## Town of Colebrook Connecticut



ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Offices for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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#### April 21st, 2007

## A tribute to Coach Louie Jasmin Sr. 25 years of dedication to sports



Standing left to right:

John ("Jay") O'Dell, Louis Jasmin Jr., Bill Hughes, Louis Jasmin Sr., Mike Coleman, Mike Sullivan

#### A message from your First Selectman

As I reflect on the past years activities, accomplishments, and a vision for the future, one thing clearly stands out - cooperation. A community is only as good as its residents. No one person or group can make things happen without cooperation and at times, compromise. Over the past four years, many town wide events have truly illustrated this - our 225th celebration, our community Halloween party and most recently, our Smith Hill Park project. These were truly extraordinary activities that brought out the very best Colebrook has to offer. As Colebrook moves forward, our community needs a clear vision of where we want to go in the future. Our town boards, staffed with dedicated volunteers, are working very hard on this vision. It is always difficult to balance town needs and finances. As with our personal budgets, there never seems to be enough money to do everything. As communities around us experience growth, we need to determine what amount of growth is right for Colebrook without negatively affecting the towns resources - our school, our highway department, and our fire and emergency response departments, to name a few. Anyone who thinks that volunteerism is a thing of the past hasn't seen Colebrook in action. We mustn't lose sight of what attracted us here in the first place change will happen and change can be a positive thing as long as it fits with our goals for the future. As I move on to the next chapter in my life, I want to express my gratitude to all the residents of Colebrook for allowing me to serve you. While we may not always have agreed, we worked through the issues, not losing sight of the best interests of Colebrook residents. Thank you to one and all. Jerry Rathbun.





## SMITH HILL PARK A Community Recreation Area

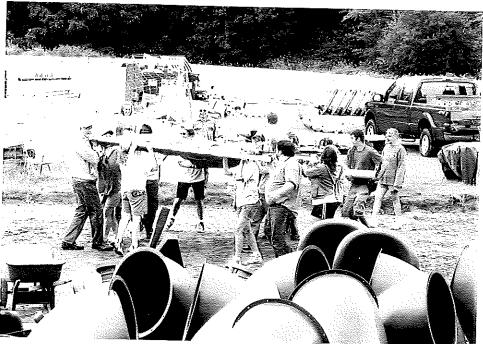


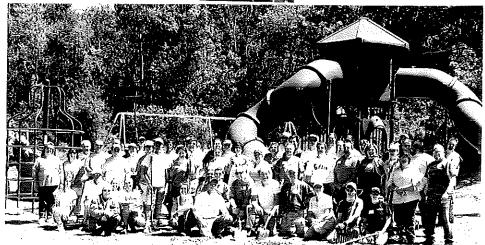
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#### **TOWN OFFICIALS**

OFFICE/INCUMBENT	<u>TERM</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  Jerome F. Rathbun, First Selectman Robert F. Bull, Jr., Selectman Thomas D. McKeon, Selectman	11/22/05 - 11/20/07 11/22/05 - 11/20/07 11/22/05 - 11/20/07
TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS Debra L. McKeon N. Joyce Nelson, Assistant Eleanor E. Russo, Assistant Joan M. Durant, Assistant	01/02/06 - 01/07/08 01/02/06 - 01/07/08 01/02/06 - 01/07/08 01/02/06 - 01/07/08
TOWN TREASURER John E. Burrows	11/22/05 - 11/20/07
TAX COLLECTOR Laura M. Bartlett	11/22/05 – 11/20/07
BOARD OF FINANCE Ronald J. Aubel, Chairman Leon J. Carper Thomas R. Corvo James Millar, Jr. Corrine C. Pollock Theodore V. Wilber	11/18/03 - 11/17/09 11/20/01 - 11/20/07 11/18/03 - 11/17/09 11/08/05 - 11/20/07 11/22/05 - 11/22/11 11/22/05 - 11/22/11
BOARD OF EDUCATION Bradley N. Bremer, Chairman Claudette M. Baril Sherri P. Gray Jeanne R. Jones Gregory P. Nichols Katherine E. Riberdy Susan Read Stanton	11/18/03 - 11/20/07 11/22/05 - 11/17/09 11/22/05 - 11/17/09 11/18/03 - 11/20/07 11/18/03 - 11/20/07 11/18/03 - 11/20/07 11/22/05 - 11/17/09

## SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL David Wittmer

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Janice McKie, CCMA II, Assessor Joan M. Durant, Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
William E. Nelson, Jr., Chairman Edward A. Allen Geraldine M. Kassel

OFFICE/INCUMBENT	<u>TERM</u>
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	
Mark A. Lett, Chairman	11/22/05 - 11/17/09
Nadia M. Corvo	11/22/05 – 11/17/09
Janet H. Rathbun	11/18/03 – 11/20/07
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CONSTABLES	
H. Spencer Coleman	11/22/05 - 11/20/07
Christopher L. Johnstone	11/22/05 - 11/20/07
John H. Lossin	11/22/05 - 11/20/07
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Catherine M. Andersen, Republican	01/03/07 - 01/07/09
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Ronald J. Aubel	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Mary L. Baker	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
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Sally A. Coleman	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Ralph W. Hazen, Jr.	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Joanne M. Jasmin	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Peter J. Kennedy	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
William E. Nelson, Jr.	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
John P. Parisi	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Linda J. Raciborski	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Janet H. Rathbun	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Eric G. Rochow	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
James E. Rogers	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Astrid C. Tury Harry E. White	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Penelope F. White	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Gloria M. Wilber	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
Vacancy	01/03/05 - 01/05/09
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	
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Geraldine Ann Bowen	10/06 – 10/09
Howard G. Estock	10/05 - 10/08
Robert A. Suprenant	10/06 - 10/09
Theodore V. Wilber	10/05 - 10/08
ALTERNATES	
David A. Bishop	10/04 10/07
George S. Bodycoat, Jr.	10/04 - 10/07 10/06 - 10/09
Edward G. Lord, III	10/06 - 10/09 10/05 - 10/08
Dania G. Dora, III	10/03 - 10/08

OFFICE/INCUMBENT	<u>TERM</u>
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	
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Charles S. Whitney	10/05 - 10/07
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Carol Ann Sherwood	10/06 – 10/07
ALTERNATES	
Duncan G. Wilber	10/04 - 10/07
Robert R. Lauzier	10/05 - 10/08
Vacancy	10/06 – 10/09
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION	
Thomas B. Stanton, Chairman	02/05 - 02/08
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Kenneth Andresen	02/07 - 02/10
Michael F. Hurd	02/06 - 02/09
Raymond L. Swanton	02/05 - 02/08
<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
Joseph R. Polidoro	05/07 - 05/10
Edna H. Travis	05/06 - 05/09
Duncan G. Wilber	05/05 - 05/08
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Jonathan P. Thompson, Chairman	11/01/05 - 10/31/08
William S. Campbell	11/01/05 – 10/31/08
James L. Bickford	11/01/05 - 10/31/07
Linda G. Bickford	11/01/05 - 10/31/07
Gregory P. Millard	11/01/05 - 10/31/08
Leelaine R. Picker	11/01/05 - 10/31/08
Eric G. Rochow	11/01/06 – 10/31/09
Erik W. Shaffer	11/01/06 – 10/31/09
Raymond L. Swanton	11/01/05 – 10/31/08
Edna H. Travis	11/01/06 - 10/31/09
Vacancy	11/01/05 – 10/31/07
<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
Geraldine Ann Bowen	11/01/05 – 10/31/07
Anthony Mirizzi	11/01/05 - 10/31/07
Shayne R. Young	11/01/05 – 10/31/07
LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR	

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## LAND USE SECRETARY Karen Griswold Nelson

OFFICE/INCUMBENT	<u>TERM</u>
RECREATION BOARD  Jeffrey T. Hodgkin, Chairman  Lisa Ann B. Fragale  Andrew L. Riberdy  Thomas D. McKeon  Robert E. Jasmin, III	10/05 - 10/08 $10/06 - 10/09$ $10/05 - 10/08$ $10/06 - 10/09$ $10/06 - 10/09$
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Joyce C. Hemingson, Chairman John C. Putnam James E. Rogers Julia Andresen John C. Garrels, III	10/04 - 10/09 $10/03 - 10/08$ $10/06 - 10/10$ $10/06 - 10/11$ $10/06 - 10/07$
ALTERNATES  Mary L. Baker  James L. Bickford  Vacancy	10/06 — 10/09 10/05 — 10/08 10/04 — 10/07
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Richard Tillotson	379-3359 ext. 201
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TOWN ATTORNEY Charles E. Roraback, Esquire	489-6880

#### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

2 nd Monday of each month - Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF FINANCE**

3 rd Wednesday as necessary – Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1st Wednesday of each month - Colebrook Consolidated School, 7:00 P.M.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

2 nd Monday of each month - Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

As necessary - Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.

#### **INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

1st Monday of each month – Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2nd Sunday of each month - Town Hall, 8:30 A.M.

#### RECREATION BOARD

2nd Tuesday of each month - Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month – Regional School, 7:15 P.M. (Except July, August and December)

#### ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

3rd Tuesday of May – Town Hall, 8:00 P.M. (Budget Hearing at least two weeks before Town Meeting)

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

3rd Monday of October - Town Hall, 8:00 P.M.

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., Town Hall, 2 nd Floor



Board of Selectmen (left to right): Bob Bull, Tom McKeon, Jerry Rathbun



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December 19, 2006

To the Board of Finance of The Town of Colebrook, CT

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Colebrook, for the year ended June 30, 2006, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter summarizes our comments and suggestions concerning those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated December 19, 2006, on the financial statements of the Town of Colebrook, CT.

#### BUDGET

#### Observation and recommendation

We observed that budget variances are submitted for approval; however specific line item transfers naming the accounts to be transferred to and from should be approved to cover deficits.

#### Management response

The Board of Finance will correct this error in subsequent budget documents. In the future, the Board will also approve line-item transfers to amend the budget during the annual review of results.

#### SEPARATION OF DUTIES

#### Observation and recommendation

We observed that bank statements are being opened and reconciled by the Treasurer who performs many of the accounting functions. We recommend that all bank statements be opened, reviewed, and initialed by the First Selectman. Also, any bank accounts that the Treasurer does not perform a reconciliation for, should have a reconciliation submitted for review to the Treasurer on a monthly basis.

#### Management response

All bank statements reconciled by the Treasurer will first be opened, reviewed, and initialed by the First Selectman. Bank statement reconciliations performed by the Tax Collector and Town Clerk will be forwarded to the Treasurer for review. Reconciliations of the School accounts will be reviewed by the Superintendent.

#### PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

#### Observation and recommendation

The prior year ending balance of property taxes receivable reported by the tax collector's software is higher than the current year beginning balance. The balances should reconcile between periods. The Tax Collector should prepare an annual schedule of property taxes received and receivable that reconciles beginning and ending taxes receivable.

#### Management response

The discrepancy between the prior year closing and the current year opening balances is due to a difference in the way that the computer software calculates these balances. Steps will be taken to reconcile the discrepancy.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Finance, management, and the Board of Selectmen and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Robert E. King & Co., P.C.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Finance of Town of Colebrook, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Colebrook, CT, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town of Colebrook, CT's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Colebrook, CT's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized information has been derived from the Town of Colebrook, CT's 2005 financial statements and, in our report dated November 11, 2005, we expressed unqualified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, its major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Colebrook, CT, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 19, 2006 on our consideration of The Town of Colebrook, CT's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 8 and budgetary comparison information on page 14 are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of

management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Colebrook, CT's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, statistical section, and supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and supplemental schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Bobert & King & Co., P.C. Robert E. King & Co., P.C.

December 19, 2006

Management Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

As management of the Town of Colebrook, CT, we offer readers of the Town of Colebrook, CT's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Colebrook, CT for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Colebrook, CT exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$5,735,621 (net assets). Of this amount, \$2,579,689 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The Capital Projects fund had Restricted Net Assets that amounted to \$816. The remainder of the government's net assets is invested in capital assets.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Colebrook, CT's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,166,436, an increase of \$320,588 in comparison with the prior year and attributable chiefly to various revenues being higher than initially anticipated. Of this amount, \$1,557,209 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,539,072 or 33% percent of total General Fund expenditures. This fund balance represents the Town's reserve for future capital projects, as all assets of the capital projects fund have been obligated to finance current projects.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Colebrook, CT's basic financial statements. The Town of Colebrook, CT's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Colebrook, CT's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the Town of Colebrook, CT's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Colebrook, CT is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets are changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in future cash inflows (revenues) and outflows (expenditures.)

Both of the government-wide financial statements present functions of the Town of Colebrook, CT that are principally supported by tax revenues, grants and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Colebrook, CT include general government, public safety, highways, sanitation, health and welfare, recreation, and education. The town does not report any funds that carry-on business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

**Fund financial statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Colebrook, CT, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and

Management Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Colebrook, CT can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town of Colebrook, CT maintains eight (8) individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund. The town also reports the Capital Improvement Fund as a major fund.

The Town of Colebrook, CT adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11-14 of this report.

**Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town of Colebrook, CT's own programs.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-16 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17-29 of this report.

#### Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Colebrook, CT, assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,735,621 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Management Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,500,501	\$	2,238,261
Noncurrent Assets	115,874		144,198
Capital Assets	 4,509,906		4,385,102
Total Assets	 7,126,281		6,767,561
Other Liabilities	27,687		50,423
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	 1,362,973		1,495,480
Total Liabilities	 1,390,660	<u></u>	1,545,903
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of			
related debt	3,155,116		2,889,622
Restricted	816		74,059
Unrestricted	 2,579,689		2,257,977
Total Net Assets	\$ 5,735,621	\$	5,221,658

The reserved portion of the Town of Colebrook, CT's net assets represents net assets restricted for capital projects. The balance of *unrestricted net assets* (\$2,579,689) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Colebrook, CT is able to report that all categories of net assets increased by \$513,963 during this fiscal year. This increase is primarily attributable to:

- An excess of anticipated revenues over expenses.
- Additional capital grants received.

Management Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006		2005
Revenues:			
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 4,192,156	\$	4,013,195
Unrestricted investment Income	89,317		42,319
Grants and Contributions	40,411		77,383
Other Income	9,455		9,009
Transfers In	-		2,688
Program Revenues:			,
Charges for Services	154,764		129,951
Operating Grants and Contributions	669,907		512,553
Capital Grants and Contributions	 330,150		478,853
Total Revenues	5,486,160		5,265,951
Expenditures:			
Governmental Activities:			
General Government	687,693		610,623
Public Safety	156,140		136,369
Public Works	461,067		437,878
Sanitation	171,938	*	176,737
Health and Welfare	131,146		105,211
Education	3,326,796		3,138,459
Other	 37,417		81,662
Total Expenses	 4,972,197	*************	4,686,939
Change in Net Assets	513,963		579,012
Beginning Net Assets	 5,221,658		4,642,646
Ending Net Assets	\$ 5,735,621	\$	5,221,658

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Town of Colebrook, CT's net assets by \$513,963.

Key elements of the activities are as follows:

Seventy-six percent (76%) of the revenues of the Town were derived from property taxes, followed by nineteen percent (19%) from grants and contributions, followed by three percent (3%) from charges for services, followed by two percent (2%) from investment and other income, and then less than one percent for other general revenues.

Major revenue factors included:

- Continued increase in the Town's portion of conveyance activities.
- State grant revenue that exceeded Town estimates.
- FEMA reimbursement for winter maintenance.
- Increased interest payments on Town accounts as a result of rising interest rates and more aggressive investment activity.
- · Aggressive pursuit of long standing past due taxes.

For Governmental Activities, 67% of the Town's expenses relate to education and repayment of long-term debt for school construction, 6% relates to public safety and health and welfare, more than 9% relate to public works, and the remaining 18% relates to government, community services, administration and other areas.

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Major expense factors include:

- · Unanticipated increases in fuel and energy costs.
- Unused vacation pay for two retiring employees.
- Reallocation of Paramedic Intercept costs.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Colebrook, CT uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town of Colebrook, CT's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of Colebrook, CT's financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Colebrook, CT's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,166,436, an increase of \$320,588 in comparison with the prior year. Ninety-six (96%) of this total amount constitutes *unreserved fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Colebrook, CT. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$1,539,072, which was the total fund balance. This represents an increase of \$236,945, mostly comprised of an increase in property tax collections.

As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents thirty-three percent (33%) of total General Fund expenditures.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** 

- Budget transfers were necessary due to increased highway fuel costs, furnace repairs in the Town Hall, and Paramedic Intercept costs.
- Revenues continued to outpace expenses, resulting in a further increase in General Fund reserves.
- Town Clerk fees continue to be higher due to the conveyance tax rate.
- State grant revenue exceeded Town estimates.
- Road department line items realigned to better identify and control costs.
- No major additional appropriations were made to the original budget.

#### **Capital Projects Fund Highlights**

- Increase of \$6,981 in interest income in comparison with the prior year
- The Town implemented a system for closing out completed capital projects and returned unused funds to undesignated fund balance. These funds are available for future capital repairs.
- Decrease in intergovernmental revenue and capital expenditures due to the majority of the Wolford's Hill Bridge project being completed in the prior year.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital assets. The Town of Colebrook, CT's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2006, amounts to \$3,155,116 (net of accumulated depreciation and related

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debt). This investment in capital assets includes land and buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Phone system replacement at Colebrook Consolidated School
- Addition of Wolfords Hill Road Bridge construction
- Lane construction for Flagg Hill Rd

	<u>2006</u>	<u> 2005</u>
Land and Infrastructure	\$ 161,738	\$ 93,124
Construction in Progress	729,936	488,636
Buildings and Improvements	1,608,482	1,565,221
Vehicles	438,884	514,232
Machinery and equipment	216,076	228,409
Total	\$ 3,155,116	\$ 2,889,622

Additional information on the Town of Colebrook, CT's capital assets can be found in Note 4 on page 25 of this report.

Long-term debt. The Town of Colebrook, CT has the following obligations.

	<u> 2006</u>	<u> 2005</u>
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,405,000
Notes Payable	79,790	90,480
Compensated Absences	8,183	 _
Total	\$ 1,362,973	\$ 1,495,480

Additional information on the Town of Colebrook, CT's long-term debt can be found in Note 6 on pages 27-28 of this report.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

- Uncertainty surrounding the increased conveyance tax rate.
- Increased energy costs.
- · Increased highway materials costs.
- Possible decline in interest rates, adversely affecting return on Town investments.
- Renegotiation of trash hauling contract.
- Unpredictable increases in special education costs
- Possible rescinding of the motor vehicle tax.
- Capital needs and future maintenance of Colebrook Consolidated School and possible changes in State funding of school-related capital projects.

These factors were considered in preparing the Town of Colebrook, CT's budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

During the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance in the General Fund increased to \$1,539,072.

#### Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Colebrook, CT's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Office, Town of Colebrook, P.O. Box 5, Colebrook 06021.

Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2006 and 2005

	Governmental Activities			
Assets	•	2006		2005
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,191,707	\$	1,861,282
State and Federal Grants Receivable		6,030		15,618
Taxes Receivable		173,974		219,053
Interest Receivable		128,170		138,497
Other Receivables		~		3,191
Other Current Assets		620		620
Total Current Assets		2,500,501		2,238,261
Noncurrent Assets:				
State and Federal Grants Receivable		115,874		144,198
Capital Assets:				
Land and Infrastructure		823,060		581,760
Depreciable Buildings and Equipment, net .		3,686,846		3,803,342
Total Assets		7,126,281		6,767,561
Liabilities  Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable		23,962		48,806
Deferred Revenue		2,552		· <u>-</u>
Due to State of Connecticut	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1,173	·	1,617
Total Current Liabilities		27,687		50,423
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Due within One Year		135,685		140,685
Due in More than One Year		1,227,288		1,354,795
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		1,362,973		1,495,480
Total Liabilities		1,390,660	***************************************	1,545,903
Net Assets				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		3,155,116		2,889,622
Restricted		816		74,059
Unrestricted		2,579,689		2,257,977
Total Net Assets		<u>5,735,621</u>		5,221,658

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006 (With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2005) Statement of Activities

Net (expense)/revenue and

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			Program Revenues	Se	Primary G	Primary Government
		Charges	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Governmer	Governmental Activities
	Expenses	for Services	and Contributions	and Contributions	<u>2006</u>	2005
Functions/Programs						
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities						
General Government	\$ 687,693	\$ 115,585	\$ 20,139	. ↔	\$ (551,969)	\$ (515,562)
Public Safety	156,140	2,318	å	1	(153,822)	(133,896)
Highways	461,067		94,445	244,005	(122,617)	68,753
Sanitation	171,938	1	•	ţ	(171,938)	(176,737)
Health and Welfare	131,146	7,050	26,428	86,145	(11,523)	(53,165)
Education	3,335,593	29,811	537,692	1	(2,768,090)	(2,673,313)
Other	37,417	1		•	(37,417)	(81,662)
Total Governmental Activities	4,980,994	154,764	678,704	330,150	(3,817,376)	(3,565,582)
Total Primary Government	\$ 4,980,994	\$ 154,764	\$ 678,704	\$ 330,150	\$ (3,817,376)	\$ (3,565,582)
	General Revenues:	nues:				
	Property Ta	axes Levied for	Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes		4,192,156	4,013,195
	Unrestricte	Unrestricted Investment Income	come		89,317	42,319
	Grants and	Contributions	Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Purpose	ific Purpose	40,411	77,383
	Other Income	ne			9,455	11,697
	Total General Revenues	Revenues			4,331,339	4,144,594
	Change in Net	in Net Assets			513,963	579,012
	Net Assets - Beginning	eginning			5,221,658	4,642,646
		)				

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

5,221,658

\$ 5,735,621

Net Assets - Ending

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2006

(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2005)

		Capital			tal
	General	Projects	Nonmajor		nmental nds
Assets	Fund	Fund	Funds	2006	2005
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,564,494	\$ 524,425	\$ 102,788	\$ 2,191,707	\$ 1,861,282
Taxes Receivable	173,974	Ψ 024,420	φ 102,700	173,974	219,053
Grants Receivable	856	_	5,174	6,030	15,618
Other Receivables	-	_	0,174	0,000	3,191
Interfund Receivables	4,045	_	1,048	5,093	1,628
Inventory	-1,0-10	_	620	620	620
Total Assets	\$ 1,743,369	\$ 524,425	\$ 109,630	\$ 2,377,424	
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,140,000</u>	ψ <u>024,420</u>	ψ 105,000	φ 2,377,424	<u>\$ 2,101,392</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 22,577	\$ -	\$ 1,385	\$ 23,962	\$ 48,806
Due to State of Connecticut	-	••	1,173	1,173	1,617
Interfund Payables	1,048	_	4,045	5,093	1,628
Deferred Revenue-Taxes/Grants	<u> 180,672</u>	**	88	<u>180,760</u>	203,493
Total Liabilities	204,297		6,691	210,988	255,544
Fund Balance:					
Reserved	**	_	84,802	84,802	74,679
Unreserved:			•	.,.	,
Undesignated	1,539,072	_	-	1,539,072	1,302,127
Designated for Capital Improvements	_	318,104	_	318,104	449,440
Unreserved Reported in Nonmajor Funds:				•	•
Special Revenue	M*	-	18,137	18,137	18,377
Capital Projects		206,321		206,321	1,225
Total Fund Balance	1,539,072	524,425	102,939	2,166,436	1,845,848
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,743,369	\$ 524,425	\$ 109,630	, ,	
		•			
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the s	tatement of net	assets			
are different because:					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are	not financial res	ources and th	erefore		
are not reported in the funds.				4,509,906	4,385,102
Deferred revenue for property taxes are reported in		occrued as rev	enue		
in the government-wide statements and added to				178,208	203,493
The governmental fund Balance Sheet includes re-		~			
to pay current period liabilities. Adjustments are rearned revenues.	necessary to acc	crue receivabl	es of all	244,044	282,695
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, are not d	lue and payable	in the current	period and		
therefore are not reported in the funds.	• •		•	(1,362,973)	(1,495,480)
Not consts of navonness to the title				A	
Net assets of governmental activities				<u>\$ 5,735,621</u>	\$ 5,221,658

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006 (With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2005)

				Tot	al
		Capital		Governr	nental
_	General	Projects	Nonmajor <sub>.</sub>	Fun	ds
Revenues:	Fund	Fund	Funds	<u> 2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Taxes	\$4,227,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,227,768	\$4,019,605
Investment Income	73,005	13,066	3,246	89,317	42,319
Fees and Charges	114,845	816	39,919	155,580	119,491
Intergovernmental Revenue	720,824	247,668	108,281	1,076,773	1,107,573
Other	3,099	-	6,356	9,455	11,697
Total Revenues	5,139,541	261,550	157,802	5,558,893	5,300,685
Expenditures:					
Current					
General Government	463,731	i <del>m</del>	95,850	559,581	521,341
Public Safety	57,525	_	2,998	60,523	58,541
Higḥways	380,214	-	-	380,214	374,907
Senior Center	51,985	-	-	51,985	47,939
Health and Welfare	50,884	***	-	50,884	47,870
Miscellaneous	37,417		-	37,417	81,662
Sanitation	171,938	_	104	171,938	176,737
Education	3,220,414	-	48,079	3,268,493	3,074,215
Debt Service	216,796	_	3,909	220,705	221,245
Capital Outlay		436,565		436,565	678,224
Total Expenditures	4,650,904	436,565	150,836	5,238,305	5,282,681
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues	***************************************				
Over Expenditures	488,637	(175,015)	6,966	320,588	\$ 18,004
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Operating transfers out	(251,692)	-	_	(251,692)	(253,998)
Operating transfers in		250,000	1,692	251,692	253,998
Total other					
Financing Sources/(Uses)	(251,692)	250,000	1,692	_	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	236,945	74,985	8,658	320,588	18,004
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,302,127	449,440	94,281	1,845,848	1,827,844
Fund Balance End of Year	\$1,539,072	\$ 524,425	\$ 102,939	\$ 2,166,436	\$1,845,848

