

# *TOWN OF WILLINGTON*

*Board of Finance  
Town Office Building  
40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279*



## *ANNUAL REPORT*

*For the Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008*

# TOWN OF WILLINGTON

Annual Report

And

Audit of Town Records

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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# *Town of Willington*

## *Board of Finance*

*To the Citizens of the Town of Willington,*

*The information contained in the annual report summarizes the activities for the fiscal year, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. This document is prepared and published by the Board of Finance as required by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.*

*This report contains excerpts from the annual audit performed by an independent public accountant and the annual reports from the various elected and appointed officials, boards, commissions and committees. It also includes reference information current to the town such as a town map, names and terms of elected and appointed officials, and important phone numbers for town agencies.*

*The Board of Finance wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all elected and appointed officials, members of town boards, town employees, and numerous volunteers for their dedicated service to Willington. The Board of Finance extends thanks to our secretary, Debra Hlobik, for compiling the information and producing the report.*

*Kathy Blessing, Chairwoman  
Ken Schoppmann, Vice-Chair  
Anne Marie Brown, Secretary  
Matt DiNallo  
Mark Jones  
Elizabeth Marco, Alternate  
Dawn Semmelrock, Alternate*

# *Town of Willington*

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Board of Selectmen 40 Old Farms Road Willington, Connecticut 06279 (860) 487-3100 (860) 487-3103

To the Townspeople of Willington

Our thanks goes out to all those who have supported the Town throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate the dedication of the Boards, Commissions and our employees.

In July 2007 \$60,000 from LOCIP for the replacement of the Tinkerville Road culvert was approved. The townspeople also approved \$18,000 for professional engineering services for a review of the CONNDOT plan for repairs & improvements to the route 74 bridge over the Willimantic River. At that same Town Meeting \$40,000 from LOCIP was approved for River Road Recreation Ball Field improvements.

August 2007 brought the adoption of an Ordinance to participate in the Windham Region Council of Governments as well as the acceptance of Clover Springs Drive as a Town Road. \$26,000 from Capital Reserve was authorized for the Willington Hill Fire Department pickup truck.

The appropriation of \$100,000 for construction of a water main from Rivers Edge Condominiums on Depot Road to Hall Memorial School was approved on October 3, 2007. The increase of the original appropriation of \$69,300 (approved August 2006) to \$95,000 to design and construct the interconnection of public water from the main in Route 32 to Hall Memorial School was also approved. On October 30, 2007 the appropriation of \$40,000 from LOCIP to provide contingency funding for the Hall Memorial School water main extension contract was approved.

Angela Lane and Ashley Lane were both accepted as Town roads in October 2007.

A resolution to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program Proposal for a Regional GIS System coordinated through WINCOG was approved in December 2007. Another resolution to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Proposal for Regional Economic Development Staff Services coordinated through WINCOG was also approved.

Authorization to appropriate \$24,000 from the hook up fee to complete the construction of the Senior Housing Water System project and \$24,000 from the hook up fee to spend on the business type activities of the Utility Fund were both approved in December 2007.

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March 2008 brought the adoption of an Ordinance to Provide for Abatement of Real Property Taxes and the Execution of an Agreement related to such tax abatement, for the Senior Housing project known as Willington Woods.

The appropriation of \$19,806 to replace three (3) pieces of equipment at the Hall Memorial School cafeteria was also approved in March 2008.

In April 2008 the townspeople authorized the appropriation of \$35,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$65,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of the State mandated revaluation. That same Town Meeting authorized \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing carpet and paint for Hall Memorial School and Center School.

At a Town Meeting in September 2008 authorization was granted for \$30,000 to fund a storage building, a well, electrical power and single light pole, the plumbing hardware and secondary expansion tank at the River Road Athletic Complex.

Also authorized were \$120,000 from LOCIP and \$110,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for a total of \$230,000 for the design and construction of the Kechkes Road Bridge.

At that same Town Meeting \$196,000 from an EDI grant was authorized for the design and construction of infrastructure for the Senior Housing Cottages.

The Selectmen's office is open Monday from 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM and Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Selectmen's meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monday of each month (except for holidays, then it is on Tuesday) at 6:30 PM. If we can be of assistance please call 487-3100 or stop by the office.

2007-2008 Board of Selectmen  
Michael Eldredge  
Mark Palmer  
David Charette

2008-2009 Board of Selectmen  
Michael Eldredge  
Mark Palmer  
David Charette

TOWN OF WILLINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

February 2009

**REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR**

The Assessor is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing all the real estate and personal property located in the town. This is an annual cycle with a uniform assessment date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like to thank all of the residents of the Town of Willington for their cooperation during the 2008 town wide revaluation of Real Property.

The 2008 Grand List was completed and filed on January 29, 2009.

These figures are being reported prior to the completion of the duties of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The net taxable grand list figures are as follows:

	<b>2008 Grand List</b>	Percent of change from 2007
REAL ESTATE	421,050,260	+21.14
PERSONAL PROPERTY	11,996,088	-1.65
MOTOR VEHICLE	36,048,837	-7.76
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TOTAL TAXABLE GRAND LIST	469,095,185	+17.84

The staff in the Assessor's Office is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Huda, CCMA II  
Assessor

## **WILLINGTON REVENUE COLLECTION DEPARTMENT**

40 Old Farms Road

Willington CT 06279

Phone-(860)487-3111

Fax-(860)487-3103

Email-collector@willingtonct.org

Public hours: Monday 12:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

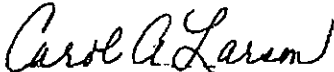
OFFICE STAFF: Carol Larson CCMC, Revenue Collector  
Michele Manas CCMC, Assistant Collector

The 2007/2008 fiscal year current adjusted 2006 levy was \$10,208,212.56 of which we collected \$ 10,131,368.64 or 99.25%.

Michele Manas, assistant collector has successfully completed all courses and passed her certification test. She is also a Certified Tax Collector (CCMC).

The Collectors Office is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,



Revenue Collector

## **OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

Donna J. Hardie, Town Clerk

40 Old Farms Road

Willington, CT. 06279

Office Hours: Monday 12:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

During the 2007 -2008 fiscal year, the Town Clerk's Office has;

Recorded:

49 Birth Certificates  
25 Death Certificates  
34 Marriage Certificates  
0 Civil Unions  
10 Military Discharges  
5 Liquor Licenses  
12 Notary Certificates

Issued:

308 Sports Licenses  
707 Dog Licenses  
3 Kennel Licenses  
0 Civil Union Certificates  
73 Passports

Recorded & Indexed

1098 Legal Documents in the land records  
43 Survey Maps  
13 Trade Name Certificates

Notarized:

195 Documents

Administered the oath to:

35 Town Officials and Commission Members  
110 New Voters

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible recording the above documents, ordering supplies, publishing legal notices, and following procedures required by law to conduct all elections/referendums for the Town of Willington and officiates as secretary for the town at town meetings called by the Board of Selectmen.

