

2010-2011 *Annual Report*



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A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Finance

I am pleased to deliver the 149th Annual Report of the Town of Simsbury. The goal of this report is to convey to the Town's citizens, taxpayers and other stakeholders a description of the significant events and activities that have occurred during the reporting period. This report includes financial information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, as well as a description of the significant events and activities that occurred in the community during the calendar year 2011.

2011 was a very challenging year with two major storms that hit our town particularly hard. The first was Hurricane Irene in late summer, followed by the devastating Storm Alfred which hit our town on Saturday, October 29th. The latter storm left our town with down trees, power lines, damaged homes and business, closed our schools for over seven days and left many residents without power for up to eleven days. What this storm did not do was damage the spirit and resolve of our citizens. All pitched together to take care of neighbors and friends. In addition,

our elected leaders came together for the common good; and it was awe inspiring to see how hard our town and education staff worked during this crisis to take care of those impacted by this storm. From tree clearing to keeping the shelter in our high school operating and clean, all worked above and beyond.

The Boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen have acted prudently and proactively throughout the year to effectively manage the Town's finances. While carefully monitoring the revenue side of the budget, the Boards of Education and Selectmen have taken action to control and reduce budgeted expenditures to the greatest extent possible. This prudence has continued throughout the budget season and has been validated by our residents in our May automatic referendum. You will read more about this in our annual report.

In closing, I want to thank the many dedicated members of our community that serve on the Town's boards and commissions. These

volunteers work tirelessly for the betterment of our community through the donation of countless hours of service.

Again, it continues to be my pleasure and honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Finance. I continue to be grateful for the honor and privilege.

Sincerely,



Paul Henault
Chairman, Board of Finance



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Dear Simsbury Resident:

We are pleased to present the 2010-2011 Annual Report for the Town of Simsbury. As a resident, it is critical for you to have an accurate accounting of your tax dollars and a thorough summary of Town functions, goals and accomplishments. It continues to be the top priority for us as town and elected officials to provide the taxpayers of Simsbury the highest quality services at the lowest possible cost – without adding to the tax burden.

Thanks to our staff, volunteers and the community, the Town of Simsbury continues to be nationally recognized as one of the best small towns in which to live. It is one of only 12 towns nationally to be recognized as a Distinctive Destination and it is the only town in Connecticut to be named a Bicycle Friendly Community.

In 2011, the global economic crisis continued to present fiscal challenges to our local government, just as it did for our town residents and businesses. Fortunately, there are signs that the economy is beginning to recover – with investment income increasing and the unemployment rate decreasing. As of December 31, 2011 the unemployment rate for Simsbury was 5.3%, compared to 8.3% for the state and 8.5% nationally.

However, the economic downturn continued to add an additional burden to the Town's Social Services department with an increased demand for services from the Town including financial, fuel and medical assistance. Additionally, no grand list growth for the fourth straight year and the uncertain status of State aid and grants means that the Town will need to continue to try to do more with less.

And as if the financial challenges were not enough, Mother Nature decided to really test our resolve in 2011. The Town experienced record snow storms in January, flooding in the Spring, the hottest days on record in July, Hurricane Irene and more flooding in August, and a freak snowstorm that caused extensive power outages in late October.

The October Storm Alfred in particular was one of the most challenging times in our Town's history with a record 13 days without power for some; but I also believe it can be seen as one of our proudest moments. Our community truly came together to help one another – whether it was volunteering at the Simsbury High School shelter, checking in on neighbors, or donating money, food or time. I want to again thank all of the Town employees,

especially our public safety officials, public works staff, social services staff, managers, secretaries, highway workers, and clerks; as well as all of our community volunteers, including the Simsbury Volunteer Fire District Ladies Auxiliary and the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance members, for working so hard to continue to serve the Town during this time. The continued success of the Town of Simsbury can be directly attributed to the collaboration of these individuals.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I thank you for choosing Simsbury as your home. Our community offers an unmatched quality of life and we are honored to serve you and provide the very best for you and your family.

Sincerely,



Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman



A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Education and Superintendent

Despite budget challenges, last year proved to be another year in which we experienced district-wide improvements in education--our programs flourished and our students scored some remarkable achievements.

Test scores show our students are high achieving, but that is just one aspect of their success. This year in particular, achievements often extended beyond our town's borders. Many of you have seen the amazing student-produced documentary on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which received national media attention. Representing the arts, our high school choirs were invited to perform with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra at Bushnell Park in Hartford, and Central School students were invited to exhibit a collection of masks at the Gallery on the Green in Canton. Demonstrating the strength of our engineering and technology education programs, last year's FIRST Robotics Team received the "Rookie All Star Award" at the Northeast Utilities Regional Competition and then represented Simsbury High School at the championship in Saint Louis, Missouri, competing against teams from all over the globe, including Israel, Australia, and Canada.

We are indebted to our hard-working staff and faculty for much of the strides we made this past year. Each week dedicated teachers work in teams called "Professional Learning Communities" to share knowledge and skills, thereby increasing their ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students and improving the quality of teaching.

You may know many of our remarkable teachers, such as Chinese teacher Amy Watts, who was honored as Simsbury's Teacher of the Year. Tariffville School showed that even the smallest school can achieve greatness, ranking #5 of all elementary schools in the state for overall performance by the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN). The school's principal, Scott Baker, was named Outstanding First Year Principal by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS). Music and Performing Arts Director Angela Griffin received the Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award, while colleague Dr. Stuart Younse was presented with the award for Choral Director of the Year. Henry James Memorial School art teacher Laurel Archambault was named Outstanding Art Educator by the Connecticut Art Education Association. The list goes on and on!

Our governing body earned its share of recognition this year as well. Board of Education President Lydia Tedone was elected President of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), Diane Ullman was named Superintendent of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), and CABE honored the Simsbury Board of Education with its Board of Distinction award for the third straight year.

We cannot talk about the success of our education system without crediting the Simsbury community. Many worked together for the benefit

of all, with programs such as a district-sponsored bullying prevention workshop and a very successful Walk/Bike to School Day organized by a group from Tootin' Hills. We have made considerable progress in community outreach with new and exciting programs in conjunction with the Department of Continuing Education. And what fruitful partnerships we have enjoyed with the Community Farm of Simsbury, the Simsbury Public Library, the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, the Simsbury Senior Center, and the Simsbury Historical Society. We look forward to our continued relationship with these folks, who share our goal of building a strong community.

This troubled economy has forced us to do more with less, yet with the unwavering support you demonstrate to us every day, we will continue to give you reasons to be proud of the Simsbury public school system. Please visit our website at www.simsbury.k12.ct.us or email us at LTedone@simsbury.k12.ct.us or DULLman@simsbury.k12.ct.us if you have a question or want to give us your feedback. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lydia Tedone, Chairman, Board of Education

Diane Ullman, Superintendent



Town Elected Boards

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Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen is the legislative body of the Town of Simsbury. The Board consists of six members, including the First Selectman, and members are elected to two year terms. The Board of Selectmen derives its authority through the Town Charter and Connecticut General Statutes.

Board of Finance

Boards of Finance in Connecticut perform a significant role as an elected citizen oversight board whose charge is to balance the municipal expenditure requests with the available revenue. The task of Simsbury's six member Board of Finance, as outlined in the Connecticut General Statutes and our Town Charter, is two fold: act as the budget making authority and be responsible for financial and taxation matters.

The Board of Finance works on an annual basis with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education in order to put both operating and capital budgets before the voters. During that process, the Board is responsible for holding public hearings for the presentation of operating and capital budgets by the First Selectman and the Chairman of the Board of Education. These meetings provide an open forum for public comment before further action, either at Town Meeting or Referendum.

The Board of Finance is also responsible for gathering all relevant financial data pertinent to local, state and national economic health, in order to establish budget guidelines and establish the mill rate on an annual basis. Finally, the Board works with the Finance Director to oversee the Town's accounting systems, provide for the annual budget audit, and assist the First Selectman's

Office in preparing the Annual Town Report. The work of the Board of Finance provides essential checks and balances that ensure the long-term financial stability of the Town.

The continuing recession economy with higher than normal unemployment, a depressed housing market, reduced investment income and little growth of the town's Grand List have challenged the Board of Finance during 2010/2011. We have adopted a conservative, low tax increase posture for several years. The current budget, adopted in May 2011 resulted in an increase of less than 2% and provides funds to maintain quality education and exceptional town services. Simsbury has maintained its "rainy day" reserve fund balances at nearly 10% of the operating budget; a position which has allowed us to "weather" the Storm Alfred cleanup without major disruption. Moody's Investment Services continues to rate the town's debt at the highest bond rating: Aaa. Simsbury has won awards for excellence in financial reporting. Our current focus is on improving the management of our pension obligations. Important initiatives include refinancing some of our bond debt at low favorable interest rates which will save the town over \$300,000 and providing funding for the renovations at Eno Memorial Hall. Simsbury continues to support the purchase of open space and development rights.

Board of Education

The Board of Education is the governing and policy making body of the Simsbury School District. The Board derives its power from the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Connecticut as well as from the State Board of Education and the Charter of the Town of Simsbury.

The Board of Education is responsible for establishing policy and educational goals and objectives that guide the school system toward the continuous improvement of the educational program for Simsbury's children. The Board is also responsible for the ongoing evaluation of the school program against its goals and objectives and for the evaluation of the Superintendent. The Board of Education, by Conn. Gen. Statute 10-222, must prepare an itemized estimate of the expenses for operating the schools in the upcoming year. Once the town has approved the appropriation of funds at referendum, the Board of Education has the discretion and responsibility for the expenditure of those funds.

The Board consists of eight elected members who meet twice a month at the Board of Education offices. Agendas and minutes of the meetings are posted on the Board of Education page of the district website <http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=1675>.

The Board has a strategic plan that provides direction and focus to the improvement work of the district. The strategic plan includes improvement indicators that establish ambitious goals that push our staff and students to grow and improve beyond our current high levels of performance. The indicators fall into four broad categories: academics, character, operations, and



finance. The honors and recognitions that our students, teachers, and district received in 2010-11 are illustrative of the progress we have made. Following are some highlights of our achievements this past year.

Academics/Fine Arts/Athletics

U.S. News & World Report awarded SHS a silver medal as a top performing high school in a national comparison of high schools

- More than 95 percent of seventh graders met goal on the Reading portion of the 2011 CMT
- In Writing, 94% of students met goal on standardized tests, making Simsbury #1 in the state
- SHS had 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 17 National Merit Commended Scholars, and inducted 140 students into the National Honor Society
- SHS students won a prestigious Siemens Regional Award for science
- SHS had a Silver Key National Scholastic and Writing Award winner
- 9 SHS students placed first in State FBLA Competition
- 20 SHS students scored in the top 20 percent of high school students nationwide in the National Financial Capability Challenge
- SHS Math League team finished third in the Capitol Area Mathematics League, qualified for state competition, and had two members selected to represent the CT team and attend the regional competition at Penn State University
- 29 SHS engineering students qualified for college credit
- SHS was named to the AP Achievement Honor Roll for substantially increasing participation in Advanced Placement testing over the last three years
- SHS student placed 3rd in the Chemistry Olympiad at the state level and sat for the National Exam
- SHS Athletics won the Michael's Cup for "overall excellence in high school athletics," the seventh time in eleven years
- Of the more than 1,500 students at SHS, 1,010 participated in at least one school sport
- The Simsbury Arts Academy (SAA) increased enrollment and expanded opportunities for enrichment through workshops and Master Classes during the year and a highly successful summer program for K-12 students
- Tariffville and Latimer Lane 6th graders and two SHS students presented at the 17th annual CT Educators' Computer Association (CECA) Technology Exhibition
- An SHS field hockey student earned 2010 Gladiator Award for maintaining a cumulative, unweighted 3.5-4.0 GPA through the first quarter
- Two SHS students broke the 21-year-old school record in the discus throw
- SHS had two rugby players make the U-19 New England Select side team; SHS hosted the Connecticut Rugby State Championships and placed third in the State
- SHS had an academic All-State wrestler
- SHS coach Rick Collins was a 2011 National Coach of the Year finalist in Girls Outdoor Track
- SHS social studies teacher Rich Curtiss was named 2011 Educator of the Year by the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce
- HJMS social studies teacher Christina Chamberlain received the Excellence in Social Studies Education Award
- SHS received local, state, and national recognition for a student-produced documentary about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s time spent in Simsbury in the 1940s
- Unified Theater group was featured on NBC's Today Show
- SHS had 3 Gold Key winners in Sculpture and 1 Silver Key winner in Photography
- An SHS art student received a local monetary award for Sculpture for exemplary work in the visual arts
- Central School Art teacher Dave Holzman's work made the front cover of The Hartford Advocate in September 2010 for his piece "American Splendor"
- Central School representatives met the governor and received an award for the Governor's 2010 Summer Reading Challenge
- Central School students Annabelle and Abigail Strong received recognition and an award from CCSU for Talented and Gifted Youth
- 75 Latimer Lane students participated in Math Olympiads, an enrichment program for students in grades 4-6 who are especially astute in mathematics
- The Technology Student Association (TSA) Engineering Club organization was established at SHS
- SHS had 9 winners in the COLT Poetry Competition
- Three Squadron Line and five Latimer Lane students had their writing selected by the Connecticut Writing Project to be published in the 2011 Connecticut Student Writer magazine
- A Latimer Lane sixth grader was a finalist in

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the “Letters About Literature” contest, with her piece was chosen from 1,600 entries

- 17 Simsbury students were selected to perform in national children’s choirs for the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE)
- Tariffville School’s Special Chorus students were awarded first place at a choral adjudication; this was the second year they received the highest score of all elementary choruses that performed
- SHS had 5 All-State choral students
- An SHS student won Best Documentary at the Tunxis Community College Film Festival
- 6 SHS students won First Place for the Best Public Service Announcement at the CT Student Film Festival
- Simsbury placed first in Teen Battle Chef competition
- SHS Culinary Arts students earned gold for the best student show piece working with sugar, the most creative professional table with theme, and best of show student cake competition at the Connecticut Chefs Association Annual Culinary Arts Exposition

Character

- The district held a community bullying prevention workshop to promote a positive school climate
- SHS implemented its “Trojan Code,” which is focused on recognizing the positive behavior and good citizenship of high school students while providing greater consistency of consequences for misbehavior
- SHS Guidance Department and SHS Principal selected to present Student Success Plans in the Developmental Guidance Program to the

New England Secondary School Consortium

- SHS collected 1,410 lbs. of non-perishables for the Turkey Trot--this was 2nd highest among the 12 participating schools, a 290% increase over last year and a 235% jump from the 2009 and 2008 amounts
- An SHS senior won a savings bond from the Aquarion Water Company for outstanding accomplishments in community conservation
- SHS and HJMS student groups held several events throughout the year designed to bring students and senior citizens together
- HJMS students donated an automated external defibrillator to the senior center
- Tootin’ Hills School entered its third year of the “Grandfriends Program” in partnership with McLean home, establishing meaningful one-on-one relationships between fifth graders and McLean residents
- Latimer Lane fifth graders developed and maintained a relationship with the McLean Hospice Program throughout the school year, sending hospice patients letters, poems, and cards on a monthly basis
- Tootin’ Hills School maintained a minimum of five daily contacts with families informing parents of an act by their child that reflects one of the school’s four character ideals: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, and/or Integrity
- Disney’s FamilyFun Magazine awarded first prize to Tootin’ Hills School for its Project Outreach volunteer efforts to provide for homeless men in Hartford
- Latimer Lane and Tariffville school communities worked together to raise almost \$1,500 for cancer research, with students, two elementary principals and seven teachers running in the Hartford Marathon team relay

- Latimer Lane enhanced its character education program, implementing G.A.T.E. (Great Achievement Today and Every day)
- Due to Squadron Line’s character education “Shine,” office referrals are down by 80%, with hundreds of students receiving recognition for their positive behavior choices that demonstrate respect, responsibility, and kindness
- Central School held a “Diversity Day” to reinforce acceptance and unity

Operations & Finance

- Money magazine ranked Simsbury #39 of America’s best small towns in which to live, citing the quality of education as a factor
- CABE gave its Award of Excellence for Educational Communications to the music department newsletter Ovation
- Simsbury Enrichment & Extended Day (SEED) expanded to all five elementary schools
- Despite budget challenges, the district implemented an eight-period day at the high school and SRIP at the elementary schools, a new reading program with the goal that every child reads at grade level by the third grade
- Simsbury Public Schools earned Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) award for “Substantial Impact on Loss Cost Factors”
- Grant funds supported the Chinese program, facilitating a number of cultural programs, enrolling 437 students in Chinese classes at HJMS and SHS, and enhancing its sister school exchange program
- A new sign for the high school was financed by previous SHS graduating classes, and Squadron Line School unveiled their new sign, also funded by donations



Administrative Services

Administrative Services recommends management policy to the First Selectman and to the Personnel Subcommittee. Under the direction of the First Selectman, who serves as the Town's Personnel Director, the Director and Deputy Director of Administrative Services administer and evaluate the staffing program for approximately 150 full time and up to 50 regular part time employees. In addition, the Administrative Services staff provides management support to the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen in the administration of Town operations.

