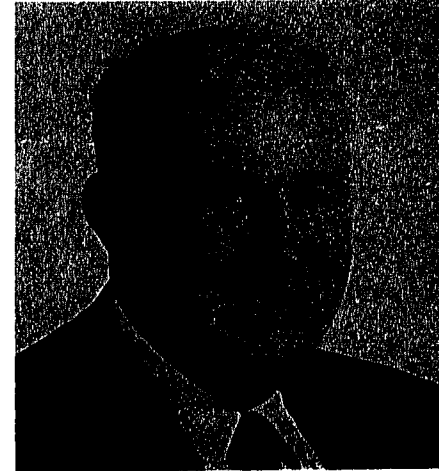


**ANNUAL
TOWN REPORT
OF
GLASTONBURY**

**YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 1956**



ROBERT O. RIDER retired as Town Treasurer, for reasons of health, in the spring of 1956. He had held this position for over 35 years, beginning October 1st, 1921, a tenure of public office probably unequalled in the history of Glastonbury. He was unopposed in all but a very few elections during these many years, a proof of the confidence placed in him by both political parties.

Mr. Rider held office during years of boom and depression, war and peace, and performed his duties as Treasurer faithfully and with skill throughout.—He was elected moderator of almost every Town Meeting during recent years.—Imbued with a high sense of public duty, he served on numerous civic boards and organizations, such as the Free Academy and Park associations.—He did outstanding work on the local committee of the Tercentenary of the State of Connecticut and on the flood and hurricane Disaster committees.—He gave of his time wholeheartedly to the Red Cross and to many other causes.

His fellow citizens deeply regret Mr. Rider's resignation as Town Treasurer and his withdrawal from other public activities. They will always remember with gratitude his great contribution to the welfare of his adopted town. In his retirement they hope to have the continued benefit of his advice and counsel, and wish him a speedy renewal of his health and vigor.

ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

William F. Connery <i>First</i>	Bruce E. Richards <i>Second</i>	John A. Carini <i>Third</i>
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TOWN CLERK TOWN TREASURER ACTING TAX COLLECTOR

John A. Miller	Mervin B. Edmonston	Dorothy B. Finney
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BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

<i>1957</i> Alden F. Smith	<i>1957</i> Merritt B. Pratt	<i>1950</i> Charles R. Saglio
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Herbert T. Clark	Elizabeth D. Wilcox
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BOARD OF FINANCE

<i>1957</i> <i>Beach Area Lane</i> Donald C. Burrey	<i>1950</i> <i>Kimberley Lane</i> Edward V. Schoelzel	<i>1961</i> <i>2016 Main St.</i> John Q. Goodrich
John H. Roser <i>253 Ipswich Rd.</i>	Joseph Sarcia <i>279 Hubbard St.</i>	William G. Affleck <i>2610 Main St.</i>

BOARD OF EDUCATION

<i>1957</i> Thomas B. Rhines B. Baylis Earle	<i>1950</i> James F. Breen Charles A. Bader	<i>1961</i> Anne R. Gustafson Helen M. Shaw
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TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

<i>1957</i> Richard S. Buck Theodore Gurney	<i>1950</i> Henry J. Carini V. C. Brewer, Jr.	<i>1961</i> Charles D. Robin E. Marston Moffatt
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

<i>1957</i> Donald H. Hunt	<i>1958</i> Edward C. Grimshaw	<i>1950</i> Robert E. Goodrich
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<i>1960</i> Richard W. Allen	<i>1961</i> N. F. Kuntzelman
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(Figures indicate expiration of term)

POLICE COMMISSION

<i>1957</i> Edmund Bellotti William H. Mino	<i>1950</i> John F. Casella Joseph A. Goodhue	<i>1961</i> Robert J. Lewis Harold W. Jones
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FIRE COMMISSION

<i>1957</i> Robert G. Parks Lyman F. Matson	<i>1950</i> Dwight E. Weir Gerard D. Cusson	<i>1961</i> Gordon Woodridge John Maggi
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WELFARE COMMISSION

<i>1957</i> <i>Tray St.</i> Mario Accornero Ruth Whittemore <i>104 Hubbard St.</i>	<i>1950</i> <i>Chestnut Hill Terr.</i> John M. Finney Mary M. Downes <i>2875 Main St.</i>	<i>1961</i> <i>100 High St.</i> Harriett K. Hyyppa James A. McAvoy <i>2017 Main St.</i>
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DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

<i>1957</i> B. Floyd Turner Anson J. Hopkins	<i>1950</i> Alice Gurney Emily B. Pickford	<i>1961</i> Martin L. Roser Alice J. Demar
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INCORPORATORS GLASTONBURY FREE ACADEMY

<i>1957</i> Marnee Hellier Robert M. Taylor	<i>1958</i> Kosma J. Thurz Byron H. Griswold	<i>1950</i> Josie Lavalette Howard T. O'Connell
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AGENTS OF TOWN DEPOSIT FUND

Charles Ames	Dorothy B. Finney	Frederick Malecky
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CONSTABLES

Donald Hotchkiss	Allan B. Roth, Jr.
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(Figures indicate expiration of term)

APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNSEL		ASSESSOR
Edward C. Wynne		Ray W. Walz
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	BUSINESS MGR. OF SCHOOLS	
Laurence Paquin	E. John Vincenti	
WELFARE DIRECTOR	FIRE MARSHAL	
Hazel N. Hutt	Albert W. Dickau	
HEALTH OFFICER	ACTING HEALTH OFFICER	SANITARIAN
Dr. Joseph Raffa	Dr. Edwin M. Griswold	John Potkay
BUILDING INSPECTOR	CHIEF OF POLICE	TOWN ENGINEER
Col. John Harry	Terrence J. McKaig	Clarence Welti
TREE WARDEN	DOG WARDEN	DEPUTY DOG WARDEN
George H. Shipman	Frank Kocum	Joseph Bisi

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Bernard W. Funk, <i>Chairman</i>	Robert C. Allen
James S. Forbes	James F. Breen (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Harry Nickel	William F. Connery (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Merritt B. Pratt	John A. Carini (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Peter Monaco	Bruce E. Richards (<i>ex-officio</i>)

DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

<i>1957</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>
Caleb H. O'Connor	J. William Purtill	Alden G. Hastings
<i>1960</i>	<i>1961</i>	
Gordon R. Wooldridge	Henry N. Igo	

(*Figures indicate expiration of term*)

GLASTONBURY SEWER COMMISSION

<i>1957</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>
Ross C. Powell	Henry Saglio	Edwin B. Burdick
<i>1960</i>	<i>1961</i>	
John S. Purtill	Alden G. Hastings	

GLASTONBURY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE

<i>1957</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>
Albert E. Moseley	Howard S. Bidwell	John J. Mozzochi
<i>1960</i>	<i>1961</i>	
Martin L. Roser	Nicholas A. DeGemmis	
James F. Breen (<i>ex-officio—Board of Education</i>)		
John Q. Goodrich (<i>ex-officio—Board of Finance</i>)		
John A. Carini (<i>ex-officio—Board of Selectmen</i>)		

GLASTONBURY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Laurence Paquin	Rev. Karl Blake	William F. Connery
(<i>Chairman</i>)	J. William Purtill	Gerard Cusson
Mrs. Norma Sestero	Terrence J. McKaig	George Harrington
Rev. John J. Graham	John H. Hanna	Vincent C. Brewer, Jr.
Joseph A. Goodhue	William H. Mino	William Roche

GLASTONBURY TOWN COURT

Walter M. Downes	Lester L. Egan
<i>Judge</i>	<i>Deputy Judge</i>
Harvey A. Katz	Karl Blake
<i>Prosecutor and Clerk</i>	<i>Probation Officer</i>
George B. Royster	Earl C. Goodale
<i>Deputy Prosecutor</i>	<i>Court Officer</i>

Nellie Phillips
Clerk, Small Claims Division

(*Figures indicate expiration of term*)

MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETINGS
(Abridged)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 19, 1955

Henry S. Beers, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be hereby ordained that the Town of Glastonbury establish a Development and Industrial Commission known as the Glastonbury Development and Industrial Commission, to have and to exercise all of the powers set forth in Public Act 211 of the 1955 General Assembly or any amendments thereto, under the following ordinance;

Section 1. There shall be a Development and Industrial Commission in the Town of Glastonbury which shall consist of five (5) electors of said Town, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Glastonbury within thirty (30) days of approval of this ordinance by the Glastonbury Town Meeting. One of the members of said Development and Industrial Commission shall serve until October 15, 1956, a second until October 15, 1957, a third until October 15, 1958, a fourth until October 15, 1959, a fifth until October 15, 1960, and upon the expiration of each of said terms, or any subsequent term, the Board of Selectmen will appoint for a period of five (5) years until October 15th of the last year of the term, a successor, or reappoint the incumbent.

Section 2. The members of the Glastonbury Development and Industrial commission shall choose a chairman and secretary from its members by ballot. Any vacancy in said Commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Selectmen. The members of said Commission shall serve without compensation, but the necessary expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Town upon approval of the majority of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. Any Commissioner of the Glastonbury Development and Industrial Commission may be removed by the appointing power for inefficiency, or neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, but a Commissioner shall be removed after opportunity to be

heard in person, or by counsel, before the appointing power, at least ten (10) days prior to which he shall be given a copy of the charges against him.

Section 4. The Commission shall have all the powers granted to Development and Industrial Commissions by Public Act 211 of the 1955 General Assembly and any amendments thereto, and this ordinance is passed by virtue of said Public Act 211, and shall be effective immediately.

On a voice vote, this resolution was unanimously carried.

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon recommendation of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Raymond Road be accepted as a Town Road. So voted.

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, an appropriation not to exceed Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars be and is hereby made to be used for renovation of the heating system and making of such other alterations to the Old Town Hall as are necessary in order to conform to state fire regulations. So Voted.

Merritt Pratt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, an appropriation not to exceed \$5,000 be and is hereby made for the purpose of dredging and otherwise improving the facilities of the Eastbury Park swimming pool.

There was much discussion as to whether \$5,000. should be spent on Eastbury, or another pool site should be considered. On a voice vote, the resolution was declared carried, with a scattered no vote.

Raymond Friel spoke for the Town Office Building Study Committee and submitted a report for the same. Mr. Connery offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the report of the Town Office Building Study Committee be hereby accepted and that said Committee be and is hereby discharged. So Voted.

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the voting hours for the Town Election of October 3, 1955, be extended to the hour of 7:00 P. M. on said October 3, 1955. So Voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 17, 1955

Thomas Rhines, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

W. J. Roche motioned and G. D. Cusson seconded:

That

Resolved that the question of adopting the provisions in Public Act 409 of the 1955 Session of the General Assembly, an act concerning bazaars and raffles, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the Town of Glastonbury on Monday, November 7, 1955, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 6 P. M., said vote to be by voting machine and in the manner prescribed by said Public Act 409.

On a voice vote, this motion was declared carried with a scattered "No" vote.

Item 2—offered by William Connery.

Resolution creating Glastonbury Public Building Committee:

Resolved: That a committee of five electors of the Town of Glastonbury shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury in matters pertaining to the construction of public buildings required by the Town;

And, That said committee shall be so appointed on or before the first of November 1955, with one member to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years, and one to serve five years, and that the Board of Selectmen shall annually thereafter on or before the first of November appoint one member to serve five years, all terms to run from the first of November;

And, That said appointments shall in each case be so made that the committee of five members shall include not more than three members of any political party;

And, That in addition to the five active members there shall be one ex-officio member without vote appointed by the Board of Selectmen from its membership, one similarly appointed by the Board of Finance, and one similarly appointed by the Board of Education;

And, That vacancies occurring in the committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen, except as to ex-officio Board of Finance and Board of Education members, which vacancies shall be filled by appointment by those Boards.