During the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, the Town of Willington held:

1 Municipal Election  
1 Democratic Presidential Primary  
1 Republican Presidential Primary  
1 Referendum  
1 Annual District #19 Tri-town Budget Mtg  
1 Annual Town Meeting  
2 Public Hearings  
8 Special Town Meetings  
67 Absentee Ballots  
0 Overseas Ballots  
0 Military – Blank Ballots  
2 Ordinance Adds or Changes

The Town Clerk's Office collected fees for services as required by General Statutes of Connecticut (7-34a). The monies collected and submitted to the Town Treasurer:

Dog Fund	\$ 4,376.00
Copy Machine Fees	\$ 4,536.00
Preservation LOCIP	\$ 2,925.00
Town Conveyance Tax	\$ 41,551.01
Open Space	\$ 8,482.45
General Fund	\$ 31,731.50
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TOTAL PAID TO TOWN	\$ 93,601.96

Non-reimbursement fees for town recordings.

Fees no longer charged to the town due to the

Town Clerk's Ordinance \$4,601.00

New PA 146 as of 7/2000 Town Preservation Fees \$ 975.00

Grant Received by the State Library Preservation Program \$7,000.00

Preserved 2 Volumes Death Certificates 1978-2005

10 Volume Birth Certificates 1870-1937 and 1957-2005, 2

Volumes Marriage Certificates 1988-2005.

Project is completed. Actual cost \$ 7,824.00

Land Protection Preservation PA05-228 as of 10/1/05 \$ 975.00

Monies collected by the Town Clerk and submitted to the State of Connecticut:

St. Dog Surcharge \$ 1,689.00

St. Marriage Surcharge \$ 266.00

St. Civil Union Certificate \$ 0.00

St. Preservation \$ 1,950.00

St Land Prot LOCIP \$ 25,350.00

DEP Sports Licenses \$ 5,890.00

St. Conveyance Tax \$ 93,851.99

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TOTAL PAID TO STATE \$128,996.99

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Hardie

Willington Town Clerk

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town of Willington</b> <b>Treasurer</b></p>
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During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the fund balance of the General Fund decreased by \$97,116 to \$1,440,115. This decrease occurred as a result of the planned utilization of fund balance of \$350,000 as approved in the original budget and additional appropriations totaling \$86,269.

Expenditures were lower than estimated in the final budget for education, public works and general government categories. Revenue growth was modest with the increases in property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and miscellaneous categories being offset by a minor shortfall in interest income and a reduction in licenses, fees, and permits collected by various Town departments.

The town has appropriated \$200,000 of the fund balance for spending in the fiscal year 2009 budget. The rating agencies continue to suggest a minimum fund balance equal to five percent of total general fund expenditures but recommend a fund balance of 8-10% of total general fund expenditures be maintained. The following table demonstrates the Town's General Fund balance at both the minimum and recommended levels.

	5% Minimum Level	8% Recommended Level
General Fund Balance	\$1,440,115	\$1,440,115
% of Expenditures	\$767,781	\$1,228,449
Designated Amount	\$200,000	\$200,000
Available for Spending 6/30/08	\$472,334	\$11,666

The Town was honored with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. This award has been received by the Town's Finance Department since the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annemarie Poole

**ANNUAL REPORT  
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS  
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

The Registrars of Voters are mandated to maintain the files of voter registration cards and computer records used to generate official lists for elections, primaries and referenda. Our duties also include: administering such elections, primaries and referenda; conducting the annual canvass of voters to update voter records; posting regular reports of new voters and voters removed from the voter list; conducting special registration sessions, at the Town Office Building as well as at E. O. Smith High School; maintaining the voting machines; and generating other reports as requested.

During fiscal year 2007-2008, 245 new voters were added to the Active Voter List in Willington, 150 names were removed from the Active List, and 67 names were moved from the Active List to the Inactive List as a result of the 2008 Canvass. The fiscal year closed June 30, 2008 with 3306 Active voters and 267 Inactive voters.

An important change in voting occurred in this fiscal year, as the lever voting machines became obsolete, and the town, along with the entire state, began using the Optical Scan technology. This transition to a new voting method was a major "project" for the Registrars, and included outreach information for the voters.

The Registrars, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's office, conducted the following events during the 2007-2008 fiscal year:

- The Municipal Election was held on November 6, 2007.
- The Presidential Preference Primaries were held on Feb. 5, 2008.
- The Region 19, Town Government, and Town K-8 School Budgets Referendum took place on May 6, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Vogel  
Democratic Registrar

Judith R. Andersen  
Republican Registrar

**Town of Willington  
Public Works Department  
42 Hancock Road  
Willington, CT 06279  
(860) 684-9313**

The Willington Public Works Department is your primary maintenance department for the town. Maintenance includes snowplowing, sanding, grading, sweeping, brush cutting, tree removal, road kill removal, drainage, sign repair and replacement, and chip sealing. The department also provides landscaping services to town owned properties such as the ball fields at Hall School and Center School and now the new ball field at the River Road Park, the Town Green, the Senior Citizen Center, Village Hill Bridge Park and Fenton Ruby Park. We also care for the Public Library, Transfer Station, Dog Pound, Public Works, Town Hall and Old Town Hall. This year Public Works would like to welcome the residents that are lucky enough to live on one of the three new roads in town. These roads are: Clover Springs Road (which is located off Battye Road and was accepted on 8/7/07) and Angela and Ashley Lanes (located off of Spak Road that was accepted 10/30/07). We also welcome the new Senior Housing complex.

Our major projects this past fiscal year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) included: shimming, patching and overlay on Meadow Lane, Parker Road, Busse Road, Cowles Road, Daleville Road, Daleville School Road, and Old Farms Road. With materials and sub contractor labor and equipment of over \$51,000.00. This does not include the Public Works manpower or equipment.

We chip sealed Clint Eldredge Road, Cowles Road, Daleville School Road, Daleville Road, Eldredge Road, Marco Road, Marsh Road, Mason Road, Meadow Lane, Miller Farms Road, Old Farms Road, Parker Road, Red Oak Road, Y Road, Busse Road and Nipmuck Road. This was 12.24 miles of road and cost \$150,000.00.

Line painting was completed on Old Farms Road, Village Hill Road, Schofield Road, Cisar Road Jared Sparks Road, Pinney Hill Road, Hancock Road and The Senior Center at a cost of \$4,000.00 (\$350.00 per mile for four inch double yellow lines). We also had new guardrail installed on Tinkerville Road cross culvert and repaired the ones on Turnpike Road Extension and the ones on Loshe Road at the corner of Kucko Road again. This work cost \$5,343.00. The guard rails are \$10 per foot and the ends are \$29 each. We were lucky enough to find out who was responsible for the damages to Loshe Road and recovered that cost. We worked on numerous drainage problems throughout the town.

Our crew responded to twenty nine winter storms and seventeen sanding only events by plowing and sanding roadways and town owned parking lots at a cost of \$257,615.77. We delivered buckets of sand to 52 town seniors. We would like to thank Katheryn Demers of Mansfield for the donation of the buckets.

We responded to many concerns of residents over the year including: removal of a number of dead animals from town roads including: deer, fox, cats, beaver, and a snake that turned out not to be so dead; replacement of over 100 stolen street and road signs; replacing curbs; repairing washouts; cleaning up trash dumped on the roads and in the forest.

