



# The Community's Vision

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2006-2007

town of colchester annual report

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All the vision statements in this annual report are quotes from children of Colchester, the future leaders of our town.

## A Letter from our First Selectman

July 2006 through June 2007 has been a year of transition for Colchester.

First Selectman Jenny Contois stepped down as Colchester's eight term First Selectman to take on her new position as District Director for Congressman Joe Courtney. The Board of Selectmen selected member Stan Soby to serve as First Selectman from January to November and Rosemary Coyle as a new member of the Board.

*From Jenny ....*

*On January 4, 2007, I resigned my position as First Selectman, a seat that I held for 15 years, and I accepted the position of District Director for Congressman Joe Courtney. This was a very difficult decision to make, however, this was a wonderful opportunity to, not only continue to work with the residents of Colchester, but expand my scope to serve the residents and businesses in all of Eastern Connecticut.*

*During my last term in office, three of the five Charter Revision questions were passed by the voters. Our very first Open Space Plan was adopted at Town meeting. Colchester was the recipient of an Agricultural Viability Grant and we applied to become a Preserve America Town and our application was accepted, opening the door to additional grant funds and other opportunities to preserve our precious historic resources.*

*It was an honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as your First Selectman, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your tremendous support over the years. Remember, I could not have done it without you!*

*Jenny Contois*

The Town continued to move forward to implement our Plan of Conservation and Development and to update and upgrade our Emergency Plan. As part of the Plan of Conservation and Development, work was begun with Linda Orange, State Representative, 48th District and Eileen Daily, State Senator, 33rd District to secure land from the state at Rt. 85/Lake Hayward Road for future use by the Town.

We saw substantial investment in our technology infrastructure during a budget year that was challenging and long. Through the combined work of the Space Needs Assessment Committee, the Recreational Facilities Task Force, the Cody Camp Foundation and others, a location which was supported by the community for the Cody Camp Field was found. Exciting times are ahead as we continue to listen to residents, develop and build partnerships, and work together to guide Colchester's growth.

Linda Hodge  
First Selectman

## Assessor's Office

The Office of the Assessor is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing taxable and exempt real and personal property within the corporate limits of the Town of Colchester. We appraise real estate based on the market value and maintain a "street card" on every parcel. State statutes govern almost every function and responsibility of the Assessor's Office and requires every municipality to perform revaluations every five years. Colchester completed a town-wide revaluation for the October 1, 2006 Grand List.

We also are responsible for assessing Business Personal Property, and registered and unregistered Motor Vehicles. According to State law, motor vehicles are NOT valued based on their market value, but solely on 100% of the average retail book value with no adjustments for mileage or condition.

The 2006 Grand List indicates 6,070 real property accounts, 1,107 personal property accounts, and 15,492 registered motor vehicles.

It is our responsibility to update the street cards when any changes occur. In the 2006-2007 fiscal years there were numerous changes in both ownership and condition. Subdivisions brought new streets, new building lots, owners, homes, and additional motor vehicles. The Assessor must inspect and value all newly created lots and newly constructed homes, as well as any changes, improvements or additions to existing properties.

Our office also implements exemption programs for the blind, disabled, low income elderly, veterans who served during wartime, low income veterans who served during wartime, and disabled veterans. The elderly and disabled programs are income qualified and have filing periods prescribed by state law. For more information on exemption programs you may check our website at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) or contact our office.



"I hope for a high population, better skate park, better education, improved youth center, a kind town and more buildings."

EB Brown

## Board of Education

To achieve its mission to "ensure the success of each and every student," the Colchester Board of Education focused its efforts on attaining the goals of the district's Strategic Plan. The following highlights represent a sample of the activities, accomplishments and progress of our students, staff and learning community in each of our five goal-driven initiatives.

### IMPROVED STUDENT LEARNING:

- Jack Jackter Elementary School was named in the Top Ten list of improved schools in the state for student performance on the CT Mastery Test.
- Colchester students garnered state and national honors in art, music, business, oceanology, Invention Convention, energy conservation and engineering.
- School administrators, including the Superintendent and Curriculum and Special Education Directors, regularly conduct Student Learning Expeditions in classrooms to observe student work and provide feedback to staff.

### HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STAFF:

- Teachers garnered state and national awards including USA Today All-Star Teacher, Holocaust Educator of the Year, CT Reading Association Literacy Leader and Family-Driven Leadership.
- Our middle school reading initiative was recognized and published by the International Reading Association.
- We revamped hiring procedures and standards for all staff, including substitute personnel.

### POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS:

- Held formal Welcoming Atmosphere Walk-Throughs at each school and used feedback to make improvements.
- Statewide Diversity Forum held at Bacon Academy.
- Implemented research-based Positive Behavioral Support program at CES and JJIS to improve student conduct in school.
- Initiated Tools for Schools program for Indoor Air Quality.
- Conducted security audits at all schools.

### STRONG SCHOOL-FAMILY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- Increased children's participation in preschool through grant-funded school-community School Readiness initiative.
- Partnered with Colchester Business Association to conduct the first-ever Career Fair for Bacon Academy students.
- A grade 2 class designed and published a national postage stamp to benefit the Feed the Children Foundation.
- Community-based committee worked with Board to develop Wellness Policy.
- Received \$205,000 of competitive grant funds to address School Readiness and high school Family and Consumer Sciences and Physics/Engineering curricula.

## Board of Education *continued*

### INCREASED COMMUNICATION:

- Initiated new district newsletter, Education Connections.
- Sponsored a Community Dialogue Forum on Education attended by 60+ enthusiastic participants.
- Communicated our Strategic Plan through a logo-motto contest. Winning entry: Colchester Public Schools...Branching Out to Learn and Grow.
- Superintendent held monthly community Meet and Greet sessions.

The Colchester Board of Education (BOE) remains committed to working closely with parents and community members to continue to improve teaching and learning. Colchester residents are welcome and encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings and school and PTO events. BOE meeting minutes, agendas and calendars can be found on our website at [colchesterct.org](http://colchesterct.org).

## Board of Finance

The Board of Finance is the fiscal authority for the Town of Colchester. In addition to monitoring and implementing the adopted Town budget, the Board is also responsible for developing the Town budget and setting the Town mil rate for the coming fiscal year.

The six members of the Board are elected on a staggered basis for six-year terms. The members of the Board for the 2006-2007 fiscal year were Ronald Crabb, Ronald Goldstein (Vice-Chair), Bruce Hayn (Chair), John Ringo, Michael Ryan and Brian Smith. The Board of Finance meets at least twice each month at the Town Hall (first and third Wednesdays).

At each meeting, the Board reviews and receives reports on the financial status of the Town from the First Selectman. In addition, the Board regularly receives more detailed updates from the various Town departments and department heads. At least once per month the Board meets with both the Chief Financial Officer and the Tax Collector.

The Town's year-end audit report indicated again that the Town is in full compliance with all relevant auditing rules and regulations and that we enjoy a solid financial position.

## Code Administration

The Department of Planning and Zoning provides staff support and technical advice to the Zoning and Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, and Historic District Commission. The department also provides support to the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance on an as-needed basis; and administers local and state land use regulations, and fire and building codes on a daily basis.

Departmental staff assists the public to understand codes, regulations and procedures, and provides field inspections before, during, and after project construction to ensure compliance. The department provides a "One Stop Permit Shop" for development applications, and considers customer service a high priority.

The Department issues permits for all phases of construction and inspects all work done under those permits. Permit fees are based on value of construction plus applicable septic, well, driveway, and erosion control fees. Fees for heating, plumbing, and electrical work are included in the building permit fee.

Permits issued during the reporting period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 were as follows:

Single Family Residences	51	Demolition	2
Multi-family Residences	4	Sheds/barns/decks	65
Commercial (existing)	15	Swimming Pools	33
Commercial (new)	2	Burning permits	211
Garages	9	Additions	32
Blasting	8	Miscellaneous	342
		Road permits	18

The revenue for fiscal year 2006-2007 totaled \$208,738.00.

## Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging is a seven member board, along with two alternates and liaisons from the Boards of Selectmen and the Senior Center, that meets monthly to advise and assist the Board of Selectmen and the Director of the Senior Center. The Commission acts as an advocate for Colchester's senior citizens and makes recommendations to the Director of the Senior Center and the Board of Selectmen regarding programs and services intended to meet the needs and improve the conditions of the elderly and aging. The Commission also aids the Senior Center Director with grant submissions and the preparation of the annual budget.

## Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is charged by Section 7-131a of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) with keeping an index of all open land areas, and undertaking research into the utilization of such land areas. The Commission reviews development plans to make sure that the impacts to the environment are as minimal as possible. As the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of Colchester, the Conservation Commission is charged with carrying out the provisions of CGS Sections 22a-36 to 22a-45 inclusive, and regulating activities affecting the inland wetlands and watercourses in the Town of Colchester. The Wetlands Officer enforces any violations of these regulations.