And, That said committee shall be known as the Glastonbury Public Building Committee.

This resolution was unanimously carried.

Item 2b—Offered by William Connery:

Resolution giving duties of Glastonbury Public Building Committee:

Resolved: That the powers and duties of the Glastonbury Public Building Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Committee shall be generally responsible for the planning and construction of such public buildings as may be specifically authorized by the voters in Town Meeting.

2. The Committee shall study sites and building locations for such public buildings as may be proposed by other branches of the town government, and shall, in cooperation with the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, recommend an appropriate site to the Board of Selectmen.

3. When necessary or desirable the Commission shall recommend purchase of a suitable site to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for action by Town Meeting.

4. The Committee shall, as deemed necessary, recommend to the Board of Finance appropriations for each building project, in whole or in part, for action by Town Meeting, and shall be bound by the appropriation so made.

5. The Committee shall at its discretion select an architect for each building project and shall select either directly or indirectly such other professional services as may be required. The Committee shall accordingly contract with such architect or other professional service on behalf of the town.

6. The Committee shall have prepared preliminary and final building construction plans as needed for each project, and shall obtain the approval of such plans by other Town, State, and Federal Boards or Commissions where required either by law or by good practice. Approval by the Town Government body that will administer the building after its completion shall be required in each instance.

7. The Committee shall seek competitive bids for construction of each project and shall make contract awards in accordance with its best judgment for the benefit of the town within the limitation of each related appropriation.

8. The Committee shall arrange for adequate supervision of each project during construction through the use of the services of the architect or by other suitable means.

9. For each project that may benefit by payments to the Town from State or Federal Funds, the Committee shall make applications for such benefits or, in those cases where another branch of the Town Government is by law selected to make such application, the Committee shall recommend such action to the appropriate branch.

10. Upon completion of each building project, the Committee shall turn the project over to the cognizant Town Government body and shall notify such body and the Board of Selectmen of such acts in writing.

11. Subsequent to completion of each project, the Committee shall render to a Town Meeting, in writing, a report on said project and an accounting of the expenditures made under the related appropriation.

This resolution was unanimously carried.

Item 3

Voted: That Three Mile Road Extension be accepted as a Town Road.

Item 4—This resolution was offered by Joseph Goodhue:

Resolution for passage of Solicitors' Ordinance:

Resolved that in order to more adequately provide for police protection for the citizens of the Town of Glastonbury from fraudulent commercial solicitors, the following ordinance regulating solicitors and canvassers be and hereby is enacted by virtue of Section 197C of the 1953 Supplement to the General Statutes, and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Public Act 62 of the 1955 Session of the General Assembly:

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This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Lester Egan offered an amendment to the above resolution as follows:

Resolved: That solicitors and canvassers for charitable organizations be specifically exempted from provisions of this ordinance as to payment of fees. This amendment was thoroughly discussed, amended, re-amended and finally withdrawn by Mr. Egan. The vote on the original resolution was by show of hands and the chair declared carried by a vote of 22 to 13.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 7, 1955

A Special Town Meeting to vote on Question of Adopting Public Act 409, An Act Concerning Bazaars and Raffles was held between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. Sayre B. Rose was Moderator. The vote as recorded by voting machine was as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Machine No. 70299	84	92
Machine No. 61299	81	91
Totals	165	183

The Moderator declared the Question defeated.

Attest:

John A. Miller, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING **November 28, 1955**

Walter Downes, Moderator for the Annual Town Election, was
Moderator for this meeting.

John A. Miller, Clerk

It was moved, seconded and carried that reports of Town
Officers and Commissions be voted on as a group.

Voted: To accept the reports of all Town Officers and Com-
missions as printed in the Annual Town Report.

John Roser presented the Budget as prepared by the Board
of Finance and offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Budget for the fiscal year 1955-56 as
prepared by the Board of Finance in the sum of \$1,442,479.89 be
adopted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Thomas Rhines, it was **Voted:** That the Treas-
urer of the Town be authorized to borrow on the faith and credit
of the Town a sum of money not to exceed \$600,000 for the current
expenses of the Town during the ensuing year, and to issue therefor,
the note or notes of the Town and in renewal thereof as needed.

Upon motion by Harold Harrison it was **Voted:** That the
Annual Town Tax due on the list of 1955 be payable in two equal
installments due April 1, 1956 and July 1, 1956 with the provision
that tax bills under \$30 be paid in one installment due April
1, 1956.

Upon motion by Henry Beers it was voted to table report
from the Town Water Committee, there being no one present from
this Committee to make a report.

Dr. Chubbuck, Superintendent of Schools, explained the hows
and whys of a large increase in the State Aid granted for education.

Mrs. Dana Waring motioned that a vote of thanks be extended
to all persons who gave their time on various boards and com-
missions during the past year. So voted.

Voted to adjourn at 8:25 P. M.

There were approximately 35 persons in attendance.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING **January 23, 1956**

William Connery, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

Charles Bader offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Board of
Education the Town of Glastonbury does sell and transfer to
Nellie Bunk the following described piece of land, containing 0.28
acres:

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in consideration of conveyance to the Town by said Nellie Bunk
of the following described piece of land, containing 0.28 acres:

* * * * *

Resolved that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute
a quitclaim deed to Nellie Bunk for said piece of land and to accept
on behalf of the Town a deed for the aforementioned piece of
land from Nellie Bunk.

This resolution was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Theodore Gurney motioned that upon recommendation of the
Town Plan Commission and the Board of Selectmen, Whapley
Road and a road connectiug Whapley Road and Curtis Road be
accepted as Town Roads. So Voted.

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that We, the legal voters of the Town of
Glastonbury in Town meeting assembled this 23rd day of January,
1956, hereby authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to
enter into agreements in the name and on behalf of the Town of
Glastonbury with the highway commissioner for the expenditure
of all funds to be available to said Town for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 1956 under the provisions of Chapter 106 as amended by
the General Statutes.

This resolution was seconded and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 14, 1956

Richard G. Williams, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

Martin Roser offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the legal voters of the Town of Glastonbury hereby authorize the First Selectman to enter into agreements in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury with the State Highway Commissioner for the expenditure of such funds as may be allotted and approved by the Finance Advisory Committee, for expenditure in the Town of Glastonbury, from funds appropriated to the Highway Department under Section N151 through N156 of the 1955 Supplement of the General Statutes from the Flood Fund. This resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

Martin Roser offered the following resolution:

1. **Resolved** that the Town of Glastonbury purchase the following described parcel of land on the northerly side of Hebron Avenue for a school site from Edward Nordstrom for the price of \$31,153.75:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Hebron Avenue which point is 900 feet easterly of the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Carrie B. Tenner measured along the northerly line of Hebron Avenue; thence proceeding westerly along Hebron Avenue 900 feet to said land of Tenner; thence proceeding northerly along said land now or formerly of Carrie B. Tenner 515 feet more or less to a point; thence proceeding easterly at an interior angle of 91 degrees in a straight line to a point which shall be so located so that a straight line from said point to the point of beginning will cause the herein described premises to contain exactly 15 acres; thence proceeding southerly in a straight line to the point of beginning on Hebron Avenue; said premises to include a drainage easement to Salmon Brook and water pipe easement to the Metropolitan District pipe line.

Aaron Kinne stated he thought the price was too high. John Carini and John Goodrich explained why the Buildings Committee selected the Nordstrom site, and stated their belief that cost of

site improvements here would more than save the high price of the land in question.

The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

John Roser offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Town of Glastonbury appropriate the sum of \$31,153.75 for the purpose of purchasing land from Edward Nordstrom and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to draw on the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring expenditures to defray said appropriation.

This resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

John Goodrich offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to act on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury with respect to said purchase from Edward Nordstrom, to accept a deed for said property on Hebron Avenue, to expend said appropriation, to execute two promissory notes to Edward Nordstrom, each for \$10,650.00 plus interest at 5% from date of execution, one such note plus accrued interest to be due January 2, 1957, and the other such note plus accrued interest to be due January 2, 1958, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to pay said notes when due.

A question was asked why the town should not pay for the land in question in one payment and save interest. Mr. Goodrich answered that the terms were set by Mr. Nordstrom and had to be met by the Building Committee in order to consummate the transaction.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Charles Bader offered the following resolution:

Resolved That the Sum of \$28,000.00 be appropriated by the Town of Glastonbury for use by the Board of Education as follows: \$13,000.00 to be allocated to supplement the operational budget for the current fiscal year and \$15,000.00 to be used to complete the following maintenance work at school properties, (1) electrical work at the Academy School, (2) re-tubing boiler at the Academy School, (3) vacuum return pump at the High School, and (4) repairing and oiling of parking lot at the High School. So Voted.

Action on a proposed ordinance regulating the placing of signs was withdrawn upon recommendation of the Town Counsel.

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved That the following described highway lying within the Town of Glastonbury be discontinued and abandoned and that this town meeting gives its approbation to such discontinuance and abandonment:

That portion of the highway known as Three Mile Road * * *

Mr. Connery stated the reason for the Selectmen recommending discontinuance of this highway and two others was that there were no dwellings on any of these highways at present and it might cost the town a considerable sum of money to construct these roads if they were developed. There was considerable objection from persons owning land along these highways on discontinuance. A rising vote was taken on Mr. Connery's resolution and the vote was 29 in favor of the resolution and 26 opposed. The resolution was declared carried.

Mr. Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the following described highway * * * be discontinued and abandoned and that this town meeting gives its approbation to such discontinuance and abandonment: A road sometimes known as Begin Road * * *

There was strong, loud and long discussion on this resolution also. The question of legality of abandonment arose, also whether a town meeting of many years ago had not already taken action on discontinuance of this so-called Begin Road.

Dana Waring motioned that this resolution be tabled pending a study by the Selectmen of previous town meeting action on this so-called Begin Road to determine its standing at present. So Voted.

Douglass Holman motioned and it was seconded that this meeting reconsider its action of discontinuance of Three Mile Road. On a rising vote, the motion was declared carried by a large majority.

It was then motioned and seconded that the resolution on Three Mile Road be tabled. So Voted.

A resolution was read on discontinuing a certain portion of Dayton Road, but in view of the tabling of the action on the two previous roads, it was voted to table action on Dayton Road.

Richard Buck motioned and it was duly seconded that the Board of Selectmen study all prospects of abandonment and/or discontinuance of duly established but undeveloped town highways and report back at a future town meeting within four months from this date. So Voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 25, 1956

Charles Scaglia, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Town of Glastonbury accept as a town road * * * that portion of Oakwood Drive * * *

This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Connery also offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Town of Glastonbury accept a deed from the Estate of Sarah Dean of a wood lot lying southerly and to the rear of Neipsic Road in the Town of Glastonbury, which deed will be accepted in lieu of taxes owed; said property being bounded and described as follows:

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This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 30, 1956

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, William Connery.

Richard B. Moore, Moderator John A. Miller, Clerk

William Connery offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Cider Mill Road, Russett Road and Baldwin

Lane be accepted as Town Roads conditional upon proper deeds covering said roads and drainage and other easements appurtenant thereto, be given to the Town of Glastonbury by the owner and that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept such deeds on behalf of the Town.

