they also engage in their own training and activities. This past we officially became affiliated with the National Fire Service Exploring program. This year one of our members was profiled on television by PBS to show other teens her individual as well as our programs activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education presentations were conducted. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and mind a safety presence. These included visiting the Elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, Pre-K programs, and the Senior Center and this year signed on and participate as a TRIAD member providing support to this program fun through the Town Social Service office. During the year we also gave numerous tours to groups of our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

STATEWIDE FIRE SERVICE HONOR GUARD

The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard was established to honor the fire service and the firefighters who have given their lives to this honorable calling and their families. Our desire is to see that the highest honor is paid to our fallen brothers and sisters as well as their individual families and their firefighting families. Several members of The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department are very active contributing members to this statewide organization. As such they have been nationally trained and participated in many events this past year. These include departmental funerals and ceremonies, such as the annual State of Connecticut firefighter's memorial service held in Windsor Locks and the National memorial service in Emmitsburg Maryland.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted an incentive program. This program provides funds to run a volunteer incentive program in an attempt to attract new volunteers as well as increase the activity of the current members. Members are paid a monetary stipend based on their activity levels, since its inception we believe the program has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff.

FUTURE PLANNING

The town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved facilities, apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency services committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 77th year of our service to the community a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the Internet at www.ellingtonfire.org.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. John W. Turner was appointed Ellington's E911 Municipal Coordinator in July of 1985 by the Board of Selectmen. Since the start of the statewide E911 emergency network your local coordinator has maintained a Master Street Address Guide, MSAG, for the telephone computer database. This insures that all streets and all numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the E911 database guide. In the past year, with Ellington's surge of growth and building, several new streets were added to the database. Several existing streets were adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during the course of a year conflicts will arise and need to be reviewed by this office. The E911 Municipal Coordinator also consults with the Planning Department and Building Official concerning street names and house numbering.

In cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers Office, this office insures the efficient handling of all 911 calls for assistance. As a member of a regional dispatch center, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAPs is in place and is distributing funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are equitably distributed to all eligible dispatch centers. The formula for distribution of these revenues was revised with the additional revenues arriving for March 2006. Along with the revision, a plan to supplement capital improvements and dispatcher training was implemented.

The new micro wave system was installed. Radio frequency capacity was upgraded. A long range plan for radio frequency distribution was approved and is in the process for implementation over the next eighteen months. The dispatch center staff continued to work closely with the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication to increase the accuracy of the state mapping program in our area.

Increased usage of the system, communications coverage and interoperability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Bryan Harvell
DEPUTY CHIEF: Christopher Marks
CAPTAIN: Brian Pippin
LIEUTENANT: John Wrynn
LIEUTENANT: Doug Rogala
LIEUTENANT: David Wright
SECRETARY: Gretchen Thompson
TREASURER: David Wright

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Tony Hamm	Doug Rogala
Michael Allen	Allen Harvell	Jessica Schillinger
Robert Bonin	Bryan Harvell	Timothy Seitz
Larry Booth	Brian Legare	Hilary Somers
Cindy Bregoli	Gerry MacFeat	Jason Szemrelo
David Bregoli	Greg Manner	Ashley Thompson
Jason Carroll	Christopher Marks	Bruce Thompson
Theresa Chidester	Geralyn Merrill	Gretchen Thompson
Bruce Coles	Anna Meyer	William Trisler
Jennifer Coles	Sara Peletier	Susan Trisler
Tom Descheneaux	Brian Pippin	David Wright
David Dragan	Charles Pippin	John Wrynn
Richard Edwards	Justin Risley	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell Jessica Harvell Reka Wrynn

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis
CO-CHAIRMEN: John Wrynn
CLERK: Tonya Glomboske
BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

The Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department is staffed by state certified firefighters, emergency medical technicians and medical response technicians. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire Academy, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercise, thermal imaging camera technology, water rescue, and ice rescue. This year five members attended dive classes to become certified open water divers. As a member of the Tolland County Dive Team, department members attend dive drills and planning meetings each month.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Medical Response Technicians, work side-by-side with Ellington Ambulance to ensure the best pre-hospital medical possible. In addition, they work the RGH Paramedic and the Life-Star Helicopter for serious medical emergencies. All medical personnel are trained in use of a defibrillator, in case of cardiac arrest. Our members train diligently to make sure our patient receives optimal care.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, and most importantly fire prevention. The department also visits the area day care centers and pre-schools teaching younger children the importance of fire safety and prevention.

We would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe and happy place to live in.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Terry Shook
SECRETARY: Cindy Rivard
TREASURER: Becky York
TRAINING: Donald Lanier
SCHEDULER: Greg York
SUPPLY: Bruce Hoffman
MAINTENANCE: Ray Close
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Corinne Sandberg

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Angie Sandberg	Carrie Caron
Renee Cyr	Diane Turner	Dan Flanagan
Dawn Gerber	Krista Schultz	Jean-Marie Carrier
John Streiber	Katie Dunn	Jennifer Hays

PAID STAFF

Tonya Glomboske	Kim Courville	Scott Fine
John Tennant	Pete Gomez	Luke Hoffman
Jon Morisset	Tom Dolan	John Watts

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Doreen Connor	Alyss Langelo	Hilary Somers
	Debbie Schiessl	

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Bryan Goulet	Bob Parlante	Bill Trisler
Kyle Goulet	Karen Violette	Susan Trisler
Debbie Messier	Natasha Livermore	

VETERAN MEMBERS

Steve Kratzke	Denise Rioux
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ACTIVITIES

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) is a dedicated group of volunteers supplemented by paid staff. EVAC is responsible for providing emergency medical services to the Town of Ellington and surrounding communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During the previous year, responses totaled 809. All crews and equipment meet or exceed State of Connecticut requirements and have been fully inspected and licensed.

In order to provide emergency care in the most rapid time possible, EVAC employs an active first responder system. All members are provided with emergency supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever available. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to the most active members for rapid response in the most critical situations.

During the year, a major upgrade has been planned with the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the oldest unit in service. This new unit is scheduled for delivery in late 2006 and has been purchased without using any tax dollars.

EVAC has continued its commitment to training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conferences to remain abreast of the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision of service. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of providing CPR training and updates to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town will be expanded to provide ease of public access to AED's. The process will also be completed to earn the Heartsafe Community designation for the Town of Ellington.

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Explorer Rescue Post 512. The Post members, all high school students, assist by responding to calls during the daytime hours. They also maintain an active training program which encourages the members to obtain both Medical Response Technician (MRT) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications through the State of Connecticut.

During the year, two teams from Post 512 competed against other teams at the Connecticut EMS Olympics in Cromwell. The senior division team captured first place while the junior division team captured third place in their respective divisions.

As a responsible member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments and the town to streamline services and reduce costs to the taxpayers when possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC has agreed to be the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for the fire and rescue services. This funding will be provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing and result in a reduction of the town budget.

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for good members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care at any hour of the day. All costs for required training are reimbursed to volunteers and all uniforms and equipment are provided at no cost.

For additional information contact EVAC or visit the web at www.ellingtonambulance.org.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Animal Control Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone or by police dispatch. The officers also investigate complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officers. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for delinquent owners begins as well as an ongoing search for unlicensed dogs. The Officers are available to assist the police or the public with any animal emergency. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer Barbara Murdach and Assistant, David Yoho. The Shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officers are available for emergency calls by calling the Ellington Resident Troopers Office and the Animal Control Officer on-call will be contacted by beeper. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals or wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State D.E.P. Wildlife Department and they can be reached at 424-3011. Routine calls will be handled during the normal shelter hours. Ellington Animal Control Officers provide assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. Contact the Ellington Animal Control Department at 870-3155 with any questions or problems pertaining to animals.

An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate on the laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets. This site is located at:

<http://www.ellingtonaco.petfinder.com>

or through petfinder.com search by zip code.

This free website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The Internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets for adoption.

Dogs and cats are adopted out under the Connecticut Animal Population Control Program. This program is for pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides low-cost vaccination and assists with the costs of sterilization. The Animal Population Control Program intends to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats and to also reduce the cost and burden to the towns coping with pet overpopulation. The fee for adopting a pet from a pound in Connecticut is \$50 that includes a voucher for vaccinations and sterilization.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

The Town of Ellington is experiencing an increased growth rate of both people and pets. With this comes an increase in animal-related complaints and duties. Ellington Animal Control's current part-time hours are proving to be inefficient. A good Animal Control program is a community responsibility and should be budgeted as any other program or service available to citizens. The Animal Control Department would like to expand the weekday hours that we are available to the public for routine calls and related duties.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Complaints Investigated	882	847	842
Impounded pets redeemed by owners	57	64	59
Animals Adopted	66	52	39
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	9	16	6
Animal Bites	21	36	24
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	8	22	5
Infractions/Summons Issued	16	9	26
Total Impounded Animals	134	152	108*
Licensed Dogs			1980

*Impounded Animals for 2005-2006 = 80 Dogs, 25 Cats, 2 Rabbit, 1 Rat

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow from all public streets and ways; maintain and operate storm sewers and other drains; care for and maintain all town buildings other than those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; prepare or supervise the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction or reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, drains, public buildings and other structures and construct or supervise the construction of the same; to care for parks, grassed areas in streets and public grounds, including athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission; to plant and care for trees within the street line; to enforce ordinances imposing on owners of property obligations to construct and maintain sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drains; contract with the Water Pollution Control Authority for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. The men of the Public Works Department put in an all-out effort to accomplish the day-to-day demands put on the Department and still be able to accomplish other jobs over and above their daily duties.

NEW EQUIPMENT: The Public Works Dept. purchased a roller and a trailer this year.