The Commission held twelve regular meetings including six public hearings, and three special meetings, two of which were enforcement actions. The Commission also receives recommendations of open space acceptance from the Open Space Advisory Committee in efforts to protect Colchester's open space.

Twenty-one applications for subdivision and/or wetlands permits were reviewed by the Commission:

Subdivision/Re-subdivision	11	Commercial	1
Multi-family	0	Municipal Improvement	0
Residential	3	Declaratory Ruling	3
Violation/Restoration	1	Site Development	2

Additionally, the Wetlands Enforcement Officer approved twenty-six applications for de minimus activities in the Upland Review Area, pursuant to CGS Section 22a-42a(c)(2), and referred one such application to the Commission for their consideration.

The revenue collected for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was \$3,871.00.

## Court of Probate

The Probate Court serves the towns of Colchester and Lebanon and has jurisdiction over many matters:

- probating wills and the administration of estates
- overseeing testamentary and living trusts
- determining title to real and personal property
- construing the meaning of wills and trusts
- appointing guardians and overseeing the care of those with mental retardation
- appointing conservators of the person and the estate of incapable individuals
- committing those suffering from mental illness, alcoholism, or drug addiction to an appropriate facility

- removing unfit parents as guardians of their children
- terminating the parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities
- granting adoptions
- granting name changes
- processing passport applications, and
- other matters

A summary of the Probate Court's activity for the fiscal year:

184 Decedent's estate matters, 15 Trust matters, 12 Adoption/Termination cases, 49 other Children's matters, 32 Conservatorship matters, 13 proceedings regarding those with mental retardation, and 12 Name Changes. The Court also processed 696 passport applications.

For information visit the Town's website: [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) or contact us via email: [probate@colchesterct.gov](mailto:probate@colchesterct.gov).

## Cragin Memorial Library

Cragin Memorial Library's vision is to inform, educate, and enrich our community. Our mission is to support leisure reading with a collection of current, high interest material, popular periodicals and classic books; to introduce children to a love of reading as soon as they are old enough to look at a picture, listen to a story or hold a book. Further, we strive to provide timely, accurate, and useful information to enable Colchester residents to inform themselves on all subjects that interest them; and we offer programs that increase library awareness and reflect Colchester's historic and cultural interests.

The Library's collection contains over 65,000 books, magazines, audio and video materials, which circulated over 150,000 times over the past year. We answered almost 4,000 reference questions and sponsored 322 free programs for the community. Volunteers gave almost 1,000 hours of service to the Library and the Friends of Cragin raised significant funds for programs and materials not included in the Library's budget. The Library also received a generous bequest from the estate of Evelyn Stern and was able to purchase supplement nonfiction books for several years with these funds.

In the past year, children's programming has expanded to include lap sit story times for babies under 18 months; the Library's catalog has been made available to users from home or work via the internet, InfoAnytime, a web-based reference service was initiated, the music collection was expanded with funds from the Zagray family and the library's meeting rooms continue to be heavily used by community groups of all types. The Library staff and trustees try to meet the challenges of serving the many needs and interests of our growing community and look forward to increasing materials and services in order to meet these demands.

# Economic Development Commission

During the 2006-2007 year, the Economic Development Commission:

- Updated and designed Town's web site for Economic Development Commission's site with links to CERC, PDF file for application for tax incentives, etc.
- Participated as members of the subcommittee to Planning and Zoning
- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Board of Selectman on several Colchester Tax Incentive Program (CTIP) applications. Such review consists of a thorough assessment of the size, scope and merits of the project relative to the CTIP criteria then determining the appropriate amount of tax incentive. Reports are made to the Board of Selectman on each project. Projects reviewed under this program included an indoor sports facility and a mixed use office building in the town center
- Participated in the Colchester Business Association's business expo and other regular business of the association.
- Continued participation and membership in the Colchester Business Association via the Planner's office
- Invited presenter on Economic Development to meeting to provide presentation to Commission members on economic development and current events

## Fire Department

The Colchester Hayward Fire Department is a combination fire department consisting of volunteer and career staff dedicated to delivering emergency services to the residents of Colchester.

2007 was a busy year:

Emergency responders came to the aid 1693 times when calls for help were issued. These calls represent over 20,938 man-hours of dedicated service to the community. Our members spent an additional 9,031 man-hours training to ensure that you, our neighbors, received the most professional service possible.

The CHFHD is proud to have achieved an Insurance Service Office (ISO) Classification of 4. Only 51 departments of the 315 fire departments in the State of Connecticut have achieved this designation.

The CHFHD placed a new ambulance into service, Rescue 628, a 2007 International Horton. This medical transport apparatus replaced our ten year old medium duty chassis ambulance that went into service in 1997.

The CHFHD takes pride in being one of the best. We do not take our duty or responsibility lightly. Over the years we have risen to meet the challenges that have come our way and, with your support, have excelled at acquiring the equipment and the necessary training to do the best job possible to protect our community and our fellow citizens.

As we move forward, we face many new challenges such as volunteer recruitment, training and certification mandates that tax our available volunteer hours and daytime staffing, and aging equipment.

We will forge ahead and continue the proud tradition of providing you, our friends and neighbors, with the most professional and efficient service possible. Our doors at the fire station are forever open to you.

Always remember to do your part in fire safety. Check the batteries in your Smoke and CO detectors, and have an escape plan for your home.

## Health Department

The Colchester Health Department is staffed by a full time Director of Health/Registered Sanitarian, a full time Sanitarian, a part time Clerk, and a grant-funded part time Public Health Emergency Preparedness Manager. The Department provides health education programs, environmental health inspections, public health preparedness programs, and participates with partners in regional health planning.

The Department partnered with Backus Hospital and ConnCare again this year to provide 312 seasonal influenza vaccinations to residents and town employees. Our Safety Awareness Food Training (SAF\*T) program trained 105 volunteers and for-profit food service workers how to safely handle and prepare food. Environmental health inspections were a major focus for staff, and included activities such as site testing, plan review and inspection for on-site septic systems and wells, food service establishment plan review, facility inspection, inspection of temporary food events, child day care inspection, and nuisance complaint investigation.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness highlights included our partnership with the Norwich Bulletin to provide an Emergency Planning newspaper insert, as well as a copy of the town's emergency evacuation map. Additionally, the Preparedness Manager presented emergency preparedness and pandemic influenza information to the Colchester Rotary.

# Health Department *continued*

The Department is a member of the New London County Health Collaborative, which completed a health study in April. The study marks the first time the health of county residents has been assessed on a regional basis, enabling all stakeholders in healthcare delivery and prevention to compare the region with state and national statistics and identify areas where improvement is needed.

A summary list of the Department's activities for the fiscal year is as follows:

## ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FY 2007

ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Lots soil tested	187
Engineer's plans reviewed	405
Septic permits issued	69
Septic system inspections	221
B-100a reviews (sheds, additions, etc.)	243
Discharge permits issued	55
Predevelopment meetings	41
Well permits issued	59
Food service inspections	219
Annual food service permits issued	112
Temporary food permits issued	53
Complaints investigated	63
Child daycare center inspections	15
Health education programs held	11
Number of attendees	588

## Historic District Commission

The Historic District covers 30 properties around the Town Green and down South Main Street. The Commission meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The purpose of the Commission is "to promote the... preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of building and places associated with the history... of the Town of Colchester," and to provide guidance to property owners as to factors to be considered in preparing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Historic District Commission consists of five members and three alternate members all of whom must be electors of the Town of Colchester. At least one member of the Commission must be a resident within the Historic District.

Each year the Commission recognizes the efforts of property owners who have recently restored or preserved buildings within the Town of Colchester. A Certificate of Appreciation is issued, and a ceremony conducted, to commend these individuals on their efforts to restore their properties in keeping with the historic character of Colchester.

## Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for the prevention, preparation and, response to, and recovery from disasters such as, public health emergencies, terrorist attacks, man made or natural disasters.

The Office of Emergency Management formerly known as "Civil Defense" and "Civil Preparedness" has been very active this past year. As part of our preparedness planning, the Colchester Health Department exercised the Point Of Distribution plan for pandemic flu and the mass dispensing of medications at Bacon Academy. This drill was a great success. You may have seen the new evacuation signs around town and the articles in the local papers on the evacuation plan. These endeavors could not have been realized with out the dedication and commitment of all of the agency representatives from the various town agencies and services that meet monthly to assist in this preparation process.

Recent and past events in our country have shown that no community is immune from these types of events. The focus of our office is on preparing a comprehensive all hazards approach to manage such incidents and to ensure the continuity of government and services in Colchester should such an event occur.

We have made many communications and facility improvements at the Emergency Operations Center. Our center continues to evolve and is one of the best local EOCs in the state. This would not have been possible without the volunteer efforts, donations and grant funding that were obtained.

In the coming months we will be reaching out for volunteers to represent all aspects of our community to assist us in development of our emergency response plans. We will be looking for members to represent industry, business, community groups, local environmental groups, broadcast and print media and faith based organizations.