This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

John Roser offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, an appropriation not to exceed \$4,500 be and is hereby made for the purpose of purchasing a tax billing machine, for the Tax Collector's and the Assessor's Office and that said purchase be invoiced after September 1, 1956.

This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Joseph Goodhue offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, an appropriation of \$4,000 be and is hereby made to supplement the operational budget of the Police Commission for the year ending August 31, 1956.

This motion was duly seconded.

Herbert Whittemore, a former police commissioner, discussed the motion at length. He quoted figures of operating costs in Newington, Windsor and Bloomfield where the per capita costs of police departments are around \$6 whereas the per capita cost in Glastonbury is around \$7. Mr. Whittemore stated that over an 8 year period, Highway department costs have increased 170 per cent, Board of Education costs have increased 350 per cent and Police Department costs have increased 500 per cent. Joseph Goodhue disagreed with Mr. Whittemore's conclusions stating the figures were inaccurate. No printed Town reports of these surrounding towns were available at the meeting.

The vote on the resolution was then carried unanimously.

R E P O R T S

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen met weekly throughout the year to approve bills, sign checks, appoint certain Town Officials and Committees, to transact all essential business and to fulfill the mandates of all Town Meetings.

During the past year five miles of roads were added to our highway system, making a total of 106 miles of Town Roads. Two of the five miles were developers' roads, the balance being the three miles of Main Street that were abandoned by the State Highway Department due to the construction of the Glastonbury-East Hartford Expressway, which conforms to the policy of the State Highway Department of not maintaining two parallel roads.

The maintenance of these roads is partially offset by State Grants from Town Aid Funds. The complete formula for the allocation of Town Aid Funds for the year 1956/57 is as follows: \$1,150 per mile for the first twenty-three miles of improved roads and \$306.06 per mile for all mileage in excess of twenty-three, with an allotment for unimproved roads at the rate of \$577.65 per mile. The Town of Glastonbury will receive a total of \$54,163 for the year 1956/57 from State Highway Grants. All money received by the Town from State Highway Grants must be spent under agreements between the Highway Commissioner and the Board of Selectmen. The money used to purchase materials from State Grants is paid by the State direct to the vendors and the expenditures do not appear in the Town Highway Department Budget. The sum of \$54,163 which is available to the Town July 1, 1956 from State Funds will be spent according to the following agreements in effect: an agreement for the sum of \$2,000 for partial payment to grade, drain and construct a gravel base with two and one-half inches of bituminous concrete, a parking area between

the sidewalk and the trolley tracks just south of the rotary in the center of the Town; an agreement for the sum of \$25,000 for the repair and surface treatment (oiling) of Town Roads; an agreement for the sum of \$20,000 for the repair and surface treatment (oiling and armor coating) of Town Roads. The above agreements will leave in the account a balance of \$7,163 of which \$4,000 will be set up under agreement to supplement the Town Highway Budget (1956-57) for snow removal. The balance of \$3,163 will be added to an unexpended balance of \$2,350.57 from an agreement in effect for the construction of a gravel base road on Birch Mountain Road from the presently improved road northeasterly to a point beyond the last house on said road.

The Town has accepted the following developers' roads during the course of the year: Cider Mill Road, Russet Road, Baldwin Lane, Whapley Road, a portion of Oakwood Drive and an unnamed road connecting Whapley Road and Curtis Road. Six other developers' roads have been completed and will be considered for acceptance by a future Town Meeting.

The Town now requires the conveyance of developers' roads by warranty deed whereas in the past the Town took title to the road by accepting the road according to an approved map on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen the Town Meeting considered abandoning certain old wood roads which were assumed to be Town Roads and which would be very costly to improve. Owing to the uncertainty of rights of way in case of abandonment, Town Meetings on two occasions voted "No" on a resolution to abandon. The Board of Selectmen were instructed to make further study and to include the matter in a call for a Town Meeting to be held within ninety days.

Major highway improvements during the year were as follows: the remainder of Hurlburt Street hardsurfaced, a section of Bell Street widened and a blind curve eliminated, a dangerous corner eliminated at the intersection of Ash Swamp Road and Diamond Lake Road. Work was started to improve another section of Birch Mountain Road and an annoying drainage situation on Stockade Road was corrected.

Plans have been prepared to extend the parking area between the cartracks and the sidewalk in the center of Town but the work has been delayed owing to the lack of cooperation on the part of the Connecticut Company in carrying out their agreement to raise the car tracks, which is necessary to obtain proper drainage.

The need for a garage to house the highway equipment has been apparent for many years. Plans were prepared in the middle thirties for a Town Garage and rejected by a Town Meeting. The Public Building Committee has taken this matter under consideration.

The problem of sanitary disposal has become acute, with the State Water Commission persistent in requests that immediate action be taken on the part of the Town to refrain from discharging sewerage from Town maintained sewers into the Connecticut River. The Sewer Commission has made a thorough study of this matter and will report to a future Town Meeting.

Garbage disposal is again becoming a vexing problem. The low price of pork has reduced the number of piggeries in Town and independent garbage collectors are finding it difficult to dispose of their surplus garbage. In the past some of this garbage was taken to neighboring Towns who now have enacted ordinances prohibiting it from being brought across Town lines. Whether the policy of independent garbage collection is to be continued or whether the Town establishes a municipal collection system it will be necessary for the Town to provide land for a sanitary fill method of disposal requiring trenching and filling on a daily basis. Garbage cannot be deposited in the Town Dump, as has been the policy since its establishment about ten years ago.

The Board of Selectmen, with assistance from the Glastonbury League of Women Voters, has appointed a Town Sanitarian to inspect eating places and to make other public health inspections. An Acting Health Inspector was also appointed during the course of the year to act in the absence of the Health Director.

Vacancies occurred in two of the major offices of our Town Government and were filled by the Board of Selectmen by appointment. The death of the Tax Collector, Mr. Harold Harrison, caused a vacancy in the office which was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy Finney as Acting Tax Collector. Mr. Harrison had

served the Town as Tax Collector for many years and was held in high esteem for his courteous, efficient record in this office. Upon the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Robert Rider, Town Treasurer, the Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. John Vincenti as Acting Town Treasurer, which office has been filled by a special election held on August 27, 1956 for a term to expire on the first Monday in October, 1957. A tribute is being paid to Mr. Rider elsewhere in this Annual Town Report for his long meritorious service to the Town of Glastonbury.

Owing to the increase in the amount of work performed by the Highway Department for other Town Departments and to reflect a truer picture of budget expenditures, it is now deemed advisable by the Board of Selectmen to consider the Highway Department Budget as a segment of a budget to be set up as the Public Works Department. The item in the Public Works Department Budget under the heading of "Wages" will provide services for the following: Highway Department, the Recreation Committee, the Welfare Department, the Board of Education, the Police Department, the Civil Defense Council, the care of Town Buildings, the Engineering Department, Clean-up Week under Sanitation, Cemeteries and work pertaining to Elections. Items in the Highway Department Budget to be eliminated are Truck Drivers and Equipment Operators, Foremen, Laborers and Highway Construction. The item of Clean-Up Weeks under Sanitation is to be eliminated and a reduction in the Recreation Committee budget can be made due to service charges in the Public Works Department Budget. The above contemplated changes in the Highway Budget are a simplification of accounting as there will be one account for services for all departments, whereas there are now eight accounts subject to charges.

The Board of Selectmen take this opportunity to express their appreciation for the cooperation of other Town Boards and Officials in their effort to carry out their duties according to statute and to provide the essential services traditional with good government in the Town of Glastonbury.

Board of Selectmen } WILLIAM F. CONNERY
 } BRUCE E. RICHARDS
 } JOHN A. CARINI

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS to the GLASTONBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION 1955-1956

Schools in Glastonbury were in operation 180 days through the year 1955-56. A staff of 121 certified teachers and administrators worked with 2536 learners in six school buildings.

Buildings used in 1955-56 were as follows:

Elementary Academy	Grades 1-6	Secondary
Naubuc	Grades 1-5	Glastonbury High
Eastbury	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
High Street	Grades 1-6	Neipsic
Buttonball Lane	Grades 1-6	Vo-Ag

Average daily membership for ten successive years in Glastonbury has been as follows:

1946-47	1226.74	1951-52	1707.12
1947-48	1274.50	1952-53	1843.28
1948-49	1350.23	1953-54	2030.84
1949-50	1478.42	1954-55	2194.61
1950-51	1588.79	1955-56	2432.42

Administrative Activity

The Administrative Council and the Teachers Advisory Committees continued to work with the Superintendent of Schools on the development of policies for recommendation to the Board of Education. Through the efforts of these groups, recommendations were made for **Leave of Absence Policy** and for **Operating Policies Related to Special Services**. These recommendations were accepted by the Board of Education and have now become standard operating procedures in the school department.

Salary Schedule

Through the efforts of a special professional salary committee working in conjunction with the school administration, recommendations for a salary schedule were submitted to the Glastonbury

Board of Education in November, 1955. Careful consideration of these recommendations and requests were made first by the Board of Education and then jointly by the Board of Education and the Board of Finance. The final result of deliberation by the joint boards was adoption of a salary schedule for the Glastonbury School District providing a Baccalaureate minimum of \$3,300 and maximum of \$5,500. The differential for the Masters degree was established as \$300 above the Baccalaureate Program. The steps on both Bachelor's and Master's Programs were set as follows: three years at \$200, two years at \$300, three years at \$200 and four years at \$100. Early adoption of this schedule made it possible for the administration of schools to get into the market at an early date to obtain necessary teachers for the expansion of the school department and to obtain replacements for teachers leaving for various reasons. As a consequence of this foresighted action on the part of the Policy Boards, a complete staff may be reported for September, 1956 at the early part of the summer season.

Curriculum Development

Elementary school teachers continued to work for the development of the elementary school program throughout the year. In June a report was filed requesting certain modifications of the social studies curriculum with concomitant requests for instructional texts and materials. The high school staff has continued to work on modification of curriculum throughout the school year.

The task of curriculum development is a continuous process which should involve all members of the teaching staff. Glastonbury teachers have been making a conscientious effort to discharge their responsibilities in this direction.

Transportation

Transportation of school children in Glastonbury is big business. About two thousand passengers were transported daily in 1955-56. These youngsters traveled in a fleet of thirteen busses which covered approximately 110,000 miles.

Buttonball Lane School

Buttonball Lane School opened for the first time in September of 1955 with about 400 students in membership. Use of this building made it possible to suspend operation of Addison and Buckingham Schools, both two-classroom wood structures. By the end of the school year membership of Buttonball Lane School had increased to capacity—420.

High School Expansion

Construction of a substantial expansion of the high school began in August, 1955 and has continued throughout this school year. This undertaking will increase the capacity of the Junior-Senior High School from 800 to 1200 students. In addition to a fourteen-classroom wing, other features are a music room, expanded kitchen-cafeteria, a gymnasium, increased homemaking space, improved administrative facilities, and an expanded industrial arts area. These facilities will be ready for use during the school year 1956-57.

Future Building Program

The Town has obtained a site for a future elementary school building at the junction of Wickham Road and Hebron Avenue. The Town Building Committee is presently planning for that site an elementary school with a capacity of about 420 students. Target date for completion of this building is September, 1958.

It will be necessary to have future expansion of secondary school facilities by September of 1959. To this end, planning for a junior high school should be undertaken during the school year just ahead.

