

2011-2012 *Annual Report*



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Our Town

A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Finance

I am pleased to present the 150th Annual Report of the Town of Simsbury. The goal of this report is to provide the Town's citizens, taxpayers and other stakeholders with a description of the significant events and activities occurring during the reporting period. This report includes financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 as well as a description of the significant events and activities that occurred in the community during the calendar year 2012.

As in 2011, the Town of Simsbury faced unprecedented economic and storm-related challenges in 2012, and once again the Town took the steps necessary to overcome those challenges. The Boards of Finance, Selectmen and Education worked together to prepare budgets and capital improvement projects designed to provide an excellent level of service to residents and simultaneously to fit within conservative financial guidelines. The Town's fiscal prudence was recognized by a recent reaffirmation of its Aaa rating by Moody's Investors Service. Board collaboration and hard work by the Town's staff resulted in a prompt and comprehensive response to the damage caused by the October

2011 storm and in reimbursement of over \$2.6 million of storm-related costs from FEMA. When Hurricane Sandy hit in October, 2012 the Town was well-prepared – in fact, all of our streets were open two days after the storm hit. Both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education have introduced defined contribution plans for certain new employees, and the Town took a hard look at its pension plans and put a process in place to ensure that those plans use appropriate assumptions and are properly funded.

At the same time, the Town of Simsbury moved forward with capital projects designed to protect and restore some of our most important assets. The pool, skating rink and main building at Simsbury Farms were renovated to optimize the experience for residents and to maximize energy efficiency. Necessary repairs were made to school facilities, and investments were made to ensure that the Town of Simsbury has the generators and shelters it needs in the event of a major emergency. Details about these projects and more will be covered in depth in this report.

The Town continues to benefit from a strong spirit of volunteerism as our residents step forward to serve on Boards and Commissions, to work in shelters and to take care of their neighbors in times of trouble. Because of these qualities, the Town of Simsbury continues to be recognized as one of the best places to live in Connecticut and beyond.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board of Finance. I am fortunate to work with the many dedicated members of our community who give of their time and talent to serve on the Town's Boards and Commissions, and with Town and Board of Education Staff who work hard every day to serve the residents and businesses of this community. I continue to be grateful for this honor and privilege.

Sincerely,

Paul Henault

Chairman, Board of Finance



Our Town

A Message from the First Selectman

Dear Simsbury Resident:

We are pleased to present the 2011-2012 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 top priority for the Town 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. Most recently, the Town was recognized as #1 in Hartford Magazine's list of Top Towns and was ranked #39 in the country on a list of "Best Places to Live" by Money Magazine in 2011. Additionally, Simsbury was the first town in Connecticut to earn the designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

In 2012, the Town made great progress in taking advantage of technological advances. Technology in the Tax Collector's office allows residents to pay their tax bills on-line and has reduced printing and staff costs. Today, nearly 4,000 residents pay

taxes on-line, the highest number ever. Residents also have on-line access to Simsbury's building permit process, sign-ups for golf and recreational programs and review of the Town's budget and capital expenditures.

As we head into fiscal year 2013-2014, town staff and officials continue to promote economic development growth to bring in new tax dollars – such as a new urgent care center, new restaurants, a new grocery store and additional housing. Over the coming year, we will focus on a partnership with The Hartford insurance company to redevelop the company's property for future use. As always, town officials continue to work with state officials to advocate for state funding for education and to reduce local mandates.

However, Simsbury's ability to control spending despite these pressures has been the result of employee cooperation, shared services with the Board of Education and regional towns, increasing support from volunteers, and the ability of Town staff to attract and secure an unprecedented amount of grant funding: \$8,360,050.

In October, our community was once again called upon to come together to meet another challenge presented by Mother Nature in the form of Hurricane Sandy. Special thanks to all of the Town employees, especially our public safety officials including police, fire and volunteer ambulance personnel, public works and highway staff, social services staff as well as all of our community volunteers for working hard to continue to be prepared to protect the public health and safety of our residents. The continued success of the Town of Simsbury can be directly attributed to the collaboration of so many individuals.

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

Sincerely,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman



Our Town/Town Government

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

In 2011-2012, the Simsbury Public Schools continued to provide convincing reasons for families to settle in our community.

Our schools delivered impressive academic achievements, including strong SAT performance, especially compared to state and national averages. We are proud of Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) performance, including 100% of Latimer Lane's sixth graders meeting goal in both Writing and Reading, and 100% of Tariffville's sixth graders meeting goal in Writing. More SHS students than ever before—69%—took at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course. And with the expansion of course opportunities at Simsbury High School, more students than ever before are being enriched by a world language course or courses in visual arts or music and performing arts. Our students' futures seem bright indeed. Last year, Simsbury High School (SHS) had 4 National Merit Semi-Finalists; 172 students were recognized as Simsbury Scholars, with 21 students Simsbury Scholars for all four years. Simsbury also had more winners than any other school at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference.

We are proud that all students, not just our top performers, are being well prepared for college and careers. It is telling that more than 85% of our students attend a four-year college. Each day, we challenge students academically, with rigorous courses that are infused with real-life experiential learning. We teach them to think critically, solve

problems, collaborate, and utilize technology in all facets of research and communications—all skills essential to a 21st century education. We also challenge students to be good citizens; a comprehensive character education system is in place at each of our seven schools. Children learn to be respectful and kind in kindergarten and build on this foundation all the way through the grades, culminating in the "Trojan Code" at the high school.

To have high-performing students, a district must have staff and faculty dedicated to improving teaching and learning. Teachers like Dr. Stuart Younse, Simsbury's Teacher of the Year, stands as an example of how our teachers make connections with and inspire students every day. Each week of the past school year, teachers worked in teams called "Professional Learning Communities" to share knowledge and skills, increasing their ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students and improving the quality of teaching. One of the topics of the PLCs this past year was the challenge of new state mandates with regard to assessment and teacher evaluation. The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) is a new framework for what students should know and be able to do to be prepared for higher education and a 21st century workforce. Thoughtful implementation was required in making changes to our curriculum. Our teachers and administrators have done a remarkable job thus far in conceiving of and implementing these changes.

All year we welcomed the Simsbury community to music, theater and athletic events. Walking and Biking to School Days were highly successful at Tootin' Hills and Latimer Lane elementary schools, and could not have been organized without our incredibly dedicated parent volunteers, who do so much to support our schools all year. We have made considerable progress in community outreach with new and exciting programs in conjunction with the Department of Continuing Education. Other partnerships we benefited from include the Community Farm of Simsbury, the Simsbury Public Library, the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, the Simsbury Senior Center, the Simsbury Free Library, and the Simsbury Historical Society.

For the foreseeable future, this economy will continue to force us to do more with less, yet with your unwavering support, we will continue to give you reasons to be proud of our school system. Please visit our website at www.simsbury.k12.ct.us or email us at LTedone@simsbury.k12.ct.us or MCurtis@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
Matthew T. Curtis, Superintendent



Town Elected Boards

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 is taken after the town 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.

Simsbury's economy is showing signs of improvement from the "great recession" which witnessed higher than normal levels of unemployment, a depressed housing market, reduced investment income and little growth of the town's Grand List, all of which have challenged the Board of Finance since 2008. We have adopted a conservative, low tax increase posture for several years. The current budget, adopted in May 2012 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" several years of inclement storm events 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 and public safety. Important initiatives include financing some of our capital projects at low favorable interest rates, saving the town on interest expense. 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/>.

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. Just a few achievements in these areas include:

Academics/Arts/Athletics

- SHS received the CIAC "Michaels Achievement Cup" for Class LL
- SHS Math League took first place in the Capitol Area League



- 15 SHS students were selected to receive honors in the Annual Connecticut Scholastic Art Award program; 5 HJMS students received the Connecticut Scholastic Art Award
- 17 SHS students performed at the Connecticut All-State Festival, 3 SHS students were selected to participate in the New England Music Festival, and 39 SHS students were selected to participate in the CMEA Northern Regional Music Festival
- SHS had 13 Cum Laude, 5 Magna Cum Laude, 3 Silver Maxima Cum Laude, and 3 Gold Summa Cum Laude students recognized for their scores in the National Latin Exam; 28 HJMS students participated in the ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam
- SHS won the Connecticut League of History Organization "Award of Merit" for the documentary Martin Luther King, Jr. in Connecticut
- HJMS student placed 4th in the state out of 100 finalists in the Connecticut State Geographic Bee
- The HJMS chess team won the State Chess Championship
- Tariffville School had 32 sixth graders, 10 fifth graders, and 9 fourth graders participate in Math Olympiads; 3 students received silver pins and 1 student received a gold pin and a trophy for his top score of 23
- A team of Squadron Line School sixth graders placed first in the Kids' Lit Quiz competition, traveling to New Zealand to perform in the finals
- 6 seniors were named to the field hockey National Academic Squad
- The combined record of SHS's fall teams was 82-34-2, an overall winning percentage of nearly 71%; 26 student-athletes were named to All-CCC teams with 7 receiving All-State recognition; 121

students met standards for recognition on the CCC All Academic team in their respective sport

Character

- HJMS received the Thomas R. Flanagan Student Activities Memorial Grant Award for the HJMS Leadership Academy
- Over 350 eighth graders participated in the fifth annual "HJ Way Service Day" to clean up Simsbury
- SHS students collected 1,410 pounds of non-perishable goods during Simsbury's annual Turkey Trot—2nd highest among the 12 participating schools
- Latimer Lane fifth graders painted bird houses for a Department of Child and Families (DCF) project called, "Every Child Needs a Nest"; these birdhouses were distributed at events promoting foster care for children in need of homes
- Tootin' Hills teachers expanded upon a program that facilitates genuine relationships between fifth graders and residents of McLean Home by utilizing audio-visual technology to maintain communicative personal contact during times when face-to-face contact was not feasible
- Squadron Line students participated in letter writing for veterans and caroled for senior citizens at the Simsbury Senior Center at Eno Memorial Hall, Belden Forest Court, and McLean Home

Operations & Finance

- The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) honored Simsbury's Board of Education for the third consecutive year
- CABE awarded Honorable Mentions for Excellence in Educational Communications

for the Simsbury High School Trojan Code publications, SHS Program of Studies, and the Simsbury Enrichment & Extended Day (SEED) website

- SEED held a workshop on Internet Safety for the community
- HJMS boilers from 1957 were replaced, providing significant reduction in energy costs
- The district implemented single-stream recycling in all schools
- Simsbury Arts Academy (SAA) celebrated its fifth anniversary

In 2011-2012, we made significant progress on Board Goals and will continue to work to achieve these goals in 2012-2013.