ROAD WORK: The following streets were chipsealed this year: Mountain Street, Mountain Road, Upper Butcher, Middle Butcher, Stein Rd, Snipsic Lake Road, Snipsic View Heights, and Shenipsit Street. The following streets were paved: East Porter, Hughes and Lewis Circle. The sanitary sewer and drainage were replaced on Fairview Ave. Ext. and the street paved for a total rehabilitation of this road. Windermere Avenue from Gasek Farms to Abbott Road was completed and paved this year.

Our department has spent a lot of time inspecting new subdivisions that are being built in Town. The multiple heavy rain storms this year have also wreaked havoc with some of our drainage infrastructure. We had to do a complete rebuild of the culvert on Abbott Rd as well as fix the drainage area on Kibbe Rd that runs from the State Forest. We also spent a lot of time elevating trees in town this year.



Abbott Road Culvert Replacement

BUILDING PROJECTS: This year's building projects consisted of the renovation of the Finance Officer's office as well as new tile flooring in the basement level of the Town Hall. The grease trap at the Brookside Pavilion was replaced, and at the High School we worked on the installation of two scoreboards.

The Public Works Dept. submitted two FEMA reports this year. One was for the rain storm on October 15, 2005 and one for the snow storm on February 12, 2006. The Federal Government awarded the Public Works Dept. a total of \$47,558 for reimbursement for our expenses to clean up from these storms.

SNOW REMOVAL: The crews went out 15 times for sanding, salting or plowing. We purchased 1,090 tons of salt, 1,980 yards of sand, and 16,582 gallons of Liquid Calcium Chloride.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 24, 2005. 287 cars, which is equivalent to 222 households, dropped off hazardous waste on this day. Over the last 12 months and including the September 24 collection day, residents dropped off 5,065 gallons on waste oil. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled nearly a 1/2 ton of computers through Chasm Industries. We picked up 1,026 Christmas trees in January.

The following items can now be dropped off at the Town Garage at 21 Main Street: batteries, propane tanks, computer components, fluorescent light bulbs, waste oil, filters and antifreeze. During this fiscal year, 50 new homes were added to our garbage program. This is the amount we estimated for budgeting purposes.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

1. Continued commitment of the four-year road-resurfacing program.
2. Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ellington's Safety Committee received an achievement award from Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Association (CIRMA). This re-formed committee, with the support of the First Selectman, has dedicated itself to creating a safe workplace. It drafted policy statements on general safety and vehicle use; instituted an emergency action plan for employees and visitors, updated injury reporting forms, and addressed the need for a return-to-work program.



Library

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, providing free and equal access to a variety of materials and programs for all residents. The Library plays an active role in the community as a popular materials library, a preschoolers' door to learning, a formal education support center and a community reference source.

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for entertainment and education. The collection consists of items in several formats, including books, periodicals, records, audiotapes, videotapes, compact discs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online reference materials, and equipment, such as tape players and Polaroid cameras. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. Also available are computers for word processing and access to the Internet. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, and recommend reading materials using this collection.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for both adults and children. Story hour sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, and their own summer reading program. For adults, there are book discussion series, cultural programs, concerts, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, outreach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis, and the Library runs a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 88,224 patrons, circulating 111,645 items and answering 3,289 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story hour sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians and birds of prey. The summer reading program, "It's a Pirate's Life for Me", featured Booknear Clubs, crafts, and programs about jelly fish, the Titanic and songs of the sea. Library "pirates" visited the elementary schools to spread the word about the treasures to be found at the library during the summer. Expanded programming for young adults included the summer reading program, titled "Can You Survive the Great Race on HeluHelu Island", craft workshops and a visit by representatives from the State Police crime scene investigation squad, as well as interactive bulletin boards and voting for the Top 10 Teen Titles of the year. Adult events included talks and book-signings by three authors, a mystery-based book discussion series, a spring poetry reading, a musical performance by the always-popular group "Irish to the Last Drop", and a lecture by a professional organizer. The recently designed main-hallway exhibit space was used each month throughout the year for exhibits of the varied works of local artists and photographers. The Library again

participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performers, a card-making workshop, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees.

In August we had a distinguished visitor from Japan, Mr. Seiichi Narita, the corporate historian for Mitsubishi Corp. He came to Ellington to see the library and the stained glass windows purchased with the donation from Baron Yanosuke Iwasaki during the construction of the building in the early 1900s. Baron Iwasaki attended the Ellington School for Boys in the 1870s and later became the second president of Mitsubishi Corp.

The second year of budget cuts made additional impact on library operations, causing cuts in Saturday hours, the elimination of the online reference program and computer upgrades, and drastic reductions in the number of books, periodicals and movies purchased. Many generous patrons and businesses and the Friends of the Library stepped up once again to help offset some of these cuts. Most notable is I-Beez Convenience Store, who donated a steady supply of over one hundred newly released DVDs throughout the year.

A highlight of the year was the first annual "Ellington: Picture Perfect" calendar photo contest. This proved to be a true community event, as residents submitted the photos for the contest, voted for their 12 favorites, and purchased the resulting calendars to benefit the library. Some calendars were shipped worldwide, to Japan, England, Spain, Ireland and Hawaii.

The library grounds benefited from the efforts of Troop 96 Boy Scout Jonathan Cannella, who undertook the replacement of the ailing juniper bushes surrounding the building as his Eagle Scout project.

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, once again illustrating it's importance in the lives of the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	42,307
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	4,144
Children's Books and Periodicals	30,544
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>34,650</u>
TOTAL	111,645

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	37,513
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	1,769
Children's Books and Periodicals	14,994
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>7,609</u>
TOTAL	61,885

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	6,612
Young Adults	634
Children	<u>1,687</u>
TOTAL	8,933



Hall Memorial Library

Information Guide

AREA

Ellington is located 16 miles, northeast of Hartford with 34.8 square miles of area.

ALTITUDE

The altitude ranges from 200 feet to 950 feet above sea level. Most of the town is approximately 450 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the town are 74 degrees during the summer months and 25 degrees during the winter months. Wind directions are south to southwest in the summer, and north to west in the winter.

POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2006, the population was approximately 14,830.

GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Selectman form of government, which operates under a charter adopted in 1975. The Town Meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government. The Board of Finance recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting for approval and sets the tax rate.

STREETS

The Town has 94 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 24.3 mills applied to the 2005 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate and personal property was completed in 2005.

SEWERS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority manages three major sewer systems: Longview, Hockanum River and Crystal Lake. Approximately 90% of the commercially zoned land has direct access to the sewer system. Windermere Industrial Park has either direct or reasonable access to the sewer system.

WATER

The Town is serviced by two water companies which have the capacity of accommodating approximately 70% of the commercial and industrial zoned land. Shenipsit Lake is the largest local water source which spans the borders of two adjoining towns. Crystal Lake is located in Ellington and stretches over an area of 175 acres. The Hockanum River runs north-south and is located in the southern part of town.

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of August 2006 is 2,544 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State College, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$67,277 as of the 2004 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2000 Census, the Town of Ellington had 5,285 housing units, including 365 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes (846 dwelling units), one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

The Town has a privately-owned airport that is centrally located to provide air carrier service to both New York and Boston. The airport can accommodate both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

RECREATION

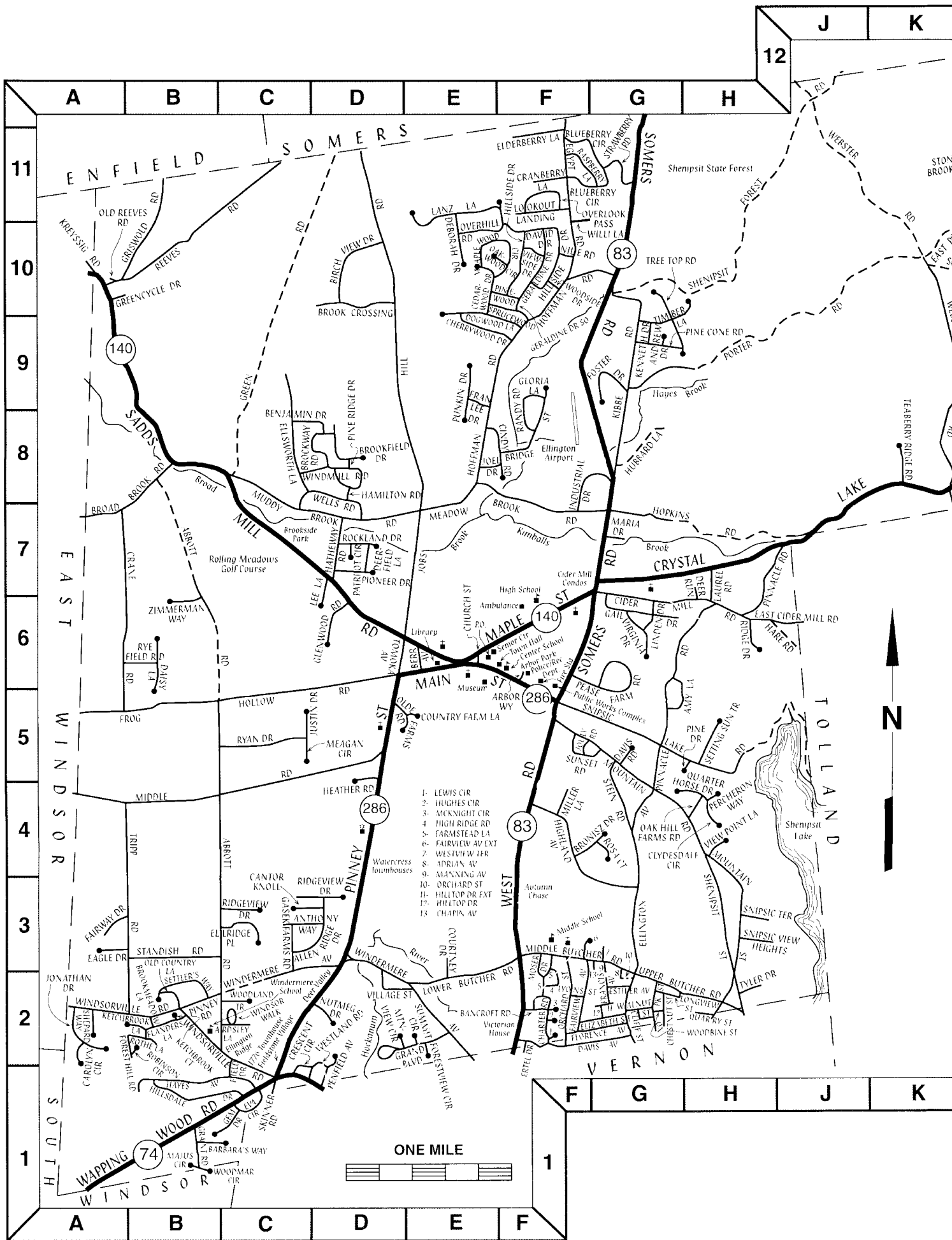
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. Brookside Park Pavilion was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission.