At the transfer station residents recycled 150 tons of bottles & cans, 55 tons of cardboard, 246 tons of paper, and 183 tons of metal. The paper generated \$13,420.00 in income. We sent out 3350 gallons of waste oil (the remainder of oil collected was used by Public Works to fuel our waste oil heater), 115 gallons of anti-freeze, 27 tons of tires. Residents generated 865 tons of bulky waste (at a cost of \$52,884.00) and 1364 tons of trash (at a cost of \$143,388.00). Our swap shed, aka the Willington Mall, continues to do a brisk business during transfer station hours. Please consider what you toss into the bulky bin. If it is salvageable, please consider putting it into the swap shop for other residents to use. One person's trash is another's treasure and this helps to keep our cost down and helps others. On the other hand, please do not leave items that are unsuitable. Please see the attendant before leaving items that may be questionable. We encourage all residents to use this resource and always remember that the return policy can't be beat. As you may have noticed, our Transfer Station is being brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have combined the paper and cardboard and have a compactor that takes both so you no longer have to separate it. We are in the process of setting up an electronics bin which will recycle TV's, computers, light bulbs and other electronics. New stickers will be issued this year from town hall.

It is great to live in a town that has so many wonderful people and resources. I would like to thank some of the people who have helped us throughout the year by supporting not only this department, but the entire town. Walt West and his family for doing the lights on the Christmas tree on the green every year. Contractors Henry Becker Construction, Hipsky Construction, Knight Construction, and Sadow Construction for always being available for any emergency that may arise and having sharp pencils when it comes to bidding on jobs for the town. I haven't forgotten the smaller contractors, Wayne Bellefleur, Ed Standish, Patinode Electric, Chris Deskus, and Dan from Country Landscaping. Most important, the two fire departments who are always there. Thanks to Jeff Prusak for the donation of the mail boxes.

Thanks to my crew (Lucien Bessette, Jeff Semmelrock, Brian French, Dave Nash, Jeff Hansen and Valerie Pelletier) for all their hard work above and beyond the call of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Nicholls  
Director, Public Works

## **INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES**

### **Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

The purpose of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is to protect the citizens of the Town of Willington by implementing provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of inland wetlands and watercourses by minimizing their disturbance and pollution, maintaining and improving water quality; preventing damage from erosion, turbidity or siltation; preventing loss of fish/wildlife and habitat; deterring and inhibiting the damage of flood and pollution; protecting the quality of wetlands and watercourses for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational, other public and private uses and values; and protecting potable water supplies.

The Commission provides an orderly process to balance the need for economic growth and the use of land, with the need to protect the environment and ecology in order to guarantee the people of Willington and its future generations the safety of such natural resources for their benefit and enjoyment.

Regulatory authority for the Commission is found under the Town of Willington's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations (Section 1 through Section 20) as mandated by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a - 36 through 22a - 45.

This fiscal year, the Commission held 14 meetings as well as several site walks and reviewed 23 applications.

Members included: Ken Metzler, Chairman, Dave Schreiber, Vice Chairman, Greg Blessing, Frank Dirrigl, Leon Kouyoumjian, and Roger Peloquin and Tessa Gutowski as alternates. Providing enforcement, technical and clerical support to the Commission was Susan Yorgensen, Gary Jones, Margaret DuPilka, and Melissa McDonough.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Metzler, Chairman

# **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008**

The Planning and Zoning Commission's duties include: drafting and amending the zoning and subdivision regulations and the Towns Plan of Conservation and Development, hearing and deciding upon applications for subdivisions, re-subdivisions, site plans and special permits.

Members of the 2006-2007 Commission were: Matthew Ellis, Chairman, Ralph Tulis, V-Chairman (member from July 07-Nov 07), Andy Marco (Vice-Chairman, Dec. 07-present) Peter Latincsics, Phil Nevers, Norm Gray (member from July 07-Nov 07), Tom Murphy, Edward Standish (member from Nov. 07-present), John Sullivan (member from Nov. 07-present) and Jim Poole, Alternate.

After the new Plan of Conservation and Development became effective February 7, 2006 and a brief adjustment to its changing membership the Commission continued in their efforts to amend the subdivision and zoning regulations so they will complement the Towns PoCD.

The Commission enacted a moratorium on new subdivisions while they work on subdivision regulations revisions.

The Commission and its staff approved 5 Special Permits and modifications of Special Permits, a zoning regulation amendment, 16 Commercial Special Permit renewals, 5 new Home Occupation permits, renewed 49 Home Occupation permits, 4 new homes, a new library and 89 additional zoning permits.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held 17 regular meetings and 10 special meetings including several site walks.

The Commission is continuing its efforts to balance the growth in town and the need for economic development with our goal of safeguarding the health, safety, welfare and property values of the residents of Willington.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew O. Ellis, Chairman

**Town of Willington  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279  
Telephone: (860) 487-3123  
Fax: (860) 487-3117**

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One of the functions and purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear, consider, decide and vary the application of the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent. Variances are to provide relief for the citizens where possible from regulations, if enforced literally, would result in exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship to the property owner. Other duties include issuing special exceptions and hearing appeals from zoning enforcement decisions.

During 2007/2008, the Willington Zoning Board of Appeals heard and decided nine cases consisting of eight variances and one Special Exception.

The board would like to thank Town Officials and colleagues for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Masinda, Chairman

## **Willington Youth, Family and Social Services 2007-2008 Annual Report**

Willington Youth, Family and Social Services had another productive year despite under going many changes. Karly Howell resigned her position as WYFSS Director and Erin Dickerman was appointed to fill the position in September. WYFSS offered two summer camps in addition to the camps offered by the Recreation Department. *Safe Kids Camp* provided sixteen incoming and outgoing Kindergarteners the opportunity to learn various safety skills such as stranger danger, fire safety, bus safety, bike safety, traffic safety and poison safety. *Munchkin camp* offered three and four year old a week long half day camp to play games, do crafts and make friends.

Youth Services once again offered a girl's group at both Hall and Center Schools. The girls work on body image, self-esteem, friendship and relationship skills. Our pre-school group continues to meet twice a week for two hours and provides developmentally appropriate activities for eighteen month to five year olds. Music and Movement is run on Tuesdays and Pre-School Activity is run on Fridays. Additionally, we run a playgroup, called Caterpillar Club, on Thursdays for two hours.

Tara Martin continues to serve seniors in Willington, Ashford and Mansfield with her home base in Willington. Program services include case management, information and assistance, outreach and Friendly Visiting. This program is made possible by a grant from Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging.

WYFSS had 172 unduplicated clients requesting case management services in regards to issues ranging from rental assistance to choosing a prescription drug program. The majority of our contacts involved families requesting assistance maneuvering through the Connecticut State Entitlement Programs. WYFSS provides additional services, including but not limited to, investigation of elder abuse, food and employment assistance, fuel, linkage with Meals on Wheels, utility shut-off prevention, basic household budgeting, counseling referrals, eviction prevention and advocacy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Dickerman

## **WILLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008**

This years programs have included Hall's Pond Swimming and Swimming Lessons, Youth and Adult Basketball, Youth and Adult Volleyball, JOAD Archery Program, Beginner and Open Fencing, Karate and Iaido. The Recreation Department sponsored free ice-skating at the UCONN Ice Arena to all residents.

The Recreation Department and Willington Youth Services sponsored trips for students on Common Curriculum Days. The Recreation Department also ran the Summer Camp at Hall School.