Goal 1

Integrate and align content area curriculum and instruction with the higher-order, 21st Century essential thinking skills needed for success in learning, work and life.

- Through professional learning opportunities, district administrators collaboratively defined what the Simsbury Teaching Standards looked and sounded like in authentic classroom practice; the standards were fully integrated, as 100% of identified teachers provided evidence of the standards in their daily practice.
- Department of Continuing Education expanded Early Childhood Education offerings by enhancing the preschool program (now Children's Academy of Simsbury) to include full-day options and increased Open Choice enrollment; Children's Academy incorporates Creative Curriculum, in line with CT Common Core Standards for Preschool.

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- Designed full day kindergarten program to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of students.
- Expanded world language in elementary schools to include Spanish instruction in grade 5 and 6, as well as broadening grade 7 world language instruction in Spanish, French, Latin and Chinese to a full year program.
- Using data, teachers collaborated in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), which focused on high-quality instructional strategies to promote learner engagement and the inclusion of 21st Century Skills, resulting in improved student performance.
- Curriculum was studied, analyzed, and aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and a multi-year implementation plan was developed that will prepare all students, K-12, for College and Career Readiness.
- Simsbury High School implemented an 8-period day in order to provide students with more choices and opportunities to explore learning clusters more in depth.

Goal 2

Ensure that every student is engaged in a rigorous and engaging learning experience that recognizes and challenges him/her to balance his/her academic progress with personal, physical, civic and social development.

- Simsbury remains ranked in the top 10 districts in the state in all four CAPT testing areas and is ranked second or third in all testing areas in our reference group (DRG B).
- On the CMT, more than 55% of students in grades 4-8 scored in the advanced band in Math; more than 90% of our students scored at/above goal in Reading in grades 6-8; and more

than 50% of students in grades 4-8 scored in the advanced band in Writing.

- Sixth grade students scored first in DRG B in Writing and Reading; Grade 8 students ranked first in DRG B in Science.
- The Simsbury Reading Intervention Program (SRIP) was implemented and delivered by trained teachers of Reading; the program was designed to service students in regular and special education that require intensive reading interventions.
- Ongoing coaching and professional development engaged all K-6 teachers in training focused on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.
- The BOE adopted the Simsbury Safe School Climate Plan, a comprehensive approach to address bullying while proactively defining expectations for creating, maintaining and improving upon positive school climates across the district; current character education programs were aligned with the plan by requiring the development of safe school climate plans for every school in the district.

Goal 3

Attract and retain the highest quality staff by providing a vital, challenging, and consistently focused professional environment.

- One hundred percent (100%) of 26 teachers met or exceeded the State requirements of the Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) induction program.
- Fifteen faculty and staff participated in a variety of recruitment fairs (SHARC, UCONN, Minority Recruitment) to ensure the hiring of the highest quality staff for the Simsbury Public Schools.
- A full day districtwide Technology Conference

was held in June 2012 for “technology to transform teaching.” Over 100 sessions were offered by 70 teachers who shared their experience with utilizing technology to engage, assess and teach students. Student response systems, social media, Discovery Education and the flipped classroom were among the digital learning tools, resources and trends presented.

- The entire K-12 system collaborated with colleagues on a weekly basis to focus on assessment data, instruction and student learning in order to improve their instructional practices and raise student achievement.
- Provided professional development to grades 6-12 teachers, focusing on content area literacy and instructional strategies necessary for students to meet the learning expectations defined by the Common Core State Standards.
- Consulted with an expert on designing our district expectations for creating performance-based assessments (end-of-course assessments), benchmark assessments and rubrics as well as incorporating research-based instructional strategies in units of study.
- Elementary teachers received ongoing, job-embedded professional development that included classroom-based coaching, observing colleagues and attending workshops in all subject areas.

Goal 4

Continuously improve the systems that promote effective communication among and between the administration, staff and community and ensure that the deployment of resources efficiently supports the district’s mission and priorities.

- A new three-year Tech Plan was developed for implementation with the following areas of



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focus: improve system quality and reliability; identify and support innovative practices; expand technology integration support; provide 24/7 access to digital learning resources; and ensure school community is informed of plan status.

- The district continued its successful senior outreach program as an active partner with the Town and the Simsbury Senior Center. Senior VIP passes, which allow Simsbury residents to attend performing arts and athletic events at no cost, were distributed.
- An intensive superintendent search was conducted, including the establishment of focus groups consisting of parents and members of the community to determine their perception of the strengths of the Simsbury Public Schools and the attributes, experience and knowledge that the superintendent should possess.
- Toward the end of the school year, a parent survey was conducted to determine the need for full-day Kindergarten; with over 90 percent responding affirmatively, resources were mobilized to ensure that the program was implemented for Fall 2012.
- Assistant Superintendent Erin Murray was honored for her role in helping to build a successful collaboration between the Community Farm of Simsbury and the Simsbury/Hartford school systems. Farm and school partners provide hands-on farm-based educational programs for students in grades 1 and 4, as well as those middle and high school students in our Family and Consumer Sciences program. Raised garden beds were built, maintained, and utilized at all 7 schools. Middle school students used the products grown in their food units in their Family and Consumer Science class.

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.

2011-2012 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

Incident Statistics 2011 – 2012

Animal Complaints	1,193
Dog Licenses Issued	2,343
Animal Bites	5
Animal related Arrests	3
Impounded Animals	40

The top ten taxpayers on the October 1, 2010 grand list were:

Name	Nature of Business	Net Taxable Valuation
Hartford Life and Accident Ins. Co.	Ins. Co. & Real Estate Holdings	\$56,386,128
E and A/I and I and G Commons LP	Shopping Center	\$32,375,000
Executive Risk Indemnity Inc.	Real Estate Holdings	\$19,986,020
Connecticut Light & Power	Public Utility	\$16,486,050
Simsbury Hopmeadow Street LLC	Real Estate Holdings	\$10,372,640
Woodgreen Simsbury LLC	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 9,784,490
Hoffman, Phyllis W Trustee	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 9,625,000
Simsbury Commons North E&A LLC	Supermarket Property	\$ 8,088,710
Hoffman Enterprises Limited Partnership	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 6,468,020
Harco Property Services Inc	Real Estate Holdings	\$ 186,831,678

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- Participation in department wide Community Relations programs.
- Distribution of Bear Brochure.
- “Living with Coyotes” presentation at the Simsbury Library.
- Addition of links to the Department website.
- Advisor to the Dog Park Committee.
- Town’s Top Dog Contest
- Participated the “Fidelco DogWalk Family Fun Day”
- Dog Days of Summer at the Farmer’s Market
- “Heroes and Hounds” 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.

2012-2013 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.

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, 2011 was completed on, February 29, 2012. The net taxable grand list as reported to the State of Connecticut on May 15, 2012 was \$2,599,467,918.

In the six months ending December 31, 2012, the revaluation had progressed to the point of sending about three-quarters of the revaluation notices for informal hearings to be held in January; personal property declarations were sent out, received and processed and many of the values estimated. The October 1, 2012 motor vehicle list had been received and was being valued. The 2011 Supplemental Motor Vehicle list was complete in time for bills to be mailed in December.

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 this through plan reviews and thousands of site inspections, responding to inquiries, providing information and, when needed, issuing orders to get compliance with all of the code requirements. We coordinate our efforts with other departments including Zoning, Wetlands, Fire Marshal, 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.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

The Administrative Assistant, Colleen Fenn, has been working diligently to meet the burgeoning administrative workload related to recent growth in both inspections and number of permits issued. The increased load is comparable to any busy year in the past decade, with one major difference: we have one full-time inspector, rather than 2 or 3, and no file clerk position. We have concentrated on maintaining a high level of customer service but there have been occasions when inspection requests have been scheduled at times other than requested.

This has had some affect on private sector scheduling. 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 in that the plan review, permitting, and inspection of current projects takes precedent.

As Chairman of the Connecticut Codes and Standards Committee, I have heard appeals to the State Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Accessibility and Fire Codes, participated in the production and hearings for the 2009 and 2012 model codes for inclusion in 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. 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 and almost entirely on my own time.

2012-2013 Goals

We hope to be able to maintain a high level of customer service with limited inconvenience in scheduling and no reduction in primary services. Many new State and federal requirements and updated codes will be in effect with learning curves for contractors, design professionals and this department. 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.

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 Regions' 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.

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Capital Project Services

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

Project	Activity	Project Values (\$Millions)
Eno Senior/Community Center	Design Study	0.003
Memorial Pool Repair	Construction	0.10
Henry James Boilers	Bid/Construction	0.19
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
Hopmeadow Street Scape	Design/Bid	0.22
Wolcott Road Pumping Station	Design	1.38

Total Value: \$7.10 Million

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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.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

- Completed construction and renovations to the Simsbury Farms Main Building and Ice Rink..
- Organized and administered the 11th Annual Simsbury Celebrates event in November. The event drew over 12,000 for indoor and outdoor entertainment, a firetruck parade, and fireworks display.
- Completed renovations to Memorial Pool.
- Increased volume of programs and built database of over 7,000 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.

2012-2013 Goals

- Complete bunker renovations to the Simsbury Farms Golf Course.
- Utilizing new golf course website and on-line tee time reservation system, increase user participation of both residents and non-residents at the Simsbury Farms Golf Course.
- Continue to make Simsbury Farms the "Heart of a Great Community".

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. Challenges presented by Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred were met, with major projects delivered on schedule.

Capital Project Services

The Simsbury Farm's main building renovation and addition project was completed. This project provides a fully accessible modern, energy efficient facility for the many users of Simsbury Farm's pool, ice rink and numerous programs. The ice rink team rooms were completed for the 2011/12 winter season, with the pool support facilities brought on-line for the 2012 summer season.

The Performing Arts Center was equipped with a retractable shutter system to enhance the facility's operations by providing a sun shade, as well as allowing performances during light rain events. The cost of \$115,000 was funding under a Small Town Economic Assistance Grant.

Development Services

Development Services comprise plan review, periodic observation of work, performance bond administration and data base management for the land uses commissions. Fourteen projects, with site improvements valued at \$6.7 million, were managed during the year.

These projects will add significant value to the Town's Grant List and offer attractive business and residential facilities. Drake Hill Plaza shops and St. Francis Care were completed, with construction started at Hop Brook Village residential community. Reviews were completed for a number of projects, including Croft Lane homes and Big Y World Class market.