We encourage the residents of Colchester to prepare an emergency kit for their home and have a plan in the event of a local, regional or statewide emergency. Information on kit materials and planning can be obtained at the Colchester Town Hall, Suite 105. Additional information is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Parks & Recreation

The Colchester Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of services, facilities and programs year-round for our residents, with its goal of "Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs." The Department is guided by the eight-member Parks and Recreation Commission and the Director of Parks and Recreation, Jason Cohen.

With its dedicated crew of seven, the Parks Maintenance Division maintains approximately 360 acres of public land, town parks, open space, municipal and school grounds, and athletic facilities.

The Recreation Division, with 2.5 fulltime staff, administers a wide variety of programs and services for all ages and interests, including summer day camp, instructional programs, trips, special events, theater, sports, after-school programs, and more.

The Parks and Recreation Department works closely with many other organizations in town to assist them in providing quality services to the community, from youth and adult sports leagues, to service organizations. The Department maintains a town-wide events and meetings calendar for all non-profit organizations, which is available on the town web site.

Complete information on all parks, programs and services is available through a seasonal brochure distributed free to homes and available at the Department Office, as well as online. Many facility maps are also available in our office and online. Community members may even subscribe to the Department Email List, which sends out special announcements and periodic information on new programs.

In the 2006-07 Fiscal Year, the Department made significant advancements:

- Installed Bocce Court at the Recreation Complex
- Expanded area and amenities at Spray Park
- Implemented free Wi-Fi at the Recreation Complex
- Opened Bacon Academy Climbing Wall for programming
- Improved Air Line Trail access way at River Road lot with Federal/State grant
- Worked with Eagle Scout candidate to repair/improve interpretive signs at Cohen Woodlands
- Produced 2nd Annual "57 Fest" with approximately 5,000 attendees
- Welcomed Colchester Civic Orchestra into Parks & Recreation "family" of programs
- Colchester Community Theatre production of "Hello, Dolly!"

The Department's "Programs" represent the numerous opportunities afforded to the community to expand their horizons, build their network of friends, and enjoy time with their families. The quality and quantity of programs have grown significantly over the past few years, and 2008 will be no different. This year will see a renewed focus on helping the community to live healthy, active lifestyles.

## Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission is an eight-member board, along with two alternates, that meets monthly to advise and assist the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Commission is also supported by liaisons from the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education. The Commission's charge is to assist the Director in developing and reviewing policies and procedures that affect the Department's parks and programs, and making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

The Commission meets on the first Monday of each month (with exceptions due to holidays), with no meetings in July. 2006-07 Highlights include:

- Developed Sport League Endorsement Policy
- Participated in legislative advocacy on issues affecting parks and recreation
- Developed Sponsorship Policy
- Amended Special Events Policy
- Developed Financial Aid Policy and procedures
- Endorsed Playground Maintenance Policy

## Police

Colchester police officers are trained to the highest professional standards at The Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. They are here to protect and serve their community. The officers provide conventional enforcement of Connecticut laws and local ordinances. The State Police, through the Resident State Trooper Program, direct the law enforcement operations and supervise the officers.

As the department gradually grows, new policing tactics are being incorporated. A bicycle patrol, along with a regulation to establish its guidelines, has been authorized by the Colchester Police Commission. The Town and the Police Union have provided bicycle uniforms and equipment; to-date four officers have been trained. Bicycle patrols provide flexible off-road mobility and increased interaction with the public.

To help increase officer safety, computers and cameras have been installed in the cruisers. The computers, called Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), provide motor vehicle and lost and stolen property information in Connecticut and nationwide, criminal and probation history, the Sex Offender Registry and weather updates. The in-car cameras can document motor vehicle stops with video and sound.

Our overall goal is to provide equipment for our officers to increase their safety and to grow the department to the number of officers required to protect our townspeople. We plan to standardize and upgrade our officer's equipment. Our biggest challenge is to continue to find applicants who will make excellent officers, complementing the officers that protect Colchester today.

## Police Commission

The Police Commission has the authority and responsibility for the general supervision and management of Colchester's police officers. The commission has five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years. Colchester has a contract with the State Police to be a member of Connecticut's Resident State Trooper Program. This program provides Colchester with supervision of its day-to-day law enforcement operations by a resident state trooper, presently Sgt. Shane Hassett. In addition to Sgt. Shane Hassett the Colchester Police Department consists of ten Colchester officers, one additional state trooper and an administrative assistant. The Commission continues to actively recruit new officers to fill any open positions.

## Public Works

The Public Works Department includes the Town Transfer Station, Highway, Fleet Maintenance, and Town Sewer and Water Departments. There are a total of 19 staff members in these departments.

The mission of the Public Works Department is to provide utility, transportation, and waste management services through effective leadership, adaptability to change, and a desire to meet the needs of a growing population and infrastructure. To this end, the Department uses skilled staff with modern technology for efficient use of funds to maintain and improve the Town's public infrastructure.



"I hope it will be full of great, nice people who help out their neighbors so basically a peaceful town where everybody wants to live by cooperation with each other and not starting fights or other violent actions."

Daniel Brainard

The Fleet Maintenance Department is responsible for all Highway, Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Senior, Water, Code Administration, Health, Youth Services, Facility, and Board of Education vehicles and equipment. The Town is realizing continued savings and improved efficiencies in productivity, quicker response times, and a safer working environment by: consolidating equipment and grounds responsibilities between the Parks and Recreation Department and Board of Education, developing a realistic equipment replacement program (provides costs savings as fewer major repairs are required and higher trade-in or re-sale prices help defray replacement costs) and instituting an aggressive preventative maintenance program.

The Highway Department is responsible for all aspects of the approximately 120 miles of Town-maintained roads. A sampling of the type of work performed by a staff of 10 crew members includes:

- snow and ice control
- tree maintenance and removals
- drainage repairs and improvements
- road sweeping
- sign installation and maintenance
- preparation work for the annual road improvement program
- patching, crack sealing, and repairing roadway surfaces
- roadside mowing and brush control
- catch basin cleaning and reconstruction
- banner installations
- grading unpaved roads
- line striping

In 2006/2007, twelve local roads (approximately 2.9 miles) were chip seal surface treated, four roads were asphalt resurfaced (1.46 miles), two roads were reclaimed and paved (0.55 miles), abutments for one bridge were reinforced and the deck reconstructed, and numerous drainage improvements were performed. Two new subdivision roads totaling 0.51 mile were accepted by the Town and added to the Highway Department's maintenance responsibilities.

The Town Transfer Station provides residents with the option of self-contracting their trash-hauling needs as well as for services not provided by private curbside haulers. It is open for residents to dispose of household waste, bulky material, and a wide range of recyclables. A fee is charged for household waste, bulky items, brush/wood waste, waste antifreeze, and tires. Recyclables are disposed at no charge. The Town also accepts appliances containing CFC's for temporary storage and recovery of the CFC product, as well as home electronics and mercury vapor (florescent) bulbs. A disposal fee is charged for the appliances and electronics. The Town co-sponsors nine Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days during the spring and fall where residents may dispose of numerous "hazardous" materials typically used in a home. The one-day events are available at no additional cost to Town residents. One such event is held annually in town, with the other 8 hosted by other sponsoring communities.

Water and Sewer services are provided to a population of approximately 5,000 in the central portion of Colchester, including all the public schools and most businesses. There are approximately 1900 water and sewer service connections. Water production for 2006-2007 from the Town's two well fields totaled approximately 137,433,430 gallons or an average of 376,530 gallons per day.

## Public Works *continued*

Three projects were the focus of the Water Department's efforts over the past year. These were authorization and activation of the replacement Well 5A, initiation of the system-wide radio-read meter replacement program, and obtaining approval from the Department of Public Health on the \$2.6M Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The replacement well was successfully brought into service and the meter replacement program soon began. Upon approval and authorization from the State Bond Commission for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund construction loan, the project was awarded and construction began.

Colchester shares sanitary sewer treatment services with East Hampton through an inter-municipal agreement. The treatment plant, located in East Hampton, is maintained using a joint facilities crew. Of focus for the past year was obtaining approval from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for emergency embankment repairs for protection of the sanitary sewer force main from Colchester to East Hampton which runs through the Lyman Viaduct embankment. Approval was granted and the project was awarded with a fall construction scheduled. Due to a lack of State funding through the Clean Water Fund, major improvements are on hold at the waste water treatment plant. However, an application was filed for a \$500,000 federal grant for construction of a booster pump station between Colchester and East Hampton. The booster station will increase the pumping capability at the main Colchester pump station located on Prospect Hill Road.

## Registrars

The 2006-2007 fiscal year was a busy one for the Registrars of Voters.

Due to the long lines at the 2006 November State Election, we decided it was necessary to split the Town into 3 voting districts. We began work on this during the early winter months of 2007. It was a tedious process to determine where the voting district lines should be located. The determining factors were potential growth and population density.

We were fortunate to be able to receive all the new voting machines for each district at no cost to the Town. The first time they were used was at the 1st Budget Referendum in May. Although we were working with a new technology, we received very few complaints at the polls.