The Recreation Department sponsored the Nutmeg State Games, the Connecticut Senior Games and the CTAA (Connecticut Target Archers Association) archery tournaments.

The department purchased a Fencing Scoring system to enhance the program.

In 2007-2008 construction continued at the River Road Athletic Complex with the completion of a parking lot, dugouts, field and backstop fencing for the baseball field.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Colangelo, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Commission

### **Willington Recreation Mission Statement**

In an ongoing effort to provide the citizens of Willington with programs and facilities for everyone's recreational needs, the Willington Recreation Department will always commit it's resources to expand and adapt to those needs.

The Willington Recreation Department in association with the Public Works Department, outside contractors, and the Board of Education, will maintain the playing fields at Hall School and Center School, the River Road Athletic Complex, and the Town Hall Offices.

By offering a diverse group of recreational programs with the equipment and facilities to safely and properly implement these programs, we hope to get our community to "come out and play". Good health, social interaction, and promoting learning of new physical and mental skills are available to everyone who wants to participate.

"The first wealth is health." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

# **WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Annual Report**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

The Conservation Commission is committed to improving the quality of life in Willington by being an advocate and source of information for the wise use of natural resources, by actively working to conserve open space and by providing citizens with opportunities to appreciate, to enjoy and to learn from our natural environment.

### **FENTON-RUBY PARK AND DROBNEY SANCTUARY**

The Commission continued to plan and carry out educational and maintenance activities in the Park. Educating the public about keeping dogs on leashes for purposes of public safety and wildlife protection is an ongoing effort.

The Commission's popular series of educational walks and presentations included: vernal pools, an owl prowl, pond invertebrates, live birds of prey, and an astronomy night.

Entries in the registration log on the Taylor Pond Trail and conversations with Park users (including many people from surrounding towns) indicate that the Park continues to be a well-used and appreciated facility.

### **REGIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The Commission continues to communicate and cooperate with organizations such as the Willimantic River Alliance, the Green Valley Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Joshua's Trust, the Naubesatuck Watershed Council, Connecticut Forest and Parks Association and conservation commissions in surrounding towns in order to promote regional conservation and preservation awareness and actions.

### **WILLINGTON OPEN SPACE PLAN**

**"A Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Conservation Plan"** was completed, submitted to Town boards and commissions for comment and suggestions, presented at a public hearing, was revised based on comments from citizens and appended to the town **"Plan of Conservation and Development"** as Appendix 4A. Sixteen large maps from the NRI&OSCP have been hung in the lower conference room at the town office building.

## **OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION**

### **The Commission:**

- Used the criteria being developed in the open space plan to provide recommendations to PZC and IWWC for areas that should be preserved with open space set-asides in new subdivisions
- 
- Continued to monitor land protected through easements or Town ownership for conservation purposes
- 
- Continued to make recommendations to Town finance officials to begin setting aside funds to preserve open space that will help protect some of the resources and rural character that Willington is fortunate to possess
- 
- Began negotiations in Sept. 2007 with the Knowlton Family in Ashford for the possible purchase by the Town of 134 acres of wooded land on Mason Road for open space preservation
- 

Discussions with town boards, commissions and agencies, and with local and state-wide conservation organizations led to the Commission moving forward with a plan to purchase the property pending the town being awarded a Connecticut DEP Open Space Acquisition grant. A purchase agreement was transacted with the Knowlton family for a conservation sale price of \$625,000 and an application for a grant was submitted by the Commission in June 2008.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **The Commission:**

- Continued development of a canoe/kayak landing at the site of the historic Peck's Mill on the Willimantic River as part of Willington's commitment to participate in the Willimantic Greenway Program
- 
- Named Rob Daniels as the recipient of the 2007 Raymond K. Daley Environmental Action Award for his instrumental role in developing the resource maps for the Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Conservation Plan. The award was presented during Park Day at Fenton-Ruby Park in October.
- 
- Staffed an exhibit at the annual flea market on the green to promote conservation awareness

Prepared by Peter S. Andersen, Commission Chairman

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**WILLINGTON SENIORS INC  
STATEMENT OF SERVICE  
FISCAL YEAR 2008**

The purpose and responsibility of Willington Seniors Inc. is to bring the seniors of Willington age 55 or older together to provide and promote beneficial social, educational, recreational, and cultural and health programs.

Willington Seniors Inc, is a 501(C)(3) non-profit charitable organization. As operators of the Willington Senior Center the organization provides several programs which include Line and Square dancing, Tai Chi, card parties, congregate noontime meals, exercise classes, computer classes, knitting, art classes, bingo etc.

With financing in part from the Town of Willington we have acquired a 16-passenger van to increase the number of short trips to area attractions and for group shopping and other local services.

Since Willington Woods opened we have expanded our services and will continue to add to the services we provide to accommodate the needs of the Willington Senior population. All seniors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles (Chuck) Wiggins President  
Joseph (Joe) Piatek Treasurer

**Town of Willington  
Economic Development Commission  
Annual Report 2007 - 2008**

The Commission meets once a month, September through June.

Over the past year, the Commission has worked with many potential commercial developers to present the benefits of building/relocating to Willington. Our focus is one of planned growth, while maintaining the town's rural character as prescribed in the Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD). We will continue our outreach in 2009 and 2010.

We continue to build our expertise using various town records and maps in building an informational resource that will assist business development in town. This data can then be accessed in locating appropriate sized parcels, the current zoning of these parcels, and proximity of these parcels to desirable resources.

In 2008, new businesses located in our town; Willington Convenience Store opened in Phelps Plaza, Andresen Overhead Door opened at the intersection of Routes 32 and 74.

In 2008, we had several inquiries by prospective commercial entities to locate in our town. They are: Love's Travel Stop, A Commercial Recycling Center on Ruby Road and a Truck maintenance center on Ruby road. While none of these have resulted in actual applications to the Planning Office the number of inquiries is encouraging.

The Commission held its first Business Owners Forum in October with Rob Simmons, State of Connecticut Business Advocate. This forum was well received and we plan to conduct it again in the fall of 2009.

We recognize the difficult times that are affecting our economy, families and local businesses. We are taking every opportunity to work with the businesses of Willington to get them through these difficult times.

The Commission plays an interesting and challenging role in town government as we assist businesses in becoming a part of our community while balancing the wishes of residents that have been expressed through the PoCD.

Respectfully submitted:  
James H. Poole, III 2008 Chair

**TOLLAND PROBATE COURT**

**TOLLAND & WILLINGTON**

21 Tolland Green  
Tolland, CT 06084  
Tel. # (860) 871-3640  
Fax # (860) 871-3641

Cheryl H. Brown, Judge  
Diane D. DuBaldo, Clerk  
Patricia L. Phillips, Asst. Clerk

Hours  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Thursday 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

January, 2009

The Tolland Probate Court is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Hicks Memorial Municipal Center on Tolland Green. The court is operated in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and has jurisdiction over the probate of wills and administration of estates of deceased persons in the towns of Willington and Tolland. Adoptions, guardianship, conservatorship, trust estates, commitments, marriage waivers, name changes and passports are all within the province of the Probate Court. We processed 241 applications for passports in 2008.

Residents of Tolland and Willington elect the Judge of Probate for a four-year term. The next election will be in 2010.

