## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT



**Basic Financial Statements** 

For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

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## Independent Auditors' Report



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Finance of the Town of Essex, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Essex, Connecticut (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Essex, Connecticut, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 4, the Town has retroactively reported major general infrastructure assets, as allowed by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of July 1, 2006.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 3, 2007, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The management's discussion and analysis presented on pages 3 through 12 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Carlin, Chaner Roen, UP

Glastonbury, Connecticut December 3, 2007

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Essex (the "Town"), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$14,547,147 (net assets). Of this amount, \$2,687,539 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net assets increased by \$1,532,899 due primarily to increases in property tax revenue and investment earnings, both of which were offset by increases in education expenses and long-term debt.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,451,290, an increase of \$541,543 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 81% or \$1,979,508 of this total amount is available for spending at the Town's discretion (unreserved fund balance).
- At the end of the close of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$2,123,159, or 11.6% of total general fund expenditures.
- The Town's total long-term bonded debt decreased by \$450,000 or 33% during the current fiscal year due to scheduled repayments.
- The Town's long-term liabilities increased by \$1,357,323 during the current fiscal year, primarily due to general obligation bond proceeds received in August 2007, which were used to retire a bond anticipation note payable outstanding at June, 30 2007.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

## **Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements display information about the Town's governmental activities which include general government, public safety, health and welfare, libraries, highways and transportation, and education. The Town does not have any business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements include only the Town itself because there are no legally separate organizations for which the Town is financially accountable.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13 - 14 of this report.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

### Governmental Funds

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

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

The Town maintains nine individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund, and the EES Renovation Project Fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other six governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 - 20 of this report.

## Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 21 - 22 of this report.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 23 - 46 of this report.

### Other Information

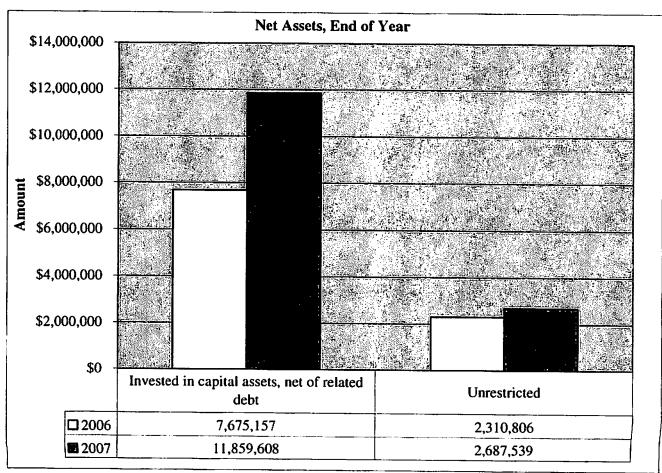
Combining and individual fund statements and schedules and other supplementary information can be found on pages 47 - 58 of this report.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

## **Net Assets**

Over time, net assets may serve as one measure of a government's financial position. Total net assets of the Town totaled \$14,547,147 and \$9,985,963 as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively and are summarized as follows:

	Total				
	2007	2006			
Current and other assets	\$ 5,060,959	\$4,809,680			
Capital assets, net	14,608,213	9,077,025			
Total assets	19,669,172	13,886,705			
Long-term liabilities	641,290	1,049,960			
Other liabilities	4,480,735	2,850,782			
Total liabilities	5,122,025	3,900,742			
Net assets:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	11,859,608	7,675,157			
Unrestricted	2,687,539	2,310,806			
Total net assets	\$14,547,147	\$9,985,963			



## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

## Net Assets (Continued)

81.5% of the Town's net assets reflect its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The remainder of the Town's net assets are considered unrestricted and may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Overall, net assets increased by \$1,532,899 or 15.4% in comparison to the prior year.

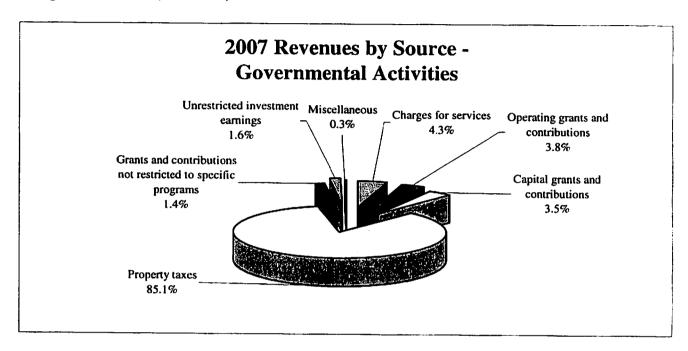
## **Changes in Net Assets**

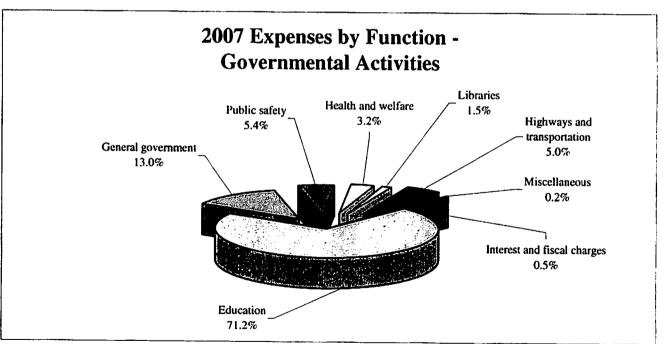
Changes in net assets for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

	Total				
	2007	2006			
Revenues					
Program revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 840,684	\$ 826,389			
Operating grants and contributions	722,362	739,414			
Capital grants and contributions	672,977	251,894			
General revenues:					
Property taxes	16,340,681	15,497,080			
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	260,868	230,996			
Unrestricted investment earnings	305,588	179,625			
Miscellaneous	51,693	23,323			
Total revenues	19,194,853	17,748,721			
Program expenses					
General government	2,293,496	2,269,299			
Public safety	962,229	886,544			
Health and welfare	567,131	511,154			
Libraries	269,000	220,000			
Highways and transportation	891,179	718,901			
Interest and fiscal charges	93,971	81,509			
Miscellaneous	12,231	13,625			
Education	12,572,717	11,921,304			
Total expenses	17,661,954	16,622,336			
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Change in net assets	\$ 1,532,899	\$ 1,126,385			

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

Changes in Net Assets (Continued)





## Governmental Activities

Governmental activities increased the Town's net assets by \$1,532,899. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

• An increase in property tax revenue of \$843,601 or 5.4% in comparison to the prior year due to an increase in the mill rate from 15.5 mills to 16.2 mills and an increase in the taxable grand list.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

## Governmental Activities (Continued)

- An increase in unrestricted investment earnings of \$125,963 or 70%, due to an increase in the average cash and investment balances, as well as an increase in interest rates.
- The increases in property tax revenue and unrestricted investment earnings were offset by an
  increase in education expenses of \$651,413 or 5.5% in comparison to the prior year. This increase
  was due primarily to increased salaries and benefits and additional debt service for new facilities
  paid to the regional school district.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

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

## **Governmental Funds**

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,451,290, an increase of \$541,543 in comparison with the prior year. Of this amount, \$1,979,508 constitutes unreserved fund balance which is available for spending at the Town's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed for specific purposes.

