

**Rocky Hill, Connecticut
2008-2009 Annual Report**

CONTACT INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT	PHONE NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	PHONE NUMBER
Accounting	258-2712	Main Number - Town Hall	258-2700
Ambulance (routine calls)	258-7613	Mayor	258-2740
Animal Control Officer	258-2765	Mini Bus (until 10:30 am)	258-2701
Assessor	258-2722	Municipal Agent	258-2786
Board of Education	258-7701	Parks & Recreation	258-2772
Building Department	258-2733	Personnel	258-2700
Chief of Police	258-2758	Police Records	258-2783
RHPD Dispatcher (routine calls)	258-7640	Purchasing Agent	258-2720
Economic Development	258-7717	Registrars	258-2715 / 2760
Engineering/Planning/Zoning	258-2766	Sanitation / Recycling	258-7709
Facilities Management	258-7669	Senior Coordinator	258-2726
Finance	258-2720	Tax Collector	258-2717
Health Dept. Office Town Hall	258-2770	Town Clerk	258-2705
Health District	721-2822	Town Manager's Office	258-2700
Highway / Sanitation	258-7709	Town Treasurer	258-2712
Human Services	258-2799	Vital Statistics	258-2705
Inland-Wetlands	258-2766	Youth Services	258-2752 / 2718
Library	258-7621		

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A NOTE REGARDING TOWN MEETINGS DISPLAYED ON THIS CALENDAR

All meetings are held at Town Hall except the Library Board of Trustees (Library) and the Housing Authority (Elderly Housing Complex). Call the Town Hall for more information.

Details about Parks & Recreation events can be found at www.rhparkrec.org

Rocky Hill Town Council

2008/2009 Town Council

Anthony P. LaRosa, Mayor (Democrat)

Philip J. Sylvestro, Deputy Mayor (Democrat)

Anthony Colandrea (Republican)

Larrye deBear (Democrat)

Mary Ellen Flynn (Democrat)

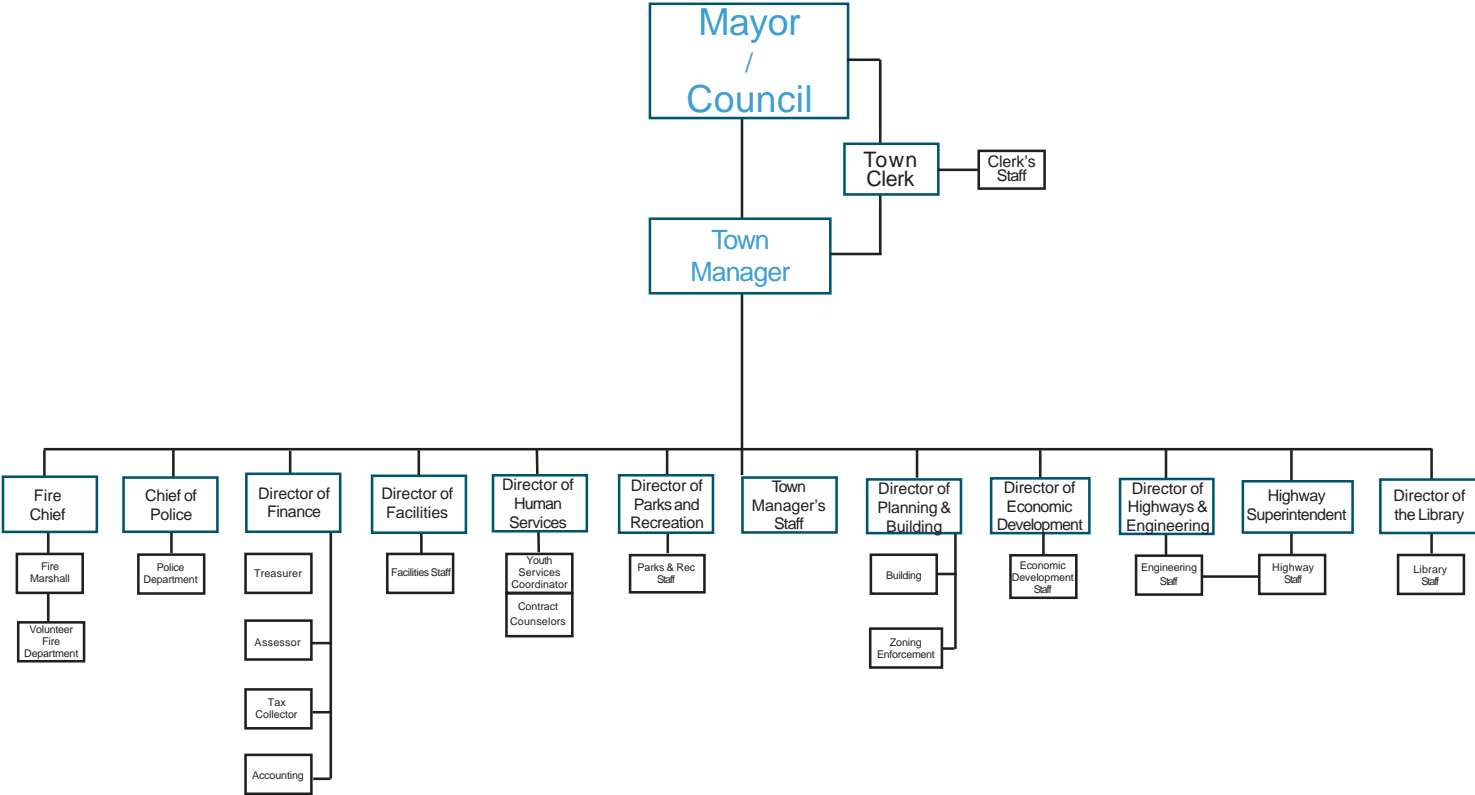
Timothy Moriarty (Democrat)

Rocco Sanzo (Republican)

Barbara Orsini Surwilo (Democrat)

Frank Szeps (Republican)

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Anthony P. LaRosa Mayor's Message



As Mayor of the Town of Rocky Hill, I am pleased to submit this Annual Report for 2008-2009. Town Departments have contributed to the Annual Report so our residents are kept informed about their local government.

In the coming year, the Town Council and myself, along with the Board of Education will continue to work together to bring services and an educational system residents have come to expect.

Again, I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and look forward to serving the Town of Rocky Hill.

Words From Barbara R. Gilbert, Town Manager

Another year has passed. It is with pleasure that I am able to share with you a number of accomplishments during the past year. As you will read in the pages that follow, Town Staff has, once again, diligently worked to maintain services that are vital to the preservation of Rocky Hill's quality of life. Our board members, commissioners and Town Councilors have tirelessly volunteered their time to ensure quality improvements and effective and efficient delivery of services. Some notable highlights for 2008-2009 include:

- Acceptance of 9 ½ acres of open space in the Krol Farm Subdivision
- Passage of a new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
- Awarded an Architectural Services contract for improvements to the Cora J. Belden Library
- Issued an RFP for the Town-owned land located in the Business Park off of Old Forge Road
- Failure of the November 4th referendum for a \$102.98 million school system improvement initiative
- Adoption of the Capitol Region Pre-disaster National Mitigation Plan
- Finalized the contract with Tigh & Bond for the RT 3 Corridor Study
- Received our 5th STEAP grant in the amount of \$250,000 to continue the Silas Deane Revitalization project
- Finalized/negotiate contracts with five of our unions
- Designated 2 acres of Elm Ridge Park for the Town's first dog park
- Passage of a Town and State contractor preferential bidding ordinance for Town projects
- Passage of an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of the CT Foundry property
- Passage of an ordinance regulating loitering and panhandling
- Passage of an ordinance prohibiting paintball activities in Town parks
- Received an ARRA grant to re-pave Old Main Street
- Approval of the Capitol Region Police Training Facility
- Passage of an ordinance for the establishment for non-pension, post employment benefits
- Passage of an ordinance prohibiting commercial through truck traffic on Capital Boulevard, Trout Brook Crossing and a portion of Brook Street
- Passage of an ordinance establishing citation procedures and fines for zoning violations
- Submitted four Congressional Appropriation funding requests to Congressman Larson's Office for construction of an access road for the Town-owned land in the Business Park, the construction of the Silas Deane Highway Streetscape project, the acquisition of the CT Foundry property and for replacement of the bridge over Goff Brook on Old Main Street



Economic Development Department

Raymond Carpentino, Director

860.258.7717

Rocky Hill, CT. Location, Location, Location. Rocky Hill sits only 8 miles south of the City of Hartford and the new Convention Center. Trinity College, St Joseph's College, UCONN Law School, the University of Hartford, Rensselaer College, and Central Connecticut State University are all within a 20 minute commute. Cultural and entertainment venues such as the PGA Traveler's Open, the Bushnell Theater, the Wadsworth Athenaeum, (the oldest, museum in the country), The Hartford Stage Company, the Hartford Opera, the Hartford Ballet, and the Mark Twain House are literally minutes away. Rocky Hill is a fantastic location for families and business. A recent *Tapestry Segment* demographic study indicated that more than a third of Rocky Hill's population is classified in the "In Style" segment with an additional 13% classified in the "Exurbanite" segment; indicators of a ripe retail market potential.