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automobiles, industrial designs and printing.

SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located in the Center Plaza, 16 Church Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continues to make a concentrated effort to provide a cross-section of quality programming on a year-round basis. An earnest effort has been made to create and offer programs, both on a passive and non-passive basis, for all age groups within the community. Additional special events and "creative" programming continue to be of interest to the residents of the community, providing department staff with the opportunity to plan and implement family oriented activities too.

Programs are provided on a cost-affordable basis with financial assistance (scholarships) available to individuals and families based on income guidelines.

The recreation department office is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 870-3118, and the fax number is 870-3198.

Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 - 1:30 pm.

Our general email address is: recreation@ellington-ct.gov. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form.

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. In addition the recreation department and human services department share the services of an administrative assistant. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Those who volunteer are a vital component of the department. We are always indebted to those who have the time, talent, and ability in providing assistance with coaching, transportation, and encouragement.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 300 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form and, once approved, must take part in a National Youth Sports Coaches Association certification program. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to taking part in the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball and soccer.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs seem to thrive within the confines of Ellington, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when

arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and or/individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to: youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events.

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events. The summer day camp has expanded to a.m. and p.m. aftercare this summer.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreation teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission staff is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission staff is very proud that coaches, players and spectators, in general are well versed in their roles regarding their sport and promoting good sportsmanship.

To become eligible for selection to a travel team a player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics, based on evaluations submitted by the head coach and an independent evaluator. Travel teams compete versus surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program only.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, is taking a serious look at the present and future, both short and long term. The current budget dilemma (town-wide annual budget as approved by the Board of Finance) has created a major void in the commission's operational and maintenance line items. Additional revenues must be generated in order to maintain the safety and quality of the existing facilities. The need exists for a long-term athletic facility plan to be formulated. The commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities.

Summer day camp has entered its third year of full-time hours. Field trips and special events are also part of the program.

The department will unveil a new on-line registration system starting mid-September of 2006, and all residents are encouraged to take advantage of the more convenient method of registering via active.net.

The department will continue to publish the quarterly newsletters, using the Ellington Connection as the main vehicle for keeping the public informed of current and upcoming programs. The town website, with instant access, will have the same and in some cases updated information.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL of the part-time staff that service Town programs. Ellington is very fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Summer Day Camp	48 (avg./day)	68 (avg./day)	72
Beach Passes	197	151	149
Swim Lessons	316	292	297
Open Swim	64 days	53 days	58 days
Boys' Basketball	253	270	285
Girls' Basketball	200	210	214
Men's Basketball	125	60	75
Summer Basketball	35	30	40
Instructional Basketball	189	195	210
Men's Volleyball	15	15	25
Co-Ed Volleyball	25	40	39
Women's Volleyball	21	15	20
Girls' Softball	117	170	225
Instructional T-Ball	143	165	225
Women's Softball	17	25	18
Men's Softball	20	15	20
Junior Soccer	639	595	625
Indoor Soccer	68	110	143
Letters to Santa	79	75	40
Tennis Lessons/Camp	73	110	125
Sports Coaches' Clinics	57	30	20
Senior Citizens' Exercise	17	20	20
Mini Programs	1,145	1,248	1,455
Women's Basketball	13	25	35
Basketball Camps	73	80	175
Red Cross Courses	110	90	30
Integrative Programs	50	40	40
Teen Activities	130	220	175
Track & Field	110	115	110
Adult Fitness	48	40	30
Yoga	30	45	60
Jukido	33	35	45
Little League Baseball	325	350	340
Football League	125	175	180
Lacrosse	20	35	45
Soccer Camps	73	65	75



Arbor Place contains the offices of the Recreation Department, Elderly Services, Human Services, and Youth Services and is located at 31 Arbor Way (next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department).



Beachgoers sunning themselves at Sandy Beach on Crystal Lake

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the Human Services Commission is to identify and provide programs that meet the social services needs of the community. The Commission strives to provide programs and services that will improve the quality of life for all residents. The Commission does this by monitoring the social service, health care, mental health and transportation needs of the community. The Commission reviews funding requests from various service providers to determine the most cost effective way to provide the best possible services.

PROGRAMS

Residents are provided direct service or referred to community based programs.

DIRECT SERVICES

BENEFIT COUNSELING: Assistance is provided to individuals in applying for State and Federal programs. Staff will advise applicants of the appropriate program and its guidelines. Programs include Social Security Benefits, Title XIX, Food Stamps, Veterans Benefits, ConnPACE, Renters Rebate, CHOICES Counseling and the HUSKY Program.

DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDS: Limited funds are available to assist residents with non-recurring emergency needs. Households must meet certain income guidelines. Maximum benefit: \$300 per calendar year. Funds are used to pay partial rent/mortgage, heating/utility cost, prescriptions and other monthly expenditures that a household may incur.

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable food items and food vouchers are available to individuals and families in need.

HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: These programs assist eligible household to pay their winter heating bills. Households must meet Federal Income guidelines. Limited financial assistance is available from the Tri-Town Fuel Bank, Operation Fuel, and Discretionary Program Funds. Similar guidelines apply.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING: Holiday food baskets and toys are collected and distributed to individuals and families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Households must meet certain income guidelines.

HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM: Funds for this program come from a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. To be eligible, low-moderate income residents must live in the housing units. Landlords owning buildings in Ellington with up to seven units whose tenants meet the income guidelines are eligible for assistance. Typical repair work addresses building code violation and other serious maintenance problems. These no-interest loans must be repaid to the Town when the home is sold.

SALVATION ARMY: Funds are available through the Salvation Army Service Unit to meet emergency and supplemental needs of individuals and families. Funds are used to provide food and clothing vouchers, rental/mortgage assistance, heating and utility costs, and prescription costs. Camp Connri applications and campership information are available through Human Services and the schools.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: Health care services are provided by local agencies. The principal agency serving the Ellington community is Visiting Nurse & Health Care Services of Connecticut, Inc. (VNHSC). The agency offers a comprehensive range of in-home health care services. Services are available on a fee for service basis. Programs promoting good health, public education, and community awareness of early prevention and detection of diseases are sponsored by the VNHSC and the North Central District Health Department.

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY: Counseling is available for individuals and families through local mental health providers serving the Tri-Town area. In times of crisis or stress there are 24-hour hotlines available to the caller. Limited counseling for youth and their families is available through Youth Services by appointment / referral.

TRANSPORTATION: Dial-A-Ride service is available to the elderly and disabled residents for employment, medical appointments, and local recreation and socialization within the Greater Hartford area. Vans are wheel-chair accessible. Advance reservation is required. For rides outside the of the Tri-Town area, ADA transit service is available. Rides are scheduled Monday through Friday by calling Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.

The Senior Center also provides door-to-door service to the center and to shopping and medical appointment. Medical appointments are scheduled through the center's E-MATS Program.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Human Services Commission completed a Needs Assessment of Elderly Housing and

Other Social Services. The survey was divided into two groups: 60+ and Boomers. Questionnaires were mailed to a random population in each group. Focus groups were also conducted throughout the survey period. The survey topics included questions on current and future needs and concerns. Key topic areas were housing, financial planning, transportation, care giving, health care, medical and prescription coverage, and social activities. The University of Connecticut Health Center, Center on Aging conducted the survey. Results of survey data will be used to determine future housing needs for the elderly, the need for a new senior center, and the types of programs and services that Human Services will need to provide to meeting the demands of a changing aging population.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	27	27	10
Operation Fuel	1	3	0
ACCESS Fuel Program	125	110	121
Salvation Army Vouchers	3	9	6
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	40	49	50
Salvation Army Camp Connri	6	1	0
Thanksgiving	41	46	53
Christmas	46	44	56
Renters' Rebate	73	76	77
AARP Tax Program	68	92	105
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	41	60	42
Food Pantry	42	56	52
Notary Services	38	27	22

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The North Central District Health Department provides Ellington with full-time health department services and is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day for emergencies.

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. John Golon and Shawn Costello serve as Ellington's representatives to the Board. The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services (both registered sanitarians), a Health Educator, nine sanitarians and a support staff of 2.5 clerical workers. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for bookkeeping, auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention and surveillance and health promotion in the district's population. The District is responsible for programs in a number of areas including:

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.

- Assisting private physicians in obtaining free vaccine from the state for childhood immunizations.

- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.

- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.

- Water quality testing of bathing areas.

- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for system repairs and/or expansion.

- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples such as insects and birds as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.

- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.

- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.

- Monitoring the health status of the population.

- Assistance to the Department of Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.

- Development of a Pandemic Response Plan for Avian Influenza including exercising said plan. Also, continued review and modification of our All Hazard Plan including Point of Dispensing (POD) planning to ensure public health and safety is maintained.

HIGHLIGHTS

The director continues to review all communicable disease reports from labs, physicians and hospitals pertaining to residents of Ellington and follows up on any cases that need to be followed to stop any potential transmission. He manages the department which recently purchased a building for its main office in Enfield. Ellington is now served out of the new Enfield office at 31 North Main Street, the Stafford office and the relocated Vernon office at 375 Hartford Turnpike.