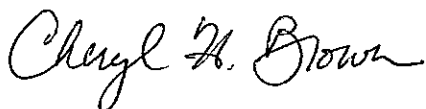
The towns support the court by providing office space and paying for office expenses. The expenses of the court are shared between the towns of Tolland (2/3) and Willington (1/3). This is based on the grand list of each town.

Although the office is located in Tolland, arrangements can be made to meet, or hold hearings in Willington by requesting this option with the court.

It is the function of the court to supervise the payment of funeral expenses, taxes and debts owed by the decedent, and to assure that any property remaining is properly distributed to the persons entitled to it. There are various responsibilities of the court associated with other matters within our jurisdiction.

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Willington over the past year 10 years.

Sincerely,



Cheryl H. Brown, Judge

**Town of Willington  
Building Department  
40 Old Farms Road  
Willington, CT 06279  
Telephone: (860) 487-3123  
Fax: (860) 487-3117**

Fiscal Year 2007-2008

This fiscal Year permits issued for the following projects:

**Building permits**

Single Family Dwelling	4	\$10,135.00
Barns	1	800.00
Veterinary Hospital	1	800.00
Addition/Renovation	21	7,350.00
Shed/storage	8	300.00
Decks/porch/season room	15	1,595.00
Garage	10	4,080.00
Windows/siding	15	1,140.00
Demolition	4	255.00
Pools	8	550.00
Roofing	26	1,299.00
Woodstove/Pellet	31	1,284.00
Misc	12	2,474.00
<b>Total Permit</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>\$32,062.00</b>
 Electrical Permit	 58	 3,410.00
Mechanical Permits	29	2,191.00
Plumbing Permits	19	1,205.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$6,806.00</b>

The Building Department Staff would be would be happy to answer any of your questions regarding the permit process.

Office hours:      Mondays - 12:30 PM -7:30PM  
                         Tuesday – Friday - 9:00AM- 2:00PM

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Respectfully submitted

Edward Staveski, Building Official

## **Eastern Highlands Health District 2007/2008 Annual Report for Willington**

The Towns of Bolton, Coventry, and Mansfield established the Eastern Highlands Health District on June 6, 1997 as a cooperative effort to pool their resources and create a regional full-time professional health department. Reducing costs and improving both the scope and quality of public health services in the community were the objectives of establishing the District. Seven more towns joined between 2000 and 2005: Andover, Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Scotland, Tolland and Willington. The mission of the Eastern Highlands Health District is to prevent illness and promote wellness in the communities it serves. The pursuit of this mission is realized by assuring that other community agencies provide certain public health services within the region and, by providing specific public health services directly. The services directly provided include a communicable disease control program; public health education; community assessment and public health planning; emergency preparedness and a comprehensive environmental health program. The main components of the environmental health program include: on-site subsurface sewage disposal permitting; complaint investigation program; food establishment licensing and inspection; and environmental monitoring program.

### **Highlights/Accomplishments for FY 07/08:**

- Board of Directors adoption of an operating budget of \$791,310 for FY 08/09.
- Appointed new staff to the positions of Environmental Health Inspector and Sanitarian II, and Chief Sanitarian.
- Retained an IT consultant and completed an Information Technology Study and IT 'road map' for the EHHD.
- Provided technical and communications support to Willington and Ashford regarding the Cradle Rock property site contamination.
- Procured \$244,000 in grant funds from the State Department of Public Health to support programs in three program areas that include healthy behaviors in women over 55 and school aged children, and public health emergency planning and preparedness.
- Provided technical support to the Scotland Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a proposed age-restricted housing project.
- Provided technical and communications support to Mansfield regarding citizens concerns over a proposed irrigation wells at Uconn's Agronomy Farm.
- Provided technical support and ongoing participation in Tolland's Facilities Plan development.
- Provided technical support and ongoing participation in Columbia's efforts to adopt a septic tank pumping ordinance in the Columbia lake watershed.

- Important emergency preparedness activities this fiscal year include extensive updates to the EHHD emergency response plan, extensive participation in regional planning efforts for DEMHS Regions 3 & 4, planning and conducting table top exercises and field drills addressing pandemic influenza, and staff training in applicable areas of emergency preparedness.
- Health promotion activities this fiscal year included the reinvigoration of the Matters of the Heart Partnership funded by grants from the State Department of Public Health, the completion of the Safe Routes to School program targeting selected Tolland schools, the completion of another successful year targeting school aged children regarding the risk of skin cancer, the implementation of an in-home assessment program to identify and correct childhood asthma triggers, and the continued administration of the BeWell employee wellness program.
- **The main FY 07/08 indicators for environmental health district activity in Willington** include: 52 site inspections for septic systems; 11 septic permits issued; 17 well permits issued; 9 complaints investigated; 41 environmental samples taken for lab analysis; 49 food establishment inspections and other health inspections; 46 B100a building permit reviews; and, 148 test pits and/or perk tests.

#### **Plans for the Upcoming Fiscal Year:**

- Continue to update and exercise local emergency response plans. Develop a funding strategy for long-term program continuation in anticipation of federal funding reductions.
- Engage IT consultant to implement IT upgrades for the EHHD consistent with the IT 'road map' developed this year.
- Continue to pursue other funding sources to maintain and possibly expand health promotion programs.
- Expand BeWell employee wellness program to other employers in the community



**TOWN OF WILLINGTON**  
OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL



**Open Burning Official  
Town of Willington**

**Fiscal Year 2007/08 Annual Report**

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Air Compliance Division only allows Town Residents who reside on their property to apply for an Open Burning Permit. None residents and owners of commercial property can't apply for these permits.

Open Burning Permits can be requested Monday through Thursday, 9 am through 3pm, by calling the office at 429-7757. Permits will then be issued on Friday after 10 am; pick up is at 426 River Road, which is the Willington # 1 Fire Department. There are instructions on the permit which must be followed. **There is NO COST for these permits**

If you conduct an Open Burn without a permit, under CGS 23-48 as amended by PA 01-150, you can be fined up to \$250.00, or imprisoned for not more then 6 months or both.

Recreational, organizations, or religious fires DO NOT need a permit, as long as the diameter of this fire is within 4 ft. circumference. Please remember, that all of these fires must be out before retiring.

There were a total of 109 permits issued within the Town of Willington for the fiscal year 2007/08



## **WILLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.**

426 RIVER ROAD P.O. BOX 161  
Willington, Connecticut 06279  
860.429.0288

**Tyler F. Millix**  
Fire Chief

**Ronald A. Gantick**  
President

The Willington Fire Department once again enjoyed another safe year protecting the residents of Willington.

Over the last few years we have experienced a decline in active membership while our call volume has increased substantially. Just in the last three years alone we have increased our transports by eighty percent. Therefore we have increased the paid staff to accommodate the increased call volume. As of this report, there are two paid personnel on duty from 5 am to 5 pm. and one paid person on duty from 5 pm to 5 am. The additional personnel needed for an emergency is provided by volunteers. We do not see this trend of declining membership participation reversing itself any time soon. The hours it takes to become certified and remain certified to operate the ambulance are increasing year to year. We have however, had the good fortune of having some UCONN students who are already certified join our organization and they certainly help us when they can for the time they are here.