Most of our success can be attributed to three basic factors: our central location both in Connecticut and the Northeast region; our direct access to exits 23 and 24 off of Interstate 91 and; our business friendly and business responsive governmental organization. Through prudent management, our administration has been able to retain a low tax rate attractive to business and focus our commitment on retaining and attracting business, while maintaining our exemplary education system. As a result, Rocky Hill has experienced consistent growth in our non-residential grand list, averaging almost 2 ½ percent per year since 2003.

During the past year, Rocky Hill, like all communities throughout the State, has endured difficult economic times. While Rocky Hill lost some businesses, such as Nationwide Insurance, MetLife, GMAC, to name a few, our business community gained 19 new businesses this past year, while having the lowest unemployment rate of all the surrounding Towns. Town administration continues their efforts to implement and complete projects and initiatives focused on creating an environment that allows the business community to succeed and enhances community development. During the past year, the Rocky Hill business community has prospered and plans have emerged for continued growth. Burriss Refrigerated Logistics has completed phase I, a 256,000 square foot refrigerated warehouse and northeast distribution facility located on Brook Street and now employs over 200. The CT Lottery moved into their newly renovated 96,000 square foot office and warehouse facility on Brook Street and now employs 100. On the horizon, we anticipate the construction of two 75,415 square foot, Class A office buildings by Farley White, located in Corporate Ridge Business Park, the redevelopment of the former Ames headquarters property located in the center of Town, the development of over 60 Town-owned acres of business zoned property located along the CT River, the redevelopment of the CT Foundry property and the construction of the Hartford Regional Police Training Facility.

Some recent additions to the business community include:

Z- Coil Foot Wear
Fitness Together
Richardson Kickboxing
Burriss Refrigerated Logistics
CT Lottery
Pita Marketing
Terracon Engineering
Aldi
Cellco
Cannon Business Systems

American Cancer Society
Bounce U
7 D Wholesale Lumber
Cellco (Verizon-MCI)
Cannon Business Systems
CBT
American Cancer Society
ADI
SurgiCare
Qualidigm
John Casablanca Modeling

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS

[Board of Appeals-Building Code](#)

Marc Beliveau
Frank Morse

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Michael J. Casparino
Kevin Matthew
Ronald Angelo, Alternate
Marc Beliveau, Alternate
Sharon Mounds, Alternate

[Board of Education](#)

William MacDonald
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Charles McMonigle
Catherine A. Vargus
Nadine J. Bell
Maria Mennella
Frank Morse
Rene (Skip) Rivard
Charles Wisnioski

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Fred DiNardi, Jr.
Brian Dillon
Michael Pane
Donald Warnat

[Design Review](#)

Al Arnold
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Walter Coughlin
John Farnham
Peter Parotta
James Rice
Roger Tabshey, Alternate

[Economic Development Commission](#)

Michael Bocchini
Dilip Desai
Mark Fulco
Alan Mordhorst
Guy Rocamora
George Swepson

[Economic Development Commission - Sub Committee](#)

Larrye deBear
John Oslund
Rocco Sanzo
David Schweitzer
Barbara Surwilo

[Fair Rent Commission](#)

David Callahan
Howdy Davis
Joseph Finnegan
Martin Hoffmann
Lois Morton
Jeff Thomen

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Philip Sylvestro
Frank Szeps

[Housing Authority](#)

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Kenneth Goldberg
Murray Lichtner
Ralph Husband

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Eric Brescia
Dilip Desai
Mukesh Desai
Barbara Garneau
Yvonne Krosky
Sharon Mounds
Carleen Zembko

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Richard Doran
Francis Palazzolo

[Joint Facilities Committee](#)

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Philip Sylvestro
Frank Szeps

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Cathy Carone
Robert Decker
Murray Lichtner
Dana Whitman
Salvatore Palazzolo
Patricia Beyer

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Richard Doran, Jr.
Steve Drapeau
Kenneth Goldberg
Sandra Kelly
Larry Lindenberger
Ronald Santos
David Schweitzer

[Open Space Acquisition and Farmland Perservation](#)

Anthony Colandrea
Larrye deBear
Barbara Surwilo

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Katherine Colandrea
Raffaella Coler
Wendell Coogan
Carol deBear
Gina Marino
Marti Stiglich

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Howdy Davis
Doris Vieira

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Brian Dillon
Anthony DiLorenzo
Guy Drapeau
Cornelis Geldof
Barry Goldberg
Henry Vasel

[Public Buildings Commission](#)

Robert DiBacco
Gene DeJohn
Paul Hallisey
Ray Hayden
Todd Marchand
Peter Parotta
Robert Tabshey

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Mary Ellen Flynn
Timothy Moriarty

[Redevelopment Agency](#)

Donald Francis
Rob Britt
Albert Levesque
Charles Wisnioski
Patrick Dawson
James Ussery
Philip Newberry

[Selectmen](#)

Donald R. Francis
Timothy J. Lewis
Lois Morton

[Zoning Board of Appeals](#)

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Phillip H. Benoit
James F. Reilly
Richard Doran
Salvatore Gozzo
Alan Mordhorst
Stephen Park, Alternate

Finance Department

John Mehr, Director
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The Department of Finance includes the offices of the Tax Collector, the Assessor, and Accounting. The Director of Finance, who serves as the Chief Financial Officer, manages the department. The Tax Collector is responsible for the collection of all real estate, personal, and motor vehicle taxes levied by the Town. The office maintains detailed records showing taxes due and the amounts paid. The Collector is also responsible for the collection of certain non-tax revenues. The Assessor is responsible for the valuation of all land and improvements within the Town including the inspection of all new construction and the valuation of all business personal property and vehicles. The Assessor has completed a town wide physical revaluation and these new assessed property values have been applied to the October 2008 grand list. Accounting is responsible for the processing of payrolls, the payment of vendor bills, the day-to-day maintenance of the general ledgers of the various funds of the Town, and the processing of non-tax revenue and non-revenue receipts.

In addition to the overall management of the Department of Finance, the Director of Finance is responsible for budgeting, financial planning, financial report preparation, pre-audit of all cash disbursements, and supervision of the Town's annual independent financial audit.

At the Town Council meeting on May 19, 2008, the Annual Budget 2008-2009 was adopted in the amount of \$57,900,396. The General Government budget was \$27,841,172, the Board of Education budget was \$27,192,227, and the Debt Retirement budget was \$2,866,997.

A mill rate of 29.2 was set to fund the budget. This mill rate is 0.8 mills higher than the prior fiscal year. A net taxable grand list for October 1, 2007 of \$1,656,796,317, a 1.28% increase over the previous year, and a tax collection rate of 99.4% were used as the basis for setting the mill rate. For the 2008-2009 budget, \$550,967 was used from fund balance as a revenue source with \$271,173 of undesignated fund balance being applied to the capital improvement budget.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, total revenues were \$56,369,481 and total expenditures were \$56,260,956. The general fund undesignated fund balance at yearend was 6.34% of the total 2009 expenditures on a budgetary basis. The Town Council has passed a resolution targeting an undesignated fund balance at a 5% level of expenditures to provide resources to finance unforeseen emergencies and improve the Town's bond rating. In addition, in February 2006, the Town Council passed a resolution that moneys in the undesignated fund balance from the preceding fiscal year that exceed 6% of General Fund expenditures be applied to the capital improvement budget as determined by the Town Council. For the 2009-2010 town budget, \$129,239 of undesignated fund balance will be applied to the capital improvement budget.

On November 30, 2000, Moody's Investor Service assigned an **Aa3** rating on the Town of Rocky Hill General Obligation bonds. This was an upgrade from A1. The Town last issued \$10.9 million in General Obligation Bonds on August 1, 2004. These are twenty year bonds with an average interest rate of 4.27.