Health Education programs continue in the District. With the hiring of a full time health educator, health education programs will increase within the District. Currently, a variety of exercise programs and nutrition classes are available to residents throughout the District. This is made possible through funding from a state grant. Furthermore, an asthma diagnosis program has been implemented in Windham and will soon be expanded to more towns. This *Easy Breathing Program*® enables pediatricians to more easily recognize asthma in young patients and therefore significantly reduces emergency room visits and after hour calls. Grants are being sought

in order to expand these programs so that they can have a sustainable presence in each of the eight towns represented by the North Central District Health Department.

West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and rabies are subjects of continued surveillance by the department with advice to the public on prevention on our web site (www.ncdhd.org) along with application forms for permits, links to related sites on Public Health and other information about our services and current public health news.

The District's bioterrorism and all hazard activities involving member communities included training, seminars, credentialing and other activities which totaled 353.5 hours over 139 days during FY 2005-2006.

We continue to meet our Bioterrorism Grant requirements for equipment, planning activities, exercises and drills. Most of our staff has completed required training in the area's ICS 100, 200 and 700. They will be required to complete IS800 National Response Plan training during the next fiscal year.

Don Davis, EMD, has been instrumental in drill evaluations and was a key evaluator in two major exercises during the past year: the State Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Exercise, April 2006 in Glastonbury, and the East Hartford SNS exercise, July 2005. Don has also continued the credentialing initiative in Ellington with recent additions as well as a critical player in our emergency response planning efforts.

Additionally, the NCDHD Emergency Response Coordinator has also played a major role in the regional SNS exercise as Co-Lead Evaluator. He worked closely with State Department of Public Health staff and Point of Dispensing (POD) planners culminating in the April exercise.

The NCDHD has also participated in the Bradley International Pandemic exercise in June 2006 in both planning and operations. Most of our staff was involved in the event as health staff members or victims. We also participated in the East Hartford Quarantine and Isolation Drill, July 2006. All of these activities will assist us as we prepare for our own Pandemic Exercise scheduled for November 2006.

During FY 2005-2006, we continued our efforts to recruit clinical and non-clinical personnel in our member towns. We will be holding informational seminars in the next fiscal year to educate our volunteers and municipal partners for emergency planning.

In the future, we plan to complete our addendum to the All Hazard Plan including Pandemic Flu and modify and update our smallpox appendix.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2005-2006 again indicates that Ellington is the most active town in the District in the area of single family homes with septic systems and/or wells.

While the total number of new lots tested and new subdivision plans submitted were down, there was an increase in new permits issued for septic systems and wells and an increase in plot plans for individual lots.

The number of complaints registered with the District more than doubled. The District inspects complaints related to housing, trash, rodents and insects, sewage and water quality, and the food service industry (restaurants, etc.).

The water quality (bacteria levels) at the town beach on Crystal Lake is monitored by our Department. Water samples taken at the beach are sent to the State Health Department Laboratory for testing. The water samples again have tested satisfactory for swimming.

The inspections and investigations are listed on the following page. It should be noted that raw numbers are no indication of time spent or the relative complexity of inspections; therefore a comparison is only possible in the most general sense.

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Soil Tests (Total)	153	100	76
New	137	90	67
Repair	16	10	9
Septic Permits			
New	18	30	41
Repair	22	13	13
Septic Inspections	172	210	217
Well Permits	37	47	57
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	191	172	168
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	57	80	43
New Plot Plans	63	41	83
Repairs	23	20	18
Wells Only	42	34	48
Well Water Test Reviews	26	37	66
Permits to Discharge	26	29	47
Food Licenses Issued	34	35	39
Temporary Food Permits	22	18	16
Food Service Inspections	550	93	66
Plans Reviewed for Food	1	-	4
Food Orders Issued	3	7	-
Complaints (Total)	30	18	42
Garbage & Refuse	8	2	5
Housing	8	5	10
Rodents & Insects	7	2	4
Sewage Overflow	3	6	9
Water Quality	-	2	3
Food Complaints	1	1	6
Miscellaneous	3	-	5
Complaint Orders Sent	4	4	6

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. is a multipurpose social service agency located in Rockville/Vernon. The mission of HVCC is to assure that the social service needs of low income and/or disabled residents of the Tolland County area are met. Services available include:

TRANSPORTATION: HVCC provided over 30,496 rides to area residents during FY 2005/2006 covering over 137,724 miles. Over 25 registered Ellington residents took 736 rides.

COUNSELING: HVCC's counseling department is a full service out patient clinic serving area residents experiencing emotional, behavioral or substance related disorders with individual therapy, family therapy, medication management, assessment, evaluation and group therapy.

Over the past 12 months HVCC's counseling department has provided the following services to area residents; Individual services (including medication management) 4,911 appointments, Group Counseling 1555 units of services. We have provided assessments and evaluation to 627 new clients during the past 12 months. Eight percent of all referrals for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment come from residents of the town of Ellington.

TRI-TOWN PANTRY: In the average month, the Pantry provides 649 bags of food for over 1108 households. During FY 2005 over 13,299 and 3516 elderly people were served in addition to some 21,301 adults. During the holidays, (Thanksgiving) 389 families, including 2423 children received holiday food baskets. At Christmas, 439 families, including 2735 children received holiday food and gifts. Over 108 Ellington families received food from the Tri-Town Pantry during FY 2005.

ELDER SERVICES: During the past year 74 new clients have come into the program through outreach visits. Staff has provided 423 hours of counseling and 696 hours of social support. The adult volunteers, 52 in number, have given 2880 hours of time. Their services include friendly visiting; medical rides for frail elderly, grocery shopping and making reassurance calls.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: The HVCC Thrift Store, although no longer funded by a Job-Readiness grant, continues to mentor high school students with special needs. We provide a forum for them to showcase their talents while learning a skill and giving us some much needed help in return. We also provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. In fact, if someone is without funds a gift certificate is provided for him/her to shop in anonymity. Good Cents continues to receive donations and volunteer assistance from a very generous community. We completely renovated the entire inside of the store to make it more functional and appealing. Volunteers are always welcome to join our team. The excess income generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs of HVCC.

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. offers Home Health, Hospice and Wellness Services to residents of twenty-five communities in Eastern and North Central Connecticut. VNHSC is part of the continuum of care that communities depend on to provide services to their elderly, frail and disabled residents.

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing Care
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Medical Social Work
Home Health Aide
Homemaker
Companion
Choreperson
Personal Care Attendant

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

Routine Hospice Home Care
Inpatient Hospice Care
Respite Hospice Care
Continuous Hospice Care

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Bereavement Support Groups
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Diabetic Nursing
Enterostomal Therapist
HIV/AIDS Program
Nutritional Counseling
Palliative Care
Pastoral Care
Psychiatric Nursing
Rehabilitative Nursing
In-Home Tele-Health Monitoring

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

Adult Day Center
Alzheimer's Support Groups
Corporate Wellness
Elder Wellness
Flu Immunization
Lifeline Partnership with ECHN
Meals-On-Wheels
Stroke Support Groups

V. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	4882
Physical Therapy	839
Occupational Therapy	261
Speech Therapy	18
Medical Social Work	171
Home Health Aide	2685
Homemaker	1440
Companion	80
Total Visits	10,376
HOSPICE	739 Visits
ADULT DAY CARE	920 Days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	2236 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	474 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	129 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, competent case management services, and to help clients reclaim responsible control over their lives and reenter society as productive citizens.

HIGHLIGHTS

Tri-Town Shelter Services provides emergency shelter for fifteen residents, either individuals or families and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Given our 15 bed capacity, we have the capacity to provide shelter for a total of 5,460 evenings. During the past year we provided shelter for 294 clients. Of these clients, 151 were un-duplicates. This means that they were first time consumers of our services within this time period. The ethnic breakdown is: White (117), Black (28), Hispanic (4) and Asian (2). During this period we had 4,714 bed nights occupied with a 87% utilization average for the year. For this contract period we provided referral and/or advocacy services to a total of 2,926 callers, an average of 243 per month. We maintain an extensive service provider database that enables us to link people with appropriate agencies and organizations for support and services.

According to the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, 33,000 people in CT experience homelessness in a 12 month period; 13,000 of these are children and this equates to 20,000 households in need of housing over the course of a year. Their most recent publication (Spring 2004) entitled, A Social Barometer for CT, states that "Over the past five years the number of housing related requests handled by 2-1-1 Specialists increased by 120%, compared with the overall number of service requests which increased by 53%. During the same time period the number of calls from homeless individuals increased by an astounding 357%." This trend, along with the factors contributing to homelessness, further widens the

gap between supply and demand. Locally, we are here to serve the undesirable plight of those who have been overcome by "life's curves."

During the intake process with a client the contributing factors resulting in a person being homeless are identified and addressed through intentional case management and effective collaboration with other providers. Individualized service plans are created and residents meet weekly with the Service Coordinator to ensure that they are complying with program rules and their Service Plans. By addressing these contributing factors and adopting an empowerment and equipping model, we decrease recidivism.

PROGRAMS

Along with providing emergency shelter, we have a multi-function room from which we run a Computer Lab, Life-Skills Lab and Learning Lab. These programs are intended to promote personal awareness and growth, as well as skills development and a healthier work ethic. Thanks to the generosity of the Junior Women's Club, we were able to purchase curriculum for each of these educational and skills development services. Throughout the year clients have accessed this resource. For those clients with resumes, upon discharge, they are given an updated version on floppy disk for future reference.

In an effort to promote personal growth, we offered workgroups at least monthly. These are mandatory program requirements and both internal and external sources were utilized to facilitate these workgroups. Workgroups cover a broad range of topics inclusive of: communication, conflict resolution, team work, personal hygiene, budgeting, legal aide, codependency, healthy relationships, resume writing, and job search strategies. Outside providers covered all of the pertinent medical and mental health topics during this period.