Additional key Administrative Services functions include:

- Negotiating collective bargaining agreements;
- Filling open staff positions;
- Managing staff disciplinary issues;
- Administering employee and retiree health benefits;
- Managing workers compensation and general liability claims;
- Administering Town and Police pension plans

The Administrative Services function continues to increase and improve the Town's risk management initiative in order to reduce costs to the Town. Working closely with the Town's insurance provider, CIRMA, the Town has strengthened its Employee Safety Committee (which meets regularly and at least once a quarter), has increased employee training and has identified specific training to prevent job-related injuries and corresponding workers compensation claims.

Animal Control Officer

Animal Control is a service provided by the Police Department. It is comprised of responding to domestic and non-domestic animal related needs, insuring animal related compliance with public health and safety concerns, quality of life issues and education. Our dedicated Animal Control Officer (ACO) remains readily accessible to the Simsbury residents and is frequently called upon to assist area towns with animal related issues, which promotes strong relationships with our surrounding towns. In addition to the ongoing programs noted below, the ACO is always prepared to respond to emergencies that involve resident animals. The animal shelter that was set up after Storm Alfred and the Tropical Storm Irene response illustrated this. The ACO is also licensed and certified by the Department of Environmental Protection for nuisance wildlife control.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

Public Health and Safety

- Completed Annual Dog License Survey to promote vaccination and licensing compliance.
- Hosted annual rabies vaccination clinic to provide convenience and reduce fees.
- Facilitated the adoption of pets.

Public Awareness, Education and Community Outreach

- Educational presentations for the public at Eno Hall; to all residents via SCTV and the Department website; to civic organizations, residential care facilities and other groups in town.
- Serves as an instructor at the Police Academy and for various other law enforcement agencies.
- Participation in department-wide Community Relations programs.

- Distribution of Bear Brochure.
- Addition of links to the Department website.
- Advisor to the Dog Park Committee.
- Town's Top Dog Contest.
- Dog Days of Summer at the Farmer's Market.
- Holiday Collection for Active Military Canine Handlers and their dogs.

Service Development

- Extended information/specialized services to the Patrol Division to allow a more comprehensive departmental response to animal related needs within town.
- Participation in Regional Animal Response Team exercise for emergency preparedness.
- Completion of FEMA courses and numerous professional development classes.

2011-2012 Goals

- Continue annual participation in Dog License Survey and hosting of rabies vaccination clinic.
- Provide broad-based educational presentations and information concerning wildlife safety as well as domestic animals, such as "Preventing Dog Bites", "Aggressive Dogs" and "Keeping Your Pets Safe".
- Host training for patrol officers and area Animal Control Officers.
- Enhance professional growth and service.

Incident Statistics 2010 – 2011

Animal Complaints	1,058
Dog Licenses Issued	2,288
Animal Bites	14
Animal-related Arrests	5
Impounded Animals	49



Assessor

The Assessor's Office is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing property and administering exemption and tax relief programs as required by applicable state and federal law or local ordinance.

The list of October 1, 2010 was completed on, February 28, 2011. The net taxable grand list as reported to the State of Connecticut on May 2, 2011 was \$2,599,506,658.

In the six months ending December 31, 2011, much of the field work and some of the real estate valuation for the October 1, 2011 was completed; personal property declarations were sent out, received and processed and many of the values estimated. The 2010 Supplemental Motor Vehicle list was complete in time for bills to be mailed in December. Work began on the October 1, 2012 revaluation.

Building Department

The Connecticut Building Code is really a number of model codes, including the electric, fire, safety, mechanical, plumbing, energy and existing building codes, as well as a number of reference standards including those for accessibility. The bottom line is that we enforce a tremendous amount of very technical requirements in a way that we hope is understandable and attainable by the people who need to follow them. We do thorough plan reviews and thousands of site inspections, respond to inquiries, provide information and, when needed, issue orders to get compliance with all of the code requirements. We coordinate our efforts with other departments including Zoning, Wetlands, Historic, Health,

Water Pollution Control, Tax Collector and Assessor, so that a permit to construct can be issued by the Building Official. We also interact and support the enforcement of the State Traffic Commission, DOT, Department of Consumer Protection licensing, OSHA and State and Federal Environmental Protection regulations. The process can be daunting but our goal has been to make the permit process as simple and seamless as possible for each applicant while protecting the public interest and assuring the safety of our built environment. We support the Fire Marshal in responding to fires, are the liaison with public utilities for service approvals and connections and have the authority to condemn a building or structure.

What we have accomplished this year The Administrative Assistant, Colleen Fenn, has been working with our IT department, eight other town Building and IT departments in the region and representatives from the regional council of government to fine-tune permit software to enhance our service capability. In short, the software is more usable although inherently more time consuming than we hoped for, but is far better than the previous database. The inspection schedule and number of permits issued has been comparable to any busy year in the past decade, but with one major difference; we have one inspector rather than two or three and no file clerk. We have concentrated on maintaining a high level of customer service. The closeout of existing permits that still number in the thousands has been relegated to taking all open permits with us for the address we are already visiting while making an inspection so they can be

closed. We are making progress, but that progress is slow.

We have received proposals from vendors to digitize some or all of the plans and records we have. This will make retrieval quicker, preserve the records and reduce storage space.

As Chairman and one of two Building Official members of the Connecticut Codes and Standards Committee, I have heard appeals to the State Building and Fire Codes, participated in the production and hearings for the 2009 amendments to the state codes, commented on the proposed State Fire Prevention Code, and worked extensively on the State Energy Code to meet the requirements of the State statutes for sustainability and the Federal Stimulus funding as well as State initiatives for high performance buildings and electric vehicles. Time constraints have forced me to defer responsibilities as director for several regional and state code associations and committees, but I am still available to those organizations as needed .

What we hope to accomplish this coming year We hope to be able to maintain a high level of customer service with limited inconvenience in scheduling and no reduction in primary services. We hope to begin limited record digitizing and storage and continue improvement to our permit software. The ability to accomplish these goals will be directly related to staffing levels and budget constraints. I hope to continue involvement in code development at the State and National level. Better, more usable and accessible codes, not just more regulation, must be diligently pursued.

The top ten taxpayers on the October 1, 2009 grand list were:

Name	Nature of Business	Net Taxable Valuation
E and A/I and Simsbury Commons LP	Shopping Center	\$ 32,375,000
Simsbury Assoc. Limited Partnership	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 29,865,500
Hartford Life and Accident Ins. Company	Insurance Company	\$ 28,639,960
Executive Risk Indemnity Inc.	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 19,986,020
Simsbury Hopmeadow Street LLC	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 16,311,710
Connecticut Light & Power	Public Utility	\$ 16,231,150
Woodgreen Simsbury LLC	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 10,372,640
Hoffman, Phyllis W Trustee	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 9,784,490
Simsbury Commons North E&A LLC	Supermarket Property	\$ 9,625,000
Hoffman Enterprises Limited Partnership	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 8,151,710
		Total: \$ 181,343,180

Computer Department

The Computer Department continued to adjust its organization to meet the Town's needs in the most cost effective manner. The department supports technologies throughout all municipal departments, including offices of Board of Education, Simsbury Public Library and Law Enforcement. With the continued growth in government usage of technologies and its demand for providing and utilizing various information streams, the department is focused on researching innovative ways to develop existing and researching new technologies to provide informational benefits to supervised departments and the citizens of Simsbury.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Design and deployment of local area networks at the Culture, Parks and Recreation Complex. Areas included a cable design at the golf maintenance facility and Simsbury Farms Pro Shop and a wireless deployment for temporary offices during construction of main offices.
- Coordination of activities for the successful implementation of a fuel monitoring and reporting application for the Public Works and Culture, Parks and Recreation departments.
- Successful migration of network servers for supporting enhanced network needs through reengineering of existing hardware platform and procurement of equipment to control costs.
- Implementation of extending current telephone system to the Social Services and Senior Center locations, which provides departments with enhanced telephone features through existing infrastructure that grants cost savings initiatives.
- Successful completion of an Information Technology services agreement with the Town

of Canton, providing them support and services as the Region's first IT sharing initiative.

- Increase in Simsbury's web presence:
- Received 1.9M web site visits
- Completed correspondence with 392 emails from constituents
- Implementation of post Storm Alfred resident survey on Storm operations

2011-2012 Goals

- Continue the expansion of telecommunications, including telephony, among remote municipal locations as well as providing secure and cost-effective network segments to support and enhance municipal services.
- Incorporate the supervision of Simsbury's municipal cell phone inventory and usage within the Computer Department, providing centralized management and cost savings initiatives.
- Research and development of Simsbury's Internet presence to include an expanded array of features and services in providing Simsbury's citizens with information in a timely and a cost-efficient manner.
- Continued promotion of upgrades for network servers, operating systems and business software to remain aligned with current technologies.

Culture, Parks and Recreation

The Culture, Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the administration of the town's parks, recreational facilities and recreational programs. The Department attempts to provide a wide range of programs and recreational opportunities, which contribute to the environment, needs and interests of the community.

The Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission provides direction and oversight to the Department, as well as recommending policy to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission is assisted by the Simsbury Farms Complex Committee, a sub-committee that advises on the operation and programming at the Simsbury Farms Recreation Complex.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Secured approval through referendum for funding for and begin renovations to the Main Building at Simsbury Farms.
- Organized and administered the 10th Annual Simsbury Celebrates event in November. The event drew over 12,000 for indoor and outdoor entertainment, a firetruck parade, and fireworks display.
- Continue marketing initiative to continue to make Simsbury Farms the "Heart of a Great Community".
- Increased volume of programs and built database of over 6,700 households that participate in our on-line registration process. Maintained over 400 acres of park lands, 40 athletic fields and facilities including the Performing Arts Center and Farmington Valley Greenway.

2011-2012 Goals

- Complete renovations to Simsbury Farms Main Building, Ice Rink and Golf Course.
- Utilize new golf course website, increase user participation of both residents and non-residents.
- Complete renovations to Memorial Pool.



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Engineering/Capital Projects Development

The Department provides design and management services for community projects and administrative and design support for Capital Projects. During the past year, we worked closely with the Board of Selectmen, Public Building Committee, Simsbury Public Schools and several Town agencies in order to advance several projects to the bidding and construction phase.

The Simsbury Farms' main building renovation and addition project was completed through the design and bidding phases, with construction to begin in late summer of 2011. This project will provide a fully accessible modern, energy efficient facility for the many users of Simsbury Farms' pool, ice rink and numerous programs. The ice rink team rooms were completed for the 2011/12 winter season, with the entire project scheduled for completion for the 2012 summer season.

Energy-efficient lighting was installed in the Town Offices' parking lots and interior space, resulting in an estimated savings of 20,000 kw/year. The cost of \$97,000 was funded by a grant under an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant program.

Project Professional Services

The Engineering Department staff of design professionals provided survey, engineering, and contract management and inspection services for 22 projects, valued at \$1.7 million.

As the year ended, we worked closely with the Connecticut Department of Transportation in order to coordinate the next phase of the Hopmeadow Street Scape Program.

Improvements, including lighting, curbing, handicap ramps, crosswalks and brick walk surfaces, are designed to improve user access and safety, as well as to enhance the attractiveness of the Center. While Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred diverted our resources, the mild autumn weather allowed our contractors to complete work in time for the Simsbury Celebrates program.

The important functions of Simsbury, Avon and Canton Probate Courts were combined as a new Simsbury Regional Court in late 2011. Renovation of the former Assessor's office and adjacent rooms provide an attractive, functional area for the Court. Moving and remodeling of the Tax Collector, Assessor, Registrars and Main Street Offices were accomplished at the same time. Costs for this work were shared by the Regional Court towns.

Following informational neighborhood meetings, water mains were installed, in cooperation with Aquarian Water Co., on part of Whitcomb Drive. With costs recovered through assessments, the public water provides improved service and fire hydrant protection.

Addressing the need for neighborhood sanitary sewers, the department worked closely with the Water Pollution Control Authority to install sewers in Pheasant Lane and to design sewers on Bushy Hill Road, near Sand Hill Road.

These projects, which addressed residents' travel, environment and recreation needs, included the use of grants, assessments and donations. These efforts allowed Simsbury to realize important program savings.

Development Services

Development Services comprise plan review, periodic observation of work, performance bond administration and data base management for the land uses commissions. Five projects, with site improvements valued at \$5 million, were managed during the year.

Several projects moved into the construction phase, including Drake Hill Plaza, McLean Village and Dorset Crossing. Additional projects, such as Hopbrook Village, with the potential for significant community value, were reviewed.

Special Services

Special Services encompass support activities for various Town departments. Major initiatives included the following:

Hopmeadow Street Corridor Study
The Department worked closely with the Community Planning Department, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Capital Region Council of Governments on the Route 10 Study, which examined Hopmeadow Street's ability to provide transportation for various development types and levels, with an emphasis on styles compatible with the Charrette plan and "complete streets" travel opportunities.

Grant Applications, with a value in excess of \$2.6 million, were administered for 11 projects, including the Clubhouse Drive, Energy Efficiency Grant for Town Offices' lighting, the pavement management program (LOCIP), the Firetown Culvert replacement (FEMA), Eno Memorial Historic Preservation Improvements, for

Capital Project Services

During the year, the Department provided support for the following Capital Projects:

Project	Activity	Project Values (\$Millions)
Town Office Energy Efficient Lighting	Construction	0.10
Henry James Boilers	Bid/Construction	0.19
Eno Memorial Interior Restoration	Design	0.20
Latimer Lane School Roof Replace	Design/Bid	1.28
Simsbury Farms Main Building	Design/Bid	2.80
Memorial Park Central Sch Parking	Design	0.13
Tunxis Pumping Station	Bid	0.67
Golf Clubhouse Drive	Construction	0.20
Hopmeadow Street Scape	Design/Bid	0.22
Wolcott Road Pumping Station	Design	1.38

Total Value: \$7.17 Million



acquisition of Ethel Walker Woods open space, and Center Area Street and Walk improvements.

Open Space Grants in the amount of \$906,175.00, were received to help reimburse the cost to preserve over 300 acres of forest, meadows and wetlands at the Ethel Walker Woods property, which is an integral part of a nearly 5,000 acre open space corridor. Additional grants of \$691,666 have been approved for the next phase of this project.

Environmental Testing, Studies and Mapping Services were provided to numerous Town departments to assist in their presentations, data management and community activities. A continuing commitment to the Town's Geographic Information System allowed the updating of assessor maps based on the regional aerial photography. Ground and surface water tests were completed at several sites to assure regulatory standards' compliance as required by the DEEP's Clean Water regulations. Maps were updated for the Assessor, public work's utilities and School District boundaries. Data bases and map files were maintained for subdivision and site developments, surety bonding, excavation permits, state aid road maps and mileage records.

Looking Back and Ahead

With increased pedestrian and bicycle use in our community, we are planning to make improvements to transportation facilities. During 2012, in addition to Hopmeadow Street Scape improvements, we will add parking and a pedestrian walkway to connect Scout Hall and the library; complete design of the first phases of the Tariffville Greenway connection; improve sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks on West

Street; Hopmeadow Street and Owens Brook Boulevard; and, finally, adjust road grades on part of Riverside Road to reduce flooding.

On a regional basis, the Department staff actively participated on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District, the Call Before You Dig system, the Capitol Region Council of Governments' Transportation Committee and the Connecticut Department of Energy, and Environmental Protection's stormwater management program. We continue to realize greater efficiencies and savings from these regional and state alliances.

In the coming year, the Senior Center needs assessment to guide the development of plans for the space needed to accommodate the requirements of a modern senior and community center will be completed. Important decisions will need to be made by elected officials, facility users and staff to best determine a Senior Center location either at Eno Memorial Hall or at a new building and site.

While the current economic environment demands ever more efficient use and management of resources, we also believe that the prudent selection and design of projects will result in construction cost savings and will provide improved services to our residents.

Finance Department

The Finance Department has three distinct divisions – Assessor's Office, Computers, and Tax Collector.

In addition to the administrative/accounting/ payroll functions, the Finance Department,

in cooperation with the Board of Finance, has responsibility for all aspects of the Town's financial affairs. This includes risk management, purchasing, preparation and monitoring of the annual operating and capital budgets, establishment and monitoring of internal control procedures, investment of Town funds and coordination of debt financing.

Simsbury Public Library

The Simsbury Public Library operates in a recently renovated and expanded 42,000 sq. ft. building with a staff of 20. It is open 58 hours a week including evenings and weekends through most of the year. More than 200 volunteers complement the staff's work and ensure that we have a vibrant, full-service library. In addition to traditional library services, the Library runs a nationally recognized Business Resource Center and a Technology Learning Center.

There's nothing like a crisis to prove that the Library is the hub of the community. In the wake of the civil emergency caused by the October 30 snow storm and subsequent prolonged power outage, the Library became an auxiliary shelter from November 2-9, for a flood of refugees seeking connectivity and warmth. Folding tables and chairs were brought up from the program room to accommodate the extra users. The Friends of the Library provided free hot beverages by the blazing fireplace. The Children's Department hosted free movies and sing alongs. Our users were appreciative! Here are some of their comments:

"I saw first hand what a great job you and your staff did to accommodate the deluge of people who

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sought shelter and service in the Simsbury Public Library. Those must have been exhausting days and I was so proud of how the library functioned. Count me as a very impressed supporter!”