Project Professional Services

The Engineering Department staff of design professionals provided survey, engineering, and contract management and inspection services for 25 projects, valued at \$1.5 million.

The Hopmeadow Streetscape project, which included the addition of "Simsbury" light posts, granite curbing, brick surface walks and handicap ramps, was completed in the spring. Additional parking was added at Scout Hall, with an attractive walk, lighting, and a brownstone stream crossing providing access to needed parking for the library.

We had the very successful experience in two cooperative community group projects. A Dog Park was completed at Simsbury Meadows, with private funding. The Tariffville Green Walks and lighting were installed to complement the Tariffville Village Association's gazebo and to enhance the village area.

In co-operation with the Aquarian and Avon Water Companies, new water mains were installed in the Chriswell Road neighborhood and on Castle Wood Road, resulting in improved service.

Addressing the need for environmental quality, the department worked closely with the Water Pollution Control Authority to install sewers on portions of Bushy Hill and Deer Park Roads; and, to reconstruct



the Tunxis and Wolcott Pump Stations with energy efficient controls and emergency generators.

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.

Special Services

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

Hopmeadow Street Corridor Study & Zoning Regulations - The Department worked closely with the Community Planning Department, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Capital Region Council of governments to develop zoning regulations, low impact development guidelines, and transportation improvements' plans in order to further implementation of the concepts presented in the Simsbury Charrette plan.

Grant Applications, with a value in excess of \$4.2 million, were administered for 12 projects, including the Performing Arts Center Shutters, the pavement management program (LOCIP), the Tullmeadow Woods Open Space acquisition, Eno Memorial Historic Preservation Improvements, acquisition of the next phase of the Ethel Walker Woods Open Space, and Center Area Street and Walk improvements.

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 addition of drainage systems 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, and state aid road maps and mileage records.

Looking Back and Ahead

As part of our "Complete Streets" programs, pedestrian and bicycle facilities will be improved though the construction, or reconstruction, of sidewalks on West Street, of the multi-use path on Owens Brook Boulevard, and resurfacing the oldest Greenway sections. Funds will be pursued for the Tariffville Greenway connection.

On a regional basis, the Department staff actively participates 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 & savings from these regional and state alliances.

In the coming year, the Senior/Community Center needs assessment study will develop concept plans and cost estimates. Following community presentation, the plans and resident comments will provide the needed information for elected officials

and facility staff to make the important decisions concerning the location and size of a new Senior/Community Center.

While increased private sector projects require additional department efforts, the results will be attractive community developments and significant increases to the Town's Grant List.

Finance Department

The Department of Finance consists of the following offices - Finance/Treasurer, Assessor, Tax Collector, and Information Technology.

The finance department handles all the day to day fiscal operations of the town including accounts payable, payroll, assessment and collections and is responsible for establishing policies and procedures to safeguard the town's assets. The Finance office prepares the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and has received the Certificate of Achievement for financial reporting for the last 15 years. The Finance Director coordinates with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to issue debt in accordance with town policy.

Simsbury Public Library

Founded in 1874 and expanded and renovated in 2008, the 42,000 sq. ft. Simsbury Public Library is an important free resource for the nearly 24,000 children, teenagers, adults, seniors and businesses in the Town. The Library is a constant hub of activity, functioning as the community's living room, discussion forum, learning center, free book store, and technology lab. Innovation is a hallmark of the Library's outreach programs, providing the skills

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Performance Measures 2011-2012

Items circulated per capita v. state average	20.3 v 9
Program attendance per capita v. state average	1.5 v 0.5
Library visits per capita v. state average	10.6 v 6

Key Statistics 2008-2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Average # of items circulated per hour open	111.6	137.5	146.9	152.9	172.1
Average # of questions answered per hour open	15.8	15.6	16.7	17.6	19.2
Average # of public internet computers users per hour open	25.5	24.3	39.5	36.5	37.8
Annual program attendance	19,203	24,640	25,049	36,466	34,556
Number of borrowers	12,086	12,161	12,636	14,597	14,149
Total annual services hours	2,976	3,341	3,138	3,138	2,775

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needed to adjust to the changing world. Today, the mission of the Simsbury Public Library remains as it began: "to provide free and equal access to ideas and information to all members of the community."

Significant budget constraints in Fiscal Year 2012, led Town Officials to make the tough decision to cut back on public service hours at the Library as a cost-saving measure. The Library reduced its operations from 64 to 58 hours per week. During the reduced hours we were open, we were busier than ever providing services. For instance, the number of items circulated per hour climbed by 13 percent over the previous year. Special thanks go out to the stoic staff who performed under great pressure with grace and courtesy, and to our users who made an impassioned and successful case for the restoration of the cuts in FY 2013.

With the help of the Friends of the Library, the Library Board of Trustees and 157 volunteers, the Library was able to continue its tradition of bringing necessary and innovative services to residents.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

Self Service

- Achieved 65% self check out
- Achieved 50% self check-in via automated book drop
- Achieved 73% patron-placed reserves
- Achieved 100% patron pick-up of reserved materials

Buildings and Grounds

- Installed additional interior lighting to illuminate trouble spots and new art exhibit areas.
- Broke ground for 20 additional Library parking spaces at Scout

Hall and completed hard-surface, well-lit footpath to the Library.

- Cleared truckloads of trash, debris, trees and brush from streambed and path between new parking lot and library through an Eagle Scout project.
- Added additional handicap-accessible parking space and re-striped handicapped area at lower level parking lot.
- Added one of the distinctive bike racks sculpted by local artist Vicente Garcia to the upper level entrance.
- Acquired an original mural painting by local artist Mary Fletcher for the Baby Room. The work was commissioned in honor of Dr. Janice Johnston's retirement as a pediatric physician in Simsbury

Collections

- Added MUZZY OnLINE®, a comprehensive, interactive and fun way to learn English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Mandarin Chinese. Available to Simsbury residents with a library card.
- Nearly doubled our electronic/digital collections from 5,000 items to 9,000.
- Added a collection of Playaway Views - easy to use players pre-loaded with
- Popular children's titles including beloved classics as well as Sesame Street videos.
- Added four NOOK® tablets to the Children's circulating collection. These are pre-loaded with 2013 Nutmeg Book Award List.
- Added LeapFrog® Tag™ Readers to the circulating collection – an interactive reading system in which story book pages come alive as young readers trace the words with a special pen.

Programs

- Added volunteer-led English conversation classes for residents wishing to improve their spoken English. Classes meet twice weekly and participants hail from Mexico, South Korea, Japan, Bosnia, China, Albania, Poland, Cuba, Peru and France.
- Held first ever AUTHORMANIA! showcasing local authors in an open-mic format.
- Introduced free monthly piano lessons thanks to Hartt School Community Division and the gift of a baby grand piano by the Friends of the Library.
- Held 164 business and business technology programs attended by 2,573 people.
- Celebrated first annual Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 4, 2012. 500 patrons came in throughout the day checking out over 1,300 items from the children's room. Also, 238 participants attended four special programs.
- Instituted "Music Listening Adventures" a series of multimedia programs curated by local musician David Sims. Six afternoon programs garnered 300 enthusiastic participants.
- Graduated 32 participants from Grant-Writing Bootcamp, a comprehensive 10-week, hands-on seminar.

Services

- Added easy-to-use public scanner which can scan to email, USB drive or
- printer. This complements the public copiers and fax available to the public.
- 126 high school students used the Library's PrepMe® database to take 651
- full-length tests and practice quizzes in preparation for the SATs. In addition, 397 teens took 13 practice SAT, ACT and PSAT.



- Greatly increased use of online classes by residents via the Library's subscription to Universal Class™, a suite of 500 on-line courses.
- In Fiscal Year 2011 we had 41 users enrolled in 24 courses. In Fiscal Year 2012 we had 231 users enrolled in 301 courses. Bookkeeping and Accounting 101, Excel 2007 and Adobe Photoshop were the top three favorites.

Collaboration

- Collaborated with ArtWalk Simsbury, Simsbury Historical Society, Pynchot Centennial Celebration, Mark Twain Mark My Words, JA in a Day, BikeWalkSimsbury, Septemberfest, and Simsbury Celebrates to make these Town-wide events successful.
- For the first time, the Simsbury Continuing Education Department's Spring Brochure included a center insert - "Job, Career and Education Resource Guide" highlighting what is available through the Library.

Honors

- Library Journal Index of Public Library Use 2012. Simsbury Library rated fourth highest in CT in its category after Darien, New Canaan and Wilton. Simsbury out-ranked libraries in West Hartford, Farmington, Fairfield, Glastonbury and Avon.

2012-2013 Goals

- Return to Fiscal Year 2010-2011 service levels by opening an additional six hours per week.
- In response to User Satisfaction Survey, diversify and expand day-time programming for adults and children.
- Free space in teen area to accommodate storage and display of an additional 1800 teen items.

- Expand e-book collection by 10% to meet demand by adults, teens and children.
- Re-assess the ratio of print to electronic purchases, especially for best-sellers.
- Promote online classes through Universal Class to employers, job-seekers, teachers, parents and retirees.

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.

Incident Statistics

	'07-'08	'08-'09	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12
Part I Crimes	236	214	221	136	188
Motor Vehicle Accidents	756	724	661	723	625
Medical Calls	1,129	1,216	1,300	1,370	1,444
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	4,949	5,242	4,740	4,394	3,940
Alarm Responses	797	866	837	840	879
Total Incidents	25,703	28,055	28,139	29,890	33,311

Departments & Services

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, ten full-time and two part-time civilian employees. The department provides a full range of services with 34 first responders and two Emergency Medical Technicians. During FY 11-12 there were 33,311 calls for service with an average response time of approximately three minutes for medical calls. The department is staffed by highly qualified and extensively trained personnel. Department personnel received 4,333 hours of training during 2012.

In 2012 the Simsbury Police Department continued working towards their goal to achieve continued National Accreditation in 2014 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This process will conclude in April 2014 with an onsite review of our policies and procedures by Assessors from CALEA. Successful retention of National Accreditation status will allow the Simsbury Police Department to remain within an elite group of police agencies in the state, that offer the most current and professional law enforcement to the communities that they serve. The department has also already achieved State Accreditation Certification and in the future 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 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, Special Olympics, Tip-a-Cop, and Salvation Army Holiday Store Stuff-a-Cruiser. One of our most important Child Safety Programs continues to be the Child Car Seat Inspection which is well utilized by Simsbury residents and the residents of surrounding communities. The department and its members have served the community for well 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 continued 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.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

- The department is very proud that in FY 11-12 it was able to replace all sworn personnel's protective vests. Additionally, officers received replacement firearms and holsters, which are representative of the latest technology and significantly improved officer safety. This major accomplishment was achieved primarily with the use of asset forfeiture funds, thus having minimal impact on the department's annual budget.
- The department applied for and received grants totaling over \$7,418. A grant was received to

support the newly developed "Bowling with Badges" youth program, which the department will continue to pursue in FY 12-13.

