

# <sup>™</sup> DIRECTORY OF SERVICES №

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Town Administrator/Selectmen's Office, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm 432-7732  Fire Department Business Line, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm 434-4907  Police Department Business Line, 24 hours 434-5577  Tax Assessor, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm 434-7530  Tax Collector, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 1 pm; Monday eve. 4 pm - 7 pm 432-7731  Town Clerk, Monday, 8 am - 7 pm; Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm 434-5075
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Planning & Development/Health Officer, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm 432-3806
Recycling/Transfer Station, 8 am – 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday426-5102
Highway Agent, 8 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday965-1211
Recreation Department965-1208
Nesmith Library, Please call for hours of operation432-7154
School Department:
Golden Brook School, Grades Transitional through 2 898-9586
Center School, Grades 3 through 5 432-7312
Middle School, Grades 6 through 8893-2636
Salem High School, Grades 9 through 12 893-7069
Superintendent of Schools, Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4 pm 425-1976
Other:
Department of Transportation, Division 5898-9086
Town Beach 893-6244
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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AGENTS, COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

OF THE

# TOWN OF WINDHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR

2006

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# 9 ON THE COVERS&



September 16, 2006 marked the official opening of the Windham Rail Trail, nearly 4 miles of paved trail winding through some of Windham's most breathtaking, scenic areas. Pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and more can enjoy views of Mitchell Pond (shown on our front cover this year), pastures, orchards, marshes, stonewalls, and abundant wildlife in the area.

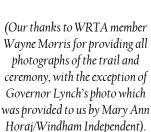
The ceremony included a visit from Governor Lynch, music by the Fountain Square Ramblers, and hayrides by Rick Mitzner.















Visit
WindhamRailTrail.org
for updates, pictures, maps
and much more about the
Windham Rail Trail.



# 9 DEDICATION &

Each year, we welcome the opportunity to spotlight an individual, or group of individuals, who have excelled in their service to the Town of Windham and its residents. As this 2006 report goes to print in 2007, we focus on a band of enthusiastic individuals whose tenacity and tireless efforts have doubtless ensured that the Town's Searles School and Chapel will mark its  $100^{\rm th}$  year anniversary this summer not as an unused, deteriorating attraction, but open to enjoyment by all during the celebratory events.

Home to numerous "tenants" since its completion in 1907, this unique structure underwent countless modifications over the years. As is inevitable, over time these modifications became a detriment to the interior of the building even as, simultaneously, the exterior of the building began to fall victim to the elements.

One can only speculate what the state of this landmark structure would be today were it not for the continuing, energetic labors of the members of the Windham Historical Committee. With the tremendous support of the Town Meeting vote in the early 1990's, these stewards undertook the daunting task of restoring the building to its original splendor and, in a relatively short period of time, have nearly completed their mission. Through creative fund-raising events, such as a visit from the Antiques Roadshow; endless hours spent with contractors to ensure the best possible work at the best possible price; even rolling up their personal sleeves and digging into the demolition as shown in the photo; the Committee has transformed a failing building into a stunning, fully functioning, and nearly self-sustaining facility. The continued support of the voters since the initial jumpstart of the project is a testament to their appreciation of the Committee's work to revitalize the treasure presented to us a century ago by Mr. Searles.



Therefore, it is with great pride and appreciation that we dedicate the 2006 Annual Town Report to the past, present, and future members of the Historical Committee for their efforts to preserve Windham's past for the generations to come.

# <sup>98</sup>IN MEMORIUM 26

It is with sadness that we note the passing in 2006 of these long-time residents and volunteers of the Town of Windham. These individuals each left an indelible mark on the history of Windham through their community involvement and sense of civic pride. They will be forever remembered for all they have contributed to our community, and are sincerely missed.

# THOMAS FURLONG 02/07/2006

A member of the Historic District/Heritage Commission and the Historical Committee for many years, Tom loved his town and left his mark upon it. What would the Town Common be today without his yoeman work of cleaning out and rebuilding the stone walls around the brook? Not to mention his discovery and preservation of Windham's direct connection to the Revolutionary War, the Simpson Cellar Foundation. His contributions were many and his ability to keep them anonymous makes them difficult to list.

# DR. MURRAY LEVIN 07/25/2006

Dr. Levin served the residents of Windham as a Trustee of the Nesmith Library for a total of 15 years and, in that time, also lent his expertise and time to several sub-committees within the Library. In addition to his contribution to the Nesmith Library, Dr. Levin spent countless hours over a 16-year period as a volunteer at Golden Brook School, for which he received several awards including the "Outstanding School Volunteer-Teacher Team Award" from NH Partners in Education Awards Committee.

# RICHARD FELLOWS 09/29/2006

A long-time resident of Windham, Dick held the position of Town Treasurer from 1950 – 1966. Beyond that, he served on numerous other committees and as a call firefighter. His, and his wife Barbara's, generous nature and love of Windham ensured that the taxpayers of Windham could affordably obtain the land necessary for construction of our new Police and Fire stations, along with the Nesmith Library, with ample space remaining for future development.

# FRANCIS TRAYNOR 12/27/2006

In addition to serving several years as a Trustee of the Nesmith Library, Frank was an early member of the Windham Recreation Committee; an active member of Windham's American Legion Post \$109; and a lector at St. Matthew's Church here in Windham for more than 40 years. Over the years, Frank was an avid follower of Town issues, and was a constant presence at our Annual Town Meetings, where he never hesitated to offer guidance and input to the Town.

# <sup>™</sup>TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2006 №

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Galen Stearns, Chair - 2007

Alan Carpenter - 2008 Roger Hohenberger - 2009 Margaret Crisler - 2008 Dennis Senibaldi - 2009

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

David Sullivan

# ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Dana Call

TOWN CLERK

Joan Tuck - 2008 Nicole Merrill, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Robertson (Appointed, 2007) Alice Hunt, Deputy

**MODERATOR** 

Peter Griffin - 2008

**TREASURER** 

Robert Skinner - 2008

**TOWN ASSESSOR** 

Rex A. Norman, CNHA

**CHIEF OF POLICE** 

Gerald Lewis Carl Wagner, Acting Captain

Patrick Yatsevich, Captain

P&D DIRECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Alfred Turner, Jr.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** 

Alfred Turner, Jr.

**HIGHWAY AGENT** 

Jack McCartney

FIRE CHIEF/ WARDEN

Thomas L. McPherson, Jr. Robert Leuci, Jr., Deputy

**BUILDING INSPECTORS** 

Michael McGuire Ronald Preble

INFORMATION TECH. DIRECTOR

Eric DeLong

TRANSFER STATION MANAGER

**David Poulson** 

RECREATION COORDINATOR

Cheryl Haas

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Carl Heidenblad
Diane Mayr, Asst. Director
Lois Freeston, Asst. Director

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Alfred Seifert

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR** 

Allan Barlow

CABLE TV STUDIO COORDINATOR

James Daddona

**ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION** 

Annette Stoller - 2010

Peter Griffin – 2009 Eileen Maloney - 2008

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Mary Johnson, Chair - 2008

Dennis Root – 2007 Shirley Beaulieu - 2009

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

Gail Webster, Chair - 2008

Laura Swenson – 2008 Carl Luhrmann - Resigned

TRUSTEES OF MUSEUM

Jean Manthorne, Chair - 2007

Dennis Root – 2008 Kim Monterio – 2009

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Mary Lee Underhill, Chair - 2007

Christopher Monterio – 2007
Patricia Skinner – 2008
Wendy Keller - 2009

Joan Griffin – 2007
Mark Branoff - 2008
Lisa Thornton - 2009

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Robert Skinner, Chair - 2008

Jill Moe – 2007 Gail Webster – 2011

PLANNING BOARD

Phil LoChiatto, Chair - 2008

Walter Kolodziej – 2007 Ruth Ellen Post – 2007

Ross McLeod – 2008 Nancy Prendergast – 2009 Pam Skinner – 2009 Margaret Crisler, Selectman – 2007

Alan Carpenter, Selectman Alt. – 2007 Rick Okerman, Alternate – 2009

Neelima Gogumalla, Alternate - 2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Robert Gustafson, Chair – 2007

Tony Pellegrini – 2007 Mark Samsel – 2008

Dianna Fallon – 2009 Gail Webster - 2009

Al Souma, Alternate – 2008 Tom Murray, Alternate – 2008

Jim Tierney, Alternate – 2009

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** 

Jim Finn, Chair - 2007

Bruce Anderson – 2008 Bruce Breton – 2008

Pam Skinner – 2008 Dennis Senibaldi, Alternate – 2007 Wayne Morris, Alternate – 2008 Bernie Roulliard, Alternate – 2009

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE** 

Pamela Skinner, Chair, Planning Board Member

Ruth Ellen Post, Planning Board
Beth Valentine, School Board Alternate
Dennis Senibaldi, Selectman Alternate
Jack Merchant, Citizen – 2008
Galen Stearns, School Board
Roger Hohenberger, Selectman
Marcia Unger, Citizen – 2007
Bruce Breton, Citizen - 2009

WINDHAM CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

Margaret Case, Chair - 2009

J. Gross – 2007

Leo Hart – 2008

Dave Unger – 2009

Mary Griffin – 2008

Alan Shoemaker - 2009

Greg Cappiello, Alternate – 2009

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Ralph Valentine, Chair - 2009

Dennis Senibaldi – 2007 Glen Yergeau – 2008 Lynn Goldman – 2009 Beth Lippold - 2008 Brian Carne – 2009

Earl Bartlett, Alternate – 2007 Michele Langlois, Alternate – 2008

Margaret Adamchek, Alternate - 2009

## HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION

Carol Pynn, Chair - 2008

Miriam Stoltz – 2007

Patrick Schena – 2008

Carolyn Webber, Alternate – 2009

Kay Normington, Alternate – 2009

Margaret Crisler, Selectman - 2007

Beth Talbott – 2009

Nancy Kopec, Alternate – 2009

Thomas Furlong, Deceased

#### **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

David Sullivan, Chair - Town Administrator

Gerald Lewis, Chief of Police Jack McCartney, Highway Agent Tom McPherson, Fire Chief Alfred Turner, Planning Director

Al Barlow, Maintenance Supervisor

#### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Marion Dinsmore, Chairman

Patricia Skinner Elizabeth Dunn
Fred Linnemann Peter Griffin
Sally D'Angelo Carol Pynn
George Dinsmore, Jr. Miriam Stoltz
Willard Wallace Thomas Furlong, Deceased

#### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jacque Borcoche, Chair

Greg Capiello Eric DeLong, IT Director
Carl Heidenblad, Library Director Alan Carpenter, Selectman

J Gross, Resigned

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Leo Hart – 2007 Grace Marad – 2008 Vicky Mason – 2009 Margo Luhrman – 2010

#### **MEETING SCHEDULES**

The **Board of Selectmen** meet every other Monday evening at 7:00 PM at the Planning and Development Department. Persons interested in meeting with the Selectmen should contact the Administrative Assistant at 432-7732.

The **Planning Board** meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Planning and Development Department at 7:30 PM. Persons interested in meeting with the Board should contact the Planning Board Secretary at 432-3806.

The **Zoning Board of Adjustment** meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Planning and Development Department at 7:30 PM. Persons interested in meeting with the ZBA should contact the Board of Adjustment Secretary at 432-3806.

The **Conservation Commission** meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Planning and Development Department at 7:30 PM. Persons interested in meeting with the Commission should contact the Conservation Secretary at 432-3806.

The **Trustees of the Nesmith Library** meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Nesmith Library at 7:00 PM.

The **Trustees of the Cemetery** meet the third Tuesday of each month at various locations.

The **Recreation Committee** meets the third Thursday of each month at the Planning and Development Department at 7:30 PM.

The **Windham Cable Advisory Board** meets the first Thursday of every other month at the Cable Studio at 7:00 PM.

The **Historic District/Heritage Commission** meets the second Wednesday of each month at Town Hall at 4:00 PM.

The **Historical Committee** meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Searles Building at 7:00 PM.

The **Technical Advisory Committee** meets the second Thursday of each month at the SAU Building on Route 111 at 7:00 PM.

The following boards and/or committees have no regular meeting schedule, rather they meet as is necessary or required: **Trustees of Trust Funds**, **Trustees of Museum**, **Supervisors of the Checklist**, and **Capital Improvements Committee**. The **Windham Housing Authority** is currently on hiatus.

#### **HOW TO VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed! Most volunteer positions are appointed in June of each year by the Board of Selectmen, including the: Cable Advisory Board, Conservation Commission, Depot Advisory Committee, Emergency Management Committee and sub-committees, Historic District/Heritage Commission, Historical Committee, Housing Authority, Recreation Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Trustees of the Museum. Citizen members of the Capital Improvements Committee are appointed by the Planning Board, and alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board are appointed by those Boards respectively. If you are interested in volunteering your time to any of these groups, a letter of interest should be submitted to the Town Administrator @ PO Box 120. Submission of your interest is not a guarantee of appointment. Your information will remain on file until a vacancy arises, at which the time Board will review all submissions and appoint those candidates deemed best for the position.

Elected volunteer positions include: Nesmith Library Trustees, Planning Board, Trustees of the Cemeteries, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The filing period for candidacy opens in January of each year, and interested parties should contact the Town Clerk's Office at that time to file.

# <sup>9</sup> Annual Senate Bill 2 Sessions &

# DELIBERATIVE SESSION February 11, 2006

The 2006 Annual Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Peter Griffin at 9:10 am. Salute to the flag was offered by Police Chief Gerald Lewis. Those in attendance were Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator David Sullivan, Finance Director Dana Call, Town Attorney Bernard Campbell and Town Clerk Joan C. Tuck.

Moderator Griffin indicated that NO zoning articles will be discussed at this meeting.

Motion made and seconded to dedicate the 2006 Annual Meeting to Thomas Furlong who passed away in February. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 4 on ballot as printed.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 5 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of implementing a mosquito control program aimed at controlling the mosquito population including such strategies as larvaciding targeted waters, emergency spraying along town roads and facilities, and testing wetlands for mosquitos.

#### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 6 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,160 representing the cost of the increased economic benefits for members of Local Union No. 2915 IAFF (Fire Union) to which they are entitled for the fiscal year 2006 under the terms of the latest tentative collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Selectmen and IAFF. Said contract to expire on March 31, 2008 with the additional cost for 2007 to be \$32,000, and \$8,470 for 2008.

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 7 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,450 representing the cost of the increased economic benefits for members of Local Union No. 1801 AFSCME (Municipal Union) to which they are entitled for the fiscal year 2006 under the terms of the latest tentative collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Selectmen and AFSCME. Said contract to expire on March 31, 2008 with the additional cost for 2007 to be \$33,180, and \$8,500 for 2008.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 8 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Windham, if Articles #7 or 8, are defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article(s) #7 or 8, cost items only?

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 9 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$20,000, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Fire Hazardous Materials Response Contracted Details Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying the fire fighters to train for and provide hazardous materials response contracted detail service. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 10 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$40,000, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the Police Contracted Details Special Revenue Fund established in 2002 for the purpose of paying the town police officers to provide contracted detail service. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

#### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE II on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to rescind the Police Contracted Details Special Revenue Fund established under RSA 31:95-c in 2002, which mandated that 95% of revenue from police details should go into said fund? Such revenues now go to the Public Safety Revolving Fund established in 2005. If this article should pass, the balance in said fund, after removal of any funds appropriated under Article #11, shall be transferred to the Town's General Fund Balance.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 12 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of hiring temporary contracted assessing technician(s) to assist the Town Assessor in updating all town properties to market value. This process of reassessment is required as part of the State Department of Revenue Administration's certification process for all towns and facilitates assessment uniformity. Further, to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2006 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. Said funds come from previously collected revenues set aside for providing police contracted details which will become part of the town's fund balance should Article 12 pass, and this appropriation shall be deemed null and void should Article 12 not pass. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 13 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,530 for the purpose of purchasing a highway speed enforcement trailer for the police department and further to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2006 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. Said funds come from previously collected revenues set aside for providing police contracted details which will become part of the town's fund balance should Article 12 pass, and this appropriation shall be deemed null and void should Article 12 not pass. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 14 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of making improvements to the town's recreational fields and facilities as recommended by the Recreation Coordinator and Committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen and further to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2006 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. Said funds come from previously collected revenues set aside for providing police contracted details which will become part of the town's fund balance should Article 12 pass, and this appropriation shall be deemed null and void should Article 12 not pass. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 15 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will to vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the town's 20% share of the costs, including engineering, right of way access, and construction expenses associated with the establishment of bike paths along Lowell Road from Route III to the Golden Brook School or portions thereof based on final funding available. The Town has been approved to receive a State grant to pay for 80% of the project pending the town approving its 20% share. As part of this project, the State is committing additional funds to cover the cost of rehabilitating much of the pavement and drainage in the project area which would not occur for many years without completion of the bike path project. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of five (5) years, whichever is less. The total remaining cost to be borne by the Town beyond 2006 is estimated to be \$75,000 - \$85,000 which will be presented to the 2007 Town Meeting. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 16 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,800 for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance and necessary equipment for same for the fire department. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of two (2) years, whichever is less. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 17 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the existing Salt Shed/Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

#### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 18 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Searles Special Revenue Fund for the following operating related purposes: \$9,000 for marketing related costs and \$3,000 for maintenance related costs. Approval of this article will have no additional impact on the tax rate.

# Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 19 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,512, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Searles Special Revenue Fund for the purposes of paying the principle and interest on the outstanding loan taken to fund renovations and repairs to the West wing of the building in 2003. Should this article pass, the debt service account in the approved operating budget from Article 29 will be reduced by a sum of \$12,512. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 20 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,600 for the purpose of making improvements to the Searles Building and grounds on Range Road and further to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2005 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. Said funds come from previously collected revenues from the State of New Hampshire as compensation for eminent domain takings in front of the Searles Building as part of the NH DOT Rte 111 By-Pass construction. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of five (5) years, whichever is less. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 21 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,090 for the Conservation Commission, and authorize the Selectmen to transfer all unexpended Conservation Commission funds as of December 31, 2006 to the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5.

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 22 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of developing an architectural plan to expand the Nesmith Library and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Nesmith Library Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

#### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 23 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to explore the possibility of conveying a protective Conservation Easement on approximately 196.4 acres of town owned conservation properties including all woods, fields, swamps, and marshland located within the lot boundaries of the Assessor's Lots described below to a third party conservation guarantor. Such easement would prohibit the use of the land for any development, including municipal and school, and be intended to permanently protect the land parcels from development to ensure that they are retained in as close to a natural state as possible. Any proposed Conservation Easement would be developed by the Windham Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen and submitted to a future Town Meeting for consideration and approval. Ownership of the land would remain with the Town of Windham.

Parcel 25-R-7010 17.00 acres Parcel 25-R-7025 10.00 acres

# \* Annual Senate Bill 2 Sessions \*

Parcel 25-R- 103	79.50 acres
Parcel 25-R-6500	70.00 acres
Parcel 25-R-8000	19.90 acres

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 24 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 25. By Petition of Michael Hatem and others "The voters of Windham authorize the Windham Board of Selectmen to raise and spend thirty-thousand (\$30,000) for the repair, upgrade and maintenance of the Tokanel Softball Field. The field will be upgraded to conform to accepted specifications for an ASA softball field. Explanation offered by Michael Hatem.

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 25 on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 26. By Petition of Robert Coole and others "To see if the Town will vote to reclassify Hopkins Road from a Class VI road (closed subject to gates and bars) to a Class A trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1"

Motion made and Seconded to AMEND Article 26.

AMENDMENT – "To see if the Town of Windham will vote to reclassify that part of Hopkins Road that lies between Morrison Road and Mitchell Pond Road extension and that portion that lies beyond the area reclassified to a Class V road by the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2005, from a Class VI road (closed subject to gates and bars) to a Class A trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1."

#### Hand count YES 15 NO 1 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 26 on ballot as AMENDED

Town Adminstrator David Sullivan presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Barbara Coish associated with our cable studio and our senior center. Congratulations. Job well done.

ARTICLE 27. By Petition of Lori Theriault and others "To see if the Town will allow an emergency gated access (14' wide) across Map 17-I- lot 49 (owned by the Town of Windham) to provide an emergency connection of Harvest Road back onto Armstrong Road.

Motion made and Seconded to AMEND Article 27.

AMENDMENT – "If Article 28 does not pass, to see if the Town will allow an emergency gated access (20' wide) across Map 17-I-lot-49 (owned by the Town of Windham) to provide an emergency connection of Harvest Road back onto Armstrong Road. The expense of this construction shall be the responsibility of the developer of Lakeview Farm. Reason given to connect entire road and not just an emergency gated access."

#### VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT – "Shall Article 28 fail, to see if the Town shall grant an easement under terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen to allow an emergency gated access (20' wide) across Map 17-I-lot-49 (owned by the Town of Windham) to provide an emergency connection of Harvest Road back onto Armstrong Road. All expenses are to be borne by the developer.

#### AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT - VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 27 on ballot as AMENDED

ARTICLE 28. By Petition of Lori Theriault and others "To see if the Town will allow the extension of Harvest Road through Map 17-I- lot 49 (owned by the Town of Windham) to connect back into Armstrong Road. The expense of this construction shall be the responsibility of the developer of Lakeview Farm.

Motion made and Seconded to AMEND Article 28.

AMENDMENT – "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement over Tax Map 17-I-lot-49 to allow access from Armstrong Road to the Lakeview Farm Development on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine. All expenses are to be borne by the developer.

### Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 28 on ballot as AMENDED

Motion made and Seconded to RECONSIDER Article 27.

#### **VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE**

ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,715,167. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,372,017 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. \* If Article 20 of this warrant passes, this article will be reduced by \$12,512 (Long Term Debt line).

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 9,790
Administration	434,315
Town Clerk Expenses	170,650
Tax Collector Expenses	127,140
Election and Registration	18,445
Cemeteries	47,300
General Gov't Buildings	397,080
Appraisal of Properties	165,075
Information Technologies	150,480
Town Museum	5
Searles Building	16,500
Legal Expenses	52,400
Retirement	5,000
Insurance	255,500
Contracted Services	5
Police Department	2,007,705
Dispatching	351,175

Fire Department	2,032,175
Emergency Management	9,075
Planning and Development	427,485
Town Highway Maintenance	830,490
Street Lighting	11,120
Solid Waste Disposal	990,160
Health and Human Services	48,845
Animal Control	20,105
General Assistance	56,710
Library841,360	
Recreation	125,515
Senior Center	5,000
Cable TV Expenses	81,195
Interest Expenses (TANs)	500
Long Term Debt	736,867
(Principle \$669,200 and Interest \$67,667.00)	
Capital Outlay – Roads (Part of CIP)	290,000

Request by Nancy Prendergast to AMEND Operating Budget and put back \$3,100 – Windham's portion of a grant to support CART, the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation. Explanation for the request was turned over to Scott Bogle, Senior Transportation planner for RPC.

Hand count YES 18 NO 4 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

## Motion made and Seconded to place ARTICLE 29 on ballot as AMENDED

**AMENDMENT** – To increase Operating Budget by \$70,000 for Article 13. If Article 13 passes, \$70,000 would be null and void.

Motion made and Seconded to move the question. Voted in the AFFIRMATIVE.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT - To include Article 12 and Article 13.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

#### AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION AND MAIN MOTION - DEFEATED.

\*Note: Warrant Article 29 (operating budget does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles).

Seeing there was not further business to discuss, motion made and seconded to ADJOURN.

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Tuck/Town Clerk

Jan C. Tuck

# OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTE March 14, 2006

The Annual SB2 Election was called to order at 7:00 AM by Town Moderator Peter Griffin. Those in attendance were Town Clerk Joan C. Tuck, Selectman Galen Stearns, Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist.

There were 8,323 names on the checklist. 2,019 votes were cast.

The following were duly elected:

#### **SELECTMAN** for Three Years:

Bruce Breton 812 Votes
ROGER HOHENBERGER 1088
DENNIS SENIBALDI 851
Carolyn Webber 749

TOWN MODERATOR for Two Years:

PETER GRIFFIN 1630 Votes

**TOWN CLERK** for Three Years:

JOAN C. TUCK 1606 Votes

**TOWN TREASURER** for Three Years:

Daphne A. Kenyon 695 Votes

ROBERT A. SKINNER 919

TRUSTEE-TRUST FUNDS for Three Years:

SHIRLEY BEAULIEU 1549 Votes

TRUSTEE-LIBRARY for Three Years:

WENDY KELLER 1322 Votes

LISA THORNTON 1124

TRUSTEE-LIBRARY for Two Years:

MARK BRANOFF 1020 Votes

Sulton Chowdhry 462

TRUSTEE-CEMETERY for Three Years:

LAURA SWENSON 1481 Votes

SUPERVISOR-CHECKLIST for Six Years:

GAIL WEBSTER 1732 Votes Withdrew

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years:

NANCY PRENDERGAST 1332 Votes

PAMELA SKINNER 1271

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** for Three Years:

Christopher Doyle 410 Votes

DIANNA FALLON 1499 GAIL WEBSTER 1262

Zoning Petitions: Art	icle #2:			Remaining Warran	t Articles	contin	ned:
Petition 1		1401	Vatas				Votes
Petition 1	YES	1491	Votes	Article #8	YES		votes
	No	383		4 1	No	617	
Petition 2	Yes	668		Article #9	YES	1168	
	NO	1273			No	624	
		12(3		Article #10	YES	1480	
Petition 3	YES	1377			No	381	
	No	463		Article #11	YES	1397	
Datition 4	VEC	1389			No	461	
Petition 4	YES			Article #12	YES	1463	
	No	439			No	358	
Zoning Amendments	: Article	<b>#3</b> :		Article #13	YES	1383	
Amendment 1	YES	1286			No	499	
Amendment I				Article #14	YES	945	
	No	446			No	917	
Amendment 2	YES	1134		Article #15	YES	1297	
	No	472			No	576	
Amendment 3	YES	1097		Article #16	YES	1170	
	No	532			No	710	
Amendment 4	YES	1056		Article #17	YES	1266	
	No	647			No	647	
Amendment 5	YES	1295		Article #18	YES	1182	
Timenament 3	No	429		Titlele //10	No	690	
Amendment 6	YES	1495		Article #19	YES	1381	
Amenamene o	No	245		Article #19	No	500	
Amendment 7	YES	1093		Article #20			
Amendment /				Article #20	YES	1499	
A 0	No	571		4 .: 1 .//21	No	390	
Amendment 8	YES	933		Article #21	YES	1426	
4 1	No	731		1 //	No	467	
Amendment 9	YES	1137		Article #22	YES	1392	
. 1	No	526			No	471	
Amendment 10	YES	1187		Article #23	YES	1117	
	No	551			No	776	
Amendment 11	YES	1299		Article #24	YES	1314	
	No	376			No	524	
Amendment 12	YES	1461		Article #25	Yes	612	
	No	308			NO	1274	
Remaining Warrant	Antialası			Article #26	YES	1223	
		000			No	505	
Article #4	YES	908		Article #27	YES	1314	
1 J/F	No	587			No	422	
Article #5	YES	1141		Article #28	YES	1282	
	No	680		1111010 // 20	No	459	
Article #6	YES	1311		Article #29	YES	1421	
	No	582		111 CICIC //-27	No	365	
Article #7	YES	1295			110	<b>J</b> UJ	
	No	801					

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Tuck

Joan C. Tuck/Town Clerk

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING &

# DELIBERATIVE SESSION JULY 11, 2006

The special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Griffin at 7:00 PM at the Golden Brook School.

Head table was introduced, comprised of the Board Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator and Town Clerk.

Motion made and seconded to allow non residents to stay and speak. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Motion made and seconded to read entire article. VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE.

Meeting turned over to Bruce Anderson, Chairman, School Board. Introduction of several team members serving on the project.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to approve conveying portions of Town-owned land located near but not adjacent to the Easterly line of the former London Bridge Road totaling 7.558 acres in size tot the Windham School District, for nominal consideration, for the purpose of accommodating the construction of Windham High School, and to grant the Selectmen the authority to convey said portions of Town-owned land under such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem reasonable and appropriate (which may include the commitment of the Windham School District to propose the possible conveyance to the Town of land adjacent to the Windham Middle School at a future School District meeting). The Town land to be conveyed consists of two (2) parcels, identified as Parcel A (consisting of 7.010 acres of Lots 20-D-1600 and 20-D-1800), and Parcel B (.548 acres of Lot 20-D-1800) as shown on the plan of land entitled "Plan of Land, London Bridge Road, Windham, N.H.; Scale 1" = 100"; Dated June 8, 2006; Prepared by: Benchmark Survey" to which reference is made for a more particular description. Copies of this plan are available in the Windham Town office, the Windham Planning Department and the Windham School District offices, and may be examined by any interested person during regular hours. The exact description of these parcels is as follows:

Parcel A: Beginning at a point at the Northwest corner of Parcel 20-D-1600, near but not adjacent to the Easterly line of the former London Bridge Road; thence turning and running S 50° 39'17" E 1251.15' by and along land of the Windham School District to a pile of stones; thence turning and running S 88° 43' 51" W 475.03' to an iron pipe to be set; thence turning and running N 41° 53' 55" W a total of 1096.67' to an iron pipe to be set; thence turning and running S 52° 15' 10" W 167.28' to an iron pipe to be set, said last three (3) courses being by and along land now or formerly of the Town of Windham (20-D-1600 and 20-D-1800); thence turning and running N 42° 31' 36" E 297.70' along land now of the Windham School District to a pile of stones; thence turning and running S 52° 49' 11" E 214.33' along said School District land to a ring of stones at the point of beginning: Meaning and intending to describe Parcel A containing 7.010 acres.

Parcel B: Beginning at a point on the Northeasterly side of Map 20-D-1800, near but not adjacent to the Easterly line of the former London Bridge Road; thence turning and running S 55° 59' 01" E 161.23' to a drill hole in a stone bound; thence continuing S 56° 29' 00" E 274.83' to a ring of stones, said last two (2) courses being by and along land of the Windham School District; thence turning

# \* Special Town Meeting \*

and running S 42° 31' 36" W 111.73' to an iron pipe to be set; thence turning and running N 41° 32' 03" W 433.22' along other land of the Town of Windham to the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending to describe Parcel B containing .548 acres.

AMENDMENT – Motion made and seconded to "REMOVE FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION" and the words "UNDER SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITION AS THE SELECTMEN DEEM REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE (which may include the commitment of the Windham School District to propose the possible conveyance to the Town of land adjacent to Middle School, at a future School District meeting.)" In addition, to add the words (All costs related to the transfer of land be borne by the Windham School District.)

Lengthy discussion.

Motion made and seconded to MOVE THE QUESTION. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Amendment - Motion made seconded to "REFER ARTICLE #1 TO COMMITTEE."

Short discussion.

Motion made and seconded to MOVE THE QUESTION. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

AMENDMENT WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Motion made and seconded to "RESTRICT DEBATE ON ARTICLE #1". VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into certain agreements as are necessary and appropriate to permit the creation of a water system to be developed on Town-owned property Lot 16-L-100 (Fellows Road) to serve parcels of land currently situated within the Village Center District as set forth in the Windham Zoning Ordinance. Said agreements could include, but would not be limited to (i) well agreements to permit the installation of water wells, (ii) water supply agreements governing the sale of groundwater on Town-owned land, and (iii) easements to allow the placement of pumps, pipes, tanks and other ancillary structures needed to support a distribution system.

Explanation of Article #2 turned over to Selectman Stearns.

AMENDMENT – Motion made and seconded to "PLACE A PERIOD AFTER THE WORDS FELLOWS ROAD, AND STRIKE THE REST OF THE SENTENCE".

AMENDMENT VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE.

Lengthy discussion.

AMENDMENT – Motion made and seconded "ANY AGREEMENT MADE MUST COME BACK TO TOWN MEETING FOR APPROVAL."

AMENDMENT - WITHDRAWN FROM MOTIONER AND SECONDER.

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING \*

Board of Selectmen indicated their support for hearings should be made available to gain public input.

Motion made and seconded to MOVE THE QUESTION. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Motion made and seconded to "RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION".

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. ARTICLE #2 will appear on ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of Bissell Camp Road commencing at its Northerly intersection with Route 28 and running Southerly along the border of Tax Maps 3-B-360, 3-B-350, 3-B-352, 3-B-262, 3-B-261, 3-B-260, 3-B-250 and 3-B-200 to a point near the sideline of Flat Rock Road at the end of Map 3-B-200. Said section of road was discontinued "subject to gates and bars" at the Town meeting held on March 16, 1979 (Article #34).

Explanation of Article # 3 was turned over to Michael Salvo.

Question asked as to wheth or not planning board has been advised and discussed. Answer – NO

Discussion held on benefits (if any) of closing this road.

Article #3 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. Article #3 will appear on ballot as printed.

Motion made and seconded to ADJOURN. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM.

# OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTE AUGUST 10, 2006

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Peter Griffin at 7:00 AM. Those present included Selectmen Galen Stearns and Roger Hohenberger, Town Clerk Joan C Tuck, Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks.

There were 8359 names on the checklist. Total votes cast 1539.