In recognition that our residents have not had positive role models at critical times in their lives, we continue to offer a Mentoring Program. Members of the Board, staff and community volunteers who have completed a in-service based on the material provided by the Governor's Office of Prevention are matched with a client. Healthy role models and intentional mentoring are vital elements for optimal personal growth and productivity.

Our continued success, and the positive outcomes for our clients, depends on maintaining relationships with community businesses, agencies and individuals. In an effort to grow partnerships and nurturing existing relationships with our funding sources, we have maintained high visibility in the community. My membership in the Greater Rockville Area Clergy Council has been a source of support and inspiration. As a result of this partnership, many tours of the facility have been given to their respective members. This year the Talcottville Troop 11 Boy Scouts of America had a scout who chose us as the charitable organization at which he did his community service project to attain his Eagle Scout rank. On Sunday, May 21st I had the opportunity to speak at the Eagle Scout Ceremony and to elaborate on the projects benefit to the daily operations of the shelter.

Thank you for your continued financial support and on a more personal note, I would be delighted to give your readers a tour of our new facility. On behalf of the board of directors, staff and program participants, thank you for your partnership. In light of the ever changing economic and employment landscape, we recognize that many of us are only a paycheck away from being residents of a shelter ourselves. Consequently, our service will be characterized by grace, humility, empathy and supportive care.

Pieter Nijssen
Executive Director

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

As a department of Ellington Human Services, Youth Services mission is to provide programs and services, while building relationships which bond youth in a positive way to their families, schools, peers and community.

The staff of Youth Services is here to support and assist children from birth to 18 years old through the many life transitions. Youth Services provides programs that strengthen and develop essential life skills needed to succeed in many challenges facing the youth of today. The staff of youth services consists of a full-time director, a part-time assistant program coordinator and volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2005-2006 year, Youth Services had a total of approximately 2,135 children and their families participate in the following programs.

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Through out the year, 20 children and families were provided this service.

Querks: A six week in-school program for kindergarteners and 1st graders which teaches the students social skills and self-esteem. This program was provided to Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake Schools.

All Star Communicators: Youth Services is proud to have developed a program for 4th graders. The program is for 6 weeks and is facilitated in the classrooms. The main goals for the program are to increase positive peer relationships, teach and reinforce the use of conflict resolution skills and recognize and cope with feelings. All the 4th grade classrooms in Windermere, Crystal Lake and one classroom in Center participated in the program. Due to the success at the Center School, All Star Communicator developed into a 6 week after-school program.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th grades to enhance life skills like dealing with feelings, communication, and social skills. This program ran for two sessions, working with total of 17 children. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion group on topics of grief, social skills and smoking cessation (at high school level).

Journey: An after-school program for 7th graders focusing on respect, diversity and bullying had a total of 11 students participated.

ROPE: A total of 65 6th grade students participated in Right of Passage Experience (ROPE), a 10 session after-school community initiative which guides the students in developing decision making and leadership skills. For facilitators we had a total of 11 high school students and adults.

Homework club: A total of 20 5th and 6th graders meet with 18 high school students once a week for 15 weeks to assist with study skills and homework.

Summer programs: One of most successful summer programs is Family Movie and Dinner Night. At a low cost a family enjoys a movie and pizza dinner, each movie was sold out for total of 120 participants.

Halloween Happenings: For the 4th year of running this program, our numbers have increased. Approximately 600

children and their families enjoy an evening of costumes, crafts, cookies, games and treat or tricking.

Spring Fling: In partnership with Parks and Recreation Department, we celebrated spring with crafts, games and snacks. Approximately 70 children with parents attended a morning of fun and good weather.

Beach Blast: To celebrate the end of the school year, youth services ran the 8th annual Beach Blast for 5th and 6th graders at Crystal Lake Beach.

Bike Safety and Car Seat Check Clinic: To start the summer off, youth services sponsored a free bike helmet give away and fitting. We were able to give away about 120 helmets to families in Ellington.

Cross-age teaching: This year youth services assisted the middle school in their cross-age teaching program between middle school and 6th grade students.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach worker serves as a link between the elderly and programs, services, and agencies that enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment, and can assist them in finding other housing or short/long term care options as needed. The Outreach Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington elderly and their families to provide information and counseling on service options/interventions and educational information.

SERVICES

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessments for programs and services.
- Make appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management.
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to, ConnPACE, Medicare, Medicaid/Title 19, Foodstamps, Veteran's Health Services, Energy Assistance, Elderly Homeowner's tax credit, Basic & Additional Veteran's tax credit, Renter's Rebate, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, the Geropsychiatric Day treatment program, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, and legal aid services.
- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on tax credit programs for elders and veterans.
- Works with the Ellington Senior Center to provide informational programs and clinics to the senior public.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coordinated the formation of the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program and held the Kick off Ceremony on Oct. 11, 2005 where 70 Seniors had forms and photos taken for the Yellow Dot program. Then on June 11, 2006 we hosted the Senior Safety Information Program and Ice Cream Social which was attended by 100 persons.
- Collaborated with the Ellington Senior Center Director for the following: annual Flu Shot clinic/107 attended; held 4 separate programs for the public on the new Medicare Part D prescription drug program and total attendance was 215

persons; Social Security speaker on the Low Income subsidy benefit/40 attended; Funeral "Forethought planning" program/28 attended; Reverse Mortgage program/19 attended; Legal issues/25 attended; ECHN motivational speaker/26 attended; and Hospice Benefit program/6 attended.

- Responded to 42 calls regarding home owner tax credit issues, and assisted 31 elders in completing their Homeowner's Tax credit applications, and 21 in completing the Additional Veterans Tax credit applications.

- Responded to 75 contacts about ConnPACE, and assisted 55 clients in completing the application, and paid the application fee for 9 clients.

- Mailed out 9 packets of information on Living Wills and assisted 3 clients in completing the forms. Addressed other legal issues for 26 other clients.

- Assisted 29 clients with Medicaid/Title 19 issues and applications.

- 565 telephone counseling calls regarding Medicare, Medicare Part D, ConnPACE, and/or the Social Security Low Income Subsidy benefit

- 237 direct client contact appointments (in-home or in the office) for Medicare, Medicare Part D, ConnPACE, and/or the Social Security Low Income Subsidy benefit (this does not count the attendees of group programs)

- Provided information on Medigap health insurance to 28 senior clients.

- Received 51 contacts regarding housing options for seniors, and assisted 6 clients with filling out applications. Succeeded in assisting 3 senior clients in applying for and being accepted into the new Wells Country Village Affordable Assisted Living apartments.

- Ongoing recruitment for "Friendly Visitors" for isolated elders, and currently has 6 dedicated volunteers who gave 185 hours of friendly visiting hours this year.

- Received 44 calls regarding transportation issues and assistance/referrals given for EMATS and Hockanum Valley Dial-A-Ride programs.

- Arranged for 3 Lifeline installations.

- Completed 39 Renter's Rebate applications with elderly clients.

- Participated in a WTIC radio show with Erin Graziani on Senior Services in Ellington!

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington is currently the same person who has been hired by the town to be the Elderly Outreach Worker.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Senior Center is a focal point for individuals age 60 and older to gather for socialization and programs that promote healthy aging.

STAFFING

The Senior Center staff consists of a full-time Director, part-time Assistant to the Director and three part-time van drivers. The Town sponsors a federal program, Easter Seals, and employs a part-time receptionist. We are privileged to have 45 wonderfully talented volunteers of all ages!

HIGHLIGHTS

We offer a variety of activities from exercise programs, dance classes, tai chi classes, painting classes, mahjongg, bridge, setback, pinochle, knitting and other craft classes. The trips we offer, is another highlight for the Senior Center. For individuals who enjoy music, we invite you to join us in the evening for our Musical Insights program.

For the second year, the Town received another grant for our EMATS (Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services) from North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) to enhance our transportation services by offering residents rides to non-emergency medical appointments. The Ellington Medical Transportation Services (EMATS) grant program runs from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. The Senior Center received written confirmation that another grant through NCAAA for the EMATS program is awarded for October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The EMATS Program is funded in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

Memories and Creative Writing group published its 2nd book! This group of individuals is working on their next publication. We always welcome newcomers to join our group! The group meets on the third Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Come share your stories written or orally with us.

The Senior Center Director and Municipal Agent continue to work together to co-sponsor some programs, such as the annual Flu Clinic and entitlement program information presented at the Senior Center. This year the Senior Center assisted with TRIAD through the municipal agent.

The Elder Wellness Program is contracted through The Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc., that offers monthly blood pressure and diabetic screenings at the Senior Center.

Volunteers are very active in fundraising efforts for the Senior Center! Our first intergenerational Variety Show in October 2005 provided us with \$10,000 towards a new Senior Center. Our Variety Show, Harvest Moon Revue, was most successful due to the fact we had many talented volunteers of all ages who worked with the EHS students in the Opening Knight Players under the direction of Bill Prenetta.

The Senior Center staff is very grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers. Thank You! We thank the community for their support in attending our fundraisers.

The Town Crier News is our monthly newsletter that includes a detailed description of our programs and a calendar of events. The Town Crier is available at the Senior Center and various places in town. Or you may obtain The Town Crier News by visiting the Town's website: www.ellington-ct.gov click "Our Town News" (blue column), select "newsletter", select "Senior Center".

The Senior Center is located at 16-18 Church Street in the Center Plaza. Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For further information and/or volunteer opportunities contact the Senior Center at 870-3133.

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The 2005-06 year has been one of continued success despite difficult budget reductions and a time of change and transition for the Ellington Schools.