- 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:

- Participation in a four day Disaster Emergency Preparedness Drill
- Established Simsbury Citizen's Alert program
- Everbridge Emergency Notification System maintained
- Response training specific to situations involving individuals with mental health issues
- School Crisis Scenario Training – all Officers
- Blue Plan/Emergency Operations Training
- Completed training requirements for a new Public Safety Dispatcher
- Maintained department's Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certification
- Participated in Regional Incident Dispatch Team
- Participated in Regional Traffic Safety Program
- Criminal Investigation Training
- All Hazards Training
- Autism Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Training
- Specialized DWI Training
- Cultural Diversity Training
- Crime Prevention Training
- Accident Reconstruction Training
- Career Development Initiatives
- Crime tips and information that continually update police department website
- Implementation of a permanent Drug Disposal



Solution housed in the lobby of the Police Department.

- Animal Control, Community Services and Traffic Enforcement Officers regularly appeared on SCTV education segment
- Held 11th Annual Junior Police Academy
- Held 12th Annual Simsbury Citizens' Police Academy
- "Stuff-A-Cruiser" – Toy collection for Salvation Army
- Participated in "Wreaths Across America"
- Continued to support established Simsbury Police Explorer Program
- Continued increased effort in bike patrols
- Received a Patrol Bike donation from local business, Dyno Nobel and two additional bikes from a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous
- Participated in the "Walk/Bike to School" and the annual Bike Rodeo
- The department supported the "Officer Phil Program" which was presented in both public and private elementary schools
- Educational safety classes were taught in school (Stranger Danger)
- In an effort to address residents' concerns - increased selective enforcement focusing on traffic issues, traffic studies, and traffic calming solutions
- Attended the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
- Participated in the 70th Anniversary Remembrance of the Bataan Death March
- Participated in State of Connecticut seat belt educational/enforcement waves
- Participated in Multiple Sclerosis "MS Walk for the Cure"
- Co-sponsored the 14th Annual "Skate and

Share" Christmas Party with the Social Services and Recreation Departments to benefit the Simsbury Food Closet

- Sponsored Senior Picnic with more than 200 seniors in attendance
- Participation in 2012 Food Share Program (Turkey Trot)
- Served as a mentor for the Henry James "Lunch and Learn" program sponsored by the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce
- Halloween Safety presentation
- Participated in "Tip-a-Cop" for Special Olympics
- Assist and organize 13th Annual David Vidal Road Race for St. Jude's
- Offered certified child car seat inspections
- Held 11th Annual Top Dog Contest in cooperation with Town Clerk's office
- Senior Citizens/Community Groups informational talks and presentations
- Participated in the Junior Achievement program at Tariffville School
- Advocacy for elderly program
- Medication Drop Box (license renewal)
- Updated Nexgen Software (Information Management System)
- Participated in the "Wreaths Across America" event
- AED Training – All Officers
- Effective Police Interactions with Youth – Patrol Officer
- One member of the department became instructors in: Patrol Rifle
- One member of the department attended First Line Supervisor Training
- Violence in Schools Training
- Participated in the 17th annual Government, Criminal Justice & Non-Profit Career Fair at

Westfield State University

- Multiple College/University Criminal Justice Internship programs
- Participated in the new "Senior Showcase" at Eno Memorial

2012-2013 Goals

- Continual expansion of Department Community Oriented Policing/Problem Solving initiatives.
- Maintain CALEA and State accreditation.
- Establish a 3 year Departmental Strategic Plan.
- Enhance communication opportunities with the public
- Optimize emergency preparedness

Probate Court

On January 5, 2012 the Simsbury Regional Probate District celebrated its first anniversary. The new court encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury and is located in the Simsbury Town Hall. Cynthia C. Becker, former judge for the Avon Probate Court, was elected as Judge of the Simsbury Regional Probate District for the term commencing January 5, 2011.

The mission of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court is to assist individuals and families residing in the district who require the services of the court in an efficient and compassionate manner. The probate court strives to ease the process as much as possible knowing that during stressful times it is difficult to cope with the unknown.

Although the staff and judge cannot provide legal advice to the users of the court, informational pamphlets are available and questions are always welcome. In addition, Judge Becker, in her

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capacity as Judge of Probate, is available to speak to community groups about probate matters.

Jurisdiction of the Court

Connecticut probate courts have jurisdiction over the probating of wills, administration and settlement of decedent's estates, overseeing the carrying out of the terms and provisions of testamentary and living (inter vivos) trusts, and reviewing the accountings of trustees. In addition, probate courts appoint, supervise and remove conservators of the person and estate of individuals incapable of managing their personal or financial affairs due to mental or physical disability. These areas represent over half of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court's workload.

The probate court also has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians of the property and persons of minors and persons with developmental disabilities; the removal of unfit parents as guardians of their children; the termination of parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities; the adjudication of paternity of children born out of wedlock and the finalization of adoptions. These matters make up about one third of the court's caseload, but are some of the most sensitive and time-consuming responsibilities of the court.

While probate courts have jurisdiction to authorize the commitment of those suffering from mental illness, or drug or alcohol addiction to appropriate hospitals or facilities for treatment, these cases represent a small percentage of the court's workload due mainly to the absence of psychiatric facilities in the region.

New Developments

In 2012 the Simsbury Regional Probate Court joined the newly created Hartford Regional Children's Court. The court is the sixth regional children's probate court to open in Connecticut and the largest one. The court serves children and their families in 29 municipalities, with 11 probate judges participating. These Hartford-area Probate Courts collectively handled 1,284 children's matters in 2011. The participating judges travel to the regional court to preside over the children's matters referred from their jurisdiction. Children's cases handled in the Probate Courts include adoption, guardianship of minor children, paternity and termination of parental rights.

The regional court in Hartford serves one of the most vulnerable populations in the state. Like the other regional children's probate courts, the court in Hartford employs a collaborative model that emphasizes family involvement, ongoing support from highly experienced social workers and cooperative planning that involves all parties. The courts work closely with DCF to provide coordinated, ongoing services.

The court's seven clerks and two social workers, called probate court officers, work with local and state agencies and other community service providers to develop the best long-term approach for each child who comes before the court.

In addition to Hartford and the Simsbury Regional Probate Court, the Probate Courts participating in the regional children's probate court are West Hartford, Tobacco Valley, Greater Windsor, East Hartford, Glastonbury-Hebron, Newington, Greater Manchester, Simsbury Regional, Farmington-Burlington and North Central CT.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

During the past year, 190 applications were accepted for probating decedent's estates. In addition, 194 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The Court also processed several applications for Conservatorships, Guardianships of the Estate and Person of minors, Guardianships of the Intellectually Disabled, Termination of Parental Rights, approval of Adoptions, Name Changes and intervivos trust matters.

The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30. On-line information about the courts is available on our website, located at www.jud.ct.gov, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website.

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 \$3.6M combined operating budget. The Administrative Division has responsibility for budget preparation, administration, operational planning, contracting, purchasing, and personnel.

Over the past year, the Public Works Administrative division has been focused on recovering the costs from winter Storm Alfred that devastated Simsbury in October of 2011. Of the \$4M cleanup costs, our Department was able to recover the maximum allowable funding from both FEMA and the Federal Highway Administration. In total the Department was able to recover \$3.1M to offset the towns costs. This was a significant effort by the Department

which took many months to complete.

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.

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 28.5 miles of roadway, consisting of 19.4 miles of paving and chip sealing, and over 9 miles of crack sealing.

Our drainage crews rebuilt 148 catch basin structures and replaced 1,800 linear feet of drainage pipe 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 of the newly paved roadway.

Following the damage to the Town's roadside trees from the October 2011 nor'easter, the Highway Department has nearly double the amount of tree work along our Town's roadways. The Department is working to protect residents from accidents or injuries resulting from falling trees and

limbs. The Department has also worked closely with CL&P on their tree trimming and removal programs.

As part of the DEP's Municipal Small Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program, 1,100 catch basins and 10 sediment chambers were cleaned, along with the sweeping of all streets.

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.

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 pickup 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 388 residents participated in this program run through the MDC. Simsbury's annual collection is one of the largest municipal collections of this type in the region, indicating a strong interest by our residents to dispose of their household wastes responsibly.

Voter Registration Summary

Town of Simsbury - January 18, 2013

Democratic:	4,847
Republican:	5,283
Unaffiliated:	6,021
Other:	102
TOTAL:	16,253

Building Maintenance Department

Building Maintenance is responsible for 4 large 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.

We are proud to report that the Town's low income rental housing units are again at full capacity this year. We have continued to update these units that allow the Town to provide opportunities for affordable housing.

Eno Memorial Hall has seen significant renovation work this year with a completely re-painted interior, improved signage, fixtures, repair to the various marble and stone features, and improvements to the bathroom facilities. These improvements were funded by a 50% matching grant with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office.

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.

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.

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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.

Some 1700 residents were enrolled as new voters in 2012, including 90 Simsbury High School students who were enrolled during a special session held in May at the school.

In 2012, the Registrars of Voters administered the Republican Presidential Preference Primary in April, the budget referendum in May, Democratic and Republican Senate and Congressional Primaries in August, and the 2012 Federal Election in November.

Following the August Democratic and Republican Senate and Congressional Primaries, the registrars supervised a hand count audit of ballots cast at Latimer Lane School, Simsbury's largest polling location. Pursuant to Public Act 07-194, mandatory post-election hand count audits are to be conducted by Registrars of Voters in ten percent (10%) of the voting districts randomly selected to participate. The primary purpose of the hand count audit is to assess how well the optical scan voting machines functioned in an actual election and to ensure that votes cast using these machines are counted properly and accurately.

Simsbury was one of five Connecticut municipalities selected to participate in a pilot program to test live online election night reporting for the August Primaries. The program is part of the Connecticut Secretary of State's initiative to improve voting efficiency.

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, the streamlining the audit process, and use of electronic poll books. Should these initiatives pass, it would result in cost savings for all 169 towns in Connecticut.

The Simsbury Registrars are lead advocates for the proposal to reduce the number of polling locations for primaries, which was considered during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions, and ultimately passed both houses of the legislature in 2012 as An Act Concerning Polling Places for Primaries. The measure was subsequently vetoed by the Governor. We continue to advocate for this legislation as a bi-partisan measure in hopes that the act will be passed and signed into law by the Governor.