Polls were declared closed at 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1:	YES	904	NO	622	Votes
ARTICLE 2:	YES	736	NO	717	
ARTICLE 3:	YES	1152	NO	314	

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Tuck/Town Clerk

fon C. Tuck

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS &

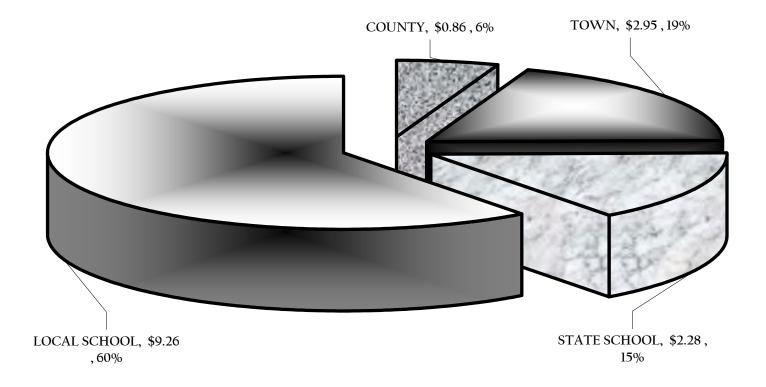
General Government:	
Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 9,790.00
Administration	434,315.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	172,900.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	128,125.00
Election and Registration Expenses	18,445.00
Cemeteries	47,300.00
General Government Buildings	400,070.00
Appraisal of Property	165,075.00
Information Technology	150,480.00
Town Museum	5.00
Searles Building	16,500.00
Legal Expenses Retirement	52,400.00
Insurance	5,000.00 255,500.00
Hisurance	255,500.00
Public Safety:	
Contracted Police Services	5.00
Police Department	2,008,730.00
Dispatching	351,175.00
Fire Department	2,066,295.00
Emergency Management	9,075.00
Planning & Development	429,210.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:	
Town Maintenance	831,745.00
Street Lighting	11,120.00
Sanitation:	
Solid Waste Disposal	999,420.00
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Health: Health and Human Services	51.045.00
Animal Control	51,945.00 20,105.00
	20,103.00
Welfare:	
General Assistance	56,710.00
Culture and Recreation:	
Library	841,360.00
Recreation	125,515.00
Conservation Commission	2,090.00
Senior Center	5,000.00
Cable TV Expenses	81,195.00
Debt Service:	
Long Term Notes (Principal and Interest)	724,355.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	500.00
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Capital Outlay/Other: Road Improvements Ambulance 2 Replacement Lowell Road Bike Path Mosquito Control Contract Assessing Technician-FB Police Speed Trailer-FB Recreation Field Maintenance-FB Use of Searles Revenue Fund Use of Police Contracted Details Rev Use of Fire Haz Mat Contracted Rev Library Architect Plans-CRF Searles Repairs-FB Searles Bond Payment from Revenue	enue Fund	148 75 35 70 11 25 12 40 20 20 24	0,000.00 3,800.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 1,530.00 5,000.00 2,000.00 0,000.00 0,000.00 0,000.00 2,512.00
Operating Transfers Out: Salt Shed Capital Reserve Earned Time Trust Property Maintenance Trust		20	0,000.00
Total Appropriations:		\$11,355	5,897.00
2006 TAX	X RATE COMPUTATION	N	
Total Town Appropriations LESS: Revenues LESS: Shared Revenues ADD: Overlay ADD: War Service Credits	\$11,355,897.00 5,168,835.00 20,383.00 108,096.00 125,500.00		
Net Town Appropriations Approved Town Tax Effort Town Rate:	6,400,275.00	6,400,275.00	2.95
Approved School Tax Effort Local School Rate:		20,040,434.00	9.26
State Education Taxes State School Rate:		4,905,062.00	2.28
Approved County Tax Effort County Rate:		1,856,588.00	0.86
Total of Town, School, State and County LESS: War Service Credits ADD: Village District Commitment		33,202,359.00 (125,500.00) 19,565.00	
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED: TOTAL TAX RATE		\$33,096,424.00	\$15.35

# %2006 TAX RATE APPORTIONMENT %

TOTAL 2006 TAX RATE:

\$15.35/thousand



# <sup>®</sup>SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION &

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY 2006 VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY:

 Current Use
 \$ 190,400

 Residential
 936,851,500

 Commercial/Industrial
 75,514,500

Total of Taxable Land \$1,012,556,400

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY:

Residential \$1,078,857,700
Manufactured Housing 67,600
Commercial/Industrial 79,604,600

Total of Taxable Buildings \$1,158,529,900

PUBLIC UTILITIES \$ 9,660,000

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS \$ 2,180,746,300

IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIST PERSONS W/DISABILITIES (\$417,730)

MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES \$ 2,180,328,570

Blind Exemptions - 4 @ \$15K \$ 60,000

Elderly Exemptions -

35 @ \$125K4,375,00019 @ \$150K2,850,00023 @ Full Exemption6,963,600Disabled Exemption - 13 @\$125K1,625,000

TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (15,873,600)

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED \$ 2,164,454,970

LESS: Public Utilities: (9,660,000)

NET VALUATION ON WHICH STATE EDUCATION
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED \$ 2,154,794,970

# $^{\circ}$ Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures &

	APPROPRIATION FORWARDED	APPROPRIATION	RECEIPTS AND	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	BALAN	NCES	APPROPRIATIONS FORWARDED
-	FROM 2005	2006	REIMBURSE.	AVAILABLE	2006	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAFTS	TO 2007
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Town Officer's Salaries		9,790.00		9,790.00	9,527.04	262.96		
Administration		434,315.00	349.73	434,664.73	435,272.45	202.50	(607.72)	
Town Clerk's Expenses		172,900.00	3,3,5	172,900.00	159,390.10	12,309.90	(001112)	1,200.00
Tax Collector's Expenses		128,125.00		128,125.00	114,119.18	14,005.82		1,200.00
Election and Registration		18,445.00		18,445.00	17,276.09	1,168.91		
Cemetery		47,300.00		47,300.00	45,457.07	422.93		1,420.00
General Gov't Bldgs	3,100.00	400,070.00		403,170.00	401,641.23	1,528.77		,
Appraisal of Property		165,075.00		165,075.00	163,748.97	1,326.03		
Information Technology	6,432.00	150,480.00		156,912.00	153,070.80		(21,612.54)	25,453.74
Town Museum		5.00		5.00	,	5.00		
Searles Building		16,500.00		16,500.00	14,296.06	2,203.94		
Legal Expenses		52,400.00	5,694.53	58,094.53	71,203.74		(13,109.21)	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Police Department		2,008,730.00		2,008,730.00	1,952,048.02	39,113.98		17,568.00
Contracted Police		5.00		5.00		5.00		
Dispatching		351,175.00		351,175.00	350,035.66	349.34		790.00
Fire Department		2,066,295.00	14,133.27	2,080,428.27	1,949,579.15	123,014.60		7,834.52
Emergency Management		9,075.00		9,075.00	6,495.63		(3,420.63)	6,000.00
Planning and Development		429,210.00		429,210.00	397,479.12	27,730.88		4,000.00
HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDG	ES							
Town Maintenance	9,600.00	831,745.00	2,296.50	843,641.50	749,115.01		(5,893.51)	100,420.00
Street Lights	,	11,120.00	,	11,120.00	11,966.64		(846.64)	,
SANITATION								
Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00	999,420.00	7,064.14	1,010,484.14	1,000,928.62	9,555.52		
HEALTH								
HEALTH Health and Human Services		51.045.00		51.045.00	40.000.15	2 126 05		
Animal Control		51,945.00 20,105.00		51,945.00 20,105.00	49,808.15 18,007.07	2,136.85 2,097.93		
Annual Colletoi		20,103.00		20,103.00	10,007.07	2,097.93		

# ⋆ Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures ⋆

	APPROPRIATION FORWARDED	APPROPRIATION	RECEIPTS AND	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	BALAN	NCFS	APPROPRIATIONS FORWARDED
	FROM 2005	2006	REIMBURSE.	AVAILABLE	2006	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAFTS	TO 2007
WELFARE								
General Assistance		56,710.00	31,950.64	88,660.64	71,867.49	16,793.15		
CULTURE & RECREATION								
Library		841,360.00		841,360.00	825,135.99	16,224.01		
Recreation		125,515.00		125,515.00	123,561.08	1,953.92		
Conservation Comm.		2,090.00		2,090.00	2,090.00	-		
Senior Center		5,000.00		5,000.00	3,495.87	1,504.13		
Cable TV Expenses		81,195.00		81,195.00	77,253.72	3,941.28		
DEBT SERVICE								
Long Term Notes - P + I		724,355.00		724,355.00	724,092.69	262.31		
Interest - TANS		500.00		500.00		500.00		
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
Fire Truck Engine	2,085.00			2,085.00	2,085.00	-		
Forestry Truck	1,268.40			1,268.40	1,002.93	265.47		
Ambulance 2 Replacement		148,800.00		148,800.00	143,044.91	5,455.09		300.00
Articulating Loader Replace	60,000.00	-		60,000.00	59,756.00	244.00		
Digital Mapping	25,000.00	-		25,000.00	25,000.00	-		
Lowell Road Bike Path		75,000.00		75,000.00	-	-		75,000.00
Road Improvements	307,450.00	290,000.00		597,450.00	480,039.00	47,918.00		69,493.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS								
Capital Reserve Funds		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	-		
MISCELLANEOUS								
Retirement		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		
Insurance		255,500.00	4,847.97	260,347.97	231,542.56	28,805.41		
Searles Bond Payment		12,512.00		12,512.00	12,512.00	-		
Use of Searles Revenue Fund		12,000.00	(a)	12,000.00	12,000.00	,		
Searles Repairs-FB		24,600.00	. ,	24,600.00	4,000.00	,		20,600.00
Mosquito Control		35,000.00	4,037.00	39,037.00	35,000.00	4,037.00		

# ⋆ Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures ⋆

	APPROPRIATION FORWARDED	APPROPRIATION	RECEIPTS AND	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	BALAN		APPROPRIATIONS FORWARDED
•	FROM 2005	2006	REIMBURSE.	AVAILABLE	2006	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAFTS	TO 2007
MISCELLANEOUS CONT. Use of Police Details Rev Fund Use of Fire Haz Mat Rev Fund Contract Assessing Tech-FB Police Speed Trailer-FB Recreation Field Maint-FB Library Architect Plans-CRF Other Reimbursable Grants		40,000.00 20,000.00 70,000.00 I1,530.00 25,000.00	(a) (a)	40,000.00 20,000.00 70,000.00 11,530.00 25,000.00 20,000.00	40,000.00 20,000.00 70,000.00 7,709.00 25,000.00 4,000.00	3,821.00 4,000.00		12,000.00
Donations/Gifts Property Maintenance Trust Earned Time Trust Refunds and Abatements		30,000.00 20,000.00 108,096.00	12,175.00 4,670.50	12,175.00 30,000.00 20,000.00 112,766.50	12,167.00 30,000.00 20,000.00 27,414.70	8.00 85,351.80		
OTHER GOVT'L DIVISIONS School County	11,215,182.00	24,945,496.00 1,864,329.00		36,160,678.00 1,864,329.00	24,615,182.00 1,864,329.00			11,545,496.00
TOTALS	11,634,117.40	38,273,818.00	87,219.28	49,995,154.68	37,689,746.74	463,322.93	(45,490.25)	11,887,575.26

<sup>(</sup>a) Amounts received from other sources are reflected in the 2006 Expenditures column based on total appropriation and may not reflect the actual amount expended.

# TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS &

		PRIN	CIPAL	INCOME			- CD (ND		
NAME OF TRUST FUND	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	WITH- DRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END Year	GRAND TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
CEMETERIES									
Cemetery-on-Hill	1,189.03			1,189.03	0.00	10.47	10.47	0.00	1,189.03
Perpetual Care	62,090.00			62,090.00	1,067.22	557.19	557.19	1,067.22	63,157.22
Neglected Lots	500.00			500.00	0.00	4.38	4.38	0.00	500.00
Garaphelia Park	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	8.83	8.83	0.00	1,000.00
Martha Clark Fund	2,000.00			2,000.00	0.00	17.60	17.60	0.00	2,000.00
Dora Haseltine Fund	500.00			500.00	0.00	4.38	4.38	0.00	500.00
Cemetery-on-the-Plains	17,574.89			17,574.89	6,632.08	306.23	0.00	6,938.31	24,513.20
Cemetery Trustees	0.00			0.00	23,354.18	1,019.54	0.00	24,373.72	24,373.72
Maintenance Fund	28,850.00	3,400.00		32,250.00	154.57	268.89	268.89	154.57	32,404.57
Louise Anderson Hall Fund	1,300.00			1,300.00	0.00	11.47	11.47	0.00	1,300.00
LIBRARY									
Public Library Fund	3,000.00			3,000.00	0.00	26.49	26.49	0.00	3,000.00
Library Books	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	8.83	8.83	0.00	1,000.00
ARMSTRONG MEM. BLD.	1,157.34			1,157.34	953.96	834.62	823.92	964.66	2,122.00
SCHOOLS									
Searles School Repairs	0.00			0.00	396.30	3.47	0.00	399.77	399.77
Eliz. Wilson Fund	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	8.83	8.83	0.00	1,000.00
School Dist. 2,3,4,6	4,022.00			4,022.00	0.00	35.47	35.47	0.00	4,022.00
MINISTERIAL FUNDS	1,989.63			1,989.63	0.00	17.56	17.56	0.00	1,989.63

	PRINCIPAL INCOME				<u>.</u>				
NAME OF TRUST FUND	BALANCE Beginning Year	NEW FUNDS CREATED	WITH- DRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
NEEDY PERSONS	1,400.00			1,400.00	4,258.90	49.85	0.00	4,308.75	5,708.75
REPAIR TOWN BLDGS	1,979.65			1,979.65	0.00	17.46	17.46	0.00	1,979.65
IRENE HERBERT SCHSHIP	14,075.00			14,075.00	223.19	126.34	0.00	349.53	14,424.53
COBBETTS PD VILL. DIST.	12,719.56			12,719.56	651.86	117.84	0.00	769.70	13,489.26
CAPITAL RES. FUNDS									
Fire Apparatus	12,195.00			12,195.00	547.49	112.26	0.00	659.75	12,854.75
Fire Station	0.00			0.00	1,430.37	12.62	0.00	1,442.99	1,442.99
Rte 111 / Town Complex	0.00			0.00	5,896.55	51.96	0.00	5,948.51	5,948.51
Fire Station Renovation	1,384.00			1,384.00	3,204.90	40.43	0.00	3,245.33	4,629.33
Nesmith Library	36,481.67		4,000.00	32,481.67	3,473.61	351.24	0.00	3,824.85	36,306.52
S.D. Repair/Replace Septic	154,707.00			154,707.00	2,077.33	1,381.21	0.00	3,458.54	158,165.54
Salt Shed	85,000.00	50,000.00		135,000.00	83.14	760.00	0.00	843.14	135,843.14
Senior Center	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.D. Building Modifications	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.D. Long Range Technol	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.D. Land Acquis Elem	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.D. Const/Land-Elem/HS	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S.D. Land Acq-Elem/HS	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				_	
NAME OF TRUST FUND	BALANCE BEGINNING	NEW FUNDS	WITH-	BALANCE END	BALANCE BEGINNING	INCOME DURING	EXPENDED DURING	BALANCE END	GRAND TOTAL PRINCIPAL
	YEAR	CREATED	DRAWALS	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	& INCOME
EXPENDABLE TRUST FD*									
Property Maintenance	0.00	34,158.39		34,158.39	0.00	2.11	0.00	2.11	34,160.50
Earned Time	0.00	133,157.91		133,157.91	0.00	8.21	0.00	8.21	133,166.12
Town Museum	0.00	5,405.35		5,405.35	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.33	5,405.68
Fire Protection	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Searles School	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	447,114.77	226,121.65	4,000.00	669,236.42	54,405.65	6,176.11	1,821.77	58,759.99	727,996.41

<sup>\*</sup>Funds were previously held in custody of the Town Treasurer, but were transferred to the Trustees during 2006

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

*Mary Tohnson* Chairman

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY &

Description		Value
Town Hall Complex, Land (11A-590)	\$	369,000
Town Hall		1,362,320
Planning Department		1,044,820
Armstrong Memorial Building		790,433
Town Complex, Land (16L-100)		2,008,000
Police Station		3,277,332
Nesmith Library		1,575,322
Fire Department		2,439,896
Fire Department Garage		135,247
Recycling/Transfer Station (11A-201)		
Land		354,000
Buildings		1,127,308
Bartley House (11C-1300)		
Land		295,000
Buildings		522,195
Senior Center (11C-1200)		
Land		224,000
Buildings		766,733
Searles Building (18L-525)		
Land		485,000
Buildings		1,693,630
Highway Department (3A-955, 3B-998)		
Land		367,000
Buildings		40,000
Town Beach (21H-1A)		
Land		494,000
Buildings		7,000
Cemeteries,		
Land (7A-501, 21K-150, 21U-100, 21W-6)		684,000
Buildings		5,000
Sportsfields/Recreational Lands (1B-1095, 1C-2495&2500A, 2A-250&650, 2B-495,		
9A655, -770&1750, 22R-900, 24F-5205)		2,649,000
Recreational Buildings (Griffin Park Utility/Multi-Use, Roger's Concession)		279,672
Disposal Site, Land (25R-300)		270,000
Conservation Land (1C-2500, 3A-895, 3B-375, 3B-910, 3B-925, 8B-3001, 4200, 4700& 6600,		
14A-200, 24F-501, 25E-10, 25R-103, 6500, 7025, & 8000)		5,366,000
Water Supply, Land (20D-1000)		286,000
Other: Wilson Land (11A-300)		490,000
All Lands and Buildings Acquired by Tax Collector's Deeds (see below)		4,408,000
All Properties Gifted to Town (see below)	_	3,910,000
TOTAL	\$	37,725,908

Land values reflect the current property assessment as established by the Tax Assessor. Building values reflect the appraised value as determined by the Town's insurance provider during 2005.

# PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED

1B-1022	10,000	16P-510	7,000
1B-1025	10,000	16P-520	7,000
1B-1026	10,000	16P-540	7,000
1B-1027	10,000	16P-560	8,000
2A-1325	182,000	16P-1004	152,000
3B-355	133,000	16P-1010	7,000
3B-680	101,000	17I-49	202,000
3B-850-2	6,000	17J-100B	31,000
7A-625	11,000	17J-134A	16,000
8A-52	102,000	17L-65A	7,000
8A-61	7,000	17M-46A	7,000
8B-850	234,000	19B-701	204,000
8B-900	219,000	19B-715	207,000
8B-4100 (c)	49,000	20D-1300	229,000
8B-4300 (c)	52,000	20D-1300A	10,000
8B-5800 (c)	69,000	20D-2500	228,000
8B-6000 (c)	57,000	20E-350	396,000
9A-652	9,000	21V-227A	27,000
11A-634A	7,000	21V-243J	8,000
13K-30	68,000	21V-255B	7,000
13K-34A	36,000	24A-601	192,000
13K-34B	37,000	24D-600	57,000
14B-2350	44,000	24E-100	99,000
16C-1	78,000	24G-101	115,000
16C-5	38,000	25D-2A	136,000
16F-8A	25,000	25E-481	8,000
16L-50	135,000	25R-6000A (c)	10,000
16P-501	6,000	25R-7010 (c)	273,000
16P-502	6,000	• •	

### PROPERTIES GIFTED TO THE TOWN OF WINDHAM

3B-1500 (c)	10,000	14B-2500 (c)	9,000
3B-1600 (c)	14,000	20D-1600 (c)	536,000
3B-290A (c)	12,000	20D-1800 (c)	257,000
6C-200	51,000	20D-2000 (c)	218,000
7A-500	203,000	21W-2	113,000
8B-3900 (c)	60,000	21W-15A	7,000
9A-1600	47,000	22L-75 (c)	62,000
9A-1604	9,000	22L-77 (c)	62,000
11C-350	54,000	22R-250	8,000
11C-1700	206,000	24E-5000	115,000
11C-1800	219,000	24F-500 (c)	49,000
11C-1801	219,000	24F-800 (c)	57,000
11C-1802	203,000	24F-900 (c)	63,000
11C-3400	9,000	24F-950	192,000
11C-3600	22,000	24F-1550	15,000
14A-51 (c)	270,000	24F-1551	14,000
14A-230	11,000	24F-6100 (c)	451,000
14B-14A	21,000	25E-500 (c)	29,000
14B-2101	6,000	25R-500	7,000

<sup>(</sup>c) Indicates properties that were either donated as, or have since been designated as, Conservation land. These Conservation values are <u>in addition</u> to those reflected on the previous page of this report.

# 92005 Independent Audit &

April 28, 2006 To the Board of Selectmen Town of Windham, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Windham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town of Windham, New Hampshire's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Windham, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Windham, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2005, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC Independent Auditing Firm

## **BALANCE SHEET** Governmental Funds December 31, 2005

(1,543,864)

(27,646)

(648,482)\$30,064,594

	General Fund	Conservation Land Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Totals			
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$11,340,284	\$864,402	\$1,199,858	\$13,404,544			
Investments			36,188	36,188			
Taxes receivable, net	1,409,856			1,409,856			
Accounts receivable, net	45,543		31,076	76,619			
Due from other funds	765	,	33	22,798			
Restricted cash	621,941	_		621,941			
Total Assets	\$13,418,389	\$886,402	\$1,267,155	\$15,571,946			
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$204,069		\$150	\$204,219			
Deferred revenue	909,961			909,961			
Due to other funds	22,000		798	22,798			
Due to other governments	11,215,182			11,215,182			
Payable from restricted assets	621,941			621,941			
Total Liabilities	12,973,153	0	948	12,974,101			
Fund Balances	22.122			22.122			
Reserved for encumbrances	23,132		157 170	23,132			
Reserved for endowments			157,172	157,172			
Unreserved, reported in: General fund	422,104			422,104			
Special revenue funds	422,104	886,402	1,075,175	1,961,577			
Capital project funds		000,402	1,073,173	1,901,377			
Permanent funds			32,488	32,488			
Total Fund Balances	445,236	886,402	1,266,207	2,597,845			
_		·		2,557,015			
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$13,418,389	\$886,402	\$1,267,155				
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:  Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds  Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis  Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at							

Note: The full audited financial statements are available at the Administrative offices.

year end consist of: Bonds payable

Compensated absences

Net assets of governmental activities

Accrued interest on long-term obligations

# 92005 FIXED ASSET STATEMENT &

The chart below represents the Town of Windham's fixed assets and infrastructure for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as recorded in its financial statements. The Town of Windham considers a capital asset to be an asset whose cost exceeds \$5,000 and has a useful life of greater than one (1) year. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of their useful lives. Infrastructure represents town-owned roadways and bridges.

	Balance 1/1/2005	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2005
Capital assets not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,189,900	\$ 1,796,288	\$ (15,000)	\$ 8,971,188
Construction in progress		-	-	-
Total capital assets not depreciated	7,189,900	1,796,288	(15,000)	8,971,188
Other capital assets:				
Infrastructure	27,560,854	485,368	-	28,046,222
Land improvements	1,221,430	18,867	-	1,240,297
Buildings and improvements	7,825,258	18,745	-	7,844,003
Vehicles and equipment	2,478,865	934,070	(338,726)	3,074,209
Total other capital assets @ historical cost	39,086,407	1,457,050	(338,726)	40,204,731
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(14,996,122)	(1,035,107)	~	(16,031,229)
Land improvements	(393,774)	(85,731)	~	(479,505)
Buildings and improvements	(1,935,377)	(198,104)	-	(2,133,481)
Vehicles and equipment	(1,541,073)	(201,514)	334,237	(1,408,350)
Total accumulated depreciation	(18,866,346)	(1,520,456)	334,237	(20,052,565)
Total other capital assets, net	20,220,061	(63,406)	(4,489)	20,152,166
Total capital assets, net	\$27,409,961	\$ 1,732,882	\$ (19,489)	\$29,123,354

(Excerpt from the Notes to Basic Financial Statements in the Town's 2005 audited financial statements)

# 92006 BALANCE SHEET &

The following represents the General Fund balance sheet as of December 31, 2006 as prepared by the Town's Finance Department. This information is presented in draft form and has not been audited or reviewed by the Town's Independent Auditors.

This presentation omits substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included with the General Fund balance sheet, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town's financial position. Accordingly, this General Fund balance sheet is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

## GENERAL FUND - DECEMBER 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash	\$10,891,573
Taxes receivable, net	1,839,139
Accounts receivable	45,543
Due from other funds	841
Restricted cash - performance bonds	655,140
Restricted cash - other	10,750
Total Assets	\$13,442,986
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 13,495
Deferred revenues	100,644
Deposits	655,140
Due to other governments	11,545,496
Total Liabilities	12,314,775
Fund Balances	
Reserved for encumbrances	164,686
Unreserved:	
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	177,393
Undesignated	786,132
Total Fund Balances	1,128,211

Total Liabilities & Fund Balances

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Town Administrator-Finance

\$13,442,986

## 7 TOWN CLERK&

In March of 2006, the Town Clerk's Office welcomed Diana Vincent as Assistant Town Clerk. Although, during the year, each member of the staff experienced some health issues, I'm pleased to say that there was no interruption of service.

On behalf of all of us in the Clerk's Office, I thank each and every one of the residents of Windham for their continued support. As always, do not hesitate to contact us at 434-5075 with any questions or concerns you may have.

#### GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued: 16,127	\$ 2,665,247.67
Mail-in Registrations	12,664.00
State Motor Vehicles	39,787.50
Titles	6,038.00
Dog Licenses Issued: 1,718	15,925.00
	,
Income from Dog Officer	2,190.00
Sale of Town Information	4,366.02
Boats	12,784.59
UCC Filings, etc.	3,425.00
Vital Records	1,806.00
OHRV / Hunting & Fishing	306.00
Total	\$2,764.539.78

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Respectfully submitted,

\$2,764.539.78

Joan C. Tuck/Town Clerk

### **DEBIT REPORT**

	Levies of		
	2006	Prior	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR:			
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,023,075.33	
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	664,240.52	
Yield Taxes	0.00	1,504.27	
Excavation Taxes	0.00	605.92	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:			
Property Taxes	33,102,104.72	0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	403,500.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes Excavation Taxes	0.00	0.00 0.00	
	0.00	0.00	
OVERPAYMENTS:	00 (42 52	77 702 40	
Property Taxes Miscellaneous	80,642.53	77,783.49	
	44.00	55.00	
INTEREST COLLECTED ON	14 022 11	50,001,00	
DELINQUENT TAXES:	14,822.11	59,891.90	
COLLECTED PENALTIES/FEES	418.00	4,670.37	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$33,601,531.36	\$ 1,831,826.80	
CREDIT REPO	RT		
	2006	Prior	
REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Property Taxes	\$ 31,458,773.54	\$ 1,019,996.76	
Land Use Change Taxes	367,500.00	427,440.52	
Yield Taxes	0.00	1,504.27	
Interest	14,822.11	59,891.90	
Penalties/Fees	418.00	4,670.37	
Overpayments/Refunds	80,642.53	77,783.49	
Miscellaneous Excavation Tax	44.00	55.00 605.92	
	0.00	003.92	
ABATEMENTS MADE:	6 260 60	116.76	
Property Taxes Land Use Change Taxes	6,269.68 36,000.00	116.76 162,800.00	
~	30,000.00	102,000.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:	162706150	2.061.01	
Property Taxes Land Use Change Taxes	1,637,061.50 0.00	2,961.81 74,000.00	
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	
TICIU TAACS	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$33,601,531.36	\$ 1,831,826.80	

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/LIEN ACCOUNTS

## **DEBIT REPORT**

	2005 Levies	2004 Levies	Prior Levies
UNREDEEMED LIENS:			
Beginning of Year	\$ 0.00	\$ 68,307.34	\$ 27,476.32
LIENS EXECUTED:			
During Fiscal Year	334,383.75	0.00	0.00
INTEREST & COSTS:			
Collected After Execution	12,875.91	7,020.97	8,536.49
TOTAL DEBITS	\$347,259.66	\$ 75,328.31	\$ 36,012.81
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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:			
Redemptions	\$194,730.83	\$ 37,707.68	\$ 22,612.39
Interest/Costs	12,875.91	7,020.97	8,536.49
ABATEMENTS:	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNREDEEMED LIENS:			
Balance End of Year	139,652.92	30,599.66	4,863.93
TOTAL CREDITS	\$347,259.66	\$ 75,328.31	\$ 36,012.81

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Robertson
Tax Collector

# 7 TOWN TREASURER %

## GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND

Cash Balance on January 1, 2006	\$ 11,135,305.99
Sources of Revenue	
Town Departments	
Tax Collector	
2006 Tax Warrants	31,554,700.18
Prior Tax Warrants	1,442,547.29
Town Clerk	2,764,539.78
Planning & Development Dept	281,911.77
Transfer Station	147,744.47
Selectmen's Office	106,049.01
Police Department	32,383.90
Fire Department	225,318.35
Recreation Department	3,484.00
State of New Hampshire	
Revenue Sharing	69,298.00
Highway Block Grant	225,680.87
Rooms & Meals	486,305.93
Emergency Management Grant	21,078.50
Flood Reimbursement (FEMA)	9,084.23
Other	7,117.55
Miscellaneous Revenues	
Interest on Deposits	131,965.98
Interest on Investments (\$1.8 million in short-term CD's)	19,536.24
Cable Franchise Fees	151,181.02
Income from Trust Funds	765.35
Donations/Other Grant Funds	12,175.00
Sale of Town Property	5,350.21
Other	2,448.40
2006 Revenues	37,700,666.03
Current Use Collections	800,694.00
Proceeds from Police Special Rev Fund Rescinded	87,916.47
Total Funds Available	\$ 49,724,582.49
Less:	
Disbursements per Selectmen's Warrants & School District Requests	37,990,750.64
2005/2006 Current Use Transferred	822,694.00
2006 Village District Commitment Transferred	19,565.00
Cash Balance on December 31, 2006 – <i>held at Citizens Bank</i>	\$ 10,891,572.85

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### OTHER FUNDS

Held at Citizens Bank:	Balance				Balance
Fund	01/01/06	Income	Disbursements	Interest	12/31/06
Recreation Revolving Acct	\$ 2,363.28	\$ 5,058.00	\$ 6,237.43	\$ 38.99	\$ 1,222.84
Cable TV Trust Fund	186,058.09	22,000.00	0.00	6,497.99	214,556.08
Searles Special Revenue	17,233.59	25,791.00	23,266.17	501.21	20,259.63
Expendable Health Trust	66,155.39	130,684.38	187,793.70	912.40	9,958.47
Earned Time Trust (a)	109,028.96	20,000.00	133,157.91	4,128.95	0.00
Property Maint Trust (a)	32,218.34	30,000.00	63,132.07	913.73	0.00
Cemetery Operation Fund	74,544.54	3,400.00	0.00	2,714.00	80,658.54
Conservation Land Trust	860,151.36	823,316.58	958,798.66	19,015.18	743,684.46
Road Bond Fund	8,651.36	0.00	0.00	308.69	8,960.05
Law Enforcement Fund	920.41	0.00	0.00	19.75	940.16
Town Clerk Special Acct	2,502.02	15,219.00	16,897.00	15.28	839.30
Searles Expend Trust	15.67	0.00	16.00	0.33	0.00
Recreation – Lacrosse	2,267.39	31,452.59	23,190.30	117.52	10,647.20
Recreation – Yoga	685.98	5,757.00	5,708.00	14.21	749.19
Conservation Special	2,047.32	0.00	0.00	43.93	2,091.25
Recreation – Basketball	17,673.14	1,210.00	1,438.83	502.83	17,947.14
Griffin Park Special Grant	1,372.16	0.00	0.00	29.45	1,401.61
Recreation – Programs	2,211.13	7,919.78	6,799.34	69.67	3,401.24
Recreation – Tennis	5,636.64	8,810.00	7,872.86	153.46	6,727.24
Conservation – Trails	2,203.01	0.00	0.00	47.26	2,250.27
Police Contracted Spec (b)	203,889.48	2,595.00	213,445.41	6,960.93	0.00
Police Public Safety Rev	1.26	268,052.75	239,509.22	2,545.52	31,090.31
Police Fed Forfeitures	0.00	37,050.89	0.00	345.61	37,396.50
Fire Contracted Special	11,113.24	0.00	11,331.44	218.20	0.00
Fire Public Safety Rev	0.00	12,341.51	5,717.26	15.77	6,640.02
Subdivision Fees	102,809.40	108,349.36	100,353.56	0.00	110,805.20
Town Museum (a)	5,408.67	0.00	5,580.35	171.68	0.00
Griffin Park Lighting	862.33	0.00	0.00	18.50	880.83
Griffin Park Fencing	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.71
Misc. (Undefined)	941.74	7.25	0.00	19.50	968.49
School Impact Fees	504,405.33	197,200.00	250,000.00	23,730.06	475,335.39
Rte 28 Emerg Resp Fund	64,773.13	14,500.00	23,495.42	1,886.97	57,664.68
Recreational Improv Fund	15,889.13	2,000.00	0.00	525.31	18,414.44
Rail to Trail Fund	1,412.17	1,300.00	2,500.00	34.18	246.35
Fire Engine Bond	374.39	0.00	381.71	7.32	0.00
Grand Total	\$2,305,821.76	\$1,774,015.09	\$2,286,622.64	\$72,524.38	\$1,865,738.59

<sup>(</sup>a) – Expendable trust funds that are required to be in the custody of the Trustees of the Trust funds and were transferred to the Trustees during 2006.

<sup>(</sup>b) – Special revenue fund was closed via March 2006 Town Meeting vote.

## DEVELOPER PERFORMANCE BONDS

As of 12/31/06, the following bonds are held for the completion of projects approved by the Planning Board:

of projects approved by the Planning	, Board:
Adelphia (Cable TV)	\$ 75,000.00
American Excavating (Road Projects)	448,000.00
Anderson Subdiv	73,006.00
Bear Hill Extension	85,632.00
Butterfield/Jackman Ridge Rd Ext	69,000.00
Canterbury Rd Ext	7,742.27
Carr Landscaping	7,300.00
Castle Reach Pump House	216,660.00
Castle Reach II	102,384.00
Castle Reach II / Hancock Rd	23,888.40
Castle Reach III	112,464.00
Clarke Farm Estates	150,000.00
Cristy Rd Ext	50,358.26
D & S Builders	100.00
DelPozzo Development	524.01
Duston Rd (Spruce Pond)	40,012.00
6 Edinburg Rd	5,005.86
Evinson (timber)	708.57
Fieldstone Woods (Mountain Home Building)	18,936.40
Fieldstone Woods (DHB, Inc)	17,082.50
Fletcher Rd	59,424.00
Fletcher Rd Ext	11,798.00
Fox Crossing Retaining Wall	15,480.00
Fritschy Site Plan	20,000.00
Glance Rd Ext	26,202.00
Gov Dinsmore Rd (McIntosh Hollow)	93,720.00
Gov Dinsmore Rd (Orchard Blossom)	39,275.00
90 Indian Rock Rd	38,951.18
Jenny's Hill Rd	157,387.00
Jenny's Hill Rd Ext	77,376.00
Johnson St Ext	33,151.04
Lakeview Farm/Harvest Rd	80,000.00
Lamplighter Village Site #8	21,127.12
Lancelot Rd	4,354.19
8 Ledge Rd	30,000.00
Marblehead Rd/Fletcher Corner	34,200.00
Netherwood Rd	14,600.00
Northland Rd (Spruce Pond)	58,524.00
Osgood (Forfeited)	2,433.75
Outlook Rd	53,329.79
Partridge & Quail Rds	2,798.99
Pawtucket Rd	39,166.32
PSNH (Telo Rd/Almes St)	5,000.00
Ryan Farm Rd (Mesiti)	

Ryans Farm / Heritage Acres	116,853.32
Searles Rd (Forfeited)	42,835.07
Seavey Rd	4,079.31
Settlers Ridge Rd	12,594.84
Sheffield St	32,194.00
Squire Armour Ext	16,464.00
Stoneywyke Rd (Forfeited)	6,155.73
Terra Bella	1,152,872.00
Thompson Subdiv	664.89
Timberlane & Heritage Hill	35,021.57
Villages of Windham	42,834.00
Wall St/International	31,697.86
Wall St (Shaws) Driveway	13,586.00
Westchester Rd	8,294.56
Whispering Pines (Winds)	6,059.32
White Mountain Cable Construction (Cable TV)	20,000.00
Windham Meadows I	47,766.46
Windham Meadows II	69,077.09
Windham Shaws	10,729.80
Total Performance Bonds	\$4,213,791.47

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Skinner/Town Treasurer

## <sup>9</sup> Expendable Health Trust Funds

			· Disburse	ments				
		RETIREE						
MONTH	INCOME*	NET PREMIUM	CLAIMS	ADMIN FEE	RENEWAL	INTEREST	MISC.	BALANCE*
								66,155.39
January	3,622.37	310.98	8,749.88	0.00	0.00	129.85		60,846.75
February	11,829.31	310.98	6,250.85	1,270.50	0.00	110.33		64,954.06
March	10,076.51	310.98	25,534.00	0.00	0.00	104.95		49,290.54
April	9,750.51	155.49	23,754.93	0.00	0.00	70.03		35,200.66
May	13,246.49	155.49	21,700.42	1,650.00	0.00	59.71		25,000.95
June	10,437.19	155.49	12,596.79	0.00	0.00	44.04		22,729.90
July	10,501.32	103.97	20,337.10	0.00	0.00	64.93	*	12,855.08
August	13,292.29	0.00	20,820.59	0.00	0.00	64.93	*	5,391.71
September	10,730.37	0.00	15,228.90	0.00	0.00	64.93	*	958.11
October	13,183.71	0.00	0.00	3,349.50	0.00	64.93	*	10,857.25
November	11,385.90	0.00	16,819.14	0.00	650.00	64.93	*	4,838.94
December	14,131.79	0.00	9,081.10	0.00	0.00	68.84	*	9,958.47
TOTALS	132,187.76	1,503.38	180,873.70	6,270.00	650.00	912.40	0.00	_

<sup>\*</sup>Period interest and month-end balances have been reclassified due to the temporary investment of funds into a CD, which posted accumulated interest in December. Monthly income amounts have been reclassified to reflect proper timing of periodic transfers to the General Fund.