No doubt the most significant changes to the school system this year were the retirements and resignation of five administrators, the most significant being the retirement of Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard E. Packman. Dr. Packman announced his retirement in the fall as he accepted a part-time position as Superintendent of Schools in Pomfret, CT. Dr. Packman had served as Ellington's Superintendent since 1995. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Packman added several new instructional programs, oversaw three major building projects and worked with administrators and staff to improve test scores. After a five month national search, Mr. Stephen Cullinan was hired in April to replace Dr. Packman as Ellington's Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Cullinan comes to Ellington with twenty-five years of administrative experience, most recently as the Superintendent of Schools in Vernon, CT. Mr. Cullinan has also served as high school principal in Windsor Locks, Wallingford and Windham. Mr. Cullinan holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College in political science, a master's degree from Fairfield University in school counseling, a sixth year degree from Central CT State University (CCSU) in administration and supervision as well as post-graduate work at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Peter Martin, Director of Educational Services, also announced his retirement at the end of the 2005-06 school year after more than eleven years of service to Ellington. Dr. Martin worked closely with teachers and administrators to improve district curriculum and student performance as well as overseeing the district's professional development program. Dr. Martin was replaced by Dr. Erin McGurk. Prior to coming to Ellington, Dr. McGurk served as Director of the Partners in Attracting and Retaining Teachers program at CCSU. Prior to working at CCSU, Dr. McGurk worked in the West Hartford School System. Dr. McGurk holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and French, a master's degree and a sixth year degree from Saint Joseph College, and an Ed.D. from CCSU.

The high school administrative staff also went through a major transition with the retirements of principal, Dr. Eileen Kouba, and assistant principal, Mr. Jack Leonard. Dr. Kouba had been principal of Ellington High School for thirteen years. Mr. Leonard joined Dr. Kouba as assistant principal in 1995. These two exceptional administrators guided the high school through an intensive New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process as well as through a major renovations and additions project which lasted over two years.

At the same time, Dr. Barbara Ripa resigned her position as principal of Ellington Middle School after thirteen years, to accept a superintendent of schools position in Massachusetts. Dr. Ripa was principal during the 1998 renovations and additions to the middle school.

Replacing these excellent administrators was not an easy task, but after extensive searches, the Board of Education hired three equally gifted administrators. Mr. Neil Rinaldi was hired as the high school principal. Mr. Rinaldi came to Ellington High School from South Windsor where he was associate principal of Timothy Edwards Middle School and director of music. Mr.

Rinaldi had also served as assistant principal and music department chair in Windsor Locks. Mr. Steve Moccio replaced Mr. Leonard as assistant principal. Mr. Moccio was vice principal for academic affairs at West Springfield High School in Massachusetts prior to coming to Ellington. Mr. Moccio's background is in the sciences. Lastly, Mr. David Pearson was hired as the new principal of Ellington Middle School. Mr. Pearson had been principal of the Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford before coming to Ellington. Prior to becoming principal of Two Rivers, Mr. Pearson worked in the communities of South Windsor, Farmington and Granby. His background is also in music. Each of these new administrators adjusted well and had excellent first years as Ellington administrators.

In summary, there have been major changes in the leadership of the Ellington School System. The Board of Education is pleased and confident that this new leadership will continue to carry on the tradition of excellence of its predecessors, moving the district forward as Ellington meets the challenges of a growing community.

Each year, the Board of Education identifies two or three goals which staff focus on to improve education and student performance. This year, the district established three focus goals for 2005-06 which became the primary emphasis for the school year.

The first goal was to improve learning for all students by reviewing and refining the Student Assistance Team (SAT) process. The SAT includes both special and regular education teachers working together to observe, assess and develop appropriate early intervention strategies for students determined to be at-risk of failing. To that end, district teachers and administrators began by participating in nine hours of fall inservice training, analyzing our current SAT process to determine its strengths and weaknesses. Staff in each school then spent a day on the Reflective Team Process with facilitators from the Special Education Resource Center (SERC). Teachers received training on observational assessment strategies including data collection, documentation of concerns and development of an SAT action plan to promote higher student achievement. Although each school's process is still evolving and varies somewhat, early student performance data appears to indicate positive actions including a drop in misbehaviors, an increase in student grades and a lower referral rate to special education.



Elementary school students busy at play

The second focus goal was to increase support for the school system by promoting effective communication between our schools and the community. In compliance with *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) legislation, a formal District Parent Compact was developed this year which specifies improved ways of involving Ellington parents at the district level. A similar School Level Parent Compact was created last year. This year, we saw an increased attendance at parent-teacher meetings and school events. Communication with parents has always been an important district initiative. Teacher, principal and districtwide newsletters continue to be sent in an effort to keep parents updated on their child(ren)'s progress and the community informed of our students' achievements, district initiatives and needs.



Read Across America at Windermere

The third goal of 2005-06 was to continue to improve student learning through curriculum initiatives with an emphasis on the assessment component of curriculum mapping and *Understanding by Design (UbD)*. This is the third year the staff has focused on this curriculum initiative and we are pleased to report that considerable progress has been made in this area. A growing percentage of the curriculum has been mapped electronically and aligned with state learning standards employing *UbD*, a format which promotes greater student understanding of key concepts. The mapping provides a framework that includes content, skills and assessments all revolving around essential questions that are clearly tied to the Connecticut Frameworks. Our objective is to improve student performance by conducting assessments for every major standard in the state curriculum frameworks for language arts, mathematics and science.

Ellington continued its participation in the Open Choice Program where students from more diverse communities enroll in Ellington schools. Eight students attended Center School and six attended Windermere. Support was provided to make sure these students had a successful academic year. The program was quite successful and we anticipate these students will return again next year.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

To meet NCLB regulations, Connecticut now mandates standardized testing of students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. These standardized tests continue to be revised and we are now in the fourth generation of the Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMTs). To prepare for the new generation of the test, teachers worked to strengthen students' skills in language arts and mathematics. Staff especially focused on areas that were

challenging to students the previous year, such as editing and revising in language arts and problem-solving in math. Teachers across the district worked together during grade level meetings to revise the K-3 writing curriculum maps to incorporate materials and themes from the new language arts program.

A program based on National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) standards is being developed to improve student performance in critical stance testing. Specific lessons were presented targeting prediction, figurative language, drawing conclusions, inferences and summarizing. Weekly lessons were provided in these challenging higher-order thinking skills. This program will continue next year with the intent of improving CMT performance.

Science will be added to the CMT in the spring of 2008. In preparation, the Science Committee made great progress in redesigning the curriculum to meet the new state science standards. The expected performances outlined by the new Frameworks resulted in significant realignment of grade level curriculum as well as the need to develop new course content. This work will continue in 2006-07.

The district's commitment to early intervention programs in reading and mathematics continued despite the elimination of the Reading Recovery program. This early intervention primarily focuses on students in kindergarten through second grade.

Teachers in kindergarten through third grade implemented the new Houghton Mifflin language arts program this year. This new textbook series replaced a fourteen year old text which no longer met state learning standards. We hope to expand the series to grade 4 next year.

Windermere's Immigration Day was, as usual, a great success. The program, which was created after September 11 when Ellis Island was closed for an extended period of time, was designed to provide sixth grade students with a realistic version of what immigrants experienced as they entered this country. The program has grown in popularity and includes not only school staff but community volunteers. Activities include performances of ethnic songs and dances in costumes designed by students. The day culminates with a closing ceremony where immigrants (students) are sworn in by a local presiding judge and become citizens.



Career Day at Windermere

The most involved program at Windermere School in terms of planning and coordination is the Career Day Program for sixth grade students. The goal is to design a program that will acquaint students with a range of possible careers along with the education and skill requirements individuals must possess for

each. At least 20 practicing professionals are scheduled each year. Students select and attend four career programs that interest them. Through written assessment and observation, each presentation is evaluated for effectiveness. This process allows the committee to make necessary changes for program improvement. Students have experienced a wide variety of professional as well as a range of skilled trade careers through these experiences. Feedback from the professionals as well as students continues to be positive and supports further development of this program.

Crystal Lake had a number of multi-age programs continue this year. The first and fourth grades had a buddy program. Each student had a buddy in the other grade. The classes met to work on shared curriculum areas such as animal study in first grade and habitat study in fourth grade. Second and first grade students shared reading partners.

The Windermere enrichment program provides models of academic excellence particularly in math and writing for our grade 5/6 curriculum. The higher order thinking skills along with samples of outstanding student work are routinely used to model expected performance standards. Students respond and relate to their peers effectively and are challenged to improve performance levels by example. The enrichment program has contributed to our high levels of CMT achievement as well as providing students with many opportunities to use technology.

Another example of an outstanding ongoing program is Civil War Day. Teachers work closely with volunteers and members of various historical societies to provide students with authentic experiences of how soldiers dealt with military life. Food, clothing, medical needs, battle strategies, and the music of the day are all presented to fifth grade students by specially trained individuals dressed in Civil War uniforms. This event has continued to grow in scope as more ideas and activities are added to the program. At this point, Windermere PTO has assumed a large support role in scheduling various speakers and designing programs. It is an outstanding learning experience.



Students marching during Civil War Enchancement Day at Windermere

We are very fortunate to have strong and supportive PTOs and booster clubs in our district. Through fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. The focus of many of these programs is to help students learn about other cultures. Some of the elementary programs included an African dance and drum troupe, the National Theatre for the Deaf, the Magic of Science, a School House Rocks performance and the National Marionette Theatre's production of Peter Pan. The



Mr. Milbury speaking at Civil War Enchancement Day

PTOs also support successful reading at home programs in all our elementary schools. Our PTOs play an integral role in our school community and we thank you all for your support!

In November, the National Plastics Laboratory presented a hands-on science experience to grade 5 students on the history of plastic. This is a multi-thousand dollar program taught by chemists from the National Plastics Laboratory. Funds for this exceptional program are provided by local businesses and the Windermere Intermediate PTO.

Crystal Lake students held a food drive in October for Make a Difference Day. Students graphed their progress as they worked towards collecting their goal of 400 non-perishable items. In March, the middle school hosted Hoops for Hearts. This American Heart Association yearly event raised over \$4,000. Center School students collected \$806 for the American Red Cross Flood relief as well as a food fund raiser for a Mississippi family displaced during hurricane Katrina. These are just a few activities which illustrate ways that our schools have helped build the sense of community service and outreach for our students.