Financial Statements

The Town Charter requires that the Town's financial records be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, appointed by the Town Council. The audited financial statements must also be filed with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The accounting firm of Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C., of West Hartford, performed the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 financial audits. Copies of the Town's audited financial statements are available for public inspection in the Town Library and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Police Department

Michael D. Custer, Chief

860.258.2758

The Rocky Hill Police Department was organized in 1938 and has been serving the community with pride and distinction ever since. The Department began operations with a single officer and has grown to an organization of thirty-four sworn personnel and fifteen support personnel. The Department is organized into three main divisions:

Patrol

The Patrol Division is commanded by an Operations Lieutenant. There are five Sergeants and twenty Officers assigned to this Division. This Division provides twenty-four hour a day police service. Officers are highly trained and work with the latest technology. Patrol personnel are first responders to medical emergencies and conduct initial investigations of all reported crimes.

Investigations

The Investigations Division is commanded by an Investigations Lieutenant. There are four Detectives and one Youth Officer assigned to this Division. Detectives are specialized investigators who assist the Patrol Division in case investigation. Detectives are assigned non-routine and complex cases in an effort to free up Patrol personnel. The Youth Officer is actively involved in the school system and is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving juveniles.

Communications

The Communications Division is commanded by a Patrol Sergeant. There are seven full-time and one part-time civilian Communications Officers assigned to this Division. The Communications Division provides twenty-four hour a day emergency 911 coverage to the community. It also provides dispatching for all police, fire and ambulance radio transmissions and calls for service. The Communications Division handled 25,552 calls for service in 2009.

Community Service Programs

The Rocky Hill Police Department offers a number of community service programs to the public. All of these services are carried out by police personnel who have received specialized training in each area of expertise.

- Child Car Seat Inspection & Installation.
- Cops & Tots Reading Program.
- Crime Prevention Awareness.
- D.A.R.E. Program.
- Neighborhood Block Watch.
- Police Explorer Post 911.
- Police Internship for College Students.
- Police Ride-Along Program.
- Project Kid Care.
- Toys for Tots.
- Youth Life Skills Program.

Total police training hours	3,128
Total criminal arrests	376
Total medical calls	2,420
Total motor vehicle accidents reported	535
Total motor vehicle infractions issued	1,214
Total town tickets issued	465
Total false alarms	780
Total animal complaints	327
Total criminal cases assigned	144
Total community service events	58
Total child car seats installed	95

A Police Community Partnership

The Rocky Hill Police Department is committed to Community Policing and has forged a police-community partnership based on courtesy, professionalism and respect. The Rocky Hill Police Department welcomes visitors and extends an open invitation to the public to stop by and meet members of the Department. Tours of Police Headquarters are gladly given by appointment.

Health Department

Paul Hutcheon, MPH, RS, Director
860.721.2822 or 860.258.2758

The Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) is the local health department serving the towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield. The Health District is responsible for providing comprehensive environmental and public health programs and services to a population of just over 94,600 people. This includes enforcement of state and municipal public health and environmental health laws pertaining to such areas as food establishments, public pools, motels, septic systems, private wells, day care centers, rental housing, rodent control, litter and nuisance complaints. The District coordinates a variety of health education and promotion programs including foot care, nutrition education, diabetes self-care and several health screening clinics. The District is also responsible for the investigation and follow-up of all reportable communicable diseases. The Central CT Health District is committed to preserve, protect, promote and improve the quality of life in a healthy environment through the prevention of diseases, ongoing health education opportunities and the enhancement of the well being of its citizens.

Accomplishments

- One of our most challenging efforts this year was our response to the H1N1 Swine Flu outbreak that began in April. Initial efforts focused on working with school officials regarding school closures, advising municipal leaders and providing current/accurate information to the public. We planned to become a vaccine provider to offer public vaccination clinics.
- We participated in numerous health fairs and expos including the UPBEAT picnic in Berlin, Senior Expo in Newington, and the CCMC School Safety Fair in Wethersfield to name a few. The District has been successful in obtaining several grants allowing us to offer a variety of programs and services. Through the efforts of our Health Educator and our Community Health Coordinator we have obtained funding to support: cholesterol screening and education; diabetes education; dental screening and cleaning for seniors; asthma prevention; healthy meal choices in restaurants; child safety seat inspection clinics; and a seat belt use awareness program for high school seniors.
- With the help of volunteers we provided 3,192 flu shots and 129 pneumonia shots during 6 clinics.
- We were grateful to be able to continue to establish community partnerships and collaborations with various agencies and town departments including senior centers, community centers, police and recreation departments, libraries etc.
- We initiated our salon regulation program, hired a part-time salon inspector and inspected and licensed over 160 salons.
- We updated our Community Health Report Card that includes demographics and information on variety of reportable diseases and conditions. This report has been prepared for the last 7 years allowing for comparisons to be made over time. A copy is posted on our web site.
- We continued to offer a variety of health programs and services on a district-wide basis including:
 - Foot care for seniors.
 - Senior dental screenings.
 - School based asthma prevention program.
 - Diabetes Self-Care Program.
 - Radon kits and bicycle helmets sold at reduced rates.
 - Screenings for glucose, skin cancer, osteoporosis, cholesterol, pulmonary and vascular disease.
 - Prescription drug counseling service for seniors.
 - Cholesterol education.
 - Mental aerobics.
- We are very thankful to have a considerable number of volunteers who donate their time and expertise to help support our programs and services. Many of the programs and services that we offer, in particular our annual seasonal influenza and pneumonia immunization clinics, would not be possible without them. We hosted a Volunteer Reception as a way of saying "THANK YOU" for their support.

Engineering & Highway Department

James C. Sollmi, P.E., L.S., Director
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Services

The Engineering Department provides engineering services for all Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees, and assists the general public in resolving engineering problems which include: drainage, erosion, sidewalks, wetlands, highways and street lighting.

Staff

Staff Includes Director James Sollmi P.E., an Engineering Technician (Bob Alvarado), a Project Engineer (Steve Sopelak), a part-time construction inspector (Gene Salvatore) and a shared Administrative Assistant (Marge Nevico). The Director is a licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor. Bob Alvarado is the Enforcement Agent for the Inland Wetlands Commission and attends their meetings. Engineering reports are made to the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Town Council. The project engineer utilizes AUTOCAD to perform in-house designs for roadway improvements, drainage, sidewalks, parks projects, etc.



Accomplishments

- Engineering provides monthly review reports to the Planning and Zoning Committee, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, and Town Council. Conducts hearings and field reviews as Inland Wetlands Enforcement Agent and Administrative Officer.
- Inspection of construction of various residential subdivision improvements including, drainage, roadway and sidewalk construction for conformance to Town standards; inspect public and private improvements for bond releases.
- Issued permits and inspect street excavations for utility connections.
- Reviewed various problems and concerns and recommended corrective action.
- Reviewed site plans prior to approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Reviewed plans and applications and made recommendations for consideration by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.
- Prepared reports requested by the Town Manager, investigated complaints and recommended solutions.
- Recommended acceptance of subdivision streets.
- Prepared and supervised the traffic line painting program.
- Conducted field surveys and designs for Town projects utilizing AUTOCAD.
- Supervised construction of sidewalk repairs throughout town.
- Administers the LOCIP grant program to fund sidewalk repair program.
- Work with the Highway department to establish the road overlay program.
- Phase 2 Storm Water Quality permit included, annual discharge testing, and annual DEP report.
- Maintained a Geographical information systems with public access via the Internet.
- Committee representation: CRCOG Transportation, MDC Public Works, Façade Improvement.
- Design reviews of Silas Deane streetscape improvement project.
- Designed and obtained stimulus funding for Old Main Street reconstruction.
- Began repairs of Old Main Street bridge over Goff Brook.
- Designed drainage improvements for Westbrook Street.

Facilities Management Department

Richard G. Cooke, Director
860.258.7669

The Facilities Department provides support services for all Town Buildings. Of the nineteen buildings operated and maintained, five are schools. Services include Channel 16 Local Government Access, Information Technology, Building Operations, Preventive Maintenance and Repairs, Custodial Services, Project Management, Capital Improvements, and Snow Removal.

Operations

The Director is responsible for budgeting, staffing, resource allocation, administration, project management, building operations, custodial services, Channel 16 Government Access, and Information Technology. A full time secretary supports the administration of the department. An assistant and three multi-trades mechanics are responsible for performing general repairs, service, and preventive maintenance.