Mary Jane

“I have to thank the Library for the internet availability during the storm. We’re still without internet in our neighborhood, and the Library connection continues to be a lifeline for my work and our children’s studies” - Polly Maier

Because most of the children were cheated out of Halloween Trick-or-Treating due to the storm, we hosted Halloween on November 10 to give the little ones an opportunity to trick or treat. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., 500 costumed children with 200 parents in tow trooped through the Library to parade, trick-or treat, partake of refreshments, and watch movies. It was happy chaos. The kids were over-the-top cute, and the parents asked if this could become an annual event.

Current Year Activities/Accomplishment/Status of Projects

Promote Self-Service

Completed the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) project with the installation of the automated book drop and sorter. Forty percent of all check-ins are now self check-ins. Library users appreciate receiving a receipt that proves they have returned items to the Library. The staff appreciates the sorting of the materials, which expedites the process of getting the materials back on the shelf quickly so other users can have them.

Expand Partnerships

- Children’s Librarian Cheryl Donahue made

151 visits to 3,034 children in nursery and elementary schools, offering a taste of the library experience and signing children up for library cards.

- The Business Resource Center expanded its relationships with Girl Scouts by designing and providing experiences for three badges: Public Relations, Internet and Marketing.
- We held 12 SAT test preparation courses and promoted our on-line test data-bases—Prep Me and Learning Express—through cooperation with the High School Guidance Department. Last year, 276 students took 675 tests.
- Launched “Lunch and Learn”, a career program at Henry James Middle School, in cooperation with the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce.
- Project: Improve Reading Comprehension
- With the help of two high school volunteers, established a Mobile Book Club at Tariffville School to provide the book discussion experience to children who don’t have access to the Library.
- Added Lerner Digital Reader, a phonics-based online product for beginning readers. The Digital Reader can be used at the Library or from home by going to the Library website: www.simsburylibrary.info and clicking “Children’s Room”.

Provide High-quality, Low-cost Programs

- Obtained funding and installed Universal Class, a battery of 500 on-line classes with instructors, to provide opportunities for Simsbury residents to acquire new skills necessary for their intellectual and emotional health.

Improve Parking

- Obtained funding and land use commissions permission for walkway to Scout Hall to expand parking area by 28 sorely needed parking spaces. Projected finish date is June 2012.
- Added lighting to parking lot steps.

Honors and Recognitions

- Jennifer Keohane, Business Outreach Librarian, named one of 10 recipients of the Carnegie Corporation of NY/American Library Association/ New York Times “I Love My Librarian” Award. Jennifer was chosen from a nation-wide pool of 1,700 nominations.
- Simsbury Public Library ranked 6 out of 169 Connecticut Town Libraries by the Library Journal Index.
- Cheryl Donahue’s article, “Picture Books are Filled With Art”, was featured in the October issue of Connecticut Parent. Cheryl is the head of Children’s Services.

Simsbury Business Resource Center chosen as an example of “Best Practices” at the CT State Library Workshop, Jobs@Your Library, aimed at assisting libraries to help job seekers.

Adult and Teen Performance Indicators

- Answered 34,924 inquiries at the Library and via email and phone
- Held 506 programs attended by 9,530 adults
- Held 50 programs attended by 761 teens
- Held 128 business programs attended by 2,107 entrepreneurs
- -Provided 635 consultations to business patrons



Statistics	2009	2010	2011	Difference	% Change
Hours Open	3,341	3,138	3,138	-	0
Library Visits	245,000	251,040	256,060	5,020	2%
Borrowers	12,161	12,636	14,597	1,961	16%
Public Internet Users	81,520	95,709	114,850	19,141	20%
Questions Answered	52,161	52,555	55,266	2,711	5%
Programs	690	1,222	1,061	(161)	-13%
Program Attendance	24,640	25,049	36,466	11,417	46%
Print Collection	132,789	129,941	138,511	8,570	7%
Non-Print Collection	17,719	15,669	15,796	127	1%
Items Borrowed	459,260	461,232	479,791	18,559	4%
Library Budget	\$ 1,321,686	\$ 1,386,116	\$ 1,398,442	12,326	1%

- -Provided 120 technology consults
- -Obtained 6,172 inter-library loans for our patrons, a 5% increase over previous year

Children Performance Indicators

- Children checked out 223,121 items, almost half of all library circulations
- 505 children's programs drew a total audience of 26,175
- 1,507 children read 24,802 books this summer
- Children asked 12,552 reference questions

Performance Measures

	Simsbury	State Avg
Visits per capita	10.8	6.3
Circulation per capita	20.3	9.1
Borrowers as % of pop	50%	50%
Program attendance per cap	1.5	.5

2011-2012 Goals

- Conduct and complete a job study by June 2012 in order to realign staff to Resource the Library Long Range Plan 2011-2016.
- Integrate technology/automation duties into the skills sets of all staff.
- Provide cost-effective expansion of our programming for children, teens and adults through the promotion of Universal Class, an on-line battery of more than 500 continuing education courses available in the Library or at home or workplace via the Library's website: www.simsburylibrary.info.
- Shorten the average wait period for best-selling e-books from three months to three weeks by purchasing high-demand items available only to Simsbury Library card holders.

Planning & Land Use Department

During the fiscal year 2010-2011, the Department of Community Planning and Development continued supporting the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, Economic Development Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board and Historic District Commission. In this role, the Department's staff meets with applicants, evaluates development applications and advises these boards and commissions as they review them. The staff provides guidance on a wide variety of matters, including land use policy issues, plans and applicable regulations and ordinances.

Major projects that have come through the office in the 2010-2011 fiscal year include modifications to the site at Drake Hill Mall; Phase 1A of Dorset Crossing, consisting of two new medical buildings; and the Grist Mill project, which will provide residential, office and restaurant space upon its completion.

The Town of Simsbury, in conjunction with the Capital Region Council of Governments (CROG), initiated the Route 10 Corridor study to develop a twenty year corridor plan for Route 10 (Hopmeadow Street) in Simsbury, which would assess current and future transportation issues in terms of safety and efficiency, while accommodating targeted new and redevelopment. This Study demonstrates what the Route 10 Corridor could be if designed and built using context sensitivity formed by broad-based public participation, state-of-the-art engineering practices and tools, and in conformance with emerging local, regional and federal policies for sustainable development and livable, walkable

places. The Route 10 Corridor Charrette was held February 7-10, 2011, presenting the data gathered in the Route 10 Corridor study while allowing the community to not only review that data but provide their input as well.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Zoning Commission continued revising and reorganizing the Zoning Regulations. While the process had originally begun in 2003, it was placed on hold in 2005. In late 2011, the Zoning Commission completed their work, offering changes that significantly modernized the regulations.

The Department staff continues meeting with applicants and potential applicants to advise and assist them with the process and procedures for their contemplated projects. In addition, the Department staff counsels all other town departments, as well as town residents and the general public. The review and processing of all land use applications by the staff provides the coordination necessary for the efficient administering of all land use applications.

The Department staff will continue coordinating efforts with surrounding towns' land use agencies, regional planning organizations and state agencies. We are striving to further improve the necessary coordination and communication between the land use commissions and all other departments in order to optimize the land use application process.



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Police Department

The Simsbury Police Department is a CALEA (Nationally) and State of Connecticut Accredited agency providing law enforcement and public safety services to Simsbury residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including operation of the E-911 Public Safety Answering Point. The department employs 35 sworn officers, 10 full-time and two part-time civilian employees. The department provides a full range of services with 33 first responders and two Emergency Medical Technicians. During FY 10-11 there were 29,890 calls for service with an average response time of under three minutes for medical calls. The department is staffed by highly qualified and extensively trained personnel. Department personnel received 3,993 hours of training during FY 10-11.

In 2011 the Simsbury Police Department reached its goal of achieving National Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This process concluded in April with an onsite review of our policies and procedures by Assessors from CALEA. Successful achievement of National Accreditation placed the Simsbury Police Department with an elite group of 16 police agencies in the state that offer state-of-the-art professional law enforcement to the communities that they serve. The department had already successfully achieved State Accreditation Certification and will continuously work towards remaining accredited at both the State and National levels.

The Officers and Civilian members of the Department are proud of their work and the relationships that they have established with the community, and they look forward to continuing and expanding these positive associations by

providing not only routine police services on a daily basis, but also with programs like the Citizens Police Academy and Alumni programs, Junior Police Academy, Senior Picnic, Skate-and-Share, Explorer Program, Ride-a-long Program, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop and Salvation Army Holiday Store Stuff-a-Cruiser. One of our most important Child Safety Programs, Car Seat Inspection, is well utilized by Simsbury residents and residents of surrounding communities. The department and its members have served the community for over 50 years, and the goal of ensuring the safety of Simsbury's residents and visitors is the department's first priority. It is our mission to always strive to increase the resident's quality and level of service and to be worthy of our community's pride. The department's concentration is to ensure that the residents of Simsbury have a police department that is steadfastly focused on community safety and can always be relied upon to provide stellar service.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- The most significant highlight of FY 10–11 is that the department reached its goal of achieving CALEA Accreditation. It is an accomplishment of which the department and the Town are very proud.
- The department applied for and received four grants totaling over \$65,000. Some of the equipment purchased with these funds included Digital Cameras, Bullet Resistant Vests, Cruiser Radios and Radio Channel and Microwave Equipment.
- With the continuation of the dedicated traffic officer, the Town is able to respond to citizen's concerns regarding motor vehicle speeding.

Simsbury continues to see decreases in motor vehicle speeding in town.

Other highlights include:

- Everbridge Emergency Notification System maintained
- Response training specific to situations involving individuals with mental health issues
- School Crisis Scenario Training – all Officers
- Handling Aggressive Animals Training
- Red Plan/Emergency Operations Training
- Avon Driving School Participation by Patrol
- Completed training requirements for two new Public Safety Dispatchers
- Maintained department's Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certification
- Participated in Regional Incident Dispatch Team
- Participated in Regional Traffic Safety Program
- Specialized DWI Training
- Accident Reconstruction Training
- Basic Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training
- Career Development Initiatives
- Crime tips and information that continually update police department website
- Youth Driver Education Program/SIDNE – Simulated Drunk Driving Experience vehicle
- Participated in a joint effort with Avon and Canton to facilitate a very successful Drug Take Back Day, which led the department to pursue a permanent Drug Disposal Solution
- Animal Control, Community Services and Traffic Enforcement Officers regularly appeared on SCTV education segment
- Held 10th Annual Junior Police Academy
- Held 11th Annual Simsbury Citizens' Police Academy
- "Stuff-A-Cruiser" – Toy collection for Salvation Army

Incident Statistics

	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09	'09-'10	'10-'11
Part I Crimes	272	236	214	221	136
Motor Vehicle Accidents	714	756	724	661	723
Medical Calls	1,025	1,129	1,216	1,300	1,370
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	4,235	4,949	5,242	4,740	4,394
Alarm Responses	812	797	866	837	840
Total Incidents	24,158	25,703	28,055	28,139	29,890

- Continued to support established Simsbury Police Explorer Program
 - Continued increased effort in bike patrols
 - In an effort to address residents' concerns, increased selective enforcement focusing on traffic issues, traffic studies and traffic calming solutions
 - Participated in the Oath of Office Ceremony for the Town's First Selectman, Board of Selectmen and new Board and Commission members
 - Participated in State of Connecticut seat belt educational/enforcement waves
 - Participated in Multiple Sclerosis "MS Walk for the Cure"
 - Co-sponsored the 13th Annual "Skate and Share" Christmas Party with the Social Services and Recreation Departments to benefit the Simsbury Food Closet
 - Participated in the 10th Anniversary of September 11th Memorial Service
 - Sponsored Senior Picnic with more than 200 seniors in attendance
 - Participation in 2011 Food Share Program (Turkey Trot)
 - Bicycle Safety Program in schools
 - Served as a mentor for the Henry James "Lunch and Learn" program sponsored by the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce
 - Participated in the Shreya R. Dixit Memorial Foundation Walk at Simsbury Farms
 - Halloween Safety presentation
 - Participated in "Tip-a-Cop" for Special Olympics
 - Participated in Special Olympics "Torch Run"
 - Assisted and organized 12th Annual David Vidal Road Race for St. Jude's
 - Offered certified child car seat inspections and held annual clinics
 - Participated in the "Rally at the Valley" where area Police Departments competed in a community business sponsored basketball tournament
 - Held 10th Annual Top Dog Contest in cooperation with Town Clerk's office
 - Senior Citizens/Community Groups informational talks and presentations
 - Advocacy for elderly program
 - Updated Nexgen Software (Information Management System)
 - Participated in the "Wreaths Across America" event
 - AED Training – All Officers
 - Effective Police Interactions with Youth – Patrol Officer
 - Five members of the department became instructors in: Domestic Violence, Use of OC Spray, Baton Use, Firearms, Use of Force and Shooting Decisions
 - Crisis Intervention Team Training
 - School Resource Officer Training
 - Three members of the department became Field Training Officers
 - Two members of the department attended First Line Supervisor Training
 - Violence in Schools Training
 - Search Management for the Alzheimer Subject
 - Participated in the 16th annual Government, Criminal Justice & Non-Profit Career Fair at Westfield State University
 - Multiple College/University Criminal Justice Internship programs
- 2010-2011 Goals**
- Continual expansion of Department Community Oriented Policing/Problem Solving initiatives.

- Maintain CALEA and State accreditation.
- Implement the use of CAPTAIN/NEXGEN Mobile Data interface report writing.
- Complete School Crisis Scenario Training for all sworn members of the Simsbury PD.
- Re-evaluate the role of the School Resource Officer in relationship with the needs of the Board of Education.
- Establish a 3 year Departmental Strategic Plan.

Probate Court

The Probate Court is responsible for a range of legal matters involving the residents of the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury, including the administration of decedent's estates, trusts, appointment of guardians of minor children and persons with mental disabilities, approval of adoptions, conservatorships and name changes.

The court's expenses and personnel costs, such as salaries and benefits, are paid by the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, but Connecticut law requires the participating towns to pay certain of the expenses. The operating costs for the court are distributed among the four towns based on relative population of each community.

For fiscal year 2011-2012 each town's share is as follows:

• Avon	28.64%
• Canton	16.29%
• Granby	17.86%
• Simsbury	37.21%

2010-2011 Accomplishments

The individual Probate Courts located in Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury have merged

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together into one court, known as the Simsbury Regional Probate District, located in the Simsbury Town Hall. The renovations required to accommodate the new court are complete. Most of the Court's files were consolidated to one area of the vault, two additional workstations were installed, and two alarms buttons were also installed in the Court for security.

The staff from the individual Courts are now employed by the Regional Court which is open during regular town hall hours. Cynthia C. Becker was sworn in as judge of the Regional Court on January 5, 2011. The Probate Court no longer processes passport applications.

2011-2012 Goals

Relocation of all of the probate files to the end of the Town Clerk's vault closest to the probate court is needed. Laserfiche of some volumes located either in the Simsbury Town Clerk's vault or at former court facilities is still pending. Once all of the volumes have been laserfiche, the volumes need to be relocated to individual town archives or destroyed.

Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is comprised of four divisions: Administrative, Highway, Building and Grounds Maintenance, and Landfill and Recycling. The Department has a combined staff of 28 and has a \$3.7M combined operating budget. The Administrative Division has responsibility for budget preparation, administration, operational planning, contracting, purchasing and personnel.

Over the past year, Simsbury has endured a winter with record snowfalls, spring flooding, a tropical storm with related flooding and of course

winter Storm Alfred in late October. In all of these events, Public Works was a lead department in providing roadway clearing operations, tree removals and cleanup operations. Three of these events were serious enough to result in Disaster Declarations from the President and allowed the town to collect FEMA reimbursement for a portion of the Town's expenses. Simsbury Public Works took the lead and coordinated the FEMA Grant applications for all three events that have an estimated value of over four million dollars.

Highway Department

The Highway Department maintains 164 miles of Town accepted roadways including 3,850 catch basins, the storm drainage system, roadside mowing, sign and guide-rail maintenance, and care for trees within the Town's roadway right of way. The Highway Department also performs fleet maintenance for all vehicles and heavy equipment utilized by the Public Works Department, as well as the Engineering, Building, and Police Departments. Some fleet maintenance has also been performed for the Board of Education in an attempt to help control costs for that department.

Our fleet of plow trucks was pushed to their limits this past winter, as they fought to keep our roads clear during the snowiest January in Connecticut's history. As snow piles mounted, our crews had to use all of the equipment available to keep roads and intersections clear of snow. In many parking lots and intersections, our crews and contractors had to load snow into dump trucks to haul it away as we could not pile it any higher.

The Department has also continued our popular "Snow Plow Ride Along" program that allows

interested residents to get a first hand look at the Town's snow plow operations.

Following the approval of a \$2.6M Pavement Management Referendum, the Department has been working to dramatically increase our roadway resurfacing projects. This past year, the Department was able to treat 25.5 miles of roadway, consisting of 20.5 miles of resurfacing, heat scarification and chip sealing, and 5 miles of crack sealing.

Our drainage crews rebuilt 165 catch basin structures to provide adequate roadway drainage. Most of this work was in conjunction with our paving program to assure that the structures below the newly paved road will not fail, requiring excavation with the newly paved roadway.

As part of the DEP's Municipal Small Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program, 1300 catch basins and 10 sediment chambers were cleaned, along with the sweeping of all streets.