Over the next few years there are plans to replace two fire trucks in town and this will hopefully not burden the taxpayers. Most capital purchases by the fire department are paid for by the Emergency Services Fund. This fund was created by the Department and the Town some time ago to pay for large purchases like fire apparatus and the ambulance replacement.

This account is funded solely from the insurance reimbursements that we receive when transporting someone to the hospital. All the funds are deposited into this account and the apparatus leases and other items are paid for utilizing this money. This allows these purchases to be done without any cost to the taxpayers of Willington. To date we have paid for two fire trucks and the last ambulance. We expect to utilize this fund for the new trucks in the future as well.

As illustrated above, the Willington Fire Department is dedicated to providing a cost effective, professional, and expeditious level of service to the residents of Willington. We painstakingly evaluate our expenditures on a routine basis to ensure the taxpayer's money is not being spent carelessly.

As always, I thank the members of the department for their numerous hours of time they give to the organization as well as the residents that assist us throughout the year. No matter in what capacity, we always welcome feedback and participation from the residents; our customers.

Best regards,

*Tyler F. Millix*

Tyler F. Millix, Fire Chief  
Willington Fire Department Inc.



# Willington Hill Fire Department Inc.

P.O. Box 98 • 24 Old Farms Road

Willington, CT 06279



## Willington Hill Fire Department Annual Report

Even more than in other years, our two most critical resources have been taxed heavily: personnel and budget. The membership documented nearly 7300 hours of volunteer service to the town in all of our recorded activities. This does not include significant, untracked hours spent on research, projects, repairs and maintenance, as well as administrative duties such as grant writing, treasury, mail, and even writing this document. These "labor hours" come at no charge to the taxpayers. The only payment that any member may receive is a small, privately funded, stipend dependant upon level of participation.

In our continuing efforts to reduce the direct budget impact on the taxpayers, we are aggressively pursuing grant awards.

I am proud to say that we currently have six members with greater than 30 years of active service to the community! There is no way to estimate the thousands of hours of time given (conservatively 10,000 hours over thirty + years), sometimes at great personal risk, to our community. Our operations simply wouldn't happen without the dozens of dedicated people giving generously of their own time. Additional thanks go to the families of all members who must also give up time so that hours can be spent by their loved ones in service to the department. I cannot express how proud I am of the dedication to the community displayed by our members and how proud I am to represent the Willington Hill Fire Department.

In closing, I would ask all residents and those who work in our community to keep fire and personal safety in the front of their minds along with any support they can give the local services. Please keep in mind that donations, public support, and membership are all critical to our ability to provide you with services.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael J. Makuch  
Willington Hill Fire Department, Inc.

Total Recorded Hours of Service	7252.5
Fire Incidents	125
Emergency Medical Calls	367
Training Activities	106
Other: Meetings, Officer Calls, etc.	128
Members Active in This Period	36
Average Yearly Stipend Paid	\$277



**TOWN OF WILLINGTON**  
OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL



**Fire Marshal  
Town of Willington**

**Fiscal year 2007/08 Annual Report**

The Fire Marshal Office has many different responsibilities. From ensuring occupancies meet the minimum Connecticut Fire Safety Code through annual Life Safety Inspection, to issuing blasting permits following all State and Federal requirements, inspecting underground storage tank removals, reviews all new commercial construction, or renovation plans, and making sure all reports are filed with the State and Federal agencies. Investigate all fires for cause and origin.

The Town had a total of 89 fire related incidents, with 35 fires within residential or multi-housing buildings, resulting with fire losses of over \$300,000.

During the 2007/08 year there were 455 inspections. Day care Centers, Nursing occupancies, both schools, offices, mercantile establishments, and finally which is the largest, the apartment complexes. There were follow up inspections to see that compliance with the code has occurred.

The State required mandated training under CGS 29-298 which requires that every three(3) years a minimum of ninety(90) hours of training to maintain State certification. The two (2) Deputy Fire Marshals have completed those hours as well as the Fire Marshal.

The Fire Marshal also assists the Town's local Emergency Management Director, as well as Chair the Local emergency Planning Committee. He is also the Town's Open Burning Official.

The Fire Marshal can be reach at 429-7757 for any questions or assistance.

**WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Willington, Connecticut**

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN**

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools and  
The Board of Education for 2007-2008**

As of October, 2007 there were 597 students enrolled in Willington Public Schools in grades Pre-K through eight. The operating budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 was approved in May 2007 at \$7,594,202, an increase of 4.7% over the prior year.

Some of the accomplishments of the 2007-2008 school year included the completion of teacher and administrative evaluation plans and the successful implementation of our student information system's portal for parents, which allows parents to log onto the system to view teacher grade books.

Capital projects that were completed in 2007-2008 include bringing a public water supply to Hall Memorial School as well as the installation of a generator capable of running Hall Memorial in an emergency.

A partnership was formed with the University of Connecticut and with Eastern Connecticut State University to develop strategies aimed at improving reading scores in our primary grades. Some of the top scholars in the field of early childhood literacy have been involved in this partnership.

The district continues to benefit from our partnership with the University of Connecticut. As a professional development school for the university we assist in the training of new teachers by facilitating future teachers as they develop their skills in a supportive environment. We have undergraduate students working as student teachers and graduate students working as interns under the tutelage of mentor teachers in both of our schools.

Our students continue to thrive in a variety of academic endeavors. Several students competed at the state level in science and math competitions and a few of our students represented Connecticut at the National History Day competition in Washington DC. While we have made many gains, there is still much work to be done. We are committed to improving reading scores in the district.

Willington Public Schools 2007 CMT Data Percent At or Above Goal				
		Mathematics	Reading	Writing
		% At/Above Goal	% At/Above Goal	% At/Above Goal
	Grade			
Willington	3	47.3	47.3	66.7
State	3	60.2	52.1	63.5
Willington	4	60.4	45.3	52.8
State	4	60.5	56	62.9
Willington	5	84.8	75.8	56.1
State	5	66.2	62.2	64.6
Willington	6	79.2	78.9	67.5
State	6	66.6	66.4	61.9
Willington	7	82.6	78.3	72.5
State	7	63.3	71.2	62
Willington	8	72.6	68.7	73.8
State	8	61	64.9	63.4

October 1, 2007 enrollment

Grade	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
# of Students	17	57	50	65	57	53	69	74	68	87

Center School                      246  
Hall Memorial School        351  
Total                                      597

## **Willington Public Library Annual Report 2007-2008**

The Willington Public Library provides access to many resources. Books are just the beginning. We provide programs, referrals, information, access to technology and other materials.

The library's materials catalog is available at [willingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://willingtonpubliclibrary.org). You can reserve, renew and inter-library loan materials. If you supply the library with your e-mail address you can request that you receive an email notice of your account's activities. You can also check out our calendar and go to [infoanytime](http://infoanytime) to ask a question.

Some of our programs this year were Birds of Prey, Bubblemania, Movin' 2 Music, Face Painting, Mother Goose Story-Time, Wheels on the Bus Story-Time, Science Nights, Wingmasters, and monthly movies as well as on-going craft activities.

The Friends of the library provided the following museum passes: Lutz Children's Museum, New Britain Museum of American Art and the Wadsworth Athenum. We also have available for library users the passes from the Mystic Aquarium and Connecticut State Parks and Forests.