Special Services

This has been the first year of services in speech and hearing and in reading. The able work of Miss Kristin Rozan has been exceptionally noteworthy in the field of speech and hearing therapy. Her work is filling a long felt need in the Glastonbury Schools. Miss Hedwig Granica has been serving as reading consultant

through this year 1955-1956. She has worked effectively with young learners and with teachers in the development of instructional services in the field of reading. Her efforts have resulted in improvement in the reading program throughout the elementary grades. In the future, Miss Granica's activities will be expanded to take in the secondary program.

Reports of Principals and Directors

Detailed reports for the school year 1955-1956 have been filed with the office of the Superintendent of Schools by all Principals of Schools and Heads of Services reaching all schools.

These reports are on file at the Board of Education Office and are available upon request by any interested citizen. All individuals who submitted reports are to be commended for their careful work.

Acknowledgments

The Board of Education, the Staff of the Schools, the State Department of Education, Local Building Committee, Selectmen, Police, Board of Finance, Town Planning and Zoning Commission, Parent-Teacher Organizations and all friends of the local schools are gratefully acknowledged for the invaluable service rendered the young citizens of Glastonbury in 1955-1956. Through joint efforts of all these agencies and individuals, Glastonbury young learners continue to enjoy superior advantages.

Respectfully submitted,

R. DANIEL CHUBBUCK,
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Having assumed the position of Superintendent of Schools only on August 1, 1956, it is impossible for me to do more at this time than make several observations regarding recent developments in the schools. These observations are as follows:

1. The construction of the new wing on the Glastonbury High School is in its final stages. Most of the equipment for the new classrooms, laboratories, and shops is either in the building or on order.
2. Enrollments in the Glastonbury schools continue to rise at a rate faster than previous estimates. At the opening of school in September, 1956, the total school enrollment was up by 262 over the same date in 1955. The total enrollment at the opening of school in September, 1956, was 2634.
3. Teacher procurement continues to be a serious problem. As of this date, there are teachers available for all classes. It should be noted, however, that there is an acute shortage of substitutes. There are likely to be times during the year when emergency helpers will have to be employed because of the lack of approved substitutes..
4. While the Board of Education operates the cafeteria at the high school, all elementary school cafeterias are carried on by the various Parent-Teacher Associations. These organizations deserve the thanks of the community for their willingness to take over the operation of this program. The assumption of this function by the PTA results in a substantial savings to the taxpayers.
5. The total school staff as of September, 1956, was distributed as follows:

Elementary teachers, 56; Secondary teachers, 66; Other certified personnel, 11. Total certified personnel: 133.

Secretarial Staff, 8; Health Staff, 4; Custodial Staff, 15; Cafeteria Staff, 13; Bus Drivers, 14; Maintenance Staff, 2.
Total School Personnel: 189.

Finally, although my tenure as a member of the Glastonbury Public Schools staff has been brief, it has been a source of real satisfaction and pride. The growing citizen interest in good schools, the cooperative spirit being shown by town officials and others, the spirit of dedication and genuine concern for the well-being of the boys and girls of Glastonbury that prevails among the members of the Board of Education, the feeling of professional pride and the sense of duty that guides the teaching staff and others serving in the schools—these and other factors make living and working in Glastonbury a real pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
LAURENCE G. PAQUIN,
 Superintendent of Schools

GLASTONBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	Expended 1955-56	Budget 1956-57
General		
Administrative Salaries	\$16,499.85	\$17,000.00
Clerical Salaries	9,842.67	12,050.00
Supplies and Expenses	4,714.19	4,700.00
Instruction		
Supervisors and Principals	51,085.00	57,520.00
Teachers	434,908.09	571,890.00
Substitutes	8,505.63	7,390.00
Clerical	9,900.52	10,823.00
Textbooks	20,549.04	24,882.00
Instructional Supplies	15,856.06	24,481.00
Audio-Visual Aids	1,782.64	4,500.00
Other Supplies and Expenses	6,246.45	12,732.00
Operation		
Custodians' Salaries	44,000.40	57,200.00
Fuel	22,497.03	28,995.00
Water, Lights and Power	15,284.28	20,076.00
Supplies and Expenses	14,892.17	18,856.00
Telephone and Cartage	2,895.12	4,150.00
Maintenance		
Supplies and Expenses	8,462.86	27,560.00
Auxillary		
Library Salaries	5,200.00	11,200.00
Library Books	1,338.75	2,100.00
Health Salaries and Expenses	16,142.73	15,000.00
Transportation Salaries	21,550.00	22,680.00
Transportation Expenses	13,767.24	14,822.00
Enumeration and Attendance	1,171.51	1,200.00
Adult Education	1,497.00	2,000.00
Cafeteria Management	5,665.27	5,850.00
Contingent	_____	5,000.00
Fixed Charges		
Insurance	12,406.29	16,000.00
Capital Outlays		
New Equipment	17,059.22	19,828.00
Aggregate Totals	<u>\$788,715.00</u>	<u>\$1,021,035.00</u>
Supplemental Appropriation		
Vote of Town Meeting 5/14/56		
Electrical Work—Academy		11,249.97
Re-tubing Boilers—Academy		1,664.00
Vacuum Return Pump—High St. School..		865.00
Resurfacing Parking Area—High School		1,221.08
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures for 1955/56		\$788,715.00
Total Receipts		182,712.33
Net Cost to Town		\$601,002.67

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WELLES-TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Once again the report of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library is one showing substantial gains over the previous year in all departments.

Combined circulation of books, magazines and pamphlets in the adult and junior departments reached an all time high of 79,406. Average circulation per day increased from 279 to 316.

Our record library continues to be extremely popular. We now have 430 records and intend to add substantially to this number every year.

During the year the auditorium and other rooms in the Library were used by the Friendship Club, the Garden Club, the Co-operative Kindergarten group, League of Women Voters, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Glastonbury unit of the Y.W.C.A. Eight exhibitions were held in the Art Gallery including paintings and sculpture receiving the popular votes at the Art Show sponsored by the Community Club of South Glastonbury.

The children's department has become a very important and active part of the Library's activities. Collections of books have been sent to all elementary schools. Thirteen Story Hours with a total attendance of 370 children were held. A Vacation Reading Club for boys and girls entering grades three through eight was very successful. There were more than 100 contestants in this group. We are already badly in need of additional space for this department.

The directors again wish to thank all those who have made gifts to the Library during the year. Perhaps the outstanding gift was an oil painting, "Glastonbury-Rocky Hill Ferry" made by the artist Bissell Phelps Smith.

The Library now has 30,068 volumes. 1667 books were added during the year 1955-56. There are 3653 borrowers, of whom 2262 are adults and the remainder juveniles.

B. FLOYD TURNER, President

WELLES-TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1955	\$346.70
Town of Glastonbury, Appropriation	17,500.00
Income from Endowments	9,221.23
State Grant	500.00
Fines etc.	1,709.95
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	\$29,277.88

EXPENDITURES

Salaries, including FICA	\$17,534.59
Books	4,911.79
Periodicals	215.35
Records	466.90
Binding and Supplies	877.45
Equipment and Maintenance	1,308.78
Power, Fuel, Water and Phone	1,885.00
Insurance	540.94
Miscellaneous	123.94
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1956	1,413.14
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	\$29,277.88

ANSON J. HOPKINS, Treasurer

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

The comprehensive Plan of Development for Glastonbury was adopted and made effective May 21, 1956, after extensive discussion at ten public meetings and an official public hearing. This was the culmination of three years of study and work by the Commission. Although the Commission clearly had the mandate to develop and adopt the comprehensive plan for the town it would not have done so without first holding numerous public discussion meetings giving every interested citizen ample opportunity to review and discuss the Commission's plan proposals. As the result of these meetings, the originally proposed plan was revised several times until it appeared that there was the support and encouragement from the largest possible majority of the citizens as well as from their local organizations.

Revisions to the Zoning Regulations to implement the plan were adopted July 25, 1956, after two additional public hearings. Opposition to the new plan and zoning regulations brought about the initiation of four legal actions against the Commission. It is expected, however, that not more than one of these will be heard in court.

The Commission had forty-one regular meetings during the year to transact its business. Seventeen of these meetings were with the Advisory Planning Committee and were devoted exclusively to planning work, the remaining twenty-four meetings being mostly on zoning matters. The zoning meetings had to do primarily with the study and consideration of new subdivision plans proposed by builders and developers. Before a subdivision plan was approved it was screened by the Building Inspector and the Town Engineer to see that it conformed to the zoning and sub-division regulations and that the engineering aspects such as contours, drainage and road layouts conformed to the published requirements which are based on good engineering practice. In seeing to it that any proposal conforms to the General Plan of Development of the Town our consultant, Technical Planning Associates, frequently was asked to assist the Commission in working out with the developer various details such as road, sidewalk and recreational area design in conformance with the best arrangement in the General Plan.

In addition to the Commission's regular meetings seven duly advertised public hearings were held. Twenty-four subdivision plans were approved involving the creation of 358 new building lots.

THEODORE GURNEY, Chairman

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year the Board held nine public hearings at which forty-nine applications for exceptions to the zoning regulations were considered. Of these, thirty-four were approved.

More than half of the forty-nine cases were concerned with setback or sideline requirements for dwellings. The rest of the cases included requests for trailer occupancy, multiple housing, business, used car lots, non-conforming usage, auto repair, junk yard and sign variations.

Five of the denial decisions of the Board have been appealed to the Court of Common Pleas, and have not yet come up for consideration. Three of these five cases affect one family with respect to trailer occupancy.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will endeavor in the future as it has in the past to review the cases brought before it impartially, for the best interest of both the individuals concerned and the town as a whole.

EDWARD C. GRIMSHAW, Chairman

THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Tightness of the supply of money did not seem to affect the activity of the building industry in Glastonbury during the past year. The Building Department found it to be a very active period. During the year a total of 558 building permits were issued. 301 of these permits were for new construction projects which totaled \$4,478,744, the remainder were for repair and maintenance of existing buildings. The estimated cost of both new work and that of repair and maintenance totaled \$4,908,087.95. This was an increase over the estimated cost of the work done under the

permits issued in the Fiscal Year 1954-1955 of \$1,158,286.95 or a little more than 82%.

Industrial and business expansion during the year is shown by the addition of thirteen new buildings for industrial or business purposes at an estimated cost of \$914,650, the major portion of this being the expansion of the Consolidated Cigar Company and the new office and shop of the Connecticut Light and Power Company.

The construction of the addition to the High School progressed steadily during the year, with the result that the added facilities were largely available for the use of classes at the beginning of school in September, 1956. The function of Inspector of the Works was performed by this office.

The following listed building trades permits were issued during the year:

- Permits for plumbing installations—253,
- Permits for electrical installations—27,
- Permits for heating installations—171,
- Permits for oil burner installations—116.

There were 102 master electricians, 93 master plumbers, 67 master heating contractors and 49 master oil burner contractors licensed to pursue their businesses and trades in the town during the past year.

1851 actual inspections of work in progress under the permits issued were made during the year.

The total income of the Building Department during the year was \$20,360.91 and the operating expenses were \$9,227.75. The net income to the town was therefore \$11,133.16. This made possible the financing of all the activities of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission without expense to the taxpayers.

The Building Inspector's Office does the administrative clerical work connected with appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals. There were fifty cases handled during the period, for total receipts of \$250. This made the board self-sustaining.