Custodial

Twenty-five full time and part time custodians are responsible for cleaning the buildings. Summer help offsets staffing shortages. Custodial services include window washing, carpet care, floor refinishing, painting, snow removal, light bulb replacement, and trash removal. Additional support services provided by the custodial staff include: setup, breakdown and cleaning for special events.

Information Technology

Under the direction of the Facilities Director, technology staff meets to evaluate the Town's existing technology plan, and to plan future network and computer upgrades. Technology staff consists of three full time employees. Staff maintains the infrastructure that provides high speed connectivity to departments including the Board of Education and the schools. Hardware and software profiles are used to assist in the upgrading and/or replacement of obsolete hardware and software. The network consists of a combination of fiber optics and Cox Cable for external connectivity. The Town Hall Campus Buildings are connected with fiber-optic cables. Remote buildings and schools are connected via Cox Cable. The Help Desk manages service requests, asset inventory, and hardware/software acquisitions to provide employees with a single point of contact for answers to technical questions. The Town of Rocky Hill website www.ci.rocky-hill.ct.us provides valuable information about Town



services, departments, and committee agendas and meeting minutes. The main Town website also links to other Town websites such as Parks and Recreation, Cora J. Belden Library, Police Department, Schools and others.

Channel 16 – Local Government Access

Town meetings and events are produced, recorded, and broadcast on Channel 16 Local Government Access including: Town Council, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Wetlands, and others. The Facilities Director and I.T. Staff manage the media room equipment, perform programming, maintain and update the informational scroller, and provide program schedules on the Town website.

Accomplishments

- Replaced roof on Channel 14 RHCTV building.
- Increased security measures in Town Hall.
- Painting of exterior main entrance at RHHS and painting of over 400 doors at RHHS
- Upgrades to bleachers at RHHS and Stevens School for Accessibility and Code Compliance.

Cora J. Belden Library

Mary Hogan, Director
860.258.7621

The Cora J. Belden Library, located at 33 Church Street, is open 7 days a week during the school year and 6 days during the summer. Whether people come to borrow books, attend a meeting, listen to a story, come as a family to work on a craft project, get information for a class assignment, read the newspaper, use a computer database, type a resume on word processing software or surf the Internet, the library has something to offer every age and interest group in town. Through our website at www.rockyhilllibrary.info, customers can also access the library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Customers can renew materials, place holds, request items for the library to purchase, ask a question, record their summer reading, reserve a museum pass, sign up for children's programs and request interlibrary loans. The library also subscribes to Info Anytime, a real-time, web-based reference service provided by professional librarians. "Almost Due" courtesy reminders and item availability notices are sent out to patrons who have registered their email address.

Museum passes continue to be a popular program. During the year, 20 museum passes were checked out 451 times. The most popular passes are: Mystic Aquarium, Wadsworth Athenaeum, The Children's Museum and Dinosaur State Park. Thanks to the Friends of the Cora J. Belden Library for funding this program. In addition to the passes funded by the Friends, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection provided a Connecticut State Park & Forest day pass program which was used every weekend throughout the summer and was often checked out during the week too. Patrons were able to visit all the major state parks (including Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, and Rocky Neck State Park in East Lyme) and any museum located at a state park (such as Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, Fort Trumbull State Park in New London and Gillette Castle State Park in East Haddam).



Accomplishments

- A state funded \$850,000 renovation project on the library was started in May of 2009. Items that were replaced or upgraded included a new roof, front steps, handicapped access ramp, heating and air conditioning system and a fire alarm system. This was the largest renovation to the library since a 1979 addition to the south side of the building.
- Circulated 271,041 items to library borrowers.
- 166,609 library customers visited the library at an average of 63 people per hour.
- Answered 20,404 reference questions.
- Served 8,024 library cardholders.
- Maintained a collection of over 65,000 items, which includes books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, audio books, compact discs, puppets, toys, graphic novels, downloadable books and other items.
- Handled 13,645 reserves and interlibrary loan requests.
- Coordinated 254 children's and family programs attended by 8,728 people.
- The library's meeting rooms were used 355 times.

Planning & Building Department

Kimberley A. Ricci, Director
860.258.2766

The Town's Planning and Zoning activities take place at two levels, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and the Town Planning Department. The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of eight members, five regular members and three alternate members. The Town Council appoints the Commission members for two-year terms. The Commission's staff consists of a full-time professional Director of Planning and Building, who is directly responsible to the Town Manager, an Assistant Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and an Administrative Assistant who works for both the Director of Planning and Building and Director of Engineering and Highways.

Working closely with the Director of Economic Development, Planning Staff meets regularly with potential developers, attorneys and the general public to educate them as to the processes, regulations, Plan of Conservation and Development, and about the Town of Rocky Hill. The department works closely with the Town's contracted Grant Administrator for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), L. Wagner & Associates. Rocky Hill serves as the lead Town in the Tri-Town Rehabilitation Program for income dependent households seeking to improve their property to meet the housing quality standard as established by the grant.

As the Planning and Zoning Commission is the primary agency responsible for overseeing development with the Town, the Commission prior to construction must approve all new development. During the review period, the Commission may request modifications to the development plans to ensure compliance with Town regulations and the recently adopted Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission functions in a representative role on behalf of the public. The role of the Commission is also one of an educational nature, which serves to stimulate interest in planning. Finally, the Commission performs a coordinator role in working with other public and private agencies to integrate the total governmental planning effort. In addition, the Commission has been designated as the Aquifer Protection Agency (RHAPA) and as such acts in a separate and distinct capacity from PZC. RHAPA is in the process of preparing the Town's Aquifer Protection Regulations, which must conform to the CT DEP guidelines.

Accomplishments

- Held twelve regular meetings.
- Elected officers - Anthony Dilorenzo, Chairman; Henry Vasel, Vice Chairman; Barry Goldberg, Secretary.
- Conducted eight public hearing nights, some prior to scheduled meetings.
- Held six special meetings.
- Renewed one soil removal and/or fill permits on a biannual, quarterly and/or monthly basis.
- Reviewed twenty-one site plans/special permits, accessory apartments, and any modifications thereto, this does not include requests for bonds reductions/releases.
- Reviewed four subdivision/re-subdivision plans.
- Reviewed four zoning/re-zoning amendments, including a pre-application review process.
- Reviewed several miscellaneous bond issues, referrals to Town Council, and/or waivers.



The Zoning Board of Appeals held nine regular meetings. The ZBA heard twenty-two applications, of which twenty were approved. The majority were for variances for bulk requirements. There were two appeals of a decision of Zoning Enforcement Staff. There were two applications under the Connecticut General Statutes for motor vehicular related uses. New Officers for the Board were elected: Joseph Coelho, Chairman; James Reilly, Vice Chairman; Phillip Benoit, Secretary.

Fire Department

Michael P. Garrahy, Chief
860.258.7603

The Rocky Hill Fire Department is an innovative and diverse department of about 100 dedicated individuals. We are very fortunate to have some of the most talented people in the fire service working here. We value the history and the traditions of our department; an organization built upon the strong foundation created by our past leadership; without them we could not tackle the challenges of the future.

As a department we value our past, see many present possibilities and are looking forward to the challenges of the future. We are committed to giving the citizens of Rocky Hill the best service possible not only because it's our job but also our privilege.

Progressing forward, we are committed to the concept of safety based management. We accomplish this through a progressive training program coupled with ever-present safety overview.

Whenever possible we integrate new technologies and concepts to assist us with our mission.

Accomplishments

- A web-based training system has been created to assist members in completing their required OSHA and regulatory related firefighter core training topics.
- All personnel have been First Aid, CPR, and A.E.D. certified. Furthermore, the department has 3 firefighters enrolled in the American Heart Association First Aid; AED/CPR instructor course which when completed will allow us to facilitate future certification requirements.
- Rapid intervention, confined space, firefighter safety and survival training was conducted utilizing both in-house and State Fire Academy Instructors.
- The department has completed OSHA mandated refresher training for Hazardous Materials Operations level.
- Blood borne Pathogens, metering, level B protective suits, firefighter accountability and incident command training have been maintained.
- All fire department personnel have had Mark 1 initial training and refresher training as mandated by Homeland Security.
- All department members have been trained, certified and are compliant for positions/ rank, to the IS 100, 200, 300 and N.I.M.S. 700 and 800 levels as mandated by FEMA.
- The department has 14 members that recently achieved certification to the firefighter 2 level. The department currently has 3 members in a firefighter 2/hazardous material operations certification program scheduled to be completed in the first week of June 2010.
- The department has updated the training division and individual fire stations training resource libraries to maintain compliance with the requirements of the Insurance Service Organization.
- The department is in the process of building a fire training ground for training our members and members of surrounding towns. The training ground will have areas to train on live fire, search and rescue, and natural gas fire. Work has continued throughout the year with the design and build phase of the burn complex which should be in operation by early summer.