Reconciliations of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities for the Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	2006 \$ 320,588	2005 \$ 18,004
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.  Capital expenditures  Depreciation expense	347,565 (212,126)	671,530 (208,288)
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(10,635)	-
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as deferred revenues in the funds.  Accordingly, an adjustment is necessary to reconcile amounts reported as interest receivable in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and as deferred revenue in the fund Balance Sheet.		
Deferred tax revenue  Deferred grant revenue	(25,285)	5,179
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.		
General Obligation Bond principal payments Notes Payable principal payments	130,000 10,690	130,000 2,500
Some receivables provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but reduce grant receivables in the Statement of Net Assets. These are the amounts of current economic resources reclassified as a balance sheet adjustment.		
Current portion of long-term grant receivable  Net change in interest receivable	(28,324) (10,327)	(28,324) (11,589)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	. (8,183)	
Change in net assets of governmental activities.	<u>\$ 513,963</u>	<u>\$ 579,012</u>

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Revenues:	Original <u>Budget</u>	Amended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Fa	/ariance avorable/ <u>ifavorable)</u>
Taxes	\$ 4,111,005	\$ 4,111,005	\$ 4,214,901	\$	102 006
Investment Income	27,998	27,998	72,991	φ	103,896 44,993
Fees and Charges	55,766	55,766	94,324		38,558
Intergovernmental Revenue	616,338	616,338	625,383		•
Other	5,862	5,862	4,753		9,045
Appropriated from Surplus	-	13,166	4,155		(1,109) (13,166)
Total Revenues	4,816,969	4,830,135	5,012,352	*****	182,217
Expenditures:					
General Government	451,974	459,285	440,892		18,393
Public Safety	57,076	57,525	57,525		10,555
Highways	374,296	381,868	381,868		-
Town Hall Expenditures	33,500	32,505	32,505		-
Senior Center Expenditures	51,770	55,455	55,455		-
Health and Welfare	27,433	33,870	33,870		-
Miscellaneous	40,185	37,417	37,417		_
Refuse Disposal	165,000	171,938	171,938		_
Debt Service	220,539	216,796	216,796		
Education	3,145,196	3,133,476	3,133,517		(41)
Capital Outlay	250,000	250,000	250,000		(+1)
Total Expenditures	4,816,969	4,830,135	4,811,783		18,352
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	\$ 200,569	\$	200,569

Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2005)

	Pension	Agency	To	tals
	Trust Fund	<u>Funds</u>	2006	<u>2005</u>
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 44,637	\$ 44,637	\$ 54,288
Contributions Receivable	4,143	-	4,143	3,211
Investments	224,043	<u>-</u>	224,043	204,004
Total Assets	228,186	44,637	272,823	261,503
Liabilities		e e		
Due to Beneficiaries		44,637	44,637	54,288
Total Liabilities	<b>-</b>	44,637	44,637	54,288
Net Assets				
Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	228,186		228,186	207,215
Total Net Assets	\$ 228,186	\$	\$ 228,186	\$ 207,215

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds For the Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

		Pension Trust Fund			
Additions Contributions Investment Income Total Additions	2006 \$ 23,005 20,985 43,990	2005 \$ 22,936 16,811 39,747			
Deductions					
General Government	23,019	13,634			
Total Deductions	23,019	13,634			
Change in Net Assets	20,971	26,113			
Net Assets - Beginning	207,215	181,102			
Net Assets - Ending	\$228,186	\$ 207,215			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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TOWN OF COLEBROOK, CT

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Reporting Entity** 

The Town of Colebrook, CT is a municipal corporation organized under state statutes. The form of government includes an elected Board of Selectmen and an elected Board of Finance. The Town provides the following services: general government services, public safety, public works, public health and welfare, refuse removal, and recreation. The Colebrook Consolidated School, whose operations are presented in the Town's financial statements, provides primary education services. Secondary education services are provided by Regional School District #7, of which the towns of Colebrook, New Hartford, Barkhamsted and Norfolk are members. Town appropriations to the school district are determined by a separate taxpayer approved budget and the percentage of Colebrook residents attending the District's schools.

The Legislative authority of the Town is vested in the Town Meeting. The First Selectman is the chief executive and chief administrative officer. Budget-making authority of the Town resides in the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Finance is responsible for revising the proposed budget and submitting the final budget to the Town Meeting. The Board of Finance is also responsible for establishing the annual tax rate. The Town has the power to incur indebtedness by issuing bonds or notes as provided by the Connecticut General Statutes.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town relating to the funds included in the accompanying combined financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to state and local governments. The more significant accounting policies of the Town are described below.

The Town's combined financial statements include the accounts of all Town controlled operations. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Town of Colebrook, CT (the primary government) and its component units. The basic criteria for inclusion of a component unit in a governmental unit's reporting entity for basic financial reporting is the exercise of oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of financial interdependence, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, accountability for fiscal matters and scope of public service. Currently, there are no entities considered component units of the Town. The Town includes all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities that are controlled by or dependent on the Town's executive and legislative branches.

The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable State laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Colebrook, CT. Based upon the foregoing criteria, the following organizations are not considered part of the Town and are excluded from the accompanying financial statements:

Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2006

Regional School District No. 7 – The School District provides secondary educational services for the Towns of Colebrook, New Hartford, Barkhamsted, and Norfolk, Connecticut. The Town pays tuition and other fees to the school district on a per pupil basis. The financial statements include the operations of the local school system for primary and intermediate grades, which are controlled by the Town.

**Colebrook Center Fire and Forge Fire Departments** – Certain activities and allocations are included in the financial statements, except for the fundraising activities of the department, which are excluded.

**Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Board** – The State administers the pension plan for teachers. The Town does not make contributions to the teachers' plan nor does it exercise any control.

#### Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statements presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Exceptions to this general rule include: voluntary non-exchange transactions when all eligibility requirements have been met. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: compensated absences, debt service, and claims and judgments that are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes when levied, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government, or specifically identified.

Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2006

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another manner.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account capital acquisition and improvements. This is a perpetual fund financed through annual budget appropriations.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

#### Fiduciary Fund Types

Agency Funds account for monies held as a custodian for outside groups and agencies.

The *Pension Fund* reports amounts contributed by employees and the Town to the defined contribution plan.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Boards.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to members and residents for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for certain expenses, the town expends restricted resources first and uses unrestricted resources when the restricted funds are depleted.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town maintains separate accounts with depositories where necessary. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing accounts, certificates of deposit, and pooled investment funds that may be deemed to be cash equivalents based on maturity date or availability of conversion to cash. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value and have maturities of three months or less.

Receivables and Payables – All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The Town has established an allowance for estimated uncollectible property taxes in the amount of \$5,000. The Town's property taxes are levied each July 1, on the assessed value listed on the prior October 1 Grant List for all taxable property located in the Town. Taxes are due and payable in two installments on July 1 and January 1 for real property and personal property and on July 1 for motor vehicles. Additional property taxes are assessed for motor vehicles registered subsequent to the Grand List date through

Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2006

September 30 and are payable in one installment due January 1. The Town files liens against property if taxes, which are due July 1, remain unpaid on the following February 1.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year-end. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible.

Investments – In general, State of Connecticut Statutes allow the Town to invest in obligations of the United States of America or United States government sponsored corporations, in shares or other interests in any custodial arrangement, pool, or no-load, open-end management type investment company or investment trust, in obligations of any state or political subdivision rated within the top two rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service, or in obligations of the State of Connecticut or political subdivision rated within the top three rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service. Other trust funds may also invest in stocks, bonds, or other securities selected by the Trustee. The pension fund participants invest in various mutual funds provided by the Trustee.

Inventories - Inventories in the School Cafeteria Fund are reported at cost.

Advances to and from other funds - Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include equipment, fixtures, and other long-lived assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The government defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$2,500 (\$5,000 for buildings, infrastructure and land) and have an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Under the transition rules of GASB No. 34, the Town is not required to retroactively record infrastructure assets in the government-wide financial statements.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	Years
Buildings & Improvements	20-50
Vehicles	5-10
Equipment	5-10
Infrastructure	20

Long-term obligations – In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net

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assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the

applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when it is due or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund.

Fund equity – In the fund financial statements, the unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations. The reserved balances for governmental funds represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. In the government-wide financial statements, the restricted fund balances for governmental funds represent amounts restricted by state statute to be used for capital projects.

## NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## **Budgetary Information and Accounting**

The Town of Colebrook, CT follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- A proposed operating budget is submitted for the fiscal year.
- Public hearings are conducted in the Town to obtain taxpayer comments.
- The budget is legally enacted through passage at a Town meeting. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- The Board of Finance is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any additional appropriations exceeding \$20,000 over the total budget must be approved at a Town meeting.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
- The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, except for certain interfund transfers and timing of recording of taxes.
- All noncontinuing appropriations lapse at year-end. Capital appropriations do not lapse until completion of the applicable projects.
- Encumbrance accounting is not used.

#### **Budgetary/GAAP Reconciliation**

The Town of Colebrook, CT prepares its annual budget on a basis (budget basis), which differs in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP basis). The budget and all transactions are presented in accordance with the Town's method (budget basis) in the *Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund* to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between budget and GAAP basis are that property taxes are recorded

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as revenues when received (budget) rather than available (GAAP) and certain interfund transfers are recorded as expenditures (budget) rather than operating transfers (GAAP). The budget as presented has been amended by the Board of Finance throughout the year.

Adjustments necessary to reconcile the budget basis to GAAP basis are presented below:

Entity differences: Include recognition of On-Behalf payments made by the Connecticut Teachers Retirement Board.

Basis Differences: Include reclassifications of interfund transfers, budgetary use of fund balance, and GAAP adjustments to property taxes.

			Other Financing	Net
	Revenues	Expenditures	Sources/(Uses)	<u>Change</u>
Balance, Budgetary Basis	\$ 5,012,352	\$ 4,811,783	\$ -	\$ 200,569
Revenue Adjustments for:				
Property Taxes Available	12,867		-	12,867
Fees & Charges	4,980	-	4 Ne	4,980
Other Revenues	109,342	Den.	-	109,342
Expenditure Adjustments for:				•
Transfers Out	-	(251,692)	(251,692)	-
Other Expenditures	- Anne	90,813		(90,813)
Balance, GAAP Basis	\$ 5,139,541	<u>\$ 4,650,904</u>	<u>\$ (251,692)</u>	<u>\$ 236,945</u>

#### **Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations**

For the year ended June 30, 2006, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Education department by \$41. This over-expenditure were funded by cost savings in other General Fund departments.

#### Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss relating to liability, theft or impairment of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. Commercial liability and property insurance coverage is purchased to protect against losses from these risks. Additionally, employee health coverage is purchased from a commercial carrier. The Town does not maintain a self-insurance fund. There was no significant reduction coverage from the prior year.

The Town belongs to the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for a comprehensive workers' compensation insurance program through its workers' compensation pool. The Town pays an annual premium to the pool for its coverage. The agreement for the formation of CIRMA provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of \$1,000,000 for each insured event to an unlimited excess limit. The pooling agreement allows CIRMA to make additional assessments to make the pool self-sustaining. The Town cannot estimate the amount of such additional assessments and has not been notified that any assessments are forthcoming. CIRMA publishes its own financial report, which can be obtained from: CIRMA, 900 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT.

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# NOTE 3 - CASH EQUIVALENTS, INVESTMENTS, AND RECEIVABLES

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The deposits of public funds are controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2006 and 2005:

	Government		Fiduciary	Totals					
		Funds		Funds		2006		2005	
Demand Accounts	\$	519,674	\$	23,287	\$	542,961	\$	376,244	
Sub Total		519,674		23,287		542,961		376,244	
Short Term Investment Fund	-	1,304,689		-		1,304,689		1,284,731	
MBIA CLASS Fund		335,025		21,350		356,375		214,518	
Money Market Fund		200		_		200		185	
Other Cash Equivalents		32,119				32,119		39,892	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,191,707	\$	44,637	\$	2,236,344	\$	1,915,570	

#### **Detailed Cash Notes on all Funds**

#### **Deposits and Investments**

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits: Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2006, \$381,185 of the Town's demand bank balance of \$530,752 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

<u>Dem</u>	and Accounts
\$	328,110
	•
	53,075
Total \$	381,185

At year-end, the town's carrying amount of deposits was \$542,961 and the bank balance was \$530,752. Of the bank balance, Federal Depository Insurance Corporation covered \$155,074.

Investments: In general, State of Connecticut Statutes allow the Town to invest in obligations of the United States of America or United States government sponsored corporations, in shares or other interests in any custodial arrangement, pool, or no-load, open-end management type investment company or investment trust, in obligations of any state or political subdivision rated within the top two rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service, or in obligations of the State of Connecticut or political subdivision rated within the top three rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service. Trust funds may also invest in certain real estate mortgages, in certain savings banks or savings and loan associations, or in stocks or bonds or other securities selected by the trustee.

Interest Rate Risk. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. The Town has no investment policy that limits the investment choices further than the State Statutes listed above. Credit ratings were not available for the Town's investments.

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Custodial Credit Risk. This is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The Town's money market and state-administered pooled investments are not subject to custodial credit risk, as the Town's investment is not directly exposed to custodial credit risk. Pension fund investments consists of annuities and mutual funds and are not exposed to custodial credit risk because they are direct contractual investments and are not securities.