The Expendable Health Trust fund is used primarily to pay the "out of pocket" claims associated with the Town's program of self-insuring the deductibles and coinsurance payments on behalf of its employees. The monthly premium cost of the health insurance program is funded through the Town's general operating budget. Other disbursements from this account include administrative costs and payments made on behalf of retirees who qualify for the Town's post-employment benefits program based on years of service. The income deposited into this fund consists of the employees' co-pay amounts from weekly payroll deductions.

# STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS %

Amount of Original Issue Issuer / Date of Issue

Purpose Date Payable Rate

\$4,196,064.00

Citizens Bank / July 1999

Fire/Police/Library/Griffin Park

Feb & Aug Each Year

4.5% - 4.7%

	Year	Principal	Interest		Payment	Balance
						1,286,064.00
2006	2/15/06		29,692.50		29,692.50	1,286,064.00
	8/15/06	485,000.00	29,692.50	4.60%	514,692.50	801,064.00
2007	2/15/07		18,537.50		18,537.50	801,064.00
	8/15/07	350,000.00	18,537.50	4.60%	368,537.50	451,064.00
2008	2/15/08		10,487.50		10,487.50	451,064.00
	8/15/08	225,000.00	10,487.50	4.60%	235,487.50	226,064.00
2009	2/15/09		5,312.50		5,312.50	226,064.00
	8/15/09	226,064.00	5,312.50	4.70%	231,376.50	0.00
		\$1,286,064.00	\$128,060.00		\$1,414,124.00	

Amount of Original Issue

Issuer / Date of Issue Purpose

Date Payable Rate

\$100,000

TD Banknorth / June 2003 Searles Building Renovations

June Each Year

4.00%

	Year	Principal	Interest	Payment	Balance
					82,800.00
2006	6/3/06	9,200.00	3,312.00	12,512.00	73,600.00
2007	6/3/07	9,600.00	2,944.00	12,544.00	64,000.00
2008	6/3/08	10,000.00	2,560.00	12,560.00	54,000.00
2009	6/3/09	10,000.00	2,160.00	12,160.00	44,000.00
2010	6/3/10	10,400.00	1,760.00	12,160.00	33,600.00
2011	6/3/11	10,800.00	1,344.00	12,144.00	22,800.00
2012	6/3/12	11,200.00	912.00	12,112.00	11,600.00
2013	6/3/13	11,600.00	464.00	12,064.00	0.00
		40 <b>.</b> 200. 20	A	\$22 <b>.</b>	<u>.</u>

\$82,800.00 \$98,256.00 \$15,456.00

Amount of Original Issue

Issuer / Date of Issue

Purpose

Date Payable Rate

\$175,000

Ocean National Bank / May 2005

Fire Truck Engine

May 2006 2.84%

	Year	Principal	Interest	Payment	Balance
					175,000.00
2006	5/2/06	175,000.00	4,970.00	179,970.00	0.00

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# °CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN 2007-2014%

### CIP FY 2007 - 2014 APPROPRIATION CHART (SUMMARY)

CRF

	Notes	CRF Balances		2007	2008	2009	2010		2011	2012	2013		2014
CIP Projected Availability				\$1,656,499	\$1,681,346	\$1,706,566	\$1,732,1	55	\$1,758,147	\$1,784,519	\$1,811,287		\$1,838,457
Fixed CIP Obligations				-	•								
Town Master Bond	(1)			387,075	245,975	236,689							
Schools Renovation Bond	(2)			494,974	484,014	475,026							
Searle's Bond	(3a)			12,544	12,560	12,160	12,1	50	12,144	12,144	12,144		
Total Fixed Obligations				\$894,593	\$742,549	\$723,875	\$12,10	50	\$12,144	\$12,144	\$12,144		\$0
Effective Availability Other				\$761,906	\$938,797	\$982,691	\$1,720,0	)5	\$1,746,003	\$1,772,375	\$1,799,143		\$1,838,457
Other CIP Annual Contributions		-		533,019	162,560	162,160	12,10	50	12,144	12,144	12,144		0
Net to Annual Appropriations		\$ -	\$	1,294,925	\$ 1,101,357	1,144,851	\$ 1,732,10	55 \$	1,758,147 \$	1,784,519	\$ 1,811,287	\$	1,838,457
Annual Appropriations													
POLICE DEPARTMENT		_		89,250	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
FIRE DEPARTMENT		_		122,975	215,025	125,000	520,0	00	520,000	553,000	395,000		410,000
SELECTMEN		75,000		405,475	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
HIGHWAY AGENT		50,000		420,000	465,000	300,000	300,0	00	390,000	300,000	300,000		300,000
LIBRARY		36,545		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
CONSERVATION		400,000		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
TRANSFER STATION		-		129,080	193,360	402,012	100,0	00	100,000	100,000	88,400		0
HERITAGE / HISTORIC COMM.				13,000	13,000	13,000	13,0	00	0	0	0		0
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		156,000		115,145	220,000	300,000	800,0	00	800,000	800,000	800,000		800,000
Total Annual Appropriations			\$	1,294,925	\$ 1,106,385	1,140,012	\$ 1,733,00	00 \$	1,810,000 \$	1,753,000	\$ 1,583,400	\$	1,510,000
Variance			I	(\$0)	(\$5,028)	\$4,839	(\$83	5)	(\$51,853)	\$31,519	\$227,887		\$328,457
												<u> </u>	

## **CIP FY 2007 - 2014 APPROPRIATION CHART (DETAILS)**

	Notes	CRF Balances	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Effective Availability Other			\$ 761,906	\$ 938,797 \$	982,691 \$	1,720,005 \$	1,746,003 \$	1,772,375 \$	1,799,143 \$	1,838,457
OTHER CIP ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	NS									
Searle's Trust Fund	(3b)*	13,000	12,544	12,560	12,160	12,160	12,144	12,144	12,144	
School Impact Fee Funds	(5)	405,683	250,000	150,000	150,000					
Rte 28 Emergency Fund	(6)*	66,300								
Recreation Improvement Fund	(7)*	14,800								
Library CRF	(8)	36,545								
Castle Hill Bridge State Reimb.	(9)		270,475							
Total Other contributions			\$ 533,019	\$ 162,560 \$	162,160 \$	12,160 \$	12,144 \$	12,144 \$	12,144 \$	-
Net to Annual CIP Appropriations			\$ 1,294,925	\$ 1,101,357 \$	1,144,851 \$	1,732,165 \$	1,758,147 \$	1,784,519 \$	1,811,287 \$	1,838,457
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS										
POLICE DEPARTMENT										
Garage/storage facility			89,250							
Sub-Total			\$89,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FIRE DEPARTMENT							•			
Substation						250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Ambulance 2 Replacement								158,000		
Engine 3 Replacement				125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000			
Engine 3 Repair			65,000							
Engine 2 Replacement						145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	
Ambulance 1 Replacement			57,975	90,025						160,000
Sub-Total		\$0	\$122,975	\$215,025	\$125,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	\$553,000	\$395,000	\$410,000
SELECTMEN										
Lowell Rd Bike Paths (attached to fundi	ng)	75,000	85,000							
Bartley House			50,000							
Castle Hill Bridge			270,475	 						
		\$75,000	\$405,475	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## ⋆ Capital Improvements Plan 2007 - 2014 ⋆

	Notes	CRF Balances	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
HIGHWAY AGENT	·'									
Road Improvements	7	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Salt shed		50,000	120,000							
5 Ton Dump (with Transfer Station)		1		90,000						
Small rubber track excavator	'			75,000						
Front end loader	'			·		<u>.</u>	90,000	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Sub-Total		\$50,000	\$420,000	\$465,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$390,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
LIBRARY	(8)*	36,545								
Sub-Total	-	\$36,545	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSERVATION		] [								
Land Fund	(10)	400,000								
Sub-Total	'	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRANSFER STATION	<u> </u>	] [								
Trailer Replacement	<u> </u> '	<u> </u>	54,080		54,080					
Tractor	<u> </u>	]	75,000							
Facilities Improvement/Renovation					100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Articulating Loader Replacement	$\Gamma_{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline$								88,400	
Conveyor System Renovation				58,160	50,000					
Skid Loader Replacement	'				62,732					
Baler Replacement				135,200	135,200					
Sub-Total	<u>.                                    </u>	\$0	\$129,080	\$193,360	\$402,012	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$88,400	\$0
HERITAGE/HISTORIC COMMISSION	'									
Depot area	<u> </u>		13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000				
Sub-Total	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	!	] [								
Driveway/Parking lot paving/MS parking	g	34,855	115,145							
School Septic Replacement	<u> </u>	156,000								
Soccer Field at Middle School	'	]		70,000						
Middle School Facilities (\$18M)	'			150,000	300,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Sub-Total	<u> </u>	\$156,000	\$115,145	\$220,000	\$300,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS			\$1,294,925	\$1,106,385	\$1,140,012	\$1,733,000	\$1,810,000	\$1,753,000	\$1,583,400	\$1,510,000
VARIANCE	<del>                                     </del>		(\$0)	(\$5,028)	\$4,839	(\$835)	(\$51,853)	\$31,519	\$227,887	\$328,457

## ⋆ Capital Improvements Plan 2007 - 2014 ⋆

#### CIP FY 2007-2014 FOOTNOTES

#### **Fixed Obligations:**

- (1) Represents 10 year bond (2000-2009), of \$4,196,064 at 4.57% covering Fire Station, Police Station, Library, and Griffin Park Phase I projects.
- (2) Represents 10 year bond (2000-2009) for schools renovation of \$5,992,000 at 4.65%. Use CRF and Impact fees to reduce total annual payments. Payment includes 30% state funding.
- (3a) Represents loyear bond (2004-2013) of \$100,000 at 4.5% for renovations of Searle's Chapel west room.

#### Other CIP Annual Contributions:

- (3b)\* Represents projected rental revenue from Searle's Chapel.
- (5) Impact fees collected per year, above a \$50,000 standing reserve, are to be applied to the school bond payment. Fee collection is projected at \$150,000 per year.
- (6)\* Fees collected by the Planning Dept. could offset part of the cost of the new Fire Department Substation
- (7)\* Fees collected by the Planning Dept. for recreational improvements
- (9) Funds from State of NH will offset the state's portion of the Castle Hill bridge cost. Anticipated receipt of funds 2007

#### Capital Reserve Fund:

- (8) Interest left from Library construction project. Does not include \$20,000 approved 3/06 by voters towards architectural study.
- (10) Conservation land acquisition fund from current use penalties

#### TAX VALUATION PROJECTION

			PROJECTED	
PROPERTY VALUATION	% INCREASE	YEAR	CIP TAX RATE	\$ AVAILABLE
\$2,154,794,970		2006	\$0.75	\$1,616,096
\$2,208,664,844	2.5	2007	\$0.75	\$1,656,499
\$2,241,794,817	1.5	2008	\$0.75	\$1,681,346
\$2,275,421,739	1.5	2009	\$0.75	\$1,706,566
\$2,309,553,065	1.5	2010	\$0.75	\$1,732,165
\$2,344,196,361	1.5	2011	\$0.75	\$1,758,147
\$2,379,359,307	1.5	2012	\$0.75	\$1,784,519
\$2,415,049,696	1.5	2013	\$0.75	\$1,811,287
\$2,451,275,442	1.5	2014	\$0.75	\$1,838,457

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Based on Tax Assessor's Valuation for tax year 4/1/2005-3/31/2006

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN &

As we turn our attention to a new year, we, the Board of Selectmen are pleased to report on our activities for the past twelve months and reflect on 2006. Over the past year, the Board, our departments, and the various elected or volunteer Boards and Committees have immersed themselves in several key projects and tackled many divergent issues. Collectively, these individuals and groups have accomplished much for the community and will continue to work towards more goals in the upcoming year. All those who work for the Town or who volunteer their time and energy, by volunteering or holding elective office, can be proud of their efforts and the fruits of their labors. Through hard work, dedication, and working cooperatively to achieve many common goals, we all contribute to making Windham a community we all can be proud of.

The issues we have dealt with this past year cover a wide spectrum and, as in past reports, we realize that it is impossible to provide a detailed narrative on all the projects and issues handled by our staff and volunteers in only a few pages. Therefore, as has become the norm, our report is intended to focus on the highlights of some of the projects and issues which we, our departments, and committees have dealt with in the past year. In a separate report, our Town Administrator writes about the upcoming year and our budget proposals that will be considered at the 2007 town meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: The Strategic Planning Steering Committee completed the framework for the development of a town-wide strategic plan and the model to be used by the both Town and School departments. The goal of the Strategic Plan is to develop a rolling 5-year operating plan for all Town and School departments, to be utilized as a framework for annual budgeting into the future. This framework includes a three-pronged approach encompassing process and control, employee consideration and customer consideration. Each Town and School department created a "SWOT" (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis to be used in developing each department's portion of the overall plan. These SWOT analyses were reviewed jointly by the Town and School department heads, after which each individual department was tasked with completing an outline of the top six challenges facing the department over the next five years, as well as the steps needed to be taken to address these challenges. The goal of this portion of the analysis was to address both tangible (budgetary) as well as intangible (operational processes, employee considerations, organization issues) items to be incorporated into the town-wide plan. Once completed, the Town and School department heads again met jointly to review the results of this part of the analysis.

Due to the time of the year and upcoming budget season, the group focused on completing the first phase, process and control, by presenting a five-year budget plan representing each department's tangible needs over the next five years. This plan is designed to be a rolling plan, as the items are either funded through the budgetary process or moved to a future year. Working collaboratively, the Town and School department heads reviewed everyone's funding needs and collectively prioritized the items identified for 2007, the results of which were presented to the Selectmen, School Board, and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee with the expectation that this would be used as a guideline by the respective boards throughout the 2007 budget process. As we enter 2007 this process will continue to evolve and the other two prongs of the Strategic Plan model, employee consideration and customer consideration, will be developed.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD AND LAND CONVEYANCE: The Board was very active with regards to the High School project, meeting and working with the School Board to address both an access road and land issues involving the building site itself. First, following the approval of the Planning Board as to the "line and direction" of the proposed new road, the Board held formal

layout proceedings to consider a proposal to construct a new road beginning at Route III and running up to the site of the High School. After considering all of the testimony, the Board approved the creation of a new Class V road over portions of the area previously known as Londonbridge Road, requiring that underground utilities be installed from the beginning, near Route III, up to the main entrance to the High School; that four (4') foot paved shoulders be incorporated; and, that drainage be installed in accordance with the plans submitted by Appledore Engineering.

Secondly, the School Board discovered through a survey error that a portion of the proposed High School building was actually located on town property. In order to accommodate the school's need, the Board of Selectmen called for a Special Town Meeting to seek town approval to convey portions of two (2) Town-owned parcels of land located near, but not adjacent to, the Easterly line of the former London Bridge Road to the Windham School District for the purpose of accommodating the construction of Windham High School. In August, the voters overwhelmingly approved the conveyance, which transferred 7.010 acres of Lots 20-D-1600 and 20-D-1800, and .548 acres of Lot 20-D-1800 to the Windham School District.

Lastly, the Board was asked by the School Board to convey all or a portion of a 9.7 acre parcel received by the Town through tax deed to the School District in order for them to complete a land transfer with Mr. Logan, owner of land over which a portion of the new roadway was to be built. The land, known to be the Northerly portion of lot 20-D-1550, was conveyed with the following conditions: (1) that the Town receive a deed without covenants from Mr. Logan on any claim he may have to property in this area to ensure the integrity of the Town-owned Gage lands; (2) that the amount of land subdivided by the School District from this lot to exchange with Mr. Logan as per their agreement be minimal; and, (3) that the School Board make every effort to exchange a similar sized parcel to the Town for use as Conservation Land.

As we finished 2006, the Board was confident that the above detailed actions of the Board and Town will now allow the School Administration to move forward with the construction of both the access road to the High School and, ultimately, the School itself once all other regulations and agreements between private land owners have been addressed by the School. The Board is pleased that we could help facilitate the needed transfers of land and extend our best wishes and support to the School Board as they continue to progress towards our first High School.

<u>TRANSFER STATION</u>: Many workshop hours were spent this past year discussing the future of the Windham Transfer Recycling Station. Our Transfer Station Manager, Dave Poulson, suggested to us that we are at a pivotal point in terms of our present facility, and suggested that we study our options on how best to handle the disposal of solid waste in the future. Some of the options discussed included:

- Renovating the present facility to provide for future growth and operational demands.
- Use the 12-acre adjacent site to expand operations, reviewing the possibility of sharing the site with other departments such as Highway and Maintenance.
- Revamp operational processes at the existing location, which could enhance productivity and reduce expenditures.
- ➤ Privatize all or portions of the operations at the Transfer Station.
- ➤ Establish a curb-side pickup program either by the Town or a private vendor. Evaluate direct hauling options and the closing of the facility.

■ Build a new facility at a different location, including the potential of a regional facility.

The Board has expressed mixed feelings about the alternatives offered, however collectively we agree that a prudent goal for 2007 is to solicit bids on the various ways to handle our solid waste disposal needs and, further, to be prepared to begin to move forward in 2008 based on the direction selected. Early in 2007, we will be requesting solid waste vendors to bid on several methods of handling our needs, including:

- ➤ Providing curb-side pickup for MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) only with the waste being transported to the vendor's site. Recyclables would continue to be brought to the Transfer Station.
- ➤ Providing curb-side pickup for MSW and Recyclables, with all being transported to the vendor's site.
- ➤ Providing curb-side pickup for MSW and Recyclables and transport all to the Transfer Station.
- ➤ Privatizing the Transfer Station, which would involve a private company operating the facility, but the Town would maintain ownership and administrative oversight.

We encourage input as we move forward and welcome your feedback

<u>ROAD RELATED ISSUES</u>: Several significant road projects were completed this year. Portions of Marblehead Road were reconstructed at a cost of approximately \$475,000 from the Town's CIP funding. In addition, a 4,500 foot section of Searles Road and portions of Cardinal Road were repaired and repaved. Lastly, the Board awarded a bid to replace the Doiron Road culvert at a cost of approximately \$170,000. This project will be completed in the summer of 2007, with funding to come from the 2006 CIP and summer maintenance budgets.

We are pleased to note that, although the Town experienced significant flooding this past May, the Town's infrastructure fared extremely well, which is a testament to our ongoing maintenance efforts. The Town did, however, incur costs due to the flooding, primarily for contractors to assist the Highway Agent in repairing washed out shoulders and clearing debris, as well as Fire Department overtime and equipment related to basement pump-outs. A portion of our costs incurred, approximately \$9,000, was reimbursed to the Town from FEMA grant money allocated for the declaration of emergency.

Several road bond releases were approved by the Board after receiving recommendations from the Planning Board. We also accepted portions of Flat Rock, Crestwood, Searles, Mockingbird Hill, Netherwood, Stoneywyke, and Candlewood roads as Town roadways. At a Special Town Meeting in August the Town voted to permanently discontinue a portion of Bissell Camp Road. This small remaining stretch of Class VI road had no remaining usage for the Town and was considered non-essential to be retained.

In July, the Board approved a petition to reclassify a 450' portion of Pine Hill Road from a Class VI (town-owned, but not maintained) to a Class V (full publicly maintained) road, conditional on the petitioners compliance with all Planning Board requirements. The cost to improve the road to Class V status will be the responsibility of the developer and, subsequent to completion, the roadway will become the responsibility of the Town to maintain. As of year end, the Board had received a petition to reclassify a portion of Flat Rock Road, which will be considered in early 2007.

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUES</u>: The Board, acting as the Board of Health, amended the Town's Septic Disposal and Water Supply Regulations, reducing the 100' setback requirement between a well and septic system to 75' which is consistent with the State standard. With this change the number of waiver requests declined from past years, however the Board did consider a few requests to allow systems to be closer than 75', all of which were denied.

<u>DONATIONS</u>: As in past years, the Town was blessed to be the recipient of many donations of equipment, funds, or services. We extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to those who gave so generously to our community. On behalf of the Town, we would like to recognize some of the items received:

- ▼ \$500 worth of furniture for use by our Police Department TD Banknorth
- ▼ \$5,200 to cover labor services to repair and install the rear arch window at the Searles Building Anonymous
- ▼ \$1,500 to purchase equipment for the Fire Department Walmart
- ▼ \$5,000 cash donation each from the Windham Baseball and Softball League and Windham Soccer Association towards improvements to Tokenal Field.
- ▼ \$8,000 oriental rug donated for use at Searles Building Anonymous
- ▼ \$325 cash donation towards swale improvement at Tokenal Field
- ➤ Funds and services from area businesses to help provide the annual Senior Summer Picnic as well as the Town day sponsored by our Recreation Committee.
- ▼ \$965 cash and gift donations from private source towards Tennis Tournament
- 9' Artificial Christmas Tree donated for Town Hall use

<u>OTHER AREAS/ISSUES IN 2006</u>: Some of the other areas or issues that either the Board or specific departments addressed in 2006 include the following:

- ➤ Route III Bypass: The Bypass project moved ahead fairly rapidly in 2006 with work being concentrated in the Industrial Drive/Roulston Road areas, and between Route 28 and Shadow Lake Road. Based on current schedules, the NHDOT plans to have portions of the bypass open during 2007, with additional accesses available in 2008. Recently, the Board has begun addressing whether or not to change certain road names as a result of the planned road improvements. Portions of Range Road, Roulston Road, and the former Lamson Road have been or will be impacted by the new road network, possibly resulting in the need to change their names for public safety reasons. The Board will continue to discuss this matter in 2007, and should it be determined that any name needs to be changed, those abutters effected will be notified and a public hearing held.
- ▶ Interstate 93: In terms of I93, the State continues to finalize the designs for the widening of this roadway and reconstructing the Exit 3 interchange. The estimated cost of the improvements has increased significantly, resulting in the State extending the project timetable out until 2015 from 2012. The impact to Windham is minimal in terms of timing delays, as work around the Exit 3 interchange is still planned to be completed by the end of 2010.

- ▼ Griffin Park: Paving improvements to the walkways at Griffin Park were completed this past year, including repairing and widening portions of the center path, as well as creating ADA compliant pathways to the basketball courts, tennis courts, skateboard park and multipurpose building. In the Fall, the Board held a public hearing at Golden Brook School to discuss further ordinances relating to Griffin Park aimed at addressing concerns with several areas; predominantly the skateboard area and dogs within the park. Based on the general sentiment at the meeting, the Board has elected not to present an ordinance at the upcoming 2007 Town Meeting, but will continue to monitor the situations and possibility amend its own current regulations dealing with these areas including enhancing the fine system in place and further regulating or restricting usage.
- ➤ Lowell Road Bike Paths: A public hearing before a Governor's Commission was held this past year to grant final State approval to support the shared project between the State and Town to improve Lowell Road and construct bike paths from the intersection of Route 111/Lowell Road to the Golden Brook School. The Town will be responsible for approximately \$160,000 of the total project, estimated to be in excess of \$775,000. To date, we have raised \$75,000 of this cost and have requested additional funding of \$85,000 as part of our 2007 town budget.
- ▶ Digital Tax Mapping: In 2006, the Town completed the digitizing of all our tax maps. This project was originally appropriated in 2003 and cost a total of \$75,000. Through the Assessing department, and with the assistance of many other Town departments, we now have a GIS database using tax maps with aerial photography which reflect zoning, topography and other layers. The database is in the final stages of completion and is being used by internal Town departments. In the near future, this data will be accessible to residents via the Town's website.
- ➤ Recreational Improvements: The Recreation Committee, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, chose to put the majority of the \$25,000 approved for recreational improvements at the 2006 Town Meeting towards the reconstruction of a softball field at Tokanel Field. This project included the reconfiguration of the entire field, creation of a new infield, and correction of drainage and irrigation issues. In addition, with the donation of \$10,000 from the Windham Baseball/Softball League and Windham Soccer Association, a new backstop fence was installed at the reconstructed field. While the field was not used for softball during the 2006 season, it will be ready for play in the 2007 season.
- ▲ Assessing Data Technicians: In 2006, the Town approved a Warrant Article to spend \$70,000 for contracted assessing data technicians to assist the Town Assessor in completing the fieldwork necessary to conduct a town-wide revaluation. With the assistance of the data technicians, the revaluation was completed on time and within State Department of Revenue standards.
- ➤ Mosquito Control: 2006 saw the implementation of our mosquito control program, including larvaciding, testing of mosquito pools, and emergency spraying. This program, in conjunction with other programs conducted in many of our surrounding communities, was considered by the State Department of Health and Human Services to be a success, as there were no human cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus this past season. In addition, the Town received approximately \$4,000 back in grant funds from the State to offset the costs of our mosquito program.

- ➤ Eagle Scout Projects: Kyle Cole completed building a beautiful kiosk-type sign for Griffin Park. The sign is located at the entrance to the center pathway of Griffin Park and provides space for the park rules and other useful information for users of the park. On behalf of our community, the Board would like to extend its appreciation to Kyle for a tremendous effort on behalf of the Town.
- ➤ Village District: The Board met on several occasions with Mr. Mesiti and his representatives to discuss his intention to develop portions of the Village Center District, the area around and behind the historic Town Hall complex on North Lowell Road. Under consideration is a request to construct a road connection from North Lowell Road up along side the former Fire Station, now home to the Planning and Development Department, to provide an access to the Village Center District land behind the town buildings. In addition, the Board is discussing with Mr. Mesiti the possibility of allowing wells to be drilled on the Town Complex property on Fellows Road to serve the water needs of the Village Center District development. These concepts will be further discussed in the upcoming months of the new year.
- Rail Trail: This summer marked the opening of the Windham Rail Trail on Depot Road. Thanks to the efforts of the Windham Rail Trail Alliance, a 3+ mile stretch of the old rail road bed has been improved for use by bicyclists, joggers, walkers, horse enthusiasts, and others. The improvements include a paved center path, along with hard packed shoulders to allow for equestrian use. The trail was officially declared open at a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Governor Lynch in August. Since that time, the trail has been a tremendous success and used by hundreds. Future improvements to the Depot area are planned including renovating the historic Depot buildings and creating more of a park atmosphere. The Town has been awarded a \$168,000 grant to accomplish this project, however we first need to move the Highway Garage, which also will be an issue for the Board to address in 2007.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>: 2006 was again a year of turnover and transition for some departments and of temporary staffing adjustments for others. We have highlighted these below:

Police Department: In November, Officer Steven Moltenbrey retired after close to 20 years of service to our department, many of which he served as Community Resource Officer in our Schools. We wish Steve well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to our Town. A replacement officer is currently being recruited with the goal to have him/her in place by April of 2007.

Unfortunately, Captain Pat Yatsevich went out on medical leave this past year, and presently continues to work on his recuperation. We wish him the best in his recovery and look forward to his return to duty. In the meantime, Sergeant Carl Wagner has been assigned as Acting Captain to assist the Chief. The Board also promoted Officer Wendy Foley to the rank of Sergeant, increasing our number to five. We are confident that these individuals will perform well in their new roles and wish them our best.

Our Dispatch saw some changes with Meaghan O'Leary resigning to pursue other career objectives and the hiring of Matthew Sheehan to fill the vacancy. We offer Meaghan our best as she pursues other goals and welcome Matthew to our staff and wish him well in his new position.

*Fire*: Deputy Chief Thomas McPherson was promoted to the Chief's position in May. Chief McPherson has served the Town for more than twenty five years and has proven his ability to lead the department into the future. Besides Deputy, Chief McPherson has previously held the ranks of firefighter and firefighter/inspector.

## \* Board of Selectmen \*

Ken Whicker was appointed to fill the position of Firefighter/Fire Inspector which had been vacated last year when our former inspector took a firefighter position within the Department.

Robert Leuci, Jr. was appointed as our new Deputy Chief in August. Deputy Leuci previously served in the City of Nashua, most recently as the City's Training Officer, and brings with him a vast training background.

All three of these individuals have performed very well since their appointments and we have confidence that they each will have a bright future with the Department.

Planning Department: In September Rebecca Hebert, Our Assistant Planner, resigned to accept a similar position for the City of Concord. In November, Shaun Logue was hired to fill the vacancy. Shaun holds a Masters in Urban Planning and most recently has worked for engineering firms doing Environmental Planning. We wish Rebecca all the best with her new position and thank her for her efforts on the town's behalf. We also offer our best to Shaun and welcome him aboard.

Town Clerk: Diana Vincent was hired as Assistant Town Clerk, having previously served as Tax Collector/Town Clerk for the Town of Deerfield. She fills the vacancy created when Nicole Merrill was promoted to Deputy Town Clerk in 2006. We wish Diana success in her new position and welcome her to our team.

Administration: In February we accepted the recommendation of the Town Administrator to promote our Finance Director, Dana Call to the position of Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director. In her new role Dana, will continue to focus much of her time on the financial aspects of the Administration Department, but will also handle other responsibilities including certain personnel, labor relations, customer relations issues, and other projects as needed by the Administrator.

Awards: At Town Meeting, we recognized Barbara Coish as Volunteer of the Year for giving so much of her time and effort in ensuring that our meetings are cable-cast each Monday evening as well as for her efforts in other volunteer endeavors. Barbara also serves the Town as a member of the School Board and President of the Senior Citizens, Inc. She constantly exhibits a tremendous spirit and sense of enthusiasm no matter what she is involved with, reflecting a true illustration of what it is to be a community volunteer. We thank her for all she does for the community and extend the Town's appreciation for her efforts. We also presented the Employee of the Year Award to William Brown, Fire Lieutenant in recognition of over forty years of service to the Windham Fire Department. Though Bill retired from full time service in August of 2005, he has remained very active as a Call Firefighter with the Department. During his career, Bill has worked tirelessly on behalf of the community to protect our citizens. Without a doubt, Bill lives the life of a firefighter and both enjoys and respects that role.

On behalf of the entire community, we once again extend our appreciation and congratulations to both Barbara and Bill for their long term commitment to our Town.

We also would like to extend our congratulations to the Administrative staff, particularly Wendi Devlin and Dana Call, for receiving the first place award in the Annual Town Report contest administered by the Local Government Center. This is the second year in a row that the Town has received the first place award. Job well done by all!

As has been the case for the past several years, personnel issues continue to require much of the time of the Town Administrator and our department heads. In 2006, we saw both seasoned and fairly new employees leave the employ of the Town for either retirement or pursuit of other dreams. Like saying good bye to a good friend, we will miss those who have moved on in their lives, but we are blessed to welcome some very capable new employees who, we are fully confident, will prove to be tremendous assets to Windham and will serve us well for many years.

<u>IN CONCLUSION</u>: Over the past year the Board has involved itself in many different issues and has been challenged with making many important decisions; the results of which will have effects on our Town for many years to come. We are cognizant of how our actions may affect the residents and employees of our community, and take our responsibility to make these decisions seriously and pledge our commitment that we will ensure open and frank discussion of all issues that come before us. We hope that our actions are satisfactory to all that are affected and who share a common interest to do what is best for the Town of Windham, its residents, employees, and volunteers. Windham is a tremendous town, full of life and history. We are here to do our part to maintain our community and to foster its continued vitality and spirit.

As we look forward into 2007, we stand committed to work on both continuing goals, such as our strategic plan, addressing the future solid waste needs, finding a new location for our salt shed, and studying the best way to handle the Village District development; along with new goals and issues which will inevitably come about as we move forward. As your Board, we remain committed to facing the challenges that may lie ahead and working cooperatively with each other, our fellow elected Boards, our employees, and volunteers to ensure Windham remains the type of community we all cherish.

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to all town employees for their continued commitment and dedication to our town. Likewise, we wish to thank all the dedicated volunteers for their continuing involvement and assistance, be it through serving on boards or committees, driving our senior van, or helping out on individual projects. Collectively, all of us, regardless of how large or small a part we play, contribute to the success of our community.

To our residents, we offer our thanks and appreciation for your support and understanding as we work through the myriad of issues and challenges we address each year. We stand committed to doing our part in serving you as your Board of Selection and welcome and encourage everyone's participation and involvement as we move through the next year. This is our community – each of us plays a part in making Windham great!

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Stearns
Alan Carpenter
Roger Hohenberger
Margaret Crisler
Dennis Senibaldi
Board of Selectmen

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR &

I am pleased to submit my Town Administrator's Report for 2006. Over the past twelve months I have not only had the pleasure to work with a team of very dedicated and professional employees and volunteers, but to also share in their accomplishments and achievements. Our mission statement, "To provide the highest quality public service through professionalism dedicated to excellence", continues to help guide the way we function and serve the community of Windham, and we hope that our actions and interactions have properly reflected that mission.

This report, as has been the case for the past several years, is intended to focus on the upcoming year, paying specific attention to the key issues and costs proposed in our 2007 budget. The Board of Selectmen's report, on the other hand, details some of the issues addressed and goals achieved over the past year.

#### 2007 BUDGET DISCUSSION

As shown in the table below, the tax rate for 2006 is lower than the tax rate in 2005 by \$4.11/1000 valuation, a decrease of 21.12%. it's important to note, however, that while the tax rate itself is lower, the actual tax burden or taxes paid by an individual property owner actually increased by approximately \$900 in 2006. This was due to the completion of a town-wide revaluation of property to bring values closer to 100% of market value, resulting in the tax rate going down while either maintaining or actually increasing an individual's tax burden. For comparison purposes only, had property valuations not changed, the "real" tax rate for 2006 would have been \$22.45 or \$2.99/1000 more than 2005. The actual tax increase was mainly due to an increase in the school portion of the rate, predominantly as a result of the first annual principle payment associated with the Town's new high school bond. The table below depicts the 2006 tax rate compared to 2005, showing not only the changes in the Town portion, but reflecting the school and county portions as well to more fully illustrate how the individual components of the Town's tax rate impacted the overall rate adjustment.