Crystal Lake fourth grade students once again participated in the Nutmeg Children's Book Award program. The program is a statewide initiative for students in grades four through six. Each year ten books are nominated for the award. Students read them and voted for their favorite. Teas are held through the year to discuss the books and encourage leisure reading.

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

Almost 100 students were trained this year in Peer Leadership. Of those, 70 students chose to become Peer Advocates. These students volunteer in the school and community and commit to behaving in a manner which helps to create a safe and accepting school environment. During the school year advocates attend regional conferences where they network with teens from other districts and are provided team building and leadership building opportunities.

This year the high school staff worked on a revision of the school's Mission Statement and Expectations for Student Learning. These standards are an essential part of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' accreditation process. Revised rubrics to assess these expectations will be a goal for 2006-07.

Articulation meetings continue in the areas of English, social studies and math. These productive sessions allow staff from the middle and high schools to share curriculum maps in an effort to better prepare students for a smooth transition to ninth grade.

The science department implemented a series of five laboratory experiments that will be administered to the freshmen class in preparation for the Third Generation Connecticut Academic Preparation Test (CAPT) exam in science. The series replaces the single lab activity that is currently used in the CAPT in an effort to better prepare students for the diversity of questions which will be asked on the exam. Activities include acid rain, synthetic polymers and solar cookers, enzymes and yeast population dynamics. This format will help ensure that all students in the class of 2009 will be exposed to the appropriate course offering in preparation for the CAPT being administered in 2007.

TECHNOLOGY

All five schools now have Rediker software to help with student data management. At the high school, the software was used for the first time this year to generate grades numerically for the freshman class, which was then used to produce the honor roll list. Previously, this list was done by hand for each grade by quarter. Eventually, all grades will be processed numerically and by the start of the 2009 school year, all honor roll and grade point average (GPA) scores will be computed automatically.

Enhancements continue to be made to district and individual school websites. Most schools have added a calendar which shows upcoming school events. Schools also post their principal and teacher newsletters. If you haven't yet checked out the Ellington Public Schools' website, please log on to www.ellingtonpublicschools.org.

The middle school has begun to email newsletters to about 65% of its student households. With the new software system, it is our hope that this option will soon be available to parents in all five schools.

In February, the middle school hosted a parent forum on internet safety. The main presenter was Trooper Smith, from the State Internet Crime Lab. The turnout was exceptional.

On the high school website teachers post pertinent information such as course objectives and grading policies. Parents can now sign up for email notification of updates to the pages such as special assignments, class projects or resource information. Once a parent does this, any changes a teacher makes to his/her page results in an automatic email being sent to that parent, notifying them of the change.



Mr. Milbury teaching Electricity to Enrichment Class



Crystal Lake 4th grade volunteers at Evergreen Nursing Home

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Seven calculus students in the Advanced Placement calculus class passed the UConn calculus exam and received four college credits.

Art teacher, Steve Bernard, continues to offer an art club at Crystal Lake for students who have difficulty with fine motor and art class activities. The club provided extra support to students who needed help with lesson concepts or skills.

The EHS boys' cross country team won the North Central CT Conference (NCCC) championship and then went on to win the State Championship in the Small School Division. Congratulations to the team and coach!

The Central CT Soccer Officials Association selected the Ellington High School girls' varsity soccer team as this year's recipient of the George D. Ritchie Sportsmanship Award. The award was won last year by the EHS boys' soccer team.

This year's EHS student council sponsored a senior citizen luau as a community outreach event. The event was attended by more than 40 senior citizens and 25 students and involved a cookout, dancing and raffles. Both students and seniors had a great time.

This year the EHS Opening Knight Players (OKP) received a Governor's Proclamation for their work on "Silenced on Barbour Street." The play, which explored the 1944 Hartford Circus Fire, was a huge success. The OKP, under the direction of Bill Prenetta, have been recognized as one of the finest high school drama programs in the state.

EHS school teacher Ginny Hogan completed the CREC Pupil Partners Program with her child development classes. Students were involved in a multi-age mentoring program with kindergartners at the Silver Lane School in East Hartford. Reflection essays were written by the child development students who participated in the program. The essays indicated how invaluable the program was in learning about children, themselves and diversity. This is the third year Mrs. Hogan applied for and received a grant of \$2,000 or more.

The high school environmental science class participated in a statewide survey of water quality. Students performed chemical and physical measurements of Broad Brook in the fall and spring and then submitted the data to the Department of Environmental Protection.

This spring, the National Honor Society inducted twenty-one juniors and seniors. New members included: Elyse Bellizzi, Sarah Bergeron, Jamie Blanchard, Allison Breen, Andrew Duguay, Elena Fader, Caitlin Francis, Jenna Rae Helenski,

Douglas Harding, Andrew Janiga, Lindsay King, Bethany Kline, Derick Lessard, Justin Margnelli, Christopher Miller, Laura Norbut, Courtney Payzant, Megan Sirag, Nicole Squadrito, Audrey Webber, and Zachary Zwiesler.

Ellington High School hosted two foreign exchange students this year, Karin Hermansson of Sweden and Beatrice Cordes of Germany. The girls were quickly accepted by our students and staff and were marvelous representatives for their schools and countries.

In March, EHS Latin students joined with over 134,000 students from all fifty states and thirteen foreign countries to participate in the National Latin Exam. This year, thirteen EHS students earned an award for their performance on the exam.

Congratulations to the 160 Ellington seniors who graduated on June 23, 2006. Eighty-six percent of the graduates will go on to two or four year colleges and technical schools. This year's class scholars were: Valerie Angell, Sarah Cocuzzo, Lesley Drohan, Jeffrey Gagnon, Gregory Honda, Taylor Lucic, Christopher Perron, Ashton Porter, Alexander Seidel and Kathryn Stein. These students represent the top five percent of the graduation class.

The Class of 2006 valedictorian was Sarah Cocuzzo, a National Honor Society member and a National Merit Finalist who received many honors and awards over the last four years including the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, the Rensselaer Medal, the Harvard Book Prize Award and the Alliance Française Book Award. Sarah is attending Brown University this fall. She has not yet declared a major. This year's salutatorian was Lesley Drohan. Lesley, a member of the National Honor Society, also received many honors and awards including the Holy Cross Book Award. Lesley pursued a strong academic schedule, splitting her days by attending both EHS and the Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science, a very demanding magnet school in Hartford which specializes in the maths and sciences. Lesley is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute where she is majoring in biochemistry.

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite larger class sizes and spending less per student than similar or comparable school systems. This is documented through information provided in the Connecticut Department of Education's annual Strategic School Profiles Report (SSP). In the spring/summer of 2006 it took the voters three referendums to approve a town and school operating budget. This is the second consecutive year the school budget was seriously reduced. As a result, the school system has had to eliminate programs and services to its students. Some of the most critical areas affected were: new teaching positions needed to meet increased enrollments, extra-curricular activities, interscholastic sports, the Reading Recovery Program, a language arts consultant position, an elementary teaching position, kindergarten aides, equipment and program supplies and technology/computer replacements.

Another significant need is for the town to continue to upgrade its school facilities by following through on the recommendations/options provided by the School Facilities Study Committee.

Lastly, the Board of Education needs to revisit its strategic plan and develop new long range goals which address the school system's vision and mission statements as well as the school system's infrastructure, its curriculum and its staffing needs.

In closing, if this trend of making major reductions to the education budget continues, the district's ability to meet its responsibilities of providing a quality educational program will be impacted. We will continue to do the best job possible and remain focused on student learning, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to attain the high standards the community expects given the continued reduction of support.

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HONORARY DIPLOMAS

Foreign Exchange Students
 Beatrice Cordes
 Karin Hermansson

† *Class Scholar*

* *Attained Honor Roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.*

Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society wore Gold Honor Cords.

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Blue/Gold Honor Cords.

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December 2009

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Emery L. Zahner, Chairman

Clifford L. Aucter

Arlo Hoffman

Robert G. Hoffman

Geraldine R. Kupecky

Lori L. Spielman

December 2009

December 2007

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, Chairman

Kenneth M. Braga

William F. Harford

Robert R. Palozej

Aaron J. Rossow

Mark R. Spurling

December 2007

December 2009

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APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2005-06 budget season

Gary Daigle
Joseph Snyder

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

Ken LaForge, Chairman	June 2007
Michele Beaulieu	June 2007
Robert M. Dawson, III	June 2007
Anthony H. Gallicchio	June 2007
Nancy O. Way	June 2007

AD HOC DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (1 yr.)

Doris Crayton	August 2006
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2006
Peter Martin	August 2006
Nancy Netherwood	August 2006
Neil Rinaldi	August 2006
Jeri St. John	August 2006

AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(1 yr.)