The Friends bookshop continues to be very successful. Monies collected here are use for library programming. We receive donated materials daily which are sorted as we find free time. We have cataloged many donations for our shelves; others are put in the bookshop or saved for future sorting.

The knitting club and the crocheting club meet weekly in the library. We also have a book discussion group that chooses a new book each month. I was very excited about starting our first Intermediate (4, 5 & 6 graders) and Teen (7 & 8 graders) Nutmeg Winner Awards Book Club. This is the first time our library took part in this Connecticut Nutmeg Program.

A former Willington resident donated money for paintings to hang on our walls. We chose the paintings by visiting studios of local artists. Be sure to visit the library and view the beautiful artwork. While you are at the library, be sure to look at our two glass cases which display collections owned by library users. If you have a collection you would like to display, please give us a phone call at 860.429.3854.

Sincerely,  
Roberta S. Passardi  
Director

To Residents of the Town of Willington:

The following pages represent excerpts from the Town's annual audit report. The Town of Willington's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2008 is available in its entirety on the Town website at [www.willingtonct.org](http://www.willingtonct.org).

**TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CONNECTICUT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE-BUDGET AND ACTUAL-BUDGETARY BASIS-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 10,097,310	\$ 10,097,310	\$ 10,241,129	\$ 143,819
Intergovernmental revenues	3,925,128	3,925,128	4,010,685	85,557
Investment income	150,000	150,000	148,192	(1,808)
Licenses, fees and permits	192,150	192,150	162,196	(29,954)
Miscellaneous	61,000	61,000	85,410	24,410
Total revenues	<u>14,425,588</u>	<u>14,425,588</u>	<u>14,647,612</u>	<u>222,024</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	915,671	945,339	938,355	6,984
Public safety	364,947	362,699	361,649	1,050
Public works	1,127,164	1,210,078	1,199,849	10,229
Education	7,253,601	7,253,601	7,158,289	95,312
Regional School District No. 19	3,650,352	3,640,407	3,640,407	-
Miscellaneous	357,380	326,010	321,308	4,702
Debt Service				
Principal payments	345,000	345,000	345,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	143,673	143,673	143,673	-
Capital outlays	22,000	22,000	20,959	1,041
Total expenditures	<u>14,179,788</u>	<u>14,248,807</u>	<u>14,129,489</u>	<u>119,318</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	245,800	176,781	518,123	341,342
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Designation of fund balance	350,000	436,269	-	(436,269)
Transfers out	(595,800)	(613,050)	(625,739)	(12,689)
Transfers in			10,500	10,500
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(245,800)</u>	<u>(176,781)</u>	<u>(615,239)</u>	<u>(438,458)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(97,116)</u>	<u>\$ (97,116)</u>
 FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2007			<u>1,537,231</u>	
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2008			<u>\$ 1,440,115</u>	

**THE TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 10,067,310	\$ 10,067,310	\$ 10,194,857	\$ 127,547
Interest and lien fees	30,000	30,000	46,272	16,272
Total property taxes	<u>10,097,310</u>	<u>10,097,310</u>	<u>10,241,129</u>	<u>143,819</u>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES</b>				
Education				
Education cost sharing	3,505,064	3,505,064	3,521,683	16,619
Transportation	104,785	104,785	118,633	13,848
Noneducation				
State property reimbursement	43,653	43,653	47,758	4,105
Elderly and disabled property tax homeowner	21,500	21,500	18,916	(2,584)
Disability reimbursement	600	600	678	78
Manufacturers pilot	10,470	10,470	10,833	363
Pequot funds	46,533	46,533	56,246	9,713
Additional veteran's exemption	1,100	1,100	999	(101)
Taxes on vessels (Boat grant)	462	462	462	-
Judicial fines	2,000	2,000	10,863	8,863
School construction	93,928	93,928	93,928	-
State Surplus	-	-	-	-
Town aid roads	95,033	95,033	129,686	34,653
Total intergovernmental revenues	<u>3,925,128</u>	<u>3,925,128</u>	<u>4,010,685</u>	<u>85,557</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>148,192</u>	<u>(1,808)</u>
<b>LICENSES, FEES AND PERMITS</b>				
Building, zoning fees and permits	98,000	98,000	53,392	(44,608)
Zoning board of appeals	800	800	855	55
Inland/wetland fees				-
Conveyance tax	40,000	40,000	50,033	10,033
Permits - bingo, pistol, etc.	350	350	1,435	1,085
Town clerk fees	44,000	44,000	34,657	(9,343)
Transfer station fees	4,000	4,000	6,576	2,576
Reimbursement - recycling	5,000	5,000	15,248	10,248
Total licenses, fees and permits	<u>192,150</u>	<u>192,150</u>	<u>162,196</u>	<u>(29,954)</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
Telecommunications grant	30,000	30,000	27,147	(2,853)
Other	31,000	31,000	58,263	27,263
Total miscellaneous	<u>61,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>85,410</u>	<u>24,410</u>
Total revenues	<u>14,425,588</u>	<u>14,425,588</u>	<u>14,647,612</u>	<u>222,024</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in:				
Capital Projects			10,500	10,500
Designation of fund balance	350,000	436,269	-	(436,269)
Total other financing sources	<u>350,000</u>	<u>436,269</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>(425,769)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 14,775,588</u>	<u>\$ 14,861,857</u>	<u>\$ 14,658,112</u>	<u>\$ (203,745)</u>

**TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Selectmen	\$ 106,114	\$ 110,114	\$ 110,054	\$ 60
Probate court	5,022	5,245	5,245	-
Elections/registrars	20,578	26,578	26,404	174
Accounting services	171,239	171,239	170,956	283
Board of finance	4,126	4,126	4,096	30
Town treasurer	27,284	26,784	26,577	207
Auditor	37,730	28,000	28,000	-
Assessor	77,999	77,999	77,845	154
Board of assessment appeals	1,273	1,273	1,137	136
Revenue collector	72,479	72,479	71,923	556
Legal counsel	34,500	41,800	41,800	-
Town clerk	92,736	92,736	91,627	1,109
Conservation commission	1,500	1,500	1,493	7
Planning and zoning	108,801	108,801	107,931	870
Zoning board of appeals	4,200	4,200	4,166	34
Economic development commission	1,500	1,500	1,333	167
Inland/wetlands commission	2,950	2,950	2,710	240
Town office operations	81,260	81,260	79,288	1,972
Town hall operations	8,950	8,950	8,719	231
Senior Center operations	22,430	26,805	26,803	2
Consulting engineers	33,000	51,000	50,248	752
Total general government	<u>915,671</u>	<u>945,339</u>	<u>938,355</u>	<u>6,984</u>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Ambulance grant	238,603	238,603	238,603	-
Fire marshal	22,913	22,913	22,650	263
Fire protection	27,806	27,806	27,606	200
Public Safety & Welfare	26,670	26,670	26,667	3
Emergency Management Director	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Fire Main and Hydrant	4,380	2,295	2,295	-
Building official	40,575	40,412	39,828	584
Total public safety	<u>364,947</u>	<u>362,699</u>	<u>361,649</u>	<u>1,050</u>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Public works department	845,977	928,891	919,481	9,410
Cemetery	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Transfer station	279,187	279,187	278,368	819
Total public works	<u>1,127,164</u>	<u>1,210,078</u>	<u>1,199,849</u>	<u>10,229</u>