During the 2013/2014 budget year, Simsbury voters will cast ballots in the 2013 municipal election and the 2014 budget referendum. Our projections for 2013/2014 therefore include costs for the annual canvass of registered voters, the municipal election, a potential ballot audit, and the 2013 budget referendum.

Social Services Department

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

This has been another difficult year for Simsbury families, as we continue to see an increase in requests for assistance. Thankfully, we have been able to meet this increase in need thanks to the continued generosity of the 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 provides vital services to our senior population through our Senior Outreach Program; we provide transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities five days per week through our Dial-A-Ride Program, and we operate a very active and diverse Senior Center for residents over 50 years of age.

Our Youth Service Bureau continues to sponsor substance abuse awareness programs, character development and mentoring programs, Teen Center programs, graduation celebrations, Family Day, Skate and Share, intergenerational programs with the Senior Center, and Distracted Driving Campaigns.

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



food, gifts, and other 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, Starbucks and Kentucky Fried Chicken for their weekly donations, and to Stop & Shop for their financial and food donations throughout the year.

Since the 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, ceramics, drumming circles, and jewelry making. 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, "Lunch @ Eno" continues to be popular and provides guests with nutritious seasonal menus and an opportunity to socialize with peers.

A second lunch program, "Lunch Café @ Eno" was successfully implemented this year. Lighter fare is offered including soup and sandwiches with the option for seniors to "eat in" or take their food "to go."

Several computer/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.

The Senior Center collaborated with the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association to host "The Senior Showcase" at Eno Memorial Hall. The Showcase was an opportunity for older adults, friends and family to connect with a wide range of products, services, leisure activities and more. Over 30 exhibitors were on hand to provide important information and answer questions.

The Senior Center offers assistance and support with Income Tax, Health Insurance, Mature Driver Safety and bereavement issues.

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.townofsimsbury-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

For the past 32 years, the Simsbury Social Services Department has provided transportation to Simsbury's seniors and persons with disabilities. Buses run daily, Monday through Friday, and provides door-to-door transportation around Simsbury for such things as shopping, hairdresser, Senior Center, Library and local events. Further, the Program provides transportation to medical appointments in Simsbury, Avon and Granby; and shopping trips to Simsbury Commons as well as stores along Route 44. Additionally, the Program provides rides to several persons with disabilities to their places of employment. During the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year 10,525 passengers requested 9,425 trips, and traveled 52,537 miles.

During 2011-2012 the Social Services Department received a ConnDOT grant to provide additional Dial-A-Ride service. With these grant funds, Enhanced Dial-A-Ride provided 310 out-of-town medical trips; 19 Senior Center trips; 11 joint trips with the Canton Senior Center; and 16 Mobile FoodShare trips. A total of 811 passengers utilized the Enhanced service, and traveled 14,590 miles.

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2010 Grand List Mill Rate

Town	30.37
Fire District	1.03
Total	32.40

Total \$ Amount to be collected for town taxes, fire district and sewer use fees: \$ 86,937512.89

Statistics for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Military Discharges	25
Trade Names	70
Birth Certificates	172
Death Certificates	196
Marriage Licenses	274
Dog Licenses	2,342
Land Record Pages	23,608
Total Revenues*	\$688,587

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

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Due to a cutback in State grant funds, we were forced to cut back on the number of out-of-town medical trips provided. We did, however, develop a local transportation resource list for residents to use. Anyone unable to afford the cost of medical transportation may apply to the Social Services Department for assistance.

A new transportation program for veterans was initiated this year. Vets-Helping-Vets is a volunteer program, which matches Simsbury veterans and provides transportation to the Veterans' Affairs complex in Newington. Special thanks to the many veterans who have volunteered for this program.

Reservations can be made by calling 860 693-6876 between 8:00 A.M. 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 telephone calls and visits are made to ensure that residents at risk are connected to necessary and appropriate services. We continue to update our emergency call list of seniors and persons with disabilities, which is activated each time we

experience severe weather conditions. We encourage our residents to register for the CT and Simsbury Alert Systems.

In addition, our friendly visitor component matches community volunteers with the homebound to make weekly visits to offer socialization, comfort and friendship. Successful matches have been made throughout the year resulting in 21 volunteers who made 740 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 sewer/water assessments.)

We are also responsible for the collections and balancing of all Fire District taxes. Concern and understanding continue to be the departments 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.

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 on May 1, 2012, at Simsbury High School with 58 voters in attendance. The Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance presented operating budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. At a special town meeting immediately following the annual budget meeting, voters discussed and approved projects to improve the Owens Brook Boulevard/West Street greenways for \$358,000; to improve emergency generators/operations for \$74,000; and to replace the Police Dispatch radio console for \$185,000. At the May 15, 2012, referendum, 11.7 percent of Electors voted; and a majority approved the FY 2012-2013 operating budgets for \$95,627,866; the Wolcott Pump Station improvement project for \$1,378,000; and the acquisition of land for open space (Ethel Walker Phase 2A) for \$2,050,000. On May 14, 2012, the Town held a special town meeting with 37 voters in attendance; and a majority rejected the proposed amendments to the Ground Lease by and between the Town of Simsbury and CHFA as successor to CIL: Eno Farms Housing for property located at 1602 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT, known as "Eno Farms Housing."



Parameter	Influent	Effluent	
		Permit Limit	1/1/12 to 12/31/12
ADF, mgd	—	3.8	1.63
CBOD, mg/L	197	25	3
TSS, mg/L	277	30	5
TN, lb/day	607	112	50
TP, lb/day	75	47*	30
ADF, Average Daily Flow, CBOD, Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, TSS, Total Suspended Solids, TN, Total Nitrogen			

On November 8, 2011, 36.7 percent of Simsbury voters turned out for the local election. On April 24, 2012, 14.6 percent of Republican voters participated in the Presidential Preference Primary. On August 14, 2012, both the Democratic Party (30% turnout) and the Republican Party (34% turnout) held primaries for United States Senator and Representative in Congress. At the November 6, 2012, State Election, 83.6 percent of Simsbury Electors voted.

The Connecticut State Library awarded the Town Clerk a \$3,500 grant to fund two projects. The first project created backup microfilm and digital images for 246 maps. Town Clerk staff added links in the map database to these digital images. Our database includes more than 3,900 maps. Title searchers get convenient copies quickly, while we save wear and tear on the originals. The second project established an inventory of records stored in the vault and developed a new floor plan to accommodate current and future record storage needs for the Town Clerk and Probate Court.

In cooperation with Chief Peter Ingvertsen, Animal Control Officer Mark Rudewicz, and the Simsbury Police Department, we conducted our 11th Top Dog Contest during May 2012. The four happy winners received dog treats, and their owners received a 2012 dog license at no charge.

Water Pollution Control

Simsbury Water Pollution Control (SWPC) is a customer funded utility owned and operated by the Town of Simsbury. The towns of Avon and Granby are also co-owners of the treatment facility. SWPC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of over 80 miles of collection system, five pumping

stations and the treatment facility. The department is staffed by a superintendent, six 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 biological nitrogen removal. During the reporting interval the discharge limits were achieved, with insignificant exceptions. Generally dry conditions during the reporting period resulted in lower average daily flows and slightly elevated pollutant concentrations. During the reporting period, wastewater treatment for a population equivalent of 16,000 was provided. In addition to clean water, the other end result of treatment is sludge. An average of 40 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) or impaired water quality. Simsbury WPC will receive a total phosphorus limit with renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The new 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. Staff has modified the operation of the biological process and the proposed phosphorus limit is being achieved with current flows.

Sewer easement maintenance continues to be a priority. Most of the overgrown easements have been

cleared. The easements need to be kept open to allow access for inspection and maintenance.

2012 Accomplishments

- Sewer easement maintenance was continued.
- Received \$20,408 for sale of nitrogen credits.
- The Tunxis Pump Station replacement was placed into operation.
- Completed several sewer allocation analyses for proposed development in the sewer service area.
- Purchased a CCTV system to document the condition of the collection system.
- Purchased a Vac-Con flusher/vacuum truck for sewer system maintenance.
- A number of tours were provided to Simsbury school groups throughout the year.

2013 Goals

- Complete the construction phase of the Tunxis Pump Station replacement project.
- Complete rehabilitation of the Wolcott Pumping Station. The project was awarded to W.M. Schultz Construction, Ballston Spa, NY.
- Prioritize collection system maintenance repairs that are documented with the CCTV program.
- 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 on Drake Hill Road or calling (860) 658-1380.

Boards & Commissions

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.
- 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

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, these dedicated 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 out doors to get involved in the town; there is a great deal of satisfaction in creating and area of beauty. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and students from 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 in September automobiles only. The board works closely with the town assessor's office.

During the April 2012 meetings, the board (Sharon Lawson, Scott Sirianni and Stephen Nocera) heard 28 homeowner appeals, 2 appeals from commercial property holders (both on personal property assessments) and 4 automobile appeals. In September 2012, the board heard 54 automobile appeals.

Will Fiske resigned from the board after his election to the Zoning Commission, and Stephen Nocera was appointed for the remainder of Mr. Fiske's term. At the organizational meeting in March, Mr. Nocera was elected chairman. As of December 31, 2012, the board consisted of Mr. Nocera (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 five acting members: Patrick Boeshans, Susan Van Kleef, James A. Ray, Bob Beinstein and Melissa Valentin. One vacancy exists and volunteers are needed in 2013.

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 designed to underwrite future sustainable initiatives. In 2011 and 2012, the Aquarion grant funded sustainable initiatives in the

areas of education, local business and community sustainability.

Description of 2012 Programs

1. High School and Middle School (Farm to Table Educational Initiative)

The CETF, in partnership with Henry James Memorial School supported and funded the Edible School Garden project at Henry James and Simsbury High School. Funding was provided for the equipment and supplies needed to install new raised garden beds at both schools. The Edible School Garden project involved students in farming the garden, along with preparing, serving, and eating the food. This successful initiative was developed by local educators as a means of awakening students' senses and encouraging awareness and appreciation of the transformative values of nourishment, community, and stewardship of the land.

2. Green Business Challenge

The Green Business Challenge ("GBC") rating system, originally designed in 2010 and completed for future implementation, 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.

3. Clean Energy Options Program (Ongoing Initiative)

In 2012, The new, improved Clean Energy Communities program was offered jointly by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. The

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program is designed to encourage communities to increase their support for energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy. The Communities program provides qualified towns and cities with performance-based incentives that include clean energy systems and “Bright Idea Grants” that can be used for energy-saving projects.