# 2006 TAX RATE HIGHLIGHTS assumes valuation changes (real rate)

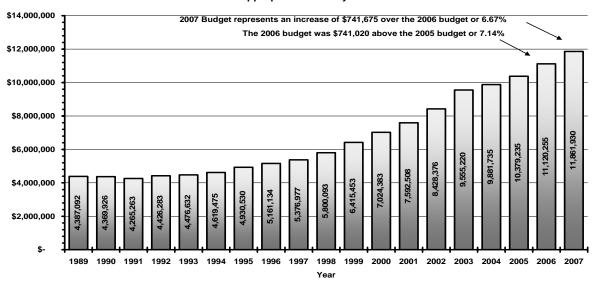
	2006 Net	2006 Tax	2005 Net	2005 Tax	% Decrease
	Appropriation	Rate	Appropriation	Rate	(2006-2005)
Town	\$6,400,275	\$2.95	\$5,411,846	\$3.66	(19.4%)
Local School	\$20,040,434	\$9.26	\$16,903,443	\$11.42	(18.91%)
State School	\$4,905,062	\$2.28	\$4,665,739	\$3.17	(28.08%)
County	\$1,856,588	\$0.86	\$1,794,966	\$1.21	(28.93%)
Total Property Tax assessed	\$33,202,359	\$15.35	\$28,775,994	\$19.46	(21.12%)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$2,164,454,970		\$1,480,298,825		

The Town's 2007 budget recommendation, as submitted to the Deliberative Session, is \$741,675 higher than the 2006 approved budget, or 6.67%. In comparison, the final approved budget in 2006 was 7.14% or \$741,020 higher than the previous year. (see Chart One and Two below which highlight our annual appropriations and differences from 1989 to 2007).

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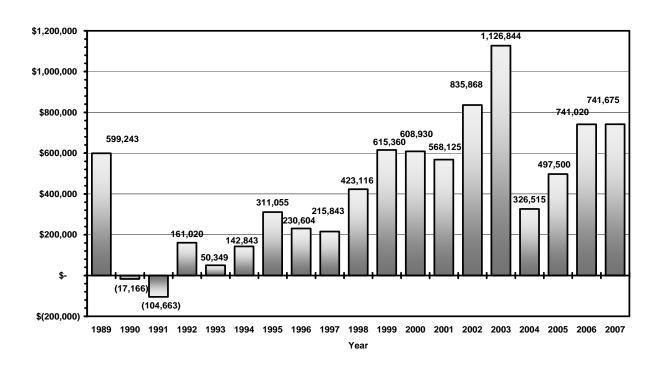
#### **CHART ONE**

Windham - Town Appropriation History 1989 - 2007



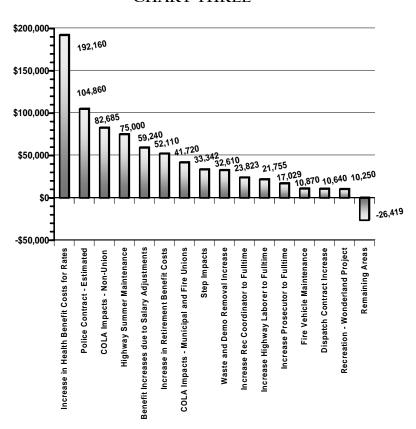
#### **CHART TWO**

Windham - Differences in Appropriation History 1989 - 2007



Sixty-one and five hundredths percent (61.05%) of the proposed increase, or \$452,785, is related to operating expenses; with the balance of thirty-eight and nine-five hundredths percent (38.95%), or \$288,890, coming from increases in salary expenses across all departments. Chart Three shows some of the major areas of increases within both the salary and operating categories, many of which are further detailed below:

#### **CHART THREE**



Personnel "Salaries": Of the \$288,890 in salary-related increases, 43.06% or \$124,405 is due to an estimated 3.50% across-the-board wage increase for all eligible non-union, Fire union, and Municipal union employees; and 11.54%, or \$33,342, is due to applicable step increases for these same employees (the actual increase depends on the final Boston-Nashua CPI Index for 2006). An additional \$104,860, or 36.30%, is reflective of a separate warrant article to fund the cost items outlined in a Fact-Finder's report issued in an attempt to resolve a continuing impasse between the Police union and Town negotiating teams. The cost items include a 3.25% wage adjustment effective retroactively to April 2006, with an additional adjustment of 3.50% effective April 2007 (again, the actual increase depends on the outcome of the Boston-Nashua CPI Index for 2006, and could be as high as 4.0%). The Board of Selectmen has accepted the Fact-Finder's recommendations, but the Police union has rejected them. In accordance with the State's Collective Bargaining Laws, the cost related items have been submitted to the Annual Town Meeting for consideration, however, unless the Police union agrees to accept the recommendations of the Fact-Finder, even a positive vote of the Town Meeting will be advisory only, with the parties returning to the negotiating table to attempt to come to agreement. Should any such agreement differ from the Fact-Finder's recommendations in total, it would have to be submitted to a future Town Meeting for consideration.

Although our budget contains no new employee positions for 2007, we have recommended that three existing part-time positions be increased to full-time (40 hrs/week), representing increased salary and benefits totaling \$62,607, or 21.67%, of the overall salary impacts. These include the Recreation Coordinator from 30 hours/wk, a seasonal Highway Laborer from 20 hours/wk, and the Police Prosecutor from 30 hours/wk. The intention is for these employees to become full time as of the first of May, June, and July respectively.

<u>Operations</u>: This year's operating costs, much like last year, remain primarily driven by outside influences. Of the \$452,785 in operations-related increases, 42.43%, or \$192,160, is due to increased cost for Health Insurance as a result of a 25% increase in our premiums. The Town's average increase over the last twenty years has been 13%, however, as we had a difficult year with several employees experiencing significant long-term illnesses, our rate has increased much more than the average. In addition, the 2007 budget reflects \$52,110 more in retirement costs, 11.51% of the operating increase, due to an increase in the expected contributions paid for by the Town as set forth by the State Retirement system. Rates for covered Fire employees will increase by 1.56% (a 10.86% increase), 2.16% for Police (a 22.31% increase), and 1.93% for all other Municipal employees (a 28.34% increase) in July of 2007.

An additional 2.27%, or \$10,300, of the operational increase reflects a rise in the cost of our Workers' Compensation insurance. Two factors have netted the higher cost – first, our overall wages have increased from the prior year and, second, the individual rate factors for the employment classifications are higher than in 2006. Some of the other notable areas which make up the remaining \$254,570 in additional operating costs include:

General Government: The operating budget portion of the General Government budget, consisting of buildings and grounds maintenance, increased by \$11,335. Grounds keeping increased by \$3,000 based on updated contract pricing and property maintenance increased \$6,770 to cover anticipated needs with aging buildings, Griffin Park maintenance, and vehicle equipment.

*Police:* Overall operating increase of \$68,380, of which \$60,495 is due to increases in benefit costs. The balance of \$7,885 consists of small increases in a few areas, including \$7,155 to purchase three tasers for use by the Department and the necessary training needed for the staff. Dispatch's non-benefit related operations increased \$6,415, due to an increase in the contractual cost to dispatch our fire services out of the Town of Derry.

Fire: Non-benefit related increases are \$14,100, including \$10,870 for additional anticipated costs in vehicle maintenance and \$6,880 more for fuel expenses. These and some other minor increases are partially offset by decreases in fire equipment (\$4,380) and miscellaneous (\$3,500) due to one-time expenditures in 2006 not recurring in 2007, and a \$7,030 decrease in overtime for training based on actual expenses over the past few years, which is reflective of more on-shift training.

The Emergency Management budget reflects an increase of \$6,135 due to the purchase of a new copy machine, half of the cost of which will be reimbursed through a State Emergency Management grant.

Highway Department: Non-benefit related increases total \$98,475. The majority of this increase is for summer maintenance and road repairs, where we have added \$75,000. As was the situation last year, this is predominantly caused by the higher costs of materials. The Highway Agent is proposing to repave a similar number of road miles as in previous years however, the costs associated with this paving work have increased significantly.

Likewise, winter materials of sand and salt have increased on a per ton basis, resulting in a budget increase of \$3,820 for these materials. Lastly, the Highway budget includes a one-time increase of \$30,000 to purchase a used vehicle to replace a 7-year old surplus truck (1980's) for the department.

*Transfer/Recycling Center:* The proposed operating budget has increased by \$35,125. This is predominantly due to three line items: waste removal, demolition removal, and vehicle maintenance. Waste removal has increased \$28,080 due to a contractual rate increase of \$1.95/ton, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as an estimated increase in tons of materials processed. Demolition removal has increased \$4,530 due to an expected 5% increase in rates. Vehicle Maintenance has increased \$6,250 due to certain pieces of aging equipment which are in need of more frequent repairs.

Health & Human Services: The majority of this budget remains consistent with prior year funding. However, funding for Center for Life Management was decreased by \$5,000 due to limited actual use of this organization. In addition, the funding for the mosquito control program was reallocated from a special warrant article in 2006 to the operating budget in 2007, but is funded at \$10,000 less this year.

Recreation: Overall operating costs have increased \$8,220. This is mainly due to \$8,150 more allocated to Sportsfield Improvements, including extensive improvements to the Wonderland Playground. In addition, \$2,100 more has been allocated to Recreational Activities and \$3,200 for electricity costs for Griffin Park.

Earned Time Trust: Historically, this Trust article has been funded at \$30,000, however last year we reduced this article to \$20,000 as part of an overall budget reduction measure. For 2007 we are proposing that this be funded at its traditional \$30,000 level, an increase of \$10,000. Currently we have several long term employees who are nearing retirement. The Earned Time Trust is intended to serve as a kind of Capital Reserve Fund to cover the anticipated costs associated with accumulated leave time balances employees have earned and are entitled to receive at the time of their retirement or separation from service. By funding a level amount each year, we are able to save over time and be prepared to fund any cost of the earned time accounts of those employee's who may leave in a given year without burdening that year's budget.

Capital Outlay: The items within the proposed Capital Improvement Program reflect eleven (11) items for the Town in addition to the bond payment for the Fire Station, Police Station, Library, and Griffin Park, as well as the Searles Building. In total, the Town CIP allocation represents an overall increase of \$8,225 over the funds allocated for town projects in 2006:

- **▼** \$300,000 for road improvements this is the annual allocation for both complete and partial reconstruction of the Town's roads based on a prioritized plan submitted by the Highway Agent. The recommended budget represents an increase of \$10,000 from last year's appropriation. Several projects are being considered for 2007, including reconstructing 1800' of East Nashua Road, however the final determination of which work is to be done will be determined in the Spring.
- ▶ \$85,000 for the Lowell Road Bike Path represents the Town's 20% share of the costs, including engineering, right-of-way access, and construction expenses associated with the establishment of bike paths along Lowell Road from Route III to the Golden Brook School, or portions thereof. The Town will receive a State grant to pay for 80% of the project pending the Town approving its 20% share. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be \$715,000

- of which the Town will be responsible for \$143,000. With approval of this article, coupled with \$75,000 raised in 2006, we estimate we will have the 20% Town share funded.
- ▶ \$75,000 for used Transfer Station Tractor intended to purchase a "used" tractor to be used in conjunction with our present Mack Tractor purchased in 1990. The "used" tractor will serve both as a backup, as well as an alternate tractor in order to provide for a longer usable life of the present equipment.
- **▼** \$54,080 for an additional trailer for the Transfer/Recycling station to purchase a new "live bed" disposal trailer to replace one of the original trailers acquired in 1990 when the Station was opened.
- **▼** \$89,250 for Police Station Garage to build a garage adjacent to the Police Station for storage of small vehicles (motorcycle, ATV) and equipment used by the Department.
- **▼** \$65,000 for Engine 3 to repair Engine 3, a 1990's front line engine in need of body, engine, and electrical repairs. It is expected that these improvements will extend the usable life of the apparatus for an additional five years, when it is scheduled for replacement.
- **▼** \$50,000 for Bartley House Repairs to complete renovations to the upstairs of the Bartley House/Administrative offices, which is Phase Two of the original renovation project begun in 2003.
- ▶ \$104,800 for Castle Hill Road Bridge intended to cover final engineering costs associated with replacing the Castle Hill Bridge. This project has been submitted under the State of NH's Bridge Betterment program wherein the Town will be reimbursed up to 80% of the total cost appropriated. The Town's 20% share of the engineering cost, estimated at \$20,960, will be reimbursed by a private developer, resulting in no impact on the tax rate. It is anticipated that additional funding for easements and construction costs will be appropriated in 2008, when that portion of the project is started.
- ▶ \$13,000 for Depot Area Renovations intended to pay for the initial engineering and design plans associated with improvements and renovations to the Depot area, for which the Town will be reimbursed by the State for 80% of the total project cost. It is anticipated that additional funding for easements and construction costs will be appropriated in a future year, when that portion of the project is started.
- **▼** \$57,975 to be added to Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund funds to be set aside towards the purchase of a replacement ambulance planned for 2008.
- ▶ \$120,000 to be added to Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund funds to be set aside for the purpose of constructing a future salt shed or similar building for the Highway Department. As of this year, \$135,000 has been raised for this purpose.

#### **CONCLUSION**

To the members of the Board of Selectmen and the various volunteer and elected boards and committees, I wish to extend my thanks for your continuing support, and offer that both the many dedicated employees of Windham and I will continue to work hard to deliver the highest level of service we can offer the community.

To all town employees, I extend my sincere appreciation for all you do and for the support you give to me and your co-workers. I am truly blessed to be able to work which such a fine group of people and fortunate to be on your team. To the collective group of department heads, I thank you

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for your dedication and commitment to your departments and to each other. Working as a team we can move mountains – working as individuals we are alone.

Finally, I wish to express my deepest appreciation and admiration to my Administrative staff. Each year these ladies – Dana Call, Wendi Devlin, and Kathy Davis, along with our Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas, perform at the highest level each and every day. Their efforts, dedication, and support make doing what we all do both easier and most enjoyable. It has certainly been my privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity to have worked with these ladies over all these years. I am blessed to have such a competent and supportive administrative team. A simple thank you never seems enough to express how appreciative I am to each of them, but it is with my deepest gratitude that I do.

On behalf of everyone who works or volunteers for our town, I wish to extend our appreciation to the residents for your continuing support and involvement. I pledge our commitment to doing our part to delivery quality, friendly municipal services, to weigh our decisions carefully, and to seek your involvement and input whenever possible. Not every decision or action taken by our officials will be considered by all to be the best possible, but rest assured each of us strives to serve you to the best of our collective abilities. Our doors are always open to discuss any issue or simply listen to your thoughts and ideas.

Windham is oftentimes referred to as "The Jewel of Southern New Hampshire" by our auditing firm and others who have worked with us over the years. This reputation is well deserved. The "Town of Windham", intended to collectively mean its residents, volunteers, and employees, exhibits a deep sense of community pride in everything it undertakes. Whether it involves a governmental function, social event, or recreational activity, the effort and enthusiasm put forth reflects the deep commitment we all have in making Windham the place we all can be proud of. The road ahead will not always be smooth, however by working together we can maintain what we have achieved and do even more in our future.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan/Town Administrator

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

What does policing mean? While such a term is generally defined as maintaining order, enforcing laws, and preventing and detecting crime; in our community it means so much more. It means treating people with compassion, establishing and maintaining professional standards, remaining dedicated and committed to the community we serve, recognizing and adopting new ideas, trying new ways to do our job better, and above all else – Making a Difference.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>: This year brought with it a number of personnel changes. First, and most importantly, Captain Patrick Yatsevich was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in June. Therefore, he has been out of work undergoing intensive radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The Windham Police family continues to pray for a complete recovery and a return to work in the near future. As a result of Captain Yatsevich's circumstances, Sergeant Carl Wagner was transferred from his assignment in Traffic and promoted to the rank of Acting Captain in September. In December, Officer Edward Fedele was transferred from Patrol to fill the vacancy in Traffic.

In October, Detective Wendy Foley was promoted to the rank of Sergeant after finishing first in a promotional testing process that included an assessment center and oral board comprised of outside police professionals. With the promotion, Sergeant Foley was transferred to Patrol where her duties primarily involve supervising patrol personnel. In addition, Sergeant Michael Caron was transferred from Patrol to Investigations where he is supervising department investigations.

In October, the department saw the first of a number of upcoming retirements take place. Officer Stephen Moltenbrey retired after 20 years of police service. Officer Moltenbrey was well known throughout the community as the town's School Resource Officer. He also was a member of the Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit.

Finally, in October the department hired Matthew Sheehan as a full-time Dispatcher. Matt comes from the private sector and filled our final dispatch vacancy.

As we head into 2007 we will be conducting a hiring process to fill Officer Moltenbrey's vacancy. This will also establish a list of potential candidates should additional retirements or vacancies occur.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>: This year brought with it significant change in the area of communications. First, the department was the recipient of \$96,000.00 in funding through the State of New Hampshire LAWNET Radio Project. This funding provided state-of-the-art digitally capable console equipment for dispatch. Windham is one of a select few law enforcement agencies in New Hampshire which is receiving this equipment.

Secondly, we were able to outfit every officer with a portable radio. This was made possible by combining previously budgeted town funds with an additional \$27,000.00 in equipment funding through the LAWNET Radio Project.

As this is being written we are wrapping-up two (2) communications projects that will have a significant impact on our communication ability. First, during 2005 we received and installed emergency equipment in five (5) police cruisers. Part of that equipment was a laptop computer which can be used to operate equipment, prepare reports, and act as a Mobil Data Terminal (MDT) for the officer. We are in the process of installing equipment that will allow the MDT's to communicate wirelessly thereby providing officers with the ability to directly query state and local databases from their vehicle.

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The second project being completed is the installation of digital voters/repeaters at antennae sites in town. The equipment and subsequent installation cost(s) were provided by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, during an earlier communications upgrade. Once Verizon is finished installing data lines this equipment will be connected, thereby allowing us to finally begin digital radio transmissions (as opposed to analog). By making this connection the quality of our radio signal should improve throughout town and we will have the ability to communicate seamlessly with other law enforcement and public safety agencies bordering us (and throughout the state) either through our Dispatch Center or directly from the cruisers or the officer's portable radios.

<u>VEHICLES</u>: This year we were able to purchase two (2) sport utility vehicles (SUV) for the department. The vehicles, a new 2007 Ford Expedition and a used 2005 Ford Explorer, are intended to provide the department with enhanced abilities to traverse any area of town, regardless of weather or ground conditions, which the current fleet of sedans occasionally has difficulty with. The Ford Expedition is assigned to the shift supervisor and allows that individual to have at his or her fingertips a variety of resources and/or equipment that typically cannot be carried in a sedan.

<u>FACILITY</u>: This year brought with it some enhancements for the police facility. First, we purchased a new digital video recorder (DVR) for our camera system. This replaces an old VHS system that was providing very poor recordings and documentation. This was a significant concern in the area of prisoner processing and booking.

We also purchased new coded electronic access control locksets for the building. The existing keyed locksets were of poor overall quality and had a history of breaking. In addition, because the police facility is secured at all times, lost, misplaced, or broken keys dictated that locks be replaced. With the new electronic access control locks personnel will no longer need a key to enter the building and codes may be added, changed, or deleted as necessary. In addition, separate biometric locksets were purchased for our evidence and armory rooms. These locksets require not only a code to enter the room but also a fingerprint. Because of the security of these rooms and the importance of custody of the items contained therein we will be able to specifically authorize and track those individuals who enter.

<u>TRAFFIC</u>: Traffic is the one area of law enforcement that has the most significant daily impact on the community. With this in mind it is our intention to focus significant efforts on the safety of our roadways. *One crash, one injury, or one fatality is one too many*. Motorists who violate laws intended to keep our roadways safe are likely to be stopped and cited. By doing so we hope to impart change on poor driving habits or behavior.

This year we were able to dedicate an officer to the specific duties of traffic enforcement. While personnel issues impacted this position throughout the year we were able to establish guidelines within which to operate and assigned Officer Ed Fedele to this position in December. Traffic stops increased 26% over 2005 and we expect a continued increase in 2007.

One tool implemented this year was the acquisition of a speed enforcement trailer. The trailer is used as both an enforcement and an educational tool in managing speeds. The large screen displays the speed of approaching vehicles, which is a visual reminder to drivers. The trailer is primarily used in the absence of an officer as it can be deployed in a specific area or neighborhood for long periods of time. Once the trailer has been removed from the area officers are typically assigned to operate radar and take enforcement action against violators, having already educated them with the trailer.

The speed trailer was damaged twice during the year. In both instances, once on Hardwood Road and the other on Lowell Road, the trailer's display screen was smashed by what is believed to be a hard object like a bat or pipe. The trailer was repaired both times and continues to be used. Anyone aware of who was responsible for the damage(s) is asked to contact the Police Department.

TRAINING: During the course of the year department members attended over 800 hours of training. Such training included classes in Clandestine Lab Awareness; Interview and Interrogation; Street Crimes; Drug Interdiction; Firearms; Managing with Integrity and Effectiveness; Leadership; First Aid, CPR & AED; Baton & OC spray and Legal Liability to name a few. In addition, all members of the department were certified in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) which is federally mandated training in order to be considered for future grant funding.

Through a partnership developed with the Hudson Police Department we now conduct all of our firearms training at their range at no cost. Previously, we conducted such training at the Pelham Rod & Gun Club for a cost of \$2,850.00 per year. By using the Hudson Range firearms instructors can spend more time conducting actual training and developing skills without worrying about civilians in the area and down time due to set-up and removal of equipment.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>: With the ongoing growth of southern New Hampshire we continue to see a corresponding increase in our calls for service. We saw a 42% increase this year, going from 9,660 in 2005 to 13,740 in 2006. In addition to officer proactivity, this number equates to an increase in population, traffic, development, and construction. In addition, officers focused a significant amount of attention on Griffin Park, specifically the skateboard park.

Case activity of significance this year included two stabbing incidents; a serious assault with life threatening injuries sustained by a 6-month old child; an increase in both day-time residential burglaries and night-time commercial burglaries (including one in which officers interrupted a late night burglary at the Verizon facility on Industrial Drive); and a significant increase in sexual assaults involving acquaintances, family members and/or friends.

<u>IN CLOSING</u>: In today's environment of limited resources and high demands for service, police agencies must continually seek ways to demonstrate accountability and professionalism to their communities for public funds and police services. Hopefully, this year's report has provided you with that insight. As we move into another year I'm sure that we will be challenged on several fronts. However, we remain determined to provide the best possible police services and to adhere to our commitment of *Making a Difference*.

#### 2006 STATISTICS & CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON

	2006	<u>2005</u>
Total Calls for Service	13,740	9,669
Coop Astivity Statistics	2006	2005
Case Activity Statistics	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Total Offenses Committed	639	738
Total Felonies	154	111
Total Arrests	294	238
Total Juvenile Arrests	54	23

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	18	32	Juvenile Offenses	42	16
Alarm Response	791	930	Keep the Peace	39	37
Animal Control	105	95	Liquor Law Violation	1	3
Arson	0	0	Lost Property	47	48
Assault	16	18	Lost or Stolen Plates	7	12
Assist Citizen	256	230	Message Delivery	28	32
Assist Other Agency	243	244	Missing Person	6	27
Attempt to Locate	33	48	Motor Vehicle Accident	325	486
Bad Check	17	16	MVA Hit & Run	34	23
Blasting Information	230	374	Motor Vehicle Complaint	394	408
Bomb Threat	0	0	Motor Vehicle Lockout	96	120
Burglary	20	22	Motor Vehicle Pursuit	1	4
Burglary-Attempted	11	3	Motor Vehicle Stop	2722	2148
Building Check	34	29	Motor Vehicle Theft	12	11
Civil Problem	8	17	Motor Vehicle Recovered	8	3
Criminal Mischief	162	230	Neighbor Dispute	21	24
Criminal Threatening	16	24	Noise Complaint	86	96
Criminal Trespass	10	6	OHRV Accident	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	4	6	OHRV Complaints	97	132
Disturbance	13	35	Parking Complaints	100	143
Disabled Vehicle	440	352	Park Ordinance Violation	39	107
Domestic	76	80	Pedestrian Check	47	44
Directed Patrol	2,956	113*	Police Information	214	258
Domestic Violence Petition	21	24	Paper Service	193	263
DVP Violation	11	10	Recovered Stolen Property	5	2
DWI Arrest	19	15	Repossession	8	12
Escort-Bank	2	16	Robbery	0	2
Extra Patrol	39	50	Sex Offenses	10	12
Family Offenses	4	6	Selective Enforcement	1155	70*
Fish & Game	10	13	Soliciting	32	40
Fingerprinting	77	69	Suspicious Person	49	48
Fire Department Response	398	105	Suspicious Activity	162	212
Found Property	59	72	Suspicious Vehicle	275	236
Forgery	0	2	Traffic Hazard	289	180
Fraudulent Activity	35	40	Theft	103	117
Gas Drive Off	23	53	Theft from Motor Vehicle	32	26
Gun Shots	16	29	Traffic Control	66	62
911 Hang-ups	205	197	Untimely Death	5	

	2006	2005		2006	2005
Harassment	28	39	Unwanted Guest	17	14
Illegal Dumping	23	28	Vacation Patrol Check	108	124
Incapacitated Person	28	10	VIN Verification	62	72
Intoxicated Subject	9	9	Wanted Person	75	61
*New classification in '05			Well Being Check	62	87

#### MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY COMPARISON

ACTIVITY	2006	2005
Written Warnings	1618	709
Verbal Warnings	499	599
Arrests	509	336
Criminal Arrests	2	6
Total	2,628	1.650

#### **INCOME STATEMENT 2006**

Alcohol Offenses	\$5,342.00
Court Witness Fees	\$3,937.19
Insurance Reports	\$2,269.00
Parking Violations	\$2,285.00
Pistol Permits	\$920.00
Other	\$1,408.13
Contracted Services*	\$16,222.58
Total	\$32,383.90

<sup>\*</sup> Represents 5% of the money collected and placed into the newly created Public Safety Revolving Fund for Police Contracted Details, which totaled \$324,451.50 for December 2005 through December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald S. Lewis/Chief of Police

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

2006 was a busy year for the Fire Department with the arrival of new Fire Apparatus, replacement Ambulance, increased calls for Service and Personnel additions. Our call volume and simultaneous calls continues to be a challenge and our members continue to improve their firefighting and EMS skills through many hours of training.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>: The Department entered the year with reduced Administration Staffing. With the departure of Chief Messier in December of 2005, I assumed the position of Acting Fire Chief in addition to my regular duties as Deputy Fire Chief. Also during this time, the Fire Inspector's position was vacant and those duties were handled between the Firefighters and myself on a daily basis. In March, I was proudly promoted to the position of Fire Chief. It has truly been an honor to serve the citizens of Windham for nearly 27 years and I look forward to the new challenges the position of Fire Chief brings. I also look forward to working with the men and women of the department whose daily efforts make the difference.

In June, Kenneth Whicker was hired to fill the position of Fire Inspector. Previous to Windham, Ken served with the Rindge Fire Department as the Fire Inspector. Ken served the Town of Rindge for nearly twenty years holding the ranks of Firefighter, Call Deputy Fire Chief and Full time Fire Inspector. Ken resides in Francestown, NH with his wife Kerry and their two children. Since Ken's arrival, he has been very busy both administratively and with Inspections. As part of his duties as Fire Prevention Officer, he was also instrumental in putting together this year's Fire Prevention Open House, which was once again a huge success. It was well attended by all, and I would like to extend many thanks to Ken and all the Firefighters who assisted him in making this year a positive event.

In August, Robert M. Leuci Jr. was hired as Deputy Fire Chief. Deputy Leuci served the City of Nashua Fire Department for nearly twenty years, where he last held the position of Superintendent of Training before coming to Windham. As Superintendent of Training, he was responsible for the design, development and delivery of Educational training for nearly 200 personnel. Deputy Leuci will assist Company Officers in the development of Training courses and oversee the delivery of such training throughout all the members. Deputy Leuci's father is a retired Fire Captain of the City of Nashua after having served more than twenty years. Deputy Leuci and his father worked many years together prior to his retirement. Deputy Leuci resides in Nashua with his wife Gina and their children. Both Deputy Leuci and Fire Inspector Whicker have filled the positions well and have been great assets to both the department and the community. We wish them well in their new positions.

<u>OPERATIONAL DEMAND (CALL VOLUME)</u>: Our calls for service continue to keep our members busy this year, including a number of building fires, which resulted in no loss of life or serious injury to anyone. Our EMS call volume also continues to increase, as we responded to calls and transported patients.

Once again, managing the operational demands of the fire service does necessitate a certain amount of overtime expense. Overtime covers pay for all full-time personnel for hours worked in excess of their normal 42-hour workweek. This includes coverage of personnel who have taken earned time, which is time personnel accumulate on a weekly basis for use toward bereavement leave, vacation, sick and personal time. Overtime also includes callback coverage, which occurs when off duty personnel are called back to the Station to provide support to on duty

Firefighters, and to staff the Fire Station while the Firefighters are at an emergency call. Callback is the Operational Demand portion of the overtime budget. Other needs for overtime include paying for Staff/Department meetings, Joint Loss Management Committee meetings, department mechanic functions and any other events that personnel are required to work beyond their normal 42-hour workweek.

All hours for overtime, except for the Operational Demand, are easily planned for because of their ability to be controlled. Because Operational Demand is on an "as needed" basis for emergencies, it is difficult to accurately predict how many emergency calls we will respond to on a yearly basis, and how long each call will last.

Although the Town of Windham has not officially adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards we, as a Department, are guided by these standards which have been written to ensure the safety of the public and Firefighters as they respond to the emergency needs of their communities. Of the many NFPA standards that guide the fire service, NFPA 1710 sets the standard for emergency response times and staffing. NFPA 1710 requires that emergency medical calls be responded to within 4-6 minutes, 90% of the time. It has been proven statistically that when pre-hospital care has been provided within 4-6 minutes for calls such as cardiac arrest, one's chances for survival are increased and hospital stays are shortened. NFPA 1710 also requires that emergency personnel respond to fires within 4-6 minutes 90% of the time, as well, as a fire will double in size for every minute it continues to burn unchecked. Furthermore NFPA 1710 requires that an ambulance be staffed with at least 2 Emergency Medical Technicians, (EMT's) and that a Fire Engine be staffed with a minimum of 4 Firefighters. Staffing at the Windham Fire Department currently consists of one Lieutenant and three Firefighters per shift. Each of the four Shifts works a rotating 24 hour schedule, providing constant, round the clock protection for the community.

To meet the NFPA 1710 consensus standards for staffing and response times, our Fire Department relies on off-duty personnel by calling them back during emergencies to ensure that personnel are available to respond to additional emergency calls and are available to assist personnel at ongoing emergencies.

In 2006, the Windham Fire Department responded to 1,434 Emergency Incidents. Statistically, 64% were for Emergency Medical Service (EMS), while 36% were fire-related incidents. Of the 1,434 incidents, approximately 30% are simultaneous calls for service. Our EMS Service transported 609 Patients to area hospitals and had an additional 324 patients who were not transported. The average duration for an EMS call is approximately 2 hours. This is from the initial dispatch of Emergency Personnel, until the Ambulance is back in service and ready to respond to another emergency. This time frame is only for a single EMS response. The duration may be longer if a simultaneous call is received.

In 2006, once again, management and Staff worked together to make some procedural changes in how we responded to the operational demands placed on the Department in order to meet the Town's budgetary goals without reducing the number of on-duty personnel. Traditionally, when the Department received an emergency call the on-duty Firefighters responded and off-duty personnel were called back to handle any additional, simultaneous calls and provide immediate assistance to the on-duty crews. Today, the On-Duty crew responds to non-emergency calls with no immediate back up from off-duty personnel and no Firefighters

back at the Station to answer additional emergencies. Management and Staff continue to monitor this issue and make any operational changes throughout the year to achieve our fiscal obligation, while keeping the safety of the community and our Fire Fighters a top priority.

<u>TRAINING</u>: The Fire Department completed a full training schedule, with EMT and paramedic refresher training continuing to be one of the largest training areas. In addition, refresher training was conducted in areas such as ice/water rescue, blood borne pathogens, self-contained breathing apparatus and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). As remarked in 2006, the Fire Department expanded its RIT training to include Wide Area Search, which enables Firefighters to systematically search larger areas such as schools and commercial buildings. One of the greatest challenges in training is keeping up with the ever-changing regulations. Federal, State and local regulations cover areas such as infectious substances, respiratory protection, hazardous materials, emergency vehicle operations, and structural fire fighting.

<u>EQUIPMENT/PERSONNEL</u>: At the 2006 March elections, voters supported the department's purchase of a new Horton Ambulance. This ambulance will replace a 1997 Ambulance that, upon the arrival of our new one slated to be in December, will be downgraded to a Rescue unit, which we will utilize for Ice/Water Rescue incidents. The current vehicle, a 1993 Ambulance will be given to the Police Department for future use in their department to accommodate their additional needs.

The department would like to thank the following committee members who gave unselfishly of themselves and who worked diligently to see the process through. They are Lieutenant Jay Moltenbrey, Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Savard, Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Mistretta, Firefighter/Paramedic Ralph DeMarco and Firefighter/Mechanic Scott Zins

For the year 2007, the department continues to be faced with many challenges. We will continue to enhance the delivery of our services of both Emergency Medical Services and Fire Protection. We will look at ways of increasing our Call Firefighter Staffing, which over the last few years has drastically reduced, and/or look toward various funding options, which will assist in the hiring of additional full time staffing.

<u>GRANT FUNDING</u>: The department once again was the recipient of \$1,500 Community Grant from Wal-Mart of Salem, NH. These monies were used to purchase additional Fire Prevention equipment such as coloring books, Fire Safety helmets and other various Fire Prevention equipment to be used throughout the year. We extend many thanks to Wal-Mart for their continued support and generosity.

For 2007, we will continue to apply for federal funding to assist with such projects as the Knox Box Security System, which would allow our seniors to have security boxes containing a house key installed on their home whereby only emergency responders would be able to access and gain immediate entry into a home in cases of emergency.

We will also seek to secure federal funds to assist in the purchase of Firefighting Equipment that will allow each Firefighter to maintain an additional complete set of Firefighting equipment.

<u>IN CLOSING</u>: We want to thank the residents of Windham for the continued support of your Fire Department and we want to assure you that the members of the Department will continue to train and stand ready to meet the growing and changing needs of our community while delivering a competent and compassionate service. As always, if you have any questions or need any information, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the Fire Station.

On behalf of the members of the Fire Department, I hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year.

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

GRANTS		
Wal-Mart Grant		\$1,500.00
Sub-Total		\$1,500.00
RECEIPTS	2005	2006
Ambulance	\$ 204,529.53	\$ 210,139.32
Permit Fees	14,729.00	14,435.00
Copy Fees/Miscellaneous	170.00	126.95
Haz-Mat District Reimb.	2,837.60	0.00
Contracted Services*	1,108.92	617.08
Sub-Total	\$ 223,374.95	\$ 225,318.35

<sup>\*</sup>Represents 5% of the money collected and placed into the newly created Public Safety Revolving Fund for fire hazardous materials contracted services, which totaled \$12,341.51 for 2006.