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Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes		Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers to		Adjusted Taxes	Collections		Uncollected Taxes	
	July 1, 2007	June 30, 2008		Additions	Deletions	Suspense	Collectible		Taxes	Interest		Liens
2006	\$ -	\$ -	10,226,951	\$ 20,207	\$ 26,281	\$ -	12,665	\$ 10,208,212	\$ 10,131,369	\$ 28,589	\$ 4,546	\$ 76,843
2005	63,285	-	-	304	1,136	-	3,690	58,763	42,310	8,809	1,647	16,453
2004	14,969	-	-	506	39	-	378	15,058	6,589	1,173	223	8,469
2003	8,225	-	-	203	-	-	-	8,428	203	119	152	8,225
2002	7,565	-	-	537	-	-	-	8,102	2,092	2,875	67	6,010
2001	1,972	-	-	287	-	-	-	2,259	287	338	4	1,972
2000	1,918	-	-	140	-	-	-	2,058	1,030	1,265	2	1,028
1999	1	-	-	86	-	-	-	87	86	107	2	1
1998	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	93	93	137	2	-
1997	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	60	60	100	2	-
1996	-	-	-	576	-	-	-	576	576	1,083	12	-
95 and prior	-	-	-	236	-	-	-	236	236	383	77	-
	\$ 97,935	\$ 10,226,951	\$ 23,235	\$ 27,456	\$ 16,733	\$ 10,303,932			10,184,931	44,978	6,736	\$ 119,001

## ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO SERVE YOU

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Board of Selectmen</u>	
Michael L. Eldredge – 1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman	2009
Mark Palmer	2009
David P. Charette	2009

<u>Board of Education</u>	
Mark Makuch	2009
Theresa Gareau, V. Chair	2011
David O. Tharp	2009
Herbert Arico	2011
Laurie Semprebbon, Chair	2011
Christina Mailhos	2011
Christine Psathas	2009

<u>Board of Finance</u>	
Kathleen K. Blessing, Chair	2009
Ken Schoppmann, V. Chair	2011
Mark D. Jones	2009
Anne Marie Brown	2013
Mathew DiNallo	2008
Elizabeth A. Marco	2013
Chopeta C. Lyons, Alternate	2009
Dawn Semmelrock, Alternate	2009

<u>Board of Assessment Appeals</u>	
Edward C. Taiman, Jr.	2011
Gregory J. Thomson	2011
Carol Parizek	2009

<u>Planning and Zoning</u>	
Thomas Murphy, Chair	2013
Peter Latinsics, V. Chair	2009
Edward Myles Standish	2011
Phillip Nevers	2013
John A. Sullivan	2013
Matthew Ellis	2009
George Marco	2011
James H. Poole, Alternate	2008
Vacancy, Alternate	
Vacancy, Alternate	

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Library Directors</u>	
Dorothy M. Drobney	2013
Janice Bohseridge	2009
Suzanne Chapman	2013
Pauline Enderie	2011
Shirley Ernst	2011
Nancy Bailey	2009

<u>Registrars of Voters</u>	
Judith Andersen	2009
Nancy Vogel	2009

<u>Town Clerk</u>	
Donna J. Hardie	2010

<u>Treasurer</u>	
Annemarie Poole	2011

<u>Judge of Probate</u>	
Cheryl Brown	2011

<u>Reg. #19 Board of Education</u>	
Hebert C. Arico	2009
Robert Jellen	2011
Deborah Potvin	2009
Elizabeth Marina Peczuh	2011

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

### Assessor

Mary Huda

### Municipal Revenue Collector

Carol Larson

### Building Inspector

Edward Stavenski

### Open Burning Officials

Richard Palmer

### Dog Warden

Richard Claus, Sr.

### Emergency Mgt. Director

Stuart Cobb

### Fire Marshal

Richard Palmer

### Recreation Director

John Sahi

### Health Officer

Eastern Highlands Health Dist.

### Sanitarian

Eastern Highlands Health Dist.

### Zoning Agents

Susan Yorgensen

Gary Jones, Assistant

### Willington Yth, Family & Soc. Svcs.

Tara Martin, Director

## **COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

### Inland Wetlands & Watercourses

Ken Metzler, Chair

David Schreiber, V. Chair

Greg Blessing

Frank Dirrigl

Leon Kouyoumjian

Teresa Gutowski, Alternate

Roger Peloquin, Alternate

### Solid Waste Advisory

Edward Taimen, Chair

Vacancy

John Sahi

Michael Pinatti

Peter Thomsen

Ann Cilfone, Alternate

Vacancy, Alternate

### Justice of the Peace

Edward Beebe

Cheryl H. Brown

Marion E. Dooling

Ralph R. Parizek

Emily Kasacek

Wayne Knight

Shirley Lewis

John Patton

Deborah Potvin

Robert G. Ryder

Thomas M. Smith

Janice B. Vissoe

Arthur A. Forst, Jr.

Kathleen A. Pacholski

Deborah C. Motola

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Maloney, Chair

Mark Masinda

Annemarie Poole

Brian Semprebon

Norman Wilson

John Rup, Alternate

Christopher Deskus, Alternate

Donald Brown, Alternate

## COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, Cont.

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

### Cemetery Association

Tyler Millix, Auditor  
John Patton, Treasurer  
Ernie Kucko, Sexton  
Ralph Parizek, Vice President  
Anne Sylvia, Auditor  
Brian Elton, Secretary  
Joseph Philippi, President  
Donald Parizek, Superintendent/Trustee  
Geoff Prusak, Trustee  
Emill R. Kalbac, Trustee

### Conservation Commission

Peter Andersen, Chair  
Carol Jordan, Treasurer  
Mark Drobney  
Robert Shabot  
Marilyn Schreiber  
Paul Pribula  
Kathleen Demers  
Vacancy, Alternate  
Vacancy, Alternate  
Robert Bloom, Alternate

### Willington Senior Center

Charles Wiggins, President  
Wilbur Gangaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres  
Jean LaFramboise, Secretary  
Vivian Gartner, Asst. Sec.  
Joseph Piarek, Treasurer  
Elna Eldredge  
Harriet Marco, Asst. Treas.  
Janice Kasacek, 1<sup>st</sup> V.Pres.

### Housing Authority

Robert Campbell, Chair  
Wilbur Gangaway, V. Chair  
Claudia D'Agata  
Cindy Wilson  
Tyler Millix

### Economic Dev. Commission

Mark W. Peczuh  
Marc A. Jeffreys  
James H. Poole  
David P. Charette  
Walter Parsell

### Historic District Commission

Rosa Helena Chinchilla  
William Bailey  
Mary Beth Caron  
William Bailey  
Laurie Masciandaro  
Robert R. Shabot  
Marc Jeffreys, Alternate  
Timothy Blauvelt, Alternate  
Isabel W. Weigold, Town Historian  
Vacancy

### Historical Society

Robert Shabot, President  
Vacancy, V. President  
Thelma King, Secretary  
Sue Schur, Treasurer  
Michael Emmons

### Willington Recreation Commission

Michael Harnad, Chair  
Jospeh Colangelo, Sec.  
Gregory Blessing  
Michael Pinatti  
Steve Swart  
Alan Ference  
Edward C. Taiman, Jr.  
Gregory Suchy