Each household in the Town was notified by mail where their voting district was located. The three locations are: District 1 – Colchester Town Hall, District 2 – Westchester Fire House and District 3 – Bacon Academy Cafeteria. These locations will only be used for November elections. All Primaries and Referenda for all Districts will be held at the Colchester Town Hall. This was done as a cost saving measure. It allows the Registrars to limit the number of poll workers by using a single polling place, providing a significant cost reduction.

As of May 15, 2007 we had 8,965 registered voters. Registrations continue to come in at a normal pace. In May, the Registrars of Voters went to Bacon Academy to register any student who was 18 or would be 18 by the November election. The Registrars completed the annual canvass of registered voters for 2007 in May.

## Senior Services

The Colchester Senior Service's staff remains dedicated to promoting the safety and well being of older Americans, to help them live independently in the community, and to ensure them better quality of life. We remain a community resource for information regarding senior issues. We promote life-long learning through the creative arts, and offer transportation, meals, trips, clinics, and a variety of programs to keep people active.

We offer many intergenerational programs that represent rich and often untapped resources capable of developing mutually supportive relationships. One of our many goals is to promote positive aging.

The staff helps seniors file for many entitlement programs (energy assistance, renters rebate, title #19 and CONPACE, to name a few). It is also our duty to keep the public informed of all programs and resources available to seniors, and we offer that through the town's website, a newsletter, and weekly press releases.

We are committed to the Colchester TRIAD (seniors, law enforcement and the business community) to create programs to help seniors avoid becoming victims of financial or physical abuse and cons/scams.

One of our many goals is to continue to be a center that makes life fulfilling by offering services so people can remain in their home by maintaining a dignified life style; and by offering many programs and/or emotional support.



"I hope that the town has somewhere kids can hang out all year and not for just middle schoolers so kids of all ages don't get in trouble."

Taylor Price

## Senior Services *continued*

Accomplishments (July 2006-June 2007):

- Continued to develop community partnerships by working with the school district, other town departments and local civic and business groups. Together we have provided many programs and our intergenerational programs have flourished.
- Received funding to continue new initiatives with our transportation which have been very successful. The Town of Colchester covers approximately 50 square miles and has few medical services to offer the seniors. Having funding to provide rides to answer medical needs has been a wonderful service for the seniors and the disabled in town.
- Received our new replacement vehicle.
- Applied for and received funding from Eastern Federal Bank to purchase new light weight tables for our dining room.

Formed a new group, "Friends of the Senior Center," to work on the needs of a new senior center.

- "Get the Scoop," Senior Citizens Appreciation Day was sponsored by the Colchester's TRIAD (law enforcement, seniors and the businesses) May 15, 2007. Information about health, safety and business services were available. Entertainment and free refreshments were offered to the attendees.
- Our Low Vision Support Group was recognized at the annual conference of C.A.S.C.P. (Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personal)
- Senior citizens took place in a mock disaster drill in April 2007.
- Took part in Emergency Preparedness Project for the Town of Colchester.

## Tax Collector

The Tax Collector's Office is responsible for the collection of Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle taxes reported by the Assessor's Office. It is extremely important to maintain a high collection rate to keep the mil rate as low as possible for the residents of the Town. We strive for professionalism, efficiency, customer support, and accuracy in our operations and in our service to taxpayers.

Our enforcement efforts were aided through the use of repeated delinquent statements, Tax Collector Demands, use of a Real Estate Attorney, State Marshals, as well as a Collection Agency for our older suspended accounts. Our focus this coming year will be consistent follow-up of delinquent accounts, as well as effective support in foreclosures and alias tax warrants to keep our collection rate high again this year.

The Tax Office constantly reviews its billing and collection procedures for improvements to maximize efficiency and accuracy. Our goal is to increase collections and continue to better serve the community.

## Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is information central for Colchester residents; the "go to" office when you need questions answered such as, "What are the hours of the transfer station? How do I get someone's name added to my deed? Who does passports? How do I change my party affiliation?"

All the absentee ballots for every election, including referenda, are issued from our office. This includes presidential, state and municipal elections, as well as budget referenda.

We provide many services to the community such as notary public, rabies clinic at the main firehouse every spring, sports licenses at the Westchester Firehouse on opening day in April, and free copies of your DD214 for Veterans.

The Town Clerk responds to thousands of requests for certificates, permits, licenses, and public documents while also providing services to all boards, commissions and other departments within the building so that they can work within State statute guidelines.

We take great pride in preserving the recorded history of the town and its people. Every year we apply for and receive a grant from the State of Connecticut for Historic Preservation. So far we have received a total of \$42,000. In 2007, a portion of the \$7,000 received was applied towards the purchase of a records desk for the vault, to store our Trade Name Books, as well as our Oaths and Town Meeting Books. The remainder was used to purchase a Vitals Program so that marriage licenses could be computerized.

We are currently putting our survey maps on disk so they can be printed directly from a computer to our copier, providing a much needed service for title searchers and attorneys. Most Connecticut towns have a land record system that can volume/page as well as time/date stamp the documents as they are recorded. Our office does these things separately and by hand. Our goal is to have a system like this in Colchester within the next two years.

During fiscal year 2006-2007, the Town Clerk's office was responsible for \$378,100.00 in revenue to the town.

## Youth Services

We, at the Colchester Youth Services Bureau (CYSB), envision a community whose youths are respectful, responsible, trustworthy, caring, and are seen as valuable members of our community. To that end, our mission is to provide prevention, intervention, and educational services that will offer youth formal and informal learning experiences designed to stimulate healthy mental and emotional growth.

Our mission is accomplished through “Positive Youth Development” programs. Positive Youth Development occurs when young people acquire a sense of competence, power, attachment and commitment within each of the four major systems that affect their growth and development. These systems are families, schools, peers and communities. Positive Youth Development services are generally directed towards groups rather than individuals. They are aimed at prevention, meaning they are proactive - anticipatory and growth enhancing. The philosophy supporting a positive youth development approach places value on young people regardless of their situations, and emphasizes their strengths and potential.

In the 2006-2007 fiscal year, we served approximately 200 kids (grades 1-12) each week. Some kids participated in drop-in at the Youth Center while others may have been involved in structured after-school programs, such as mentoring or a divorce support group. We also provided school assemblies, dances and community-wide programs to thousands of youth last year.

CYSB also strives to provide support services to the families of the youths we serve. We do so via parenting classes, information, referral services and education through our lending library and other written materials.

Ideally, the future of Youth Services incorporates all of the services we are currently providing as well as a high quality after-school program that is offered everyday. This program would provide kids with opportunities for: tutoring and homework completion, hobby development, outlets for artistic expression and creativity, and life-skill development, all while being supported and well-supervised.

## Zoning & Planning Commission

The Zoning and Planning Commission is the final local authority regarding land use, planning, zoning, subdivisions, grading, flood hazard areas, aquifer/groundwater protection, plan of conservation and development, and comprehensive plan. The Commission also issues reports to the Board of Selectmen regarding Town projects and interests in land as per CGS Sec. 8-24.

The Zoning and Planning Commission consists of seven members and two alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The following applications were processed during the reporting period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

<b>Regulation Change</b>		<b>Zone Change</b>	
Approved	2	Approved	1
Denied	0	Denied	0
Withdrawn	0	Withdrawn	1
 <b>Site Development Plans</b>		 <b>Special Exceptions</b>	
Approved	1	Approved	17
Denied	0	Denied	3
Withdrawn	1	Withdrawn	3
Subdivisions:	7	Lots Created:	82
Resubdivisions:	6		

The Commission held 21 regular and 5 special meetings.

The revenue for fiscal year 2006-2007 was \$12,725.00



“I hope it is peaceful and the town members are happy. I also hope that people are going to raise money for people that have cancer and other problems.”

Peter Loskant

# Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is the final local quasi-judicial zoning authority. The Board acts as "zoning court" regarding appeals and variance requests. It also serves as the local authority regarding certificates of location for automobile dealers/repairers licenses as per CGS §14-54.

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five regular members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The following applications were processed during the reporting period:

Variations Approved: 8	Certificates of Location Approved: 0
Variations Denied: 2	Affirmation of ZEO's Decision: 6
Regular Meetings Held: 9	Special Meetings Held: 1

Total revenue collected for fiscal year 2006-2007 was \$2,310.00.

