

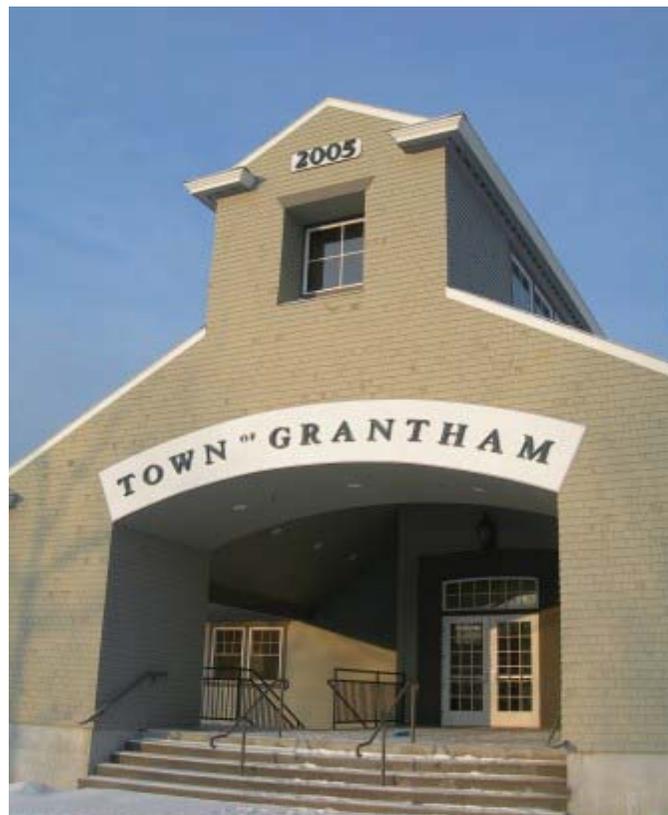
BUILDING INSPECTOR

60 building permits were issued for the calendar year 2009 which represents about a 38% decrease for the same period last year (96 permits). A total of 179 inspections were conducted with the Grantham Village School addition and Eastman's new South Cove Activity Center accounting for the bulk of these inspections.

Property owners are reminded that street number signs for their homes should be prominently displayed and observable from the road at a minimum for safety purposes, if not to facilitate any required inspections.

Please contact me at the Town Office (863-6021) or at home (863-5863) with any questions or comments.

Roger Woodworth
Building Inspector



**Planning Board
2009 Report Information**

Site Plan Review:

- Brian's Carpet & Flooring; M/L 233-026; Sawyer Brook Plaza
- Greenwood's Kitchen & Bath; M/L 233-092; Route 10 South
- OT in Motion; M/L 233-020; 151 Route 10 North
- Valuation Research Counseling; M/L 233-026; Sawyer Brook Plaza
- Phi Baby Kappa Children's Society; M/L 226-020; 151 Route 10 North
- Eastman Community Association; M/L 215-061; West Cove A Beach
- Eastman Community Association; M/L 222-281; Clearwater Drive
- Hair Therapy; M/L 233-026; 120 Route 10 South

Boundary Line Adjustment:

- Daniel & Elinor Redmond; M/L 242-005,006,007; Doc's Drive

Subdivision:

- None

Annexation:

- Glenn & Melissa McGrath; M/L 234 & 225-038,039; Eastman/Brookridge section.
- Shailer; M/L 234-059,060; Eastman/Greensward Section 6

2009 TOWN OF GRANTHAM ANNUAL REPORT
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held five meetings during Fiscal Year 2009,. The scope of the applications reflected the economic downturn as none of the requests involved new construction.

Unusual for the year were three Equitable Waiver of Dimension requests. These usually are for relief from lack of compliance found after construction is completed. Two requests, involving sheds within setback from boundary lines, were granted approval. A third request was deemed not necessary as the boundary line was redefined and a septic tank was judged within the proper setback.

There were two variance requests for a change in scope to businesses within two different buildings (subject to "grandfathered use") in the Central Village Residential District. These were granted, with conditions, as the nature of these business changes just utilized a different manner of the same use, did not constitute a different use in character, nature and kind, and the use did not have a different effect on the neighborhood.

Two requests were made for permission through Special Exception for new home businesses. Both of these conformed to Article VII-C Home Business and were passed with conditions.

The other requests were for an additional business sign on a building and for a third antenna on an existing telecommunications tower. The former was approved and the latter was deemed to be in conformance and did not require approval by the Board.

The only other item before the Board during the year was the amendment of Article III-K Shorelands Overlay District which involves the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act. A revision of the Act was passed by the State of New Hampshire and the Town's Zoning Ordinance had to reflect this change. The proposed Ordinance amendment was placed on a Warrant Article on the March 2009 Town Meeting agenda and was passed.

I would like to thank the members of the Board for their continued conscientious work and to Martha Menard for keeping the administrative side of the Board in order.

Respectively submitted,
Conrad F. Frey

**FY 09 Annual Report for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
(Commission)**

The Commission is one of nine regional planning commission in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year the Commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities, ultimately aimed at building stability and capacity in order to better address land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region.

Revenue for the Commission was \$721,630.58 for FY09. A large percentage of this funding comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. In FY2009 this allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$350,000 in state and federal funds, and provided with the Commission with just over 15% of its revenue.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These Commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the Commission does. The Commission had ten new Commissioners appointed by various municipalities and counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the Commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include initiating Grafton County Coordination Summit which led to Regional Coordinating Councils for transit in Grafton modeled after the Sullivan County RCC which the Commission has shepherded for 3 years. We also developed a program for solid waste transportation management planning assistance for Sullivan County through USDA Solid Waste funding. In addition we secured funding and have begun work on developing a site for an Intermodal facility within the Upper Valley and completed four Natural Resource Inventories, three Master Plan sections and numerous reviews of zoning ordinances and local land use policies.

The Commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Claremont, Charlestown, Dorchester, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lempster, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Washington and Wilmot all took advantage of these services this past year.

The Commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region.

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker
Executive Director

Commissioners serving your community during July 2008 – June 2009

ACWORTH

Laurence Williamson
John Tuthill

CHARLESTON

Steve Smith
Jan Lambert

CLAREMONT

Bernard Folta

Dorchester

William Trought

CORNISH

William Lipfert
J Cheston Newbold

CROYDON

Willis Ballou Jr

ENFIELD

Ken Daniels
Steven Schneider

GOSHEN

Melanie Bell

GRANTHAM

Thain Allan

HANOVER

Katherine Connelly
William Dietrich

LEBANON

Sean Donovan
Joan Monroe

LEMPSTER

Terry Spada

LYME

Freda Swan
Dan Brand

NEW LONDON

Peter Stanley

NEWBURY

Nancy Marashio

NEWPORT

Jeff Kessler

ORFORD

Paul Dalton

PIERMONT

Helga Mueller

PLAINFIELD

Richard Winters
James Taylor

SPRINGFIELD

Kevin Lee

SUNAPEE

Aaron Simpson
Stephen White

WASHINGTON

John Sheehy

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Jeff Barrette

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

*Peter Gregory – Two-
Rivers Ottauquechee RPC*
*Mark Scarano – Grafton
County Economic
Development Council*



President, Peter Stanley (New London) looks on as incoming President Shawn Donovan (Lebanon) gives closing remarks at the Commission's Annual Meeting held at the Mount Sunapee Resort in June 2009.