	<u>2006</u>	2005
Mutual Funds	\$ 26,076	\$ 20,392
Flexible Annuities	<u> 197,967</u>	183,612
Total	\$224,043	\$204,004

#### Receivables

Receivables as of year-end for the town's individual major funds and non-major funds in the aggregate, including applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Non-major	Totals
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	2006 2005
Property Taxes *	\$ 173,974	\$ -	\$ 173,974 \$ 219,053
Grants Receivable	856	5,174	6,030 15,618
Other Receivables	No.		
Net Total Receivables	<u>\$ 174,830</u>	<u>\$ 5,174</u>	\$ 180,004 \$ 237,862

<sup>\*</sup>Property taxes receivable are shown net of \$5,000 allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Governmental funds report *deferred revenue* in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of *deferred revenue* and *unearned revenue* reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Deferred Property Taxes	\$178,208
Deferred Grant Revenue	2,552

Government-wide financial statements include receivables that will not provide current financial resources. These additional assets include interest receivable of \$128,170 and a long-term grant receivable of \$115,874.

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#### NOTE 4 - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of net changes in fixed assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balances	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balances
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 93,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,124
Construction in Progress	488,636	241,300	-	729,936
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	581,760	241,300		823,060
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings & Improvements	4,095,492	2,900	(13,835)	4,084,557
Infrastructure	_	68,614	-	68,614
Vehicles	1,252,151	7,138		1,259,289
Machinery and Equipment	406,610	27,614	_(16,500)	417,724
Total capital assets being depreciated	5,754,253	106,266	(30,335)	5,830,184
Less accumulated depreciation for:			,	
Buildings & Improvements	1,034,791	89,693	(3,199)	1,121,285
Vehicles	737,919	82,486	-	820,405
Machinery and Equipment	178,201	39,947	(16,500)	201,648
Total accumulated depreciation	1,950,911	212,126	(19,699)	2,143,338
Total capital asets, being depreciated, net	3,803,342	(105,860)	(10,636)	3,686,846
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 4,385,102	\$ 135,440	\$ (10,636)	\$ 4,509,906

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:		<u> 2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
General Government	\$	43,509	\$	43,855
Public Works		60,762		58,664
Public Safety		63,560		63,403
Health and Welfare		9,402		9,402
Education	_	34,893		32,964
Total Depreciation Expense	\$	212,126	<u>\$</u>	208,288

### **NOTE 5 - PENSION PLANS**

Connecticut State Teacher's Retirement System

Certified teachers in the Town of Colebrook, CT are eligible to participate in the State of Connecticut's Teacher's Retirement System, a multiple-employer, and an employer's noncontributory public employee's retirement system. A member who completes 10 years of Connecticut public school service is eligible for a vested benefit commencing at age 60. Members are required to contribute seven percent of their annual salary to the system as required by section 10-183b(7) C.G.S. The State contributes amounts based on actuarial estimates. The State's aggregate

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contribution to the plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 for all participating local governments was \$396,248,844.

The amount of the contribution allocable to the Town was estimated to be \$50,628, and has been recognized as a government grant and an education expenditure in the General Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2006, teachers for the Town of Colebrook, CT contributed \$88,519 to the plan. The Town does not contribute to the system nor does it have any legal obligation for benefits. The Board of Education payroll is \$913,064 and the current covered payroll is \$702,000.

#### Town Employees

The Town of Colebrook, CT adopted and administers a defined contribution pension plan (Town of Colebrook Employees Pension Plan) to provide benefits at retirement to employees of the Town. All full-time employees having attained age 21 are eligible to participate in the plan on the first of July nearest the completion of twenty-four months of service.

An eligible employee is one who has worked a minimum of 1,800 hours during the plan year, and who is actively employed as of the annual plan valuation date.

At July 1, 2006, there were 8 plan members. The Town is required to contribute an amount equal to 5% of annual covered payroll. A provision has been included to allow pre-tax employee contributions up to 100% of compensation or a maximum of \$13,000 annually. Employees over 50 are eligible for a "catch-up" contribution of \$4,000 in 2005-2006 and \$5,000 in 2006-2007. Income accumulated tax-free until distribution from the plan.

Vesting percentages, based on years of services, are as follows:

Years of Service	Vesting %
Less than 3	0%
3 but less than 4	20%
4 but less than 5	40%
5 but less than 6	60%
6 but less than 7	80%
7 or more	100%

The Town's required 5% contribution was \$11,676, of which \$3,275 was accrued to the Pension Trust Fund and there were benefit payouts this year which totaled \$23,019. Participant contributions for the year were \$11,329, of which \$868 was accrued.

At June 30, 2006, membership in the Plan consisted of:

Current employees:	
Fully or partially vested	
Town	5
Board of Education	2
Terminated	
Town	1
Total	8

Contributions are placed into individual participant accounts, where the funds are invested in mutual funds at the employees' discretion. Each participant has ownership of his or her respective accounts. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Town of Colebrook, CT.

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**Significant Accounting Policies** 

Basis of Accounting. Financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and plan member contributions are recognized in the period that the contributions are due.

Method Used to Value Investments. Plan investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

## NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

**Long-Term Obligation Activity** 

General Obligation Bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the town. The funds were used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. The General Fund and Post Office Fund have historically been used to liquidate other long-term liabilities.

Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2006, are as follows:

	Interest <u>Rate</u>	eginning <u>Balance</u>	inc	reases	Di	ecreas <u>es</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Governmental Activities						,	
91 General Obligation Bond	7.70%	\$ 455,000	\$	-	\$	80,000	\$ 375,000
03 General Obligation Bond	4.25%	950,000		-		50,000	900,000
Milbrook Loan	6.00%	65,480		-		8,190	57,290
Post Office Loan	5.125%	25,000		-		2,500	22,500
Compensated Absences		-		8,183		-	8,183
Total		\$ 1,495,480	\$	8,183	\$	140,690	\$ 1,362,973

Interest expense on general obligation bonds and notes was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	<u> 2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
General Government	\$ 1,409	\$ 1,538
Highway Dept.	3,581	4,057
Public Safety	10,395	12,195
Education	24,255	28,455
Town Hall	40,375	42,500
Total Interest Expense	\$ 80,015	\$88,745

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#### **Debt Service Requirements**

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at June 30, 2006 are as follows:

Year Ending	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2007	\$ 135,685	\$ 71,319
2008	135,685	62,786
2009	135,685	54,253
2010	135,685	45,719
2011	135,685	37,185
2012-2016	276,370	118,689
2017-2021	250,000	63,750
2022-2025	<u> 150,000</u>	<u>12,750</u>
Total	\$ 1,354,795	\$ 466,451

## **Current Portion of Long-Term Debt**

The following is a detailed listing of long-term obligations due within one year:

Total		\$ 135,685
Notes Payable		10,685
2003 G. O. Bond		50,000
1991 G. O. Bond	,	\$ 75,000

#### NOTE 7 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The town is contingently liable on Regional School District No. 7 serial bonds and leases payable. The amount (11.86 percent) attributed to the Town of Colebrook, CT is \$988,116.

#### NOTE 8 - INTERFUND ACCOUNTS

At June 30, 2006, interfund balances were as follows:

	_		Due	9 10	:				
	•	No	Nonmajor General						
Due From:		<u>Funds</u>		<u>Fund</u>			<u>2006</u>	2005	
General Fund		\$	1,048	\$	₩	\$	1,048	\$	1,628
Nonmajor					4,045	_	4,045		
	Total	\$	1,048	\$	4,045	\$	5,093	\$	1,628

The amount due from the General Fund to Nonmajor funds represents funds held in the General Fund for Historic Document Preservation and for Education Grants.

The amount due to the General Fund from Nonmajor funds represents funds owed to the General Fund from the Education Grants fund for expenses paid on behalf of the fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2006

Interfund Transfers for the year are summarized below:

Transfers From	Capital Projects	Nonmajor	Tot	tals
and <i>Purpose</i>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
General Fund Budgeted Expenditure Reimbursed Expenditure	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,692 	\$ 251,692 	\$ 251,500 2,498
	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,692	\$ 251,692	\$ 253,998

Transfers are used to account for unrestricted revenues from the general fund used to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budget authorizations.

#### NOTE 9 - FUND BALANCES / NET ASSETS

The following net assets were restricted at June 30,				
		<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	816	<u>\$</u>	-
The following balances were reserved at June 30,		•		
Governmental Funds				
Nonmajor Funds: Cemetery	\$	84,182	\$	74,059
Nonmajor Funds: School Cafeteria		620		620
Total	\$	84,802	\$	74,679
The following balances were designated at June 30,				
Governmental Funds				
Capital Projects Fund	\$	524,425	\$	<u>449,440</u>
Total	\$	524,425	\$	449,440
The following funds had deficit fund balances at year-end:				
Governmental Funds				
Nonmajor Funds: Dog Fund	\$	(1,882)	<u>\$</u>	(1,210)

## NOTE 10 - PENSION TRUST FUND

Starting in the year ended June 30, 2006, the Town's defined contribution plan is reported in the financial statements as the Pension Trust Fund (a fiduciary fund).

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Original Budget	•		d Actual		Fa	/ariance- avorable/ nfavorable)	
REVENUES									
Taxes:									
Property Taxes	\$	4,111,005	\$	4,111,005	\$	4,176,668 38,233	\$	65,663 38,233	
Interest and Liens		4 111 005		4 111 005		4,214,901		103,896	
Total Taxes	•	4,111,005		4,111,005		4,214,301		103,080	
Intergovernmental Revenue:									
Senior Center Grants		8,000		8,000		8,560		560	
Telephone Access Line Tax Share		23,340		23,340		15,541		(7,799)	
Education Cost Sharing		410,273		410,273		420,273		10,000	
School Transportation		8,939		8,939		8,604		(335)	
Adult Education		283		283		296		13	
Special Eduçation		***				. 819		819	
State and Federal Property		4,010		4,010	,	4,587		577	
Town Aid Roads		60,108		60,108		84,207		24,099	
Pequot Funds		11,546		11,546		15,205		3,659	
Elderly and Veterans Property Tax Relief	÷	11,767		11,767		13,308		1,541	
Totally Disabled		-		-		338		338	
Manufacturer's Machinery & Equip. Tax Relief		-		-		6,151		6,151	
School Construction Grant		39,301		39,301		36,984		(2,317)	
Homeland security Local Share		12,986		12,986		***		(12,986)	
LOCIP		25,785		25,785		•		(25,785)	
FEMA		-		-		10,238		10,238	
Other Receipts		-		**		272		272	
Total Intergovernmental Revenue		616,338		616,338	_	625,383		9,045	
Other Revenues:									
Town Operations		55,766		55,766		94,324		38,558	
Interest Income		27,998		27,998		72,991		44,993	
Miscellaneous		5,862		5,862		4,753		(1,109)	
Total Other Revenues		89,626		89,626		172,068		82,442	
rotal other revenues									
Total Revenues	<u>\$</u>	4,816,969	<u>\$</u>	4,816,969	<u>\$</u>	5,012,352	\$	195,383	
Other Financing Sources:									
Fund Balance Designated to Finance Budget				13,166	_	<del></del>		(13,166)	
Total Revenues	<u>\$</u>	4,816,969	\$	4,830,135	\$	5,012,352	<u>\$</u>	182,217	

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Priginat Budget		Amended Budget		Actual	Variance- Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES							
General Government:							
Salary-First Selectman	\$	26,000	\$	26,000	\$	26,000	\$ -
Salary-2ND & 3RD Selectmen	,	1,200	·	1,200	*	1,200	-
COST		750		790		790	_
Selectmen's Expense		1,200		1,140		1,140	_
Probate Court		1,400		1,835		1,835	
Elections		6,424		7,296		7,296	_
Board of Finance		400		1,485		1,485	-
Board of Assessors		16,900		7,575		7,575	-
Assessor's Expense		1,100		1,205		1,205	-
Assessor's Mapping		500		-		-	_
Board of Assessment Appeals		400		338		338	_
Tax Collector		16,975		16,975		16,975	<del>-</del>
Tax Collector Expense		3,600		3,127		3,127	-
Treasurer		5,305		5,305		5,305	-
Treasurer Expense		300		207		207	-
Town Attorney		2,500		968		968	, <del>-</del>
Town Clerk		27,850		33,621		33,621	_
Town Clerk Expense		1,700		1,694		1,694	-
Assistant Town Clerk		3,500		1,667		1,667	-
Building Inspector		9,695		9,695		9,695	_
Building Inspector's Expense		820		560		560	-
Farmington Valley Health District		5,479		5,479		5,479	-
Planning and Zoning Commission		2,750		1,123		1,123	-
Zoning Board of Appeals		300		153		153	-
Inland-Wetlands Agency		2,750		1,731		1,731	-
Town Secretary		28,274		30,686		30,686	-
Land Use Sec'y/Enf. Officer		22,500		26,790		26,790	-
Social Security		37,080		30,068		30,068	-
Pension Contribution		13,390		10,251		10,251	-
Employee Medical Insurance		93,700		94,340		94,340	-
Insurance (CIRMA)		67,000		88,725		70,332	18,393
Tax Refund		400		-		#	-
Recreation Board		21,250		18,099		18,099	-
Town Hall Admin. Support Auditor		17,932		18,507		18,507	•
		10,650		10,650	_	10,650	
Total General Government Expenses		451,974		459,285		440,892	18,393
Public Safety:							
Fire Marshal		3,826		2 926		2 000	
Fire Marshal Expense		100		3,826		3,826	-
Fire Protection		37,000		37,000		- 37,000	-