## Current 2008 Congressional Representatives

- **U.S. Senator**, Joseph Lieberman  
706 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-4041  
One Constitution Plaza, 7th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 549-8463
- **U.S. Senator**, Christopher J. Dodd  
448 Russell Building, Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-2823  
100 Great Meadows Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109 (860) 258-6940 1-800-334-5341 (CT Only)
- **U.S. Representative**, Second District, Joe Courtney  
Norwich District Headquarters, 101 Water Street Suite 301, Norwich, CT 06360

## Current 2008 State Executive and Legislative Representatives

- **Governor**, M. Jodi Rell, Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 566-4840 1-800-406-1527
- **State Senator**, Eileen Daily, 33rd Senatorial District  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3700, Hartford, CT 06106-1591 (800) 842-1420
- **State Representative**, Linda Orange – 48th District  
Legislative Office Building, Room 4029, Hartford, CT 06106-1591 (860) 240-8585  
1-800-842-8267

## 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Town of Colchester Staff

- **First Selectman's Office**: Jenny Contois, First Selectman; Stan Soby, First Selectman; Theresa A. Peterson, Aide to the First Selectman; Pamela Scheibelein, Department Clerk
- **Board of Education**: Karen Loiselle, Superintendent; Marti Schmollinger, Secretary to Superintendent; Barbara Gilbert, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Natalie Caverly, Adult Education Coordinator; Jennifer Utz, Transportation Coordinator
- **Finance Department**: Maggie Cosgrove, Chief Financial Officer; Maggie Wasicki, Finance

Director; Faithe Petty, Food Services & Payroll; Martha Rhodes, A/P & Payroll; Joann Terris, A/P & Payroll; Eva Gallupe, Financial Administrator

- **Social Services**: Janet Taylor, Coordinator
- **Youth Services**: Valeria Geato, Director; Judy Small, Administrative Assistant; Lyn Marra, Program Coordinator; Mike Schaff, Program Coordinator; Ashley Haag, Mary Fitzgerald, Shelley Gartenberg, Youth Center Supervisors
- **Town Maintenance Department**: Greg Plunkett, Facility Administrator; Anthony Gallicchio, Facility Manager; Rick Whitney, Custodian
- **IT Department**: Christopher Clouston, Town; Dan Dellorfano, Board of Education
- **Probate**: Kevin Kennedy, Judge; Jodi Thomas, Judge; Linda Neal, ExecutiveAssistant; David O'Brien, Department Clerk
- **Planning & Zoning**: Sal Tassone, Engineer; Reed Gustafson, Fire Marshal & Civil Preparedness; Tim York, Building Official; Alicia Watson, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gary Goeschel, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Gail Therian, Administrative Assistant; Liz Kessler, Department Clerk
- **Health Department**: Wendy Mis, Director; Steven Yenco, Sanitarian; Sue Dubb, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Lorraine DuBois, Department Clerk
- **Town Clerk**: Nancy A. Bray, Town Clerk; Leann Hill, Assistant Town Clerk; Cheryl Garofola, Department Clerk
- **Registrars**: Elizabeth Wagner, Republican Registrar; Dorothy Mrowka, Democrat Registrar
- **Tax Collector**: Adrian MacLean, Tax Collector; Suzanna Clark, Assistant to the Tax Collector; Delores Gimbut, Department Clerk
- **Assessor**: John Chaponis, Assessor; Chandler Rose, Deputy Assessor; Rachel Lewandowski, Assistant to the Assessor
- **Public Works**: Mark Decker, Director; Mary Jane Slade, Department Clerk
- **Fleet Maintenance**: Steve Sharpe, Supervisor; Bob Grandy, Edward Shatz, George Johnson, Mechanics
- **Highway**: Kevin Kelley, Supervisor; Jim Angell, Maintainer II; Ken Angell, Maintainer III; Joe Ballek, Asst. Highway Supervisor; Chris Ciochini, Maintainer II; John Jones, Maintainer III; Tom Stula, Maintainer III; Ray Sikorski, Maintainer II; Mark Wozniak, Maintainer III; Jessie Layhue, Maintainer II; Alan Kromish, Maintainer II
- **Sewer & Water**: Steve Klobukowski, Supervisor; Phillip Gaudette, Chief Operator; Guthrie Dinda, Assistant Operator
- **Fire Department**: Walter Cox, Chief; William Standish, Deputy Chief; Robert Esteve, 1st Assistant; Terence Clark, 2nd Assistant; Janice LaGrega, Administrative Assistant; Daniel Rowland, Safety Officer/Firefighter; Don Lee Firefighter/EMT, Robert Dombroski Firefighter/EMT, Royce Knowles Firefighter/EMT
- **Police Department**: Sergeant Bill Kewer, Resident State Trooper; Rob Suchecki, Officer; Tim Edwards, Officer; Rob Labonte, Officer; Kevin McNeill, Officer; Brian Owens, Officer; Cyril Green, Officer; Jeffrey Simkulak, Officer; Shannon Brosnan, Officer; Ellen Yacono, Administrative Assistant
- **Parks & Recreation**: Jason Cohen, Director; Kathy Spangler, Administrative Assistant; Anita Miazga, Program Coordinator; Jason Albrycht, Program/Office Assistant; Tim Angell, Crew Leader; Donald Standish, Mike Ryder, Don Johnson, Neal Trecarten, Jay Gigliotti, Nathan Emmons, Maintainers
- **Senior Center**: Cathy Russi, Director; Donna Paty, Secretary; Louise Plocharczyk, Driver; Ginny Stephenson, Karen Wax, Drivers; Irene Watson, Program Coordinator
- **Animal Control**: Donald Favry, Officer; Dino Cuadro, Assistant

- **Library:** Siobhan Grogan, Director; Antoinette Charest, Assistant Director; Roland Brunet, Custodian; Karen Sanquedolce, Circulation Supervisor; Pamela Galbraith, Head of Reference Services; Joann Koch, Cataloger; Joann MacDonald, Children's Assistant; Janet Taylor, Circulation Clerk; Susan Rooney, Children's Librarian; Elizabeth Perez-Balesky, Circulation Clerk; Karen Giugno, Adult Services Librarian; Vicki Lynch, Head-Shelver; Mariah Barrett, Matthew Vekakis, Elizabeth Mortensen, Lauryn McNair, Shelves

## 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Town Boards • Commissions

- **Aging Commission:** Sally Carbone, James Cunningham, Bernard Erickson, Clara Erickson, Michelle Komoroski, Wendy Mis, Andrea Nygren, Catherine Russi, Regina Saparo-Hunt, Ann Smyk, Bill Wagner, Ex-Officio: Jenny Contois, Stan Soby, BOS Liaison: Rosemary Coyle
- **Arts Commission:** Bette Avery, Nancy Cone, Martha Rhodes, Cheryl Ringo, Debbie Wolf, BOS Liaison: Greg Cordova, Clerk: Pamela Scheibelen
- **Athletic Facilities Task Force Phase II:** Kevin Burke, Jason Cohen, Andrew George, Norm Kaplan, Polly Leonard, Jeff Mathieu, Michael Ryan, David Sousa, Al Spranzo, David Stollman, BOS Liaison: Greg Cordova
- **Board of Assessment Appeals:** David Anderson, Andrew Cournoyer, Donald Philips, Clerk: Rachel Lewandowski
- **Board of Education:** Mary Lynn Burke, Elizabeth Ciccone, Michael Egan, Andrew George, William Hettrick, Linda Hodge, John Mazzarella, BOS Liaison: Greg Cordova, Clerk: Mary Jane Slade
- **Board of Finance:** Ron Crabb, Ronald Goldstein, Bruce Hayn, John Ringo, Michael Ryan, Brian Smith, Ex-Officio: Stan Soby, Clerk: Mary Jane Slade
- **Board of Selectmen:** Jenny Contois, Greg Cordova, Rosemary Coyle, John Malsbenden, Stan Soby, David Stollman, Clerk: Theresa Peterson
- **Cable Advisory Board:** Merja Lehtinen, John Wilwerth
- **Charter Revision Commission:** Michael Carey, Jenny Contois, Reginald Corey, Nilda Negron, Tearice Peters, Trevor Sanford, Monica Swyden-Bolles, Bryan Tamburri, Bill Wagner, Clerk: Dawn Lepage
- **CHVFD Tax Exemption Eligibility Commission:** Kevin Dalton, Robert Jacques, Bruce Nye
- **Civil Preparedness:** Angleo Arcaria, Guerin Muzzulin
- **Conservation Commission:** Gary Avery, Susan Bruening, James Byrnes, Michael Coleman, Morris Epstein, Donna Kask, Robert Soper, A. Falk Von Plachecki, Alicia Watson, BOS Liaison: John Malsbenden, Clerk: Gail Therian
- **Cragin Board of Trustees:** Linda Barnes, Julianne Cameron, Celia Conrad, Jenny Contois, Edwin Cragin, Ronald Goldstein, Siobhan Grogan, A. Victor Horvitz, Jeff Mathieu, Audrey Saly, Mary Ellen Shea Mahoney, Stan Soby
- **Eastern Regional District Tourism:** Jasmine Parekh
- **Economic Development Commission:** Robert Boucher, Michael Carey, Steven Cohn, Gary Crump, Bruce Goldstein, Keli Oakes, Cathy Pompei, Stephen Smith, BOS Liaison: John Malsbenden, Clerk: Gail Therian
- **Energy & Fuel Conservation Committee:** David Bell, Luann Dinihanian, Kevin McGill, Stephen Tonucci, Stephen Wells, Victor Wozniak, Ex-Officio: Stan Soby, Jenny Contois
- **Ethics Commission:** Genea Bell, Thomas Cleary, Robert Hodge, Michael Caplet
- **Fair Rent Commission:** James Ciaglo, Reginald Corey, Jack Faski, Neil Gervais, Robert Kennedy, Carla Navickas, Todd Vachon