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Town Clerk Department
Ronald K. McNamara, Town Clerk
860.258.2705

The Town Clerk is a full-time official appointed by the Town Council. The Town Clerk also serves as Registrar of Vital Statistics; and FOI Liaison. The Town Clerk's office is responsible for a variety of municipal and intergovernmental services. The Town Clerk's staff consists of an Assistant Town Clerk and an Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics. The Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Charter and local ordinances govern this office. Municipal services represent direct services to the public, and intergovernmental services represent indirect and internal services. The Town Clerk's office works closely with the Town Manager's Office, the Office of the Secretary of the State, State Health Department, State Tax Commissioner and State Public Records Administrator. Municipal services are divided into six categories:

1. Land Records

Recording and filing of official documents and lists, including land and property deeds, property maps and other land record instruments, including mortgages, releases, assignments, financing statements, federal/state/municipal and water district liens. A multi-year document restoration program is being conducted, which when completed will have preserved all of the Town's oldest land records. Visit land records on-line at www.ci.rocky-hill.ct.us/resolution.

2. Vital Statistics

Maintains records of all civil unions, births, marriages and deaths, issues civil union licenses, marriage licenses, burial and cremation permits, etc., certified copies of vital statistics.

3. Recordings

Records agendas and minutes of all meetings of town boards and commissions. Records discharge papers for veterans residing in Town.

4. Licenses

Issues licenses for dogs, hunting, fishing, trapping, pheasant stamps, duck stamps, vendor permits, liquor licenses and notaries.

5. General

Administers oath of office to members of boards and commissions, administers oath to new voters, distribution of information to vendors, media, Town departments and the general public. The Town Clerk is certified as FOI Liaison.

6. Request for Public Records

Answers in a timely fashion, and provides certified and non-certified copies of minutes, land records, reports, business listings, dog listings, elected/appointed officials, etc.



The other area of responsibility is intergovernmental services, which can be categorized as follows:

Did You Know?

Land Record information is available on-line.

Go to the Town Clerk's page on the Town Website at www.ci.rocky-hill.ct.us

Election

Town elections, primaries and referendums, legal notices relative to elections, review finance statements; resolve election/voter problems; records of all election documents and results. Certifies nomination papers and petitions.

Administration

Reviews and evaluates office procedures; measures the efficiency of methods used to deliver services; prepares the Department's Annual Report; submits monthly reports on vital statistics, sportsmen's licenses; etc. Establishes department goals, assigns and supervises tasks; keeps staff informed of changes in the law; solicits and implements suggestions of the staff to better serve the public.

Parks & Recreation Department

Lisa M. Zerio, Director
860.258.2772

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of 4 divisions: Parks, Seniors, Recreation, and Aquatics. Full-time staff consists of one Director of Parks and Recreation, one crew leader, one Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor, one Elderly Services Coordinator, one Aquatics Director/Recreation Supervisor, one Recreation Supervisor, five maintainers, and one full-time secretary.

The Department is responsible for park development, park maintenance, recreation programming, senior citizen programming, and aquatic programming for the community. The Parks and Recreation Department plays a strong role in assisting many community groups in their events and programs. We provide technical assistance, event set up and break down, and many other types of services. The Department also serves as the Tree Warden.

The Department has a Parks Advisory Board, a committee comprised of six members, serving in an advisory capacity.

Accomplishments in the Recreation Division

- Summerscape - averaging 240 youth a week.
- Special Needs group being implemented into camp.
- New after school program Camp Galaxy.
- RecTrac- confirm reservations, rooms, times, facilities, downloading all departmental programs and offerings.
- Special Events-Fallfest, Bunny Breakfast, Fishing Derby Winter Wonderland, Car Show.
- February and April Vacation Camps Hershey Track & Field, karate, Bright Beginnings.
- Liaison to Travel Soccer and Little League regarding schedules, field maintenance, lighting schedules, tournaments. Liaison to Board of Education- Give Back Day, Project Graduation, athletic events, band competition, and choral concerts.
- Held weekly Teen Center programs & special events.
- Youth basketball-516 participants.
- Special Needs Programming- field trips and Music Therapy programs.
- Travel basketball league-90 participants.
- Fall soccer- 350 participants.
- Adult programs- basketball league, softball leagues, drop in basketball, adult theatre program, golf, aerobics, strength training, Boston and NYC Trips.
- The Dog Park Committee was very active in fundraising efforts.



Accomplishments in the Parks Division

- Ball field preparation of 19 fields.
- Town wide mowing, trash pick up, pruning shrubs and trees, stump grinding, leaf pickup, High School athletic event cleanup, storm damage clean-ups.
- Responded to over 100 tree calls.

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Parks & Recreation Department (continued from page 18)

- Refresh playground surfacing at all playscapes, playground maintenance, equipment maintenance/repair, repaired turfcats, repair lighting towers, tune-up and repair snow blowers for Facilities, service- HR15, case backhoe, sandpros, bobcat, rebuild and upgrade water buffalo, park furniture benches/bleachers/picnic table repairs.
- Irrigation repairs, till and drag ball fields, winterize all irrigation systems.
- Set up for Band Backer competition Show, Lend a Paw Day, Graduation, Travel Soccer Tournament, Holiday Celebration, Concerts, Fallfest, Fishing Derby, Movies in the Park.
- Preventative maintenance program.
- Ice checks for Elm Ridge Pond.
- Elm Ridge pool; work in restrooms, filter room, prepare pool for season.
- Install 15 docks and 6 ramps before boating season, remove and shrink-wrap after season.
- Start renovation of DiMauro Baseball Field infield area.
- Applied for Trails grant.
- 120 highly maintained acres; 140 moderately maintained acres; 275 acres of open space.
- Director serving as first female president of the CT Tree Warden Association.
- Installed new swing sets at Stevens School.

Accomplishments in the Senior Division

- Facilitated senior bus trips, (2) senior picnics and annual holiday parties.
- Held Older American Month Event - Ice Cream Social, held Thanksgiving luncheon for 70, Valentines Day Party, St Patrick's Luncheon, (2) summer picnic for 80 participants each, Annual Senior Luncheon for 100 participants, with presentation of the senior of the year award and free bingo.
- Served 4000 meals at senior lunch program.
- Coordinate senior computer programs and lab time. Coordinate senior arthritis exercise, blood pressure checks, foot care clinics, bingo, bridge, crocheting, wood carving, senior stretch, walk track, senior serenaders, mahjong, glucose screenings and cholesterol screenings.
- Liaison to Senior Setback, AARP, Rocky Hill Senior Friday Club and Stepney Seniors.
- Met with various administrators regarding assisted living facilities and homecare providers.

- Coordinated Vigorous Minds Computer programs for seniors.
- Provided informational seminars on preventive care, health issues (i.e. diabetes, macular degeneration and heart), and identity theft.

Accomplishments in the Aquatic Division

- Supervise High School Pool and Dr. David W. Moser Memorial Pool.
 - Attended several seminars on becoming compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act.
- Offered year round Sea Lions Swim Team with 140 swimmers.
- Children's swim lessons held spring, summer, winter with 420 participants.
- Coordinated Dog Day at the Pool, held vacation swims and pool float nights.
- Attended CRPA Lifeguard Olympics committee, CRPA Lifeguard College, aquatics section meetings.
- Offered Water Safety Instructor Aide class, conducted ongoing staff training.
- Attended ADA training. Attended Red Cross Lifeguard Training Instructor Trainer orientation class and successfully completed NRPA - Aquatics Facility Operators course.
- Liaison to BOE for aquatic events and programs.
- Supervise Ferry Park Boat Launch.
- Taught Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor class.
- Trained lifeguards in Red Cross Training.
- Seal Lions Swim Team banquet.