The CETF continued to support the Clean Energy Communities program providing 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 the CEOP, Simsbury residents can instead choose wind, solar or small hydro electric 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 participated in local events and successfully got the word out at the Simsbury Farmers Market, the Volunteer Expo and Septemberfest. For more information on the CETF, Clean Energy Communities or the CEOP, please visit townofsimsbury.com and click on the clean energy options link for residents.

Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission

The Conservation Commission is composed of nine appointed members, including seven regular members and two alternates. Formed under the auspices of, and controlled primarily by, CGS Sec. 7-131a through CGS Sec. 7-131e, it is responsible for preserving the natural resources of the Town of Simsbury and for keeping a town-wide inventory of open spaces. The commission has worked closely with the town’s Open Space Committee and has supported the efforts, of both the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Land Trust, to obtain and preserve parcels of open space with ecological value and connectivity.

The Commission also acts as the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (IWWA) for the Town of Simsbury and, under CGS Sec. 22a-36 thru 22a-42, administers state and local regulations regarding the use and protection of designated wetlands and watercourses. Members are expected to complete a three part training course offered by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and encouraged to attend the Connecticut Bar Association’s Land Use Legal Seminar held every two years.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Commission received 46 applications. Of these applications, 41 were approved by the Commission.

Design Review Board

The Simsbury Design Review Board (DRB) serves as an advisory body to the Planning and Zoning Commissions on site planning, building design and signage. The DRB is responsible for reviewing land use applications and making detailed recommendations consistent with its publication, Guidelines for Community Design.

The DRB recommends to property owners, developers and other commissions ways and methods to preserve Simsbury’s visual resources, improve community development, protect significant architectural heritage, conserve value in the built and natural environment, and assist when appropriate to formulate and implement sound planning and design policies.

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, Historic Preservation, Professional Engineering, Graphic Design or other discipline as determined appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. Members are appointed on a two-year basis.

Current projects under development by the Design Review Board include:

- Participating in the Village District Study and code for Weatogue Center;

- Participating in The Hartford Property charrette process.

In addition to its regular function in the town-wide land use process, the DRB will play a primary role in all Simsbury Center applications subject to the form-based code currently considered for adoption by the Zoning Commission.

In summary, the Design Review Board functions as part of Simsbury’s informed decision-making to revitalize its centers, celebrate its heritage, maintain the natural environment, provide for recreation, build on established landscape patterns, and, most importantly preserve community identity.

Economic Development Commission

The 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 2012:

- 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 during 2012 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 8-town valley area via annual brochure, mailings, website, activity packages, and Simsbury's visitor's bureau.
- Started, engaged and saw to conclusion the Water Pollution Control Authority subcommittee's revision and adoption of a revised FCC policy and rate structure for mixed use development activity within the newly adopted PAD and Town Center Code regulations. The EDC worked with the WPCA, town staff, and the development community to see this through.
- Supported and participated in the Route 10 corridor study, including public meetings, subcommittee and committee meetings through adoption.
- Supported and participated in the selection process of a consultant for the Economic Implementation and Marketing Action study in 2013.
- Supported and participated in the ongoing discussions regarding the Hartford Insurance Group's Simsbury campus.
- Supported and participated in proposed revisions to the existing tax abatement program.
- Support the re-funding of the Infrastructure Fund.
- Supported and participated in the dissemination of information regarding the State of Connecticut's Enterprise Fund and C-Pace loan and grant programs that were authorized by the state legislature.

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 2011-2012, the Board of Ethics held two administrative meetings to introduce new members. During the year no complaints were submitted and no other issues arose that needed to be addressed.

Richard Order and Louis Norton left the Board at the completion of their terms on January 1, 2013.

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 responded to 946 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.

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 maintained at 1.03 mills.
- Sadly, the District lost a dedicated, active Firefighter, Lt Fred Cosgrove, to illness last year.
- The District took delivery of a new pumper, S-7, which replaced S-13, a 25 year old pumper. The new S-7 is a Class A, 1,500 gallon per minute pumper.
- The District also formed another pumper replacement committee to begin work on the replacement of Engines 5 & 6 both of which will be 25 years old at the time of replacement in 2014.
- The District also took delivery of a new resource, a Polaris All Terrain Rescue Vehicle and trailer, which will allow for easier access into inaccessible wooded areas for patient care and transport.
- Hurricane Sandy, in the fall of 2012, required a Full Station Stand By to ensure that responders would be available for any call out and, Tower 12, one of the department's aerials, was deployed as part of a rescue task force to Westport, Connecticut.
- A new secured area, complete with concrete pad, was constructed at the Weatogue training grounds for Rescue training. The District also installed additional security cameras at the Weatogue and Firetown Stations to enhance our security program.
- The Junior Firefighters once again (their

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7th consecutive win!) won the Ct. 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 2012 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 ten Firefighter service awards were presented representing 115 cumulative years (and 29, 379 callouts!) of volunteer service for the honored recipients! Further, four Ladies' Auxiliary service awards were also presented representing an additional 145 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.

Special Awards

Chief's Award – John Solury

Carl Banks Engineer Award – Joe Barrett

Lea Hutchinson Service Award – Rick Callahan

5 Year Award

#478 Robin Schwartz – 3/5/2007 - 699 calls

#479 Jason Loftus – 7/16/2007 - 2134 calls

#480 Austin Grandahl – 10/13/2007 - 1252 calls

#481 Stuart Hatten – 11/19/2007 – 855 calls

10 Year Award

#433 Lt Guy Casalino – 1/28/2002 – 2112 calls

#440 Lt Andrew Gaines – 8/26/2002 – 2845 calls

15 Year Award

#381 Assist Chief Patrick Tourville – 1/27/1997 – 4871 calls

#385 Captain Kristin Kelley – 6/23/1997 – 3986 calls

#386 Lt Chris Lilley – 7/28/1997 – 3141 calls

30 Year Award

239 Captain Paul Kelley – 8/23/1982 – 7484 calls

Ladies' Auxiliary Service Awards 10 Years

Jessica Starr – November 2002

30 Years

Diane Wilcox – 1982

35 Years

Jane Stevenson - 1977

50 Years

Lucy Bowman – 1962

The dedication of Lucy Bowman, a 50 year award recipient, was noted by the presence of US Senator Richard Blumenthal. The Senator presented Lucy with a Ct Governor Dan Malloy also issued a proclamation honoring Lucy.

Lucy, from the entire Town, thanks for your extraordinary service!

2012-2013 Goals

- Continued enhancements for the department website which citizens are encouraged to explore at www.simsburyfd.org.
- Maintaining current volunteer staffing levels through participation in a State sponsored demonstration project for volunteer firefighter recruitment.
- Expanding educational opportunities for the Junior Firefighter program.
- Continued community outreach via programs sponsored by the Fire District, Fire Company & 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 Westogue Historic District Commission is responsible for perpetuating, preserving and retaining the historic features of Simsbury and promoting the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the

preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places located within the District.

Fiscal year 2011-2012 was a year in which the Commission heard and approved ten applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. The applications consisted of:

- Construction of a bonus room
- Demolition/re-build of garage
- Replacement of front door
- Above ground swimming pool
- Placement of pasture fencing
- Installation of air-conditioning condenser
- New front stoop & railings
- Demolition, rebuild of 18th Century barn
- Replacement of fencing
- Installation of above ground oil tank

Objectives for FY 2011-2012 included the application for another Historic Resources Inventory from the State Historic Preservation Office. The Commission participated in the review of the Town Center Design Guidelines. An Addendum page for the Certificate of Appropriateness Application was created in an effort to educate District residents on the role that the Commission plays. The Commission sent out its very first District Newsletter, which will continue quarterly. 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 continues its efforts to be a resource to the residents of the Town of Simsbury, and to help answer any questions regarding historic building renovations.

Housing Authority

The Simsbury Housing Authority, located on 13 acres at 1600 Hopmeadow Street, 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 Housing 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 Housing Authority's staff. The Housing Authority employs five (5) full time, permanent staff and five (5) part time workers. A significant personnel activity which occurred was the retirement of the Housing Authority Executive Director in the summer of 2012. A new Executive Director was hired and began the transition on July 1, 2012.

The Housing Authority receives no funding from the Town of Simsbury; however there is a mutually cooperative working relationship between the town and the Housing Authority. Revenues are derived from rents, subsidy from the Department of Economic and Community Development and grants and donations from individuals, 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 seventy garden-style wood frame construction units (49 efficiency units and 21 one-bedroom units) designed for independent living. The first phase consisting of forty (40) units was constructed in 1970 and the second phase consisting of thirty (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 as well as the Town of Simsbury Senior Center.

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 forty (40) efficiency units designed for independent living with services. Services include one main meal each day which is prepared on-site and wait staff served in a central dining room,

laundry facilities, emergency call system, weekly housekeeping service and 24-hour security. The Housing Authority also offers a variety of social/recreational programs designed to enhance the lives the residents.

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.

Community Outreach

In 2012 the Housing Authority participated with the outreach efforts of the Town of Simsbury to coordinate activities between the Simsbury School System and our residents. Residents attended several theater performances and sports events, free of charge, at the high school and middle school.

In 2012 the Housing Authority became a member of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, participated in September Fest and participated in the "Simsbury Summit" forum held at Eno Memorial Hall.

In the spring students from the Master's School in West Simsbury assisted the maintenance staff with spring clean-up.

Members of the Simsbury Civitan Club hosted a pizza party for residents of the Owen Murphy Apartments and the Virginia Connolly Residence.

In the fall students from the Henry James Middle School in Simsbury met with residents to read and play cards.

Students from the Global Magnet School in Bloomfield interviewed residents at the Virginia Connolly Residence for the purpose of including the comments into a history book they were writing.

This past fall students from the Westminster School in Simsbury participated in a community service project and assisted the maintenance department with fall clean-up.

2013 Goals and Legislative Activity

We will continue to develop a long term strategy for maintaining and expanding both properties in order to be competitive in the housing market.

We will continue to be active with our trade organization, CONN NAHRO, to keep abreast of current and future business trends.

We will also continue to upgrade our overall marketing strategy including advertising, brochures, news articles, local public television, our web site, etc. A new Facebook page was established this year as well.

We will actively participate in supporting current legislative matters related to public housing, 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 encourage 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.

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

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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 2011-2012, the Board met with 4 Simsbury youths and their families. A total of 90 community service hours were assigned and performed.