- **Fire Department:** Terence Clark, Walter Cox, Robert Esteve, William Standish, BOS Liaison: David Stollman, Clerk: Janice LaGrega
- **Historic District Commission:** Janice Adams, Nancy Anderson, Peter Chesnes, Deborah Hayn, Robert Kvederas, Eva O'Connell, Irv Plotkin, Ellen Sharon, BOS Liaison: Rosemary Coyle, Ex-Officio: Jenny Contois, Stan Soby, Clerk: Mary Jane Slade
- **Housing Authority:** Geraldine DeSanto, Robert Gustafson, Janet LaBella, Marion Spaulding, Mary Tomasi, BOS Liaison: John Malsbenden
- **JJES Building Committee:** Kevin Brigandi, David Dander, Susan Gannon, Joseph Schomaker, William Sullivan, Robert Wilson, BOS Liaison: Stan Soby
- **Juvenile Diversion Board:** Frank Englehart, Valerie Geato, Philip Kurze, Goldie Liverant, Richard Luth, Jeff Mathieu, Bonnie Pinnock, Kate Quattropiani, Carla Schwartz, Robert Suchecki
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Jenny Contois, Mark Decker, Kenneth Didato, Richard Grocki, Reed Gustafson, Wendy Mis, Bill Otfinoski, Paul Suroviak
- **Open Space Advisory Committee:** Charles Toal, Land Trust; Jason Cohen, Parks & Rec; Gillman Elizabeth, Gen. Elector; John Ruzala, Colch. Fish & Game; Nick Norton, Gen. Elector; Adam Turner, Town Planner; Alicia Watson, Wetland Enf. Officer
- **Parks and Recreation Commission:** Steven Ashe, Jody Barr, Lynette Dimock, Christian Ferrante, Norm Kaplan, Diane Kendrick, Eric Kundahl, Sean O'Leary, Lynne Stephenson, Kenneth Wright, BOS Liaison: Greg Cordova, Clerk: Kathy Spangler
- **Police Commission:** John Jones, Philip Kurze, William Otfinoski, Arthur Standish, George White, Ex-Officio: Jenny Contois, Stan Soby, Clerk: Ellen Yacono
- **Police Task Force:** Jenny Contois, Ronald Goldstein, Richard Kemmett, William Otfinoski, Robert Parlee, George White, Clerk: Pamela Scheibelein
- **Pre K-2 Building Committee:** John Beauton, David Dander, Charles Drube, Susan Gannon, Patricia Lambert-Moody, Goldie Liverant, Karen Loiselle, Paul Picard, Stan Soby, Bill Sullivan
- **Regional Planning Commission:** Stacey Brown, James Ford
- **Retirement Board:** N. Maggie Cosgrove, Ronald Goldstein, Brenden Healy, Jon Sandberg, David Stollman
- **Sewer & Water Commission:** R. Scott Boyden, Robert Bunce, Ken Fagnoli, Rich LeMay, Alan Pelletier, Lisandro Suarez, Robert Tarlov, Thomas Tyler, BOS Liaison: Greg Cordova, Clerk: Mark Decker
- **Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority:** Mark Decker
- **State Homeland Security:** Reed Gustafson
- **Thames Valley Council for Community Action:** Fay Sherman
- **Transfer Station Task Force:** Mark Decker, Bruce Hayn, Paul Picard, David Stollman
- **Youth Services Advisory Board:** Kerry Bell, Christopher Bennett, Greg Cordova, Sarah Dell, Alexandra Floyd, Valerie Geato, Nancy Goodchild, Sheldon Haag, Megan Kokofski, Lorraine Marvin, Heather Pelletier, Pamela Scheibelein, Judith Small, Tom St. Louis, Sheila Tortorigi
- **Zoning & Planning Commission:** Stacey Brown, James Ford, Thomas Kane, Elizabeth Kessler, Nicholas Mancuso, Joseph Mathieu, Mark Noniewicz, John Rosenthal, Lisa Starkey-Rumph, BOS Liaison: John Malsbenden, Clerk: Gail Therian
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** James DuCharme, Patricia Lambert Moody, Denise Mizla, Patrick Reading, Laurie Robinson, Fay Sherman, Arthur Shilosky, BOS Liaison: Stan Soby, Clerk: Mary Jane Slade
- **Memorial Day Parade Committee:** Joe Burba, Dave Gregoire, Gary Harris, Jennie Lenkiewicz, Ellen Stone-Mazzella

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Bonded Projects Fund	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,640,799	\$ -	\$ 2,990,943	\$ 9,631,742
Receivables (net of allowances for collection losses):				
Property taxes	1,202,457	-	-	1,202,457
Assessments and user charges	-	-	386,434	386,434
Intergovernmental	4,371,899	-	160,906	4,532,805
Accounts receivable	24,819	-	9,459	34,278
Loans	-	-	5,976	5,976
Inventory	31,180	-	1,260	32,440
	<u>\$ 12,271,154</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,554,978</u>	<u>\$ 15,826,132</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,780,668	\$ 2,219,113	\$ 221,997	\$ 4,221,778
Deferred revenue	5,424,291	-	386,434	5,810,725
Advance tax collections	36,668	-	-	36,668
Unearned revenue	-	-	208,704	208,704
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>7,241,627</u>	<u>2,219,113</u>	<u>817,135</u>	<u>10,277,875</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	143,142	163,106	70,121	376,369
Loans	-	-	5,976	5,976
Inventory	31,180	-	1,260	32,440
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent years budget	725,400	-	-	725,400
Designated for specific projects	-	-	70,755	70,755
Unreserved/undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	4,129,805	-	-	4,129,805
Special revenue funds	-	-	1,452,804	1,452,804
Capital projects funds	-	(2,382,219)	1,136,927	(1,245,292)
<b>Total fund balances (deficits)</b>	<u>5,029,527</u>	<u>(2,219,113)</u>	<u>2,737,843</u>	<u>5,548,257</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 12,271,154</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,554,978</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	90,466,766
Other long-term assets are available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	5,810,725
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of health insurance premiums to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.	534,349
Accrued interest payable	(71,763)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(30,156,000)
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 72,132,334</u>

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Bonded Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 28,315,301	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,315,301
Intergovernmental revenues	16,604,214	3,648,653	2,164,045	22,416,912
Revenues from use of money	503,322	-	21,665	524,987
Fees, permits and sales	773,165	28,279	591,817	1,393,261
Charges for services and assessments	452,736	-	1,212,114	1,664,850
Other	229,901	-	278,771	508,672
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>46,878,639</u>	<u>3,676,932</u>	<u>4,268,412</u>	<u>54,823,983</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	2,888,173	-	12,339	2,900,512
Public safety	1,761,820	-	127,953	1,889,773
Public works	2,096,713	-	750,458	2,847,171
Public health and welfare	400,079	-	521,786	921,865
Civic and cultural	1,295,556	-	412,291	1,707,847
Education	33,976,567	-	1,903,003	35,879,570
Debt service	5,021,082	-	119,352	5,140,434
Capital outlay	-	4,828,587	519,915	5,348,502
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>47,439,990</u>	<u>4,828,587</u>	<u>4,367,097</u>	<u>56,635,674</u>
<b>Revenue over (under) expenditures</b>	<u>(561,351)</u>	<u>(1,151,655)</u>	<u>(98,685)</u>	<u>(1,811,691)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	1,295	105,000	306,160	412,455
Transfers out	(411,160)	-	(1,295)	(412,455)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<u>(409,865)</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>304,865</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<u>(971,216)</u>	<u>(1,046,655)</u>	<u>206,180</u>	<u>(1,811,691)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), beginning	6,000,743	(1,172,458)	2,531,663	7,359,948
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), ending	<u>\$ 5,029,527</u>	<u>\$ (2,219,113)</u>	<u>\$ 2,737,843</u>	<u>\$ 5,548,257</u>

	2007	2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,640,799	\$ 7,571,265
Property taxes and interest receivable, net	1,202,457	910,676
Other receivables	24,819	126,437
Inventory	31,180	47,578
School construction grant receivable	4,371,899	5,554,377
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,271,154</b>	<b>\$ 14,210,333</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,780,668	\$ 1,863,278
Deferred revenue	5,424,291	6,323,143
Advance tax collections	36,668	23,169
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7,241,627</b>	<b>8,209,590</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Reserved for encumbrances	143,142	239,028
Reserved for inventory	31,180	47,578
Designated for subsequent year's budget	725,400	1,430,665
Unreserved, undesignated	4,129,805	4,283,472
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>5,029,527</b>	<b>6,000,743</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 12,271,154</b>	<b>\$ 14,210,333</b>



"I hope that Colchester will be bigger, more populated and more wealthier. I also hope that it will be more recognized for its good things it's done. If there was a mall, more people would come, and stay."