The Building Inspector, under the supervision of the Director of Health, acts as the Sanitary Inspector of the Town in regard

to the installation of private sewage disposal systems. In this capacity 224 such systems were inspected.

Considerable progress has been made in organizing and codifying the old records of the department, but much more remains to be done to make them all quickly available for information.

JOHN HARRY, Building Inspector

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Department fire records reveal that 118 alarms were answered during the past year. This is substantial reduction from 190 alarms during the previous year. A major factor in this reduction was the absence of the previous year's hurricanes which brought additional calls for emergency work.

The total estimated fire losses suffered during the year were \$6,035, as compared with the previous year's total of \$34,717.29. The largest single loss of the year was a shed valued at \$3,000.00.

Summary of Alarms

Type	Alarms	Estimated Losses
Buildings and Contents	11	\$5,770.00
Vehicles	12	225.00
Oil Burners	4	40.00
Chimney Fires	7	—
Grass and Brush Fires	60	—
Emergency Calls	12	—
Still and False Alarms	8	—
Dump Fires	4	—
Totals	118	\$6,035.00

It is encouraging to note that there was a large decrease in the number of alarms for grass fires during the year. These costly and time consuming alarms are the plague of most fire departments during certain seasons of the year and can best be controlled by proper precautions when burning out-of-doors. It is gratifying to note that our townspeople are becoming more aware of this fact, as proven by a continual decrease in such alarms for the past two years.

Apparatus and Equipment

At the present time we have three practically new pumpers, one in each of the three firehouses, and one other first line pumper stationed at Company No. 2. At Company No. 1 the second piece of apparatus is a 28 year old pumper which is rapidly becoming obsolete, making it difficult to purchase replacement parts. At Company No. 3 the second piece of apparatus is also of a similar nature and consideration should be given toward the replacement of both of these pieces of apparatus. The equipment in all firehouses has been kept up-to-date and is generally in excellent condition.

Firehouses

During the past year a hose tower was provided for No. 2 fire house and necessary structural repairs were completed at No. 3 firehouse. Due to lack of funds the improvements necessary at No. 1 firehouse were not started. As stated in our report of last year it will be necessary to replace the present wooden engine room floor with a concrete floor, as the present floor will not adequately support the weight of the apparatus; also to provide greater clearance in both height and width on apparatus doors.

Protection

Hydrants were installed in all building developments where water mains were laid, a total of 6 hydrants.

Alarm System

The present fire alarm system which is operated in conjunction with the police switchboard and base radio station has proved to be an efficient method of handling the fire alarm problem.

Street Lighting

The installation of street lights was at a minimum last year, however, with the building development in town creating new residential areas it is felt that the coming year will increase the demands for street lighting in these areas.

ROBERT G. PARKS, Chairman

FIRE MARSHALL

The Fire Marshal made 336 inspections last year, including 22 re-inspections and 18 at Christmas and New Year.

Inspections reveal that Fire Prevention is being taken more seriously. Only 22 re-inspections were made this year compared to 47 last year.

There were 26 less grass and brush fires this year than last. The cause of most grass fires was carelessness. There were several fires of undetermined origin which are still under investigation.

The fire loss was \$28,000.00 less this year than last.

Fire drills were held in schools by the Fire Marshal and three Assistants and were found to be orderly and in very good time.

ALBERT W. DICKAU, Fire Marshal

THE ASSESSOR

The Revaluation of all taxable property in the Town of Glastonbury was started in May of 1956, and will be completed for use October first, 1957, with tax bills for this revaluation being mailed as of April 1, 1958.

Mr. Monty White, who is in charge of the revaluation work in Glastonbury for the Valuation Associates, Inc., who is also an assessor of Andover, the town in which he lives, has progressed very well and is ahead of a routine schedule. Mr. White and your assessor wish to thank the taxpayers and real estate owners for their fine cooperation where they have visited in the past few months. This cooperation is very necessary.

It was recommended by your assessor that a land value committee be appointed by the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Tax Review. This was done and it consists of the following: John Goodrich, John Carini, Albert Moseley, O. L. Olsson and Rallston Sherman. This committee will act in an advisory capacity during the period of the revaluation. Your assessor feels that a very reliable committee has been selected by the above

mentioned boards and it will be a pleasure to work with them. Glastonbury needs every bit of revenue we possibly can get, using fair and equal values. The home and land owners are carrying the burden of taxes as we do not have enough business, industrial and commercially used property in our town to take much of the load off their shoulders. Somehow we seem to lose out when it comes to bringing into our town some of the above mentioned. Glastonbury's only hope to bring taxes down is to bring in or get business and industry or have some of our property put to commercial use.

RAY W. WALZ, Assessor

PROPERTY TAX TRANSACTIONS

List	9/1/55 Un- collected	Lawful Adjust- ments	Collected Tax	Collected Interest and Lien Fees	Balance Due 8/31/56
1940-1953	\$8,320.56	\$1,604.72	\$1,274.06	\$159.56	\$5,441.78
1954	40,414.51	1,871.26	31,747.53	1,199.61	6,795.72
Total Prior Years	\$48,735.07	\$3,475.98	\$33,021.59	\$1,359.17	\$12,237.50
1955	1,138,774.39	2,965.30	1,091,090.35	331.49	44,718.74
Grand Totals.....	\$1,187,509.46	\$6,441.28	\$1,124,111.94	\$1,690.66	\$56,956.24

DOROTHY B. FINNEY, Acting Collector

**GRAND LIST
OCTOBER 1, 1955**

2982 Dwelling Houses	\$18,100,551
3605 Barns, Sheds, Poultry and Store Houses, Private Garages, etc.	1,323,643
4765 House Lots and Building Lots	3,367,490
119 Business Buildings (excluding factories)	1,775,061
4 Buildings, Used for Mills and Manufacturing....	422,793
27,771 Acres of Land	1,265,485
5378 Motor Vehicles	3,359,332
Machinery, Water Power and Dams	797,891
59 Horses	5,250
667 Neat Cattle including Purebreds	53,732
Sheep, Goats, Swine and Poultry	33,065
Furniture (Commercial)	210,707
Farming Implements and Mechanics' Tools	219,280
Tobacco	1,689,750
Goods of Manufacturers, Merchants and Traders	1,185,770
Cables, Conduits, Pipes, Underground Mains, etc.	417,802
All other Taxable Property	84,221
10% Additional on Lists Not Given	6,159
Gross 1955 Grand List	34,317,982
Total Exemptions of Servicemen, Ex-service- men and the Blind	1,239,312
Net Grand List of Municipality, on Which Tax is levied	\$33,078,670
Total List Zone I (extra tax 2 mills)	18,003,872
Total List Zone II (extra tax 1 mill)	7,256,037
Total List Zone III (extra tax 1/2 mill)	7,818,761
Basic Tax Rate Laid by Board of Finance	33 Mills

POLICE COMMISSION

A review of the statistics compiled by the Department of Police for 1955-56 indicates that our prognostication in last year's report that the present year would be an active one was correct. As indicated in the Activity Report, there has been a marked increase in almost every classification of police work.

Perhaps one of the most serious problems of the past year was that experienced with juveniles. A comparison of the figures shows that in the year 1953-54, 31 juvenile cases were investigated; in 1954-55, 54 cases were handled, and in 1955-56, 109 cases were investigated. The increase in activity of this classification certainly indicates that there is a need for supervised playground activity and recreation during the year, particularly in the summer months.

The Junior Safety Patrols in several schools were very active during the school year. The boys and girls making up these units manned their posts regardless of the weather and they certainly are to be commended for the fine work they have accomplished.

Several of the service clubs in Glastonbury made it possible for the members of the patrols to attend the Shrine Circus last Spring and an outing prior to the close of the school year. At this time we wish to publicly thank the members of the Safety Patrols and the service clubs for their excellent cooperation.

A review of the records of the Auxiliary Police indicates that since the reorganization of the group they have volunteered over 2,500 hours of their time to the Department of Police. Their services have been of immeasurable assistance and their faithfulness and willingness to help are sincerely appreciated.

Every effort is being made within budgetary limits to make training available to personnel. This year one officer attended the New Haven Police Academy for a period of six weeks; another officer attended the State Police Training School for a period of three months. Both men made outstanding records for the training courses.

In view of the crime rate increase throughout the United States and depending upon the category of crime involved, we anticipate an increased work load in the Department of Police ranging from 14% to 25% over this year.

There is a decided need for larger police headquarters in order that the Department can operate more efficiently. More room is also necessary for an increase in personnel to handle greater work load.

We must again stress the urgent necessity of establishing a pension plan for the regular full-time officers of the Department.

The Commission would like to express its sincere appreciation to the townspeople for their cooperation and to all the branches of the Town Government, in particular, Mrs. Hazel Hutt, Director of Social Welfare, and Miss Margaret Stone, Director of Guidance in the public schools.

J. A. GOODHUE, Chairman

ACTIVITY REPORT OF GLASTONBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

	1954-55	1955-56	*% Change
Accidents Investigated	137	161	17
Fatal Accidents	1	0	100-
Fire Calls	154	110	28-
Radio Calls and Transmissions	27,608	33,111	28
Teletype Messages	27,608	33,111	28
Miscellaneous Complaints	557	519	7-
Prowler Complaints	28	136	386
Missing Persons Located	37	46	24
Animal Complaints	182	156	14-
Theft Cases	60	85	42
Property Damage Complaints	120	141	17
Intoxication Complaints	25	33	32
Parked Car Complaints	215	240	12
Traffic Control at Fires	103	109	6
Domestic Complaints	70	93	33
Firearms Complaints	15	22	46
Vacant Homes Checked	477	579	21
Open Doors Located	146	82	43-
Street Lights Reported Out	498	688	38
Breach of Peace Complaints	58	69	14
Picked Up for Outside Departments	9	25	177
Notification for Outside Departments	76	91	20
Juvenile Cases	54	109	101
Arrests	301	318	5
Breaking and Entering	54	21	61-
Sick and Injured Cared for	69	93	35

Summary of Complaints

	1954-55	1955-56	% Change
Telephone	1,323	1,381	4
Personal	959	965	1/2
Written	37	62	67
Value of Property Lost or Stolen	\$4,796.00	\$12,057.00	151
Value of Property Recovered	\$14,480.50	\$12,402.00	14-
Value of Property Unclaimed	\$199.50	\$458.00	130

*Unless otherwise noted, indicates an increase.

TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

	1950	1953	1955
Births	213	236	292
Marriages	120	117	128
Deaths	111	100	104

A total of 1049 Documents were recorded in Town Records as well as 224 Armed Service Discharges during the past year.

JOHN A. MILLER, Town Clerk

THE WELFARE COMMISSION

The usual concept of welfare work is that of receiving requests for aid, of approving or disallowing such requests and then disbursing funds.

In Glastonbury that financial functioning is a part of the job but by no means all of it. Our Welfare Director is engaged in rehabilitation work, job referrals, budget counseling, solving family problems involving neglected children, counseling of minors who have gotten beyond their depth and need guidance from outside the family, cooperation with the police department with particular reference to juvenile offenses. These activities have values which cannot be measured in terms of dollars but unquestionably are an asset to our community life.

During the year your Welfare Department operated within its budget and at a net cost of approximately 6/10 of a mill on the grand list. Collections representing reimbursements totaled approximately \$14,000, of which nearly \$7,000 came from individuals.