Landfill and Recycling Center

The Simsbury Landfill at 66 Wolcott Road was closed in 1998, and an application has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection for continued operation as a bulky waste and recycling materials Transfer Station. The Town conducts annual monitoring of ground water and storm water at this site and the site is also used as a composting area. This year an area for residents to pick up leaf compost and woodchips has been added to the facility. This addition to the services at the facility will benefit residents at no cost.



The Town participated in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program with the cooperation of Avon, Granby and Bloomfield. This year 468 residents participated in this program run through the MDC, representing a significant increase over the previous year.

Building Maintenance Department

Building Maintenance is responsible for 4 Town Buildings (Town Hall, the Library, Eno Memorial Hall, and Scout Hall), 6 rental properties, a service facility, a commuter bus shelter and the Old Tariffville Cemetery. Extensive work was done on the Town's low income residential rentals to prepare them for new tenants. This work was facilitated by volunteers and donations from First Church. Working together, we now have all of our rental properties occupied by limited income families.

Eno Memorial Hall has seen significant renovation work with the complete exterior painting, repairs to the clock that had not been working for years, and re-gilding of the gold dome on the cupola. Additionally, the window mounted air conditioning units have been replaced with high-efficiency units that do not detract from the historic character of this important building. Currently, the town is re-painting the interior of the building with funding from a historic preservation grant.

The exterior lighting and parking lot lights at Town Hall have been replaced with high-efficiency LED lighting, and the lighting in the Engineering Department has also been updated

to high-efficiency lighting. These energy saving improvements were due in part to the Town's receipt of an energy efficiency grant. The use of these efficient lighting systems has made noticeable reductions in our electrical use.

During the past year, the department was able to remove the underground oil tanks at both the Town Hall and Eno Hall and construct a new communications tower. In removing these tanks, the department has eliminated the risk associated with an undetected leak, and this ultimately provides for a safer environment. The new radio tower has greatly improved the radio communication's quality and reliability for the police, school department and public works. The staff has been and will continue to improve the grounds around the building following Winter Storm Alfred, for which all of the staff assisted in the removal of downed trees on our roadways.

Registrars of Voters

The operations of the office of the Registrars of Voters are governed by the Secretary of the State's office and state statute. The Registrars of Voters are jointly responsible for the administration of State Election Laws.

They direct all local, state and federal elections and primaries, and the town's budget referendum, including staffing, equipment testing and operation, and absentee voter counting, reporting of results, and records retention. Registrars supervise voter registration, maintain the list of qualified electors, and conduct the annual canvass of registered voters.

The Registrars of Voters successfully administered the 2011 municipal election during the aftermath of Winter Storm Alfred. In the days leading up to the election, the public was notified of changes in three of four polling locations, dozens of poll workers were reassigned, and the election was held even as thousands of town residents were without power.

Following the election, the registrars supervised a close vote recount for the office of Town Meeting Moderator.

Simsbury was one of three Connecticut municipalities selected to participate in a pilot program to test electronic poll books, which will be part of the Connecticut Secretary of State's initiative to improve voting efficiency. Included in the pilot program were several Simsbury High School students, who worked as election officials at the 2011 municipal election.

The Registrars continue to work with the Government and Elections Administration committee of the Connecticut General Assembly to reduce statute-driven mandates, including the reduction in number of polling places used for primaries, and streamlining the audit process. Should these initiatives pass, it would result in cost savings for all 169 towns in Connecticut.

The Simsbury Registrars continue to advocate for cost-savings measures at the legislature. A proposal to reduce the number of polling locations for primaries was considered during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions but was derailed by urban municipalities. We continue to advocate for this

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Voter Registration Summary

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Democratic:	4,574
Republican:	5,091
Unaffiliated:	5,482
Other:	59
TOTAL:	15,206

Departments & Services

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legislation as a bi-partisan measure in hopes that an act will be passed.

During 2012 – 2013 Simsbury voters will cast ballots in Republican and Democratic Congressional and Senate primaries (two separate primaries held at four locations, August 2012), the Presidential election (four locations, November 2012) and the town budget referendum (single location, May 2013). Each Connecticut municipality is also subject to mandatory close vote recounts (as occurred in November 2011) or random election audits (as occurred in November 2010).

Our projections for 2012/2013 therefore include costs for the annual canvass of registered voters, August primaries, the 2012 Presidential election and the 2013 budget referendum.

Simsbury's 2011/2012 municipal budget passed on the first referendum vote. Should the 2013/2014 budget require multiple referendums in 2013, additional staffing will be required.

Simsbury was this year recognized by the Connecticut Citizenship Fund, Inc. of the Connecticut Secretary of State for the best voter turnout in Connecticut (72.95%) for the November 2010 state election.

By the close of the 2011/2012 budget year, the Registrars will have administered the November 2011 municipal election, the 2012 Republican presidential preference primary, the 2012 budget referendum, and the 2012 town wide canvass of registered voters, as well as the statute-mandated close vote recount held following the municipal election.

Social Services Department

The Social Services Department provides assistance to individuals, families and elderly residents in a professional and confidential manner.

This has been another difficult year for Simsbury families, and we have continued to see a significant increase in requests for assistance. Thankfully, we have been able to meet this increase in need thanks to the wonderfully generous residents of Simsbury.

The Department offers a variety of services to Simsbury residents, which include: Financial Assistance, Medical Assistance, Cheese Day, Bread Day, the Food Closet, the Holiday Program, Energy Assistance, Emergency Shelter, Counseling, Eviction Assistance, Medical Transportation, Renter's Rebate, Family Therapy, Youth Services, Notary Services, Trigger Locks, Cell Phones and Emergency Beacon Lights.

The Department also provides vital outreach services to our senior population through the Senior Outreach Program; we provide transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities five days per week through our Dial-A-Ride Program and operate a very active and diverse Senior Center for our residents over 50 years of age.

Our Youth Service Bureau continues to sponsor drug and alcohol awareness programs, character development and mentoring programs, Teen Center programs, graduation celebrations, Family Day, Skate and Share and intergenerational programs with the Senior Center.

The Department's work continues to be generously supported by the donations of time, money,

food, gifts and products from various civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individuals. A special thank you to Fitzgerald's Foods, Panera Bread, Brookside Bagels, One Bite Café and Starbucks for their weekly donations to our Bread Day Program and to Stop & Shop for their annual Food For Friends donation. Finally, a very special thank you to the Simsbury Junior Woman's Club for holding a "Light Up The Night For Simsbury" held in December. The event raised over \$14,000 and was donated to assist Simsbury's families.

Since the vast majority of our assistance programs are funded by donations, we would like to thank the many Simsbury residents who have made financial donations during the year. It is through your generosity that we have the ability to assist our Simsbury neighbors who are struggling.

Senior Center

The mission of the Simsbury Senior Center is to provide a community focal point where older adults come together for programs that reflect their experience and skills, respond to their diverse needs and interests, enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the Center and their community.

The Center offers opportunities for health and wellness with the use of a Fitness Center and exercise classes for varied fitness levels. Health screenings and clinics are offered for blood pressure, hearing, vision, flu and pneumonia vaccines.

A variety of educational and informational



programs are offered, including a writing group, book club, an investment group and guest lecturers. Opportunities to participate in artistic and creative programs are available with such activities as painting, choral singing, knitting and writing. A variety of ongoing recreational and social activities are offered as well as special events to celebrate holidays and occasions. The Center also offers opportunities to travel with a variety of day and overnight trips. Souper Tuesday Lunches are provided six times a year, sponsored by the Aging and Disability Commission.

The Senior Center's weekly congregate meal program, "Lunch @ Eno", continues to be popular and provides guests with nutritious seasonal menus and an opportunity to socialize with peers.

Several technology classes provide older adults the opportunity to stay connected in the increasingly computer-based and wireless society.

The Senior Center continues to partner with the Simsbury Public Schools, St. Mary's School and Westminster to offer opportunities that link students with older adults to help dispel inaccurate stereotypes, increase cooperation and encourage interaction between generations.

A variety of new programs were introduced this year, including Wood Carving, Men's Strength Training, Live Well Workshops for older adults with chronic health conditions, and One-on-One cell phone tutoring.

The Senior Center offers assistance and support with income tax, Social Security benefits, bereavement and care-giving.

The Center, located in Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, is open year round, Monday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM and Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM. For further information, call us at (860) 658-3273 or click on www.simsbury-ct.gov/seniorcenter.

The Simsbury Senior Center welcomes all members of the diverse and growing older adult population (age 50 and over), their families and friends.

Dial-a-Ride Program

The Social Services Department has operated the Dial-A-Ride Program for Simsbury's seniors and persons with disabilities since 1980. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, 9,352 passengers requested 8,439 trips and traveled 47,827 miles. Buses run daily, Monday through Friday, providing door-to-door transportation within Simsbury for such things as shopping, hairdresser, the Senior Center, the Library and local functions. Further, the buses provide rides to doctor's appointments in Simsbury and Avon, shopping trips to the Simsbury Commons and stores along Route 44. In addition, the Program provides service for Simsbury residents to local medical and physical therapy appointments, and it provides transportation for several persons with disabilities to and from their place of employment.

During 2010-2011 the Social Services Department received a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to provide additional services to the elderly and disabled residents. With these grant funds, the Enhanced Dial-A-Ride Program was able to provide 309 out-of-town medical trips; 25 joint trips with the Canton Senior Center; and

16 Senior Center trips; and 24 Mobile FoodShare trips, serving 975 passengers and traveling 16,956 miles.

Reservations can be made by calling (860) 693-6876 between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at least 24 hours in advance.

Senior Outreach Program

The Senior Outreach Program provides many services to Simsbury seniors and persons with disabilities. Information, guidance and referrals are given to our residents and their families regarding local, state and federal resources that they may benefit from. Home visits are made and information is given on services, including homecare, alternate housing, medical and financial assistance. Assistance is provided with state and federal applications, including energy assistance and Social Security programs. Emergency 911 medical incident reports are provided by the Simsbury Police, and follow-up phone calls and visits are made to ensure that residents are informed of all resources available to them. We continue to update our emergency call list of seniors and persons with disabilities, which is activated each time we experience severe weather conditions.

In addition, our Friendly Visitor Program matches community volunteers with the homebound to make weekly visits offering socialization and friendship. Successful matches have been made throughout the year, resulting in 21 volunteers who made 744 visits. We will continue to strive to better serve our residents with the continued assistance from our wonderful and committed volunteers who help to make our program so successful.



Tax Collector

Taxes, a compulsory governmental charge for the purpose of defraying the cost of services provided for common benefit, is the major source of revenue for Town Government. As such, the Tax Collector is responsible for collection of both current and delinquent taxes (real estate and motor vehicle, sewer use and assessment). We are also responsible for the collections and balancing of all Fire District taxes.

Concern and understanding continue to be the department's driving force. We also strive for quality of personal contact with the taxpayer. If at any time there is a problem or concern, please feel free to contact us at (860) 658-3238.

These duties, when performed in an efficient manner, should reflect the financial well-being of the Town, which is the backbone of any municipality in regard to the fiscal debt and bonding capacity.

2010 Grand List Mill Rate

Town	30.86
Fire District	1.02
Total	31.88
Total \$ Amount to be collected for town taxes, fire district and sewer use fees: \$ 85,365,627.73	

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office receives and maintains extensive records concerning real estate transactions; births, deaths, and marriages; elections, primaries and referenda; meeting minutes for Town boards and commissions; military discharges; hunting and fishing sport licenses; dog licenses; liquor licenses; notaries public; justices of the peace; trade name certificates; and other historical documents

that date back to the seventeenth century. State statutes, the Town Charter and local ordinances govern the implementation of duties for this office.

The Town held the annual budget meeting and a special town meeting on May 3, 2011, at Simsbury High School, with 52 voters in attendance. The Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance presented operating budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Voters discussed a \$3 million project to improve the Simsbury Farms facility on Old Farms Road. At the May 17, 2011, local referendum, 9.6 percent of Electors voted. Voters approved the operating budgets and the Simsbury Farms project.

On June 13, 2011, the Town held a special town meeting, with 83 voters in attendance. The voters approved the acceptance of a federal grant to acquire a 73-acre conservation easement for the Woodlot on Tulmeadow Farm.

On August 10, 2010, both the Democratic Party (34% turnout) and the Republican Party (36% turnout) held Primaries for State and Federal Offices. At the November 2, 2010, State Election, 72.9 percent of Simsbury Electors voted. The East Haddam Civic Association awarded the voters of the Town of Simsbury the Democracy Cup for Best Voter Turn-out by Category.

The Connecticut State Library awarded a \$3,000 grant to fund the cost of creating backup microfilm images of Vital Records: births from 1924 through 1974. We completed an approved project to renovate a small portion of the Town Clerk's vault. The renovation includes locked

storage space to secure confidential Town records in a single area within the vault. Now, the Simsbury Probate Court District comprises four towns: Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury. Within the Town Clerk's vault, we provided space for several storage units to house Probate records from these towns. The Probate Court scanned many of its books and removed the originals off site, freeing shelf space to store new Town record books.

In cooperation with Chief Peter Ingvertsen, Animal Control Officer Mark Rudewicz, and the Simsbury Police Department, we conducted our tenth Top Dog Contest during May 2011. The happy winners received dog treats, and their owners received a 2011 dog license at no charge.

Water Pollution Control

Simsbury Water Pollution Control is responsible for the operation and maintenance of over 80 miles of collection system, five pumping stations and the treatment facility. Wastewater from Granby and part of Avon are also received for treatment. The department is staffed by a superintendent, five operators, two maintainers, an administrative secretary and an engineering technician. During the summer, seasonal staff is used primarily for easement maintenance.

The treatment facility is designed to provide secondary treatment and biological nitrogen removal. During the reporting interval the discharge limits were achieved, with insignificant exceptions.

During the reporting period, wastewater treatment for a population equivalent of 18,509 was provided. In addition to clean water, the

Statistics for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Birth Certificates	159
Death Certificates	230
Marriage Licenses	266
Military Discharges	26
Trade Names	87
Dog Licenses	2,322
Land Record Pages	24,270
Total Revenues*	\$684,796

* The Town of Simsbury forwarded a portion of these revenues to various state agencies in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

other end result of treatment is sludge. An average of 54 dry tons of dewatered sludge per month was transported to the Metropolitan District Commission's Hartford facility for incineration.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is developing phosphorus limits for wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to receiving streams with impoundments (Rainbow reservoir). Simsbury WPC will receive a total phosphorus limit with renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The application has been submitted. The NPDES permit will provide a compliance schedule for design and construction of the structures/equipment required to achieve the permitted Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorus.

Sewer easement maintenance continues to be a priority. Most of the overgrown easements have been cleared. However, Storm Alfred caused extensive damage that will likely take most of the summer to clean up. The easements need to be kept open to allow access for inspection and maintenance.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Sewer easement maintenance was continued.
- The U.S. EPA DMRQA31 evaluation was passed. This is an annual evaluation of our laboratory procedures.
- Received \$23,823 for sale of nitrogen credits in 2010.
- Awarded the contract to replace the Tunxis Pump Station.
- Completed several sewer allocation analyses

for proposed development in the sewer service area.

- A number of tours were provided to school and civic groups throughout the year.

2011-2012 Goals

- Complete the construction phase of the Tunxis Pump Station replacement project.
- Obtain funding for rehabilitation of the Wolcott Pump Station. Finalize design and specifications for bidding.
- Fill a new operator position to establish a collection system inspection program that will integrate with the Town's GIS. This program will include TV inspection of lines and manholes. Maintenance needs will be documented and prioritized for repair.
- Design, permit and obtain funding to stabilize the Farmington River stream bank in the Hazel Meadow area.
- Enhance and expand safety training efforts.
- Tours of the Water Pollution Control Facility can be scheduled. Public information presentations are also available to groups. Information on connections, permits or sewer line locations can be obtained by visiting the facility or calling (860) 658-1380.

Aging and Disability Commission

The Aging and Disability Commission is an advisory group whose purpose is to study the needs of and evaluate services and events designed to enhance the quality of life for Simsbury's older adults and individuals who are disabled. Its focus is to be advocates for the elderly and disabled by promoting sources that provide appropriate information, assistance and support services.

To that end, the Aging and Disability Commission was involved with numerous activities and events during the 2010-11 fiscal year. They include:

- Members of The Commission conducted an Accessibility Study of 27 town facilities to assess their compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.
- Members of the Commission consulted with the Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation regarding the accessibility requirements for Simsbury Farms.
- A document was developed that identified the Commission's Programs and Sub-Committees. Members of the Commission were assigned to either one of the three program committees or five sub-committees.
- The Executive Director of the Simsbury Housing Authority continued as an ex-officio member of the Commission in order to provide information and insight on housing issues for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- The Commission, through the efforts of the Chairman of the Public Relations Sub-Committee, began running regular press releases on its programs and activities.
- The Commission continued to consult with the Registrar of Voters to discuss ways of making the polling stations in town more accessible.
- Members of the Commission continued to provide consultation to the town with regard to the renovation of the existing Senior Center as well as plans for a potential new Senior Center.
- The Principal of Simsbury High School re-appointed a junior year student to act as the student liaison to the Aging and Disability Commission.