Library Board of Directors

The nine-member, popularly elected Library Board of Trustees is established by Connecticut State Statutes and the Simsbury Town Charter. The management of the Library is vested in the Library Board of Trustees. Trustees serve six year terms. The Library Board of Trustees appoints a qualified Library Director in accordance with Town personnel procedures, to serve as the executive and administrative officer of the Library on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and under its review and direction. The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing a philosophy of library service, setting policies to implement this philosophy, accepting gifts and donations on behalf of the Library and expending all money appropriated for the Simsbury Public Library.

In the past year, the Library Board of Trustees has:

- Clarified its policy on keeping the building open for meetings after Library hours
- Reviewed and accepted the parking expansion and walkway plan
- Authorized and supervised the addition of interior lighting
- Authorized the Boy Scout Eagle Project to clear and improve the pathway between Scout Hall and the Library
- Advised the Charter Revision Commission that they strongly support remaining an elected Board
- Conducted citizen surveys regarding library hours of operation and citizen willingness to pay for restoration of hours
- Declared restoration of library hours its

number one budget priority.

- Successfully presented the case for restoration of hours to the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance
- Voted to open one half hour earlier and close one half hour later six days/week
- Approved new job descriptions for Library Technical Assistant, Library Technician and Business Resource Center Coordinator
- Raised copier fees from 10 to 15 cents a copy to offset higher costs.
- Approved Board Funds to send two staff members to the national Public Library Association Conference
- Interviewed library directors in Glastonbury, Manchester, Wethersfield and Darien to formulate optimal staffing plan for 21st Century library services
- Confirmed its policy disallowing distribution of materials or solicitation by for-profit groups on Library property
- Studied e-book pricing for libraries and advocated for equal treatment among consumers
- Studied the Do-It-Yourself and Maker Movement in Libraries with a view to recommending implementation here
- Attended state-wide leadership conference for Library Board of Trustees

2012-2013 Goals

- Conduct a national search for and hire the new Library Director
- Procure a budget to keep the Library open with full services 64 hours per week

Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee chaired by the First Selectman, 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 composed 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.

Recently the Committee discussed the possible sale of the Pharos Farm property which would ultimately be purchased and deed restricted by the Simsbury Land Trust. The Committee recommended pursuing this course of action.

Performing Arts Center Board

The Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center Board (SMPAC Board) was established by Resolution of the Board of Selectmen in May of 2008. The duties and responsibilities of the SMPAC Board include:

- Setting Policies and Annual Objectives
- Planning For Future Growth
- Motivating Management to meet Objectives
- Reporting Annually on Performance

All income and expenses of the Facility are managed through the Town of Simsbury Special Revenue Fund, which means that SMPAC is self-funding.

The Summer Events Calendar included five concerts by the Hartford Symphony as part of the Talcott Mountain Music Festival, a performance by the Bennie Goodman/Peggy Lee "cover" band, and the Septemberfest Event. There was also a free concert given by the SMPAC with the Ticket To Ride Beatles cover band.

There were many other events at the facility, including:

- The Rotary River Run
- The Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Bike Ride
- The Valley Car Club Show
- The Hartford Half Marathon and 5K
- The Simsbury High School Graduation
- The Bloomfield High School Graduation
- The DaVita Bike Tour



The SMPAC had a profitable year and maintained its financial commitment to the Town to present a financially successful season. The Board added a number of new members who have added valuable resources to the group.

SMPAC commissioned a complete study of the facility and a market research project that included comparatives, demographics, interviews with businesses and individuals and a complete 6 Year Business Plan. The Goal of the SMPAC is to transition toward management of the facility by a new 501(c)(3) Board which was created as part of a long term plan for the facility. Complete details of that report and the business plan are on the SMPAC website.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is an elected body composed 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 ten 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: one for the re-routing of the Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot hiking trail; the other approving the sale of Pharos Farm to the Simsbury Land Trust. The Planning Commission continues to play a key role in commenting on development applications.

The Commission completed revisions to the subdivision regulations in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, which became effective in late 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.

2011-2012 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. Make 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.

2012-2013 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.

Activities of the Public Building Committee are listed below:

- Completed a Needs Assessment Study to determine the space and program requirements for a Senior/Community Center at Eno Memorial Hall, and at other alternative sites. The study involves an outreach program in order to gain an extensive understanding of users' and staff thoughts and opinions, as well as visits to neighboring community's facilities. The final report, to be completed in 2013, will include a program narrative, schematic plans and cost estimates; and, will be a valuable guide in reaching a decision for Simsbury's future Senior/Community Center.
- Completed Construction for Simsbury Farm's main building renovation and addition which includes full accessibility and energy efficient heating & lighting. Construction of the \$2.84 million improvements were completed in phases so that the ice rink rooms were available for the 2011/12 winter season, and the pool facilities for the 2012 summer season.
- Completed Construction for a \$1.28 million roof replacement at Latimer Lane School. This project's construction was coordinated for the start of 2011/2012 school year.

Recycling Committee

Our mission is to educate and disseminate information to the public regarding the State of Connecticut and the Town of Simsbury's increasing goals to reduce, reuse and recycle materials resources within our community. For recent years and for 2013, that goal has been lifted to 58% of potentially recyclable materials, a high level requiring much greater Town, business, community and contractor efforts. The Recycling Committee will increase its efforts to meet recycling goals set for Simsbury.

Efforts of the Recycling Committee in respect to these goals in 2012 were as follows:

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The Recycling Committee selected Welden Hardware and owner and operators Melissa and John Brett, as winners of the Annual Recycling Award for their new battery recycling program for Valley residents. Welden has enlisted the Interstate Battery International Corp., the largest battery recycler in the U.S., to help facilitate this service.

The Committee's Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Campaign was a very successful effort over many years and ended on a high note with a record-setting collection drive in 2011. Nike, however has decided to end this program due to cost concerns. The Recycling Committee is working to implement a new program – called Soles-4-Souls – in 2013 as a replacement.

The Committee manages the Swap Shoppe at the Transfer Station and reports that the year 2012 saw 1,057 items adopted, a 12.8% increase over 2011. Total visitors to the center were 870, an increase of 13.6% over the previous year. Over 144 hours of volunteer time were expended in achieving these results. The Committee will continue to oversee the on-site management of the Swap Shoppe by the Civitan Club of Simsbury and the Farmington Valley and by other community volunteers.

The Committee's Magazine Swap kiosk, created in 2010 in the coffee bar/hospitality area at the Public Library, continued to see a growing clientele for periodicals donated by library patrons for free keeping by other residents. The Committee will continue to oversee and police the Magazine Swap kiosk in 2013 and is planning to purchase a new, dedicated display rack in order to return Library equipment to other uses.

The Recycling Committee currently includes members Jay Devivo, Lori Fernand, Janice Kern, Jim Ray, Nancy Thoma and Mary Turner, Chair.

2012-2013 Goals

- Promote recycling education in order to achieve elevated recycling goals.
- Encourage and recognize recycling efforts within our school system.
- Continue to manage and promote recycling efforts at the Swap Shoppe.
- Better equip the Magazine Swap at Simsbury

Public Library.

- Establish a new program, Soles-4-Souls, to replace Nike Re-Use A Shoe.
- Update the Recycling Committee's website

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.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

- Continued publicizing the Hopmeadow cell phone walking tour of 11 sites to encourage visitors to stroll downtown and to learn about our history and architecture. Maps are located in boxes at each location. 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 answering machine at Town Hall. Committee members take turns responding to messages. We continued to update our tourism webpage and to distribute information at the library and Chamber. The kiosk on Wilcox St posts maps, calendars and tourism items of interest. Hopefully the Rotary shelter at Simsbury Meadows will soon house tourism information as well.
- Helped in the planning and staffing of Simsbury Celebrates.
- Continued involvement in the Farmington Valley Film Commission which links the 9 Valley towns. The 3rd annual Film Fete was held in Aug. and a Red Carpet Gala in Feb. to telecast the Academy Awards.
- Redesigned our fall foliage driving tour online with photos and mapping.
- Introduced another postcard – Rosedale Farm and Vineyard
- Tourism was honored by an award from CT Main St in recognition of its efforts to promote the cell phone tour.
- Tourism shared a table at the annual Fly-In distributing materials about town
- Tourism was involved in the planning of the Pinchot celebration in Sept.
- Tourism began planning for another Volunteer Expo to be held in April
- We participated in many group meetings such as those of SCOC, Main St Partnership, The Flower Bridge, the Tariffville Village Assoc. and the EDC.



- In addition we attended meetings of FVVA and Liz Banco continued as the representative to the River Valley Tourism group.

2012-2013 Goals

- To expand the cell phone tour to include more sites and more in-depth tours.
- 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 and develop a Facebook page
- To actively seek new members interested in promoting tourism.

Volunteer Ambulance Association

Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association has served the emergency medical needs of the community for fifty six 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 1600 calls. By comparison, we currently respond to over 1600 calls every 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 1000 Hours of Service and 100 Call in 2012. A total of eleven members received these awards. EMT of the Year 2012 was awarded to Lisa Barfield, in recognition of her service to this organization.

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.

This year, SVAA is leading the effort to have Simsbury designated as a HEARTsafe community by the Department of Public Health. The goal of this program is to improve the chances of survival for anyone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest by maximizing the number of non-medical people trained in CPR and documenting the locations of AED's in public places.

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 Selectman, 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, Granby and Canton. 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.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

- The WPCA conducted 9 regular and 4 special meetings, including 5 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
 - Set the residential and non-residential user fee rate
 - Revised the Facility Connection Charge Policy
- The FCC Policy Review Subcommittee conducted 7 special meetings at which they proposed to modify the WPCA's current Facility Connection Charge Policy for residential dwelling units to create a tiered facility connection charge.

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.

In December, 2012, the WPCA recognized Jim Clifton, our Plant Superintendent, for receiving the 2012 William D. Hatfield Award by the New England Water Environment Association

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Boards & Commissions

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(NEWEA). This prestigious award is given to operators of wastewater treatment plants who through their outstanding performance and professionalism deserve commendation. The award recognizes financial acumen, public relations skills and advancement in the field. Mr. Clifton's industry leadership was particularly evident in his development of the 2012 Connecticut Wastewater Managers Training program in which 22 emerging wastewater leaders received intensive training in 10 different technical and managerial focus areas. The WPCA and the Town of Simsbury are very fortunate to have a Superintendent as dedicated and accomplished as Mr. Clifton.