JOHN M. FINNEY, Chairman

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

During the past year the major project accomplished by your committee involved the improvement of the Eastbury Pool facility. The pool was completely drained and the bottom cleaned of mud and silt. Considerable reshaping of the pond bed was done in order to enlarge both the swimming area and the beach area. Concrete abutment work was installed in the swimming area so that the pool would be safer as well as adaptable for swimming meets. Additional life guard stations were installed and the life guard personnel was increased. All of this work was completed so that the pool could be reopened on schedule this past summer and Director Hartwell reported a large increase in its use as well as a large increase in attendance at both children's and adults' swimming classes.

Your committee continues to work through and with our many active service, business and social organizations in the operation of the many athletic programs.

The Highschool PTA organization sponsored and operated a Teen-Age Recreation Center at the Williams Memorial during the winter and spring. The sponsorship of this type of program by this organization was most heartily welcomed by your committee. We have provided in the budget for the ensuing year funds to implement the efforts of the PTA with salaried, trained supervision. As many as 200 young people use this facility and we feel it can be extremely worthwhile.

We feel that special notice should be made of the ever increasing use of our playground areas, particularly the baseball diamonds during the summer. This past summer, nearly all available fields were in use every evening by both adult and children's teams. Your committee has accordingly provided in its new budget for an increased amount for care, maintenance and improvement of these facilities.

In April of this year, the Recreation Committee and the Town suffered a great loss in the death of Charles E. Littel. Mr. Littel was an outstanding leader in youth activities and we shall all have the fondest memories of working with him and shall strive to carry on the many projects which he had started and was so ably supervising.

R. C. ALLEN, Secretary

HEALTH OFFICER

Routine examination of school children was carried out during the year with the local physicians participating. Total number of children examined was 2129. Most common defects requiring conferences between school nurse and parent totaled 1123. Most common positive findings were infected tonsils.

The clinics for vaccinations and toxoids were held as usual during the Spring. Thirty-three children received vaccinations. Twenty-four children received the triple toxoid (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.) Each child received three doses given at one month intervals. High school students, members of the soccer team and agriculture class, received tetanus toxoid. These students were also given three injections at monthly intervals.

At the Summer Round-Up in May, 75 children were examined.

Public health nuisances were investigated; total number: 81.

The following communicable diseases were reported:

Broncho pneumonia	10	Measles	7
Chickenpox	150	Mumps	109
German measles	15	Polio	1
Infectious Hepatitis	1	Scarlet Fever	2
Lobar pneumonia	5	Venereal disease	1

JOSEPH RAFFA, M.D.

CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL

Civil Defense, on the whole, has made slow progress in this past year. The general public is not aroused to its need of more manpower and a "Let George do it" attitude seems to prevail.

We have a new All-out evacuation plan for which we desperately need more wardens, more communications personnel and more auxiliary police.

Our alarm system is far from perfect and we aim to rectify this as soon as possible but the installation of sirens is expensive and one a year seems to be our limit. We now have about 50% coverage for the town.

Do not get the idea that we are discouraged by the indifferent attitude of the public. We are sold on the idea that "Alert Today—Alive Tomorrow," will save many lives sometime in the not too distant future and we will carry on.

Glastonbury fortunately has many citizens enrolled in Civil Defense, approximately five hundred, and has some excellent units. We have not the space to give a full report on each of these units here, but it is sufficient to say we are still in there pitching.

The net expense to the Town for the past year was \$1,212.98.

BRUCE E. RICHARDS,
Director of Civil Defense

TOWN COURT OF GLASTONBURY

During the past year, the Town of Glastonbury Town Court was moved from the Town Office Building into the auditorium of the Academy School. The facilities of the school, while not ideal for the purposes of a town court, are decidedly superior to those formerly available to the court.

During the fiscal year from September 1st, 1955 through August 31st, 1956, there were 214 motor vehicle cases heard; 105 criminal cases, other than motor vehicle, and 27 civil cases were entered upon the docket of the Town Court.

The number of civil cases has been limited during the past year by the increase of the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court from \$100.00 to \$250.00. Many of the smaller cases formerly entered on the civil docket are now heard in the Small Claims Court. This might indicate the desirability of raising the civil jurisdiction of courts such as ours.

The total receipts of the court, including fines in the court, fines received on appeal cases, fees in civil cases, and the gross income of the Small Claims Court, were \$4,637.17. From this amount, the following disbursements were made:

The sum of \$1,312.66 was paid to the Motor Vehicle Department.

The sum of \$79.20 was paid to the State Treasurer, commencing March 1, 1956, as required by the State Probation Act.

The sum of \$58.00 was expended by the Small Claims Court for stamps.

The sum of \$3,245.25 was paid to the Town Treasurer as net proceeds by the court.

The sum of \$231.50 was paid to the Town Treasurer as net proceeds by the Small Claims Court.

The sum of \$4,273.51 was expended for salaries and incidental court expenses.

WALTER M. DOWNES, Judge

GLASTONBURY SAFETY COMMITTEE

The matter of publishing a Safety Bulletin or Directory was placed into the hands of a committee.

A subcommittee was requested to establish criteria to determine under which conditions bus service should be provided for school children living within one mile of a school.

A loading and unloading circle at Naubuc School was put into operation.

Safety Day was again observed under the leadership of Chief Terrence McKaig.

The matter of a pedestrian underpass under the Express Highway in the Buttonball Lane area was discussed.

The question of "dead-ending" Stancliffe Road was studied and again referred to the State Highway Department, which will publish its findings.

A committee studied the need of sidewalks in the built up areas of the Town as well as the need of sidewalks in the one mile radius of schools.

The Study Committee for Pedestrian Safety of Glastonbury met five times and inspected the entire Town.

It was recommended that new developments within one mile of street distance of any school put in sidewalks.

Dr. D. Chubbuck's resignation was accepted with regret and a rising vote of thanks was given him for the fine work he did as Chairman of the Safety Committee.

REV. KARL E. BLAKE, Secretary

THE GLASTONBURY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

This Association is a public service, non-profit, non-partisan, voluntary, public health association.

The usual fee is \$2.25 per visit, but patients unable to pay this fee are cared for at a reduced rate or free of charge.

As shown under the heading "Special Activities" this has been an exceptionally busy year for our physicians and nursing staff. Special recognition should go to our Health Officer, our Medical Advisory Board, our V. N. A. nurses and volunteers for their unselfish work throughout the year.

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Joseph Raffa, Health Officer
Dr. B. Baylis Earle
Dr. Edwin M. Griswold
Dr. Charles Hamlin
Dr. Renato A. Ricca
Dr. Lee J. Whittles

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

There were 13 Dental Hygiene Clinics, sponsored by the Dental Hygiene Bureau of the Connecticut State Department of Health with a total attendance of 398.

The Medical Advisory Board directed 3 toxoid and 2 vaccination clinics held for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and small pox, attended by 101 persons.

The last Polio Clinic with Salk Polio Vaccine furnished by The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for children in grades 1 through 4 was held under Dr. Joseph Raffa's direction and the clinic co-ordinator, Mr. James Hattings. All doctors, school personnel, nurses, nurses aides and volunteers from the P. T. A. and V. N. A. Board assisted. 213 children received vaccine.

The Medical Advisory Board participated in 6 clinics for the examination of girls attending Day Camp for Girl Scouts and in one pre-school examination clinic.

A total of 390 pupils in sophomore and senior years, together with the entire school personnel, were given chest X-rays.

The "Forty and Eight" presented the Association a Hollywood wheel-chair.

Our staff nurses are all members of The Connecticut State Nurses Association and the Association is a member of the Board Members Organization for Public Health Nursing.

The following is a resume of nurses visits for the year:

Medical and Surgical	4,014
Maternity and New Born	172
Tuberculosis	279
Crippled Children	33
Health Supervision	1,185
Acute Communicable	41
Total	5,724

JANE LEE VIERA, President

THE GLASTONBURY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE

This committee was called together by the Selectmen and organized on November 7, 1955. The governing Town Ordinance makes it generally responsible for the choosing of sites, planning and construction of such public buildings as may be proposed by other branches of the Town Government, in cooperation with the Town Planning and Zoning Commission and other affected commissions.

This committee has held sixteen meetings during the past year, besides making numerous field trips to inspect various sites under investigation.

A request from the Board of Education was received in November, 1955, for the purchase of a site of not less than fifteen acres in the Hebron Avenue, Bell Street area, to be used for a fourteen room elementary school, to be ready for occupancy by September, 1958. Such a site was found and its purchase was authorized by a Town Meeting.

Meetings have been held throughout the summer, interviewing architects and visiting new schools in the surrounding area, with a view towards adopting the best features and endeavoring to cut building costs for this new school, consistent with high standards and with the required approval of the Board of Education.

An urgent request was also received at our first meeting from the Board of Selectmen for quick action on an adequate Town Office Building, previous committees having failed to make any firm recommendations during the previous three years.

After numerous conferences with Town Officials and the Town Planning and Zoning Commission and investigation of many sites, this committee recommended the purchase of an eight acre site on Main Street from Mr. Francesco Taddei.

Much study will be needed to ascertain the requirements of the various branches of Town Government before plans can be drawn up by an architect for a Town Office building.

This committee wishes to reiterate that it has no power to institute new projects, but only acts on specific requests and with the approval of other town commissions. The two aforementioned projects will need our entire attention during the next two years.

MARTIN L. ROSER, Chairman

THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The past fiscal year was uneventful, except for ominous portents of the future. While there was a record increase in budget expenditures, this was offset by larger State grants for education and by a gratifying increment in the Grand List of close to \$3 million, so that the basic tax rate of 33 mills could be maintained.

The picture for the fiscal year 1956/57 is not a good one. The budget increase, chiefly for education, will be abnormal. Additions to the Grand List, dependent almost wholly on residential construction (by far the largest exception being the welcome expansion of the Consolidated Cigar facilities), cannot possibly keep pace with the added expenditures, so that a rise of several mills in the tax rate appears inevitable.

Furthermore, new capital expenditures are in prospect. During the past year a site for an elementary school in the Hebron Ave.—Bell Street section of the Town was acquired at a cost of \$30,000, and the school itself must be available by September, 1958, which means that construction should start in the spring of 1957.

The need for a new Town Office Building has become acute, and plans for this building should be made as soon as a site is acquired.

These two site purchases will be financed from the Capital Reserve Fund, which Fund in turn has been replenished to the extent of \$50,000 by transfer from the General Fund Surplus.

The matter of sewers and a sewage treatment plant has come to a head and early action is insisted upon by the State. Also, construction of a Junior High School will soon be required, so that tax prospects for the coming years are not rosy. However, the Town is in sound financial condition, and your Board intends to keep it so.

JOHN H. ROSER, Chairman

EXCERPTS FROM AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Finance,
Town of Glastonbury,
Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

We have made an audit of the books of account and financial records of the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956.

All expenditures of the Selectmen and Board of Education were prepared in the school office on an electric budget machine. These expenditures are recorded on cards for each budget item. The only departments not using this machine during the past year were the Welfare and Police.