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Parameter	Influent	Effluent	
		Permit Limit	1/1/11 to 12/31/11
ADF, mgd	--	3.8	2.05
CBOD, mg/L	188	25	3
TSS, mg/L	241	31	4
TN, lb TN/day	526	117	84
ADF, Average Daily Flow		CBOD, Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand	
TSS, Total Suspended Solids		TN, Total Nitrogen	

- The Commission's Picnic in the Park event, which is a community event for persons with disabilities and their friends and families, was cancelled due to a tropical storm. The event was not rescheduled.
- The Commission presented their Senior Service Award to Lina Wagner at a Board of Selectmen meeting in May of 2010.
- The Commission sponsored Souper Tuesday luncheons, held six times a year at the Senior Center. The luncheon consists of a special soup, sandwich and dessert and is rounded out by local entertainment. Approximately 600 seniors attended the Souper Tuesday luncheons.
- The Commission received \$1,500 from the town to provide additional Souper Tuesday luncheons as well as to offset the costs of the Picnic in the Park event.
- The Chairman of the Commission represented the Town of Simsbury on the North Central Region Mental Health Board.
- Members of the Commission participated on the Senior Outreach committee along with the Simsbury Board of Education and Simsbury Social Services Department. The Senior Outreach program provides opportunities for seniors to participate in school activities free of charge.
- The Commission provided consultation and support to the Coordinator of the Simsbury Senior Center.
- The Commission, in an effort to keep abreast of current happenings in the field of seniors and persons with disabilities, had as its guest several community speakers who are acknowledged as experts in their field.

The Aging and Disability Commission would like to thank the following community organizations for their financial support of Souper Tuesday and Picnic in the Park:

- Simsbury Lion's Club
- Civitan Club of Simsbury
- Simsbury United Methodist Church
- Simsbury Woman's Club

The Aging and Disability Commission has as its action plan for FY 11-12 the following:

- Work in concert with the Town of Simsbury to develop and implement a plan for the renovation of Eno Memorial Hall or to develop and implement a plan for a new Senior Center.
- Identify issues and develop a report regarding accessibility of town-owned buildings and educate the community on community inclusion challenges relating to those with various barriers.
- Advocate for affordable housing for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Investigate accessible transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Advocate for senior tax relief while informing seniors of existing programs.
- Work in concert with the town's emergency management team to investigate and implement programs that will ensure the safety and security of seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Work in concert with the Simsbury Department of Education for the purpose of providing senior outreach programs.
- Recognize community members who make positive contributions to the town's seniors and persons with disabilities as well as recognizing businesses that do the same.
- Work in concert with the Registrar of Voters to ensure polling places are accessible to persons with disabilities and seniors.
- Serve as a resource to Simsbury businesses on issues that impact seniors and individuals with disabilities as relates to purchasing goods and services.
- Work with state and local officials to advocate for legislation related to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Beautification Commission

The more than 60 Simsbury Beautification Committee (SBC) volunteers plant and maintain nearly 70 public spaces throughout our town, including planter boxes, traffic triangles, Simsbury Farms Golf Course, Schultz Park, the Library and Town Hall. Every spring volunteers plant flowers in their chosen plots and maintain them all summer. During the hot and dry months,

the volunteers are often seen lugging gallons of water to their sites. In the fall the summer plants are replaced by mums and cabbages followed by winter greenery.

SBC continues to recruit volunteers to replace members who can no longer participate. The group provides a way for people who like to be outdoors to get involved in the town; there is a great deal of satisfaction in creating an area of beauty. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and volunteers from the local schools are recruited to help with special projects like spreading mulch in the park. Several volunteers have involved their young children in the planting and watering, instilling in them at an early age the importance of working for the good of our community.

Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals is an elected board of three individuals which hears appeals of property tax valuations. The board meets twice a year, hearing homeowner, other real estate and personal property and automobile appeals in March (or April), and automobiles only in September. The board works closely with the town Assessor's office.

During the April 2011 meetings, the board (Mark Wigmore, Dennis Farrell and Will Fiske) heard 34 homeowner appeals, 7 appeals from commercial property holders (including 1 personal property appeal) and 2 automobile appeals. In September 2011, the board heard 31 automobile appeals.

In November 2011, two board seats were up for election (Mr. Wigmore and Mr. Farrell), who both left the board after years of diligent and faithful service. As of December 31, 2011, the board consisted of Mr. Fiske (term expiring December 2, 2013), and Sharon Lawson and Scott Sirianni, who were both elected to four-year terms, which will expire on December 7, 2015.

Building Code Board of Appeals

The Simsbury Building Code Board of Appeals, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, meets at the request of an appellant or other aggrieved party to review an interpretation of the

Connecticut State Building Code as rendered by the Building Official.

There are five regular members and two alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Four members must have the qualification of a minimum five years experience in either building design, building construction or supervision of building construction, and a fifth member to serve from the general public. Membership appointments are for a period of five years and staggered for membership continuity. A quorum consists of not less than three members.

Appeals are subject to the FOIA requirements of public notification in Town Hall stipulating dates, time and location for the meeting.

Procedurally, a written appeal must be filed by the aggrieved party stipulating the specific sections of the Connecticut State Building Code being challenged, citing reasons, and must be delivered to the Simsbury Building Official for action. Once notified, the Chairman of the Building Code Board of Appeals must convene a meeting within five working days to act on the specific appeal.

A simple majority vote by Board members at the conclusion of the meeting will affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Building Official. A formal Notice of Decision is filed with the Town with copies to the Appellant and the Building Official.

The Building Code Board of Appeals meets at a minimum annually to elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman from its membership and review any changes to the applicable codes; otherwise the panel meets on an as-needed basis.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force ("CETF"), created by the Board of Selectmen in 2008, is charged with overseeing the town's commitment to new, sustainable, green initiatives and clean, alternate energy sources. The CETF is currently comprised of four acting members: Patrick Boeshans, Bob Beinstein, James Ray and Susan Van Kleef. Two vacancies exist, and volunteers are needed in 2012.

In 2010, the CETF created and implemented the

first in a series of clean energy initiatives funded through a generous donation from Aquarion Water Company. In 2011, the Aquarion funded sustainable initiatives concentrated in the areas of education, local business and community sustainability.

Description of 2011 Programs

1. Simsbury High School (Educational Initiative)
The CETF in partnership with the Simsbury High School Environmental Club, facilitated the students' application and receipt of a Clean Energy Options Micro Grant. The environmental club demonstrated that alternative energy is a topic of great interest to students and is of vital importance to our country. The students used the funds to purchase Clean Energy Option Program incentives and staffed school events, spreading the word and obtaining residential sign-ups. These new sign-ups contributed to Simsbury's ranking as the number one Connecticut community for new activation sign-ups over the last 12 months.

2. Green Business Challenge (Business Initiative)
The Green Business Certification ("GBC") rating system, designed in 2010 and completed for future implementation in 2011, provides standards for environmentally sustainable Simsbury business operations and services. Businesses recognized for their successful completion of the challenge are permitted to display and use the Simsbury GBC award decal and mark, indicating they have passed the review as determined by the Town of Simsbury's Clean Energy Task Force. Participating merchants will be listed and promoted in the "Shop Green" Simsbury merchant program. The GBC program assists Simsbury business owners and managers with the process of improving performance on the triple bottom line, encompassing environmental, economic and societal benefits. This initiative is ready for implementation, and the next steps include presentations to local merchants and trade organizations plus selection of demonstrator merchant locations for the 2012 program launch.

3. Clean Energy Options Program (Community Initiative)

The Clean Energy Option Program ("CEOP") provides the opportunity for Simsbury residents to choose to bring clean, renewable energy into the power grid. Electrical power is currently generated in New England, through natural gas, nuclear power, oil, coal and other sources. Through CEOP, Simsbury residents can instead choose wind, solar or other clean power through several energy products available in a partnership with local utility providers. The minimal associated costs and significant personal carbon reductions are benefits of this program in addition to the state's municipal reward program, which provides participating municipalities with photovoltaic solar installations on public buildings.

The CETF continued to ramp up event participation and successfully got the word out at more local Simsbury events and trade shows, such as the Simsbury Farmers Market, the Volunteer Expo and Septemberfest. Simsbury consistently leads the state of Connecticut in sign-ups for this rewarding program. For more information on the CETF or the CEOP, please visit townofsimsbury.com and click on the clean energy options link for residents.

Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission

As a result of the commission's efforts, it was a banner year for Low Impact Development (LID) in Simsbury. The LID approach manages stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product by incorporating features that infiltrate and filter runoff in order to maintain or restore the natural hydrologic conditions of a site. By incorporating LID features into land use development practices and permits we can:

- Recharge groundwater and limit the volume and velocity of runoff that can cause erosion, sedimentation and localized flooding
- Improve water quality in rivers and streams by minimizing direct stormwater discharges to wetlands and surface water bodies
- Decrease the need for expensive conventional stormwater systems

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- Create attractive developments consistent with the natural beauty and character of Simsbury

To advance LID this past year, the commission:

- Oversaw and led the town's LID study, which has resulted in a guidance document and proposed town regulations that will serve as CT DEEP's model for communities across the state and throughout the region. Established permit conditions for the redevelopment of the Drake Hill Mall area that incorporated Simsbury's first installation of a permeable asphalt parking lot
- Approved a wetlands permit for the development of Dorsett Crossing at the town's northern gateway, which will add LID features resulting in a post-development improvement in overall water quality at the former gravel pit site

2011-2012 Goals

Implementing the Low Impact Development study

- Ensuring comment by our commission on stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control issues through referrals from other land use boards

Design Review Board

The Simsbury Design Review Board (DRB) is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to advise the Planning and Zoning Commissions on the design merits of land-use applications and to participate in ongoing community planning initiatives.

The DRB makes detailed recommendations consistent with its publication, Guidelines for Community Design, with the goal to revitalize Simsbury's centers, celebrate the architectural heritage, improve the natural environment, provide for recreation, build on established landscape patterns and preserve community character.

There are seven regular and three alternate members appointed and qualified to serve by reason of training and/or experience in architecture, site planning, landscape architecture / design, historic preservation, engineering, building construction or other disciplines as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. Members are volunteers and

appointed on a two-year basis.

The DRB participated in recent planning strategies, designing charrette and form-based code development for the Town Center, and is cited in the newly adopted Town Center Code to play a principal role in interpreting, analyzing and discussing future development.

Current involvement includes:

- Assisting consultants in preparing supplemental Design Guidelines to the current Town Center Code
- Preparing updates to the town-wide Guidelines for Community Design

The DRB was formed in 1988 and continues to serve the community, other commissions, and staff in guiding future community development, exploring planning strategies and helping to shape public policies.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) was created by municipal ordinance for the promotion and development of the economic development resources of the Town of Simsbury. Its powers are defined by Charter and as established by CGS Section 7-136. Its mission is to advise the Town of Simsbury and act as its liaison in order to facilitate expansion of the tax base, consistent with the character of the Town, through maintenance and growth of existing businesses, and attraction of comparable new businesses. The EDC's current efforts have been in the areas of marketing the Town consistent with the EDC's business attraction plan: developing a town-wide infrastructure more supportive of business; and as appropriate, advocating approval of commercial development projects that will augment the Town's commercial tax base and help maintain the overall character and quality of life within Simsbury.

The Economic Development Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2011:

- Monthly meetings of the EDC have been held. Discussion of various issues relating

to development, revaluation process, film activities, tourism activities, along with developer informal presentations on various projects.

- Worked closely with the Simsbury Main Street Partnership (SMSP) during 2011 on all its activities, including:
- Financial support for SMSP, whose mission is to support our local businesses via print media, website, marketing and surveys, and providing business services to the Talcott Mountain Musical events at Simsbury Meadows.
- At least monthly meetings with SMSP staff to discuss progress and issues.
- Financial support for the Farmington Valley Visitors Association, which supports all businesses in the eight town valley area via annual brochure, mailings, website, activity packages and Simsbury's visitors bureau.
- Sponsored the Simsbury Showcase in September to highlight and present our two new land use regulations, the PAD and Town Center Code, to the development community.
- Started and continue to engage the Water Pollution Control Authority subcommittee to revise and adopt a revised FCC policy and rate structure for mixed use development activity within the newly adopted PAD and Town Center Code regulations. This work with the WPCA, town staff, and the development community is currently continuing.
- Supported and participated in the Route 10 corridor study, including public meetings and subcommittee and committee meetings, through adoption.
- Supported and participated in the PAD drafting and adoption process and Town Center Code study post charrette work and adoption on April 15, 2011.
- Supported and participated in the entire process of securing a consultant for the Town Center Design Guidelines and attending the focus group meetings.
- Supported and participated in proposed revisions to the existing tax abatement program.
- Supported the re-funding of the Infrastructure Fund.
- Proposed and supported (with financial

assistance of the First Selectman) full page advertisement in New England Real Estate Journal (NERJ) of December 2011.

Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics administers the Code of Ethics (Chapter 13) for the Town of Simsbury. The Code of Ethics sets forth standards of ethical conduct guiding officials, employees and consultants of the Town of Simsbury in the conduct of their public responsibilities and develops and maintains a tradition of responsible and effective public service.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, the Board of Ethics held no meetings because no complaints were submitted and no other issues arose that needed to be addressed.

In July 2011, David Blume resigned from the Board of Ethics to run for the Library Board. In August 2011, Todd Burrick resigned from the Board of Ethics to run for the Board of Education. In January 2012, Polly Maier was appointed to fill Mr. Blume's unaffiliated member seat, and David Moore was appointed to fill Mr. Burrick's Democratic seat.

Fair Rent Commission

The Fair Rent Commission was established pursuant to State Statute and Chapter 15 of the Town Code of Ordinances. Pursuant to State Law and local ordinances, the Commission has the power to make studies and investigations, conduct hearings and receive written complaints relative to rental charges on housing accommodations, except those accommodations rented on a seasonal basis, within the Town of Simsbury. The Fair Rent Commission seeks to control or eliminate excessive rental charges on such accommodations and to carry out the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Town Code and applicable State Law.

As the Commission looks to the future, with improving economic conditions, both locally and nationally, there is an increased sensitivity to the historical pattern of increased pressures on rents. The Fair Rent Commission's goal is to retain and encourage the development of a reasonable diversity in rental housing in Simsbury.

Fire District

Simsbury is especially fortunate to have a group of dedicated fire volunteers that devote untold hours of specialized training to protecting its citizens. These efforts result in one of the best protected communities in the state. Fortunately, the regular department membership and the cadet program are at strong levels.

In the past year, the fire company exceeded all records by responding to 993 call outs. It has been a remarkable year of volunteer service by the entire SVFD family, regular members, officers that lead the department as well as member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Aside from the normal year's worth of drills, responses, and community events that the department participates in, two town-wide storm events, first a hurricane and then a freak October snowstorm, taxed the capacity but demonstrated the preparedness of the department to provide disaster response. The department has received much positive feedback from Simsbury's citizens about its efforts, including recognition by Simsbury's Chamber of Commerce of Kevin Kowalski, the town's Fire Marshal and Emergency Preparedness Director, as well as the Ladies' Auxiliary for their tireless work in staffing the emergency shelter during the extended power outages.

The commitment and work of our paid employees is much appreciated also. The Fire Marshal's office, the building and fleet maintenance staff and the dispatch office staff contributed greatly this year, as in the past, to maintaining the excellence of this department. The community outreach activities of the Fire Marshal's office with public fire education as well as the District have helped the community better understand fire department operations.

- The Simsbury Fire District operated within budget. The District adhered to its long-term goal of meeting both operating and capital requirements without resorting to borrowing.
- Last year's mill rate was set at 1.02 mills, which represented a decrease of 1% from the prior year.
- The District bid and awarded a contract to replace S-13, a 25-year-old pumper. Its

replacement, to be designated S-7, is expected to be put in service in the first quarter of 2012.

- After reaching their 15-year life span, the entire inventory of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles and their re-filling equipment were replaced.
- The Fire Company staged a very moving remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country.
- The Junior Firefighters once again won the Connecticut State Championships of the Junior Firefighter Challenge, which maintained their undefeated status.
- Simsbury maintained its status as a member of the Capital Region Hazmat Team as well as the Capital Region Emergency Response Plan.
- The Fire District hosted the Annual Lt. Richard Kelleher Awards Dinner, at which 2011 service awards were presented to the department's volunteers. (Lt. Kelleher, aged 37, died in the line of duty fighting a fire at the Knights of Columbus Hall, next to St Mary's Church, on November 6, 1981.)

A total of 20 Firefighter service awards were presented, representing 335 cumulative years (and 67,361 callouts!) of volunteer service for the honored recipients. Further, two Ladies' Auxiliary service awards were also presented, representing an additional 25 years of volunteer service. Simsbury can be proud to have volunteers that make this kind of commitment to the safety and protection of the community.

The Fire District established a new Community Service Award to recognize businesses or individuals that meaningfully and consistently show support for the Fire District and the Fire Company. The first such award was presented to Metro Bis Restaurant for their long track record of sponsoring Fire Department events as well as their help in feeding at the community shelter during the storm response.