Keirra Meekins

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
Current year levy	\$ 28,333,875	\$ 28,333,875	\$ 27,637,038	\$ (696,837)
Prior year's levy	350,000	350,000	412,118	62,118
Interest and lien fees	240,000	240,000	266,145	26,145
<b>Total property taxes</b>	<b>28,923,875</b>	<b>28,923,875</b>	<b>28,315,301</b>	<b>(608,574)</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>				
State of Connecticut:				
Sanitarian/Health Director grant	14,413	14,413	14,632	219
In lieu of taxes	65,000	65,000	67,702	2,702
Elderly freeze	4,181	4,181	4,181	-
Elderly circuit breaker	67,135	67,135	57,135	(10,000)
Disability exemption	1,714	1,714	1,740	26
Additional veteran exemption	8,925	8,925	6,707	(2,218)
Property tax relief/manufacturing	61,571	61,571	33,423	(28,148)
Boat registration	3,264	3,264	3,264	-
Local Capital Improvement Program	119,956	119,956	117,627	(2,329)
Mashantucket Pequot /Mohegan Grant	112,388	112,388	117,495	5,107
Property Tax Relief Grant	-	-	88,502	88,502
Distribution to towns	175	175	10,824	10,649
Youth Services Grant	18,702	18,702	18,745	43
Library Grant	3,500	3,500	4,552	1,052
<b>Total State of Connecticut</b>	<b>480,924</b>	<b>480,924</b>	<b>546,529</b>	<b>65,605</b>
Education:				
Special Education	300,000	300,000	626,649	326,649
Education cost sharing	11,503,712	11,503,712	11,540,190	36,478
School transportation	458,812	458,812	412,496	(46,316)
School building grants	1,447,587	1,447,587	1,449,458	1,871
Educational Service for the Blind	-	-	14,892	14,892
<b>Total education</b>	<b>13,710,111</b>	<b>13,710,111</b>	<b>14,043,685</b>	<b>333,574</b>
<b>Total intergovernmental</b>	<b>14,191,035</b>	<b>14,191,035</b>	<b>14,590,214</b>	<b>399,179</b>
<b>REVENUES FROM USE OF MONEY</b>				
Investment income	220,000	220,000	503,322	283,322

**Financials** GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN - BUDGETARY BASIS -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
Special Duty - Police	18,000	35,770	47,327	11,557
Sanitarian fees	27,000	27,000	19,025	(7,975)
Restaurant inspection fees	8,000	8,000	9,570	1,570
Recreation	14,000	14,000	21,241	7,241
Ambulance	300,000	300,000	355,573	55,573
<b>Total charges for services</b>	<b>367,000</b>	<b>384,770</b>	<b>452,736</b>	<b>67,966</b>
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>				
Fire Marshal inspection fees	200	200	160	(40)
Sports licenses	1,800	1,800	2,009	209
Transfer station fees	163,500	163,500	166,080	2,580
Conservation Commission fees	4,000	4,000	3,871	(129)
Road inspection fees	23,670	23,670	29,268	5,598
Building code fees	201,000	201,000	176,480	(24,520)
Conveyance tax	175,000	175,000	218,114	43,114
Zoning and planning fees	10,000	10,000	12,725	2,725
Zoning appeal fees	1,000	1,000	2,310	1,310
Copier fees	18,050	18,050	19,600	1,550
Town Clerk fees	135,000	135,000	122,433	(12,567)
Vendor permits	600	600	597	(3)
Pistol permits	700	700	1,085	385
Library fines and fees	17,000	17,000	11,099	(5,901)
Senior program fees	200	200	203	3
Dial-A-Ride	2,500	2,500	3,226	726
Historic District Commission fees	4,300	4,300	3,905	(395)
<b>Total licenses, permits and fees</b>	<b>758,520</b>	<b>758,520</b>	<b>773,165</b>	<b>14,645</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>				
Tuition - regular	15,200	15,200	44,158	28,958
Telecommunications tax	77,518	77,518	82,399	4,881
State Fund for building inspection	1,800	1,800	1,722	(78)
Elderly housing	11,500	11,500	11,494	(6)
Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500	40,997	38,497
Insurance reimbursement	-	-	2,506	2,506
Lebanon share probate fee	3,067	3,067	1,808	(1,259)
Street Lights - CL&P Refund	-	-	68,011	68,011
<b>Total other revenues</b>	<b>111,585</b>	<b>111,585</b>	<b>253,095</b>	<b>141,510</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Transfers In	1,526	1,526	1,295	(231)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 44,573,541</b>	<b>\$ 44,591,311</b>	<b>\$ 44,889,128</b>	<b>\$ 297,817</b>

**Financials** GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT - BUDGETARY BASIS -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Board of Finance	\$ 63,751	\$ 23,751	\$ 20,988	\$2,763
First Selectman	187,180	165,849	159,769	6,080
Ethics Commission	1,088	1,088	132	956
Charter Review Commission	3,115	50,093	49,570	523
Tax Collector	133,163	133,163	126,302	6,861
Assessor	225,217	220,138	216,300	3,838
Board of Tax Review	1,711	2,365	2,289	76
Accounting	235,934	235,935	230,901	5,034
Economic Development	5,036	5,036	1,870	3,166
Historic District Commission	2,376	2,376	1,620	756
Town Clerk	175,884	177,898	169,679	8,219
Elections	40,115	42,315	41,117	1,198
Legal and Insurance	1,218,470	1,293,361	1,292,272	1,089
Probate	9,200	9,200	5,136	4,064
Planning/Code Administration	443,564	412,114	390,886	21,228
Central Services and Facilities	185,721	185,954	178,405	7,549
Fair Rent Commission	399	399	22	377
Police Retirement Board	-	3,756	3,752	4
<b>Total general government</b>	<b>2,931,924</b>	<b>2,964,791</b>	<b>2,891,010</b>	<b>73,781</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Highway	1,223,112	1,200,972	1,188,102	12,870
Fleet maintenance	309,014	304,042	301,057	2,985
Snow removal	181,615	202,255	202,252	3
Sewer	3,071	3,071	2,985	86
Transfer Station	323,508	313,508	308,500	5,008
Engineering	91,343	91,343	88,066	3,277
<b>Total public works</b>	<b>2,131,663</b>	<b>2,115,191</b>	<b>2,090,962</b>	<b>24,229</b>



“In the next 10 years, I hope it will be a happy time where the war has ended and everybody gets along.”

Coortney Wilson

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Police	948,519	932,495	898,567	33,928
Fire	777,854	787,854	772,192	15,662
Fire Substation	15,119	15,119	10,794	4,325
Civil preparedness	20,451	20,451	12,922	7,529
Central Alarm	73,093	73,093	73,093	-
<b>Total public safety</b>	<b>1,835,036</b>	<b>1,829,012</b>	<b>1,767,568</b>	<b>61,444</b>
<b>CIVIC AND CULTURAL</b>				
Library services	519,905	520,106	512,819	7,287
Parks and recreation	569,565	563,774	558,569	5,205
Arts council	1,826	570	200	370
Senior Services	236,123	236,206	225,204	11,002
<b>Total civic and cultural</b>	<b>1,327,419</b>	<b>1,320,656</b>	<b>1,296,792</b>	<b>23,864</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>				
Health & Safety Commission	2,290	2,290	1,832	458
Social services	32,425	32,425	30,879	1,546
Youth services	227,411	232,656	227,844	4,812
Health services	151,726	151,726	139,299	12,427
<b>Total health and welfare</b>	<b>413,852</b>	<b>419,097</b>	<b>399,854</b>	<b>19,243</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>31,901,948</b>	<b>31,901,948</b>	<b>31,886,030</b>	<b>15,918</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Principal	3,680,000	3,680,000	3,680,000	-
Interest	1,341,082	1,341,082	1,341,082	-
<b>Total debt service</b>	<b>5,021,082</b>	<b>5,021,082</b>	<b>5,021,082</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Transfers out	210,617	411,160	411,160	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,773,541</b>	<b>\$ 45,982,937</b>	<b>\$ 45,764,458</b>	<b>\$ 218,479</b>