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Constables	\$ 150	•	\$ 140	\$ -
911	16,000	16,559	16,559	-
Total Public Health and Welfare	57,076	57,525	57,525	+
Highways:				
Wages	148,538	151,839	151,839	_
Overtime	23,458	20,157	20,157	•
Town Garage Fuel and Lubricants	17,000	27,042	27,042	-
Town Vehicle Parts and Repairs	31,500	35,508	35,508	-
Winter Maintenance	60,000		61,084	-
Road Improvement	76,000	•	72,197	-
Street Lights	1,000	951	951	-
Utilities	7,300	5,474	5,474	-
Garage Maintenance	4,500	2,941	2,941	-
Tree Removal	5,000	4,675	4,675	
Total Highways	374,296	381,868	381,868	
Town Hall Expenditures:			•	
Office Supplies	7,000	7,324	7,324	-
Town Hall/Community Hall Util.	14,000	9,396	9,396	-
Town Hall Maintenance	10,000	13,583	13,583	-
Miscellaneous	2,000	· ·	2,096	-
General Assistance (Welfare)	500	106	106	_
Total Town Hall	33,500	32,505	32,505	-
Sanjar Cantor Evnandituras				
Senior Center Expenditures: Senior Center Utilities	4,405	4,057	4.057	
Senior Center Maintenance	3,616		4,057 4,131	<u>-</u>
Senior Center Miscellaneous	250	287	287	_
Senior Center Coordinator	16,744	17,350	17,350	_
Site Manager and Helper	19,212	18,743	18,743	_
Heat, Stove and Hot Water	4,367	4,319	4,319	_
Van & Driver	3,176	6,568	6,568	_
Total Senior Center	51,770	55,455	55,455	-
Health and Welfare:				
Vital Statistics	50		26	-
Foothills Nursing	6,671	7,161	7,161	-
Susan B. Anthony	875	875	875	-
Winsted Ambulance	4,700	4,700	4,700	-

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Elderly Nutrition Program Elderly Transit Program Regional Mental Health	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,319 52	\$ 1,319 52	\$ - -
Paramedic Intercept	167	167	167	-
Norfolk Ambulance	6,650 4,500	12,570	12,570	-
Colebrook First Responders	2,500	4,500 2,500	4,500 2,500	-
Total Health				<u> </u>
Total Health	27,433	33,870	33,870	
Miscellaneous:				
Libraries	13,000	13,000	13,000	-
Cemeteries	3,605	2,074	2,074	_
Data Processing	14,000	13,355	13,355	-
Winsted YSB	2,500	2,500	2,500	_
Lawn Maintenance	5,100	5,300	5,300	٠-
LHCEO	792	-	-	_
Farmington River Watershed	188	188	188	-
Mapping: Micro Filming	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Total Miscellaneous	40,185	37,417	37,417	_
Refuse Disposal: Town's Refuse/Recycle	165,000	171,938	171,938	<u>-</u>
Total Refuse Disposal	165,000	171,938	171,938	_
Debt Service	220,539	216,796	216,796	-
Education:				
Colebrook School Budget Northwest Regional # 7	1,474,618 1,670,578	1,474,618 1,658,858	1,474,659 1,658,858	(41)
Total Education	3,145,196	3,133,476	3,133,517	(41)
Provision for Uncollected Taxes	-	-		-
Capital Improvements Capital Expenditures	250,000	252.000	,	
	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
	250,000	250,000	250,000	
Total Expenditures	4,816,969	4,830,135	4,811,783	18,352
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ _	<u>\$</u>	\$ 200,569	\$ 200,569

Combining Balance Sheets Nonmajor Governmental Funds June 30, 2006

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

•	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS									
•	Post		School		Historical	Education				
	Office	Dog	Cafeteria	Cemetery	Document	Grants				
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>		
Assets										
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$15,991	\$ 676	\$ 1,921	\$84,182	\$ -	\$ 18	\$	102,788		
Grants Receivable	-	-	_1,129	<del>-</del>		4,045		5,174		
Interfund Receivables	•	-	-	·-`	978	70		1,048		
Inventory	-		<u>620</u>					620		
Total Assets	<u>\$15,991</u>	<u>\$ 676</u>	<u>\$ 3,670</u>	<u>\$84,182</u>	<u>\$ 978</u>	<u>\$ 4,133</u>	\$	109,630		
Liabilities										
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$1,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,385		
Deferred Revenue	Ψ -	φ1,303	ψ -	φ -	Ψ -	φ - 88	Ψ	1,383		
Interfund Payable	<b></b>	_	_	_	·	4,045		4,045		
Due to State of CT	_	1,173	_	_	_	4,040	•	1,173		
		2,558				4,133	****	6,691		
Total Liabilities		2,556				4,100		0,091		
Fund Balances										
Reserved	_	_	620	84,182	-			84,802		
Unreserved:								·		
Designated	-	*			-	-		***		
Undesignated	<u> 15,991</u>	<u>(1,882</u> )	3,050		978			18,137		
Total Fund Balances	15,991	<u>(1,882</u> )	3,670	84,182	<u>978</u>			102,939		
Total Liabilities and										
Fund Balances	<u>\$ 15,991</u>	<u>\$ 676</u>	<u>\$ 3,670</u>	<u>\$84,182</u>	<u>\$ 978</u>	<u>\$ 4,133</u>	<u>\$</u>	109,630		

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		S		VENUE FUN	DS		CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
	Post		School		Historical	Education	Small Cities	
	Office	Dog	Cafeteria	Cemetery	Document	Grants	Bus	
Revenues	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Investment Income	\$ 265	\$ 8	\$ -	e 2072	•		•	
Fees and Charges	Ψ 200	2,318	29,811	\$ 2,973 7,050	\$ - 740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,246
Intergovernmental Revenues	_	' -	6,339	7,000	7,000	- 8,797		39,919
Other	6,030	_	226	100	7,000	6,797	86,145	108,281
Total Revenues	6,295	2,326	36,376	10,123	7,740	9.707		6,356
			00,070	10,123		8,797	86,145	157,802
Expenditures								
General Government	90	_	-	_	8,390		07 270	05.050
Public Safety	-	2,998	_	_	0,000	_	87,370	95,850 2,998
Education	-	, <u>-</u>	39,282	_	-	8,797	-	2,990 48,079
Debt Service	3,909			-	_	-	-	3,909
Total Expenditures	3,999	2,998	39,282		8,390	8,797	87,370	150,836
			······································				01,070	130,030
Net Changes in Fund Balances Before								
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	2,296	(672)	(2,906)	10,123	(650)	_	(1,225)	6,966
Olber Financiae Course (III)						•	(.,===)	0,000
Other Financing Sources/(Uses) Transfers In								
Transfers Out	-	-	1,692	-	-	-	-	1,692
					-		-	
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)		-	1,692	-	-	-	_	1,692
Changes in Fund Balances	0.000	(0=0)						
	2,296	(672)	(1,214)	10,123	(650)	-	(1,225)	8,658
Fund Balances - Beginning	13,695	(1,210)	4,884	74,059	1,628		1,225	94,281
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 15,991</u>	\$ (1,882)	\$ 3,670	\$ 84,182	<u>\$ 978</u>	\$	\$ -	\$ 102,939

Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

·		Α			
		Recreation	School	Senior	
	Pension Trust	Board	Activities	Citizen	
	Fund	<u>Fund</u>	Fund	Center	<u>Total</u>
Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 3,566	\$ 18,859	\$ 22,212	\$ 44,637
Investments	224,043	-	-	-	224,043
Contribution Receivable	4,143				4,143
Total Assets	\$ 228,186	\$ 3,566	\$ 18,859	\$ 22,212	\$ 272,823
Liabilities:					
Due to Beneficiaries	-	3,566	18,859	22,212	44,637
Due to Others	-	***	<u>.</u>	_	•
Total Liabilities		3,566	18,859	22,212	44,637
Fund Balances:				•	
Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	228,186	-	*	_	228,186
Total Fund Balances	228,186	_		**	228,186
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 228,186	\$ 3,566	\$ 18,859	\$ 22,212	\$ 272,823

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Pension Trust
Revenues:	
Employer Contributions	\$ 11,676
Employee Contributions	11,329
Earnings from Investments	20,985
Total Revenues	43,990
Expenditures:	
General Government	23,019
Total Expenditures	23,019
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	
Over Expenditures	20,971
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	207,215
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$228,186

# Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

RECREATION FUND	Balance July 1, 2005	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance June 30, 2006
<b>Assets:</b> Cash	\$ 4,146	\$ 8,271	\$ . 8,851	\$ 3,566
<b>Liabilities:</b> Due to Beneficiaries	\$ 4,146	\$ 8,271	\$ 8,851	\$ 3,566
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND Assets: Cash	<u>\$ 17,845</u>	<u>\$ 15,691</u>	<b>\$</b> 14,677	\$ 18,859°
Liabilities:  Due to Beneficiaries	<u>\$ 17,845</u>	\$ 15,691	<u>\$ 14,677</u>	<u>\$ 18,859</u>
SENIOR CENTER FUND Assets:				
Cash	\$ 32,297	\$ 13,947	\$ 24,032	\$ 22,212
Liabilities:  Due to Beneficiaries  Due to Others	\$ 29,609 2,688 \$ 32,297	\$ 13,947 <del></del>	\$ 21,344 2,688 \$ 24,032	\$ 22,212 
TOTAL ASSETS				
Cash TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 54,288 \$ 54,288	\$ 37,909 \$ 37,909	\$ 47,560 \$ 47,560	\$ 44,637 \$ 44,637
Due to Beneficiaries  Due to Others	\$ 51,600 2,688 \$ 54,288	\$ 37,909 - \$ 37,909	\$ 44,872 2,688 \$ 47,560	\$ 44,637 \$ 44,637

See accountant's report.

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK** 

Schedule of Property Taxes Levied, Collected, and Outstanding For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Out- Standing 06/30/06	de	\$ 72,253	27,295	10,109	8,543	6,437	7,478	6,697	6,991	7,009	4,971	4,712	4,539	4,431	6,889	619	\$ 178,973
Transfers (to)/from Suspense	Account of the last of the las	ı ₩	1	1	i	1	ì	ŧ	ı	ŧ	1	ı	1	1	1	\$   	- ↔
Total Receipts		\$ 4,102,072	73,840	33,872	10,679	1,196	794	300	789	290	135	142	18	89	463	3,634	\$ 4,228,292
Receipt of Interest, Liens, and Legal Fees		\$ 13,156	12,609	8,913	2,958	604	(987)	(173)	447	182	85	93	12	47	328	1,824	\$ 40,098
Receipt of Taxes		\$4,088,916	61,231	24,959	7,721	592	1,781	473	342	108	20	49	9	21	135	1,810	\$4,188,194
Collectable Taxes		\$4,161,169	88,526	35,068	16,264	7,029	9,259	7,170	7,333	7,117	5,021	4,761	4,545	4,452	7,024	2,429	\$4,367,167
Additions Deductions		\$ 19,563	1,688	1,205	1,165	827	331	099	70	379	368	360	277	1	ı		\$ 26,893
Additions		\$ 18,946	ı	7	9	324	4	1	ı	ı	ı	I	ı	ı	ı		\$ 19,282
Current		\$ 4,161,786	1		1	I	ŧ	1	ı	ı	í	i	*	1	1	-	\$ 4,161,786
Out- Standing			\$ 90,214	36,271	17,423	7,532	9,586	7,830	7,403	7,496	5,389	5,121	4,822	4,452	7,024	2,429	\$ 212,992
	List of 10/1:	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	- • н

Schedule of Debt Limitation June 30, 2006

Total Tax Collections for the Year Taxes				\$ 4,188,194
Reimbursement for Loss on: Tax Relief for the Elderly Base			9,082	\$ 4,197,276
Debt Limitation:	General <u>Purpose</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Sewers</u>	Urban <u>Renewal</u>
2 1/4 times base	\$ 9,443,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 1/2 times base	Ψ 0,440,011	18,887,742	Ψ -	Ψ -
·3 3/4 times base	_		15,739,785	_
3 1/4 times base		***		13,641,147
Total Debt Limitation	9,443,871	18,887,742	15,739,785	13,641,147
Indebtedness:				
Bonds payable	1,012,500	262,500	-	-
Loans Payable	79,790	-	200	-
Allocated to Regional School			•	
District Debt	-	988,116		-
Less: Grants Receivable		(115,874)		
Total Indebtedness	1,092,290	1,134,742		
Debt limitation in excess of				
outstanding and authorized debt	<u>\$ 8,351,581</u>	<u>\$17,753,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,739,785</u>	<u>\$13,641,147</u>

Note: In no case should this total indebtedness exceed seven times the base of \$4,197,276 or \$29,380,932

## Board of Education

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Original Budget		Amended Budget		Actual	Fa	ariance- avorable/ favorable)
Salaries:								
Certified Personnel:								
Supt-Principal	\$	92,855	\$	92,855	\$	92,855	\$	_
Teachers		620,127		548,801	•	536,687	Τ	12,114
Substitutes		13,000		8,000		11,149		(3,149)
Head Teacher		1,500		1,500		1,500		-
Extra Hours		500		500		1,258		(758)
Media Specialist		-		71,326		71,326		_
Non-certified:								
Aide		54,359		54,531		53,921		610
Computer Technician		2,500		2,500		2,500		_
Substitutes		- ,		5,000		3,713		1,287
School Nurse		28,917		28,917		28,917		-
Librarian		11,480		11,308		11,243		65
Administrative Asst.		31,161		31,161		31,161		-
Bookkeeper Custodian / Full		25,416		25,416		25,416		-
Custodian / Part		33,053		33,053		33,053		<del>-</del>
		8,162		8,162		7,546		616
Custodial Overtime		1,000	_	1,000		819	b	181
Total Salaries		924,030		924,030		913,064		10,966
Employee Benefits:								
Medical Insurance		113,850		113,850		104,506		9,344
Dental Insurance		9,680		9,680		8,971		709
Life Insurance		3,605		3,605		3,347		258
Disability		324		324		316		8
Comp. FICA		14,195		14,195		14,066		129
Medicare		10,140		10,140		10,224		(84)
Supt/Princ. Retire. Pension		6,732		6,732		8,076		(1,344)
Retirement Incentive		12,561		12,561		3,211		9,350
Tuition Reimbursement		14,002		14,002		14,002		-
Annuity		5,000		5,000		5,000	,	, -
Unused Sick Days		2,363		2,363		9,350		(9,350) 2,363
Total Employee Benefits	····	192,452	4	192,452		181,069		11,383