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Service awards were presented as follows:

Chief's Award	Ken Boudreau
Carl Banks Engineer Award	Ryan Esthus
Lea Hutchinson Service Award	Chris Burkett

45 Year Award	Ken Myers
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40 Year Award	Tom Post
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35 Year Award	James Baldis
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	Rich Bonczek
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30 Year Award	Tim Gilbert
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	Mark Jacobs
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20 Year Award	Robert Rust
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15 Year Award	Todd Myers
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	Adam Libros
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10 Year Award	Fred Cosgrove
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	Jay Dixon
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	Nick Civitillo
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5 Year Award	Steve Hess
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	Joel Warren
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	Petra Weibrich
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	Addison Brown
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	Kyle Testerman
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	Jeff Holmes
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	Maggie Boudreau
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	Mark Sperandio
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The following service awards were also presented to members of the Ladies' Auxiliary:

15 Year Award	Bonnie Anderson
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10 Year Award	Roz Gordon
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2011-2012 Goals

- Continued enhancements for the department website, which citizens are encouraged to explore at www.simsburyfd.org.
- Maintaining our current volunteer staffing levels through participation in a State-sponsored demonstration project for volunteer firefighter recruitment.
- Expanding the educational opportunities of our Junior Firefighter program.
- Continued community outreach via programs sponsored by the Fire District, Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary.
- Continued commitment to emergency readiness through ongoing training, live exercises and review of past practices.
- Continued commitment to the Town of Simsbury safety focus as an active member of the public safety subcommittee.

Historic District Commission

The East Weatogue Historic District Commission has the responsibility to perpetuate, preserve and retain the historic features of Simsbury, and to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places within the East Weatogue Historic District.

Fiscal year 2010-2011 was a year in which the Commission heard and approved three applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. The applications consisted of:

- An addition to an existing farm sales barn
- Replacement of two garage doors
- Patio and stone walled sitting area

Activities that promoted local historic preservation included the active participation of the Historic District Commissioners during the Simsbury Center Zone Charrette process and the voicing of concerns during the Route 10 Corridor Study, conducted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments, and what its impact would be to the Historic District. The Commission is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan to better assist residents and town boards and commissions with obtaining historic information.

Objectives for FY 2011-2012 include the completion of another Historic Resources Inventory and adding that newly researched information to the town's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map layer. The Commission shall be in participation with other land use boards in the review of the Town Center Design Guidelines. The Commission is also planning to conduct a "Getting to Know Your Historic District" gathering for residents of the District. The Simsbury Historic District Commission will also continue their efforts to be a resource to the residents of the Town of Simsbury to help answer any questions regarding historic building renovations.

Housing Authority

The Simsbury Housing Authority, located on 13 beautifully wooded acres at 1600 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, is a non-profit organization responsible for operating the Dr. Owen L. Murphy Apartments and the Virginia Connolly Residence.

We are dedicated to providing affordable, safe, decent, sanitary and drug-free housing for our residents. Our facilities provide subsidized housing for the elderly and persons over 18 with disabilities meeting certain income limitations. The Authority consists of five (5) commissioners appointed by the Board of Selectmen (as required by the State of Connecticut General Statutes) that oversee operations and provide strategic direction to the Authority's staff. The Authority employs five (5) full time, permanent staff and a number of part time workers.

The Authority receives no funding from the Town of Simsbury. Revenues are derived from rents, subsidy from the Department of Economic and Community Development and grants and donations from individuals and commercial, private and civic organizations.

Dr. Owen L. Murphy Apartments
The Dr. Owen L. Murphy Apartments provides housing for elderly persons, aged 62 and over, and persons with disabilities over the age of 18 receiving Social Security Disability Income. There are 70 garden-style wood frame construction units (49 efficiency units and 21 one-bedroom units) designed for independent living. The first phase, consisting of 40 units, was constructed in 1970 and the second phase, consisting of 30 units, was constructed in 1974. There is also a Community Building for social functions and two gazebos on the property where residents gather to socialize in nice weather. Many of the residents of the Dr. Owen L. Murphy Apartments participate in activities and programs conducted at the Virginia Connolly Residence such as Bingo, Jewelry, Stamping, cookouts, etc.

Currently, all units are occupied, and we maintain a Waiting List of applicants for our 70 apartments.

Virginia Connolly Residence

The Virginia Connolly Residence provides Congregate housing for persons aged 62 and over. Constructed in 1990, it is a two-story brick building consisting of 40 efficiency units designed for independent living with services. Services include one main meal each day, which is prepared on-site and served by wait staff in a central dining room; laundry facilities; emergency call system; weekly housekeeping service and 24-hour security. There are also many activities for the residents, including Armchair Exercise and Balance Programs, Tai Chi, Bingo, Book Group, Men's Coffee Hour and Coffee & Donut Socials. Currently, all units are occupied, and we maintain a Waiting List of applicants for our 40 apartments.

An Assisted Living Program is available for residents who require assistance beyond the basic Congregate Program. The services are provided through the State Department of Social Services Home Care Program for the Elderly and are designed to help elderly residents age in place.

In 2011 we participated with the outreach efforts of the Town of Simsbury to coordinate activities between the Simsbury School System and our residents. Residents became volunteers at the schools, attended theater and sports events and met several times with students from the Henry James Middle School and the Junior Civitan Club. One particularly successful activity was the building of gingerbread houses, which was widely publicized. Further, we participated with students from the Westminster School on a community service project during the fall, which included leaf raking, serving residents in the Dining Room, nail polishing and much more. We also engaged FAVARH clients to assist our fall cleanup.

We proudly sponsored an Eagle Scout Project this past year. Our Eagle Scout candidate designed the project, created a budget and raised funds, and coordinated work activities to successfully construct two accessible raised flower and vegetable gardens behind the Virginia Connolly Residence.

Construction Projects

There were no major construction projects in 2011.

Property

None of our housing was sold, leased or transferred during the past year, and all units remain as rental housing for low and moderate income residents.

2011-2012 Goals

- We continue to develop a long-term strategy for maintaining and expanding both properties in order to be competitive in the housing market. We conducted workshops with an outside facilitator to determine the long-term needs in our demographic area and have completed several of the action points from the workshops.
- A significant personnel activity, the retirement of our Executive Director in the summer of 2012 has been addressed and the Board has a plan of action in place for the advertising, review of applications, selection of the new Executive Director and transition on July 1, 2012.
- We are upgrading our overall marketing strategy including advertising, brochures, news articles, local public television, our web site, etc.
- We actively participate in supporting current legislative matters related to public housing and assisted living concerns, and most importantly, funding for rental assistance, congregate subsidy and resident services.

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission is an advisory group whose goal is to eliminate discrimination based upon race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation or national ancestry. The Commission seeks to foster mutual respect and understanding, offers community-wide education and awareness and encourages equality of treatment. It seeks compliance with federal, state, and other governmental laws and regulations and assists public and private agencies in the implementation of those goals.

In May 2011, Commission members met with the Muslim-American Peace Group to discuss discrimination, education and tolerance.

Commission members benefited from the honest dialogue and confirmed a desire to continue communicating and developing opportunities to facilitate a wider knowledge and acceptance of Muslim-Americans.

Juvenile Review Board

The Juvenile Review Board was established in 1982 by the Simsbury Police Department to provide an alternative and early means of identifying and assisting Simsbury youths, age 15 and under, who come in contact with the police for being involved with minor violations of criminal statutes.

The function of the Board is to divert Simsbury youth from the Juvenile Justice system. A referral to the Juvenile Review Board provides an opportunity for professionals, who work with children, to ensure that the child understands that he/she will be held accountable by the community for minor violations of the law.

Historically, the Board has had a high rate of success. The vast majority of children who are referred to the Juvenile Review Board are not again involved with the police.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, the Board met with 11 Simsbury youths and their families. A total of 198 community service hours were assigned and performed.

Library Board of Directors

As directed by State Statutes and established by the Town Charter and Code, the management of the Library is vested in a popularly elected, nine-member Library Board of Trustees. The Trustees, who serve six-year terms, are responsible for establishing the philosophy of Library service and setting policies to implement that philosophy. The Library Board of Trustees makes bylaws for its governance and has the exclusive right to expend all money appropriated for the Library.

The Trustees' vision for the Library is that of

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a forward-thinking, modern, dynamic public space that serves the broadest spectrum of the population. The Trustees believe that the Public Library is the new “Town Green”—the core and life center of a Town, which is inhabited by people who treasure learning, adventure, dialog and community. To this end, the Library Board of Trustees decided to focus on the following service objectives for the Library’s 2011-2016 Long Range Plan of action:

- **Information Literacy:** Provide users with tools to find and evaluate information sources. Maintain a full teaching schedule in the Technology Learning Center.
- **Commons:** Provide an environment that addresses the need of people to meet and interact with others in the community and to participate in public discourse about community issues.
- **General Information:** Provide print, non-print, electronic and other resources covering a wide variety of topics and a website for accessing general information resources.
- **Life-Long Learning:** Provide and maintain an extensive collection of circulating and downloadable materials on a wide variety of topics in which the public has a sustained interest including providing programs to meet the public need.
- **Current Topics and Titles:** Provide a current collection and sufficient copies of titles in high demand to ensure that customer requests are met quickly.
- **Business, Entrepreneurship and Career Information:** Maintain and expand the Library Business Resource Center to address existing and emerging needs of our users for information related to business, non-profit management, entrepreneurship, career/work, personal finances and college planning.
- **Create Young Library Users:** Cultivate children’s curiosity and help them explore the world around them.
- **Teen Services:** Provide positive social interactions and learning opportunities for teens.

The complete Library Long Range Plan 2011-2016 may be viewed on the Library’s website www.simsburylibrary.info; click “about us”.

In addition to creating and administering surveys, studying demographic projections, identifying Town-wide goals, studying national library trends and analyzing all this information to create and write the Long Range Plan 2011-2016, the Library Board of Trustees also took the following actions during FY 2011:

- Created a 40-seat meeting space to meet public demand for meeting rooms.
- Coordinated and administered the building of the Library’s outdoor sign.
- Explored the option of a walkway to Scout Hall to access 18 parking spaces there.
- Accepted the donation of four paintings for the Library valued at \$25,000.
- Reviewed all three labor contracts pertinent to Library staff and recommended changes to the Town Administrative Services Director.
- Attended FOI and Connecticut Library Association Conferences.
- Voted to expand self-service to patron pick-up of books on hold.
- Voted to reduce Library operating hours from 64-58 in wake of budget cuts.
- Voted to keep the existing Library program registration procedure.

Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee was established by Town Charter Section 716 to assist and advise the Board of Selectmen in identifying land suitable for acquisition or preservation. The Committee is comprised of the First Selectman; the chairmen of the Planning, Zoning and Conservation Commissions; and one other member as may be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee acts on requests made to it by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee has been active in discussing the Hopmeadow Streetscape maintenance of extra open space effort and the use of the Town Farm Dairy property. It has also met with and discussed the Simsbury Tree Committee and the use of the Meadowood open space triangle of land on Firetown Road. The Committee has also discussed the use of other town open space, which was part of the Meadowood development on Barndoor Hills Road.

Performing Arts Center Board

The Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows (“PAC at SM”) is an entertainment facility built to enhance the quality of life in Simsbury.

The Performing Arts Center Board (“PAC Board”) was established by resolution of the Board of Selectmen in May of 2008. The duties and responsibilities of the PAC Board include: setting policies and annual objectives; planning for future growth; motivating management to meet objectives; and reporting annually on performance. All income and expenses of the facility are managed through a Town of Simsbury Special Revenue Fund, which means that the PAC at SM is a self-funding operation.

The summer events calendar was very active beginning with the Sunshine Serio Memorial Concert on May 27th. The five concert Talcott Mountain Music Festival began on June 25th and went through July 22nd. The summer season also included our very own four-concert Iron Horse Concert series – with bands such as Littlehouse and The McLovin’s performing.

There were many non-entertainment events including the Rotary’s River Run, the Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge bike ride, the Valley Car Club show, the Hartford Marathon and 5K, Simsbury High School graduation, Bloomfield High School graduation and the new DaVita Bike Tour. Summer events also included the return of the very popular Septemberfest.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is an elected body comprised of six regular members and three alternates. In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commission prepares, adopts and amends the Plan of Conservation and Development at least every 10 years. It also makes findings and sends recommendations to the Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen under CGS 8-24 regarding municipal improvements, including the construction of facilities, acquisition and disposition of real property, and acts upon applications for the subdivision of land.

The Commission, which meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, makes recommendations to the Zoning Commission on proposed zone changes and text amendments to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes under CGS 8-3.

During this fiscal year, the Commission approved two referrals to the Board of Selectmen under CGS 8-24 for the Community Farm of Simsbury. Two additional positive referrals to the Board of Selectmen include: the acceptance of a federal grant and acquisition of a conservation easement for Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot; and the approval of wording in accordance with Bond Counsel requirements for improvements to the Simsbury Farms Facility. In March 2011, the Commission sent a positive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for banning outdoor wood burning furnaces. The Planning Commission continues to play a key role in commenting on development applications.

The Commission began implementing various aspects of the 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development. It has also approved a Fee in Lieu of Open Space amendment to the Subdivision Regulation. The Commission continued working on revisions to the subdivision regulations in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, which they are hoping to complete in early 2012.

Police Commission

By Connecticut State Statute and Simsbury Town Charter provisions, the Simsbury Police Commission has the requirement of general management and supervision of the Police Department (through the auspices of the Chief of Police). In pursuit of that requirement, the Commission reviews citizen matters involving the Police Department and submission of annual budget to the Board of Selectmen. It further participates in the collective bargaining process and is the final authority for all personnel and disciplinary matters within the Police Department.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Supported National Accreditation activities.
- Participated in department leadership through

the Administration of the department.

- Reviewed monthly activity reports wherein criminal events and officer activities are summarized; made recommendations for actions to enhance positive trends.
- Made recommendations as to desired direction of the department in order to achieve goals in safety, performance and reduction in criminal activity.
- Reviewed and supported department Community Policing initiatives.
- Reviewed communications from citizens.
- Attended various functions established by the Police Department, such as Citizens' Police Academy Graduation, inductions of new officers and promotions.

2011-2012 Goals

- Support National and State Re-accreditation.
- Continue activities to further support department goals.
- Provide additional support for Police Department involvement in the community.
- Support Community Policing initiatives.

Public Building Committee

The Public Building Committee, which is made up of nine appointed members, met at least once a month throughout the year to oversee the design and construction of all major school projects. The Board of Selectmen also assigned major addition and/or renovation projects of town-owned buildings to the Public Building Committee for oversight. Staff support is provided by the Town Engineer/Director of Capital Projects and Public School's Business Manager.

In late 2011, the Committee was saddened by the loss of our secretary, Alice Rowland. Alice dedicated over 16 years of service to the Committee's deliberations on many notable community building projects. She will be missed.

Activities of the Public Building Committee are listed below:

- Initiated a Needs Assessment Study to determine the space and program requirements for a Senior Center at Eno Memorial Hall or at other alternative sites. The

study involves an outreach program in order to gain an extensive understanding of users' and staff thoughts and opinions. The Study, to be completed in 2012, will include a program narrative, schematic plans and cost estimates and will be a valuable guide in reaching a decision for future Simsbury's Senior Center.

- Completed Design and Bidding for Simsbury Farm's main building renovation and addition which includes full accessibility and energy efficient heating and lighting. Construction of the \$2.84 million improvements are planned to begin in late summer of 2011. Completion of the new team rooms are scheduled for December 2011, and delivery of the entire project is anticipated for the 2012 summer season.
- Constructed the Town Offices' energy-efficient lighting under an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant of \$97,000.00. This project saves an estimated 20,000 kw/year.
- Completed the design for a \$1.28 million roof replacement at Latimer Lane School. This project's construction was coordinated for the start of the 2011/2012 school year.

We foresee an active schedule next fiscal year, with the completion of the Simsbury Farms Main Building, Latimer Lane Roof and Senior Center Study. We also expect to develop a Request for Qualifications for selection of an architect to prepare plans for improvements of the Henry James Memorial School's science classroom.

Recycling Committee

In 2006 the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (recently reorganized as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-DEEP) amended the Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan focused on municipal solid waste, MSW—more commonly known as trash—generated by both households and commercial enterprises and the debris resulting from construction.

Currently in Simsbury we recycle over 24 percent of the MSW we generate, but the goal is to recycle 58 percent of our waste stream by 2024. Ambitious yes, but also attainable.

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So how do we reach our goal (maybe even surpass it)? That is where the Simsbury Recycling Committee comes in. The Committee is dedicated to supporting residents, schools and businesses in their efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.

In 2011 the Committee managed the following programs in support of our mission:

- In January the Committee hosted a forum titled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Recycling But Were Afraid to Ask." Now that single stream recycling is available to all Simsbury residents through their private waste hauler and at the Transfer Station, increasing our recycling rate is as easy as knowing what we should put in our recycling bins. Over 50 people attended the forum featuring Town Engineer Rich Sawitzke of Simsbury; Diane Duva of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; and Sotoria Montanari of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. The forum is available on the Simsbury Community Television website. Also, DEEP's "What do I do with ...?" is a comprehensive on-line listing of recyclable items and is available at www.ct.gov/deep. Click on Materials and Waste Management under quick links, then click on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in the left column, and you will find the "What do I do with...?" link in the middle of the page.
- The Swap Shoppe, located at the Simsbury Transfer Station off Wolcott Road, allows residents the opportunity to give a range of new or gently used items, which are then offered free to shoppers, keeping these objects out of the waste stream. In 2011 over 766 visitors browsed the Swap Shoppe, up 35 percent from 2010. In addition, 936 items were reused, a 20 percent increase from the year before. The new building and location continue to help this program expand. In 2012 the Committee is planning a Grand Re-Opening Event to highlight this community resource.
- The annual Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Campaign was held, incorporating more business partners in this effort. Area residents are encouraged to deposit their old sneakers in bins around town. The sneakers are then collected and the

rubber from the shoes reconstituted into new sports surfaces.