Resume of Financial Transactions and Condition

At Town meetings, held as noted, the following appropriations were voted:

11/28/55	Budget as Printed in Town Report....	\$1,442,479.89
5/14/56	Public Schools	28,000.00
7/30/56	Police Commission	4,000.00

The Board of Finance increased certain budget items during the year, exclusive of transfers, as follows:

11/16/55	Public Building Committee.....	\$500.00
12/16/55	Heating System	900.00
2/ 2/56	Town Treasurer	300.00
4/19/56	Sewer Commission	200.00
5/ 7/56	Fire Zone Map	300.00
6/26/56	Eastbury Pool	1,000.00
	Recreation Committee	600.00
	Health	350.00

Total \$4,150.00

At a Town meeting, held on May 14, 1956, it was voted to appropriate \$31,153.75 for the purchase of a school site on Hebron

Avenue at a cost of \$30,000, plus interest on two notes, issued for said purpose to maturity, amounting to \$1,158.75. This appropriation was financed from the Reserve Fund for Future Capital Expenditures.

At a Board of Finance meeting, held on February 2, 1956, tax rates on the taxable grand list of October 1, 1955 were voted as follows:

Town Proper—Basic	33 Mills
Fire Zone (1)	2 Mills
Fire Zone (2)	1 Mill
Fire Zone (3)	1/2 Mill

School bonds were issued on September 20, 1955, dated September 1, 1955 for \$1,140,000, as authorized at a Town meeting held on July 11, 1955.

Bonds were retired during the year amounting to \$85,000 and provision was made in the budget for school bonds maturing on September 1, 1956 amounting to \$60,000.

Bonds outstanding at the close of the year totalled \$2,395,000.

Two notes were issued for the purchase of a school site on Hebron Avenue amounting to \$21,300, which notes are due on January 2, 1957 and January 2, 1958 for \$10,650 each.

All tax anticipation loans (\$609,000) were paid during the year.

Cash

All cash balances were verified and reconciled with confirmations received direct from the depositories.

Receipts were properly and promptly deposited and could be traced to definite groups of deposits.

Book balances were reconciled at least monthly.

There are no loose or improper methods in the handling of cash.

Cash Discounts

All discounts were found to have been taken.

Uncollected Taxes

A statement of property tax transactions during the year reflects uncollected taxes at August 31, 1956 of \$56,956.24 due from 916 taxpayers.

Confirmations were mailed on September 24, 1956 to 92 of these taxpayers. Nineteen replied and agreed that their accounts were correct.

The former tax collector, Mr. Harold H. Harrison, died in office the latter part of December 1955. Mrs. Dorothy B. Finney was appointed on December 29, 1955 as acting tax collector. She is doing a splendid job.

At the time of Mr. Harrison's death, there was a certain balance in the tax collector's bank account in the name of the Town. After all indentifiable tax collections had been remitted to the Town Treasurer, there remained in this bank account a balance of \$1,040.01. We made an immediate check of the tax remittances from September 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. The acting tax collector forthwith mailed statements to all taxpayers owing taxes at December 31, 1955. A few errors were found in the addition of the remittance sheets and a few discrepancies were adjusted. However, a balance remained in this bank account which could not be identified of \$654.50.

This balance is shown for report purposes and the disposition thereof will be determined at a later date.

Recommendations

As recommended in our previous report, inventories have been prepared of all personal property, owned by the Town, by the several department officials. It is a splendid and complete job.

As recommended in our previous report, all expenditures by the Welfare and Police Commission will be made through the budget machine operation at the school office. Another example of cooperation.

Conclusion

We take this opportunity to express our sincere regrets for the passing of Mr. Harold H. Harrison who worked diligently for the best interests of the Town.

We also want to express our feeling for Mr. Robert O. Rider who had served the Town for so many years as Town Treasurer and who was forced to resign because of ill health. He was so very careful in the handling of Town funds. It has been a pleasure to be the auditor of his accounts for the past fifteen years.

The Town was quite fortunate in having the services of Mr. E. John Vincenti, who served as acting Town Treasurer from February 1, 1956 to the close of the year, in addition to his other duties as school business manager.

Very truly yours,

H. N. ALEXANDER & COMPANY

Note. The complete Auditor's Report, not printed here in its entirety due to lack of space, is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

BOND AND NOTE INDEBTEDNESS*

as at August 31, 1956

	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Outstanding 8-31-56</u>
BONDS		
School Bonds		
Dated January 1, 1928, \$5,000 payable annually on January 1, 1957 and 1958 (Interest at 4½%)	\$175,000	\$10,000
High School Bonds		
Dated March 1, 1952, \$80,000 payable annually on March 1, 1957 to 1971 and \$45,000 on March 1, 1972 (Interest at 1.6%)	1,565,000	1,245,000
High School and Elementary Bonds		
Dated September 1, 1955 \$60,000 payable annually on September 1, 1956 to 1974 (Interest at 2.7%)	1,140,000	1,140,000
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		\$2,395,000
Less check drawn 8-31-56 for bonds due 9-1-56		60,000
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Total Bond Indebtedness		\$2,335,000
 NOTES		
Notes held by Edward Nordstrom for School Site Dated 5-14-56, due 1-2-57 and 1-2-58 at 5%		\$21,300

*Compiled by Board of Finance from Auditor's Report.

**RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING
EXPENDITURES***

Balance, August 31, 1955.....	\$112,502.99	
Cash Paid for Nordstrom School Site	8,700.00	
	<u>\$103,802.99</u>	
Cash Transfer from General Fund Surplus (voted 9-24-56 as of 8-31-56)	50,000.00	
	<u>\$153,802.99</u>	
Notes to Edward Nordstrom for school site due 1-2-57 and 1-2-58	\$21,300.00	
Interest on Notes	1,158.75	22,458.75
	<u>\$131,344.24</u>	
Unappropriated Balance, August 31, 1956		\$131,344.24

**DEBT LIMITATION STATEMENT*
as at August 31, 1956**

Taxable Property, October 1, 1955	\$33,078,670.00	
Exempt Property, October 1, 1953	3,759,745.00	
	<u>\$36,838,415.00</u>	
Total Subject to Debt Limit		\$36,838,415.00
Ten Per Cent Debt Limit as approved by State Tax Commissioner	\$3,683,841.50	
Indebtedness, August 31, 1956		
School Bonds	\$2,395,000.00	
Less Check Drawn 8-31-56 for Bonds Due 9-1-56	60,000.00	2,335,000.00
	<u>\$1,348,844.50</u>	
Excess of Debt Limit over Actual Debt		\$1,348,844.50

*Compiled by Board of Finance from Auditor's Report.

BUDGET REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE

RECEIPTS

	Actual Receipts 1955-56	Estimated Receipts 1956-57
Property Taxes		
General Property Tax, current levy	\$1,043,877.52	*\$1,327,718.52
General Property Tax, prior levies	33,210.52	33,000.00
Fire Zone Levies	47,173.16	50,000.00
Penalties, Interest and Fees	1,690.66	1,500.00
	<u>\$1,125,951.86</u>	<u>\$1,412,218.52</u>
In Lieu of Taxes		
Federal Housing Authority (Welles Village)	\$22,680.00	\$22,680.00
State of Connecticut (State Parks)	432.28	290.00
	<u>\$23,112.28</u>	<u>\$22,970.00</u>
Courts		
Town Court	\$3,504.65	\$3,300.00
Small Claims Court	231.50	200.00
	<u>\$3,736.15</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Education		
Adult Education—State	\$657.25	\$850.00
Elementary Transportation—State	16,159.56	15,230.73
Grant in Aid—State	144,945.00	157,760.00
Homemaking—State	1,764.41	2,797.20
Industrial Arts—State	2,819.38	—
Physically Handicapped Children—State	2,171.45	3,749.66
Trade School Transportation—State	5.00	400.00
Vocational Agriculture—State	2,591.31	3,462.62
Federal Grant	9,860.78	6,500.00
Town Deposit Fund Interest	153.83	150.00
Rent of School Facilities	585.00	500.00
Tuition	635.00	1,350.00
Miscellaneous	364.36	—
	<u>\$182,712.33</u>	<u>\$192,250.21</u>
Planning and Zoning		
Building Inspection Fees	\$20,738.54	\$18,500.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	—	25.00
	<u>\$20,738.54</u>	<u>\$18,525.00</u>
Police Department		
Fire Department's Share Alarm System	\$6,552.84	\$8,800.00
Supernumeraries—Private Duty	968.90	1,000.00
Gas Tax Refunds	626.13	600.00
Sundry Income	919.58	800.00
	<u>\$9,067.45</u>	<u>\$11,200.00</u>

*Amount required to balance budget.

	Actual Receipts 1955-56	Estimated Receipts 1956-57
Taxes and Licenses		
Liquor Licenses—State	\$8,210.00	\$8,200.00
Motor Bus Tax—State	1,471.45	1,400.00
Peddlers' Permits	159.50	125.00
	<u>\$9,840.95</u>	<u>\$9,725.00</u>
Public Works Department		
Unimproved and State Aid Roads—State	\$15,153.45	\$4,000.00
Refunds—Towns and Individuals	2,527.30	3,000.00
Gas Tax Refunds	152.10	200.00
Flood Damage—State	—	3,500.00
Sale of Fill	—	1,500.00
	<u>\$17,832.85</u>	<u>\$12,200.00</u>
Welfare		
Outdoor Aid—State	\$3,632.62	\$4,000.00
Town Farm—State	1,807.47	2,000.00
Town Farm Income	3,245.96	3,000.00
Refunds—Towns	862.85	1,000.00
Refunds—Individuals	3,968.58	3,000.00
Burial of Veterans—State	400.00	—
Miscellaneous	15.00	—
	<u>\$13,932.48</u>	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
State Grants for School Construction		
Junior-Senior High School	\$21,757.50	\$21,757.50
Buttonball Lane School	—	6,900.00
Junior-Senior High School Addition	—	13,417.00
	<u>\$21,757.50</u>	<u>\$42,074.50</u>
Unclassified		
Civil Defense Matching Funds	\$747.50	\$1,000.00
Premium on Sale of Bonds	2,490.90	—
Accrued Interest on Bonds	1,710.00	—
Interest on Treasury Certificates	6,728.99	5,000.00
Fire Department	172.70	—
Cooperative Kindergarten	53.25	—
Probate Assembly	35.98	—
Metropolitan District—Refund	1,755.72	—
Miscellaneous (including dog damage)	40.14	200.00
	<u>\$13,735.18</u>	<u>\$6,200.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,442,417.57</u>	<u>\$1,743,863.23</u>
Cash on Hand, September 1, 1955	67,376.18	—
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1956	—	25,637.35
	<u>\$1,509,793.75</u>	<u>\$1,769,500.58</u>

DETAILED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Actual Expenditures 1955-56	Budget Appropriations 1956-57
Selectmen		
First	\$5,933.33	\$6,000.00
Second	491.66	500.00
Third	491.66	500.00
Automobile Expense	163.88	400.00
Office Supplies and Expense	1,655.73	1,300.00
Legal Notices	216.36	300.00
Clerical Salary	2,800.00	2,800.00
Preparing Tax Rate Book	575.00	600.00
Expense for Re-establishing Fire Zones	—	500.00
Treasurer		
Salary	\$1,566.63	\$1,600.00
Acting Treasurer's Salary	366.66	—
Bond	314.75	296.00
Expense, Office Supplies	67.13	150.00
Expense, Office Equipment	—	500.00
Town Clerk		
Salary	\$1,400.08	\$1,400.00
Clerical Expense	512.00	500.00
Supplies	851.53	900.00
Recording Veterans' Discharges	100.00	100.00
General Index Land Records	94.00	100.00
Record Vital Statistics	998.40	1,025.00
Lien Fees	105.75	110.00
New Roller Shelf Unit	—	300.00
Rebind 3 Record Books	—	120.00
Town Counsel—Legal Services		
Selectmen	761.00	800.00
Police Department	65.00	65.00
Town Plan and Zoning	514.70	525.00
Board of Education	330.00	330.00
Tax Collector	136.00	1,100.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	455.00	455.00
Welfare Department	217.60	220.00
Town Clerk	20.00	20.00
Town Auditor	1,100.00	1,100.00
Town Fire Marshal	746.08	800.00
Town Buildings		
Maintenance and Supplies	5,014.06	4,800.00
Special Appropriation (Old Town Hall)	3,625.25	—
Insurance		
Liability	4,086.80	4,800.00
Compensation	3,647.95	4,000.00
Fire	490.94	600.00
Board of Finance		
Expense	97.00	125.00
Printing Town Reports	895.20	1,000.00
Total General Government	<u>\$40,907.13</u>	<u>\$40,741.00</u>