## General Fund

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$2,123,159, while total fund balance was \$2,588,070. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 11.6% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 14.2% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased \$654,852 during the current fiscal year. The key factors in this growth was an overall increase in total revenues of \$1,601,220 or 9.1% due to an increase in property tax revenues, coupled with increases in interest income and intergovernmental grant revenues. These factors more than offset normal budgeted increases in education and other expenditures.

## Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund

The fund balance of the Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund increased by \$773,030 during the current fiscal year. This increase was due primarily to transfers received from the general fund, and proceeds recorded for the issuance of general obligation bonds subsequent to year end.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS (Continued)

## Governmental Funds (Continued)

## EES Renovation Project Fund

The EES Renovation Project Fund has a deficit fund balance of \$1,251,133 as of June 30, 2007. This deficit is attributable to expenditures incurred for the renovation of the Essex Elementary School. The Town has funded the deficit through the issuance of general obligation bonds, subsequent to year end.

## GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget were an increase in appropriations of \$99,780 related to a project to develop land previously purchased by the Town for a recreational facility at Viney Hill Brook Park, as well as additional legal and pump out boat expenditures not originally budgeted.

During the year, however, revenues exceeded budgetary estimates by \$420,105, while expenditures were less than budgetary estimates by \$159,237, thus eliminating the need to draw upon additional fund balances.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

## **Capital Assets**

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2007 totaled \$14,608,213 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. The total increase in the Town's investment in capital assets was \$5,531,188 or 60.9%, comprised of \$3,028,285 recorded as an adjustment for retroactive infrastructure reporting to comply with provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 and \$2,502,903 in current year additions, net.

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

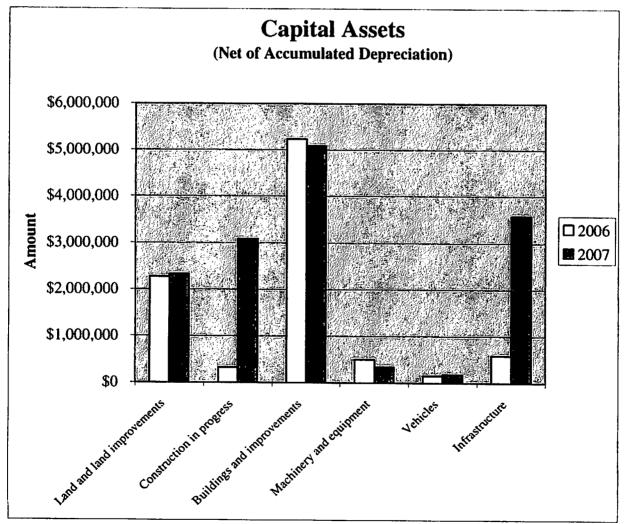
- An increase in construction in progress of \$2,759,160, primarily due to expenditures incurred in connection with the ongoing renovation of the Essex Elementary School.
- An increase in infrastructure of \$203,979 primarily due to expenditures incurred in connection with completed projects for Town center improvements.
- Capitalization of major general infrastructure assets which were acquired (or received major renovations, restorations, or improvements) in fiscal years ending after June 30, 1980. These depreciable assets accounted for \$3,028,285 or 54.7% of the increase in total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

## Capital Assets (Continued)

The following table is a two year comparison of the investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:

	Total				
	2007	2006			
Land and land improvements	\$ 2,329,296	\$2,273,886			
Construction in progress	3,083,421	324,261			
Buildings and improvements	5,085,797	5,235,944			
Machinery and equipment	343,240	501,936			
Vehicles	183,304	155,573			
Infrastructure	3,583,155	585,425			
Totals	\$14,608,213	\$9,077,025			



Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 4 on page 33 of this report.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

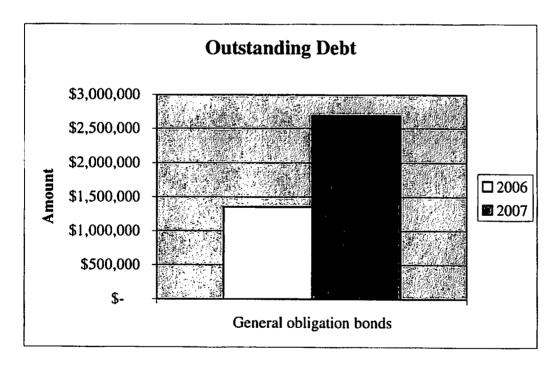
## Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had total bonded debt outstanding of \$905,000, all of which is backed by the full faith and credit of the government. The Town's total bonded debt decreased by \$450,000 or 33.2% during the current fiscal year due to scheduled repayments. In addition, the Town has recorded an increase in long-term liabilities of \$1,785,000 for bond proceeds which were received in August 2007 and used for the retirement of a bond anticipation note payable outstanding at June 30, 2007.

The Town maintains an "AA3" rating from Moody's Investor Service for general obligation debt.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt the Town may issue to seven times its annual receipts from taxation, as defined by the statutes. The current debt limitation for the Town is \$114,514,218, which is significantly in excess of the Town's outstanding general obligation debt.

The following is a two year comparison of long-term bonded debt:



Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 8 on pages 35 - 37 of this report.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

A summary of key economic factors affecting the Town are as follows:

- The Town receives intergovernmental revenues from the State of Connecticut. Connecticut's economy moves in the same general cycle as the national economy.
- The unemployment rate for the Town is currently 2.8%, which is a decrease from a rate of 2.9% in the prior year. This compares favorably to the state's average unemployment rate of 4.1% and the national unemployment rate of 4.6%.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town's budget for fiscal year 2008.

## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Treasurer, Town of Essex, 29 West Avenue, Essex, Connecticut 06426.

## Basic Financial Statements

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,062,418	
Receivables:			
Property taxes, net of allowance for			
doubtful accounts of \$111,000		291,245	
Interest, net of allowance for			
doubtful accounts of \$128,000		65,161	
Grants and contracts receivable		398,687	
Other		12,364	
Prepaid items		11,702	
Inventories		6,871	
Grants and contracts receivable, long-term portion		193,664	
Net pension asset		18,847	
Capital assets:			
Non-depreciable		5,405,836	
Depreciable, net		9,202,377	
Total assets		19,669,172	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		2,015,188	
Accrued interest payable		14,091	
Other accrued liabilities		4,278	
Unearned revenue		21,147	
Claims payable		18,973	
Bond anticipation note payable		35,000	
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year		2,372,058	
Due in more than one year		641,290	
Total liabilities		5,122,025	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		11,859,608	
Unrestricted		2,687,539	
Total net assets	\$	14,547,147	

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net (Expense)