Grand List Year	Balance Uncollected July 1, 2006	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Balance To Be Collected	Collections				Balance Uncollected June 30, 2007
			Additions	Deletions		Taxes	Interest	Fees	Total	
1990	\$ 473	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ 492	\$ 19	\$ 57	\$ -	\$ 76	\$ 473
1991	185	-	-	-	185	-	-	-	-	185
1992	(2,358)	-	-	-	(2,358)	-	-	-	-	(2,358)
1993	(1,771)	-	-	-	(1,771)	-	-	-	-	(1,771)
1994	1,359	-	-	-	1,359	685	1,499	24	2,208	674
1995	(2,462)	-	14	-	(2,448)	781	1,575	24	2,380	(3,229)
1996	745	-	-	-	745	1,015	1,718	24	2,757	(270)
1997	679	-	60	-	739	891	1,372	24	2,287	(152)
1998	4,104	-	572	-	4,676	2,150	3,517	24	5,691	2,526
1999	39,764	-	324	(83)	40,005	5,483	4,297	48	9,828	34,522
2000	26,108	-	466	(171)	26,403	896	1,531	24	2,451	25,507
2001	41,293	-	-	(1,560)	39,733	6,115	11,036	78	17,229	33,618
2002	122,500	-	643	(1,091)	122,052	13,375	8,556	180	22,111	108,677
2003	205,992	-	1,208	(8,432)	198,768	60,819	26,456	643	87,918	137,949
2004	578,155	-	3,489	(42,162)	539,482	308,730	68,283	2,268	379,281	230,752
2005	-	28,395,186	98,161	(129,860)	28,363,487	27,638,224	133,026	-	27,771,250	725,263
	\$1,014,766	\$28,395,186	\$104,956	\$(183,359)	\$29,331,549	\$28,039,183	\$262,923	\$3,361	\$28,305,467	\$1,292,366

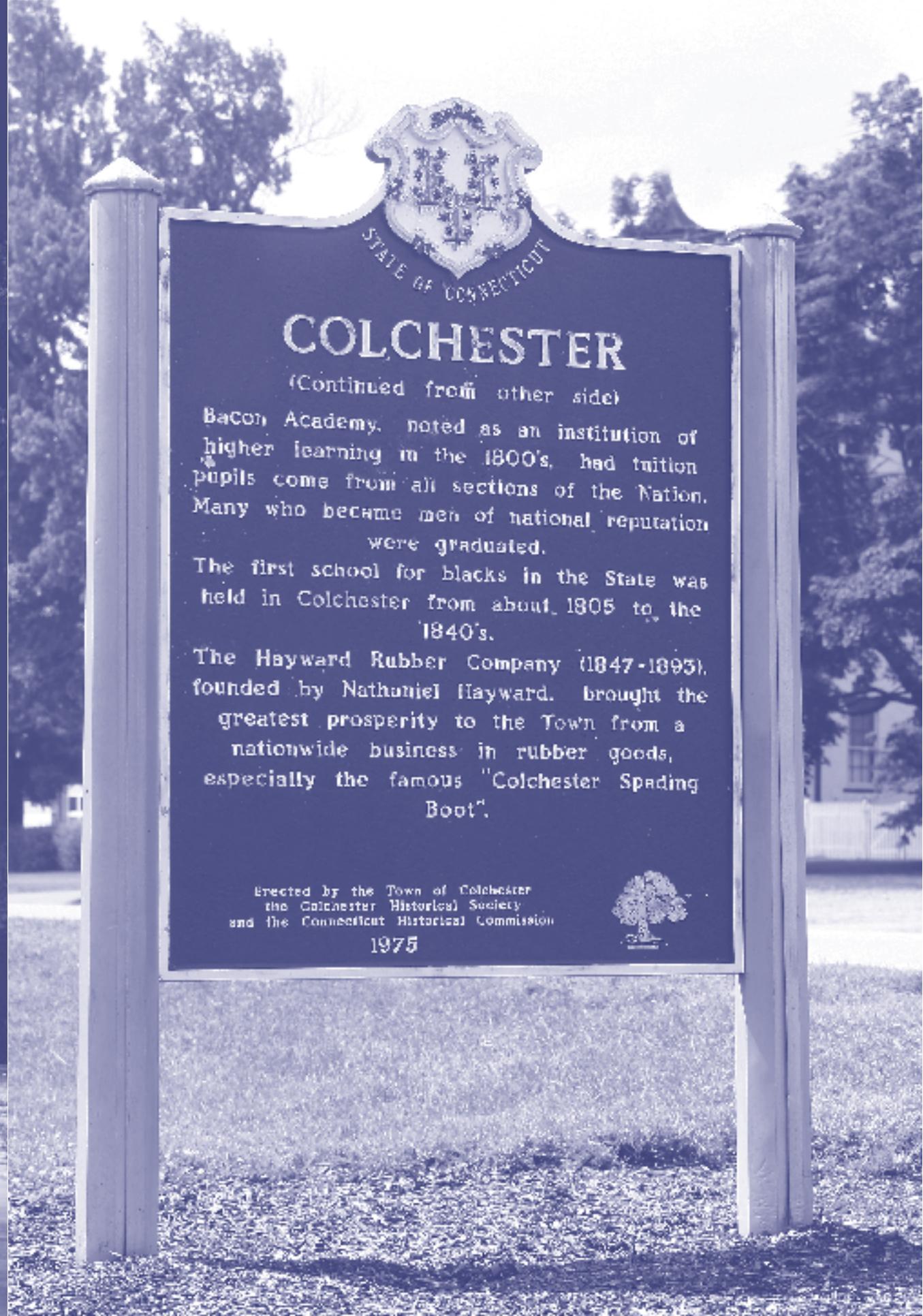


“I think Colchester will be cleaner and there will be a little more Day Care buildings and a big Youth Center.”

Jackie Duddie

**Financials** COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES (DEFICITS) NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Special Revenue						Special Revenue Fund										Capital Projects	
	Police Forfeiture Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Dog License Fund	Town Aid Road Fund	Small Cities Grants	Sewer Operating Fund	Parks and Recreation Activities Fund	School Cafeteria Fund	Educational Grants Fund	Misc. Grants Fund	Adult Education	Special Gifts Fund	Benefits Assessment Fund	Pay to Play	Use of Schools	BOE Capital Reserve Fund	Sewer Construction	Totals
<b>REVENUES</b>																		
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$175,802	\$432,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,017	\$ 1,166,487	\$ 215,342	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - \$ 2,164,045
Food sales, charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	507,062	-	-	-	-	56,633	-	-	-	-	- 563,695
Fines and fees	-	-	28,122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 28,122
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	3,913	-	307	-	-	-	-	2,436	-	-	-	15,009	21,665
Sewer assessments, use and charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	775,585	252,805	-	-	-	20,643	-	-	49,800	31,631	-	81,650	1,212,114
Other local revenue	-	118,878	-	-	46,858	7,662	-	-	6,200	20,153	-	79,020	-	-	-	-	-	278,771
<b>Total revenues</b>	-	118,878	28,122	175,802	479,255	787,160	252,805	681,386	1,172,687	235,495	20,643	79,020	59,069	49,800	31,631	-	96,659	4,268,412
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>																		
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,055	-	2,284	-	-	-	-	-	12,339
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	719,857	-	-	-	25,223	-	-	5,378	-	-	-	-	750,458
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	626,065	1,172,687	-	24,414	2,616	-	49,800	27,421	-	-	1,903,003
Public safety	-	-	82,848	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,953
Civic and cultural	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,173	-	-	74,540	-	40,578	-	-	-	-	-	412,291
Public health and welfare	-	-	-	-	479,079	-	-	-	-	14,208	-	28,499	-	-	-	-	-	521,786
Capital outlay	-	185,229	-	148,055	-	20,113	-	-	-	50,618	-	-	-	-	-	19,245	96,655	519,915
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,352	-	-	-	-	119,352
<b>Total expenditures</b>	-	185,229	82,848	148,055	479,079	739,970	297,173	626,065	1,172,687	219,749	24,414	73,977	124,730	49,800	27,421	19,245	96,655	4,367,097
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	-	(66,351)	(54,726)	27,747	176	47,190	(44,368)	55,321	-	15,746	(3,771)	5,043	(65,661)	-	4,210	(19,245)	4	(98,685)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>																		
Transfers in	-	156,878	58,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	665	-	-	-	90,000	-	306,160
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,295)	-	-	-	-	(1,295)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	-	156,878	58,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	665	(1,295)	-	-	90,000	-	304,865
<b>Net change in fund balances (deficits)</b>	-	90,527	3,891	27,747	176	47,190	(44,368)	55,321	-	15,746	(3,771)	5,708	(66,956)	-	4,210	70,755	4	206,180
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), beginning</b>	329	456,670	63,272	104,794	5,800	143,003	97,464	115,648	-	(29,651)	4,545	225,626	204,387	-	2,853	-	1,136,923	2,531,663
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), ending</b>	\$ 329	\$ 547,197	\$ 67,163	\$ 132,541	\$ 5,976	\$ 190,193	\$ 53,096	\$ 170,969	\$ -	\$ (13,905)	\$ 774	\$ 231,334	\$ 137,431	\$ -	\$ 7,063	\$ 70,755	\$ 1,136,927	\$ 2,737,843



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## COLCHESTER

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Bacon Academy, noted as an institution of higher learning in the 1800's, had tuition pupils come from all sections of the Nation. Many who became men of national reputation were graduated.

The first school for blacks in the State was held in Colchester from about 1805 to the 1840's.

The Hayward Rubber Company (1847-1893), founded by Nathaniel Hayward, brought the greatest prosperity to the Town from a nationwide business in rubber goods, especially the famous "Colchester Spading Boot".

Erected by the Town of Colchester  
the Colchester Historical Society  
and the Connecticut Historical Commission

1975