2012-2013 Goals

- Complete the construction phase of the Tunxis Pump Station replacement
- Hold public hearings regarding extending sanitary sewers on Russell Lane, Seminary Road and Long View Drive
- Complete rehabilitation of the Wolcott Pump Station

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Simsbury Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is an elected body of nine members which includes 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.

Variances are given after due consideration that they are in accordance with the public health, welfare and safety; convenience, and whether or not the property values 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 2011-2012 the Zoning Board of Appeals received:

- 18 Variance Applications
- 12 Approved
- 3 Failed to Approve
- 3 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 which 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 2011–2012 fiscal year, the Commission received 43 applications, consisting of: 17 site plans, 16 special permits, 7 sign permits, and 3 zone changes. Of these 43 applications, 3 were withdrawn, 1 was denied, and the rest were approved.

In addition to its other regular business, the Commission continued revising the Simsbury Zoning Regulations to better meet the needs of the community.



Town Finances

General Fund

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

	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	June 30, 2010	%	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, 2012, the Town had bonds outstanding which mature serially to the year 2021, as follows:

Schools	\$16,815,000
Public Improvement	11,855,000
Total	\$28,670,000

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

General Purpose	\$166,215,339
Schools	337,491,279
Sewers	285,548,916
Urban Renewal	261,877,847

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total Principal & Interest
2013	4,930,000	893,344	5,823,344
2014	4,925,000	720,019	5,645,019
2015	4,985,000	547,074	5,532,074
2016	4,475,000	373,938	4,848,938
2017-2021	9,355,000	515,375	9,870,375
Total:	\$28,670,000	\$3,049,749	\$31,719,749

Per statutory debt limitations, total indebtedness shall not exceed seven times annual receipts from taxation. Total Capacity for borrowing shall not exceed \$507,233,237

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Report

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Town of Simsbury for June 30, 2012 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 30.86 mills, which was levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2010. 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 as expenditures in the current fiscal year.

The amended budget for fiscal year 2012 was \$ 89,659,703. Total expenditures for fiscal 2012 were \$ 87,970,223. Revenues over expenditures increased \$ 481,505, resulting in a change of Unassigned Fund Balance to \$9,696,310 for the period ending June 30, 2012.

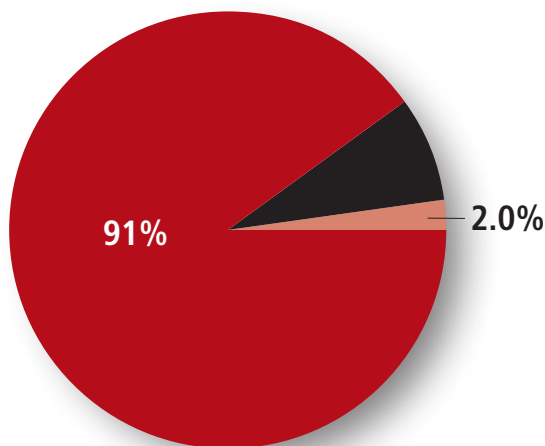
Town Finances

Net Grand Lists and Tax Rates – 2003-2012

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
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
2012	2,599,506,658	30.86	19,176,394	62,773,837	6,019,992	87,970,223

Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ended June 30, 2011



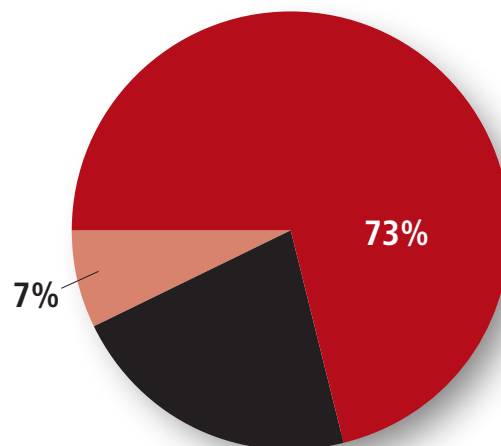
Property Taxes	\$ 80,548,378
Intergovernmental	6,117,800
All Other	1,804,100

Revenues

Property Taxes	\$80,548,378
Intergovernmental	6,117,800
Investments	109,451
Charges For Services	713,234
Licenses/Permits	511,233
Other	470,182
Total	\$ 88,470,278

Revenue surplus (Actual vs. Budgeted)	1,217,975
Expenditure surplus (Budget vs. Actual)	467,895
Supplemental appropriations from Reserves	(2,439,000)
	(753,130)

⁽¹⁾ During fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, supplemental appropriations from RESERVES totaling \$2,439,000 was approved.



Education	\$ 62,773,837
Selectmen	17,148,777
Debt Retirement	6,019,992

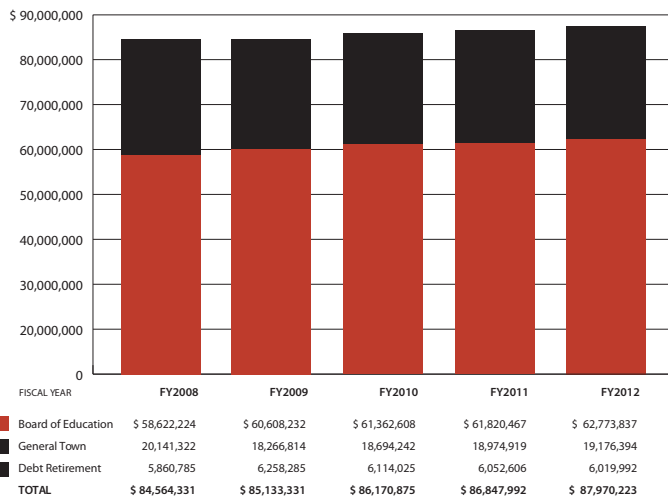
Expenditures

Education	\$62,773,837
Debt Retirement	6,019,992
General Government	1,900,590
Planning & Development	600,797
Public Safety	3,917,230
Facility Management	3,764,138
Culture & Recreation	2,064,118
Health & Welfare	529,102
Insurance & Benefits	4,372,802
Other	-
Total	\$ 85,942,606

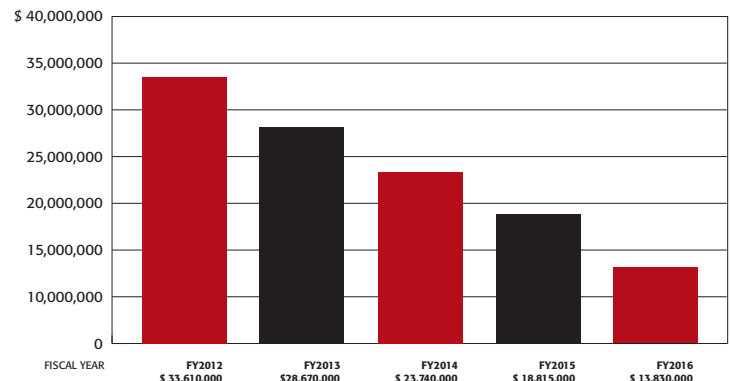
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures ⁽¹⁾ 2,527,672

Town Finances

Total Expenditures – 2007-2011



Total Principal Outstanding – 2012-2016



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	\$2,400,941	\$1,598,485	\$802,456
Sewer extension projects:			
Project 2010	260,000	61,647	198,353
Town projects:			
Library Expansion 5/06	6,100,000	5,980,422	119,578
Gertsen Land Purchase	720,000	721,523	(1,523)
Triangle Land Purchase 5/08	2,750,000	2,104,686	645,314
Streetscape 10/167 5/08	325,000	325,000	-
Eno Hall Improvements 5/08	1,000,000	794,950	205,050
Water Extensions 5/08	170,000	108,452	61,548
Tunxis Pump Station 5/10	670,000	158,952	511,048
Paving Management 5/10	2,400,000	2,139,482	260,518
Simsbury Farms Renovations 5/11	3,061,000	2,512,532	548,468
Education projects:			
Simsbury High School Addition & Alteration 5/02	43,178,567	36,220,321	6,958,246
Computer technology improv 5/06	450,000	440,336	9,664
Tariffville Expansion 5/06	6,200,000	6,114,278	85,722
System Telecommunications, Security Upgrade 5/06	420,000	420,000	-
HVAC Boiler Replacement 5/08	700,000	633,174	66,826
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	1,161,877	115,623
District Network Infrastructure 5/10	450,000	317,869	132,131
Total: \$72,444,184	\$73,940,508	\$62,963,555	\$10,976,953



Board & Commission Members

Elected Boards and Commissions

(as of March 5, 2012)

Board of Selectmen

Sean P. Askham
Mary A. Glassman -
First Selectman
Nancy M. Haase
Lisa Heavner
John 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

Town Moderator

John J. O'Neil

Planning Commission

Richard Cortes
Mark S. Drake
Tina E. Hallenbeck
Ferguson R. Jansen, Jr.
Robert Kulakowski
Gary Lungarini
Michael R. Paine - *Chair*
Kevin M. Prell
William F. Rice

Zoning Board of Appeals

Carol M. Bingham
Tegan Blackburn
Paul Cocchi

Dennis Fallon

Thomas F. Horan
Craig K. MacCormac

Katie S. Martin

Gregory W. Picuch

Peter A. Stempien - *Chair*

Zoning Commission

Edward Cosgrove
William J. Fiske

Vaughn Marecki

Edward J. Pabich

Derek Peterson

Robert D. Pomeroy, Jr. - *Chair*

Gerald A. Post

David Rogers Ryan

Amy M. Salls

Aging and Disability

Victor Bible
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
Mark Orenstein
Margaret Shanks
Charlotte W. Steptoe
Lynn R. Veith
Arlene Zappile
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

Steven Antonio
Emil T. Dahlquist - *Chair*
William J. Eagan
Harvey J. Goodfriend
Paul E. Holland
Charles A. Warren, Jr. -
Deputy Chair
Samuel Ziplov

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

Patrick Kottas
Ryan M. Mihalic - *Secretary*
Richard A. Miller Jr. - *Chair*
Donald Rieger
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

Rita Bond
John Carroll
Emil T. Dahlquist - *Chair*
Anthony Drapelick
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
Andrew Markowski
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
Mary Turner

Historic District Commission

Denise H. Alfeld
Kenneth L. Feder

David G. Freitas

J.P. Lanza
Mark Lubetkin
Dianne L. Mead
James Oliver
Elizabeth 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
Craig Haase
Lisa L. Heavner
Paul W. Henault
Nicholas B. Mason
Paul F. McAlenny
Donna Parker
James Ray
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 Turner

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

Our Town Today

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 Community TV	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 and Rec.	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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