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

	Actual Expenditures 1955-56	Budget Appropriations 1956-57
Assessment Expense		
Assessor's Salary	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00
Clerical Salary	3,100.00	3,300.00
Printing and Supplies	1,010.57	1,100.00
Automobile Expense	500.00	600.00
Office Equipment	455.00	4,500.00
School for Assessor	50.00	75.00
Special Appropriation (Clerical Expense)	622.90	600.00
Revaluation	4,815.42	23,784.58
	\$17,553.89	\$41,459.58
Board of Tax Review	255.69	450.00
	\$17,909.58	\$41,909.58
Capital Expenditures		
Highway—2 Dump Trucks 3½ Yards	\$11,986.00	\$15,900.00
Highway—2 Sand Spreaders	275.00	625.00
Voting Machine	975.00	—
Mobile Transmitter and Receiver for Pick-up Truck	540.00	—
New Fire Pumper—Company No. 2	16,705.06	—
Highway Snow Plow	—	200.00
Auxillary Police—Rescue Vehicle	—	500.00
	\$30,481.06	\$17,225.00
Civil Bodies		
County Tax	\$7,491.65	\$7,260.00
Probate Court Tax	402.00	500.00
	\$7,893.65	\$7,760.00
Courts		
Town Court	\$3,923.51	\$5,150.00
Small Claims Division	600.00	600.00
	\$4,523.51	\$5,750.00
Debt Retirement		
School Bonds 1923	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Junior-Senior High School Bonds—1952	80,000.00	80,000.00
School Bonds—1955 (9-1-57)	60,000.00	60,000.00
	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
Education Board		
Operational Expense (Details on Page 29)	\$783,715.00	\$1,021,035.00
Expense approved 1955/56	—	15,000.00
	\$783,715.00	\$1,036,035.00
Engineering Expense		
Engineer's Salary	\$2,500.00	\$7,000.00
Additional Services	400.60	—
Office and Field Equipment	—	1,000.00
Town Road Monumenting (Materials)	3,633.65	800.00
Clerical Expense	—	800.00
	\$6,534.25	\$9,600.00

Fire Department

	Actual Expenditures 1955-56	Budget Appropriations 1956-57
New Equipment and Replacements	\$4,893.29	\$5,300.00
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment	5,156.25	5,550.00
Improvement of Buildings	2,341.00	5,600.00
Hydrant Rentals	882.17	1,452.50
Office and Administration Expenses	256.82	400.00
Insurance	1,552.75	1,895.00
Special Services	557.90	1,000.00
Hydrant Installation	1,990.00	4,020.00
Education	124.06	300.00
Firemen's Expenses	3,924.90	5,000.00
Chief and Assistants	575.00	575.00
Alarm System and Telephone Expenses	9,465.17	9,775.00
	\$31,719.31	\$40,867.50
Street Lighting	21,574.93	22,735.00
	\$53,294.24	\$63,602.50

Health

Health Officer Salary	\$2,997.38	\$2,500.00
Health Officer Expense	—	240.00
Acting Health Officer	—	500.00
Sanitarian	42.00	800.00
Visiting Nurse Association	8,000.00	8,000.00
	\$11,039.38	\$12,040.00

Interest on Indebtedness

School Bonds—1923	\$562.50	\$337.50
High School Bonds—1952	21,200.00	19,280.00
Temporary Borrowings	3,383.27	5,500.00
School Bonds—1955	15,390.00	29,160.00
Service Charges on School Bond Coupons	42.75	125.00
	\$40,578.52	\$54,402.50

Libraries

Welles-Turner Memorial Library	\$17,500.00	\$18,000.00
South Glastonbury Library	750.00	750.00
	\$18,250.00	\$18,750.00

Planning and Zoning

Town Plan and Zoning Commission Expense	\$1,922.66	\$1,580.00
Assistance in Planning	2,084.37	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	224.64	395.00
Building Inspector		
Salary—Building Inspector	5,166.67	5,500.00
Salary—Vacation Replacement	340.00	170.00
Salary—Clerical	2,526.05	2,675.00
Automobile Expense	493.50	600.00
Administration Expense	—	1,385.00
	\$12,758.70	\$14,255.00

	Actual Expenditures 1955-56	Budget Appropriations 1956-57
Police Department		
Salaries and Wages (includes Fire Department's Share Alarm System)	\$58,758.51	\$64,800.00
Equipment and Training	2,397.35	4,000.00
Insurance	1,930.52	2,200.00
Cruisers	4,808.96	5,000.00
Headquarters	4,999.53	5,200.00
Supplies	3,294.90	3,500.00
New Equipment	2,657.02	2,800.00
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Street Lines, etc. (Appropriation 1955-56)	\$78,346.79	\$87,500.00
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	\$78,346.79	\$89,500.00
Public Service Enterprises		
Tree Warden—Salary	\$200.00	\$250.00
Tree Warden—Expense	3,908.75	5,000.00
Green Cemetery	675.00	675.00
Old Church Cemetery	250.00	250.00
Old South Cemetery	200.00	200.00
Buckingham Cemetery	35.00	35.00
Town Care Cemeteries—Wassuc, Eastbury	372.50	440.00
John Tom Hill Cemetery	10.00	20.00
Green Park Association	700.00	700.00
Memorial Day Observance	700.00	750.00
Glastonbury Public Building Committee	262.70	750.00
Safety Committee Expense	—	500.00
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	\$7,813.95	\$9,570.00
Public Works Department (Formerly Highway Department)		
Truck Drivers and Equipment Operators	\$19,700.50	—
Foremen	5,494.44	—
Laborers	14,809.06	—
Wages	—	\$68,450.00
Garage Expense	1,595.27	1,750.00
Hired Services	2,947.13	3,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	9,605.20	12,000.00
Repairs to Equipment	5,330.61	5,500.00
Tools and Materials	3,427.47	3,500.00
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	\$62,909.68	\$94,200.00
Highway Construction	3,288.42	—
Retirement	5,291.66	5,500.00
Snow and Ice Removal	13,946.80	—
Snow and Ice Removal (Materials)	—	5,000.00
Unimproved and Improved Roads (State).....	14,929.47	4,000.00
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	\$100,366.03	\$108,700.00
Eastbury Park and Other Recreational Facilities	\$7,124.09	\$6,400.00
Williams Memorial Building	—	1,400.00
Eastbury Park Improvement	5,842.26	250.00
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	\$12,966.35	\$8,050.00

	Actual Expenditures 1955-56	Budget Appropriations 1956-57
Recreation Committee		
Registrars' Expense		
Registrars' Salaries	\$2,535.27	\$3,000.00
Election Attendants	953.23	1,000.00
Printing and Supplies	2,326.51	2,300.00
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	\$5,815.01	\$6,300.00
Sanitation		
Meadow Drain	\$499.75	\$500.00
Care of Town Dump	3,040.90	3,200.00
Repairs to Sanitary Sewers	224.04	600.00
Sewer Commission Expense	350.00	3,500.00
Clean-up Weeks	1,433.78	—
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	\$5,548.47	\$7,800.00
Tax Collection Expense		
Collector's Salary	\$3,856.42	\$4,000.00
Collector's Bond	365.50	365.50
Clerical Expense	1,220.00	1,000.00
Printing and Supplies	1,055.14	952.50
Legal Expense	44.16	—
Lien Fees	201.50	175.00
Office Equipment	413.10	—
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	\$7,155.82	\$6,493.00
Unclassified Expenditures		
Contingent Fund (1955-56 \$20,000.00)	—	\$20,000.00
Tax Refunds	\$378.16	500.00
Defense Council Expense	1,959.81	2,667.00
Defense Council Director Expense	300.00	300.00
Jury Committee	40.00	50.00
Social Security	3,113.59	3,500.00
Micro-Film Storage	46.03	50.00
Development and Industrial Commission Expense	—	500.00
Dog Damage	82.95	250.00
Repairs to Voting Machine	—	200.00
Heating Equipment—Board of Education.....	900.00	—
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	\$6,820.54	\$28,017.00
Welfare Commission		
Outdoor Aid	\$18,219.75	\$18,883.00
Town Farm Operation and Improvements	7,948.77	8,416.00
Administrative Expense	8,579.67	10,086.00
Special Appropriation	984.22	615.00
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	\$35,732.41	\$38,000.00
Total Budget Expenditures and Appropriations		
	\$1,432,950.48	\$1,769,500.58
Miscellaneous Debits	1,205.92	—
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	50,000.00	—
General Fund Cash, August 31, 1956	25,687.35	—
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	\$1,509,793.75	\$1,769,500.58

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

Per Cent			
78.06%	Property Taxes		\$1,125,951.86
0.26	Town Courts		3,736.15
15.53	State of Connecticut		
	Education	\$171,103.36	
	Highways	15,153.45	
	Licenses	9,681.45	
	Welfare	5,840.09	
	School Construction....	21,757.50	
	State Parks	432.28	223,968.13
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2.31	Federal Government		
	Welles Village	\$22,680.00	
	Education	9,860.78	
	Civil Defense	747.50	33,288.28
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1.44	Planning and Zoning (fees)		20,738.54
0.63	Police Department		
	Fire Department		
	(Alarm System)....	\$6,552.84	
	Other Receipts	2,514.61	9,067.45
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0.56	Welfare (except State)		8,092.39
0.76	Bond Premium and Interest		10,928.99
0.45	Other Receipts		6,645.78
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100.00%			\$1,442,417.57
	Decrease in Cash Balance, etc.		40,582.91
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			\$1,482,950.48

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Per Cent			
2.85%	General Government		\$40,907.13
1.25	Assessing Expense		17,909.58
2.14	Capital Expenditures		30,481.06
0.55	County and Probate Taxes		7,893.65
0.32	Courts (Town and Small Claims)		4,523.51
10.12	Debt Retirement		145,000.00
54.69	Education		783,715.00
0.46	Engineering Expense		6,534.25
2.21	Fire Department		31,719.31
1.50	Street Lighting		21,574.93
0.77	Health		11,039.38
2.82	Interest on Indebtedness		40,578.52
1.27	Libraries		18,250.00
0.80	Planning and Zoning		12,758.79
5.47	Police Department		78,346.79
0.50	Public Service Enterprises		7,313.95
7.00	Public Works Department		100,366.03
0.95	Recreation		12,966.35
0.46	Registrars' Expense		5,815.01
0.40	Sanitation		5,548.47
0.50	Tax Collection		7,155.82
2.50	Welfare		35,732.41
0.47	Unclassified		6,820.54
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100.00%			\$1,432,950.48
	Transfer to Reserve Fund		50,000.00
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			\$1,482,950.48

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