					Prog	Revenue and				
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital rants and ntributions	Changes in Net Assets - Governmental Actvities	
Governmental activities:									<u></u>	
Board of Selectmen:										
General government	\$	2,293,496	\$	615,504	\$	7,460	\$	12,231	\$	(1,658,301)
Public safety		962,229		22,321		42,269		-		(897,639)
Health and welfare		567,131		94,593		44,462		-		(428,076)
Libraries		269,000		-		-		-		(269,000)
Highways and transportation		891,179		-		-		651,753		(239,426)
Interest and fiscal charges		93,971		-		•		-		(93,971)
Miscellaneous		12,231		-		•		-		(12,231)
Education		12,572,717		108,266		628,171		8,993		(11,827,287)
Total governmental activities	\$	17,661,954	\$	840,684	\$	722,362	\$	672,977		(15,425,931)
	Gen	eral revenues:								
	F	Property taxes,	levied	for general	purpos	es				16,340,681
	(	Grants and conf	tributio	ons not restri	cted to	specific pro	grams			260,868
	τ	Jnrestricted inv	vestme	nt earnings		_				305,588
	Ŋ	Aiscellaneous		_						51,693
		Total genera	l rever	nues						16,958,830
			Chai	nge in net as	sets					1,532,899
			Net:	assets - begi	nning,	as originally	reporte	ed		9,985,963
			Adju	istment (see	Note I	(0)	·			3,028,285
			Net :	assets - begi	nning,	as adjusted				13,014,248
			Net a	assets - endii	ng	-			\$	14,547,147

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund		Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund		EES Renovation Project		Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS			_		_					_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,677,269	\$	872,532	\$	266,068	\$	246,549	\$	4,062,418
Receivables:										
Property taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$111,000		201.245								201.214
Grants and contracts		291,245 293,715		•		-		2024		291,245
Other		6,204		•		-		2,934		296,649
Prepaid items		11,702		-		•		6,160		12,364
Due from other funds		35,740		59,130		•		-		11,702
Inventories		33,740		39,130		•		6.871		94,870 6,871
Total assets	\$	3,315,875	\$	931,662	<u> </u>	266,068	\$	262,514	<u> </u>	4,776,119
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:		•								
Accounts payable	\$	498,181	\$	-	\$	1,515,501	\$	1,506	\$	2,015,188
Other accrued liabilities		•		-		-		4,278		4,278
Due to other funds		59,130		-		1,700		34,040		94,870
Uncarned/deferred revenue		170,494		-		•		4,999		175,493
Bond anticipation note payable		-		35,000	_	<u>-</u>		-		35,000
Total liabilities		727,805		35,000		1,517,201		44,823		2,324,829
Fund Balances (Deficit): Reserved for:										
Inventories										
Encumbrances		452.000		-		-		6,871		6,871
Prepaid items		453,209 11,702		-		-		-		453,209
Unreserved		2,123,159		896,662		(1.061.133)		-		11,702
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor		2,123,139		070,002		(1,251,133)		-		1,768,688
special revenue funds		_		_				210,820		210 920
Total fund balances (deficit)		2,588,070		896,662		(1,251,133)		217,691		210,820
Total liabilities and fund		2,500,070		090,002		(1,231,133)		217,091		2,451,290
balances (deficit)	\$	3,315,875	\$	931,662	<u>\$</u>	266,068	\$	262,514	\$	4,776,119

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

JUNE 30, 2007			
Total fund balances for governmental funds			\$ 2,451,290
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. Those assets consist of:			
Land and land improvements  Construction in progress  Building and improvements  Machinery and equipment  Motor vehicles  Infrastructure  Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization  Total capital assets, net	\$	2,434,957 3,083,421 8,956,912 1,545,221 574,098 7,350,550 (9,336,946)	14,608,213
The pension assets resulting from contributions in excess of the annual required contributions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			18,847
School construction grants receivable from the State of Connecticut are not available to pay current period expenditures, and therefore are deferred in the	e fun	ds.	295,702
Some of the Town's taxes will be collected after year end, but are not available soon enough to pay for current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as deferred revenue in the funds.			154,346
Accrued interest on property taxes is not susceptible to accrual and therefore is not reported in the funds.	;		65,161
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Town's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities - both current and long-term - are reported in the statement of net assets.			
Long-term debt: Bonds and notes payable Bond anticipation note payable Obligations under capital lease Accrued interest payable		(939,752) (1,785,000) (58,605) (14,091)	
Other long-term liabilities: Compensated absences Claims payable Total long-term liabilities		(229,991) (18,973)	 (3,046,412)
Net assets of governmental activities			\$ 14,547,147

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

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund	Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund	EES Renovation Project	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 16,401,807	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,401,807
Intergovernmental	1,666,801	•	•	41,294	1,708,095
Local revenue	754,971	*	•	173,222	928,193
Interest income	288,641	12,399	•	4,548	305,588
Other revenue			<u> </u>	16,416	16,416
Total revenues	19,112,220	12,399	-	235,480	19,360,099
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	2,033,864		•	58,094	2,091,958
Public safety	918,763	•	•	-	918,763
Health and welfare	565,740		•	_	565,740
Libraries	269,000		•	_	269,000
Highways and transportation	601,677	-	•	_	601,677
Subrecipient expenditures	• •	-	•	12.231	12,231
Education	12,310,835	•		115,431	12,426,266
Debt service:				115,151	12,720,200
Principal payments	529,550	-		-	529,550
Interest and fiscal charges	101,077	•		•	101,077
Capital outlays	958.305	1,499	2,212,188	•	3,171,992
Total expenditures	18,288,811	1,499	2,212,188	185,756	20,688,254
Excess (deficiency) of revenues					
over expenditures	823,409	10,900	(2,212,188)	49,724	(1,328,155)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from bond anticipation note	-	535,000	1,250,000	_	1,785,000
Capital lease	84,698	•	•		84,698
Transfers in	870	228,000		26,125	254,995
Transfers out	(254,125)	(870)			(254,995)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(168,557)	762,130	1,250,000	26,125	1,869,698
Net change in fund balances	654,852	773,030	(962,188)	75,849	541,543
Fund balances (deficit) - beginning	1,933,218	123,632	(288,945)	141,842	1,909,747
Fund balances (deficit) - ending	\$ 2,588,070	\$ 896,662	\$ (1,251,133)	\$ 217,691	\$ 2,451,290

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances for governmental funds

541.543

Total change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. The amount by which capital outlays were offset by depreciation and amortization in the current period is as follows:

Expenditures for capital assets \$ 3,162,806 Depreciation and amortization expense Net adjustment

2.502,903

(659,903)

(1,785,000)

Interest on property taxes receivable are not susceptible to accrual and therefore are only reported as revenue in the funds when the cash is received by the Town. The change in interest receivable during the year decreased revenues recognized in the funds.

(17,185)

Intergovernmental revenue on school construction grants is not susceptible to accrual and therefore is only reported as revenue in the funds when the cash is received by the Town. The amount received from the State during the year reduced revenues recognized in the funds.