#### Board of Education

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

					Va	riance-
	Ori	ginal	Amended		Fav	/orable/
	<u>Bu</u>	dget	 Budget	 Actual	_(Unfa	avorable)
Purchased Services:						
Adm. Seminars	\$	_	\$ -	\$ 70	\$	(70)
Computer Support		6,000	6,000	49		5,951
Staff Seminars (Workshops)		5,000	5,000	2,444		2,556
Noncertified Dev.		250	250	· -		250
Test & Scoring		1,000	1,000	-		1,000
Legal Fees		1,200	1,200	1,465		(265)
Bank Fees				1		` (1)
Audit Services		2,300	2,300	2,345		(45)
Doctor		350	350	1,390		(1,040)
Therapists		7,000	7,000	7,092		(92)
Fingerprinting		· _		16		(16)
Purchased Property Services:		•				,
Water/Water Coolers		1,500	1,500	1,482		18
Well Monitor		1,200	1,200	1,200		_
Repair and Maintenance Services:		•	•			
Cleaning Services		1,000	1,000	1,370		(370)
Building Maint. & Repairs		2,000	2,000	3,535		(1,535)
Bldg. Insp./Asbestos		1,000	1,000	1,893		(893)
Equipment Repairs		1,000	1,000	5,338		(4,338)
Service Contracts		6,000	6,000	3,663		2,337
Student Transportation:			·	·		·
Regular Local		67,297	67,297	67,297		_
Special Education		7,000	7,000	17,212		(10,212)
Communication:		,				, ,
Telephone		3,300	3,300	3,108		192
Cell Phone		170	170	164		6
Postage		1,500	1,500	1,202		298
Internet		300	300	205		95
Cable		••	-	10		(10)
Advertising		800	800	244		556
Travel-Other Transportation:						
Travel		1,200	1,200	1,244		(44)
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	<b>:</b> :					
Adult Education		1,000	1,000	1,030		(30)
Education Service in CT		50,000	50,000	55,845		(5,845)
Vaccines		100	100	-		100
Shared Services/Outplacement	1	34,700	 134,700	 136,582		(1,882)
Total Purchased Services	3	04,167	 304,167	 317,496		(13,329)

# Board of Education

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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		riginal udget	,	Amended Budget		Actual		avorable/ favorable)
PURCHASES:			F			710000		iavolabicj
Supplies and Materials:								
Office Supplies	\$	1,200	\$	1,200	\$	1,096	\$	104
Teaching Supplies	•	990	*	990	Ψ	125	Ψ	865
Testing		79		79		84		(5)
A.V. Supplies		328		328		136		192
Computer Supplies		2,000		2,000		643		1,357
Custodial Supplies		3,800		3,800		4,780		(980)
Health Supplies		1,155		1,155		790		365
Bd. of Ed. Supplies		100		100		37		63
Library Supplies		400		400		179		221
School Supplies		1,260		1,260		1,317		(57)
Consortium Bid Supplies		2,000		2,000		2,805		(805)
Lunch Program Supplies		***		, -		411		(411)
Energy:								(-111)
Electricity		14,400		14,400		16,802		(2,402)
Propane Gas		2,200		2,200		526		1,674
Heating Oil		16,000		16,000		26,022		(10,022)
Textbooks & Periodicals:		,		•		<b>,</b>		(10,022)
Textbooks		604		604		57		547
Workbooks		2,311		2,311		667		1,644
Library Books		1,500		1,500		967		533
Magazines		400		400		326		74
Teacher Guides		187		187		12		175
Spanish Supplies		500		500		17		483
Music Supplies		885		885		328		557
Art Supplies		850		850		511		339
Phys. Ed. Supp.		220		220		201		19
Total Purchases		53,369		53,369		58,839	****	(5,470)
Capital Outlay:					-			
Furnishings		-		P4.		1,944		(4.044)
							·	(1,944)
Total Capital Outlay	P			_		1,944		(1,944)
Other Objects:								
Dues & Fees		500		500		2,225		(1,725)
Miscellaneous		100	···	100		22		78
Total other Objects	<del> </del>	600		600		2,247		(1,647)
Total Board of Education	<u>\$ 1,</u>	474,618	<u>\$</u>	1,474,618	\$	1,474,659	\$	(41)

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Finance of the The Town of Colebrook, CT

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Colebrook, CT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The Town of Colebrook, CT's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered The Town of Colebrook's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of the Town of Colebrook in a separate letter dated December 19, 2006.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Selectmen, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, and other state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Robert E. King Co., P.C. December 19, 2006

# Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

State Grantor/Pass Through <u>Grantor/Program</u> Title	State Grant Program  Identification Number	Exmanditure
State Dept. of Education	identification (vulliber	Expenditures
Adult Education	11000-SDE64000-17030	\$ 296
Child Nutrition Program	11000-SDE64000-16072	674
Connecticut State Library		
Historic Preservation	12060-CSL66094-35150	7,000
Department of Transportation		
Town Aid Road	12001-DOT57131-17036	84,207
Local Bridge Program	21010-DOT57000-42313	40,578
Office of the State Comptroller		
State Owned Real Property	11000-OSC15910-17004	4,306
Mashuntucket Pequot	12009-OSC15910-17005	15,205
Boat Grant	12027-OSC15910-40211	272
Office of Policy and Management		
Property Tax Relief:		
Totally Disabled	11000-OPM20600-17018	338
Veteran's Exemptions	11000-OPM20600-17024	4,226
Elderly Exemptions	11000-OPM20600-17018	9,082
LOCIP	12050-OPM20600-40254	22,527
Manufacturer's M&E-PILOT	11000-OPM20600-17031	6,151
Small Town Economic Assistance Program	12052-OPM20100-42767	17,000
Total State Financial Assistance before exempt	programs	\$ 211,862
EXEMP	T PROGRAMS	
Department of Education		
Education Cost Sharing	11000-SDE64000-17041	\$ 420,273
Excess Cost-Student Based	11000-SDE64000-17047	819
Transportation of School Children	11000-SDE64000-17027	, 8,604
School Construction Grants	13010-SDE64000-40901	36,984
Total Exempt Programs		466,680
Total State Financial Assistance		\$ 678,542

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#### TOWN OF COLEBROOK

State Financial Assistance Programs
Notes to the Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Various departments and agencies of the State of Connecticut have provided financial assistance to the Town of Colebrook, through grants and other authorizations in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. These financial assistance programs fund several programs including the construction and maintenance of public roads.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting principles of the Town of Colebrook, CT conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to Governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies relating to the aforementioned grant programs.

### Basis of Accounting

The fund financial statements contained in the Town of Colebrook, CT's annual audit report are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available while expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method revenues are recorded when earned while expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred

The Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance, contained in this report, is prepared based on regulations established by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. In accordance with these regulations (Section 4-236-22), certain grants are not dependent on expenditure activity, and accordingly, are considered to be expended in the fiscal year of receipt. These grant program receipts are reflected in the expenditures column of the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM, ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT, AND ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To the Board of Finance of the Town of Colebrook, CT

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Colebrook, CT with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Policy and Management Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. The major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major state programs is the responsibility of the Town of Colebrook's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Single Audit Act (C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 236). Those standards and the State Single Audit Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Colebrook's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town of Colebrook's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Colebrook complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2006.

### **Internal Control over Compliance**

The management of the Town of Colebrook is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to state programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in

which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with the applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major state program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Colebrook as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2006. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Colebrook, CT's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State Single Audit Act and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and the use of the Board of Selectmen, Management of the Town of Colebrook, CT, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Robert E. King & Co., P.C. December 19, 2006

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**Expenditures** 

\$84,207

\$40,578

### TOWN OF COLEBROOK, CT

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

## SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Department of Transportation:

Local Bridge Program

Town Aid Road

Financial Statements

We audited the financial statements of the Town of Colebrook, CT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 and issued our unqualified report thereon dated December 19, 2006.

Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Yes 🗸 No Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_None Reported Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_Yes 🗸 No State Financial Assistance Internal control over major programs: Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_Yes <a href="#">Yes</a> <a href="#">No</a> Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_Yes 🗸 None Reported We have issued an unqualified opinion relating to compliance for major State programs. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 4-236-24 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act? \_\_Yes ✓ No The following schedule reflects the major programs included in the audit: **State Grantor** And State Core-CT Program Number

12001-DOT57000-17036

21010-DOT57000-42313

#### II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

- We issued reports, dated December 19, 2006, on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- Our report on compliance indicated no reportable instances of noncompliance.
- Our report on internal control over financial reporting indicated no reportable conditions.

# III. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

• No findings or questioned costs are reported relating to State financial assistance programs.



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# Treasurer

The Treasurer serves as the Town's in-house banker and accountant, monitoring all Town income and expenses and ensuring the proper accounting of both. The Treasurer manages and reconciles the Town's checking and investment accounts, and provides timely financial reports to the Selectmen, Board of Finance, affiliated Town organizations, accountants and auditors.

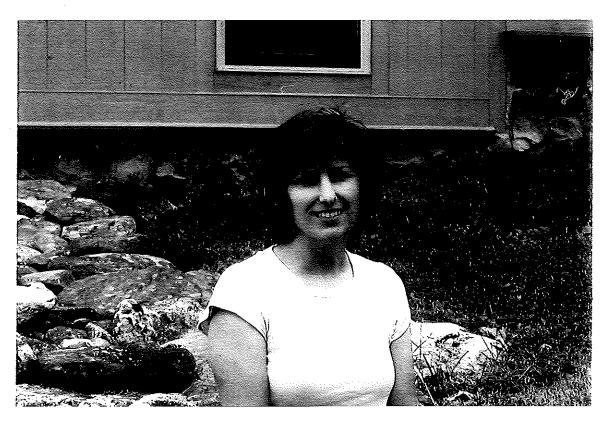
John Burrows ("Jeb") has served as Town Treasurer since November 2005. While the position is part time, Jeb rarely misses a day at Town Hall. "As the Town has grown, the Treasurer's function has become more complex, and the accounting process more sophisticated. There's no room for error in this work. Every question needs the right answer. Every problem needs the right solution."



John Burrows

### Tax Collector

The Collector is an administrator in that she organizes, directs, and coordinates the collection activities of the municipality. The Collector is responsible for running an office with concern for the bottom line – the collection rate; for case management; for accuracy and accounts in balance; for the security of the office and its personnel; and for the quality of the personal contact with taxpayers. For the past 2 years Laura has attended the necessary classes to become a Certified Connecticut Municipal Collector. She will receive her certification in the fall of 2007 after completing her three year work requirement. This is a part-time elected position, which she has filled since November 2004. Office hours are posted or you can reach her at 379-3359 Ext. 204.



Laura Bartlett

# The Colebrook Senior & Community Center

Located in the heart of Colebrook, the mission of the Colebrook Senior & Community Center is to provide services as needed & requested to residents & members of the community at large to use & enjoy. This includes partnering with other community organizations as well as providing a recreational safe haven for all ages, offering educational, cultural & recreational activities, programs, & services. The Colebrook Sr/Community Center realizes its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.

The Center is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, & Wednesdays 10:00AM to 2:00PM. For special activities, events, or meetings, the Center will open upon request. With a fully equipped kitchen & large main room, it is a convenient location for a variety of functions. Games, puzzles, a large screen television with VCR, a stereo system, piano, sewing machines, computers, daily newspapers, magazines, periodicals, & other reading resources are available daily for your use. The center offers a free lending library consisting of hard & soft cover books, audiotapes, & videos. We encourage people to utilize, borrow & add to our growing resource area. The Center may also be rented for private parties, & gatherings.

Nutritious warm meals are served at noontime by reservation on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays with special meals on Fridays inclusive of monthly Brunch, pot luck, restaurant review lunch trip & a special gourmet meal. All ages are welcomed. This is a popular social hour for family & friends. Take out and deliveries are available. Coffee Hour is Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday mornings beginning at 10:00. Thanks to Winsted Health Center Helping Hands Chore Service is available to assist elderly persons needing help with chores around the house... Transportation is available & provided thanks to an agreement with Northwest Transit, the Town of Colebrook, and a state grant. Any one in need or desire of a ride to the center for activities or events, shopping, town meetings, or appointments may utilize this viable service.

Regularly scheduled programs include weekly needlecrafts, weigh-ins, yoga w/certified instructor, quilting, & cards. Monthly activities include excursion trips, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, health talks, evening cash bingo, lunch with a class from Colebrook School, entertainment, foot clinics, scrapbooking, community pot lucks with the presentation of an interesting or exciting topic, educational programs, certification classes, skin screenings, crafts, & cultural programs. Throughout the summer we offer programs run by Sr. volunteers for the children. Membership is not required, but does have its benefits.