#### 2006 FIRE PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

TYPE	PERMITS	INSPECTIONS
Brush, Camp Cooking	555	0
Day Care	4	4
Foster Care	3	3
Heating Systems	204	204
Fuel Tank Install	68	68
Fuel Tank Removal	8	8
In-Service	0	100
Place of Assembly	5	5
Water Supply	4	59
Wood/Pellet Stoves	12	12
Fire Alarm System	3	6
Sprinkler System	1	3
Fire Drills	0	8
Construction Inspections	0	101
TOTALS	867	581

### \* FIRE DEPARTMENT \*

### 2006 RESPONSE STATISTICS

100	Fire, other	5
111	Building fire	13
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	3
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2
130	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	5
131	Passenger vehicle fire	6
141	Forest, woods or wild land fire	4
142	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	5
240	Explosion (no fire), other	1
251	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
300	Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other	11
321	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	595
322	Vehicle accident with injuries	83
323	Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident	3
324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	56
350	Extrication, rescue, other	8
360	Water & ice related rescue, other	1
361	Swimming/Recreational Water Rescue	1
362	Ice rescue	1
365	Watercraft rescue	1
381	Rescue or EMS standby	1
400	Hazardous condition, other	8
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	7
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2
422	Chemical spill, or leak	3
424	Carbon monoxide incident	5
441	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
444	Power line down	33
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	11
451	Biological Hazardous, confirmed or suspected	1
460	Accident, potential accident, other	2
461	Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
500	Service Call, other	33
510	Person in distress, other	7
511	Lock-out	16
512	Ring/Jewelry Removal	1

### \* FIRE DEPARTMENT \*

520	Water problem, other	54
521	Water evacuation	88
522	Water or Steam Leak	1
531	Smoke or odor removal	26
541	Animal problem	5
542	Animal rescue	3
550	Public service assistance, other	6
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	5
553	Public service	13
554	Assist invalid	7
561	Unauthorized burning	35
571	Cover assignment, standby, move-up	46
600	Good intent call, other	21
611	Dispatched & canceled en route	14
621	Wrong location	2
622	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	6
631	Authorized controlled burning	4
641	Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	2
650	Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	5
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5
652	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	3
671	Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	2
730	System malfunction, other	5
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	11
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	3
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	4
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	17
744	Detector activation, no fire – unintentional	11
745	Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	16
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3
812	Flood assessment	66
Total	Number of Incidents:	1,434

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. McPherson, Jr./Fire Chief

## REMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &

Windham's Emergency Management continues to benefit from an active Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) composed of both daytime employees and volunteers who meet to improve our state of preparedness and readiness. As previously stated, we completed an update of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to meet the current State of New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management Emergency Support Function (ESF) requirements.

Some of the highlights as we reflect back on 2006 were;

- ➤ On February 18, 2006 the Police and Fire Department were swamped with calls due to power outages throughout the town. A wind storm had blown through, knocking out power for over 1,000 residents. This became an emergency due to the frigid temperatures. The Emergency Management Committee activated the shelter at Searles School. The story became top news for WCVB Channel 5.
- ➤ On March 20, 2006 a Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) meeting with the State Health & Human Services Commissioner, John Stephen, was held in Windham. Topics including EEE, West Nile and Avian Flu were discussed among Department Heads, EM Personnel, Fire and Elected Officials.
- ➤ On April 12, 2006 the Emergency Management Committee met the new Windham Fire Chief and EM Director, Chief Tom McPherson. Chief McPherson was chosen by the Board of Selectmen on March 8, 2006 to replace Chief Don Messier who became Fire Chief in his hometown of Somersworth.
- ➤ On May 14, 2006, Mother's Day, Windham experienced the "Flood of 2006." For the most part Windham was spared. An emergency shelter was opened at Searles School when it was feared that a brook was on the verge of overflowing off of Kendall Pond Road. From 7 PM Friday, May 12th until 7 PM Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11.9 inches of rain fell on Windham.
- ➤ The Town of Windham received a check in the amount of \$21,078.50 for Emergency Management All Hazards Planning.
- ▼ Jane Hubbard from Hubbard Consulting was contracted to work on the Town of Windham Hazard Mitigation Plan Proposal.

The Federal Government mandated that every community in the U.S. must be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant. The Day Staff and EM volunteers completed this requirement in October 2006 under the direction of Deputy Fire Chief Robert Leuci.

The Town currently awaits the 2006 Federal Emergency Management Assistance Grants of nearly \$30,000. These funds are used to help equip and operate the Emergency Management Operations Center and office at the Fire Department, as well as to purchase administrative and shelter supplies.

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### \* Emergency Management \*

As we enter 2007, we will continue to seek out and apply for additional Emergency Management Grants whenever available, which could assist us in the purchase of future equipment and continue our work to better the preparedness of Windham's Emergency Management

We extend an invitation to residents who would like to volunteer to assist us in such areas as management database integration, logistics, and shelter and communications sub-committees. Interested citizens can contact us at 437-6718.

In closing, we extend our thanks to Mary Ann Horaj for her assistance with secretarial support this year. Also, we thank all members of Town government for their continued dedication, as well as our spirited team of volunteers who have continued to work as a team to improve our planning and overall state of readiness.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. McPherson, Jr./EM Director

### 9 SENHHMMAD 16

The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District is organized as a regional solution to the hazardous materials response problem. The purpose of the District is to prepare our communities for responses to hazardous materials incidents, both with training and equipment. The 16 communities that comprise the district are: Auburn, Atkinson, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Derry, Hampstead, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Sandown, Salem, and Windham. Approximately 400 square miles, and a population of approximately 150,000 residents are covered by the district's response area. In addition, the District protects an Interstate Highway System as well as a rail line and hundreds of miles of state and local highways and the state's largest airport.

The District is managed by an Operations Committee, consisting of a Chief Fire Officer from each member community, who carry out the day-to-day business of the organization; and a Board of Directors, consisting of an elected or appointed member of municipal government in each member community, who provide oversight and fiscal management. The District provides the highest level of response available for Hazardous Materials, Level "A"

District resources include two response trailers; equipped with generators, oil spill and decontamination equipment, chemical reference material, protective suits, communications equipment, and a response truck and trailer equipped for the team. The District trailers and truck are strategically located to respond to any community requesting them. An EMS Mass Casualty trailer is located in Londonderry, available for response to medical incidents with a large number of patients. The District also maintains a Decontamination trailer that is equipped to decontaminate a large number of people affected by a HAZMAT or weapons of mass destruction incident.

#### **RESPONSE TEAM**

The response team is made up of 40 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 36 technician level members (TMs), four communication specialists (CSs) and six technician team leaders (TTLs). In addition to members drawn from a fire department background the team also includes persons from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, a microbiologist, a medical examiner and a member from the Londonderry Police Department. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Dispatch Center. The team is then notified to respond via alphanumeric pagers and cellular phones. The team is available to respond to chemical based incidents at one of these three levels:

Level One - Single resource response - this is usually a request for a spill trailer to assist a community in containing an unplanned fixed volume hydrocarbon release. A technical team leader will respond with the dispatched resource.

Level Two - Team leader response - this is a request by a community for a team leader response to a community to assist in the disposition of an incident involving a known or unknown chemical. This response consists of the entry/command trailer and two team leaders. It is sometimes supplemented by a small group of support technicians.

### \* SE NH HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MUTUAL AID DISTRICT \*

Level Three - Full team response - this is the response of the whole District team including all personnel and mobile equipment.

In calendar year 2006, the Team responded to 10 Level 1 incidents, 2 Level 2 incidents, and 2 Level 3 incidents (Level 3 incidents were in Salem and Pelham).

Prior to being accepted as a member of the technical team, certain prerequisites must be met. They include passing an occupational physical every two years, completing an approved 80-hour technician level course that covers the competencies outline in CFR 29 1910.120 and NFPA 473. Regularly scheduled Team training is held as a minimum 10 months a year with no training in July and August. Typically training is the third Wednesday of the monthly with a 9AM start time and with the training lasting usually four to seven hours. Personnel are required to attend a minimum of 70% of the scheduled training.

Each team member is expected to promptly respond to every team request they are available for; and once on scene, to fulfill the duties of their position with a sense of duty and responsibility. Team members are expected to positively promote the Team's image as well as its mission of responding to unplanned chemical releases in a manner that minimizes their impact on the citizens and communities within the District.

#### TRAINING OVERVIEW

Training Continues to be a top priority for the Southeastern NH HAZMAT Team. The team continues to train in the areas of transportation and fixed facility emergencies, weapons of mass destruction, clandestine drub labs, and confined space rescue.

The HAZMAT district has also assisted member communities with planning for Homeland Security training exercises, and provided HAZMAT refresher training. Please visit the district web site for a full training schedule, list of events and information www.senhhazmat.org

Respectfully submitted for the District,

Martin N. Bove

Chairman, Board of Directors

Michael W. Carrier

Chairman, Operations Committee

# 9 FIRE WARDEN/STATE FOREST RANGER 16

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

#### 2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2006) (figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

#### COUNTY STATISTICS

			CAUSES OF FIRES
County	Acres	# of Fires	REPORTED
Belknap	39	76	Arson 15
Carroll	27	44	Campfire 24
Cheshire	42	38	Children 13
Coos	104	30	Smoking 50
Grafton	53	24	Debris 284
Hillsborough	75	114	Railroad 3
Merrimack	40	91	Equipment 4
Rockingham	74	49	Lightning 1
Strafford	10	26	Misc.* 106
Sullivan	8	8	

(\*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Bryce/Brad W. Simpkins
Director/Chief, Division of Forests and Land

# Planning & Development &

Overview: The Planning and Development Department was busy throughout 2006 reviewing and issuing permits, inspecting construction sites for safety code requirements, inspecting all new road construction for compliance with town and state standards, reviewing and processing subdivision and site plans, meeting with the public, and issuing Certificates of Occupancy. This year, the Planning and Development Department granted Certificates of Occupancy to 99 new single-family homes and 6 new multi-families units, for a total of 105 new family households in Windham. The Planning and Development's full-time Building Inspector continued our required Public Health and Safety duties. We also have one part-time Building Inspector. Construction plan reviews and inspection work has become more sophisticated and the homes much bigger than they were in the past. The residential construction codes, International Code Council (ICC) 2003, are new or revised and the general public needs more help understanding these codes since property values continue to rise. New Hampshire adopted its first Commercial Building Code, ICC 2000, last year. The state is considering updating the commercial building code, plus adopting a new residential building code this year. The Planning and Development Department will continue to protect the safety of the community and emergency responders by reviewing plans and inspecting new construction to ensure that buildings and roads are built to code. This high quality of service allows property values to grow faster than our surrounding towns.

<u>Site Plan, Subdivision, Zoning, Building, Health & Other Codes</u>: The Planning staff drafted 5 Zoning Ordinance amendments for presentation at public hearings. Among the zoning amendments is a zoning map revision that would expand the Village Center Zoning District.

<u>Inspections</u>, Roads, Buildings, and Septic Systems: The Department continued its task of road, building, pool, daycare, well, deck, driveway, electrical, plumbing, chimney, signs, blasting and septic system inspections. These inspections are done by staff experienced and trained to perform these duties. A private civil engineering firm is contracted to perform daily road construction inspections at new subdivisions, the cost of which is borne by the developer. These inspections are overseen by the Planning and Development Department. The Department staff conducts construction inspections for performance guarantee releases, spot checks, and town acceptance of new subdivision roads. The developer's funds are held as a financial guarantee for finishing new roadways. One year after a new road has been completely finished, the project is inspected and the Selectmen vote to release this money back to the developer and accept the road as a town road.

<u>Code Enforcement</u>: Code enforcement is done primarily on a complaint basis. Owners that fail to comply with Town land use or health regulations are notified and, after discussions or court action, the properties are brought back into compliance. I would like to extend my thanks to all those individuals who contacted our office with their concerns. We cannot be everywhere, and your calls keep us aware of possible violations. We remind our residents that all such callers' names are kept strictly confidential.

<u>Personnel</u>: I would like to praise and thank the Planning and Development personnel during this past year. Ron Preble, part time Building Inspector, Mike McGuire, full time Building Inspector; Virginia Gray, Building Dept. Clerk and receptionist; Nancy Charland, part-time Planning Board Secretary; Pat Kovolyan, part-time Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission secretary; Rebecca Hebert, Town Planner, who resigned last September, and Shaun R. Logue, our new Town Planner hired last November 30, for their dedicated service during the past year.

I would also like to thank John Thorndike, our surveyor consultant, and our Highway Agent, Jack McCartney, for their assistance this year with plan reviews and new road inspections.

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<u>Support for Citizen Boards</u>: The department supplies various volunteer boards with staff support. We serve the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Capital Improvements Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Health, Historic District/Heritage Commission, and the Conservation Commission.

<u>Volunteers</u>: The Planning and Development Department would like to acknowledge the volunteer contributions of Tom Case and Jack Gatinnella this year, for their input and advice concerning regulations and ordinances.

The Department would also like to thank the cable volunteers for their time and energy in broadcasting all of the Town board and committee meetings. It is through their efforts that the townspeople can see what is going on from the comfort of their own homes.

<u>Special Projects</u>: The Planning and Development Department often provides assistance to the Selectmen and the Town Administrator in managing special town projects, and 2006 was no exception. The department was involved in the review of construction plans for the new High School, improvements to the Town Beach and Tokanel Field, town road improvement and trenching permits, the Town's Emergency Management Plan, new mosquito control process, dead bird collection and testing for EEE and West Nile Virus, Police and Fire Development Impact Fee Study, Legal Aid bid interviews, new assessing maps review, GIS Mapping grant from the NHDOT, Griffin Park drainage and improvements review, Route III and Wall Street Corridor Study, and working with the NH Highway Department on the Route 93 and Route III expansion in Windham.

<u>Private Contractors</u>: Independent contractors, under the supervision of the Planning and Development Department, assist in the review of subdivision and site plans. John Thorndike, Keach Nordstom Associates, and Coselo, Lomasney & deNapole Inc. helped review subdivision and site plans for the Planning Board. Drainage plans, when deemed necessary by the Planning Board, are reviewed by these consultants. Stone Hill Environmental did several well and water quantity studies. Cosello, Lomasney & deNapole, Inc., of Manchester, currently assists the town staff with the daily inspections of new roads. The cost of these outside consultants falls to the developer.

<u>Legal</u>: In the area of code enforcement actions, proposed ordinance reviews, and appeals of Planning and/or Zoning Board decisions, the Planning and Development Department oversees the Town's Attorney, Bernard Campbell. We thank Atty. Campbell for all his help this year and congratulate him on his many successful Superior Court decisions.

#### **FEES STATEMENT**

Permit Fees	\$157,717.73	Electrical Fees	\$19,565.00
Planning Board Fees	44,352.00	Plumbing Fees	17,355.00
Zoning Board Fees	6,900.00	Sewage Fees	9,250.00
New Road Fees	8,201.00	Chimney	660.00
Sunday Licenses	420.00	Well	4,950.00
Blasting Fees	5,400.00	Fence	45.00
Driveway Fees	2,340.00	Health	880.00
Sign Fees	333.50	Conversions	150.00
Stop Work Orders	300.00	Master Plan sales	0
Home Occupation	100.00	Misc. Permit Fees	2,992.54
		Total Income (log)	\$281,911.77

### MISCELLANEOUS FEES COLLECTED

School Impact Fees: Single-Family Dwelling Developers' Contributions to Route 28 Emergency Response	\$197,200 14,500
Developers' Contributions to Recreational Improvements Fund	2,000
Developers' Contributions to Rail to Trail Fund	1,300
Total	\$215,000

GRAND TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENT: \$496,911.77

### 2006 YEAR-END STATISTICS

TYPE OF PERMIT	# ISSUED	TYPE OF PERMIT	# ISSUED
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Single Family Dwellings	69	Sheds	13
Accessory Apartments	3	Decks/Porches	31
Multi-Family	3	Mail Box Sheds	0
Electric	322	Raze Building	6
Plumbing	297	Retail Office Renovations	4
Chimney	22	Industrial Buildings	2
Well	67	Gazebo/Greenhouse	4
Fence	4	Pump Stations	0
Signs	10	Repair	8
Home Occupations	2	Pool house	0
Alterations/Additions	39	Commercial Tower	1
Garages	9	Driveway	77
Foundation Only	3	Road Permits	4
Above Ground Pools	9	Blasting Permits	52
In ground Pools	18	Sunday License	21
Septic Systems	124	3 Season Rooms	5
Gas Station/Convenience	0	Finished Basements	22
Construction Trailers	0	Finished Attics	1
Hot Tubs	3	Temp. Mobile Homes	0
Stop Work Order	2	Conversions, year around	2
Restaurant	1	Stairs	1

### **CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY**

Single family dwellings 99	Accessory Apartments	8
Multi family units6	Building Inspections 1,74	7
Site and Driveway Inspec	tions 250	

Respectfully submitted,

Álfred F. Turner, Jr./Director of Planning & Dev.

### PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board reviewed and approved several commercial developments that contributed toward economic development in 2006, including two (2) commercial veterinarian clinics that were approved. The Cobbetts Pond Plaza expansion was also reviewed, and approved for a 20,000 square foot addition, and a new Industrial Park was approved on Ledge Road. The latter is being built on land that has been zoned for this purpose for 20 years. Review of the Village Center development, a mixed residential and commercial use Town center, continued last year, and a final plan for Phase I should be submitted in 2007. The Planning Board has proposed an expansion of the Village Center District to include a lot on North Lowell Road and three lots on Hardwood Road.

The March Town Meeting elections resulted in Nancy Prendergast's and Pam Skinner's reelection to the Board. Subsequently, Philip LoChiatto was elected Chairman, Ruth Ellen Vice Chairman, and Nancy Prendergast Board Secretary by their fellow members. The Planning Board accepted with regret Alternate member, Mr. Steve Griffis, resignation. The following citizens comprise the remainder of the Planning Board:

Ross McLeod Walter Kolodziej Rick Okerman, Alternate Neelima Gogumalla, Alternate Margaret Crisler,BOS Rep. Alan Carpenter, BOS Alt. Rep.

Throughout the year, the Board met nearly every week, and sometimes twice a week, conducting public hearings, holding workshops and attending site-walks. Public hearings continued to be held every first and third Wednesday evenings of the month. Every second and fourth (and sometimes fifth) Wednesdays were reserved for workshops geared toward implementing the 2005 Master Plan Goals, addressing legislative issues facing the Town, and fine-tuning zoning ordinances.

During the course of the year, the Planning Board approved the road layout for the High School and meet with the NH Department of Transportation on the relocation of Route III west of exit 3. The Planning Board also proposed amendments to the Windham Zoning ordinance, Zoning Map and site plan and subdivision regulations. The Capital Improvement Committee and the Planning Board held hearings on the approval of the CIP plan as drafted for 2007.

The Windham Planning Board has worked tirelessly and faithfully on behalf of its citizens. Maximizing citizen input, improving communications, and working under the guidelines of the 2005 Master Plan has been this Board's priorities.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Phil LoChiatto
Chairman

# <sup>97</sup> ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 16

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five members: Rob Gustafson as Chairman, Mark Samsel as Vice Chairman, Tony Pellegrini as Secretary, and Dianna Fallon and Gail Webster as Regular members. There are also three alternate members of the Board: Tom Murray, Al Souma and Jim Tierney.

The role of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is quasi-judicial acting as the lowest court in the land regarding land use issues. The Board's purpose is to provide relief from the strict interpretation of the zoning ordinance while preserving the spirit and intent of the ordinance. The Board must decide what is lawful, not necessarily popular, in determining the proper balance between property owners' constitutional rights to reasonable use of their land and the public rights of others.

During the year of 2006 the Zoning Board of Adjustment has seen a few changes. In March, two new members were elected to the Board: Dianna Fallon and Gail Webster. For the first time ever, all of the regular members of the Board are elected. As an elected Board, the Board has the power to appoint alternate members and, during 2006, appointed Jim Tierney as a new alternate member.

The Board would like to acknowledge the service of two departing regular members: Chris Doyle and Georges Roy. The Board appreciates the time they gave in service to the Board and wishes them well in their future endeavors.

The Board would like to thank Pat Kovolyan, Board Recording Secretary, for her effort and dedication in recording the minutes of the Board and transacting business. Also, the Board thanks Mike Maguire, Building Inspector, for his time and effort in preparing the cases and providing information to the Board, and Tom Case and the Windham Cable Committee for taping and televising the public meetings.

#### END OF YEAR 2006 REPORT ACCOUNTABILITY OF CASES

#### Total Number of Cases - 78

Variances		Appeal from an Administrative De	cision
Granted	55	Granted	(
Denied	1	Denied without prejudice	(
Denied without prejudice	1	Request for Re-Hearing	
Dismissed	0	Granted	
Special Exception		Denied	7
Granted	3	Equitable Waiver	
Denied	1	Granted	-
Appeal of an Administrative Decision		Denied	(
Granted	1	Cases Withdrawn	
Denied		Cases Continued to 2007	

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Rob Gustafson Chairman

# TAX ASSESSOR &

The Assessing Department completed a full revaluation this year. With the contracted assistance of Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC, property was inspected, photographed, and our records updated. The Town, complying with the Assessing Standards Board guidelines, adjusted all property assessments to full market value. With this revaluation, assessments increased 40 to 50%, and the net valuation of the Town, on which the tax rate is set, rose to \$2,164,454,970. The tax rate dropped \$4.11 to \$15.35 per \$1,000 of value; however, most taxpayers saw their taxes increase this year as the overall budget now includes the bond payment for the construction of Windham High School. Preliminary statistics indicate the level of assessment and measures of conformity are well within State standards.

New steps in public relations this year included more information on our Town web site: www.WindhamNewHampshire.com, a public terminal in the Nesmith Library accessing the Assessing database, and frequent news reports. Ownership information, assessments and sale data are now widely available to the public. Residents are advised to obtain and review their property record information. Our efforts are in conformance with the recommendations of the Department of Revenue and the Board of Tax and Land Appeals, as all municipalities are encouraged by them to develop a more transparent and understandable system for their taxpayers.

2006 brought continued development in Windham. Our office assigned identification numbers on 202 new parcels. Of this number, 124 were approved condominium units. Land conversion from the Current Use category brought over \$740,000 into the conservation fund. Construction and remodeling continued throughout the year, albeit slower paced than previous years. We estimate \$80M of our net value increase in Tax Year 2006 is due to new growth.

Windham now has 5,604 taxable parcels, of which less than 3% are commercial or industrial parcels. The tax base is comprised of 92.4% residential values, and 7.1% commercial/industrial value, with the remainder being public utility property. The ongoing Route III bypass construction and pending Interstate 93 reconstruction has taken a number of commercial properties. The Town is anticipating the loss of these taxable parcels will be replaced by the release for development of other State-owned property when the construction is over.

Tax Credits and exemptions available by State Law are offered to all eligible residents as follows: Qualified Veterans, elderly, disabled, or blind taxpayers, and for improvements to assist persons with disabilities. Interested persons should inquire in the Assessing office to see if they qualify. In 2006, the Town had 432 homeowners qualify for a credit and 80 residents receiving an exemption.

Property owners with their land in Current Use enjoyed significant tax savings this year. This category encourages the preservation of large tracts of open land. The program does have a cost however; taxpayers who develop land that is in Current Use must pay a one-time penalty tax, which is 10% of the land market value. Owners with vacant parcels over 10 acres should contact the Assessing Department for more information on this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Norman/Tax Assessor

# TAX DISBURSEMENTS ILLUSTRATED %

Each year, as you prepare to pay your property tax bill, you no doubt wonder "Where does my money go?" The following spreadsheet aims to shed a bit of insight into how taxes were disbursed across the Town and School needs in 2006.

Total valuation:	2,164,454,970.00
Avg. Home Value	400,000.00
Tax Rate	15.35
Total Tax Bill:	\$ 6,140.00

#### BREAKDOWN OF TAX RATE:

County	0.86	344.00
State Education	2.28	912.00
Town	2.95	1,180.00
Schools	9.26	3,704.00
Tax Rate:	\$ 15.35	\$ 6,140.00

#### **COST OF SERVICES:**

#### **COUNTY:**

	Taxes on	Taxes on	Taxes on
Home Assessed Value	225,000.00	400,000.00	575,000.00
Total County Portion of Tax Bill	\$ 193.50	\$ 344.00	\$ 494.50

#### STATE EDUCATION:

	Taxes on	Taxes on	Taxes on
Home Assessed Value	225,000.00	400,000.00	575,000.00
Total State Education Portion of Tax Bill	\$ 513.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 1,311.00

#### TOWN:

		Taxes on	Taxes on	Taxes on
Home Assessed Value	2006 Budgeted \$	225,000.00	400,000.00	575,000.00
DEPARTMENT:				
Town Officers	9,790.00	0.57	1.02	1.46
Administration	434,315.00	25.39	45.13	64.87
Town Clerk	172,900.00	10.11	17.97	25.83
Tax Collector	128,125.00	7.49	13.31	19.14
Election and Registration	18,445.00	1.08	1.92	2.76
Cemeteries	47,300.00	2.76	4.91	7.07
General Government Buildings	400,070.00	23.38	41.57	59.76
Assessing	165,075.00	9.65	17.15	24.66
Information Technology	150,480.00	8.80	15.64	22.48
Town Museum	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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		Taxes on	Taxes on	Taxes on
Home Assessed Value	2006 Budgeted \$	225,000.00	400,000.00	575,000.00
Searles Building	16,500.00	0.96	1.71	2.46
Legal Expenses	52,400.00	3.06	5.44	7.83
Police Department	2,008,735.00	117.41	208.73	300.05
Dispatching	351,175.00	20.53	36.49	52.46
Fire Department	2,066,295.00	120.77	214.71	308.65
Emergency Management	9,075.00	0.53	0.94	1.36
Planning and Development	429,210.00	25.09	44.60	64.11
Highway	831,745.00	48.62	86.43	124.24
Street Lights	11,120.00	0.65	1.16	1.66
Solid Waste Disposal	999,420.00	58.42	103.85	149.29
Health and Human Services	51,945.00	3.04	5.40	7.76
Animal Control	20,105.00	1.18	2.09	3.00
General Assistance	56,710.00	3.31	5.89	8.47
Library	841,360.00	49.18	87.43	125.68
Recreation	125,515.00	7.34	13.04	18.75
Conservation Commission	2,090.00	0.12	0.22	0.31
Senior Center	5,000.00	0.29	0.52	0.75
Cable Television	81,195.00	4.75	8.44	12.13
Debt Service	737,367.00	43.10	76.62	110.14
Capital Outlay	513,800.00	30.03	53.39	76.75
Operating transfers out	50,000.00	2.92	5.20	7.47
Retirement	5,000.00	0.29	0.52	0.75
Insurance	255,500.00	14.93	26.55	38.16
Trust Accounts	50,000.00	2.92	5.20	7.47
Special Articles	258,130.00	15.09	26.82	38.56
Total Town Portion of Tax Bill		\$ 663.75	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,696.25

### SCHOOLS:

TOTAL TAX BILL PAYMENT:

		Taxes on	Taxes on	Taxes on
Home Assessed Value	2006 Budgeted \$	225,000.00	400,000.00	575,000.00
DEPARTMENT:				
Golden Brook School	2,853,551.00	239.16	425.18	611.19
Center School	3,048,875.00	255.53	454.28	653.03
Middle School	3,446,851.00	288.89	513.58	738.27
School District	15,509,985.00	1,299.92	2,310.97	3,322.02
Total School Portion of Tax Bill		\$ 2,083.50	\$ 3,704.00	\$ 5,324.50

\$ 3,453.75

\$ 6,140.00

\$ 8,826.25

## HEALTH OFFICER &

This has been another busy year for the Health Officer and the Board of Health. Several cottage owners were sent notices of violation for illegal conversion of their dwellings to year-round homes without the required permits. The Superior Court has ruled in the past in the Town's favor in these types of cases, and substantial fines have been awarded to the Town. We expect several more in court during 2007. If you have a cottage and want to convert it to year-round use, please obtain the required permits to avoid expensive court appearances. If you have any questions, please call me at 432-3806 or e-mail me at aturner@windhamnewhampshire.com.

The Windham community water supply that serves the buildings around Town Hall was tested throughout the year, and showed good, overall water quality results.

Once again, the Town saw no reported cases of rabies; however, calls were received about dead birds, EEE, and West Nile Virus. Residents are, as always, cautioned to avoid contact with dead birds, and to take care not to touch dead birds without hand protection. Please direct your calls regarding dead birds to the Planning and Development offices at 432-3806. In addition, the State offers a toll-free number, 1-866-273-NILE (6453), where additional information can be found on what to do if you discover a dead bird, how to reduce mosquitoes (carriers of the Virus), and other data about the virus.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is an uncommon, but serious, disease that can and has been transmitted to humans in New Hampshire. Mosquitoes that hatch in shallow, dark, fresh water swamps transmit the disease predominantly in August and September. The best way to control the disease from spreading is to spray the water surface of targeted swamps in March of each year. Aerial spraying can be conducted in the late summer and early fall, but it lasts only one week and can be performed only on an emergency basis by the State of New Hampshire. The Board of Health (Selectmen) hired a mosquito control company in 2006 to larvicide swamps during the spring and early summer. This was done to control the mosquito larvae before they became adults. Subsequent to the State's declaring a mosquito control emergency in Rockingham County, our mosquito consultant applied adulticides to the areas surrounding the playing fields and areas around the schools.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has established a toll free Influenza hotline 1-866-273-6453, (8:00am to 4:30pm) and 1-800-852-3345, (all other hours). This hotline will have information about the flu; its symptoms, treatment, and prevention.

Local daycare facilities, as well as foster care homes, were once again inspected by the Health Department, as required by law. The Department checks for the facilities' adherence to health and safety codes, cleanliness, and water quality.

Throughout the year, we receive reports from the NH Department of Environmental Services regarding certain sites in town. Previously contaminated sites are showing a decrease in VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds). The Department of Environmental Services (DES) continues to monitor all of these sites, and several water discharge permits were issued to businesses where contaminated water was being treated.

#### \* HEALTH OFFICER \*

The Health Officer also visited local industries and businesses to check that hazardous materials are utilized properly and Best Management Practices (BMP) are followed in the handling and disposal of all hazardous materials around the Canobie Lake watershed. Transfer Station Manager/Stormwater Committee Chairman David Poulson has helped manage this operation throughout the year.

The Windham Board of Health held several public hearings on well and septic system waivers throughout the year. In addition, it convened during the year to consider waivers of the Windham Health Ordinance. Inspections, reviews, and/or permits issued included the following:

Test Pits Viewed	6
Septic System Inspections	259
Septic Plans Reviewed	145
Septic Permits Issued	124

Spring will soon be upon us and I again would like to remind our residents of the importance of refraining from feeding the waterfowl that frequent our lakes and ponds. Such attention encourages their presence, and increases the risk of contamination to our water resources.

In closing, I again would like to thank the staff of the Planning and Development Department, the Board of Health, and the citizens of Windham for their ongoing support and assistance in enabling the Health Department to run smoothly and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred F. Turner, Jr./Health Officer

# 9 TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION &

The T/R Station's ongoing mission is to provide the best solid waste disposal service for the Town of Windham. This is done through teamwork, planning, and a dedication to improvement.

Our current operational hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Our yard waste program takes place at the Marblehead Road Landfill every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (April through November). We urge residents to pick up a brochure at the Station or Town Hall, or visit the Town's website for detailed information regarding the Station's operation.

We transport our trash to the Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy Facility, Penacook, our C&D to LL&S, Salem, and our metal to Gateway Resource Recovery, Salem. Our current recycling broker is Corcoran Environmental Services, Inc., of Maine for paper, cardboard, and plastic. In addition, we use the services of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) to broker other recyclable material. Through the cooperative effort of our residents, Windham recycles approximately 30% of its total waste stream, compared to the State's average of 17%. This diversion translates to budget savings; producing revenue and conserving valuable State disposal space. In dollars, it equates to approximately \$200,000 in budget savings and generated revenue.

As always, I would like to thank the Station staff for their hard work, dedication, and service to the community. I would like to thank the residents for their ongoing support, cooperation, and adherence to Station procedures, especially recycling. We all have a vested interest in the future of solid waste management in Windham.

#### **2007 GOALS**

- 1. Gather data on solid waste management options for Windham and compare the information to existing operation.
- 2. Continue to upgrade the facility and its grounds.
- 3. Enhance team-building, strategic planning, and operational practices.
- 4. Conduct feasibility study on the development of the adjacent eastern owned property (Wilson property).

#### 2006 STATISTICS

MSW (General Trash)

Demolition & Construction Debris

Recycled Material

Recycling Revenue

8% increase/2005

4% increase/2005

2% increase/2005

\$98,000

Respectfully submitted,

David Poulson/Transfer Station Manager

### 9 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 16

As in previous years, the issue of dogs at Griffin Park was an area of concern in 2006. After holding a very well-attended public hearing at Golden Brook School to discuss possible solutions, the Board of Selectmen opted at this time to continue with the previously adopted Dog Regulations and monitor the situation throughout the upcoming year. Residents are reminded that those regulations require, among other things, that: (1) leashes no longer than 8' are required at the Park; (2) dogs are prohibited from entering the athletic fields; and (3) owners are required to clean up their pet's waste, using the disposal units provided if necessary. Please refer to the full set of dog-related regulations at WindhamNewHampshire.com.

Once again, I would like to extend a special thank you to the Salem Animal Rescue League for their assistance throughout the year. Please visit them on the web at sarl-nh.org to learn more about this important organization.

Residents are reminded that all dogs, cats, and ferrets three months of age and older must be vaccinated against the rabies virus, and all dogs must be licensed with the Town Clerk's Office by three months of age. All dogs currently registered in the Town are due for re-registration annually by April 30. Residents are urged to obtain their licenses prior to this date, to avoid paying fines/late fees.

All animal related questions, complaints, or concerns should be reported to the non-emergency number of the Police Department, 434-5577. Messages will then be relayed to us by the dispatchers for response.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

	2006	2005
Number of dogs picked up	63	41
Number of dog bites reported	21	17
Number of dogs hit by automobiles	8	8
Number of dogs euthanized	0	0
Number of animals adopted out	5	2
Fish and Game calls	49	42
Number of cat issues	54	58
Number of cats picked up	5	0
Number of bird issues	4	7
Total warnings issued	89	89
Total calls logged	689	649
Total hours worked	849	816
Total miles traveled	5,912	5,685
Total Assessed Penalties	\$2,335	\$2,475

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Seifert

Animal Control Officer

### HIGHWAY AGENT

Another year gone and hopefully it was a good one for all, with even more success and happiness in the forthcoming year. Again, as in 2005, we experienced unusual amounts of rainfall but a reasonably mild winter. Although we saved on winter maintenance, the May and June rains brought substantial repair costs to several roads due to severe washouts. Ever increasing costs for oil-related products also added to summer maintenance expenses, with some minimal costs being added to winter maintenance products.

From January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006, costs for Highway Department products and equipment have seen dramatic increases, with sand and salt increasing forty percent (40%) or better, plow blades and cutting edges rising from fifty (50) to one hundred and twenty (120) percent. Asphalt and aggregate products have risen by as much as seventy percent (70%), and fuel cost has basically doubled for equipment needs. These increases have added significantly to the Highway budget, along with added new roads, required sign replacement, Stormwater Protection Plan requirements and unexpected storm related costs of the last couple of years.