Fire Department (continued from page 16)

- The trench, confined space and vehicle rescue portions of the training facility have been completed and are in operation.
- The department has implemented a “Rip & Run” program with installation of printers at each fire station so that all information received from dispatch regarding a fire call or call for assistance will be available to all responding units on a form. This provides location information, hazards, hydrant locations, data-trac numbers and building construction.
- The department has been working towards a change in how we are dispatched to fire calls. We will soon be dispatched by apparatus for each call type. This has required the department to list all calls for service that the Fire Department may be called for and assign specific apparatus for each depending on the call location.
- The department continues to update pre-plans of large complexes, homebound lists, new businesses or homes that are being built and other changes to the Fire Department response areas.
- The department has implemented a Standards Committee consisting of representatives from each company and the staff. The Committee researches and tests equipment that the department proposes to purchase. The Committee also tries different procedures for firefighting and rescue and makes recommendations to the department as a whole.
- Fire Training Man-hours will be approximately 11,500 for the fiscal year 2009-2010.
- All apparatus and equipment is maintained in accordance with NFPA standards and manufacturer’s recommendations.
- The town has received and continues to maintain an Insurance Service Organization rating of Class 3.
- Physical examinations are conducted to maintain personnel at an operation readiness level.
- The department maintains an aggressive Respiratory Protection Program which includes annual fit testing for personal protective equipment.
- The department implemented a Safety Committee Program to review matters related to safety within the department.
- 22 members have been issued new bunker gear.
- The Fire Cadet Program for teenage citizens interested in community service continues to be a success – it dates back to 1977.
- The department continues to support the community with fire prevention classes conducted from preschool through the middle school level, and attends, and supports other community functions, such as fire protection at bonfires, fire watches for large schools and public assembly venues and rescue services for river events.
- Upgraded NFIRS reporting system to 100% computerized reporting and continues to monitor State of Connecticut compliance.
- The department responded to 602 calls for the fiscal year.
- Conducted over 500 building inspections, and over 250 building re inspections.
- Witnessed approx. 600 man hours of blast site observations.
- Performed approx. 105 plan reviews on proposed construction and renovation projects totaling approx. 1,500,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- Conducted several fire investigations to determine cause and origin.

Station #1, 739 Old Main Street.

- Truck 1, 104’ Sutphen Aerial
- Engine 2, 1250 GPM [gallons per minute] Rescue pumper
- Engine 4, 1500 GPM Pumper
- Rescue 1, Light Rescue Truck
- Fire Police Unit 25

Station #2, 52 New Britain Ave.

- Truck 2, 105’ Pierce Aerial
- Engine 3, 1250 GPM Rescue Pumper
- Engine 6, 1500 GPM Pumper
- Fire Police Unit 22

Station #3, 3050 Main Street.

- Truck 3 95’ Tower Ladder
- Engine #1, 1750 GPM Foam Pumper
- Rescue #2, Heavy Rescue Truck
- Fire Police Unit 24

Registrar of Voters

Patricia Beyer, Republicans 860.258.2760
Janet Viggiano, Democrats 860.258.2715

In 2008-2009, a Presidential Election was held on November 4, 2007. The town -wide turnout was 82%.

A special voter making session was held at Rocky Hill High School. Twenty-three (23) new voters were added to the rolls.

A NOCA voter canvass was conducted in March. This canvass is held every year. In this canvass the post office notifies our office of people who have moved within town or out of town. A letter in a postage paid envelope is then sent to the identified voter by our office confirming this move. Our office then makes the necessary changes — by changing the address or taking the voter off the voter list.

In June, 2009 there were 10,677 registered voters in Rocky Hill.

Democrats	4,632
Republican	2,254
Unaffiliated	4,558
Other	12



Building Department
J – P “Peter” Langlois, Building Official
860-258-2733

Building Department, J – P “Peter” Langlois, Building Official

The Building Department, a division of the Department of Public Safety, ensures that all building construction conforms to National and State Building and Mechanical codes. Conformance with these codes protects the property owner through the regulation of builders and tradesman to insure quality and safe construction.

The division employs a Building Official, a Mechanical Inspector, a part-time Building Inspector and a Secretary on a full-time basis.

The office has the legal obligation to provide services under the Connecticut State Statutes; State Building Codes, Connecticut Supplement adopted December 31, 2005, Article One, Department of Public Safety. In accordance with Section 29-252-16, this code is the Building Code for all towns, cities and boroughs, and for all State agencies. In accordance with Article 109, Chapter 541, Part 1a, each town, city or borough shall appoint an official to administer this Code, and this officer shall be known as the Building Official.

The Building Official reviews all applications for permits to insure that plans proposed comply with applicable Codes; that the plans and specifications have sufficient detail; that they are drawn to scale; and, in case of construction on virgin land, the Building Official insures that an A-2 survey is submitted showing accurately the distances from lot lines to buildings, including proposed finished grades and elevations. Additionally, the Building Official verifies the proper licensure of trades and/or agents, land surveyors, architects, engineers, etc.; and he confirms ownership and/or other status of the property involved.

Accomplishments

Single Family Residences	16
Residential Alterations	262
New Commercial	3
Commercial Additions or Alterations	67
Miscellaneous	25
Residential Swimming Pools	33
Electrical Permits Issued	265
Plumbing Permits Issued	169
Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning Permits Issued	174
Total Permits Issued	1008
Total Certificates of Occupancy Issued	112
Total Income From Permits (Routed)	\$307,055

Ambulance Services

Vivian Allen, Chief
860.258.7613

The Rocky Hill Volunteer Ambulance Association has been serving Rocky Hill since 1972. Normal hours of operation for the year are: Monday through Friday 6 P.M. to 6 A.M., and all day Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Accomplishments

- The RHVAA responded to more than 1500 emergency calls received through the 911-dispatch center this year.
- Community education, blood pressure clinics, teaching school children about EMS and health and safety are some of the activities of the RHVAA membership. CPR and First Aid training, & flu shot clinic are also offered as time.
- Provided emergency stand-by for town functions and other organizations requesting EMS service at their activities within Town.
- Funded and distributed new medical emergency forms now called the "File of Life" that can be attached to the refrigerator. These forms contain vital medical information and are easily accessible to emergency crews.
- There are now thirty-two active riding members, six new members, five associate members and fifteen inactive life members. Of the riding members, fourteen are at the Intermediate Advanced Life Support level of certification and of those, four are at the Paramedic Advanced Life Support level of certification.
- Established a Bike Team for public events. The Team provides continual emergency medical services at a variety of town-wide functions. The team has been asked to provide out-of-town EMS coverage in other municipalities if they are available.
- A scholarship is offered annually. To qualify, a student must be graduating from Rocky Hill High School or attending college, have been a town resident for at least six months, and be planning a career in a medical or medically-related field.
- A basic Emergency Medical Technician class is conducted annually.
- Riding members and observers receive a minimum of twenty-eight hours of continuing education each year. This includes monthly training sessions, re-certification classes, driver-training classes, PHTLS classes, CPR classes and intermediate training classes.
- All active, riding members of the RHVAA are eligible for life insurance, retirement plan and tax abatement programs provided through the RHVAA and Town of Rocky Hill for the benefit of these members.
- During the past year, the members of RHVAA have given the Town of Rocky Hill more than 20,000 volunteer hours. This included riding time and administrative time. Continuing education time and maintenance of the equipment, vehicles and building used by RHVAA are not included in the prior figure.
- During the day, Aetna Ambulance Service furnishes emergency medical services. Aetna Ambulance has a contract that provides paramedics 24 hours a day, every day of the year, as well as daytime ambulance transport services. Rocky Hill Ambulance has six EMS vehicles: three ambulances, one paramedic vehicle, one vehicle for staff and one vehicle for the Chief.



Human Services Department

Mark A. Williams, LPC, Director
860.258.2724

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department directly or indirectly provides all social services to town residents. Various assistance programs are available for the financially disadvantaged citizens. Some examples are emergency basic needs assistance, energy assistance, tax relief for elderly/disabled renters, and food commodity services. Licensed professional staff offer crisis intervention and short term counseling. Two wheelchair accessible buses provide transportation for elderly/disabled residents. The Youth Services Division offers youth and family therapy. A Municipal Agent for the Elderly provides information and assistance in applying for local and state assistance programs. The Department staff consists of a Director, Youth Services Coordinator, Youth Services Counselor, Administrative Secretary, two Bus Drivers, a part time bus dispatcher, a part time Municipal Agent for the Elderly, and a part time Program Director to coordinate volunteer services.