(104, 120)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal on long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt is as follows:

Debt issued or incurred:

Bonds anticipation note payable

Capital lease financing (84,698)

Principal repayments:

Bonds and notes payable 456,588

Obligations under capital lease 72,962

Net adjustment (1,340,148)

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. The net effect on such items is as follows:

Compensated absences	\$ (17,175)		
Claims payable	4,964		
Accrued interest	7,106		
Net pension asset	(1,048)		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$	(6,153)
Certain revenues reported in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in			
governmental funds. This amount represents the change in deferred revenue.			(43,941)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities		_\$_	1,532,899

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts							riance With nal Budget		
		Original		Final		Actual		Over (Under)		
REVENUES										
Property taxes	\$	16,357,316	\$	16,357,316	\$	16,427,178	\$	69,862		
Intergovernmental		720,346		1,220,256		1,339,559		119,303		
Local revenues		692,672		692,672		754,971		62,299		
Interest income		120,000		120,000		288,641		168,641		
Total revenues		17,890,334	_	18,390,244		18,810,349		420,105		
EXPENDITURES										
Board of Selectmen		5,674,182		6,273,872		6,218,762		(55,110)		
Education		12,101,152		12,101,152		11,997,025		(104,127)		
Total expenditures	_	17,775,334		18,375,024		18,215,787		(159,237)		
Excess of revenues over										
expenditures		115,000		15,220		594,562	\$	(579,342)		
Fund balance - beginning						1,540,299				
Fund balance - ending					<u>\$</u>	2,134,861				

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

	Pension Trust Funds		Agency Funds	
ASSETS			· ·	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	72,925	\$	86,986
Investments		2,703,286		7,000
Interest and other receivables		3,932		-
Total assets		2,780,143	\$	93,986
LIABILITIES				
Due to others		-		81,038
Due to student groups		-		12,948
Total liabilities		•	\$	93,986
NET ASSETS				
Held in trust for pension benefits	\$	2,780,143		

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Pension Trust Funds
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 174,989
Plan members	7,298
Total contributions	182,287
Investment earnings:	<del></del>
Net appreciation in the fair value	
of investments	351,471
Interest	5,585
Total investment earnings	357,056
Total additions	539,343
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefit payments	134,791
Administrative expenses	8,128
Total deductions	142,919
Change in net assets	396,424
Net assets - beginning	2,383,719
Net assets - ending	\$ 2,780,143

## **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Town of Essex, Connecticut (the "Town") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to governmental organizations. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

## FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Town of Essex, Connecticut was incorporated as Old Saybrook on September 13, 1852, under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town's name was changed to Essex on July 8, 1854. The Town operates under the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting and Board of Finance form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture-recreation, education, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

The basic financial statements of the Town include only the funds of the Town, as no component units exist based on operational or financial relationships with the Town.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Town and include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. The statements are intended to distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. The Town has no business-type activities.

The statement of net assets presents the Town's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - This category consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital assets.

**Restricted net assets** - This category consists of net assets whose use is restricted either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, and the like, or through restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets - This category consists of net assets which do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

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

## **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and fiduciary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This fund is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund - This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures associated with the Town's various long-term capital projects.

EES Renovation Project Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures associated with the renovation of the Essex Elementary School.

In addition, the Town reports the following fiduciary fund types:

Pension Trust Funds - These funds are used to account for resources held in trust for the members and beneficiaries of the Town's defined benefit pension plans. The Town utilizes these funds to account for activities of the following plans: Town of Essex, Connecticut Amended and Restated Retirement Plan, the Town of Essex Merit Service Plan and the Town of Essex Employee's Pension Plan. These plans are discussed more fully in Note 11.

Agency Funds - These funds are used to account for resources held by the Town in a purely custodial capacity. The Town utilizes these funds to account for assets of the elementary school activities fund, performance bond fund and special project escrow fund. The elementary school activities fund accounts for monies generated by student activities in the Town's school system. The performance bond fund accounts for monies received to ensure that driveways are installed to correct specifications for new construction. The special project escrow fund accounts for monies received for various events or projects, but do not constitute Town owned funds.

## MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

## Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements (except for Agency Funds) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Agency Funds have no measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

## **Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are susceptible to accrual, that is, when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. Property taxes, grants and contracts, and interest associated with the current period are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the cash is received by the Town. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

## ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

## **Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased. Cash equivalents as of June 30, 2007 consist of money market accounts and Cooperative Liquid Asset Security Systems Funds (CLASS) which totaled \$72,925 and \$549,083, respectively. CLASS is an investment pool managed by MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp. The fair value of the Town's position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

## **Investments**

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, the Town presents all investments at fair value.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Continued)

### **Inventories**

Inventories are reported at cost using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method, except for USDA donated commodities, which are recorded at market value. Inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

## **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are assessed as of October 1 and are levied on the following July 1. Real estate and personal property taxes are due in two installments, July 1 and the following January 1. Motor vehicle taxes are payable on July 1 and supplemental motor vehicle taxes are payable on January 1. Taxes become delinquent thirty days after the installment is due and liens are filed on delinquent real estate taxes within one year.

## **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, and sidewalks), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost, or estimated historical cost, if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of a capital asset or materially extend capital asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Capital assets of the Town are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Land improvements	20
Buildings and improvements	30-50
Machinery and equipment	3-12
Vehicles	3-7
Infrastructure	25-50

During 2007, the Town implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 related to the recording of infrastructure assets prior to the July 1, 2002 implementation date of the standard. As such, the Town has recorded an adjustment to increase net assets in the government-wide financial statements as of July 1, 2006 by \$3,028,285, representing the net book value of the Town's infrastructure assets (roads, sidewalks and bridges) not previously recorded (See Note 10).

## **Unearned/Deferred Revenue**

In the government-wide and fund financial statements, this liability represents resources that have been received but not yet earned. In the fund financial statements, this liability also represents revenues considered measurable but not available during the current period.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Continued)

## **Compensated Absences**

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate unused vacation and sick pay benefits. The Board of Education allows employees to accumulate only unused sick pay.

All compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. Expenditures for compensated absences are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements in the current year to the extent they are paid during the year, or the vested amount is expected to be paid with available resources.

## Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

## **Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

## INTERFUND ACTIVITIES

Interfund activities are reported as follows:

## **Interfund Receivables and Payables**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds".

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reservation in the applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## **INTERFUND ACTIVITIES (Continued)**

## **Interfund Transfers**

Interfund transfers represent flows of assets without equivalent flows of assets in return and without a requirement for repayment. In governmental funds, transfers are reported as other financing uses in the funds making transfers and other financing sources in the funds receiving transfers.

### **Interfund Reimbursements**

Interfund reimbursements represent repayments from the funds responsible for particular expenditures or expenses to the funds that initially paid for them.

### **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY INFORMATION AND DEFICIT FUND EQUITY

## **BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

The General Fund is the only fund for which an annual budget is legally adopted. The Town adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data included in the General Fund financial statements.

- O The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance prepare an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1 which is presented at the annual Town meeting for approval. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Expenditures are budgeted by function, department and object. The legal level of budget control is the department level. The Board of Finance is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within and between departments and objects for amounts not exceeding \$20,000 or representing a second transfer to a department. Additional appropriations in excess of \$20,000 must be approved at a Town meeting. During the year, the Board of Finance and Town meetings approved additional appropriations from fund balance of \$99,780.
- O Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- O The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, except for intergovernmental revenues and encumbrances. Intergovernmental revenues and other reimbursement for certain special education costs are recorded as reductions to expenditures for budgetary purposes and "on behalf" payments made by the State of Connecticut into the State Teacher's Retirement System are not recorded for budgetary purposes. Encumbrances are recognized as a valid and proper charge against a budget appropriation in the year in which the purchase order, contract or other commitment is issued and, accordingly, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported in budgetary reports as expenditures of the current year.

## NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY INFORMATION AND DEFICIT FUND EQUITY (Continued)

## **BUDGETARY INFORMATION (Continued)**

All unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end, except those for the Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund. Appropriations for capital projects are continued until completion of applicable projects, even when projects extend more than one fiscal year.

As described above, accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ from those used to present financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP basis"). A reconciliation of General Fund amounts presented on the budgetary basis to amounts presented on the GAAP basis is as follows for the year ended June 30, 2007:

<b>F</b>	Total Revenues	Total  Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Net Change In Fund Balance
Budgetary basis	\$ 18,810,349	\$ 18,215,787	\$ -	\$ 594,562
"On-behalf" payments -				
State Teachers Retirement				
Fund (see Note 11)	284,558	284,558	-	-
Adjustment for encumbrances	-	(60,290)	-	60,290
Reimbursement for certain special education costs recorded as a reduction to expenditures for budgetary				
purposes	42,684	42,684	-	-
Reimbursement for certain public safety costs recorded as an increase to property tax				
revenue for budgetary purposes	(25,371)	(25,371)	-	-
Certain transfers recorded as expenditures for budgetary				
purposes	-	(253,255)	(253,255)	-
Capital lease not recorded				
for budgetary purposes	-	84,698	84,698	-
GAAP basis	\$ 19,112,220	\$ 18,288,811	\$ (168,557)	\$ 654,852

## **DEFICIT FUND EQUITY**

The EES Renovation Project Fund has a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2007 of \$1,251,133, which does not constitute a violation of statutory provisions. The deficit arose due to expenditures related to the renovation of the Essex Elementary School. The Town has funded the deficit through the issuance of general obligation bonds, subsequent to June 30, 2007 (see Note 16).

## **NOTE 3 - CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following as of June 30, 2007:

Government-wide	statement o	of net	assets:

Cash deposits	\$ 3,513,335
Cash equivalents	549,083
	4,062,418
Statement of fiduciary net assets:	
Cash deposits - Agency Funds	86,986
Cash equivalents - Pension Trust Funds	72,925
	159,911
	\$ 4,222,329

## CASH DEPOSITS - CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Town will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town's policy provides for uninsured demand and time deposits with banks and savings and loan institutions to be collateralized as prescribed in the Connecticut state statutes, as described below. In addition, in order to anticipate market changes and provide for a level of security for all funds, all public deposits shall be held in qualified public depositories. As of June 30, 2007, \$3,595,863 of the Town's bank balance of \$3,781,314 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	\$ 3,595,863
bank's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name	 369,586
Uninsured and collaterized with securities held by the pledging	
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 3,226,277

All of the Town's deposits were in qualified public institutions as defined by Connecticut state statute. Under this statute, any bank holding public deposits must at all times maintain, segregated from its other assets, eligible collateral in an amount equal to a certain percentage of its public deposits. The applicable percentage is determined based on the bank's risk-based capital ratio. The amount of public deposits is determined based on either the public deposits reported on the most recent quarterly call report, or the average of the public deposits reported on the four most recent quarterly call reports, whichever is greater. The collateral is kept in the custody of the trust department of either the pledging bank or another bank in the name of the pledging bank.

#### NOTE 3 - CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### **INVESTMENTS**

As of June 30, 2007, the Town's investments consisted of the following:

Cooperative Liquid Asset Security System (CLASS) Bond mutual fund Certificates of deposit				Inves	tmen	Matu	rities	(In Ye	ars)	
Investment type		Fair Less Value Than 1 1 to 5						to 10	More Than 10	
Debt Securities:						-		-		
Cooperative Liquid Asset Security										
System (CLASS)	\$	549,083	\$	549,083	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Bond mutual fund		903,947		903,947		-		-		-
Certificates of deposit		7,000		7,000		-		-		-
	1	,460,030	\$	1,460,030	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other investments:										
Equity mutual funds	1	,872,265								
Total	\$ 3	3,332,295	:							

Because the CLASS and bond mutual fund had weighted average maturities of less than 90 days, they were presented as investments with maturities of less than one year.

A reconciliation of the Town's investments as of June 30, 2007 is as follows:

Total investments	\$ 3,332,294
Less cash equivalents considered investments	
under GASB Statement No. 40:	
Statement of net assets	549,083
Statement of fiduciary net assets	72,925
Investments - Pension Trust and Agency Funds	\$ 2,710,286

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the Town's investment policy provides for the Town to maintain significant balances in cash equivalents or other short term maturity investments, as changing interest rates have limited impact on these types of investments. In addition, the Town has established an asset allocation policy that is responsive to the expected cash flows of the Town.

#### NOTE 3 – CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### **INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

#### Credit Risk

Connecticut state statutes permit the Town to invest in obligations of the United States, including its instrumentalities and agencies; in obligations of any state or of any political subdivision, authority or agency thereof, provided such obligations are rated within one of the top two rating categories of any recognized rating service; or in obligations of the State of Connecticut or of any political subdivision thereof, provided such obligations are rated within one of the top three rating categories of any recognized rating service. The pension trust funds may also invest in certain real estate mortgages, in certain savings banks or savings and loan associations, or in stocks or bonds or other securities selected by the trustee, with the care of a prudent investor.

The Town's investment policy regarding credit risk is to limit investments to those specified in the Connecticut state statutes, to pre-qualify the financial institutions used by the Town and to diversify the Town's portfolio so that the failure of one issuer will not place undue financial burden on the Town.

The Town's investments in debt securities were rated by Fitch Ratings as follows at June 30, 2007:

	Fair		
Debt Securities	Value	AAA	Unrated
Cooperative Liquid Asset Security			
System (CLASS)	\$ 549,083	\$ 549,083	\$ -
Bond mutual fund	903,947	-	903,947
Certificates of deposit	7,000	-	7,000
	\$ 1,460,030	\$ 549,083	\$ 910,947

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town's investments consist solely of investments in an external investment pool and a bond mutual fund and are therefore not exposed to custodial credit risk, because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The Town's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk with respect to investments.

#### **Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The Town places no limit on the amount of investment in any one issuer. The Town's investments consist solely of investments in an external investment pool and a bond mutual fund and are therefore not exposed to concentrations of credit risk, as these investments are considered to be diversified by nature.