Okay, enough complaining already! The good news is, Marblehead Road has been completed, Searles Road was reclaimed and repaved from the church area to Governor Dinsmore Road, 850' of Cardinal Road was reclaimed and repaved with some under drain and basis repairs, and a bid was awarded to replace the culvert pipes on Doiron Road in the summer of 2007 with 2006 funding. The latter was scheduled for 2006, but due to unsuitable materials and ledge removal costs associated with Marblehead Road, the amount of available funding was unknown until the road work there was complete. Ledge and unsuitable materials are always an unknown factor, until project completion. These projects all turned out very well with only some minor issues, (i.e. loaming, seeding and some shoulder shimming to be completed in 2007) and we would like to thank all the abutting residents for their patience and understanding throughout the work periods. These are all very busy roads, and there were some trying moments dealing with traffic, blasting work, open trenches and other related problems on the respective sites. Again, thank you to all involved, both residents and contractors.

As usual, there was an abundance of routine maintenance work, somewhat over the norm, due to the heavy May and June rains. Shoulder repairs, basin grate cleaning, culvert cleaning, several sinkhole repairs and lots of debris to be picked up. We were fortunate enough to have an extra, seasonal employee this summer who did better than expected for us. We miss him already, and wish him well. We also did normal cold patch work, basin and culvert repair or replacements, some new basins and under drain work, missing or damaged sign replacement, lots of new, mandated sign replacements, (i.e. new 9" street signs) tree and brush work or removal, and all town roads were swept. With more than half the town's basins being cleaned, and several roads, mainly those with new pavements in 2005 received loaning and seeding work.

We also had some substantial repairs done by outside vendors, as well as doing several repairs and routine maintenance items on the Highway Department vehicles ourselves, in house. This included plow repairs, cutting edge replacement, oil and filter service, tire replacement, exhaust work, brake work, battery and electrical work, sander repairs, etc. We are also somewhat rebuilding two plow blades by replacing sections of rotted metals, installing new cutting edges and having them sandblasted and painted. We were also able to purchase one new plow and had the dump body replaced on our larger L-8000 dump truck. Both items are expected to provide us many years of service.

### \* HIGHWAY AGENT \*

In closing and as always we would like to thank the many people who make this job possible. This includes dozens of vendors, contractors, other department personnel, lots of residents willing to help out, and the friends who are always there with helpful advice and helping hands, as well as the always important kind works and thanks for work well done.

Our continued thanks, as well, to all the Windham residents who support us throughout the years, and who make it possible through their tax dollars to accomplish our work. We greatly appreciate your support. Best wishes to all for 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack McCartney/Highway Agent

## HUMAN SERVICES &

The Town of Windham, as required by New Hampshire State Statutes, provides financial assistance for residents when situations arise in their lives which prevent them from meeting their basic needs. The Town is the safety net for our residents until their situation improves or aid can be received through other agencies or programs.

Persons seeking assistance must meet eligibility standards for shelter, food, utilities, medical needs, and/or any other necessities. Assistance provided by the Town is temporary in nature, and may be provided directly by the Town or by referral to the appropriate Federal, State or local agencies.

The Town also contributes to social and service agencies in the local area, which provide valuable help to our residents. These agencies include Windham's Helping Hands, CHS, Shepherd's Pantry, Visiting Nurse/Hospice, Center for Life Management, Community Caregivers, AIDS Response, A Safe Place, Rape & Assault Services, Big Brothers/Sisters of Greater Nashua, Community Health Services, Rockingham Community Action Program, and Meals on Wheels. The Town and these agencies work together to provide the most appropriate assistance for our residents. If persons applying are in need of employment, they are referred to the Department of Employment Security for help with their job search.

The Town of Windham assisted 37 households in 2006, which is a decrease of 5 households from last year. The total cost of this assistance was \$47,074.43 which reflects a decrease, as well, of \$7,239.18. The primary needs continue to be housing and utilities. Heating costs have risen drastically and so has assistance required. The Town was reimbursed \$31,950.00 from residents previously assisted.

Many thanks to the organizations who provide assistance to our families. Windham's Helping Hands continues to provide spring baskets, winter coats and many needs as they arise throughout the year, as well as coordinating the Back to School Clothing Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas gifts. The Women's Club, American Legion, FLOW, residents and businesses were extremely generous this year, both with gifts and donations. Thanks also to the Food Pantry for their continued help in keeping families' food budgets down. As always, I thank you all for your participation in these programs. Your generosity makes all these programs possible and is so appreciated by your neighbors who are experiencing difficulties.

We are still in desperate need of volunteers to drive our seniors to doctor visits and the Wal-Mart shopping trip. As you are likely aware, we have been able for some time now to provide a weekly shopping trip to Wal-Mart for our seniors, which they truly rely upon and enjoy. The few volunteer drivers we now have are wonderful and caring, and we thank them so very much for their time and compassion. If you are interested in helping, please call me at 432-7732 to volunteer. We will be happy to work around your schedule.

We hope that as 2007 progresses, our residents will be able to meet their needs. However, if any difficulties arise, we are here to assist them in a compassionate and confidential manner.

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The following represents a breakdown of the assistance granted in 2006

Food Vouchers	\$ 1,797.13
Shelter Vouchers	27,652.23
Mortgage Assistance	8,555.72
Electricity Vouchers	1,258.36
Oil/Propane	5,215.99
Fuel Vouchers	441.43
Medical	1,201.86
Telephone	29.21
Funeral	250.00
Miscellaneous	172.50
Shepherd's Pantry	500.00
Total	\$47.074.43

Respectfully submitted,

Hatleen Davis
Kathleen M. Davis/Human Services Coordinator

# <sup>9</sup>Information Technologies &

As I close out the year, I am happy to report that everything went rather smoothly in 2006. We've completed the transition to our new servers, additional re-wiring of the Police Department, Town Hall, and Fire Department, as well as increased bandwidth to the internet.

In 2007, a new backup server will go into service, the finance server will be replaced using existing equipment, and the Fire Department Software will be installed on it own server.

From what is now a solid, secure infrastructure, plans will move forward to develop the Town's presence on the web from "informational" to "transactional" access, laying the foundation for future growth, for as the Town grows, demands increase.

By migrating those functions once done only in person at the Town Hall, Planning, Police and Fire, we can reduce the overall burden that is shared by residents (less time spent registering your car, for example), as well as demands on personnel, thereby ultimately delaying the need to hire additional staff. This is a process that will involve all the stake-holders, Residents, Vendors, Business's, Town Employees, and elected Officials, as we weigh the cost of online transactions, the value of the time of each individual involved, and the overall value of service.

Additional projects planned for 2007 include: installing a new digital recording system at the Police Department; laptops installation in the Ambulances and Police Cruisers; and the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) full development and availability to the public.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Technical Advisory Committee and, in particular Jacques Borcoche, for their continued invaluable contributions.

It's going to be another busy year!

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Delong/IT Director

# <sup>9</sup>Maintenance Department &

Sometimes I dread this time of year. As one year comes to an end and another year begins, I dislike attempting to think back to remember significant accomplishments of the Maintenance Department for the previous year. Now, as 2006 comes to an end and I begin the process of documenting the Departments' accomplishments, I have been reminded by the staff that a large portion of our work is repetitive on a daily basis (building cleaning, setting up for meetings, responding to building emergencies, etc) and that "beyond the norm" work just seems to get accomplished without any fanfare.

However, after some thought and input from the staff, this is a partial list of some of our out-of-the-ordinary accomplishments.

- ▼ The Department survived the rains and flooding in the spring of 2006. I was on vacation in Texas visiting my son, who was receiving his Air Force wings, so I missed all the wild weather. However, the staff did a great job in my absence.
- ➤ The Department retired the old Chevrolet pickup truck that we inherited from the Transfer Station and rehabbed the former Fire Department Forestry Ford pickup truck. It was a well appreciated upgrade.
- ➤ The Department, along with several contractors, successfully completed handicap accessibility requirements brought to our attention by the State of New Hampshire "Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee".
- ➤ Two heating coils were replaced on the forced hot water heating system at the Searles Building, along with two hot water heaters at the Town Hall.
- ➤ Coordinated the installation of new carpeting in the main corridor at Town Hall; installation of replacement heat exchangers for the heating systems at the Town Hall and Police Station; and repairs to the multipurpose Building and well at Griffin Park.

The Maintenance Department also assists other departments, committees, and organizations with set setups for their programs/activities, provides drivers for the handicap van when special needs arise, removes snow and ice from all Town facility walkways, exterior stairs and ramps, and deals with the ongoing trash/vandalism issues at the Town's recreational facilities.

The staff and I extend our thanks to the other town departments, committees, and especially the residents for their ongoing support. I, personally, want to thank the staff: Bruce Montgomery, Wendy Lorentzen, Joanne Garabedian, Russ Gebo, and Bob Porter for their continued efforts on behalf of the Maintenance Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Barlow/Maintenance Supervisor

### <sup>9</sup> NESMITH LIBRARY DIRECTOR 16

Ordinarily, I'd prefer to begin this report by sharing some of the highlights of the year at the Nesmith Library, but this year must be a bit different. 2006, though undeniably a successful year, was marked by the loss of one of our most stalwart supporters - Dr. Murray Levin, on July 25th. All involved with the library are grateful to Dr. Levin for his service, friendship and support. He was a library friend and advocate from the time he and his wife, Patricia, moved to Windham in 1981. He served 15 years as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. The construction of the "new" library in 1997, and the recent successes enjoyed by this institution are due, in no small part, to his considerable efforts and influence. So, for all involved with the Library let me begin this report by saying "Thank you Dr. Levin!"

2006 was an exciting year for those who use the Nesmith Library and certainly for those of us who work for the library. Importantly, it was representative of what Dr. Levin wished for Nesmith Library in terms of service to the community.

For children and teens there were more exciting programs and events than ever before. 2006 featured some of the best adult programs we've ever offered. And, library users borrowed more than 172,000 items – our biggest borrowing year! Some other highlights of 2006 include:

- ▲ Almost 8700 card holders and more registering every day, nearly 60% of our community.
- ➤ Over 3000 new items (books, DVD's, videos, audio cassettes) added to the library collection so far this year.
- ➤ A tremendous Strawberry Festival this past June! Great fun despite a rainy day!
- ▼ Treasure Reading, our summer reading program, was enjoyed by over 300 children this summer.

The library's "menu" of programs and services continues to be well received by Windham residents. A few examples from the menu:

#### ➤ Children's Programs-2006

- Story Hours for children ages 3-6 145 sessions!
- Drop-In Crafts
- First Grade Visits
- Kindermusik Program with Rose Lemay
- Dr. Seuss Bingo
- Mr. Phil and Company Balloons, Ahoy Program
- Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party
- Drako the Iguana Program Featuring author Lynne Cyr
- Family Concert with Mary Kaye
- Project Nature with Mary Doane
- Sail Away Little Boat with visiting author Janet Buell
- Jabuti the Tortoise with live turtles
- Outdoor Pirate Party
- Ultimate Treasure Hunt with Deb Humiston

### \* Nesmith Library Director \*

- Fabulous Frogs Program presented by Audubon Society
- Tale of the High Seas with storyteller Keith Craun and Pirate Hat Craft
- End of Summer Reading Program Party featuring "Etienne"
- Littlebat Halloween Story Hour and Book Signing
- NH Audubon Society Wings of the Night Program
- American Girl Pizza and Movie Night
- Magician and Illusionist Peter Boie

#### ➤ Programs for Young Adults, Homeschoolers, Toddlers and others

- This summer's "Hooked on Teens" summer reading program was very well received. Teens enjoyed events such as an ice cream "taste-off", altered books, a CD swap, a program on skin care and makeup, and a pizza party.
- Also, the Book Club for Teens got young people talking about and enjoying books through the summer and fall.
- And, programs for those who home school have been very well attended. Examples include "Scales and Skin" by the NH Audubon Society which provided a fascinating look at NH reptiles and amphibians, as well as a Math for Home schoolers program.
- The library continues its outreach to daycares and retirement homes here in Windham and, for the very young the library offers its "Toddler Time" program.
- ▲ Adult Programs: This year the library presented a variety of entertaining, informative and genuinely fun programs such as:
  - Real Men Don't Rehearse with Boston Symphony Orchestra musician Justin Locke.
  - Teas in Time, a recreation of an Edwardian tea party with costumed speaker, Rita Parisi.
  - The Bell Choir of Pelham Congregational Church's spring concert.
  - Financial seminar series with Melinda K. Davis.
  - Altered books workshop with artist, Michelle Dyson.
  - I Never Saw Another Butterfly, a play about the Holocaust performed by the ActorSingers.
  - The Nesmith Knitters group meets twice a month to knit and exchange ideas. Scarves, hats, and mittens made by one generous member have been donated to the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who make it possible for us to provide excellent service to the residents of Windham.

- The exceptionally talented and hard working library staff.
- Our dedicated Board of Trustees.
- ➤ Mr. Al Barlow and the maintenance department of the Town of Windham for keeping our facility clean and in fine repair.
- Lois Freeston for making our website the "wealth of information" that it is.
- ➤ The Friends of the Library of Windham.
- ▼ Joyce Wilt, for editing our Nesmith Library News each month. The newsletter is excellent!

- ➤ Windham Helping Hands.
- ▲ Jacques Borcoche, Greg Cappiello, Eric Delong, and J. Gross for their invaluable assistance in keeping our technology current, working well, and in helping us plan for the future.
- ▲ All who provide the many entertaining and informative programs the library has been able to offer this year.
- ➤ Our volunteers who assist us through the year, donating valuable time from schedules that are full and lives that are busy!
- ➤ All of you!

Thank you! It has been our pleasure to serve you, your families, friends and neighbors in 2006. We look forward to seeing you often in 2007!

#### 2006 YEAR-END STATISTICS

Registered Patrons	8702
Books Added	3321
Total Number of Titles in Collection	78,450
Items Circulated	176,713
Library Visits	75311
Program Attendance	5,883
Multi Purpose Room Bookings	411
Internet Uses	5875
Volunteer Hours	1216

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

Fines	\$	9386.29
Lost or Damaged Books		1715.99
Replacement Cards		60.00
Non-resident cards		600.00
Copies		831.33
Donations		1609.47
Other - Rural Oasis		220.00
Other -		2364.66
Other – Flow		5617.70
Other – Grant		600.00
Interest		682.23
Total	\$ 2	23687.67

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Heidenblad/Library Director

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

This year was my first full year as Recreation Coordinator for the Town of Windham and, in addition to getting acclimated to Windham's existing programs, I introduced many new passive and active recreational programs for Windham residents of all ages. The response to the programs was overwhelming and I look forward to offering many more in the future. Below are the new programs for 2006.

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PROGRAM NAME	ATTENDEES	PROGRAM NAME	ATTENDEES
Valentines Crafts for ages 3-5	15	July Crafts for ages 3-9	25
Mother' Day Crafts for ages 3-5	18	August Crafts for ages 3-9	20
Father's Day Crafts for ages 3-5	17	Hike-n-Seek for ages 3-5	33
Letters from the Easter Bunny	122	North Pole Calling	45
Mini-Sports (May) for ages 3-5	26	Mini-Sports (June)	28
Kiddie Picnic for ages 3-5	12	Kayak Demo Class	11
Babysitting Course (April)	21	Babysitting Course (July)	25
Daddy/Daughter Dance	214	Archery (summer)	36
Archery (fall)	26	Senior Ball Room Dance	18
Senior Chair Yoga	30	Senior Christmas Party	380
Basketball Clinic (grades 4-8)	17		
On-Going programs include:			
Swimming Lessons	204	Youth Tennis	127

There are four major community events that are organized by Recreation each year:

- ▼ The Easter Egg Hunt at Town Hall is an annual tradition that was enjoyed by all that attended this year. There were children of all ages who hunted for colorful eggs filled with candy and stickers, who then went and had their photo taken with The Easter Bunny.
- ➤ Windham's Annual Town Day was another great event over 200 people enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, a performance by the Windham Flute Ensemble and, of course, the bike parade and games organized by long time Recreation volunteer, Mike Sorter.
- ▼ The 2nd Annual Harvest Festival, held in October, was an overwhelming success this year with over 300 people enjoying a picture perfect fall afternoon. There were hay rides around Griffin Park, face painting, make-n-take crafts, a children's performer, a pie baking contest, and a pumpkin decorating contest. The Women's Club, The Lions Club and the Girl Scouts have been an important part of this event both years.
- ➤ The Annual Tree Lighting, held in December, marked a great ending to the year. Over one hundred youth waited for Santa as he arrived by Fire Truck and then were able to have their photos taken with him at the Town Hall. All who attended enjoyed the hot chocolate and cookies, music by the Windham Community Band, and finally the lighting of the trees on the Town Common.

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT \*

In April, the Recreation Department held the First Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Center School. Fathers and daughters of all ages danced the night away, enjoyed light refreshments, had their photo taken, and left with a carnation for each girl. It was a night full of memories. This will be an annual event.

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party, held in December each year at Castleton, had a record number of attendees in 2006. The event started about 15 years ago with just 40 people and has certainly grown! This year, there were over 365 seniors who enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus, a performance by Debbie and Michael Ulbrich of Krystal Ballroom in Salem, and the Salem Senior Singers and Happy Hoofers.

If it were not for the dedication of volunteers and civic groups, then these events would not be able to take place and be such a huge success. It truly takes a community effort to have such great programs. I would like to thank my co-workers, the Windham Recreation Committee, Girl Scout Troops 2440 and 232, Boy Scout Troop 266, the Lions Club, the Woman's Club, Debbie and Michael Ulbrich, Victoria Noel, Erin Capone, Bob Taylor, Ralph and Belinda Sinclair, Wendi Devlin, Dana Call, and the Windham Seniors, Inc. for all of their efforts and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl S. Haas/Recreation Coordinator

# <sup>9</sup> Cable Studio Coordinator &

2006 was another extremely successful year at Windham Community Television. WCTV continued to meet the challenges of a growing Windham community through expanded programming, embracing new technologies, and increasing its presence in the community.

2006 saw a continued growth in new programming. As of this report, Channel 21 produced 140 programs this year and Channel 20 covered approximately 120 meetings for a total of approximately 600 hours of original programming in 2006. WCTV21's regular roster of programming continues to grow. Here is a list of WCTV21's regular volunteer produced shows:

- ➤ Windham Watch is WCTV's longest running regular show featuring guests from the world of politics, entertainment, and local interest. It is hosted by Windham's Mary Griffin.
- ➤ The Woof Woof Show is a program dealing with dog training and other related topics.
- ▼ Juke Joint Videos is a monthly music program featuring local blues bands.
- ▲ A Time for Animals is a monthly show featuring animals for adoption at the Salem Animal Rescue League.
- ➤ New England Rock TV is a show produced by local teens featuring rock band performances.
- Book Beat is a monthly show highlighting book reviews by Windham Middle School students.
- ➤ The Evie Vicki Show is a monthly program featuring gardening and home decorating tips.
- ▼ The Salem-Windham Report is a monthly magazine show featuring stories that effect Windham and Salem produced in conjunction with Salem Community TV.
- ➤ Rockingham Roundtable is a monthly show focusing on important issues facing the surrounding area.

In addition, WCTV21 added two new regularly produced shows in 2006. No Bones About It is a half-hour show focusing on everything concerning your dog; nutrition, excercise, clothing, comfort, and more. MLSCast is a monthly show highlighting the trends in the local real estate market.

As always, WCTV covered numerous town events. In fact we expanded our coverage of community events. In 2006, WCTV was there for the "Strawberry Festival", "Senior Picnic", "Tree Lighting Ceremony", "Memorial Day Parade", "Employee Appreciation Day", "4th of July Celebration", "Town Day", "Candidates Night", "WMS Graduation", the opening of "The Windham Rail Trail", "Windham Community Band Concerts", "The 2nd Annual Windham Harvest Fest", "The Golden Brook Holiday Concert" and the "Windham Middle School Holiday Concert. In February, WCTV cablecast LIVE from Golden Brook School the School and Town deliberative sessions.

### \* CABLE STUDIO COORDINATOR \*

WCTV also continued to cover one of the biggest issues facing Windham, the building of Windham High School. WCTV and the School Board worked together to bring residents a monthly School Board Update Report. In addition, WCTV cablecast LIVE coverage of the School Deliberative Session, Special Town Deliberative Session regarding the land swap, the High School Transition Forum, and every School Board meeting and workshop.

In 2006, WCTV also continued its expansive coverage of Windham board meetings on Channel 20. The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation Commission, and Recreation Committee are cablecast LIVE each week thanks to the dedicated work of volunteers Barbara Coish, Tom Case, Wanda Koch, Brian Benson, and Wally Heath. In addition, WCTV welcomes Andrew O'Keefe, our new School Board volunteer. All of these volunteers provide a great service to the town of Windham.

WCTV honored two volunteers with its "Volunteer Appreciation Award" in 2006. Bob Leonard has been a loyal volunteer since 2002, and never hesitates to help in a variety of tasks. Brian Benson has been volunteering since 2005. He consistently is available for board meetings, studio shows and remote shoots. Both of these volunteers are integral parts of WCTV.

In 2006, WCTV continued to upgrade its facilities and equipment, purchasing a new Canon GL2 camcorder and a new set for the public access studio. 2006 also saw the expansion of Channel 21's playback capabilities. Our Nexus Hard Drive playback system went on-line in January, and affords WCTV21 the ability to play substantially more programming all day and night. Programs can be played as MPEG files or as DVD's in regular DVD players, giving Channel 21 more flexibility as well.

I would like to thank the Windham Cable Advisory Board for all of their help and support throughout 2006, and I look forward to our continued relationship as WCTV evolves in the future.

2006 has been a very productive and positive year at WCTV. I would like to thank all of our volunteers once again for all of their good work. WCTV is here to serve the Town of Windham, and is only as good as the volunteers who produce and work on all of its programming.

I look forward to another year of growth and success at WCTV.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tim Daddona*Studio Coordinator

# <sup>®</sup> Capital Improvements Committee»

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) provides long-range financial planning for the town of Windham's capital projects costing \$50,000 or greater. Through the continued efforts of the CIP, Windham has met the challenges of providing for the growing infrastructure needs of our community, and at the same time has helped to maintain a balanced tax rate.

The fiscal year 2007 CIP committee was comprised of nine highly committed volunteers including:

Pamela M. Skinner, Chairman-Planning Board Member Ruth Ellen Post, Vice Chairman-Planning Board Member Marcia Unger, Secretary-Citizen Volunteer Roger Hohnberger Board of Selectman Member Bruce Breton-Citizen Volunteer Jack Merchant-Citizen Volunteer Galen Stearns-School Board Member Beth Valentine-Alternate School Board Member Dennis Senibaldi-Alternate Selectman Member

As the town of Windham continues to experience the impact of growth in several areas, that growth translates into a 2006 Tax Valuation of \$2,154,794,970 less utilities. A growth factor of a conservative 2.5 % is applied to a 2006 valuation to project the 2007 valuation of \$2,208,664,844 less utilities which becomes the basis in the formula for computing available CIP funds. To equalize the increase in valuation due to the 2006 revaluation program, a new rate of \$0.75 for the revised valuation was determined to generate the equivalent funds as the 2005 rate of \$1.00 based on the old valuation. The committee applied that rate to the projected 2007 valuation to establish the available funding of \$1,656,499.

In addition, \$533,019 is added to the CIP projected availability income from other CIP contributions, such as School Impact Fees, Sealers Trust Fund and the Castle Hill Bridge Reimbursement. After deductions for prior commitments and additions from other CIP revenue sources, (i.e. Fees), the total available funds to support department project amounted to \$1,294,925.

This year the CIP funds were proposed to be used for the following projects:

\$89,250
\$65,000
\$57,975
\$85,000
\$50,000
\$270,475
\$300,000
\$120,000
\$54,080
\$75,000
13,000
\$115,145

### ⋆ Capital Improvements Committee ⋆

The Windham Planning Board held a public hearing on December 6, 2006 and voted to accept the 2006 CIP Plan as presented.

The CIP Committee reviewed and prioritized 40 capital projects submitted by 8 separate Town Board, departments and committees. Funding for requested projects were spread over a multi-year program (2007-2014). A complete 2006 CIP plan with accompanying narrative and project descriptions will be posted on the town website.

While the number of projects submitted and reviewed by the committee has been increasing over the years, the complexity of these projects is also increasing. We wish to extend our thanks to each town board, department, and committee that participated in this process, and for their considerable time and effort made to help the CIP Committee to understand their needs. In addition, we encourage Windham residents to continue their support of our Capital Improvements Program, as it is the best way to service the Town of Windham's capital needs while maintaining its good financial health.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Pamela M. Skinner

## <sup>9</sup> CEMETERY TRUSTEES 16

In addition to overseeing maintenance of the cemeteries, sale of lots, and interments, the Trustees continued to work on the cemetery records and maps throughout 2006. In the fall, the laying out and marking of gravesites within the Austin Section of the Cemetery on the Hill was completed as an Eagle Scout project. The Trustees have been fortunate throughout the years to be approached by Windham Boy Scouts seeking to expend great efforts on our behalf towards attaining their Eagle Scout rank, and we thank each of them most sincerely for their efforts to beautify, document, and improve the Windham cemeteries.

As is the case each year, we must take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks, as well, to the other members of our local scouting organizations. Members of the Boy/Girl/Cub Scouts and the Brownies continue to assist us each year in preparing our Veterans' Section for our Memorial Day ceremonies. The dedication and maturity displayed by these youngsters is heartening to see, and we truly appreciate their efforts on our behalf. As well, they are active in our "Adopt an Ancestor" program that offers residents an opportunity to adopt a grave site and provide it flowers and care throughout the year. We continue to hope this program will expand to other residents in Windham.

The Trustees accepted with regret the resignation of Trustee Carl Luhrmann in 2006. In his tenure as a Trustee, Carl's work was very much appreciated, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. Carl's position remains vacant at this time.

In closing, we extend our thanks the townspeople for their continued support, and look forward to serving the Town of Windham in the year 2007.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

Gail Webster
Chairman

### <sup>98</sup> Nesmith Library Trustees &

As 2006 comes to an end and 2007 comes around the corner we, the Trustees of Nesmith Library, are very pleased and grateful for the very successful year of 2006. We appreciate the stewardship of our director, Carl Heidenblad and the dedicated, talented staff. We are looking forward with expectation to 2007 and what it will have to offer Nesmith Library.

We are so very proud of our library, one of the best in New Hampshire and one of 14 chosen to appear in New Hampshire's Living Legacy Calendar for 2007. We thank you for your continuing support of our activities.

- ➤ We sadly remember three staunch supporters of Nesmith Library this year. The Trustees and family of Murray Levin held a memorial service for Dr. Levin at the library in July. Dr. Levin was such an integral part of this library for 25 years, serving on multiple committees to raise awareness and funds for our current library.
- ▲ In December, a Memorial Bench was dedicated to Trustee Paul Keller, who loved and served this library since moving to Windham with his wife Wendy. Wendy was elected a Trustee in March of 2006 to fulfill her husband's term.
- ➤ Frank Traynor, a former library trustee and committee member in the 1970's and 1980's passed away in December 2006. He worked tirelessly for Nesmith Library.
- ➤ We thank FLOW for the wonderful new book drop which is now in place for the use of library patrons. The Strawberry Festival by FLOW was not deterred or slowed down by Mother Nature and torrential rains the Festival just moved inside to Center School. This was financially the most successful Strawberry Festival ever held. Thanks again to FLOW members and volunteers for their dedication and hard work. We, the patrons of the library are the beneficiaries
- ▼ The children's programs completed a wonderful year under the guidance of Jane and Karen, the librarians serving Windham's children. Thank you for a job well done.
- ➤ This fall we replaced the cement steps that were deteriorating rapidly, with beautiful new granite steps which should last the life of the building.
- ➤ The Trustees held a Buffet Supper for the library staff on Friday, February 10, 2006 in appreciation of the staff's dedication and hard work throughout the year, a good time was had by all.
- ▲ The planning for the Nesmith Library Expansion is moving along with architect Dennis Mires. The first drawings have been submitted for the addition after many meetings with the building expansion committee and staff. We are now evaluating the drawings.
- ➤ The Return on Investment figures for the library indicates how valuable a resource our library is. If the library patrons had to purchase the materials and services that Nesmith Library provided in 2006 the Total Benefits in 2006 = \$4,149,410, Tax payer investment in 2006 = \$754,680 with a result of \$3,394,730 Return on Investment. What a wonderful return.

The Trustees wish to thank everyone who supports and uses the facility of our library. With the help and support of the staff and patrons we will continue the programs and enrichment of our library. Thank you for your trust and support as we enter 2007.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

Mary Lee Underhill/Joan Griffin Chairman/Vice-Chairman

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. MURRAY LEVIN

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees (1983-1993 and 1999 – 2001)

Nesmith Library Building Committee (1995-1997)

Nesmith Library Construction Fundraising Committee (1995-1998)

Driving for Books Fundraising Committee (2000 and 2001)

Carl Heidenblad Award (1993)

You've made a difference award from NH Schools (1995)

Outstanding School Volunteer-Teacher Team Award from NH Partners in Education Awards Committee (1999)

Elliott Hospital volunteer (1983 – 1987)

Dr. Murray Levin was an integral part of the Nesmith Library for 25 years. An avid library user, he served on multiple committees to raise awareness and funds, and to develop our "new" facility built in 1997.

Having previously served on the Board of Trustees for eleven years, Murray was the logical choice for appointment when family issues caused a board member to leave an unfinished term. Without hesitation, he accepted the challenge and joined the board to fill the void. When town elections were held in March of 1999, Murray was once again elected as a library trustee.

Murray suggested a golf tournament fundraiser for books and agreed to be the Board representative working with the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) and the PTA to organize the first annual "Driving for Books" golf fundraiser. These tournaments were a resounding success.

Murray Levin brought a quiet dignity and an uncanny ability to get to the heart of the matter when Trustees grappled with difficult issues. He lent a wide perspective to discussions and considered the needs and desires of our entire community, both young and old.

The Carl Heidenblad award was presented to Murray "In grateful recognition of exemplary contribution and dedicated service to the Nesmith Library and the town of Windham."

Murray served as a voluntary teacher in our school system for 16 years where he placed strong emphasis on reading and library skills.

And it was with immeasurable appreciation and respect that the Nesmith Library Board of Trustees unanimously nominated Dr. Levin to be honored as NH Library Trustee of the Year 2001. The NH Library Trustees Association agreed and so honored Dr. Levin, naming him Library Trustee of the Year 2001.

He continued his work for the library through to the present year, serving on the Nesmith Library Building Needs Committee and informally as our "Emeritus" Library Board member.

He will be greatly missed.

## MUSEUM TRUSTEES &

The Windham Museum, through its collections and programs, is dedicated to the preservation, understanding and appreciation of Windham's town history. The Museum collects materials and objects related to the people and history of Windham, New Hampshire: created by, owned by, or about a Windham person, organization or institution.

Town support and funds made the Museum a reality. When the Nesmith Library relocated to Fellows Road in 1997, the town restored the Armstrong Building to its original appearance using descriptions from the book printed in 1899 for the building's dedication. The Windham Museum grew out of the work of two organizations, one from the past and one in the present.

The Antiquarian Committee was active from 1900 to 1908. Only three men served on the committee, Horace Berry, William Harris, and Edward Haskell. The committee was well organized. Not only was the committee concerned about the collection of historical materials, but they also wanted a suitable place to house the collection. The library temporarily housed the materials in display cases, but the committee expressed interest in providing, "an entire room to preserve and display Windham's fine antiquarian collection." How ironic that the library has now become a museum for that very purpose!

The Antiquarian Committee sought to collect objects that represented everyday life such as warming pans, dishes, and flax combs. They also collected town documents, deeds, and autographs of early settlers. In their third annual report the committee asked for unmounted photographs of interesting scenes in Windham and old homesteads with the intent of making an album. Even summer residents were encouraged to bring cameras.

The Antiquarian Committee was never mentioned after the Town Annual Report of 1909, but many of the artifacts given to the town between 1900 and 1908 are in our collection. Because of the committee's early efforts, we have many visible reminders of Windham's early history.

The Windham Historical Society was established in 1991 by a group of people interested in the history of Windham. They hold meetings on the first Tuesday of the month between September and June. Members of the Society retrieved many of the early artifacts collected by the Antiquarian Committee from poor storage conditions, and began to seek ways to preserve and conserve the material. The Society has also added to the collection of the Antiquarian Committee over the years. The Windham Historical Society held a Museum open house in January 1999, one hundred years after the original dedication of the building.

The Museum is open by appointment by calling one of the three Museum Trustees: Jean Manthorne, Dennis Root, or Kim Monterio.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

Kim Monterio
Trustee

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

With the help and generosity of the residents, Windham's Conservation Commission has worked hard in the last five years to preserve nearly 700 acres of land, including 275 acres acquired by NH's Department of Transportation as mitigation for the I-93 expansion project. It is unusual for an I-93 corridor town such as Windham to claim this much public land, especially our larger tracts located in the southeast and northeast regions of town. Some of these areas represent truly spectacular natural sites that have remained largely untouched for over 150 years.

While the Conservation Commission will continue to find ways to expand Windham's public lands, it is important that every citizen of Windham have an opportunity to get to know these special areas. They belong to you! They are wonderful places to enjoy passive recreational activities including hiking, snowshoeing, birding etc.

To help the residents navigate the conservation lands, the Commission was pleased to announce the reprinting of the "Walking in Windham" booklet. This booklet is a guide to our trails including the newly improved Rail Trail. If you are visiting one of the town offices, please be sure to pick up a copy of the booklet. You can also reference it on-line at www.windhamnewhampshire.com.

The Easement Committee, a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission, is working to place a conservation easement on the town lands located in the southeast area of Windham. The easement would protect the land from development forever. These lands comprise approximately 197 acres and are adjacent to the 274 acres acquired by the state as mitigation for wetlands lost to the I-93 expansion.

The Conservation Commission also continued to perform its other duties which include:

- ➤ Review of Planning Board applications and providing comments and suggestions where appropriate.
- ➤ Dredge and Fill application review and associated site walks to assess environmental impacts associated with the application.
- ➤ ZBA case review, providing comments on cases having environmental impact.
- ➤ Deer Leap and Landry Family conservation easement annual monitoring walks.
- ➤ GPS mapping of the town's trail network.

During the next year, we will be working closely with the Recreation Committee and the Trails Committee to improve and mark our trail systems and highlight parking areas.

In closing, we thank the Planning Department for their assistance and support. We also offer our sincere thanks to the residents of Windham for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted for the Commission,

Bruce Breton
Vice-Chairman

# 9 JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT 16

The Joint Loss Management Committee is responsible to oversee the Health and Safety Policy for the Town. Management and labor comprise the Committee and we are dedicated to collaborating as a team to ensure the health and safety of the Town's workforce and Windham residents. The JLMC meets every 2 months in efforts to be proactive on health and safety issues, and to ensure that we adhere to the standards defined by the NH Department of Labor and our own Town Policies.

Highlights of 2006 include:

- ▼ The Committee conducted an Avian Flu workshop with the State Health & Human Services Department.
- ➤ Committee representatives conducted our required annual inspection of the Town facilities.
- ➤ An annual inspection of the Town's fire extinguishers was conducted by outside vendor.
- ▼ Individual Departments began upgrading their internal health and safety programs.
- ➤ An updated Heath and Safety Policy was developed and adopted by the Board of Selectmen.
- ➤ We continue to enhance our health and safety awareness and promote Departmental involvement through dedicated membership.