- We continue to operate various local and state assistance programs for income eligible residents.
- The Department continues to employ a part time Program Director to coordinate volunteer basic needs services for chronically ill residents. Services were provided to 35 residents free of charge by volunteers. This program is named Volunteer Care Team of Rocky Hill, and provides such services as transportation, food shopping, friendly visitation, respite care and chore/errand service.
- The non-perishable food pantry assisted over 100 households. We distributed over 100 food/gift baskets to needy households at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.
- We provide a summer camp assistance fund for financially deprived families to assist with costs associated with summer camp.
- We received approval (third year) on a tri-town transportation grant to expand medical transportation to our senior and disabled residents. Clients received medical transport five days a week to eight surrounding towns and cities effective 7/1/06.
- We purchased a new 2009 replacement bus for our elderly/disabled transportation service. The bus was mostly funded by a State DOT grant. Approximately 75% of the purchase cost was grant money.
- The Department staff spent significantly more time handling energy assistance applications. A 30% increase in applications occurred.
- We arranged for a family budget planning workshop. "Keep the Power On", for financially disadvantaged households. Approximately 25 people attended this workshop sponsored by CL&P.



Assistance Program Statistics

Energy Assistance Cases	210
Financial Assistance Cases	75
Financial Assistance Expenditures	\$ 25,470
Elderly/Disabled Tax Relief Cases	69
Elderly/Disabled Individual Transportation Bus Trips	9,599
Volunteer Care Team Clients – 35 / Total Service Hours	1,246

Human Services Department (continued)

Rocky Hill Youth & Family Services Bureau (RHYFSB), a division of Human Services, is mandated by the CT State Statute 19-m to deliver the Administrative Core Unit (ACU) functions set by the State Department of Education and Connecticut Youth Services Association which include: Community Involvement, Resource Development Management & Administration, Research & Development, Youth Advocacy

RHYFSB also addresses the emotional, social and developmental needs of Rocky Hill children and their families. Community needs are assessed and serviced through a variety of community awareness activities, educational programs and resource coordination.

Community Involvement

The Champions for Youth: the Rocky Hill Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking & Drug Abuse, the Youth Services Advisory Board, and the Local Prevention Council, is comprised of local townspeople, educators, business leaders, and youth and serves as an advisory committee for youth services. "The Coalition" sponsors substance abuse awareness, positive youth development activities and educational programming.

This year, Youth & Family Services completed training staff and community members for a Juvenile Review Board program. This program diverted youth from the court system for first time minor offenses.



Youth Advocacy

In addition to youth and family counseling services, we provide: Community Service Referral Network; Crisis Resource Team involvement; Camperships; RHHS Project Graduation; Red and Green Ribbon Awareness Weeks; Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD); Parent Education Programs; Youth Employment Service (YES) Training; Supersitters Training; Cradle Crier Online Newsletter; Rocky Hill Adventure Program (RHAP); Champions For Youth: the Rocky Hill Coalition-Youth Leadership Training; Teen Support Groups; The Tri-Town Youth Leadership Project; Power Point Presentations and Website Development.



Research & Development

A needs assessment was conducted at RHHS last fall to a random sample of students in grades 9 through 12. The results were analyzed and summarized by UCONN Research Center and the results assisted the Coalition in identifying areas of need for the upcoming year's projects.

Resource Development

The Coalition website was launched last year with the assistance of the Youth Services Advisory Board members. It will continue to be a great marketing tool for future Coalition events and information dissemination. Please check the site at www.rhprevention.com. It is a work in progress and will be updated monthly.

Management & Administration

The YSB Coordinator continues to serve on the CASAC Board (Capitol Area Substance Abuse Council), CYSA Board (CT Youth Services Association) and COC Board (Community of Concern). The YSB Coordinator took a refresher course offered through the State Department of Education regarding needs assessment, strategic planning and program evaluation.

Highways

Glenn R. Parent, Superintendent
860.258.7709

The Highway Department comes under the supervision of the Director of Engineering and Highways and is assisted by the Superintendent of Highways. The Highway Department's main responsibilities are to clean, maintain and repair all public streets and ways including all street signs, both regulatory, and warning; as well as removing snow and/or ice from all town streets and all Town and School properties; to maintain and operate storm drains and culverts, to assist the Sanitation Department in the operation of the Transfer Station, and to operate a central repair facility for Town and School vehicles and heavy equipment. Projects routinely undertaken include: storm drainage and catch basin repairs, culvert maintenance, parking lot construction, roadside mowing and street widening, reclamation and resurfacing.

Other services provided by the Highway Department include spring sweeping of all Town streets and parking areas, yearly catch-basin cleaning, monthly curbside brush pickup, annual collection of discarded Christmas trees, fall curbside collection of loose leaves, monthly grading of the Meadow roads, and monitoring all street lights and traffic signals.

Accomplishments

- 33 catch basin repairs.
- 26 snow and ice callouts.
- Replaced cross pipes on Old Main St.
- Paved Stonehill Dr.
- Installed and repaired missing storm water pipes on Pratt St.
- Harvest Lane, Knollwood Rd, Fernwood Dr, Farview Dr, Elm Ridge Dr and France St street overlays.
- Minor parking lot repairs.
- Culvert maintenance.
- Installed guard rails on Hayes Rd and Cobey Rd.
- Performed site work at the Company 2 Firehouse Training Facility.
- NIMS training for crew.
- Completed annual curbside leaf collection, 843loads.
- Completed annual street sweeping performed in house, catch basin cleaning.

Sanitation: Glenn Parent, Recycling Coordinator

Solid Waste collection, including recyclables, is performed under contract. In addition to weekly curbside collection, the town operates a Transfer Station at the Highway Garage for residents, for disposal of brush, logs, furniture, rugs, computers, TV's, electronics, appliances, metal, etc, certain conditions and fees apply. Please refer to the Town Website www.ci.rocky-hill.ct.us, for the Methods of Disposal Brochure which has the latest information on the Transfer Station, curbside pickup and other services or call 860-258-7709.

Sanitation Disposals

- 6,198 tons residential municipal solid waste.
- 950 tons of bulky waste (furniture, rugs, etc.).
- 1,376 tons of recycling material i.e., all material placed in the curbside blue recycling bins.
- 3,036 gallons of waste oil, sold for \$.36/gallon.
- 296.82 tons of scrap metal which we sold for between \$85 and \$200 per ton.
- 310 propane tanks.
- 835 tires.

- 2,335.06 lbs of fluorescent bulbs.
- 1.068 lbs of ballasts.
- 1,045 gallons of latex paint waste.
- 145 lbs of grease which sold for \$.04/lb.
- 110 gallons of antifreeze.
- 353 mattresses.
- 550 gallons of used oil filters.
- 1,522 lbs of alkaline, NiCad batteries.
- Collected 525 freon units and disposed of 57 lbs of Freon.
- Recycled 121,890 lbs of misc. electronic equipment (computers, printers, etc.).

Received \$25,093 revenue from scrap metal sales, curbside metal pickup, scrap air conditioners, waste oil, grease etc.

Sewer Service

Rocky Hill is one of eight member communities in the Metropolitan District Commission which provides both water and sewer service. The other communities are: Hartford, Newington, Wethersfield, Windsor, Bloomfield, East Hartford and West Hartford. The Sewer Service Charge Account includes funds for the Town's share of the MDC Sewer use charge for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The annual charge also includes the cost of a regional household hazardous waste collection program that is held in each of the eight member communities once a year.

Ratepayers fund water service, while sewer costs are part of each town's tax levy.

Solid Waste Disposal

Loose leaves, which the Town collects every autumn are composted for approximately 2 years in an area in the industrial park. Once they are fully composted, the leaves are brought to a site located on Old Forge Rd. Residents can take mulch for their personal use at no charge. The Town collected approximately 5,731 cubic yard of leaves of loose curbside leaves and another 4,299 cubic yards from the Transfer Station.

Residents are reminded not to put their yard waste in their trash collection containers. All yard waste can be brought to the Transfer Station located at the Highway Garage for disposal during the year.

The Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRRA), whose plant is located in Hartford Meadows at the former coal fired, electric generating plant of Northeast Utilities, burns and generates electricity from solid waste delivered there by Rocky Hill and other towns. They also maintain the former Hartford Landfill off I-91 at Jennings Rd for solid waste disposal (ash and non-combustibles), as well as a recycling center not far from their generating plant.

Recyclables, which include clear/colored glass bottles & jars, clean food and beverage containers, aluminum foil & foil backed tins, aseptic packaging including milk and juice boxes and containers, plastic #1 and #2 (with openings smaller than the container), corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cereal boxes, junk mail, manila folders, mixed paper products, can all be placed loosely in the blue recycling bin, are collected weekly at the curbside. The monies realized are used to reduce the per ton cost paid for waste disposal.