#### **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 consisted of the following:

	Beginning Balance	• •		Decreases	Ending Balance	
Governmental Activities						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land and land improvements	\$2,272,415	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 2,322,415	
Construction in progess	324,261	-	2,759,160	-	3,083,421	
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	2,596,676		2,809,160		5,405,836	
Capital assets, being depreciated:						
Land improvements	106,042	-	6,500	-	112,542	
Buildings and improvements	8,956,912	-	-	_	8,956,912	
Machinery and equipment	1,511,039	_	53,780	(19,598)	1,545,221	
Vehicles	484,711	-	89,387	_	574,098	
Infrastructure	665,160	6,481,411	203,979	-	7,350,550	
Total capital assets, being depreciated	11,723,864	6,481,411	353,646	(19,598)	18,539,323	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:						
Land improvements	104,571	-	1,090	-	105,661	
Buildings and improvements	3,720,968	-	150,147	_	3,871,115	
Machinery and equipment	1,009,103	-	212,476	(19,598)	1,201,981	
Vehicles	329,138	-	61,656	-	390,794	
Infrastructure	79,735	3,453,126	234,534	-	3,767,395	
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	5,243,515	3,453,126	659,903	(19,598)	9,336,946	
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	6,480,349	3,028,285	(306,257)	(39,196)	9,202,377	
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$9,077,025	\$ 3,028,285	\$2,502,903	\$(39,196)	\$14,608,213	

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions of the Town as follows:

#### Governmental Activities:

General government	\$	189,751
Public safety		39,880
Highways and transportation		282,391
Education	_	147,881
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$	659,903

#### NOTE 5 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	A	Amount		
Governmental Funds General Fund	EES Renovation Project Other Funds	\$	1,700 34,040 35,740		
Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund	General Fund		59,130		
Total interfund receivabl	es/payables	\$	94,870		

The above balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

#### **NOTE 6 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2007 consisted of the following:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	 Amount
Governmental Funds Capital and Nonrecurring		
Expenditures Fund	General Fund	\$ 228,000
Other Funds	General Fund	26,125
General Fund	Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund	 870
Total transfers		\$ 254,995

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them, to the fund that statute or budget requires to expand them, and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

#### **NOTE 7 - SHORT-TERM DEBT**

During 2007, the Town retired two existing bond anticipation notes payable in the amounts of \$605,000 and \$1,250,000 through principal payments and the issuance of a \$1,820,000 bond anticipation note payable. The note bears a coupon rate of 4.0% and matures in August 2007. As discussed more fully in Note 16, this note was subsequently retired through the issuance of a general obligation bond.

#### NOTE 7 - SHORT-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The purpose of the bond anticipation note payable is to provide interim financing until general obligation bonds are issued. The following is a summary of changes in short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2007:

	Beginning			Ending
Governmental Activities	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Bond anticipation note payable	\$ 1,855,00	\$ 1,820,000	\$ (3,640,000)	\$ 35,000

The above represents the portion of the bond anticipation note payable which was not retired through the issuance of general obligation bonds in August 2007 (see Note 16), but was retired through principal payments made by the Town.

#### **NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2007:

Governmental Activities	 Beginning Balance Increases Decre		Increases		Decreases		Ending Balance				ue Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,355,000	\$	-	\$	(450,000)	\$	905,000	\$	440,000		
Bond anticipation note payable	-		1,785,000		-		1,785,000		1,785,000		
Other liabilities:											
Note payable	41,340		-		(6,588)		34,752		7,326		
Capital leases	46,869		84,698		(72,962)		58,605		30,399		
Compensated absences	 212,816		129,368		(112,193)		229,991		109,333		
	\$ 1,656,025	\$	1,999,066	\$	(641,743)	\$	3,013,348	\$	2,372,058		

The above liabilities have typically been liquidated by the General Fund.

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTE PAYABLE

A summary of general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2007 is as follows:

General obligation bonds issued August 1997 original amount \$1,995,000  School bonds issued December 1998, original amount \$2,890,000	Final <u>Maturity Dates</u>	Interest Rates	Amount Outstanding		
Governmental Activities		++	<del></del>		
Bonds Payable					
General obligation bonds issued August 1997					
original amount \$1,995,000	8/15/07	3.75% - 4.65%	\$	195,000	
School bonds issued December 1998,					
original amount \$2,890,000	8/15/09	3.3% - 4.1%		710,000	
Note Payable				905,000	
Clean Water Fund note payable issued			•		
1992, original amount \$132,079	12/31/11	2.00%		34,752	
			\$	939,752	

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

#### GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS AND NOTE PAYABLE (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on general obligation bonds and the note payable are as follows as of June 30, 2007:

Go	vern	mer	ıtal	Ac	tiv	ities

Year ending	G	eneral Obli	gation	Bonds		Note Payable Tota				tals		
June 30:	P	Principal Inte		Interest		rincipal	Ir	iterest	F	rincipal	Ī	nterest
2008	\$	440,000	\$	28,203	\$	7,326	\$	617	\$	447,326	\$	28,820
2009		235,000		14,130		7,474		469		242,474		14,599
2010		230,000		4,715		7,626		317		237,626		5,032
2011		-		-		7,780		163		7,780		163
2012				-		4,546		23		4,546		23
	\$	905,000	\$	47,048	\$	34,752	\$	1,589	\$	939,752	\$	48,637

Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-374(b) provides that authorized debt of the Town shall not exceed seven times base receipts, as defined in the Statute, or \$114,514,218 as of June 30, 2007. Further, the Statute limits the amount of debt that may be authorized by the Town for general purposes, schools, sewers, urban renewal and pension deficit. The Town did not exceed any of the statutory debt limitations at June 30, 2007.

As of June 30, 2007, the Town has authorized, unissued bonds of \$17,979,625.

#### SHARED DEBT

The Town of Essex is a member of Regional School District #4 which also provides education for the Towns of Chester and Deep River. As of June 30, 2007, the outstanding indebtedness of the District was \$26,225,000. The Town of Essex's share will be approximately 40.19% of the total, or \$10,539,828. Such outstanding indebtedness represents general obligations of the Regional School District #4 and its member towns. However, the Town is not required to record its share in the accompanying statement of net assets.

#### SCHOOL BOND REIMBURSEMENTS

The State of Connecticut reimburses the Town for eligible school bond principal and interest costs. The amount of reimbursement for the year ended June 30, 2007 was \$113,113. Additional reimbursements of principal and interest aggregating \$307,154 are expected to be received through the applicable bonds' maturity dates. The Town has recorded a receivable of \$295,702 relating to the principal portion of these payments in the accompanying statement of net assets. The long term portion of \$193,664 will be realized by the Town through fiscal year 2010.

#### **NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

#### **CAPITAL LEASES**

A summary of assets acquired through capital leases is as follows as of June 30, 2007:

	ernmental ctivities
Vehicles	\$ 84,698
Equipment	 60,947
	 145,645
Less: accumulated amortization	 64,972
	\$ 80,673

Amortization expense relative to leased property under capital leases totaled \$29,391 for the year ended June 30, 2007 and is included in depreciation and amortization expense disclosed in Note 4.

Future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2007 are as follows:

	ernmental ctivities
Year Ending June 30:	
2008	\$ 33,375
2009	 29,722
Total minimum lease payments	 63,097
Less: amount representing interest	 4,492
Present value of minimum	
lease payments	\$ 58,605

#### NOTE 9 - UNEARNED/DEFERRED REVENUE

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

	Ur	iavailab <u>l</u> e	U	nearned
Delinquent property taxes receivable	\$	154,346	\$	-
Grant drawdowns prior to meeting all eligibility requirements		•		9,999
Park and Recreation Program Fees				11,148
	\$	154,346	\$	21,147

#### **NOTE 10 - ADJUSTMENT**

Net assets in the government-wide financial statements as of July 1, 2006 have been increased to properly reflect capital asset balances as of that date. The effect of the adjustments on the changes in the net assets for the year ended June 30, 2006 is not readily determinable.