Throughout the year, a variety of events occur. We participate annually in the Colebrook Labor Day Fair, & hold a Turkey Dinner each Fall. The Holiday Craft Fair & café every December is always a success. An annual Chicken BBQ in April as well as an annual quiche sale are successful & enjoyed by all. Cookie tins are made up & distributed to special folk during the holidays. We team w/the Boy & Girl Scouts who send Valentines to Colebrook Seniors, display seasonal decorations, & assist during events. May brings us the Mother's Day Tea & Volunteer Brunch to honor those who give from their hearts to assist us in serving the community & each other. We have coordinated w/fellow organizations in town and compiled an annual Community Calendar, and are working on a monthly Community Newsletter. We are available for anyone in the community from new residents to concerned relatives, to assist in any way we can.

We hold fundraisers, apply for grants, & request private donations in order to keep our town taxes down. We strive to sustain the Colebrook Senior & Community Center in providing resources to people the community at large that we all know & love, that we want to raise our children & families in, & hope to grow old in together. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you personally, or the community as a whole, even better. We are here for you.

Colebrook Senior/Community Center CCS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Luncheon



COLEBROOK SENIOR CENTER PARKING IN REAR



CSCC Kindergarten Halloween Party October 2007



Holiday Craft Fair 2006





March 2007

# "History must stay open, it is all humanity" William Carlos Williams

It has been another productive year at the Seymour Inn, the home of the Colebrook Historical Society in the center of Colebrook. We continue to reach out to the community we serve, welcoming and encouraging all to make use of the Society's resources. We hosted a holiday open house, and several special receptions and lectures in the newly renovated "Gathering Room." Formerly the town hall office, the Gathering Room was also used for meetings by town organizations and for the children's Halloween celebration. All the while, the painting and scraping continued!

This season we are expanding our music concert series with the Joseph Firecrow concert in March, the annual Rockwell concert in July and on October 20, Guy Wolff will perform  $19^{th}$  century American music on guitar and banjo. Our roster of seasonal exhibits ably directed by our historian, Robert Grigg, promises to engage and inform. The Colebrook River Community comes to life in our opening exhibit. The collection of vintage logging photographs, on view at the Norfolk Library last year in a collaborative effort with the Norfolk Historical Society, will be featured in our own exhibit this year. Late summer the Society will display works by local artisans.

However, there is still much to be done. Interior restoration work is an ongoing project. The electrical system needs upgrading. We are developing a computerized cataloguing system for the Society's collection and exploring ways to provide broader and more efficient access to genealogical materials. We also want to develop a lecture and event program and to provide signage for the Rock School.

We invite you to partner with us in pursuit of a shared goal ......the preservation of Colebrook's history for the enrichment of our civic life. It is only through your generosity and support that the important work of the Colebrook Historical Society can continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

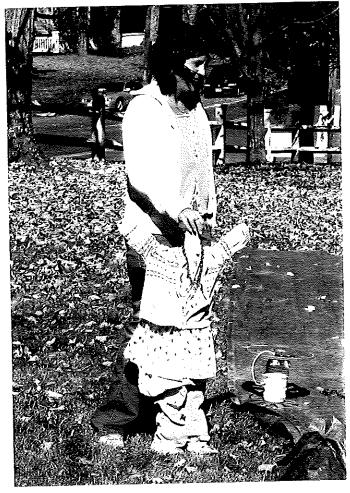
Julie Andresen & Jan Rathbun

Co-Presidents

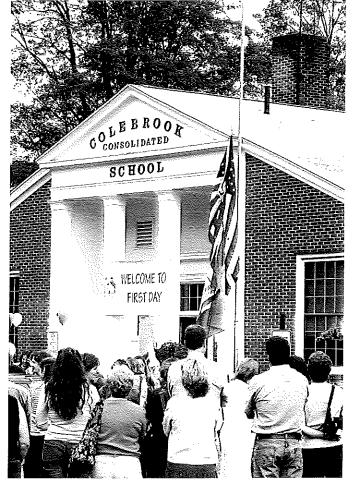
# Rock School Colebrook Consolidated School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade June 2007











# COLEBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Forge Company 300 Colebrook River Road Winsted, CT 06098 860-379-1551 Center Company 31 Bunnell Street P.O. Box 82 Colebrook, CT 06021 860-370-8989

August 8, 2007

### Colebrook Residents:

The Colebrook Fire Department responded to 62 emergency calls for the first seven months of 2007. We have several new members, including several junior members. New members are always encouraged, and if interested you are welcome to visit either station on Tuesday evening during our practices.

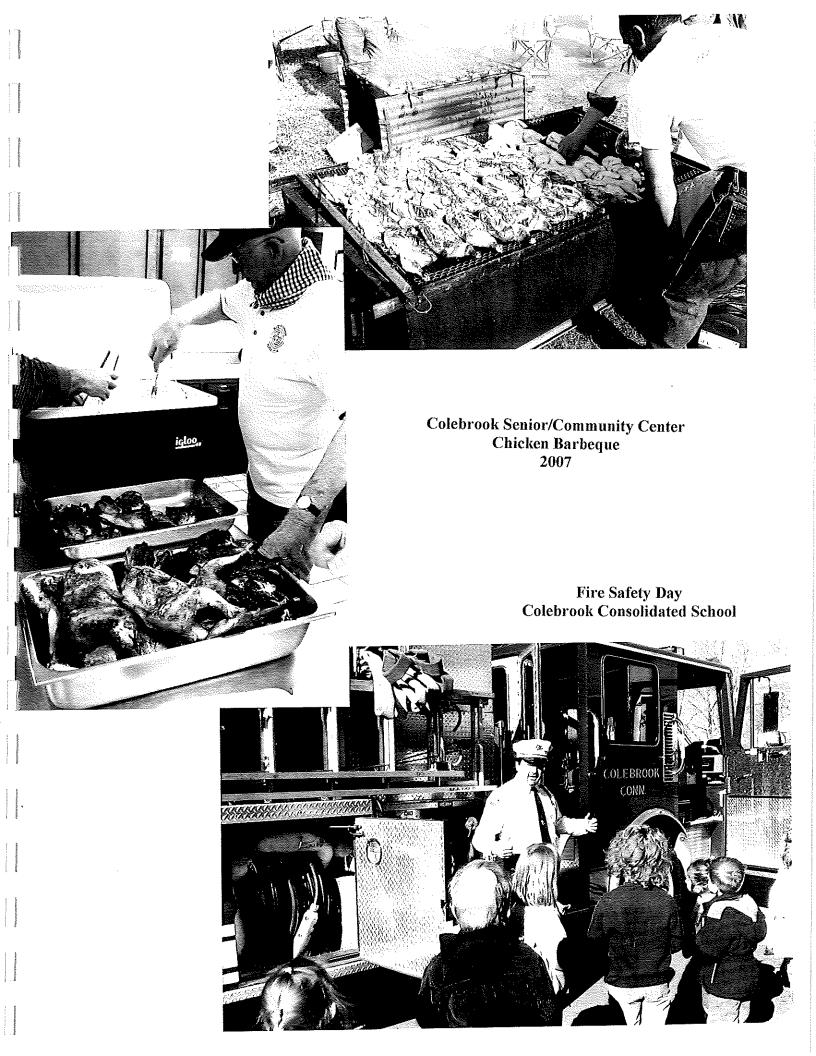
We have participated in regional and mutual aid drills. Norfolk hosted a large scale regional drill and Colebrook was an essential part in assisting them. The participation with mutual aid Fire Departments is vital for emergency calls. Colebrook hopes to host a large regional drill in the Center of Town in the late fall.

Colebrook Center has purchased a Ranger (ATV) and they are in the process of setting it up for brush fires and rescue situations. Forge has purchased a small water craft for water rescues. Both departments are working together to update there equipment and fire training skills.

We had many calls this spring because of all the rain we had. Fire Department personal were called out for many hours for cellar pump outs.

We wish to thank everyone that attended the Colebrook Fire Departments 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak Bake at Maaser Park. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you also at the Colebrook Fair.

Benjamin Bartlett, Chief Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department



The Colebrook First Responder Program is moving forward into its third year of service to the town. In 2006, we responded to approximately ninety calls. In the first seven months of 2007 we have answered nearly sixty calls, exceeding the estimated numbers at the inception of the program.

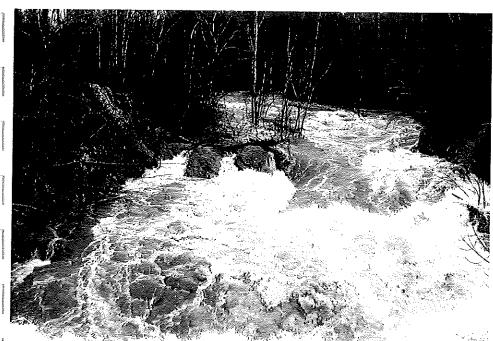
In the short time that the program has been functioning we have been fortunate to acquire a 1996 Dodge Durango to use as a "fly car" (known as Squad 4) that allows us to respond to calls with all of the necessary equipment to meet any needs on our arrival at an incident. Through the generosity of the Colebrook Fire Department side of our team, civic organizations and thoughtful individuals we have been able to update and make improvements to Squad 4 including a new warning light system and siren.

We have also procured additional A.E.D.'s (Automatic External Defibrillators) that have been issued to our emergency personnel to use in responding to incidents involving a cardiac arrest. Having this equipment significantly increases our chances of reviving a person suffering a major cardiac event.

We look forward to continuing to serve Colebrook as well as meeting the town's changing needs through continued training, education and further development of the program thereby making Colebrook Fire an even stronger asset to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay C Nanni EMT-B Administrator Colebrook First Responders



April 2007 Nor'easter





# LITCHFIELD HILLS COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials provides a forum for regional cooperation and planning in the Greater Torrington area. The LHCEO's policy board consists of the Mayors and First Selectmen from the eleven member towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, Torrington, and Winchester. The LHCEO meets regularly to discuss issues of intermunicipal concern, promote regional cooperation, and direct various regional planning activities. Serving as officers this year were New Hartford First Selectman William Baxter as Chairman, Morris First Selectman Philip Birkett as Vice Chairman, Goshen First Selectman Robert Valentine as Secretary, and Litchfield First Selectman Leo Paul as Treasurer. The LHCEO is based at the Goshen Town Hall and has two employees.

Major activities of the LHCEO this year included the following:

1) Planning and Coordination

A variety of issues of regional significance were discussed at the monthly meetings of the LHCEO including: affordable housing, municipal homeland security priorities, municipal ethics legislation, recycling opportunities, maintaining services for the elderly, DEP street sweeping guidelines, the electronic voting machine mandate, and various other legislative issues. In addition to the LHCEO's regular monthly meetings, several special meetings of the LHCEO were also held in cooperation with the Northwestern Connecticut Council of Governments and area legislators to discuss local legislative priorities.

The LHCEO continued to serve as a Census Data Center and responded to numerous requests for demographic, economic, and housing data. To facilitate this function, the LHCEO updated its popular publication entitled "Profile of the Litchfield Hills Region" this year. The LHCEO also reviewed and commented on over 40 referrals of proposed zoning changes or development proposals near municipal borders this fiscal year, as required by state statute.

The LHCEO continued to administer the Litchfield Hills Façade Improvement Program this year, which provides a financial incentive for area businesses to improve the exterior appearance of their buildings. Over 150 businesses in the region have now benefited from this popular program.

The LHCEO also completed Phase Two of the "Naugatuck River Greenway Assessment" this year, which identifies improvement measures along a 5-mile segment of the Naugatuck River in Litchfield and Harwinton. The LHCEO received a Special Achievement award from the Connecticut Greenways Council this year for its work on Phase One of the Naugatuck River Greenway Assessment in Torrington, Litchfield and Harwinton.

The LHCEO was also awarded funding this year from the CT Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to help coordinate the activities of the Northwestern CT/Litchfield Hills Public Safety Task Force. The Task Force was established to provide a broad-based forum for discussing regional domestic preparedness issues and opportunities. LHCEO staff time was also devoted this year to preparing a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the regional area with funding from the CT DEP.

### 2) Transportation Planning

The LHCEO continued to help administer the Rural Collector funding program for several area towns. Projects are currently underway in Hartland, Harwinton, and Litchfield. The LHCEO receives an annual allocation of \$192,000 for this important local road improvement program, and additional towns are scheduled to receive funding under this program in the years ahead.

The Litchfield Hills Road Foreman Association met several times this year to discuss issues in local road maintenance such as DEP's sand sweeping guidelines and the use of new de-icing products such as MagicSalt.

The LHCEO also continued its active support for federal and state funding to build a new transit center for the Northwestern CT Transit District. Several meetings were held with ConnDOT officials this year to discuss procedures for pursuing this project.