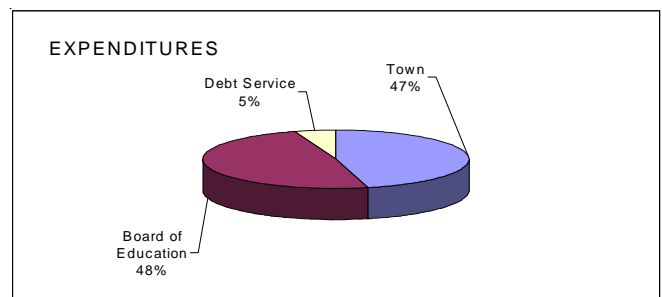
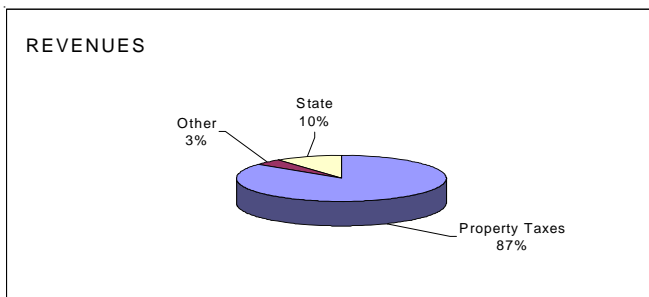


**Town of Rocky Hill General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2009 and 2008**

	2009	2008
ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8,017,430	6,022,079
Investments	75,430	101,230
Property Taxes Receivable	532,970	456,482
Accounts Receivable	126,475	153,481
Interest Receivable	139,493	119,136
Due from Other Governments	387,288	629,573
Due from Other Funds	732,911	722,858
TOTAL	<u>10,011,997</u>	<u>8,204,839</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenditures	1,196,541	290,142
Advance Tax Collections	3,448,864	1,762,465
Due to Other Funds	152,570	402,880
Deferred Revenue	1,001,528	1,553,205
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>5,799,503</u>	<u>4,008,692</u>
FUND BALANCE		
Reserved for Encumbrances	249,965	201,398
Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	389,306	550,967
Undesignated Fund Balance	3,573,223	3,443,782
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>4,212,494</u>	<u>4,196,147</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>10,011,997</u>	<u>8,204,839</u>

**Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	48,958,914	48,912,057	(46,857)
Licenses and Permits	640,950	323,590	(317,360)
Intergovernmental	5,523,642	5,501,225	(22,417)
Charges for Services	617,600	541,689	(75,911)
Investment Income	593,000	145,626	(447,374)
Other Revenue	1,015,323	945,294	(70,029)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>57,349,429</u>	<u>56,369,481</u>	<u>(979,948)</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	2,225,421	2,059,134	166,287
Public Safety	5,413,940	5,252,966	160,974
Public Works	5,214,068	5,121,777	92,291
Health and Human Services	511,382	500,418	10,964
Parks and Recreation	1,432,854	1,355,458	77,396
Facilities	4,347,037	3,806,224	540,813
Library	905,466	874,124	31,342
Insurance	6,479,880	6,262,003	217,877
Miscellaneous	132,880	54,461	78,419
Capital Outlays	1,085,243	973,049	112,194
Board of Education	27,144,483	27,134,345	10,138
Debt Service	2,866,997	2,866,997	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>57,759,651</u>	<u>56,260,956</u>	<u>1,498,695</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		108,525	<u>518,747</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Use of Fund Balance	550,967		
Net Operating Transfers In (Out)	(140,745)	(140,745)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>410,222</u>	<u>(140,745)</u>	
(Deficit) of Revenue and Other Financing	<u>0</u>	(32,220)	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2008		4,196,147	
Encumbrances June 30, 2008		(201,398)	
Encumbrances June 30, 2009		249,965	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2009		<u>4,212,494</u>	



Rocky Hill Public Schools

Jeffrey Villar, Superintendent
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The Rocky Hill Public Schools are operating under a defined mission, vision, and set of goals.

District Mission

The Rocky Hill Public Schools are committed to providing an educational environment in which all students discover and achieve their maximum potential in preparation for productive, meaningful lives and responsible citizenship.

Vision

The Rocky Hill Public Schools believe in the development of competent, ethical, healthy, responsible, and intellectually reflective citizens who demonstrate high levels of achievement in critical academic domains, and can develop their interests and aptitudes in an atmosphere which respects the differences of others and values learning as a life-long pursuit.

Goals

All Rocky Hill students will demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and mastery of communications skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening), mathematics, physical/life sciences, and social studies.

All Rocky Hill students will demonstrate a basic understanding and appreciation for the fine arts, technology, health and fitness, and career options.

All Rocky Hill students will develop habits conducive to health, personal responsibility, and good citizenship essential for living cooperatively and productively in an increasingly complex world.

All Rocky Hill students will explore and develop their aptitudes and interests through an expanding array of opportunities in academics, athletics, arts, extracurricular areas, and community service options.

Student performance on state administered tests continued to exceed the state average for 2007-2008.

Connecticut Mastery Test % Meeting State Goal

		District 2007-08	State 2007-08
Grade 3	Math	69.6	60.0
	Reading	64.6	52.0
	Writing	79.4	63.4
Grade 4	Math	68.3	60.3
	Reading	65.2	55.9
	Writing	73.5	62.9
Grade 5	Math	77.2	65.9
	Reading	68.3	62.2
	Writing	72.0	64.5
Grade 6	Math	65.0	66.4
	Reading	71.7	66.3
	Writing	62.1	61.9
Grade 7	Math	72.0	63.0
	Reading	90.7	71.1
	Writing	79.8	62.0
Grade 8	Math	70.3	60.8
	Reading	79.2	64.8
	Writing	80.2	63.4



**Connecticut Academic Performance Test
% Grade 10 Meeting State Goal, 2nd Generation**

	District 2007-08	State 2007-08	Highest % of All Schools in State
Reading	59.7	45.5	63.8
Writing	71.0	57.9	63.1
Math	60.8	50.1	56.9
Science	57.4	46.3	53.8



Dropout Rates

	District	State
Cumulative Four-Year Rate, Class of 2007	0.9	6.2
2006-07 Annual Rate, Grades 9 - 12	0.8	1.7
2001-021 Annual Rate, Grades 9 - 12	0.0	2.4

Activities of Graduates

	Class of	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education	2007	91.0	83.4
	2002	90.2	79.7
% Employed or in Military	2007	9.0	12.3
	2002	8.4	16.3

Student Enrollment and Race/Ethnicity

Enrollment		Race/Ethnicity		Number	Percent
Grade Range	PK-12	American Indian		2	0.1
Total Enrollment	2,606	Asian American		285	10.9
5-Year Enrollment Change	4.2%	Black		106	4.1
Projected 2012 Enrollment		Hispanic		158	6.1
Elementary	1,159	White		2,055	78.9
Middle School	650	Total Minority 2007-08		551	21.1
High School	798	Total Minority 2002-03		373	14.9
Pre-kindergarten, Other	56				

**Budget for 2007-08
\$25,777,227**

District Expenditures	Local Revenue	State Revenue	Federal Revenue	Tuition & Other
With School Construction	87.9	10.8	1.4	0.0
Without School Construction	88.7	9.9	1.4	0.0

Staffing Information for 2007-08

Staff Count

# Certified Staff	
Teachers	192.35
Administrators	10.0
Library/Media Staff	4.0
Other Professionals	20.5
% Minority 2007-08	2.1
% Minority 2002-03	1.4
# Non-Certified Personnel	89.45

Student Achievement Test

SAT I: Reasoning Test

	Class of 2007	
	District	State
% of Graduates Tested	91%	77.6%
Mathematics: Average Score	525	504
Critical Reading: Average Score	506	502
Writing Average Score	513	503

Student enrollments in the Rocky Hill Public Schools were at 2,623 as of October 1, 2008

Town of Rocky Hill

LOCATION

Rocky Hill was settled in 1650 as part of Wethersfield, and was incorporated as a separate town in 1843. It is situated on the west bank of the Connecticut River, eight miles south of Hartford. The Town is traversed by State Routes 3, 99 and 160 and Interstate 91.

AREA

13.9 Square Miles

POPULATION

Approximately 18,000

LAND USE

Residential
Commercial and Industrial
Multi-family and Condominium
Open Space

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor, Council, Town Manager

TOWN HALL

761 Old Main Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

2008-09 TAX RATE

29.2 mills

VOTING DISTRICTS

Three

2007 NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST

\$1,656,796,317

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