#### **NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS**

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS**

The Town maintains three single-employer, defined benefit pension plans: the Town of Essex, Connecticut Amended and Restated Retirement Plan (the "Employees' Retirement Plan"), the Town of Essex Merit Service Plan (the "Merit Service Plan") and the Town of Essex Employees' Pension Plan (the "Police Retirement Plan"). The Plans cover substantially all full time employees except professional personnel at the Board of Education who are covered by the State of Connecticut Teacher's Retirement System. The Plans do not issue stand-alone financial statements and are part of the Town's financial reporting entity. As such, the Plans are accounted for in the fiduciary fund financial statements as Pension Trust Funds.

#### **Plan Descriptions**

#### Employees' Retirement Plan

All regularly employees (elected, appointed or hired) of the Town, excluding part-time employees, temporary employees and teachers eligible for the State of Connecticut Teachers' Retirement System, are eligible to participate in the plan. Employees are eligible to participate provided they have attained age 21 and have completed three years of credited service. The plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and vested termination benefits. Annual retirement benefits for plan participants are 1.25% to 1.4% of an employees' final average compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, to a maximum of 40 years. The State of Connecticut Statutes assign the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan to the Town of Essex.

#### Merit Service Plan

All volunteers of the Town of Essex Fire Engine Company #1 become participants in the plan as of July 1st following the date at which they have completed one year of eligible service. The plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and vested termination benefits. Annual retirement benefits for service prior to July 1, 1993 is \$15 per month for each year of credited service up to a maximum of 15 years. Annual retirement for service after July 1, 1990 is \$15 per month for each year of credited service. Maximum past service plus future service is 30 years. The State of Connecticut Statutes assign the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan to the Town of Essex.

#### Police Retirement Plan

All regular full-time sworn employees of the Essex Police Department are eligible to participate. However, supernumeraries, school guards, dog wardens/animal control officers, auxiliary police, fire police and police boat drivers are not considered "regular members' and are not eligible to participate in this plan. An employee whose regular work week is less than 30 hours or whose regular period of employment is less than 12 months in the year shall not be considered a full-time employee. The normal retirement date will be the first day of the month following the earlier of the date on which the vested employee attains his or her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday or completes 20 years of credited service. Retirement is mandatory for all employees at age 60. The plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and vested termination benefits. The amount of pension for normal retirement is 2.5% of the compensation base of the employee. For credited service beyond the original 20 years, 2% of compensation base of the employee is multiplied by the number of additional full years of the credit service of the employee per year and will be added to the full retirement percentage.

#### **NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)**

#### Plan Membership

Membership of the Plans consisted of the following at the date of the latest actuarial valuations:

	Employees' Retirement Plan	Merit Service Plan	Police Retirement Plan
Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits Terminated employees entitled to benefits	12	11	-
but not yet receiving them	11	6	-
Active plan members	19	46	4
	42	63	4

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Plans' are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to the plans are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plans.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price. Investment income is recognized when earned and gains and losses on sales or exchanges are recognized on the transaction date.

Administrative costs of all plans are funded through investment earnings of the plans.

#### **Funding Policy**

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Board of Selectmen. The Town's funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions at rates that, when expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The contribution rates for normal costs for all plans were actuarially determined.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to the Employees' Retirement Plan represented 9.9% of covered payroll.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, employer contributions to the Police Retirement Plan represented 14.6% of covered payroll.

Employees'

Retirement Plan

Merit

Service Plan

**Police** 

Retirement Plan

#### NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)**

#### **Concentrations**

The following investments represent five percent or more of each respective Plan's net assets:

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Equity Mutual F		. V-1 C				202.14				
Columbia Larg		•			\$	•				\$ 61,38
Columbia Lar						219,68			5,280	34,00
Bond mutual fun		p Growin Fun	la			475,15			),542	74,25
Dona mutuai tun	a					636,31	ı	166	,616	101,02
Schedules of Fur	ding	Progress								
				Actuarial						UAAL as
		Actuarial		Accrued	J	Infunded				Percentage
Actuarial		Value of	Liat	oility (AAL) -		AAL	Funded	(	Covered	Covered
Valuation		Assets	]	Entry Age	(	(UAAL)	Ratio		Payroll	Payroll
Date		(A)		(B)		(B-A)	(A/B)		(C)	((b-a)/c)
Employees' Re	tirem	ent Plan								
July 1, 2005	\$	1,556,254	\$	1,628,479	\$	72,225	96%	\$	746,135	10%
July 1, 2004		1,518,885		1,569,811		50,926	97%	•	868,343	6%
July 1, 2003		1,467,603		1,378,651		(88,952)	106%		731,567	-12%
July 1, 2002		1,489,326		1,250,943		(238,383)	119%		811,825	-29%
July 1, 2001		1,548,745		1,157,667		(391,078)	134%		749,512	-52%
July 1, 2000		1,564,623		1,088,924		(475,699)	144%		735,057	-65%
Merit Service F	Plan									
July 1, 2005	\$	379,018	\$	705,067	\$	326,049	54%		N/A	N/A
July 1, 2004		350,825		672,874		322,049	52%		N/A	N/A
July 1, 2003		297,814		599,088		301,274	50%		N/A	N/A
July 1, 2002		277,515		563,789		286,274	49%		N/A	N/A
July 1, 2001		272,564		505,056		232,492	54%		N/A	N/A
July 1, 2000		253,783		449,555		195,772	56%		N/A	N/A
Police Retireme	ent Pl	an								
July 1, 2005	\$	210,164	\$	317,984	\$	107,820	66%	\$	258,055	42%
July 1, 2004		162,788		277,276		114,488	59%		269,402	42%
July 1, 2003		115,938		221,368		105,430	52%		238,051	44%
July 1, 2002		74,614		185,513		110,899	40%		227,381	49%
July 1, 2001*		38,493		148,320		109,827	26%		228,816	48%

<sup>\*</sup> Information prior to 2001 is not available.

#### NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)**

#### **Schedule of Employer Contributions**

Employees' Re			etirement Plan		Merit Ser	vice Plan	Police Retirement Plan			
Year Ended June 30	Annual Required Contributions		Percentage Contributed	Annual Required Contributions		Percentage Contributed	Annual Required Contributions		Percentage Contributed	
2007	\$	74,225	99%	\$	63,087	99%	\$	37,677	100%	
2006		81,085	99%		60,452	99%		36,135	100%	
2005		54,276	99%		54,713	99%		31,834	100%	
2004		41,408	100%		50,991	100%		29,510	100%	
2003		15,401	100%		41,713	100%		28,591	100%	
2002		3,943	113%		39,871	100%		*	*	

<sup>\*</sup> Information prior to 2003 is not available.