### 3) Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste

In cooperation with the Northwestern Connecticut Council of Governments, the LHCEO continued to coordinate meetings of the "Litchfield Hills/Northwestern Connecticut Recycling Advisory Committee". This Committee oversees the regional recycling program and coordinates the scheduling of household hazardous waste collection days in the regional area. Two successful household hazardous waste collection days were held this year for area residents, along with a separate electronics collection day sponsored in cooperation with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. The Committee also sponsored a backyard composter sales event, offering composters to area residents at a reduced price.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lynn, AICP Planning Director

# Annual Report July 2006 - June 2007

# **Beardsley and Memorial Library**

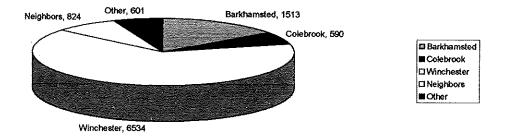
Serving the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, and Winchester
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The mission of the Beardsley and Memorial Library is to enrich the lives of our patrons by promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and cultural enhancement to all generations of our diverse community.

The library community sadly said goodbye to Mary Lee Bulat as director of the Beardsley and Memorial Library this year. Mary Lee gave the Beardsley and Memorial Library Association nine years of dedicated service. The residents of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, and Winchester will remember her for her careful selection of library materials, her enthusiastic participation with our children's activities, and her interest in all of our residents. Mary Lee left the Beardsley and Memorial Library to pursue other interests. We wish her happiness in her new pursuits!

The dedicated library staff kept library services running smoothly while a new library director was hired. I came on board as library director after managing the Torrington Company's library for many years. I look forward to the challenge of running the library in a community in which I have lived in for so long!

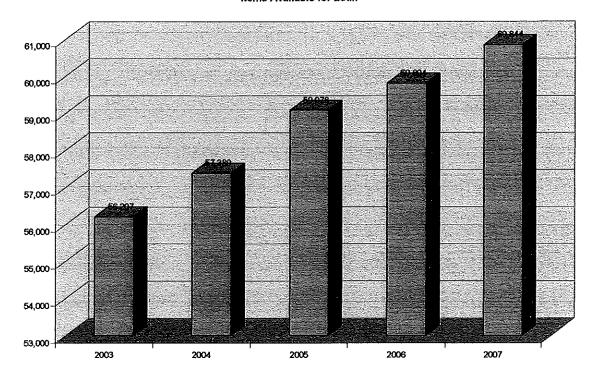
We continue to welcome new library users daily as people learn about the scope of audio tapes, books, CD's. DVDs, videotapes, and electronic resources offered by the library. We proudly offer internet access on library computers, and wireless internet access for those who want to use their own laptop.



Programs offered at the library for both adults and children enrich the lives of our patrons. Both adults and children participate in our story times and children's craft programs. Adolescents participate weekly in our board game club. Our active summer reading program encourages literacy among school aged children as they select books around a theme and compete for prizes. To encourage the various populations that we serve to read, we visited schools and community groups, and hosted special programs. The Friends of the Library assisted us in reaching the elderly by delivering books to Chestnut Grove Housing Authority, The Glen Senior Housing, and Laurel Hill Healthcare. 767 people attended the special programs and meetings hosted at the library this year. Programs on Prudence Crandall, the Hillstead Museum, Sarah Lavieri, Jesse Meade, Reike, Dulcimers, Passport Day, Resume Writing, book discussions, and internet workshops were just some of the programs that the library hosted.

The library offers meeting rooms where community groups such as the 4-H, the Winsted Knitters, the Mystery Discussion Group, a Quilting Group, and others gather together to share common interests.

### Items Available for Loan



Library services include interlibrary loan services, where materials owned by other libraries are loaned to Beardsley and Memorial Library for specific patrons. We offer access to audio tapes and DVDs made available by the State of Connecticut Library, and access to a photocopy machine and a fax service, where patrons may have items sent or received. Income tax forms were also available at the library this year.

The library continues to reach out to all age groups of our three towns with books, videos, audios, and programs as we encourage literacy and lifelong learning, and bring cultural events to the three town community that we serve.

I look forward to getting to know you in the coming year. Please stop by and share with me your interests and your ideas. Together, we will continue to make the library reflect and serve the wide variety of people that reside in our three towns.

### Sincerely,

Linda Senkus, Director Beardsley and Memorial Library 40 Monro Place Winsted, CT 06098

# FOOTHILLS VISITING NURSE & HOME CARE, INC. COLEBROOK TOWN REPORT 2005 – 2006

Organized as the Winsted Visiting Nurse Assoc. in 1922 by the Red Cross, Foothills Visiting Nurse & Home Care, Inc. has been providing expert, compassionate home health care to the residents of Northwest Connecticut for 84 years. In 1973 the Public Health Nursing Associations of Barkhamsted and New Hartford merged with the Winsted Visiting Nurse Association to create Regional Health Services. In 1974 full services were provided to Colebrook and in 1979 Norfolk Public Health Services merged into this group. In 1991 our name changed to Foothills Visiting Nurse & Home Care, Inc.

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Foothills is a State licensed, Medicare certified, CHAP accredited, non-profit VNA providing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Foothills provides services in the areas of Skilled Nursing, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies, Medical Social Work, Hospice, IV Therapy, Dietary, Pediatrics and Wound Care. Bereavement Programs and Telemonitoring are also provided.

Foothills employs 60 people, 95% of whom reside locally in Northwest Connecticut.

Foothills is proud of its long-standing history with the Town of Colebrook.

27 persons from Colebrook received home health services from Foothills during the past year.

Foothills receives an annual allocation from the town to help defray the costs of providing free Health Promotion visits and Public Health Programs. Health Promotion is a program in which certain elderly atrisk patients, who normally live alone and no longer qualify for insurance benefits, are routinely monitored free of charge by one of our staff nurses.

Sixty-nine (69%) percent of all our patients were age 65 or older.

Foothills offers home cosmetology services by a licensed cosmetologist. Services include hair cuts/sets/permanents and manicures.

Foothills provides free space two and one half days per month for voucher distribution by WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Nutrition Program.

This past year Foothills was fortunate to be able to conduct 10 public flu and pneumonia clinics and administered 2,514 vaccines to mostly high risk individuals. All ages, 18 and older, were welcome to attend.

Foot Care Clinics are held every other month at the Community Center. They are currently open to persons 65 or older. Thirty-one (31) foot care procedures were performed. Blood Pressure and Cholesterol screenings are held monthly at the Community Center. Blood Pressure readings are free of charge with Cholesterol Screenings costing \$5.00. One hundred six (106) blood pressures and 16 cholesterol screenings were performed in 2005 - 2006.

Semi-annual preschool Dental Clinics continue to be held at the Agency office. At this clinic a registered dental hygienist cleans teeth and applies fluoride. A nominal \$5.00 donation is suggested. Twenty-nine (29) children from area towns were seen this past year.

Since Foothills is a non-profit health agency, the Board of Directors serve on a voluntary basis and represent all the towns in which full services are provided. The representatives from Colebrook for 2005-2006 were: Theodore Vaill (since – 1977 current treasurer)

Jan Rathbun (since - 1989)

Joseph Polidoro, M.D. (since – 2002)

For other-than-full-service towns, Foothills provides part (therapeutic only) services to the towns of Canaan, Canton, Hartland, Harwinton, and Torrington.

Referrals for services are accepted from anyone and services are provided regardless of ability to pay, as long as contributions, grants and other appropriations are sufficient to cover these costs.

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# NORTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Northwest Conservation District has been working since 1953 to promote the conservation and wise use of natural resources through education and technical services. 2006 was an extremely productive year for NCD working with our 34 municipalities on land planning and preservation. The results were more sensitive projects with lower impacts on our local land and water.

# TECHNICAL SERVICES FOCUS ON LOWER IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

This past year NCD staff completed over 100 site inspections and site development reviews with recommendations for improvement. We also provided dozens of field inspections and consultations to local citizens seeking environmental information, referrals or technical assistance. Our latest watershed project was a survey of Northfield Brook in Litchfield and Thomaston to track down and solve pollution problems.

# GETTING RESULTS IN LAND PRESERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE PLANNING

Our services to towns and land preservation groups grew especially rapidly. We were called on to provide many field surveys and reports to support acquisition of Open Space. These reports ranged from Soils and Plant Communities to Rare Habitats such as a Heron Rookery. We also produced specialized Planning Concept GIS Maps for use in land preservation. We even laid out nature trails best suited to the natural features of the land. When towns update their Plan of Conservation and Development, NCD assists with Technical Consultation, GIS Mapping, Field Work, Volunteer Training or Educational Programs.

We also formed a new partnership with the Candlewood Lake Authority to develop specialized GIS maps and databases for a shoreline management plan that will protect and improve water quality.

# NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION IS THE KEY

Our Envirothon Program for High School students focused on Climate Change. Teams of students did incredible work to improve their own school's sustainability. The team from Housatonic Valley and achieved 11th place out of 55 teams. Congratulations!

Other programs are geared to town land use commission members and staff as well as the many generous volunteers who serve on land trusts or watershed groups and the public. It is our goal to provide these individuals who make the important land use decisions with the best information and tools possible. Topics this year included Vernal Pools, Methods and Financing for Land Conservation and Smarter Planning to control Sprawl. Specialized land use training was also provided to Realtors and to Municipal Highway Crews with the goal of protecting local waters.

# EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, FISH AND PONDS

Thousands of Native Plants, Evergreen Seedlings, Shrubs for Wildlife Habitat and Perennials were planted by local gardeners. With special funding from Howmet Casting, we were able to provide each town a free group of native trees or shrubs for Earth Day. In addition to our Spring and Fall Trout Stocking, this year we introduced Barley Straw to pond owners as an effective, natural solution for algae control.

**MUNICIPAL SUPPORT** Northwest Conservation is very grateful for the ongoing support of the municipalities we serve. We also energetically pursue grant funding and private donations.



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Office of the First Selectman Town of Colebrook P.O. Box 5 Colebrook, CT 06021

Dear Sirs, Jem

Susan B. Anthony Project has been providing free and confidential crisis services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for twenty-two years. We serve twenty towns in northwest Connecticut, including the Town of Colebrook.

Services available to Colebrook residents include a 24-hour crisis-line, counseling, advocacy, and support groups for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and their families. Our emergency shelter is available to women and their children during times of crisis, and our victim advocate is with a victim in court on the morning following domestic violence arrests.

In addition to our crisis services, the Susan B. Anthony Project community education program reaches thousands every year offering prevention programs to school children as well as civic and community groups.

Sincerely,

Barbara Spiegel Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends of the YMCA,

The YMCA made great strides in 2006 in building strong kids, strong families and strong communities in Northwestern Connecticut. 2006 marks the third year in a row of strong fiscal performance. Collectively we served 19,027 members throughout the year.

The highlight for the YMCA has to be the development and adoption of a new five-year Strategic Plan. This plan resulted in a new mission statement, vision statement and five key goals- Fiscal Stability, Facility Development, Program Enhancement, Engaged Governance and Improved Communication. These will ensure that our YMCA will continue to thrive for the years to come.

As our facility infrastructures are important to implementing our mission, to that end over \$296,500 was invested in facility improvement projects and new equipment purchases at the Canaan, Winsted and Torrington locations. The Torrington branch installed a new circuit of Strive strength training equipment, refinished its gymnasium floor, installed new flooring in a childcare classroom, replaced three roofs (pool, gymnasium & mechanical), performed pool filtration plumbing replacement and created a new cycling studio stocked with new bikes.

The Winsted branch remodeled its George Case fitness center with new flooring and a new circuit of Strive strength training equipment, refinished its gymnasium, replaced locker room shower tile and installed a 2<sup>nd</sup> diving board. The Canaan branch continues to grow and expanded its fitness center by creating a new Cardio Center with new equipment, multiple-TVs and beautiful window views. In addition, new free-weight equipment was purchased and a new aerobic floor installed for fitness classes.

In 2006, the YMCA continued to provide critical social services programs to a

growing number of residents.

Our Winchester Youth Service Bureau branch served over 646 at-risk youth. The YMCA's Literacy Volunteers program tutored one-on-one 95 foreign speaking adult students in English as a Second Language (ESL) with over 100 volunteer

We provided safe housing & shelter for up to 74 people each day. Our 57 support-

ive-housing resident rooms in both facilities maintained 100% occupancy with only 25% turnover. Our 17-bed Winchester Emergency Shelter maintained 81% occupancy with an average bed use of 13.8 beds per night.

The YMCA's Board of Directors and Trustees conducted our most successful annual fund raising campaign to date, raising over \$88,000 to provide youth programs and financial assistance to disadvantaged youth and families. In 2006 1,215 individuals were able to participate in YMCA programs through YMCA financial assistance- at a cost of over \$175,600.

To all members, contributors, volunteers, participants and staff, we thank you for making 2006 our most successful years of service!

Bill Mascetti

President, Board of Directors

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Chief Executive Director

Greg Brisco

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Total People Served

# 2006 Membership Report

2006 Member Demographics

49% Male - 51% Female

Adults 55+ 11% Adults 30 - 54

Youth <18

% Adults 18 - 29

# Members by Service Area





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COMMUNITY	Number	COMMUNITY	Number
Bantam	101	Norfolk	206
Barkhamsted	2 <del>4</del> 2	North Canaan	1,091
Colebrook	151	Pine Meadow	ጽ
Comwall	316	Riverton	124
East Canaan	169	Salisbury	273
Falls Village	445	Sharon	267
Goshen	313	Torrington	_
Harwinton	979	West Hartland	
Lakeville	376	Winsted / Winch. Ctr	
Litchffeld	724	Sub-Total	17,133
Morris	188		
New Hartford	875	Out of Service Area	1,894

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