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee members for their dedication and work.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

# 9 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION &

The charge of the Historic District Commission is to review and approve any changes to buildings or landscaping within any of the five designated Historic Districts.

As the result of a vote at Town Meeting in 1998, the Historic District Commission was able to assume a new, larger role as a Heritage Commission. Under this aegis the HDC/Heritage Commission is included in developmental plans that might affect any of the town's historic resources both architectural and archeological. It is important to preserve the rapidly disappearing stone walls, cellar foundations and other evidence left behind by people who once lived here. Windham is still rich in a number of these cultural resources. The Heritage Commission continues to work for their preservation. The Commission has developed an extensive Historic Resource List. This viable changeable document is divided into two sections, one for historic buildings and one for archeological sites and structures. The lists can be viewed on the town website.

Work of the Heritage Commission in 2006 included several key initiates as outlined below:

- ➤ London Bridge Causeway. built in 1799, this remarkable stone structure is an intact example of early road construction. Causeways were the earliest method by which road builders of the 18th and 19th century carried highways across wetlands and steep gullies. The Commission worked with the New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources, the Department of Transportation and the School Board to ensure that it was preserved. Ultimately it was determined that the causeway was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- *Rt. III Corridor Management*. In March the Commission met jointly in workshop with the Planning Board to alert the board to the important history and special architectural design of each of the antique homes bordering the proposed village center district. The Commission would like to see these homes preserved/reused so that the town center is seen as an example of 18th/early 19th century village living. Handouts that explained the history and occupations of each family that occupied the houses as well as architectural design were distributed.
- ➤ *Haseltine House*, Village Center District; Common Man relocation: The Heritage Commission continues to work with the owners of these properties to preserve the historic buildings and character of the area.
- ➤ Searles Watch Tower led the Commission to request a grant from the "Seven To Save" State grant program. The request did not make the final list but a private citizen did step forward with an offer to help the owner.
- ➤ *Depot Historic District*. A caboose has been donated and accepted by the town for the Depot Historic District. The depot buildings and the caboose are in need of restoration. To this end, the Commission has requested CIP funds to begin this important project.

### \* HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION \*

➤ *Throughout the year*, the Commission reviewed plans for development and submitted comments to the Planning Board regarding impacts to historic assets as well as to suggest historically accurate road names.

This year the Commission saw many changes in membership. In February, long time member Tom Furlong passed away. This was a man who has left a legacy of stonework all around town. From the stone cross in front of the bible chapel to the stone wall lined brook on the common as well as many places in between. His presence at Town Meeting and his knowledge Windham history will be sorely missed. In January, Pat Schena stepped down as chairman due to time constraints. Carol Pynn was appointed as chair to replace him. We welcomed 4 new members: Beth Talbott was appointed as regular member; Nancy Kopec, Kay Normington and Carolyn Webber were appointed as alternate members

Respectfully submitted for the Commission,

Carol Pynn Chairman

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE &

The Highway Safety Committee, which is comprised of the Town Administrator, Planning Director, Police and Fire Chiefs, Highway Agent, and Maintenance Supervisor, exists to promote highway safety through the use of road signage, literature, and/or educational media. The Committee accomplishes this mission in two main ways. First, we review all plans submitted to the Planning Board and comment on any issues that are related to Highway Safety such as road widths, signage, and access and egress points. Second, we review all requests from our residents and employees for such items as speed limit, stop, and yield signs, and other traffic related sign installations.

Over the course of the year, we reviewed six (6) site plans and submitted applicable comments to the Planning Board. The Committee maintained its standard policy of recommending new roads be constructed with a minimum pavement width of twenty-eight (28) feet with curbing and closed drainage systems on all applicable applications. Of the six (6) plans reviewed, the Committee offered highway safety comments on three (3), with the remaining plans requiring none, as the Committee felt it met or exceeded any highway safety concerns.

In addition to reviewing traditional subdivision plans, the Committee reviewed several other special projects which have significant town involvement, including:

- ➤ Lowell Road Bike Paths the Committee expressed its support and endorsement of the Bike Paths being considered along Lowell Road between Route III and the Golden Brook School.
- ➤ Parking Lot across from Griffin Park the Committee endorsed conceptual plans to install parking spaces across from Griffin Park. The land on which the parking is to be constructed, as well as the services to build the parking lot were offered as a donation to the Town and were accepted at a Special Town Meeting in 2005, contingent on the parking being approved and built.
- ➤ High School Access the Committee supported the need to have a full, signalized intersection on Route III at the entrance to Windham's future High School.
- ➤ Pine Hill Road and Hopkins Road Reclassifications the Committee supported the petitioned requests to reclassify both Pine Hill and Hopkins Roads, two Class VI roads, to full town maintained, Class V roads.
- ➤ Street Names the Committee, along with the Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission developed a list of over 100 names, approved by the Board of Selectmen, which can now be used as acceptable new street names. If a developer wishes to use a different name not on the approved list, they can ask for both committees to review additional suggestions and then to submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for a final determination as to whether a proposed name is acceptable. This occurred on four (4) separate occasions in 2006, with the committees both agreeing on some names while disapproving others and offering alternative suggestions for consideration.
- ➤ Priority Listing of Road Improvements report the Committee submitted an updated report which is used by the Selectmen as a guide in determining the roads to be considered for repairs and maintenance. The report uses a model comprised of five components to rank order roads for potential improvements: (1) Pavement Condition, known as the PCI on each

### \* HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE \*

section of a road, (2) the weighted PCI, which considers the average pavement condition for the entire length of a road, (3) traffic volum, assigned from low to heavy, (4) accident history over the previous four year period, and (5) drainage and other infrastructure issues associated with the road. Collectively, these factors result in an overall numeric rating for each section of road maintained by the town. The lower the overall score, the higher the resultant priority ranking.

The Committee was also very active in reviewing residents' requests for signage, although to a much lesser degree than in past years as the actual requests received were very low. The table below provides a detailed glimpse of the types of requests received and the actions of both the Committee and Board of Selectmen.

If any one has a recommendation or request for a highway safety measure, we encourage them to submit it to us using the "Highway Safety Request Form", which may be obtained from the Town Administrator's Office. Each request received is reviewed carefully and recommendations are made to the Board of Selectmen to either approve or deny the request.

In closing, I wish to offer the Committee's continuing appreciation to the residents for their interest and involvement in Highway Safety. We are always looking for suggestions to improve the safety of Town roads and, to this end, welcome your input. I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for the support they have shown the Committee in endorsing many of our recommendations. Finally, I offer my appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Highway Safety Committee for their involvement and commitment to meeting our mission.

#### ITEMS TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION

	# Considered by HSC	# Approved by BOS	# Denied by BOS	∦ Still Pending	∦ Referred to State
New Signage					
No Parking Signs	2	1	0	0	0
Road Crossing Signs	1	1	0	0	0
Pedestrian Crossing Sign	s 1	1	0	O	0
Blind Drive Signs	1	1	0	O	0
Lower Speed Limit	1	0	0	1	0
Street Light	1	1	0	O	1
Site Distance Concerns*	1	0	0	1	0
Crosswalks	1	1	0	O	0

<sup>\*</sup>Note: After review by the Committee, any confirmed brush clearing is performed by the Highway Agent.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

David Sullivan/Chairman

# PEPOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE &

In its 2 years of existence, 2006 was a year of great significance for the Windham Depot Advisory Committee.

As part of the charter to preserve the historic aspect and develop alternate uses for the Windham Depot, the vision of the Committee cumulated with forwarding to DOT an application for a \$210K Transportation Enhancement Grant. MHF Design was gracious in creating the conceptual drawing of the site and, using that document as a framework, the grant was awarded.

The plan takes into consideration the restoration of the Depot and Freight Buildings, providing viewing access to the General Store and Sawmill foundations, and tying into the successful development of the Windham Rail Trail, integrating new parking facilities, a mini trail for children with table and bench seating, and bringing back the boardwalk. The timeline is for engineering to start in 2007, with project completion in 2010.

Through publicity provided by the Historic District/Heritage Commission (HDC) and Windham Rail Trail Alliance (WRTA), Penny Philbrick (upon the wishes of her deceased husband Lenny) the owner of a Boston and Maine Caboose approached members with the desire to donate the caboose for restoration and eventual display at the Windham Depot. A public hearing was scheduled for early 2007 for the Board of Selectmen to accept the donation.

The Town will be responsible to provide 20% of this funding grant, or \$42,000. The CIP Committee has recommended that \$13,000 be allocated in each of the next four (4) years towards this project. The total of \$52,000 to be raised represents \$42,000 for the 20% grant match, as well as \$10,000 to be used towards ancillary costs associated with the restoration project, including rehabilitation of the caboose.

Key to this effort was the Committee working with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Resources and Economic Development to obtain a 3 year "Special Use Permit" for the Depot buildings and property effective August 31. Currently, the process to develop a 25 year renewable lease with the State has recently started.

The restoration of the historic Windham Depot is a key component of the Windham Rail Trail effort, as it becomes a recreational destination point for many in the town and surrounding communities. The renovated Depot not only integrates into the trail system with a trail head parking facility, but presents and preserves the historical significance of the area, offering the user a premier recreational and educational experience.

The Windham Depot Advisory Committee is thankful for the support from town officials and administrative team, Windham residents and non-residents alike, and will continue to complete our vision to deliver a first class facility to the Town.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Mark Samsel
Chairman

### 9 HISTORICAL COMMITTEE &

Searles School and Chapel is 100 years old! Donated to the Town of Windham in 1907 by millionaire-philanthropist Edward F. Searles (1840-1920), the building was intended to replace an earlier one-room schoolhouse, which was entirely surrounded by Searles' land. Searles proposed to the Town that, if deeded the existing building, he would provide a new school. The Town accepted his offer and the result was a two room, Gothic-revival structure designed by the preeminent practitioner of that style, English expatriate architect, Henry Vaughn (1843-1917). The Searles School and Chapel is now listed on the National Historic Register.

Our 100<sup>th</sup> celebration will be held during the upcoming summer, so that more people can be included. Tentative guest speakers include Eugene Gattis, Archivist, Wardsworth Atheneum, author of the History of Chip Austin, founder of the Windham Playhouse.

The Committee would also like to do a series of music: a night of Chamber music; a jazz night; and, if financially able, a Shaw Brothers (native sons of New Hampshire) courtyard concert.

There is light at the end of tunnel, so to speak, as it pertains to the restoration work at the Searles building, as the Committee hopes to complete the final work to the slate roof and, of course, the windows. There will always be ongoing maintenance to keep any building in good working order, but especially so with one being used for weddings, parties, and other functions.

In 2006, the tower was finally re-pointed and waterproofed. In the coming year, painting will be done in the Chapel, and the Committee plans to install clear windows to match those in the west room. The floors in both rooms also need to be refinished.

A new project for 2007 involves the back yard of the facility. The Committee has obtained prices to install a paved area by the back doors, repair the steps and walls, and extend the driveway. In an ensuing year, we would also like to add a gazebo for outside functions.

We have been fortunate enough to be the recipient of two, very generous gifts from a single donor. The first, a matching stained glass window for the rear of the foyer, will be installed in the spring and dedicated during our celebration. The second, a beautiful oriental rug, will not be put in place until after the floors are refinished. It will, however, be in place by the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. The Committee extends its sincere thanks to people such as this; who have given so freely to help with the beauty and restoration of the Searles building.

As always, our Function Coordinator Jeannette McMahon and Al Barlow and his maintenance crew have done a tremendous job throughout the year, and we thank them for their efforts.

Please watch for the dates of our  $100^{th}$  year celebration events this summer, and be sure to attend!

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Marion Dinsmore
Chairman

### 9 Public Relations Committee 26

The PR Committee's mission is to enhance the image of Town government, gain the trust of the residents, and improve the internal moral of its workforce. To that end, we continue to upgrade and improve our educational/informational outreach program through utilizing the website, cable system, and other communication outlets.

We conducted another successful "Workforce Appreciation Day" on May, that extended a thank you to our employees for jobs well done. The afternoon included a catered meal, raffles, and Department Head speakers. For the first time, as part of the "Workforce Appreciation Day" event, the Town conducted a service award ceremony to acknowledge employees that met specific years of service milestones. Employees at the five, ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-plus year marks were recognized for their dedication to the Town. We look forward to continuing this program for many years to come.

Because the Town government workforce serves the Windham residents, we would welcome input that may improve or enhance our governmental operations and how we serve the public. I would like to thank the Committee members for their dedication and work.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1/2

In 2006, The Windham Technical Advisory Committee supported upgrades of the Town information technology infrastructure. Secure wireless networking for town services, reduction in email spam through email system upgrades, troubleshooting and upgrade of fiber-optic networking equipment and installation of Verizon's FIOS service as a Town ISP all helped to provide the Town better capability while reducing cost and inefficiency.

With the help of expert town residents, a discussion of optimal tower deployment for new interoperable digital police radio was held with the Chief of Police.

The TAC remains committed to assisting the Town in all aspects of Windham's use of technology. We enthusiastically welcome your participation in our activities and welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Greg Cappiello

# STORM WATER MANAGEMENT &

Windham continues to monitor its Phase II storm water discharge systems (the urbanized area of Windham) to comply with US EPA's Storm Water Regulation and Windham's Storm Water Management Plan. Windham submitted its third annual report to US EPA in May, and our Committee members continue to work on their individual program tasks during our 5-year permit. This program is ongoing and a new permit will be developed every 5 years by US EPA or 2008.

Our Transfer/Recycling Station is under a separate 5-year permit known as the Multi-Sector General Permit which regulates specific industrial classifications. A new permit for the T/R Station will be developed in 2006.

Committee members attended New Hampshire's first Storm Water Conference in May, and a kick-off meeting on chloride (salt) in September. The latter subject will be an important topic for the future; how to balance salt use and the environment. The Town has established a committee to strategize a plan for the re-location and construction of a new salt/sand facility by 2008. Again, the intent of this EPA Storm Water Regulation is to protect water resources from non-point source pollution from water runoff caused by rain or snow melt.

We urge Windham residents to become involved and take personal steps to reduce and police runoff contamination within their property and the community.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their dedication and work.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

# %2006 EMPLOYEE WAGES & BENEFITS &

DEPARTMENT/ NAME	POSITION	REGULAR SALARY	SHIFT DIFF'L	0.Т.	HOL	** CONT SVCS	INCENT PAY	OT/HOL RECAL	OTHER		2006 TOTAL GROSS PAY	2006 BENEFITS	2006 SALARY & BENEFITS
TOWN OFFICERS													_
Carpenter, Alan	Selectmen	1,200.00	_	2	-	-	,	-	-		1,200.00	91.80	1,291.80
Crisler, Margaret	Selectmen	1,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,200.00	91.80	1,291.80
Hohenberger, Roger	Selectmen	1,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,200.00	91.80	1,291.80
Johnson, Mary	Trustee/ T. Fund	350.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		350.00	26.78	376.78
Senibaldi, Dennis	Selectmen	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,100.00	84.16	1,184.16
Skinner, Robert	Treasurer	2,500.00	-	~	-	-	2	-	-		2,500.00	191.25	2,691.25
Stearns, Galen	Selectmen	1,300.00	-	2	~	-	-	-	-		1,300.00	99.45	1,399.45
ADMINISTRATION													
Call. Dana	Asst TA-Finance	67,298.33		_		_			27.84	a	67,326.17	28,037.93	95,364.10
Davis, Kathleen	Human Rsc Coor	49,812.54	_	181.16	_	_		-	3,382.32	a,d	53,376.02	13,442.65	66,818.67
Devlin, Wendi	Admin Assistant	45,416.76	_	3,788.41	-	_		-	3.24	a	49,208.41	22,842.70	72,051.11
Sullivan, David	Town Admin	85.930.54	_	,	_	_		_	60.00	а	85,990.54	30,906.14	116,896.68
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INFORMATION TECH	_	7401707							66.60		74 202 07	20.200.20	102 50 4 22
DeLong, Eric	Info Tech Dir	74,217.35		_	_	-	~		66.60	a	74,283.95	28,300.38	102,584.33
TOWN CLERK													
Merrill, Nicole	Deputy Tn Clerk	32,610.79	-	1,536.01	-	-	-	-	-		34,146.80	11,795.27	45,942.07
Tuck, Joan	Town Clerk	79,421.73	-	2	-	-	2	-	150.00	g	79,571.73	5,650.98	85,222.71
Vincent, Diana	Asst Town Clerk	16,474.06	-	2	~	-	-	-	4,443.06	b,d	20,917.12	3,589.57	24,506.69
TAX COLLECTOR													
Hunt, Alice	Deputy Collector	29,743.78	-	1,462.97	-	-	_	_	-		31,206.75	17,419.23	48,625.98
Keefe, Elaine	Asst PT Collector	1,353.31	-	-,	-	-	_	_	-		1,353.31	103.53	1,456.84
Robertson, Ruth	Tax Collector	47,281.02	-	-		-	-	-	16.56	а	47,297.58	20,222.75	67,520.33
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		DEGLE AD	CITIES.			**		OTT/1101			2006	2000	2006
DEPARTMENT/ NAME	POSITION	REGULAR SALARY	SHIFT DIFF'L	O.T.	HOL	CONT SVCS	INCENT PAY	OT/HOL RECAL	OTHER		TOTAL GROSS PAY	2006 BENEFITS	SALARY & BENEFITS
MAINTENANCE		-											
Barlow, Allan	Maint. Director	55,368.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,157.55	a,c,g,h	56,526.06	26,458.21	82,984.27
Garabedian, Joanne	Custodian	34,239.76	,	603.75	-	-	-	-	400.00	c,g	35,243.51	11,890.66	47,134.17
Gebo, Russell	PT Custodian	19,996.10	-	122.83	-	-	-		34.00	g	20,152.93	2,144.10	22,297.03
Lorentzen, Wendy	Custodian	34,239.77	-	2,360.76	-	-	-	-	250.00	c,g	36,850.53	5,538.47	42,389.00
Montgomery, Bruce	Custodian	33,841.57	-	2,192.70	-		-	-	778.68	c,d	36,812.95	12,045.07	48,858.02
Porter, Robert	PT Custodian	15,825.10	-	20.34	~	-	-	-	-		15,845.44	2,004.38	17,849.82
<b>ELECTIONS</b>													
Griffin, Peter	Moderator	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		600.00	45.90	645.90
Johnson, Candis	Supervisor	826.00		-	-	-	-	-	-		826.00	63.20	889.20
Moe, Jill	Supervisor	867.75		-	-	-	-	-	-		867.75	66.38	934.13
Skinner, Robert	Supervisor	1,102.50		-	-	-	-	-	-		1,102.50	84.36	1,186.86
Webster, Gail	Supervisor	59.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		59.50	4.55	64.05
<u>ASSESSING</u>													
Norman, Rex	Assessor	74,217.41	2	-	-	-	-	-	102.12	a	74,319.53	29,206.21	103,525.74
Zins, Jennifer	Admin Asst	37,413.20	-	159.05	-	~	-	-	-		37,572.25	23,518.77	61,091.02
<u>POLICE</u>													
Bliss, Bryan	Patrolman	48,472.81	1,660.92	17,757.82	3,355.80	21,533.07	1,211.82	1,229.20	755.04	a,c	95,976.48	25,089.47	121,065.95
Caron, Michael	Sergeant	57,018.07	756.89	17,606.82	3,961.96	8,470.10	2,922.88	1,514.15	1,019.20	a,c	93,270.07	29,914.46	123,184.53
Clark, Daniel	Patrolman	50,330.89	379.17	13,390.23	3,450.89	2,736.40	1,248.17	563.31	2,685.04	a,c,g	74,784.10	16,016.98	90,801.08
Comeau, David	Patrolman	41,077.16	1,607.79	12,759.09	2,610.07	28,489.35	2,423.64	1,247.22	7,838.11	a,c,d	98,052.43	17,829.40	115,881.83
Cryts, Laura	Secretary	33,766.69		-	-	-	-		2,939.78	d	36,706.47	23,088.67	59,795.14
Fedele, Edward	Patrolman	48,472.82	515.49	8,983.80	2,982.93	16,044.90	2,423.64	714.29	758.40	a,c	80,896.27	28,333.25	109,229.52
Flynn, Jessica	Patrolman	48,859.65	595.38	11,605.54	3,355.81	9,263.41	1,211.82	561.80	755.04	a,c	76,208.45	16,185.76	92,394.21
Foley, Wendy	Sergeant	50,020.62	203.65	12,554.00	3,284.66	-	2,515.12	839.16	834.60	a,c,g	70,251.81	27,219.93	97,471.74
Knight, Mark	Patrolman	35,005.24	412.60	2,661.14	2,433.56	799.44	-	47.06	7,895.21	a,c,d	49,254.25	23,819.83	73,074.08
Lewis, Gerald	Chief	76,724.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	823.80	a,c	77,547.96	27,949.59	105,497.55

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POLICE CONT.													
Lodise, Michael	Patrolman	48,752.42	452.79	7,281.41	3,169.37	3,705.36	2,423.64	614.63	762.60	a,c	67,162.22	20,908.58	88,070.80
Malisos, Greg	Patrolman	48,472.76	755.02	12,461.96	3,915.12	43,677.92	2,423.64	1,049.49	762.60	a,c	113,518.51	27,018.39	140,536.90
Moltenbrey, Steven*	Patrolman	6,886.38	-	104.87	-	174.78	-	-	21,187.50	c,d	28,353.53	18,589.75	46,943.28
Newell, Heather	Prosecutor	44,695.33	2	-	-	~	-	-	~		44,695.33	3,419.18	48,114.51
Occhipinti, Chuck	Sergeant	56,754.88	558.74	9,024.82	3,274.34	13,506.61	2,837.74	722.98	982.56	a,c,g	87,662.67	28,019.25	115,681.92
Palermo, Louis	Patrolman	49,852.21	423.47	7,673.83	3,915.12	20,047.42	2,423.64	955.97	786.12	a,c	86,077.78	22,739.60	108,817.38
Record, Glen	Sergeant	56,754.88	2,649.18	20,341.71	4,365.79	24,352.77	2,837.74	2,346.45	932.56	a,c,g	114,581.08	32,258.72	146,839.80
Rogers, Scott	Patrolman	48,472.75	1,084.33	20,956.33	3,355.79	13,790.30	2,423.64	1,745.97	113.40	a,c	91,942.51	29,577.20	121,519.71
Ryan, Norma	Records Clerk	21,084.73	-	56.95	-	~	2	-	~		21,141.68	2,674.39	23,816.07
Smith, Bryan	Patrolman	36,913.07	354.31	3,083.61	1,586.87	7,803.68	2	41.39	750.00	С	50,532.93	20,298.13	70,831.06
Wagner, Carl	Sergeant	59,555.53	420.16	14,529.81	2,182.90	7,919.23	2,837.74	959.36	1,019.20	a,c	89,423.93	29,486.40	118,910.33
Yatsevich, Patrick	Captain	47,691.41	-	2	-	-			26,945.93	a,c,d	74,637.34	24,714.92	99,352.26
<u>DISPATCHING</u>													
Denman, Deanna	Dispatcher	38,709.84	529.21	5,897.28	2,531.02	-	-	113.19	400.00	С	48,180.54	20,584.02	68,764.56
Divenuti, Eric	Dispatcher	30,215.11	465.87	9,373.50	2,302.93	-	-	177.16	400.00	С	42,934.57	13,021.38	55,955.95
Gallant, Jason	Dispatcher	38,709.84	659.56	17,814.53	2,828.80	-	-	357.45	400.00	С	60,770.18	15,570.39	76,340.57
Lelievre, Kathleen	Dispatcher	39,290.68	889.50	11,008.01	3,022.39	-	-	310.79	400.00	c	54,921.37	26,475.08	81,396.45
Mullaney, Diane	PT Dispatcher	14,125.87	-	2,142.69	-	-	-	-	-		16,268.56	1,244.62	17,513.18
O'Leary, Meaghan*	Dispatcher	9,396.39	232.08	210.69	674.19	-	-	7.03	-		10,520.38	7,240.87	17,761.25
Sheehan, Matthew	Dispatcher	4,722.40	75.88	2	674.63	-		1.17	-		5,474.08	1,915.65	7,389.73
FIRE DEPARTMENT													
Bagarella, Robert	Callfirefighter	1,555.43	-	371.35	-	_	-	-	-		1,926.78	147.38	2,074.16
Balise, Brad	Callfirefighter	1,199.62	,	143.93	-	_		-	-		1,343.55	102.79	1,446.34
Brown, James	Lieutenant	52,967.59	,	33,117.71	2,837.70	223.15	961.35	1,000.16	1,211.92	a,c,f,g	92,319.58	20,847.86	113,167.44
Brown, William	Callfirefighter	9,746.71	-	2,798.59		1,324.55	-		150.00	g	14,019.85	1,072.52	15,092.37
Campbell, Gordon	Firefighter	46,210.20	-	23,021.36	2,482.51	3,757.69	3,015.43	1,898.03	559.00	a,c,g	80,944.22	31,575.06	112,519.28
Curran, Joseph	Callfirefighter	1,291.37	-	343.39	-	-	-	-	75.00	g	1,709.76	130.73	1,840.49

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DEPARTMENT/		REGULAR	SHIFT			CONT	INCENT	OT/HOL			TOTAL	2006	SALARY &
NAME	POSITION	SALARY	DIFF'L	O.T.	HOL	SVCS	PAY	RECAL	OTHER		GROSS PAY	BENEFITS	BENEFITS
FIRE DEPT. CONT.													
Curtin, James	Callfirefighter	2,539.25	-	578.07	-	347.21	-	-	-		3,464.53	265.04	3,729.57
Decker, Lisa	Callfirefighter	7,241.91	-	2,716.63	-	1,470.14	-	-	75.00	g	11,503.68	880.03	12,383.71
Delaney, Scott	Lieutenant	50,604.21	-	14,611.68	2,646.23	-	3,952.22	1,288.31	4,430.94	a,c,d,g	77,533.59	29,544.45	107,078.04
Demarco, Ralph	Firefighter	46,727.41	-	12,206.80	2,912.62	1,028.69	4,617.38	1,607.91	509.00	a,c	69,609.81	29,813.38	99,423.19
Dunn, Timothy	Lieutenant	49,040.22	-	14,021.64	3,050.41	-	2,681.95	911.18	2,471.97	a,c,d,g	72,177.37	24,812.41	96,989.78
Hildebrandt, Eric	Firefighter	46,340.56	-	14,987.62	2,331.49	1,582.27	2,921.20	1,185.02	509.60	a,c	69,857.76	29,822.28	99,680.04
Johnson, Wilfred	Callfirefighter	2,207.65	-	68.24	-	-	-	-	150.00	g	2,425.89	185.55	2,611.44
Kurgan, Gary	Firefighter	46,198.40	-	7,245.77	2,811.51	-	2,167.34	473.08	505.40	a,c	59,401.50	28,169.02	87,570.52
Leuci Jr, Robert	Deputy Fire Chief	17,630.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,144.00	a,d	23,774.01	11,163.35	34,937.36
McPherson, Tom	Fire Chief	73,537.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	216.60	a,g	73,754.23	24,970.76	98,724.99
Merrill, William	Firefighter	46,196.60	-	16,592.93	2,294.75	-	2,450.04	1,066.41	506.00	a,c	69,106.73	29,703.56	98,810.29
Mistretta, Michael	Firefighter	46,739.45	-	4,755.59	2,503.39	-	2,638.50	416.08	556.00	a,c,g	57,609.01	27,948.81	85,557.82
Moltenbrey, Jay	Lieutenant	50,399.95	2	20,220.12	2,686.82	330.13	5,234.02	2,301.16	3,201.31	a,c,d	84,373.51	31,840.39	116,213.90
Nault, Diana	Firefighter	42,417.62	-	5,910.41	2,282.61	268.67	1,224.40	245.20	501.20	a,c	52,850.11	27,065.45	79,915.56
Norton, David	Callfirefighter	9,060.07	-	2,293.14	-	33.53	-	-	-		11,386.74	871.14	12,257.88
Ramsden, Patricia	Secretary	36,864.50	-	-	-	~	2	2	900.00	В	37,764.50	5,709.12	43,473.62
Richards, Kimberly	Callfirefighter	3,433.22	2	884.28	-	~	2	2	-		4,317.50	330.31	4,647.81
Savard, Scott	Firefighter	46,858.30	-	12,608.44	2,227.07	668.22	4,051.98	1,390.21	505.40	a,c,d	68,309.62	29,640.57	97,950.19
Specian, Michael	Firefighter	39,415.79	-	22,169.90	1,969.79	149.64	1,341.19	833.02	500.00	c	66,379.33	29,087.97	95,467.30
Taylor, Robert	Firefighter	44,660.82	-	2,710.24	2,687.76	-	1,639.65	201.77	503.24	a,c	52,403.48	27,028.91	79,432.39
Tieland, Steven	Callfirefighter	334.78	-	404.95	-	-	-	-	-		739.73	56.61	796.34
Whicker, Kenneth	FF/FF Inspector	24,884.65	-	1,478.63	-	-	-	-	1.89	a	26,365.17	15,128.15	41,493.32
Worthington, Don	Firefighter	46,792.21	-	15,112.81	2,486.12	4,753.75	3,486.59	1,663.21	513.80	a,c	74,808.49	25,833.97	100,642.46
Zins, Scott	FF/Mechanic	47,768.68	-	27,219.80	2,314.62	242.34	3,079.43	1,601.88	557.20	a,c,g	82,783.95	31,969.49	114,753.44

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PLANNING/DEVELO	<u>PMENT</u>												
Charland, Nancy	Plng Bd Secretary	16,767.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		16,767.96	2,121.19	18,889.15
Gray, Virginia	Plng Dept Sec	36,864.57	-	-	-	-	-		-		36,864.57	18,698.47	55,563.04
Kovolyan, Patricia	ZBA/CC Sec	17,250.85	-	-	-	-	-		-		17,250.85	2,182.25	19,433.10
Logue, Shaun	Planner	3,379.86	-	310.73	-	-			-		3,690.59	1,112.02	4,802.61
McGuire, Michael	Bldg Inspector	55,333.24	-	737.36	-	-			244.16	a,c	56,314.76	23,565.07	79,879.83
Preble, Ron	PT Inspector	26,179.36	-	-	-	-	-		-		26,179.36	3,311.75	29,491.11
Turner, Alfred	Planning Director	77,941.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	461.56	a,c,g	78,403.35	29,780.17	108,183.52
Way, Rebecca*	Planner	37,356.56	-	2,735.28	-	-	-	-	-		40,091.84	15,807.50	55,899.34
SOLID WASTE													
Bell, Lesley	Operator l	39,648.51	-	-	615.04	-	-	-	400.00	c	40,663.55	19,230.81	59,894.36
Dobson, Robert	Operator 2	29,841.27	-	1,805.94	751.57	-		-	405.52	a,c	32,804.30	23,098.43	55,902.73
Healey, Timothy	Truck Driver	36,765.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	c	37,165.12	23,529.75	60,694.87
Holm, Wayne	Supervisor/Driver	48,201.71	-	3,843.41	1,305.37	-	-	2	572.08	a,c,g	53,922.57	20,405.47	74,328.04
Lorentzen, Chris	Operator l	39,648.53	-	1,103.20	754.07	-			450.00	c,g	41,955.80	23,644.46	65,600.26
Parsons, Ralph	Operator 2	37,208.45	-	1,035.38	555.94	-			400.00	c	39,199.77	12,452.24	51,652.01
Poulson, David	TS Manager	74,217.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,490.92	a,b,c	75,708.26	8,929.08	84,637.34
Tarmey, Brian	Operator 1	33,234.35	-	1,292.08	618.23	-	-	-	400.00	С	35,544.66	23,243.17	58,787.83
<u>ROADS</u>													
Carroll, William	Seasonal Laborer	11,479.00	-	78.00	2	-	-	2	-		11,557.00	884.13	12,441.13
Finch, Aaron	Temp Laborer	1,737.00	-	-	-	-	-		-		1,737.00	132.88	1,869.88
Gagne, Brian	Temp Laborer	1,854.00	-	-	-	-	-		-		1,854.00	141.82	1,995.82
Hindes, Steven	Highway Laborer	39,658.33	~	4,684.75	186.06	-	-	-	400.00	c	44,929.14	19,820.53	64,749.67
McCartney, John	Highway Agent	74,217.45	-	-		-		2	2,097.12	a,c,g,h	76,314.57	29,433.29	105,747.86
Stogryn, William	Temp Laborer	306.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		306.00	23.41	329.41
ANIMAL CONTROL Seifert, Alfred	AC Officer	13,720.72	-	-		-	-	_			13,720.72	1,049.75	14,770.47

DEPARTMENT/		REGULAR	SHIFT			** CONT	INCENT	OT/HOL		2006 TOTAL	2006	2006 SALARY &
NAME	POSITION	SALARY	DIFF'L	O.T.	HOL	SVCS	PAY	RECAL	OTHER	GROSS PAY	BENEFITS	BENEFITS
RECREATION												
Boss, Adrienne	Beach Staff	2,770.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,770.12	211.92	2,982.04
Gallo, Kaela	Beach Staff	1,690.19	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	1,690.19	129.28	1,819.47
Haas, Cheryl	Rec Coordinator	29,677.15	-	153.65	2	-	2	2	-	29,830.80	3,773.54	33,604.34
Harland, Jason	Beach Staff	4,350.87	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	4,350.87	332.84	4,683.71
Holmes, Nicholas	Beach Staff	3,525.20	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	3,525.20	269.67	3,794.87
McMahon, Jeanette	Function Coord	6,695.00	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	6,695.00	512.15	7,207.15
Moser, Kristin	Beach Staff	6,074.37	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	6,074.37	385.34	6,459.71
Paolino, Andrew	Tennis Staff	2,693.45	-	-		-			-	2,693.45	206.05	2,899.50
Reed, Nicole	Beach Staff	3,080.35	-	-		-			-	3,080.35	207.52	3,287.87
Samsel, Abigail	Beach Staff	4,461.55	-	-		-			-	4,461.55	341.30	4,802.85
Stearns, Dwight	Beach Staff	5,208.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,208.09	398.42	5,606.51
Watson, Daniel	Tennis Staff	2,855.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,855.95	218.48	3,074.43
<u>LIBRARY</u>												
Day, Jena	Admin Asst	38,905.78	-	468.16	-	-	-	-	-	39,373.94	18,998.95	58,372.89
Duve, Cathy	Library Assistant	9,422.50	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	9,422.50	720.71	10,143.21
Freeston, Lois	Co-Asst Director	52,746.64	-	~	-	-	-	-	61.92	a 52,808.56	21,082.97	73,891.53
Freeston, Victoria	Library Assistant	9,411.22	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	9,411.22	719.82	10,131.04
Frey, Karen	Children's Libr	18,662.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	g 18,712.53	1,431.45	20,143.98
Heidenblad, Carl	Library Director	69,961.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	102.12	a 70,064.02	17,546.10	87,610.12
Kingsley, Maureen	Library Assistant	10,050.05	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	10,050.05	768.73	10,818.78
Marietta, Terrie	Circulation Coor	37,503.85	-	1,000.83	2	-	2	2	-	38,504.68	12,316.21	50,820.89
Mayr, Diane	Co-Asst Director	45,902.37	-	745.27	-	-	-	-	120.64	a,g 46,768.28	13,507.78	60,276.06
McCue, Angela	Ld Children's Lib	39,381.43	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	39,381.43	12,498.63	51,880.06
Miloro, Michael	Library Assistant	11,204.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,204.21	857.16	12,061.37
Montgomery, Laura	Library Assistant	7,207.66	-	-	-	-	-	-		7,207.66	551.33	7,758.99
Morse, Lori	Youth Svcs Spec	21,088.58	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,088.58	2,667.72	23,756.30
Nagle, Barbara	Library Assistant	21,687.24	-		-	-	-	-	-	21,687.24	1,659.04	23,346.28

### \* 2006 EMPLOYEE WAGES AND BENEFITS \*

DEPARTMENT/ NAME	POSITION	REGULAR SALARY	SHIFT DIFF'L	O.T.	HOL	** CONT SVCS	INCENT PAY	OT/HOL RECAL	OTHER		2006 TOTAL GROSS PAY	2006 BENEFITS	2006 SALARY & BENEFITS
LIBRARY CONT.													
Rittenhouse, Elaine	Tech Svcs Lib	47,633.37	-		-	-	-	-	30.96	a	47,664.33	20,265.87	67,930.20
Saad, Cynthia	Library Assistant	252.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		252.65	19.34	271.99
Shea, Carolyn	Tech Svcs Lib	47,853.55	-			-		-	47.52	a	47,901.07	20,338.28	68,239.35
EMERGENCY MGT Horaj, Mary	EM Secretary	2,017.15	-	-		-	-	-	-		2,017.15	154.30	2,171.45
<u>CABLE</u> Daddona, James	Cable Coord	47,853.55	-	1,380.40		-	-	-	10.80	a	49,244.75	20,516.48	69,761.23
		4,343,317.27	15,681.99	531,676.88	108,546.62	238,494.72	77,627.54	34,201.85	126,418.45		5,475,965.32	1,869,184.37	7,345,149.69

- (a) refers to non-cash payment representing employees factored portion of their life insurance policy over \$50,000
- (b) refers to payment for waiver of health insurance benefits \$75/month
- (c) refers to taxable portion of clothing allowance
- (d) refers to disability pay from insurance company
- (e) refers to earn time buyout at time of termination
- (f) refers to longevity pay
- (g) refers to non-cash payment for taxable fringe benefits
- (h) refers to payment for taxable mileage stipend

Note: The total benefit column includes cost associated with insurances, retirement, medicare, and FICA taxes.