- The Magazine Swap is located in the Simsbury Library. Residents are able to donate magazines to the swap instead of throwing them out. Residents can also pick up magazines left by others that they are interested in reading.
- The 2011 Simsbury Recycling Award was presented to local businesses that assisted with the Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Campaign and included: Hopmeadow Nursery School, Battison's of Simsbury and West Simsbury, Big Sky and the Farmington Valley Racquet Club.
- The Simsbury Recycling Committee's webpage was updated to include current programs and links to additional recycling resources.

In 2011 the Simsbury Recycling Committee included: Joyce Banks, Cathy Barnard, Lori Fernand, Liz Melvin, Gwen Moraski, Lonni Schulz and Mary Turner. In addition, Ana Jahrstorfer and Shivani Mandavilli of Henry James Memorial School and Becky Brown and Emma Teed of Simsbury High School served as Student Representatives to the Recycling Committee and acted as liaisons to their schools on environmental issues.

2011-2012 Goals

- Continue our efforts with regards to the Swap Shoppe and the Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Campaign.
- Host a second Gifford's Green Conversations, this time on composting.
- Continue expanding recycling educational resources for residents.
- Host an informational recycling program for town employees.
- Identify potential recycling collaborative efforts with our schools.

Simsbury Farms Complex Committee

The Simsbury Farms Complex Committee was commissioned in 1998. The committee was established to evaluate existing facilities at Simsbury Farms and provide specific recommendations to meet the present needs and

future expectations of the community.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

Financial:

- Total revenues at Simsbury Farms were \$1,780,293. Total expenses were \$1,796,115, resulting in a revenue fund deficit. Positive pool and summer camp revenues offset decreases in golf revenues.

Program/Facility:

- Obtained capital funding through approval at Town Referendum for improvements at Simsbury Farms, including renovations of the main building and golf course.
- Recommended fee rates consistent with operational expenses.
- Recommended new incentives to non resident golfers to increase rounds played at Simsbury Farms.
- Oversaw operational expenses and revenues to achieve a balanced revenue fund budget.

2011-2012 Goals

- Complete renovations to Simsbury Farms Main Building, Ice Rink and Golf Course.
- Utilize new golf course website, increase user participation at the Simsbury Farms Golf Course.
- Continue to oversee expenses and revenues to operate Simsbury Farms in a financially efficient manner.

Tourism Committee

Established in 1994, the Tourism Committee's mission is to "help facilitate efforts towards enhancing the vitality and broadening the economic base of Simsbury through the development and promotion of tourism." Through this effort, employment opportunities and local revenues will be increased while the integrity and character of Simsbury as a traditional New England town is maintained.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Created a Hopmeadow cell phone walking tour of 11 sites to encourage visitors to stroll downtown and to learn about the town's history and architecture. Signage was

developed and a new Hopmeadow map was designed to highlight the tour stops. Maps are in boxes at each location and at various places around town. Hopefully they will be distributed at all the bicycle rental sites as well.

- The Tourism Committee visitor line at 658-4000 continued to function as an information source after the loss of the receptionist at Town Hall. We continued to update our tourism webpage and to distribute information at the library and Chamber. A kayak postcard was added to the nine existing scenes that we market with our coloring book and Simsbury print. The bicycle kiosk on Wilcox Street posts maps, calendars and tourism items of interest, and shortly the Rotary shelter at the Meadows will house tourism information, too.
- Helped in the planning and staffing of Simsbury Celebrates.
- Continued involvement in the Farmington Valley Film Commission which links the nine Valley towns. The 2nd annual Film Fete was held in July, and a youth film festival and Academy Awards Night was planned for the future.
- The third Volunteer Expo was held at Eno in April to invite people to sign up to join various committees, commissions and interest groups. There was a large turnout of potential "volunteers" and a great response from organizations wanting to be represented. It is hoped this will become a regular event.
- Participated in the Farmers' Market with an information table.
- Helped to welcome bikers involved in the East Coast Greenway bike gathering in Simsbury.
- Designed a fall foliage driving tour online with photos and mapping.
- Planned a Tourism Forum to introduce Kip Bergstrom of the DECD to our Valley towns. Due to the storm it was canceled but will be rescheduled for the spring.
- Participated in many group meetings such as those of SCOC, Main Street Partnership, The Flower Bridge, the Tariffville Village Association and the EDC. In addition we attended meetings of FVVA and Liz Banco was appointed the representative to the newly constituted River Valley Tourism District.

2011-2012 Goals

- To expand the cell phone tour to include more sites and more indepth tours; to publicize it more widely and extend its use for other events and to the schools.
- To increase marketing of the Town of Simsbury souvenir coloring book and prints.
- To maintain an active presence in the planning and execution of town events and in the publicizing of outside groups coming to town for various activities.
- To further our relationship with TVA and the Simsbury Historical Society.
- To continue expanding our tourism website presence.
- To actively seek new committee members interested in tourism.
- To contribute in any way to the economic development of Simsbury through the avenue of tourism and to serve as a link to all the groups who have that as a common goal.

Volunteer Ambulance Association

Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association (SVAA) has served the emergency medical needs of the community for 55 years. Over the years, our history demonstrates a continuum of increased levels of service provided to our community. The volunteers of SVAA proudly continue the tradition of service to the community begun a half century ago by our founding members.

The Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association was founded in 1957, and the first ambulance was provided by the Kiwanis Club, whose members went door to door to solicit contributions. The first ambulance was housed in a barn on property adjacent to the Holly Hill Convalescent Home, presently known as Governor's House, and members held only an American Red Cross first aid certification. In 1965 a facility on Old Mill Lane was built as a one-bay structure on land owned by the VNA. By 1967, as the Association celebrated its tenth anniversary, members had responded to a total of 1,600 calls. By comparison, we currently respond to approximately 1,600 calls per year.

SVAA is comprised of over fifty active volunteer members whose dedication to our community is demonstrated by an aggregate of more than 30,000 hours per year of scheduled duty, training, recertification, stand-bys and meetings. The volunteer EMT staff is augmented by a paid staff of Paramedics. SVAA has provided Paramedic level service 24 hours per day since 1997, dramatically reducing the time it takes to get advanced lifesaving measures to the patient.

Earlier this year we recognized our member's exceptional dedication with awards for 1,000 Hours of Service and 100 Call in 2011. A total of 13 members received these awards. EMT of the Year 2011 was awarded to Mr. Peter Tedone. Peter is a 37-year veteran as an EMT, with 23 years as a SVAA member. He currently serves as our President.

Beyond providing emergency medical responses to 911 calls, the Association has several other public functions. Throughout the year, SVAA conducts CPR and First Aid classes as well as an annual EMT course. You may also see the ambulance on stand-by at major public functions like the St. Mary's Carnival and First Night. Annually, SVAA provides on-site tours and demonstrations for sixth grade students at the towns elementary schools.

As Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association serves the town's emergency medical needs, we continue to rely on, and appreciate, the ongoing financial support of local citizens, businesses and organizations.

Please visit us at our web site:
www.simsburyems.com.



Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) is a body of seven members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, responsible for establishing, reviewing and enforcing the policies, procedures and fees in connection with the operation and maintenance of Simsbury's sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment facility. The treatment facility also receives wastewater from Avon and Granby. Each of these towns is a financial partner in the Water Pollution Control Facility. Intermunicipal agreements have been established to administer these relationships.

Regular WPCA meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility on Drake Hill Road, unless otherwise posted.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

The WPCA conducted 12 meetings, including 4 public hearings, during which they:

- Reviewed, approved and accepted sewer extension projects and/or assessments on Pheasant Lane, Village Road, Deer Park Road and Bushy Hill Road
- Established a non-residential sewer customer billing policy that is based on water use
- Set the non-residential user fee rate
- Established a subcommittee to review the current Facility Connection Charge Policy

The closing for financing the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade was accomplished in the spring of 2008. The completion of Phase I of the upgrade in 2006 resulted in the facility being in compliance with the nitrogen discharge limits set by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the year 2015. Accomplishing this goal enabled Simsbury WPCA participation in the state nitrogen credit trading program and reduced the environmental impact on the Farmington River and ultimately Long Island Sound. Since 2007, the Simsbury WPCA has been a net recipient of funds from the CT DEEP in the form of nitrogen credits.

2011-2012 Goals

- The Facility Connection Charge Policy Review Subcommittee will evaluate and make a recommendation to the WPCA regarding their review of the current FCC Policy.

- The WPCA will review the findings of the FCC Policy Review Subcommittee, debate the same, and make such revisions to the current policy, as may be appropriate, in its judgment.
- Complete the construction phase of the Tunxis Pump Station replacement.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Simsbury Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is an elected body of nine members, including six regular members and three alternates. The powers and duties of the board are established under CGS Chapter 124. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears and decides on requests for variances from the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent, with due consideration for conserving the public health, welfare and safety, convenience and property values solely with respect to a parcel of land where, owing to conditions especially affecting such parcels, but not affecting generally the district in which it is situated, a literal enforcement of such regulations would result in exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship, so that substantial justice will be done and public safety and welfare secured. The ZBA also hears and decides on appeals of zoning enforcement decisions, as well as decisions made by the Building Official. It also decides on Special Exceptions under CGS §8-2g, as specified in Article Twelve of the Zoning Regulations.

During FY 2010-2011 the Zoning Board of Appeals received:

- 17 Variance Applications
- 10 Approved
- 5 Failed to Approve
- 2 Withdrawn

The Board always welcomes any member of the public contemplating a Variance to attend a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Hall.

Zoning Commission

The Simsbury Zoning Commission, established under the Simsbury Town Charter, is an elected body of six regular members and three alternates. Among the powers and duties of the Commission, and with the powers and authority granted by CGS

Chapter 124, the Commission has the additional responsibility of acting as the Simsbury Aquifer Protection Agency. The Zoning Commission regulates land and buildings within the town based on the adopted Zoning Regulations. It also adopts, amends and repeals regulations, hears and decides applications to change regulations, and decides on site plan and special permit applications. The Zoning Regulations also provide for the manner in which the regulations are to be enforced. The Zoning Commission makes recommendations on other matters that may come before it, including requests from the Board of Selectmen.

In accordance with Chapter 4 of the Town Code, the Zoning Commission is the designated Statutory Aquifer Protection Agency. In this regard, the Commission and Commission staff perform the required overview, inventory and regulation of land uses located on the mapped aquifer areas. These aquifer areas are given due consideration during the review of any application that proposes to use or change a land use in a mapped aquifer area to ensure the activity proposed meets the requirements of the Aquifer Protection Regulations.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Commission received 33 applications, consisting of 20 site plans, 12 special permits and 1 zone change. Of these 33 applications, 3 were withdrawn and the rest were approved.

The Commission adopted a Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning regulation in late 2010. The PAD regulation encourages mixed use development of appropriate size and scale in various non-residential zones in Town. In 2011, the Simsbury Town Center Code regulation was adopted, which implements the work resulting from the September 2009 charrette. This is a historic shift in zoning for the Town Center. It is a model that may be used in other areas of Simsbury.

In addition to its other regular business, the Commission worked on reorganizing and revising the Simsbury Zoning Regulations, which have not been comprehensively revised since 1964. This process will ultimately result in new, modern Zoning Regulations that meet current standards and the needs of the community.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Town of Simsbury for June 30, 2011 is on file with the Town Clerk's Office for review and the following fiscal report of the town is submitted:

The data presented below is presented in a manner to set forth the financial position of the town and results of operations of the various funds of the town. The Board of Finance established a tax rate of 30.55 mills, which was levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2009. The General Fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Encumbrances are used and properly recorded against the budget appropriation in which the commitment is made and encumbrances outstanding at year end are reflected in budgetary reports as expenditures in the current fiscal year.

The amended budget for fiscal year 2011 was \$ 86,940,159. Total expenditures for fiscal 2011 were \$ 86,847,992. Revenues over expenditures increased \$ 897, 640, resulting in a change of Undesignated Fund Balance to \$9,577,204 for the period ending June 30, 2011.

General Fund

A comparative tabulation of General Fund (budgetary basis) expenditures classified by main function is presented below:

	Year Ended June 30, 2010		Year Ended June 30, 2011	
		%		%
General Government	\$17,888,192	20.8%	\$17,996,005	20.7%
Education	61,362,608	71.2%	61,820,467	71.2%
Debt Service Transfers	6,114,025	7.1%	6,052,606	7.0%
Other Transfers	806,050	0.8%	978,914	1.0%
Total	\$86,170,875	100.0%	\$86,847,992	100.0%

Debt

As of June 30, 2011, the Town had bonds outstanding which mature serially to the year 2021, as follows:

Schools	\$19,550,000
Public Improvement	13,875,000
Total	\$33,425,000

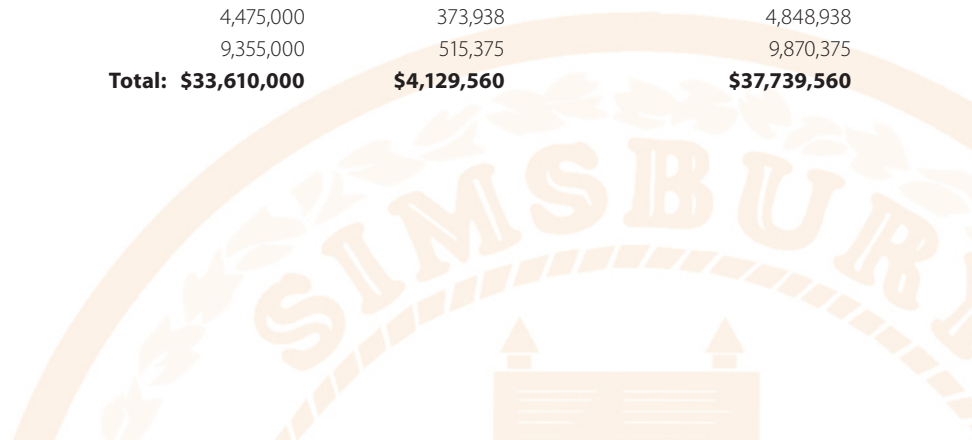
A summary of statutory debt limits in excess of outstanding and authorized debt is presented below:

General Purpose	\$162,175,761
Schools	330,732,100
Sewers	281,272,611
Urban Renewal	255,610,436



Schedule of Debt Principle and Interest Maturities by Year – June 30, 2011

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total Principal & Interest
2012	4,940,000	1,079,991	6,019,991
2013	4,930,000	893,344	5,823,344
2014	4,925,000	720,019	5,645,019
2015	4,985,000	546,894	5,531,894
2016	4,475,000	373,938	4,848,938
2017-2021	9,355,000	515,375	9,870,375
Total:	\$33,610,000	\$4,129,560	\$37,739,560

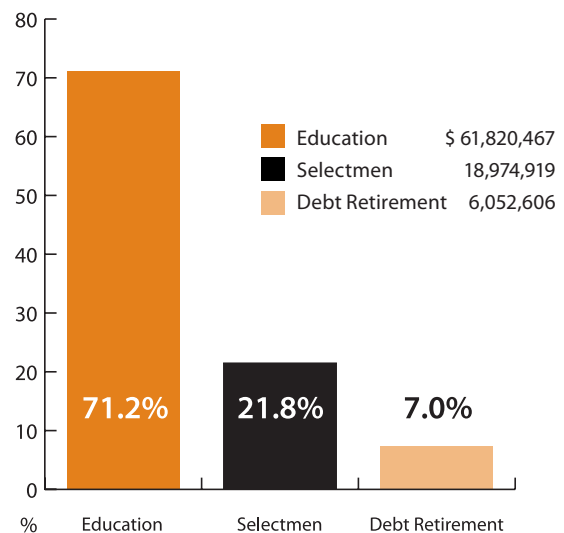
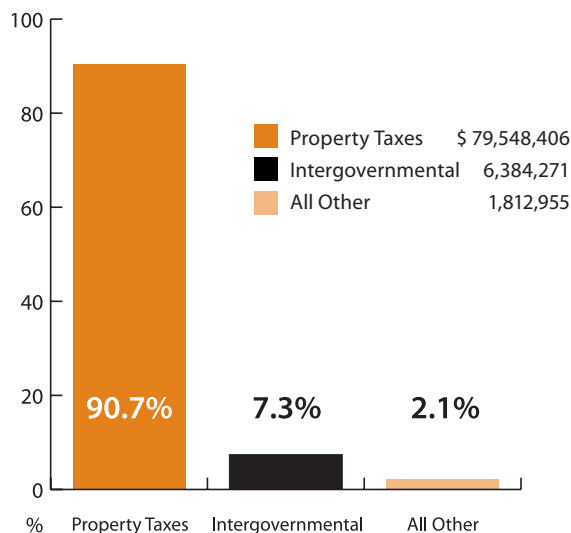


Net Grand Lists and Tax Rates – 2002-2011

Per statutory debt limitations, total indebtedness shall not exceed seven times annual receipts from taxation, which is \$543,238,564.