Dale Roberson, Chairman	July 2006
Gary T. Feldman	July 2006
James Gage	July 2006
Gerry Gillung	July 2006
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2006
Debby Wallace	July 2006

AD HOC YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Mary Bartley	August 2006
Yale Cantor	August 2006
Doris Crayton	August 2006
Chantal Haracsy	August 2006
Todd Harmon	August 2006
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2006
Tomas Raver	August 2006
Sue Stack	August 2006
Rev. Jeffrey Stalley	August 2006

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

Thomas J. Stack, Chairman	January 2009
Marie Bedor	January 2008
Kimberly Bechard	January 2007
ALTERNATES	
Peter Korbusieski	January 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2008

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2010
Thomas Connelly	April 2011
Donald Gobeille	April 2007
Howard D. Reckert	April 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2009

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

Vacant

June 2008

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION *Established 8/15/05*

(Report, including proposed revisions due March 2007)

Joseph Wehr, Chairman
Charlotte Adams
John O'Shaughnessy
Aaron Olmsted
Gary Riley
Terry Shook

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL

(2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer June 2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Shawn Costello, Chairman	March 2010
Jesse Amsel	March 2010
Glenn Eberly	March 2007
James Gage	March 2007
David Hurley	March 2008
Walter Moody	March 2009
George Nickerson	March 2009

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Dr. Julius P. Williams	February 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2007
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<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	December 2007
Coreen Margnelli (<i>Republican</i>)	December 2007

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Laura Sherman, Chairman	July 2009
Lori Holden	July 2006
John Luginbuhl	July 2008
Aaron Olmsted	July 2006
<i>Vacant</i>	July 2006
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Laurie Fiore	January 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2007

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)

Yale Cantor	March 2009
Susan Stack	March 2009

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Stephen Schindler, Chairman	June 2007
Margaret C. Bean	June 2009
Katherine Cusson	June 2008
Edward Jeski	June 2010
Deborah Stauffer	June 2011
Rich Cofrancesco, Executive Director	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Yale Cantor, Chairman	January 2010
Melinda Ferry	January 2010
Helen Filloramo	January 2008
Cynthia Heidari	January 2010
Sandra-Anne Orsini	January 2008
Hassan Salley	January 2010
Sharon Schall	January 2008
Susan Stack	January 2008

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2007
Sanford Cohen	January 2007
Kim Flannery	January 2009
Donald McConnell	January 2009
Christine Murphy	January 2009
Margo Wheeler	January 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2007
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Jean Burns	January 2008
Steven Hoffman	January 2007

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

Jonathan Allen	April 2009
Mark Boone	April 2007
Lisa Howard	April 2007
Audrey Kubas	April 2007
Diane O'Hagan	April 2009
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer (Ex-officio)	

LAND RECORD INSPECTOR

Nancy Lemek	September 2006
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15

Beryl Cantor	January 2007
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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)**

Shawn Costello	June 2007
John P. Golon	June 2007

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Gordon Oliver, Chairman	January 2008
Thomas Boscarino	January 2008
Neal Breen	January 2008
Hunter Giroux	January 2010
Kevin Hayes	January 2010
Robert Larew	January 2008
Thomas Neeson	January 2010
Michael Pantuosco	January 2010
Thomas Stauffer	January 2010

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

Peter W. Welti, Chairman	February 2010
Paul Critchley	February 2008
Katherine Heminway	February 2010
Gary Magnuson	February 2008
Daniel Tutko	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2010
Leo Miller	December 2007
(Board of Selectmen Representative)	
Gary Blanchette	November 2007
(Board of Education Representative)	
Mark Joyse	December 2007
(Board of Finance Representative)	
Lori Spielman	December 2007
(Planning & Zoning Representative)	
Peter Michaud, Public Works Director	
(Ex-officio)	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

James Prichard	September 2007
Carol Strom	September 2006
Joseph Wehr	September 2007

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION (3 yrs.)

Corinne Sandberg	September 2006
(EVAC Representative)	
William Trisler	September 2006
(CLFD Representative)	
<i>Vacant</i> (EVFD Representative)	September 2006
<i>Vacant</i>	September 2007
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<i>Vacant</i>	September 2008
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<i>Vacant</i>	September 2008

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carolyn Cook	October 2008
Rose Parent	October 2006
William Enes, Jr.	October 2007

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer	June 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2007

**VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT., INC.,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 yr.)**

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2007
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)

Mark Spurling, Chairman	April 2007
Edward Duell	April 2010
Stacie Mikol	April 2010
Rex Myers	April 2008
Daniel Parisi	April 2009

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Joseph Snyder	August 2007
Ronald Stromberg	August 2006
Robert Wambolt	August 2006

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**DEMOCRAT****TERM EXPIRES**

Yale Cantor	January 2009
Thomas J. Connelly	January 2009
Thomas J. Dzicek	January 2009
Glenora G. Forbes	January 2009
Dennis W. Frawley	January 2009
Vaughn E. Gerber	January 2009
Frank C. Graziani	January 2009
John M. Halloran, Jr.	January 2009
Marion W. Hoffman	January 2009
James R. Josephiac	January 2009
Edwin M. Lavitt	January 2009
Pamela B. Lombardo	January 2009
Thaddeus J. Okolo	January 2009
Paul H. Prokop	January 2009
Hassan W. Salley	January 2009
Mark R. Spurling	January 2009
John S. Watts	January 2009
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow	January 2009

REPUBLICAN

Clifford Aucter	January 2009
Maurice W. Blanchette	January 2009
Peter J. Charter	January 2009
Robert J. Clements	January 2009
Dale T. Cunningham	January 2009
Ann L. Harford	January 2009
Leonard A. Johnson	January 2009
Jerrold R. Starr	January 2009
Lorette R. Starr	January 2009
Michael P. Stupinski	January 2009
Nancy O. Way	January 2009

UNAFFILIATED

Tony G. Locke	January 2009
Bettie Rivard-Darby	January 2009

Ellington Public Schools

August

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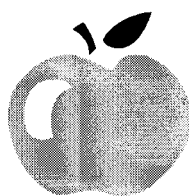
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September

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2006-2007 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 31

Last Day of School* Jun 18

* Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Convocation Aug 28
Teacher Inservice Aug 29-30
Labor Day Sept 4
Teacher Inservice Sept 22
Columbus Day Oct 9
Teacher Inservice Oct 23
Veterans' Day Nov 10
Thanksgiving Nov 23-24
Christmas Recess Dec 25-Jan 1
Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 15
Presidents' Day Feb 19
Winter Recess Feb 20-23
Good Friday Apr 6
Spring Recess Apr 16-20
Memorial Day May 28

October

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January

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February

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March

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EARLY DISMISSALS

½ Day - All Schools Nov 22
9-12 Inservice Nov 28
7-8 Conferences Nov 29-Dec 1
K-6 Conferences Dec 6-8
9-12 Jan Inservice Jan 10
K-8 Inservice Jan 12
7-8 Conferences March 7-9
K-6 Conferences Mar 28-30
K-12 Inservice April 5
Last Day * June 18
7 High School Exams T.B.D.
(4 days in January & June)
Graduation* June 18
* Tentative

April

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May

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June

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 18th. If more than five school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the first day of the week. This decision will be made by April 2, 2007.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

NON EMERGENCY CALLS		TOWN HALL	
AMBULANCE:	870-3170	55 Main Street, PO Box 187; Ellington, CT 06029	
FIRE: Crystal Lake Fire District	870-3174	Website: ellington-ct.gov	
Center Fire Department	870-3190	Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER:	875-1522	Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
STATE POLICE – TROOP C	896-3200	Friday – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	
ADMINISTRATION:		POST OFFICE:	875-6391
Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman	870-3100	PROBATE COURT:	872-0519
General Information:		PUBLIC WORKS:	
Carol York/Marie Sauve	870-3100	Peter Michaud	870-3140
Selectman's Office Fax	870-3102	Public Works Fax	870-3147
TDD/TT Phone for Hearing Impaired	870-3196	RECREATION:	
ANIMAL CONTROL:		Robert Tedford	870-3118
Barbara Murdach	870-3155	Recreation Office Fax	870-3198
ASSESSOR:		RECYCLING COORDINATOR/	
Rhonda McCarty	870-3109	REFUSE & BULKY WASTE:	
Assessor's Office Fax	870-3197	Peter Michaud	870-3140
BUILDING PERMITS:		Waste Management (Contractor)	528-7000
Peter R. Williams	870-3124	SCHOOLS:	
Building Office Fax	870-3122	Superintendent's Office	896-2300
BURNING PERMITS:		Superintendent's Office Fax	896-2312
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	Special Services	896-2300
CEMETERIES:		Center School	896-2315
Crystal Lake-Mark Hoffman	875-9021	Crystal Lake School	896-2322
COMMUNITY SERVICE:		Ellington High School	896-2352
Hockanum Valley Community Council	872-9905	Guidance Office	896-2352
DEP CONSERVATION OFFICER:		Ellington Middle School	896-2339
Laura Gregonis	424-3333	Windermere School	896-2329
ELDERLY OUTREACH CASEWORKER:		SENIOR CENTER:	
Anna Turner	870-3131	Erin Graziani	870-3133
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:		Sr. Center Fax	870-3136
Donald Davis	870-3182	SEWER ADMINISTRATION:	
FINANCE:		Pamela Lombardo	870-3145
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer	870-3115	SEWER MAINTENANCE:	
Bills And Accounts: Andrea M. Salemi	870-3115	Peter Michaud	870-3146
Finance Office Fax	870-3158	STATE ROADS:	
FIRE MARSHAL:		East Windsor Garage	623-4473
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	Vernon Garage	875-4993
Fire Marshal Fax	870-3122	TAXES:	
HEALTH:		Ann Marie Conti	870-3113
North Central District Health Department:		Tax Office Fax	870-3197
Director: William Blitz	745-0383	TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATS:	
Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc.	872-9163	Diane McKeegan	870-3105
HOUSING AUTHORITY:		Town Clerk Fax	870-3197
Rich Confrancesco, Executive Director	872-6923	TOWN PLANNER:	
HOUSING REHABILITATION:	870-3132	Robert A. Phillips	870-3120
HUMAN SERVICES:		Planning Office Fax	870-3122
Doris Crayton	870-3128	TREE WARDEN:	870-3140
Human Services Fax	870-3198	Peter Michaud	
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL:		VOTING:	870-3107
Susan Phillips	870-3160	Susan Luginbuhl/Wanda Deland	
MUNICIPAL AGENT:		YOUTH SERVICES:	870-3130
Anna Turner	870-3131	Diane Lasher-Penti	
POLICE:		ZONING AND WETLANDS	
Resident Troopers' Office	875-1522	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:	
Resident Troopers' Fax	870-3152	Lisa M. Houlihan	870-3120
		Zoning & Wetlands Fax	870-3122

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TEL: 870-3160 – FAX: 870-3163 – E-mail: hallmlib@biblio.org

93 Main Street, PO Box 280

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Closed Saturday in July & August)

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 872-6923

20 Main Street, PO Box 416 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 AM to Noon