<sup>\* -</sup> Individual who terminated employment with Town during 2006

<sup>\*\*</sup> Wages reflected in the Contracted Services column are fully reimbursed through payments received from outside vendors requesting these services

# <sup>%</sup>VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED ₺

### **JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006**

### **BIRTHS**

D.O.B.	PLACE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT(S) NAME
01/15/2006	Windham	Trey Michael	Michael & Gerri Swider
01/30/2006	Nashua	Hailey Marie	Steven & Katie Laplant
02/15/2006	Derry	Stella Ann	Jason & Kristen Merrill
02/21/2006	Nashua	Rebecca Althea	Karl & Mishel Meissner
03/04/2006	Derry	Isabella Marilyn	Thomas & Lisa Panzini
03/14/2006	Nashua	Olivia Dyan	Milton & Lisa Carroll
04/09/2006	Nashua	Avery Ann	Derek & Jessica Monson
04/13/2006	Nashua	Casey Nichols	Daniel & Amy Kramer
04/25/2006	Derry	Samantha Lee	Christopher & Sara Romeo
05/06/2006	Manchester	Jared Pierce	Jason & April Gardner
05/10/2006	Nashua	Elena Magnasco	Jeffry & Nicole Nichols
05/24/2006	Derry	Slayde Markis-Roy	Glenn & Ruth Watson
05/30/2006	Nashua	Carolanne Kay	Jeffrey & Jennifer Mitchell
06/01/2006	Derry	Jakob Alexander	William & Myrhia Jusczak
06/02/2006	Derry	Carly Annajo	Eric Pascal & Erin Obryan
06/07/2006	Derry	Michelle Dung	My & Chan Nguyen
06/13/2006	Nashua	Jane	Michael & Shirley Vaillancourt
06/14/2006	Derry	Elizabeth Ellen	Christopher & Elizabeth Nickerson
06/19/2006	Derry	Emma Kathryn	Thomas & Rebecca Kendzulak
06/20/2006	Nashua	Talia Siobhan	Brian & Kathleen Roche
06/23/2006	Derry	Riley Morgan	Melisa Beauchesne
06/23/2006	Derry	Dane Christian	Derek & Kelley Grieco
06/25/2006	Derry	Constantine	Joseph Clancey & Ivonne Isaac
07/11/2006	Derry	Mallory Anne	Jonathan & Dawn Sibley
07/12/2006	Manchester	Alexandra Jacqueline	Tod & Christine Marvell
07/16/2006	Nashua	Addison Cote	Richard & Renee Blattenberger
07/19/2006	Manchester	Ava	Branden & Cheryl Tsetsilas
08/04/2006	Derry	Logan Murdoch	Benjamin & Pamela Hodson
08/18/2006	Derry	Evan Sky	Jon Tanner & Enid Feliciano
08/22/2006	Derry	Collin Joseph	Danielle St Germain
08/23/2006	Nashua	Olivia Charlotte	Chris & Michelle Polychronopoulos
08/29/2006	Derry	Blake Spencer	Ronald & Linda Berton
09/01/2006	Manchester	Abbey Grace	Peter & Kacie Rokel
09/02/2006	Manchester	Blake Bruce	Bruce & Lisa Riel
09/04/2006	Manchester	Marisa Ainslie	Mark & Lisa-Marie Billone
09/18/2006	Derry	Jake Anthony	Nicholas Sullo & Stephanie Paone
09/26/2006	Nashua	Zachary Christopher	Scott & Jessica Weller
10/01/2006	Nashua	Alexis Lynne	Joseph & Jennifer Pallazola
10/03/2006	Nashua	Nicholas Mylan	Richard & Jessica Okerman

D.O.B.	PLACE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT(S) NAME
10/04/2006	Derry	Benjamin Felix Lachance	Richard Bara & Marie-Claude Lachance
10/11/2006	Manchester	Delaney Paige	Steven & Kimberly Gore
10/16/2006	Manchester	Alia Lee	Mahlon & Karen Davis
10/17/2006	Derry	Kasen Steven	John & Sloane White
10/23/2006	Manchester	Jessica Lynn	Thomas & Jennifer Brand
10/26/2006	Nashua	Darby Jane	William Madden & Megan Clark
11/01/2006	Derry	Tyler Messina	Peter Ohanian & Suzan Messina
11/23/2006	Nashua	Lauren Elizabeth	Kevin & Jennifer Hynes
11/27/2006	Derry	Lilliana Grace	Kelly Moore
12/05/2006	Derry	Christopher Dennis	Dennis & Helena Brearley
12/29/2006	Derry	Andrew Zachary	Adam Clough & Elizabeth Mastorakos

### **MARRIAGES**

DATE	PLACE	GROOM'S NAME BRIDE'S NAME	PLACES OF RESIDENCE	
01/28/2006	Salem	John Packard	Windham	NH
		Jane Perdue	Windham	NH
02/04/2006	North Conway	Glenn Williams	Windham	NH
		Heidi Devaney	Windham	NH
02/14/2006	Salem	Glenn Watson	Windham	NH
		Ruth Savage	Windham	NH
02/25/2006	Windham	Mark Manson	Windham	NH
		Julie Reasoner	Windham	NH
03/04/2006	Meredith	Ric Burnette	Fort Lauderdale	FL
		Michelle Oxner	Windham	NH
05/13/2006	Windham	Joseph Pallazola	Windham	NH
		Jennifer Lowe	Windham	NH
05/28/2006	Windham	Shawn Thrasher	Windham	NH
		Ashley Blackburn	Wilmington	MA
06/02/2006	Windham	Ronald Bean	Londonderry	NH
		Kerry La Rochelle	Windham	NH
06/03/2006	Goffstown	Garrett Parthum	Windham	NH
		Briana Burgess	Londonderry	NH
06/03/2006	Windham	Scott Cain	Windham	NH
		Dana Rodgers	Windham	NH
06/10/2006	Hudson	Robert Spellman	Windham	NH
		Sherry Tarmey	Hudson	NH
06/10/2006	Bedford	Yannick Miquel	Windham	NH
		Phylis Hawkins	Windham	NH
06/18/2006	Seabrook	Michael Donovan	Port Saint Lucie	FL
		Elizabeth Morrow	Windham	NH
06/24/2006	Windham	Jack Gattinella	Windham	NH
		Dana Homsey	Windham	NH
06/30/2006	Windham	Nathan White	Windham	NH
		Michelle Heaney	Windham	NH
06/30/2006	Windham	Brendan Gaughran	Windham	NH
		Nahir Luna	Windham	NH

		GROOM'S NAME	PLACES OF	
DATE	PLACE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	
07/01/2006	Windham	Michael Lydon	Windham	NH
		Jarussri Dokput	Windham	NH
07/08/2006	Windham	William Johnson	Windham	NH
		Adelia De Souza	Malden	MA
07/12/2006	Salem	Kevin Liddell	Windham	NH
		Suzanne Coughlin	Windham	NH
07/15/2006	Windham	Michael Spinelli	Windham	NH
		Gleicy Bezerra	Windham	NH
07/15/2006	Hollis	Gregory Hurley	Windham	NH
		Janice Broady	Windham	NH
07/22/2006	Windham	Michael Rossi	Windham	NH
		Mandy McGowan	Sandown	NH
07/29/2006	Windham	Jeffrey Breslin	Windham	NH
		Rebecca Mellow	Windham	NH
08/04/2006	Hudson	Christopher Monty	Derry	NH
		Janessa Stowell	Windham	NH
08/05/2006	Meredith	Michael McKay	Nashua	NH
		Elizabeth Landry	Windham	NH
08/18/2006	Rye	Matthew Fortier	Windham	NH
		Kathryn Karalis	Windham	NH
08/19/2006	Henniker	Shayne Gendron	Windham	NH
		Cheryl Costello	Windham	NH
09/02/2006	Windham	Richard Morway	Windham	NH
//	_	Jane Connelly	Windham	NH
09/08/2006	Derry	Scott Grenon	Windham	NH
	- 1	Colleen Shore	Windham	NH
09/17/2006	Jackson	Craig Scott	Windham	NH
22/21/2226	**** 11	Debra Winsor	Windham	NH
09/24/2006	Windham	Todd Newcombe	Windham	NH
10/07/2006	3.6 1	Dina Fagundes	Lowell	MA
10/07/2006	Manchester	George Jack	Windham	NH
10/07/2006	x x 7 11	Jennifer Berry	Concord	NH
10/07/2006	Windham	Ronald McPhail	Windham	NH
10/17/2006	Windham	Sonata Venclovaite	Derry	NH
10/17/2006	vvinanam	Joel Asadoorian Veronika Petukhova	Windham	NH
10/21/2006	Indram		Windham Windham	NH
10/21/2006	Jackson	John Mills Suzanne Ellis-Fraine	Dover	NH
10/21/2006	Windham	Ronald Brumley	Windham	NH NH
10/21/2000	VVIIIGIIaiii	Sally Tyree	Windham	NH
10/28/2006	Jackson	John Dungan	Windham	NH
10/20/2000	Jackson	Diana Paquette	Windham	NH
11/18/2006	Pelham	Robert McArthur	Windham	NH
11/10/2000	i Cilialli	Sheelah Martin	Windham	NH
11/18/2006	Windham	Mark Kanupp	Hickory	NC
11/10/2000	v v manam	Heather Rydstrom	Windham	NH
11/25/2006	Windham	Stephen Michelson	Windham	NH
11/25/2000	, , manan	Susan Allen	Windham	NH
12/02/2006	Windham	Daniel Gleason	Windham	NH
12,02,2000	, , 1116114111	Amanda Webb	Windham	NH

		GROOM'S NAME	PLACES OF	
DATE	PLACE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	
12/12/2006	Nashua	Jacob Moreau	Nashua	NH
		Maureen Horrigan	Windham	NH
12/27/2006	Windham	John Caldwell	Windham	NH
		Betty Wong	Windham	NH
12/29/2006	Bedford	Anthony DelPozzo	Salem	NH
		Emily Jacobs	Windham	NH

### **DEATHS**

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	PARENT(S') NAMES
01/01/2006	Lillian Callahan	Windham	Laurence Murphy & Elizabeth Madigan
01/23/2006	Eileen Smith	Windham	James Mc Innis & Rose Keenan
01/27/2006	Adele Sibson	Windham	Gerardo Cugini &
02/21/2006	Henry Fillipon	Windham	Angelina Notturno Henry Fillipon &
03/02/2006	Anna Corrigan	Derry	Mary Paolino Anthony Cieslak &
03/04/2006	Earl Goodnough	Windham	Unknown Earl Goodnough &
03/06/2006	Justin Lee	Manchester	Georgianna Trombley Ken Lee &
03/07/2006	Sally George	Windham	Alice Stokes Raymond Abel &
03/17/2006	Angelina Ventura	Salem	Grace Graves John Zannini &
03/21/2006	Edward Drummey	Merrimack	Mary Deburro John Drummey & Elizabeth Breen
03/27/2006	Jean White	Derry	John Guill &
04/09/2006	Anne Wilson	Derry	Eunice Ferguson Dr Cornelius O'leary &
04/16/2006	Virginia Lapinsky	Derry	Mary Phelps William Leland &
04/27/2006	Gertrude Linton	Windham	Amelia Book William Moeckel &
04/28/2006	Eleanor Shaughnessy	Windham	Gertrude Schmidt Francis Shaughnessy &
05/05/2006	Mabel Williams	Salem	Mary Gallagher Alfred Goddard &
05/14/2006	Zina Tessitore	Derry	Elva Grove Antonio Neri &
05/29/2006	Antoinette Landry	Windham	Rose Ragusa Eugene Boudreau &
05/31/2006	Michel Abi-Aad	Derry	Rosilda Hebert Abdo Abi-Aad & Saada Zarife

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	PARENT(S') NAMES
06/08/2006	Joseph Dollar	Derry	George Dollar &
06/15/2006	M Desales Mccarthy	Derry	Henrietta Sevigny Thomas Mccarthy & Mary Galvin
06/18/2006	Mary Abbott	Windham	Herbert Martin & Margaret Mccaffrey
06/21/2006	Albert Grenier	Derry	Albert Grenier & Alice Lefebure
06/25/2006	Joseph Garden	Windham	William Garden & Annie Purdy
06/29/2006	Julia Mcguane	Windham	Unknown
07/01/2006	Lester Disenhof	Windham	Abraham Disenhof & Rachel Shapiro
07/01/2006	Rita Folan	Salem	Patrick O'sĥea & Edith Galvin
07/07/2006	Florence Bourque	Windham	Ludger Berube & Josephine Fluet
07/15/2006	Dorothy Callaway	Windham	Pat Jones & Leona Holsten
07/16/2006	Geraldine Sowa	Merrimack	Joseph Morency & Amelia Boufford
07/20/2006	Santa Ricci	Derry	Vincenzo Dina & Santa Anselmo
07/25/2006	Murray Levin	Manchester	Charles Levin & Sophi Newman
07/30/2006	Charles Jaynes	Hampstead	Charles Jaynes & Helen Tadowski
08/03/2006	Kenneth Grandstaff	Derry	Greg Grandstaff & Jacqueline Schwein
08/11/2006	Anne Barstow	Wolfeboro	Guy Rodman & Katherine O'brien
08/23/2006	Carole Borrows	Windham	Ralph Crosby & Beryle Rowell
08/26/2006	Helen Boynton	Windham	Albert Jackson & Elizabeth Sawyer
08/28/2006	John Williams	Derry	John Williams & Mary Grant
08/31/2006	Marion Young	Windham	Kenneth Young & Winnie Edwards
09/01/2006	Veronica Mahoney	Windham	William Mahoney & Bridget Bluett
09/16/2006	Dora O'connor	Windham	Joseph Faucher & Delia Salois
09/24/2006	Patrick Kinsman	Windham	David Kinsman & Patricia Fay
09/30/2006	Geraldine Girard	Derry	William Meseth & Emma Klufts
10/17/2006	Leo Courcy	Derry	Emile Courcy & Pearl Blow

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	PARENT(S') NAMES
10/26/2006	Robert Gordon	Windham	Raymond Gordon &
			Helen Moeser
10/27/2006	Donald Max	Derry	Charles Max &
			Margaret Kuehm
10/28/2006	Peter Gallagher	Merrimack	Dominic Gallagher &
10/20/2006		x x y 11	Anna Larsen
10/30/2006	Sandra Sorter	Windham	Joseph Schmitt &
11/06/2006	Taradila Manda	Windham	Lillian Lyman Paul Morin &
11/06/2006	Lucille Morin	vvinanam	
11/06/2006	Barbara Cox	Windham	Leonie Marcoux
11/06/2006	ваграга Сох	vvinunam	Robert Neidlinger &
11/13/2006	Edith Gagne	Windham	Nancy Pascoe Stephen Ellsey &
11/13/2000	Editii Gaglie	vv manam	Clara Daniels
11/14/2006	Myrtle Baker	Nashua	Henry Gordon &
11/11/2000	Wigitic Baker	TVaoiiuu	Effie Loud
11/21/2006	Mary Patsiades	Derry	Peter Senopoulos &
11, 21, 2000	1.1012) 1 000110000	2 311)	Coula Kayias
11/30/2006	Eleanor Mccarthy	Nashua	Roman Marlinski &
	,		Regina Marlinski
12/04/2006	Clifford Scheetz	Windham	John Scheetz &
			Elizabeth Cousins
12/08/2006	Margaret Fennelly	Manchester	Martin Healey &
			Mary Jane Gill
12/14/2006	Marjorie Meloy	Windham	John Downey &
			Elizabeth Agnew
12/15/2006	William O'brien	Derry	Herbert O'brien &
	_		Ruth Treiber
12/20/2006	Haig Gulezian	Windham	Aram Gulezian &
			Agnes Karalokian

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Tuck/Town Clerk

## WINDHAM'S HELPING HANDS&

ORGANIZATION MISSION: Windham's Helping Hands, Inc. (WHH) is a non-profit corporation that was established in 2003 by a group of volunteers dedicated to helping the less fortunate families in Windham. Many of these volunteers had been working independently throughout the years for this same cause. The creation of WHH represents a combined, town-wide effort to ensure that all families who may need our assistance are identified and helped in the most confidential manner. WHH works to: (1) create and encourage a positive educational experience through self esteem building by collecting new school clothing and supplies through our "Back-to-School" clothing drive; (2) arrange Thanksgiving Baskets for families; (3) coordinate the various "giving trees" and toy drives town-wide to ensure that all Windham families enjoy the holiday season; (4) provide "Baskets of Cheer" in the springtime to our families; (5) develop a relationship with Windham businesses who can contribute to our goals; (6) provide ongoing support for these families through community donations, and; (7) work closely with all school staff members and Human Services to ensure that less fortunate residents are identified.

This year, we have expanded to include a Senior Services Committee whose mission is to offer and provide community support to seniors that will help them to remain in their homes and to live independently. We are excited about some of the possibilities that have been proposed, such as helping a senior neighbor in need, facilitating grandparent adoptions for seniors, just lending a helping hand, or taking few minutes to visit. A reading program has been implemented at Golden Brook School with seniors reading to the children.

Your support is greatly appreciated and has helped many of your neighbors through difficult times. Please know how much they appreciate it, as they so often express their thanks to our members. The real help comes from your generosity and caring.

PROFILE OF THE ORGANIZATION: Windham's Helping Hands is a non-profit group run by a 9 member Board of Directors. Membership includes two citizens at large, a member from the Police and Fire Departments, Human Services Coordinator for the Town and all guidance counselors from Golden Brook, Center and Middle Schools.

Our work and involvement in the community affords us the opportunity to continually work with other groups in the community. This encompasses the school staff members, local clubs & church groups, the library staff, the Police & Fire departments as well as many other town employees.

TOTAL ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET: Windham's Helping Hands does not operate on a set budget. Annual minimal expenditures include supplies to support the Schoolhouse Project, winter coats, Holiday Gift Baskets, Holiday Giving Trees and Springtime Baskets. Cash Donations are used to augment gifts for the children and purchase emergency items for children & families in need during times other than our scheduled programs.

If you would like to make a difference for a local family, you may send a donation to: Windham's Helping Hands, P.O. Box 4073, Windham, NH 03087

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Dollof
President

## 9 HISTORICAL SOCIETY &

The Windham Historical Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Town Museum in the Armstrong building, unless otherwise announced in the "Windham Independent." Some Society members are lifelong residents of Windham, while others have recently moved to town and are interested in learning more about the area. In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, the Society has been working to establish ties to other historical groups in the area. We have been attending regular meetings of the Salem Historical Society and have included their members in some of our activities.

During the year, the Society ran a genealogy workshop, held the Annual Mystery Tour, which was a boat ride on Cobbetts Pond to view historic sites, and spent an evening exploring the history of the Windham Presbyterian Church, which was hosted by the Ladies Benevolent Society. The annual holiday party was held at the Searles Castle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tean Manthorne
Chairman

# WINDHAM SENIORS, INC. &

Activity at the Windham Senior Center continues to be very exciting. Many new members have joined the Center's family this year, due to folks in 55+ and senior housing searching out the fellowship and activities that are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. Monthly membership meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month except for December, July and August. Annual dues is \$10.00 per person with this money going toward defraying expenses incurred to support the interior of the building, such as the telephone, bottled water, liability insurance and cleaning and office supplies. The Windham site is the only meal site in Rockingham County that has no paid staff. Everything is accomplished with volunteer effort. Meals are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays with reservation being made the previous week. Any meals delivered to home-bound individuals are sent out from the Salem site.

There are activities happening at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday, which are very popular. On Tuesdays at 1:00PM, Flo Wheeler has taken over the calling of Bingo. Bingo had a short interruption with the departure of Shirley Pivovar to a new home in Florida and members are thrilled to have Flo step up to volunteer the calling. On Thursdays at 1:00PM, a group of seniors are enjoying playing Dominos (Mexican Train). This group has been gaining new participants regularly. On Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM, under the umbrella of Windham Recreation, many women are enjoying feeling more healthy by participating in Yoga with Mimi. This activity has proven to be so popular that quarterly sessions are planned into next year for a very minimal fee. A ballroom dance exhibition was held by the Krystal Ballroom, and these folks will return to teach some line dancing as requested by the seniors.

During the year, two activities are held for the entire Windham Senior population, sponsored by the Recreation budget of the Town. In July, a wonderful cookout with a western theme was held at the Fire Station. All Town employees worked very hard to make this day a success and the event was fun for all. In December, the annual Christmas party for Windham seniors was held at Castleton. The event this year was planned by Cheryl Haas, Windham Recreation Coordinator and everyone had a delightful time ringing in the Christmas season. During the event, Virginia Raumikaitis was named the Senior Angel for 2006 for her many volunteer efforts on behalf of all those at the Center.

In November, the Seniors and the Windham community were saddened to hear of the passing of Myrtle Baker at age 98. Myrtle, a long time Windham resident who had been living in a nursing home in Derry for the past decade plus, was with her husband and sisters a major force in forming the Windham Seniors, Inc. Without her efforts and efforts of others in the past, there may not be the successful senior organization that exists today.

All those who volunteer at the Center deserve thanks and praise for their efforts. Their joint efforts keep things running smoothly. A personal note of thanks needs to go to Tom Case for the transportation he provides in his vehicle. Several seniors would not be able to enjoy the fellowship at the Center if it were not for Tom's service.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Coish

President

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The Windham Rail Trail Alliance was extremely pleased to deliver the first phase of the Windham Rail Trail development – a 3.6 mile stretch of picturesque trail comprised of 10 ft. pavement and a 5 ft. stone dust shoulder in June 2006.

Founded in 2004, the Windham Rail Trail Alliance is dedicated to the development and management of this section of trail as a paved rail trail that is part of the planned Salem to Concord Rail Trail.

This historic transformation and development effort started on May 24 with Tate Bros. Paving preparing the former rail bed for the asphalt basecoat. After cutting back brush and leveling the grade with gravel, the construction team applied the paving over a 2 week period, starting from North Lowell Rd and ending (for the time being) at Roulston Rd. Additional work included Mr. Bill Tate assessing and remediating drainage challenges along the trail, and the installation of a beaver deterrent system in one of the wetland ponds, (a drainage pipe strategically located to keep the water at a consistent level, while allowing beavers to remain in the pond without causing further encroachment.).

The trail was open for use at the end of the 2nd week of June, with accolades from the initial users. Use as unseen in its varied past included standard tire bikes, walkers, runners, baby strollers, roller blades and even canoes pulled by bicycles. More horses also found their way to the trail, from neighborhood stables and arriving by trailer to the Depot.

A grand opening event was held on Saturday, September 16, highlighted by Governor Lynch dedicating the trail and proclaiming the day as "Windham Rail Trail Day." As well, the Governor rode the trail accompanied by members of the WRTA, and indicated his approval and commitment to assisting in the furthering of the Salem to Concord Rail Trail. The day included music by the Fountain Square Ramblers, a traditional jazz band from Henniker, food prepared by the Kitchen, hayrides and ribbon cutting ceremony with a musical performance by the Middle School Band. Many individuals who played a role in the project were thanked by the WRTA, with a special recognition given to Peter Zhodi for his underlying support.

In its first fundraising raffle, 18 month old Windham resident Michaela Rogers was the winner of the Giant Comfort bike grand prize, one of 19 items donated by bicycle dealers. The WRTA was present at the fall election events displaying raffle items, trail highlights and colorful tee shirts. The booth was well visited!

Fundraising to complete payment for development work will continue in earnest in 2007. In addition to grants received in 2006 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, the WRTA will apply for additional grants, and intends to engage with major sponsors. Once development funding is obtained, focus will be placed on WRTA membership.

With the responsibility of the trail comes maintenance duties, and this initial year provided us with an insight for creating a maintenance plan and manpower requirements going forward. From June to December, approximately 150 hours were spent by several individuals on brush cutting, trash removal, removing downed trees and a critical pre-winter chore of clearing drainage of leaves. The heavy rains that occurred gave us the opportunity to "shake out" drainage

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issues and we are pleased to say overall the systems worked admirably. We also want to thank Jack McCartney and Steve Hindes of the Windham Highway Department for their help, and advice on maintenance questions. For 2007, with experience obtained, we will list maintenance plans on our website, and engage several individuals and organizations who have offered their help.

The major development effort for 2007 is the application of the final coat of asphalt. Our intention is to have funding in place for a May – June completion. Other projects we anticipate are gate improvements, trail signage, bridge surface work, and, with trail completion, wildflower seed planting for, which funding was provided by a Windham Garden Club Grant in 2005.

The WRTA also continues to support the planned restoration of the Windham Depot, this year having purchased an antique B & M Railroad depot pot belly stove for donation to the effort.

As always, the Windham Rail Trail Alliance is thankful for the support and kind words from town officials and administrative team, Windham residents and non-residents alike, and will continue to complete our vision to set this trail as the standard for the continuance of the Salem to Concord Rail Trail.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Samsel
Chairman

### SISTER CITY COMMITTEE &

2006 marked the 14th year of Windham's relationship with our Sister City, Suzdal, Russia. During the year, there was much contact between citizens of Windham and citizens of Suzdal, although no actual exchange of delegations occurred. A planned trip to Suzdal in August was postponed because of the late arrival of the official invitations. Telephone calls and email messages have kept the Committee updated on happenings in Suzdal and kept Suzdal updated on Windham news as well.

The Administration of Suzdal is very anxious to have more Windham citizens, including more Windham elected officials, visit their town.

The next planned visit by the Windham Committee is planned for April school vacation in 2007. During this visit the committee plans to begin the arrangements for another Suzdal student exchange for the fall of 2007. The visit will be similar to the visit in May 2004 by nine 13 and 14 year old students and their English teachers. The students will spend time at Windham Middle School, visit historic sites and live with host families. When arrangements for this exchange are complete, the Committee will ask for assistance from any who wish to assist during the two week stay.

Each year the budget of the Town of Windham has an appropriation of \$500.00, which is carried to the Directors of the orphanages (Children's Homes #2 and #5). The Mission Committee of the Windham Presbyterian Church has also donated a gift of \$1000.00 to this special cause. Each time the Committee visits these Homes, the Directors are eager to show what our contributions have helped to accomplish. Our connection with these orphanages has special meaning. Each time we visit, there are new faces replacing those of the beautiful children who have been adopted, to European countries and to the United States. It is very pleasing to see three adopted siblings living a happy, healthy life right here in Windham.

The Committee continues to have a relationship with the women of the quilt club, Suzdal Swatch. Wall hanging quilts are made by these women and are for sale by the Committee with 100% of the money being returned to the author of each quilt. A few quilts are displayed at the Tax Collectors office and more quilts may be seen by calling 898-9520 or email bacrdh@aol.com.

Much more information can be found on the Town's website: windhamnewhampshire.com/ boards/suzdal/suzIndex.htm.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Barbara A Coish Chairman

## <sup>9</sup>SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE 26

The Windham's Helping Hands Senior Services is a new program that seeks to offer and provide community support to seniors which will help them to remain in their homes and to live independently. The Windham community has been so generous in supporting the Helping Hands program that it was felt that expanding its services to include Senior Citizens was a positive step toward assuring our Seniors that we care for them and that Windham is a truly supportive community.

Ideas and connections have been made and we continue to explore for new ideas, interests, and involvement from the citizens of Windham. Some of the programs that have been introduced to our seniors are Caregivers and Meals on Wheels. Several home maintenance calls were taken care of and home visitations have been enjoyed by the participants. In October, seniors participated in the Walk New Hampshire with the students of Golden Brook School. Several seniors are involved with reading to first grade students each week. Plans are also in the process for the Middle School students to help serve lunch at the Senior Center as a community involvement program. Several families are interested in the Adopt-a-Grandparent program. On election day, many people stopped by the Helping Hands table to pick-up brochures about the Senior Services program. With help from the Women's Club, Thanksgiving baskets were given to several seniors this year. In December, the Committee had a Christmas tea at McCauley Commons to introduce the programs to the residents. The programs were also introduced at the wonderful Christmas luncheon at Castleton. Seniors were also invited to attend a special performance of the Christmas Concert by the 2nd graders at the Golden Brook School. Weekly shopping trips to Walmart are provided in the Town van, as well as rides to medical appointments. A new transportation program, CART Regional Transit Service, provides curb to curb service for a nominal fee from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday for anyone needing transportation.

Information about programs for seniors is available in the Senior Scoop column in the Windham Independent and by calling Kathy Davis or Cheryl Haas at the Town Offices at 432-7732.

As we develop new programs, we encourage the citizens of Windham to be involved, give ideas, and provide feed back on ways that can make a positive impact on the people in our town who over the years have paved the way to making Windham the 'rural oasis' that it is.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

*Jan Root*Chairman

## <sup>9</sup>BOY SCOUT TROOP 266%

Windham's Boy Scout Troop 266 was founded in 1949. For over fifty years, the Troop has been active in the community, teaching the sons of Windham the timeless values of scouting including citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness. We teach these values through an intensive outdoor program, advancement, and community service. The Troop is sponsored by the Windham Parent Teacher Association.

Over the past year, the Troop has been very busy, with outdoor activities at least once per month. These have included camporees where the Scouts compete against other troops in events designed to prove their skills, hikes, winter sports, and summer camp. Most activities are geared towards training, improving the Scout's skills, and advancement, while others are just for fun. The boys are responsible for planning the events, running them, and planning and executing the meals. They do this with the support of the Scoutmaster and his assistants as well as the help of their parents. For the coming months we are planning a snowshoe hike, multi-day bike trip, several campouts, and preparing for summer camp at the 3000 acre Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works.

Advancement is a cornerstone of the Scouting program. It provides motivation for the boys and is a yardstick of their progression and mastery of skills, such as first aid, map reading and compass use, knot tying, and camping skills. It is measured through ranks and merit badges, culminating with the achievement of Eagle Scout. The rank of Eagle is universally recognized as a mark of leadership and accomplishment. Over the past year, the Troop has successfully advanced more than 50% of the boys at least one rank and graduated 2 new Eagle Scouts (bringing the total for the Troop to 68).

The Troop is also a resource for the community. We support the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Easter Egg Hunt events. Each Eagle project is also designed to give back to the community, including improvement projects at the cemetery, improving signage at town fields, and restoring town historic locations.

Membership in Windham Boy Scout Troop 266 is open to any boy age 11 (or having completed the fifth grade) to age 18. We meet weekly during the school year on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Center School cafetorium. More information and pictures of Troop outings can be found at the Troop website: http://www.mv.com/org/troop-266.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Pierson
Scoutmaster

### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Windham Woman's Club was founded in 1911, and so the 2006 to 2007 club year finds us in the 95th year of our service to the community at large. Currently, we have 49 members. Each year we need a number of fundraisers to support our projects: The money from our annual YARD SALE in April goes directly into the Scholarship Fund and this year it provided more than half of that money. Last year, and this year, our new COOKBOOK was amazingly successful, as well as our ORNAMENTS and AFGHANS. Our BAKE SALES are always very profitable. These items are offered at our election tables and the Harvest Festival, and the Ornaments and Cookbooks can be found at the Town Hall, and various businesses.

These monies support the following regular projects: Scholarships for Windham's college-bound high school seniors; foods and gifts for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas; monthly donations to the Shepherd's Pantry; Teacher Appreciation Day; visits to the Veteran's Hospital every month, and a picnic for them in June; monetary donations to 3 school libraries, and awards to Middle School graduates.

We send one child to Camp Bournedale each year, and we contribute to the Red Cross, Nobody's Children, and other charitable organizations. We also contribute to the projects of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in New Hampshire, (the GFWC-NH) and the International General Federation of Women's Clubs, (GFWC) located in Washington, DC.

We are proud of our two COAT COLLECTIONS. This Fall over 1000 coats and sweaters were collected, and then distributed by several charities in Windham and nearby locations. Our annual "BABY SHOWER" in May collected many brand-new items which were sent to a special Manchester location for the use of young mothers and their babies. Our annual CANDIDATES NIGHT in February offered the chance for the voters to meet those running for office, to ask questions and receive answers.

This Fall it was our pleasure to host the annual meeting of the 8 clubs within our district, which are part of, as we are, the GFWC-NH. Also, several members attended the Annual Meeting of that organization in May, as well as their Fall Field Conference, where the guest speaker was the President of the International GFWC.

We feel that it was a very successful year, thanks, as always, to the generous support of the Windham community.

Respectfully submitted,

Drusilla Calitri
Rosemary Pothier

## TOWN INFORMATION &

Area	27.2 square miles	Residential Homes	3993
Population	15,000 +/-	Residential Condos	556
Total Net Valuation	\$2,164,454,970	Multi-Family Units	55
2006 Tax Rate	\$15.35/thousand	Seasonal Homes	161
2006 State Ratio	100%	Commercial Parcels	161
Tax Billing	Semi-Annual	Acres in Current Use	1519

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