Year End June 30	Grand List	Mill Rate	General Town	Board of Education	Debt Retirement	Totals
2002	1,481,996,519	36.30	14,869,912	42,768,525	2,911,891	60,550,328
2003	1,500,146,075	39.10	14,823,992	46,072,296	2,928,111	63,824,399
2004	1,911,380,612	32.60	14,818,826	48,290,928	5,025,232	68,134,986
2005	1,911,949,429	34.00	14,740,952	50,176,680	5,158,210	70,075,842
2006	1,935,322,272	35.20	16,872,390	52,429,310	5,522,357	74,824,057
2007	1,985,359,901	35.90	20,365,589	55,724,738	5,370,670	81,460,997
2008	2,010,867,186	36.90	20,141,322	58,562,224	5,860,785	84,564,331
2009	2,584,781,826	29.60	18,266,814	60,608,232	6,258,285	85,133,331
2010	2,581,459,147	30.10	18,694,242	61,362,608	6,114,025	86,170,875
2011	2,579,290,063	30.55	18,974,919	61,820,467	6,052,606	86,847,992

Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ended June 30, 2011



Revenues

Property Taxes	\$79,548,406
Intergovernmental	6,384,271
Investments	142,941
Charges For Services	829,546
Licenses/Permits	262,859
Other	577,609
Total	\$ 87,745,632

Reconciliation

Revenue surplus (Actual vs. Budgeted)	1,507,231
Expenditure surplus (Budget vs. Actual)	92,167
Supplemental appropriations from Reserves	(701,758)
	897,640

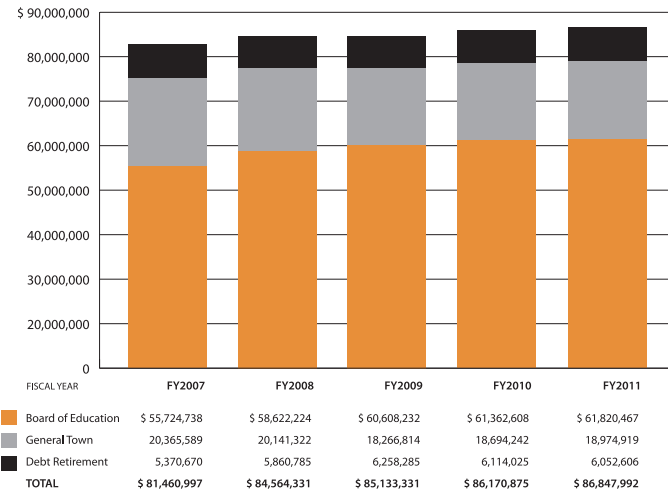
⁽¹⁾ During fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, supplemental appropriations from RESERVES totaling \$376,046 was approved.

Expenditures

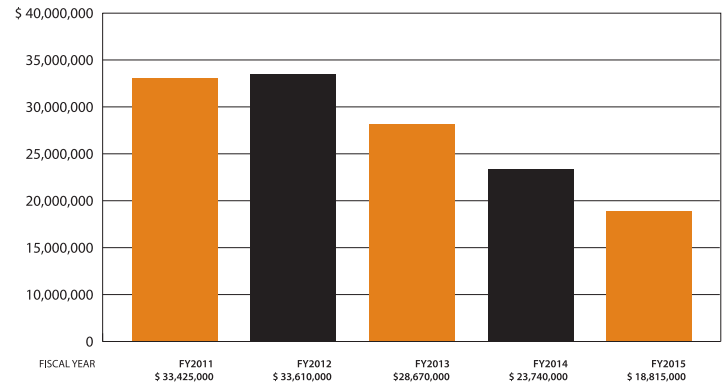
Education	\$61,820,467
Debt Retirement	6,052,606
General Government	1,872,913
Planning & Development	670,946
Public Safety	3,907,041
Facility Management	3,803,819
Culture & Recreation	2,540,924
Health & Welfare	525,225
Insurance & Benefits	4,675,137
Other	978,914
Total	\$ 86,847,992

Excess Revenues Over Expenditures ⁽¹⁾ 897,640

Total Expenditures – 2007-2011



Total Principal Outstanding – 2010-2015



Capital Projects Funds

A summary of expenditures and encumbrances compared with appropriations for the Town's various Capital Projects Fund is presented below:

Projects	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
Capital and nonrecurring	\$3,425,617	\$2,586,904	\$838,713
Sewer extension projects:			
Project 2010	260,000	24,351	235,649
Town projects:			
Library Expansion Design Services 3/05	200,000	200,000	-
Library Expansion 5/06	6,100,000	5,917,823	182,177
Gertsen Land Purchase	720,000	721,523	(1,523)
Triangle Land Purchase 5/08	2,750,000	1,604,686	1,145,314
Streetscape 10/167 5/08	325,000	113,963	211,037
Eno Hall Improvements 5/08	1,000,000	628,544	371,456
Water Extensions 5/08	170,000	98,452	71,548
Tunxis Pump Station 5/10	670,000	22,723	647,277
Paving Management 5/10	2,400,000	825,872	1,574,128
Education projects:			
Simsbury High School Addition & Alteration 5/02	43,178,567	36,212,791	6,965,776
Modular Classrooms 5/02	340,000	331,484	8,516
Computer technology improv 5/06	450,000	440,336	9,664
Tariffville Expansion 5/06	6,200,000	6,100,213	99,787
System Telecommunications, Security Upgrade 5/06	420,000	420,000	-
HVAC Boiler Replacement 5/08	700,000	105,607	594,393
Tootin Hills Roof Replacement	1,257,500	1,032,723	224,777
Squadron Line Generator 5/09	150,000	116,846	33,154
Latimer Lane Roof Replacement 5/10	1,277,500	29,401	1,248,099
District Network Infrastructure 5/10	450,000	294,307	155,693
Total:	\$72,444,184	\$57,828,549	\$14,615,635

Board & Commission Members

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Elected Boards and Commissions

(as of February 24, 2012)

Board of Selectmen

Sean P. Askham
Mary A. Glassman -
First Selectman
Nancy M. Haase
John K. Hampton -
Deputy First Selectman
Moira K. Wertheimer

Board of Assessment Appeals

Sharon I. Lawson
Stephen J. Nocera
Scott G. Sirianni

Board of Education

Todd S. Burrick
Thomas A. Doran
Robert M. Goman
Chris M. Kelly
Susan B. Salina
Lydia A. Tedone - *Chair*
Michael T. Wade
Tara D. Willerup

Board of Finance

Peter K. Askham
Jeff Blumenthal
Paul W. Henault - *Chair*
Nicholas B. Mason
Kevin A. North
Barbara A. Petitjean

Library Board of Trustees

David J. Blume
Lydia H. Chiappetti
Anne D. Erickson
Diana Fiske
Charmaine E. Glew
Joy Himmelfarb
Diane S. Madigan
Marianne B. O'Neil - *Chair*
Gail Keebler Ryan

Planning Commission

Mark S. Drake
Tina E. Hallenbeck
Ferguson R. Jansen, Jr.
Michael R. Paine - *Chair*
Kevin M. Prell
William F. Rice

Zoning Board of Appeals

Carol M. Bingham
Thomas F. Horan
Craig K. MacCormack
Katie S. Martin
Gregory W. Picuch
Peter A. Stempien - *Chair*

Zoning Commission

William J. Fiske
Edward J. Pabich
Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr. - *Chair*
Gerald A. Post
David Rogers Ryan
Amy M. Salls

Additional Boards and Commissions

(as of February 24, 2012)

Aging and Disability

Grace Comeau
Kathleen M. Fallon
Mona Herman
Michael R. Jennings
Marvin S. Koff
Carrie Jan Kramer
Edward J. LaMontagne - *Chair*
Mary Ellen Long
Mona Martinik
Charlotte W. Steptoe
Lynn R. Veith
Ronald P. Zappile

Board of Ethics

Peter T. Kellogg - *Vice Chair, Secretary*
Polly A. Maier
David M. Moore
Louis A. Norton
Richard S. Order - *Chair*
Barbara A. Petijean

Building Code

Board of Appeals
Emil T. Dahlquist - *Chair*
William J. Eagan
Harvey J. Goodfriend
Paul E. Holland
Charles A. Warren, Jr. -
Deputy Chair

Charter Revision Commission

Darren P. Cunningham
James T. Fleming
Robert W. Heagney - *Chair*
Bradford M. Mead
Daniel J. Munroe
John J. O'Neil, Jr.
Peter C. Pabich
David R. Ryan

Clean Energy Task Force

Robert Beinstein
Patrick J. Boeshans - *Chair*
Edward M. Cosgrove
Susan Van Kleef

Conservation Commission

Andrew G. Bucknam
Darren P. Cunningham
Ryan M. Mihalic - *Secretary*
Richard A. Miller Jr. - *Chair*
Margaret R. Sexton

Margery C.B. Winters -
Vice Chair
Dominick Zackeo

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

David W. Bush - *Chair*
Joseph P. Grace
Kelly J. Kearney
Barbara A. Koff
William K. Mullen
John B. Pendergast
Harry J. Ryan
Francis Salls
Gerard H. Wetjen

Design Review Board

Emil T. Dahlquist - *Chair*
William B. Gardner
Kevin E. Gray - *Secretary*
Mark Naccarato
Richard E. Schoenhardt
Charles B. Stephenson
John G. Stewart

Economic Development Commission

Kristen C. Barnett
Kevin M. Crimmins
Mark Deming - *Chair*
Timothy E. Ellsworth
Louis N. George
Shannon L. Knall
Charles A. Minor
Derek B. Peterson
Allan R. Raphael, Sr.

Fair Rent Commission

Madeleine P. Gilkey
Cornelia Mason
John F. Paddock
Helen K. Peterson
David A. Richman
Judy G. Schaefer

Historic District Commission

Denise H. Alfeld
Kenneth L. Feder
David G. Freitas
Dianne L. Mead
Evan B. Woollacott - *Chair*

Housing Authority

Kathleen H. Coffey

Cheryl Brienza Cook
Oliver B. Dickins, Jr.
Woodrow W. Eddins, Jr.
Ronald P. Zappile - *Chair*

Human Relations Commission

Susan G. Ersinghaus
Eva W. Hausman
Sharon I. Lawson

Insurance Committee

Angela M. Campetti
Madeleine Gilkey
Nicholas B. Mason
Paul H. Mikkelsen, Jr.
Peter C. Peterson
John L. Sennott, Jr.
Edward F. Sparkowski - *Chair*

Open Space Committee

Mary A. Glassman - *Chair*
Michael Paine
Helen K. Peterson
Robert D. Pomeroy
Margery C.B. Winters

Pension Committee

Robert. M. Goman
Lisa L. Heavner
Paul W. Henault
Nicholas B. Mason
Paul F. McAlenney
Philip M. Schultz
Michael T. Wade
Moira K. Wertheimer

Performing Arts Center Board

Catherine A. Barnard - *Sec.*
Leo F. Collins
Janet M. Goman
Robert S. Hensley - *Chair*
Ross D. Herlands
Ferguson R. Jansen, Jr. -
Vice Chair
Sharon I. Lawson

Public Building Committee

Lawrence Boardman
Richard Cortes
Richard A. Derr
Lucian M. Dragulski
Francis J. Kelly
Michael E. Laureno, Jr.

Richard E. Ostop - *Chair*
Mary Lou Patrino
John J. Salvatore

Police Commission

Edward M. Cosgrove
Carl D. Eisenmann
Harvey J. Goodfriend
Michael T. Long - *Chair*
Brendan M. Walsh - *Clerk*

Recycling Committee

Lori P. Fernand - *Chair*
Elizabeth G. Melvin
Alan C. Needham
James M. Ray
Nancy C. Thoma
Mary N. Turner
Vacancy

Simsbury Farms Complex Committee

Antonio B. Braz
Sarah K. Cramer
David P. Dell
Dennis J. Fallon
Charles F. Ford
Marc E. Lubetkin
Maribeth F. Mortillaro
Ronald T. Patterson
Gerald A. Post

Tourism Committee

Dominique Avery
Elizabeth Banco - *Co-Chair*
Terry L. Boulton
Gina M. Cadorette
Patricia Carbone
Paulette Clark
Joyce R. Howard - *Co-Chair*
Laurie G. Matczak
Steven S. Mitchell
Katherine A. Oakes
Barbara L. O'Connor

Water Pollution Control Authority

Warren B. Coe
Paul N. Gilmore
Edward J. Kelly
Michael A. Park
Philip W. Richardson - *Chair*
Jerry G. Sheehan
Loren Shoemaker

Important Phone Numbers

Area Code	860
Emergency Phone Numbers	
Fire Department	911
Routine Information	658-1971
Police Department/Ambulance	911
933 Hopmeadow Street	
Routine Information	658-3100
Simsbury Vol. Ambulance Assoc.	658-7213
64 West Street	

Department/Service	Phone Number
Assessor	658-3251
Board of Education	651-3361
Building	658-3234
Chamber of Commerce	651-7307
Continuing Education	658-3870
Engineering	658-3260
Eno Hall, Basement Pay Phone	658-7073
Farmington Valley Health District	352-2333
Finance	658-3244
Fire Marshal	658-1973
Historical Society	658-2500
Housing Authority	658-1147
Judge of Probate	658-3277
Landfill	658-9481
Library, Simsbury Public	658-7663
Planning	658-3245
Police	658-3100
Public Works	658-3222
Recreation	658-3255
Simsbury Farms Complex office	658-3836
Simsbury Farms Golf Club	658-6246
Recorded Information	658-2512
Registrar of Voters	658-3267
First Selectman	658-3230
SCTV-Simsbury Community Television	658-1720
Sewer Treatment	658-1380
Social Services	658-3283
Tax	658-3238
Town Clerk	658-3243
Town Hall	658-3200
Aquarion Water Company	658-6707
Visitors Center	658-4000

Town Management (As of 12/31/11)

First Selectman	Mary A. Glassman
Police Chief	Peter Ingvertsen
Director of Finance	Mary Ann Harris
Town Engineer	Richard Sawitzke
Dir. of Administrative Services	Thomas Cooke
Dep. Dir. of Admin. Services	Sean Kimball
Dir. of Culture, Parks & Recreation	Gerry Toner
Dir. of Planning	Hiram Peck III
Dir. of Public Works	Thomas Roy
Dir. of Simsbury Public Library	Susan Bullock
Dir. of Social Services	Mickey Lecours-Beck
Town Clerk	Carolyn Keily

Town Meeting Dates* (As of 12/31/11)

Board of Selectmen
The second and fourth Monday of each month
Board of Education
The second and fourth Tuesday of each month
Board of Finance
The third Tuesday of each month
Planning Commission
The second and fourth Tuesday of each month

Zoning Commission

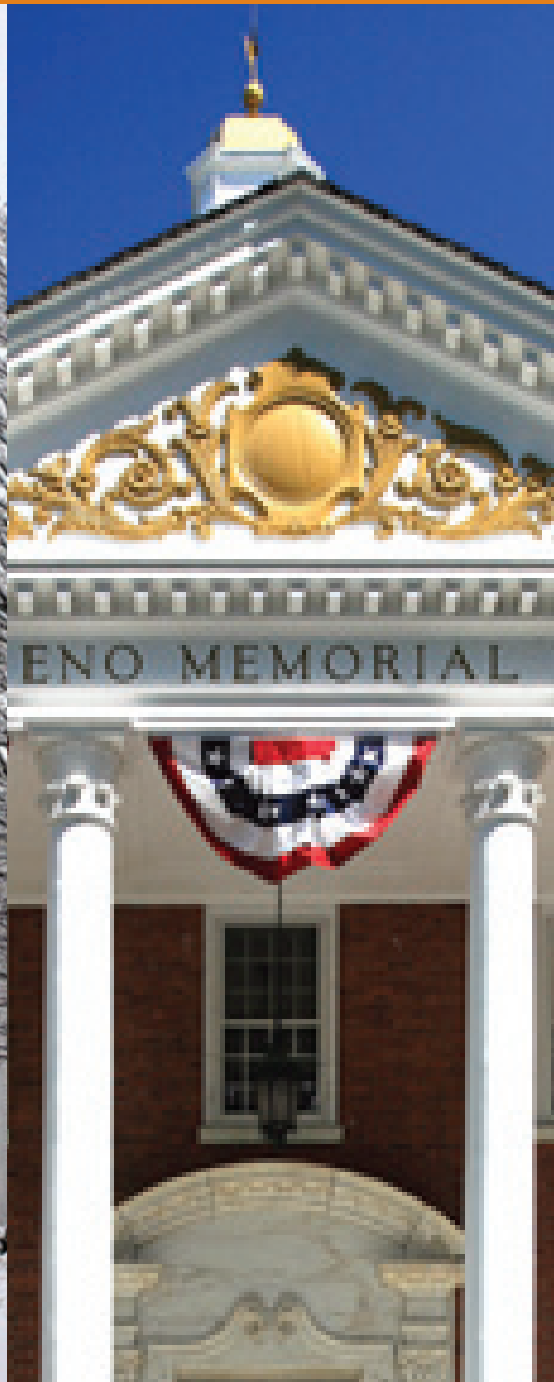
The first and third Monday of each month

* Subject to change - verify meeting dates and times by calling the Town Hall

Town Map



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