#### **Additional Information and Actuarial Assumptions**

	Employees' Retirement Plan	Merit Service Plan	Police Retirement Plan
Valuation date	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2005
Actuarial cost method	Projected	Unit	Projected
	Unit	Credit	Unit
	Credit		Credit
Amortization method	Level dollar,	Level dollar,	Level percent,
	closed	closed	closed
Remaining amortization period	10	10	14
Asset valuation method	Average of book	Market value	Average of book
	and market values		and market values
Actuarial assumptions (includes inflation rate):			
Investment rate of return	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
Projected salary increases	4.50%	N/A	4.50%

#### **NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)**

#### **Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Asset**

	nployees' etirement Plan	Merit Service Plan	Police Retirement Plan	
Annual required contribution	\$ 74,225	\$ 63,087	\$	37,677
Interest on net pension obligation	(1,069)	(522)		-
Adjustment to annual required contribution	1,773	866		-
Annual pension cost	 74,929	 63,431		37,677
Contributions made	74,225	63,087		37,677
Decrease in net pension asset	 704	 344		-
Net pension asset, beginning of year	(13,365)	(6,530)		-
Net pension asset, end of year	\$ (12,661)	\$ (6,186)	\$	_

#### **Three-Year Trend Information**

Year Ended June 30	I	Annual Pension Cost (APC)		Actual ntribution	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Asset		
Employees' Retirement Plan								
2005	\$	54,879	\$	54,276	99%	\$	(14,017)	
2006		81,737		81,085	99%		(13,365)	
2007		74,929		74,225	99%		(12,661)	
Merit Service Plan								
2005	\$	55,008	\$	54,713	99%	\$	(6,849)	
2006		60,771		60,452	99%	•	(6,530)	
2007		63,431		63,087	99%		(6,186)	
Police Retirement Plan								
2005	\$	31,834	\$	31,834	100%	\$	_	
2006		36,135		36,135	100%	•	_	
2007		37,677		37,677	100%			

**NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)** 

**DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)** 

**Plan Financial Statements** 

#### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

	Pension Trust Funds									
		Employees' Retirement Plan		Merit Service Plan		Police Retirement Plan		Total		
ASSETS										
Cash equivalents	\$	46,298	\$	10,917	\$	15,710	\$	72,925		
Investments, at fair value		1,908,712		495,587		298,987		2,703,286		
Interest and other receivables		2,747		714	_	471		3,932		
Total assets		1,957,757		507,218		315,168		2,780,143		
NET ASSETS										
Held in trust for pension benefits		1,957,757		507,218		315,168		2,780,143		
Total net assets	\$	1,957,757	\$	507,218	\$	315,168	\$	2,780,143		

NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

**DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)** 

Plan Financial Statements (Continued)

#### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Trust Funds			
	Employees' Retirement	Merit Service	Police Retirement		
	Plan	Plan	Plan	Total	
ADDITIONS					
Contributions:					
Employer	\$ 74,225	\$ 63,087	\$ 37,677	\$ 174,989	
Plan members	-	-	7,298	7,298	
Total contributions	74,225	63,087	44,975	182,287	
Investment earnings:					
Net appreciation in fair value of					
investments	251,877	63,668	35,926	351,471	
Interest	3,122	1,190	1,273	5,585	
Total investment earnings	254,999	64,858	37,199	357,056	
Total additions	329,224	127,945	82,174	539,343	
DEDUCTIONS					
Benefit payments	87,598	47,193	-	134,791	
Administrative expenses	3,244	3,189	1,695	8,128	
Total deductions	90,842	50,382	1,695	142,919	
NET INCREASE	238,382	77,563	80,479	396,424	
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST					
FOR PENSION BENEFITS					
Beginning of year	1,719,375	429,655	234,689	2,383,719	
End of year	\$ 1,957,757	\$ 507,218	\$ 315,168	\$ 2,780,143	

#### **NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

#### TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The faculty and professional personnel of the Board of Education participate in a contributory defined benefit plan, established under Chapter 167a of the Connecticut General Statutes, which is administered by the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement Board.

Certain part-time and all full-time certified teachers are eligible to participate in the plan and are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual earnings to the plan. The Town does not and is not legally responsible to contribute to the plan. After five years of service, teachers are fully vested in their own contributions. After ten years of service, teachers are fully vested in the monthly pension benefit which is payable at the age of sixty. The State of Connecticut contributes based on actuarially determined amounts. The funding level was determined based on an actuarial valuation of the plan as a whole, which does not provide actuarial information on an individual Town basis. For the year ended June 30, 2007, Town teachers contributed \$164,255 to the plan and covered payroll for the year was \$2,265,589.

In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 24, the Town has reported "on behalf" payments of \$284,558 made by the State of Connecticut into the plan as intergovernmental revenues and related expenditures of the General Fund in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances of governmental funds.

#### NOTE 12 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Employees covered under various union contracts are eligible to receive post-retirement benefits. Employees are only eligible to receive these benefits after having been employed with the Town for twenty-five years and after having attained age sixty-five.

As of June 30, 2007, there were three retired employees receiving benefits and one other employee that is eligible for these benefits. The Town finances the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Town recorded \$11,964 in expenditures for these benefits.

#### **NOTE 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

There are several lawsuits pending against the Town. The outcome and eventual liability to the Town, if any, in these cases is not known at this time. The Town's management, based upon consultation with legal counsel, estimates that potential claims against the Town, not covered by insurance, resulting from such litigation would not materially affect the financial position of the Town.

#### **NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is a member in Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), a public entity risk pool established for the purpose of administering an interlocal risk management program pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-479a et. eq. of Connecticut General Statutes, for workers compensation and employer liability coverage. The Town pays an annual premium for its coverage. CIRMA is to be self-sustaining through members' premiums but reinsures in excess of \$750,000 for each insured occurrence. Members may be subject to supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies; however, potential assessments are limited pursuant to the by-laws.

#### NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Town is a member of CIRMA's liability-automobile-property pool, a risk-sharing pool, which was begun on July 1, 1986. The Town pays premiums to CIRMA for the provision of general liability, automobile liability, law enforcement liability, public official's liability, school leaders liability, auto physical damage, property, and boiler and machinery coverages. The premium is subject to audit after the close of the coverage period. Various deductibles applied to these coverages and claims and expense payments falling within the deductible amounts are the responsibility of the Town. CIRMA's pool retains \$750,000 for each insured liability/auto occurrence.

A liability is reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The liability includes an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). The result of the process to estimate the claims liability is not an exact amount as it depends on many complex factors, such as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards. Accordingly, the claims liability is reevaluated periodically to consider the effects of inflation, recent claim settlement trends (including frequency and amount of pay outs) and other economic and social factors. The estimate of the claims liability also includes amounts for incremental claim adjustment expenses related to specific claims and other claim adjustment expenses regardless of whether allocated to specific claims. Estimated recoveries, for example for salvage or subrogation, are another component of the claims liability estimated. The claims liability included in the accompanying statement of net assets totaled \$18,973 as of June 30, 2007.

#### NOTE 15 - PRONOUNCEMENT ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

The Town has not completed the process of implementing GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The Town is therefore unable to disclose the impact that adopting this statement will have on its financial position and results of operations when such statements are adopted. GASB Statement No. 45 is effective for the Town for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2007.

#### **NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In August 2007, the Town retired a \$1,785,000 bond anticipation note payable through the issuance of \$10,485,000 in general obligation bonds. The bonds mature in August 2027 and have interest rates ranging from 4.0% to 5.25%. The portion of the bond anticipation note payable which was retired through the issuance of the general obligations bonds has been recorded as long-term debt in the Town's financial statements as of June 30, 2007, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules

General Fund

### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES

#### BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Budgeted Amounts					Variance With Final Budget		
		Original		Final		Actual	Ove	er (Under)	
PROPERTY TAXES									
Property taxes	\$	16,307,316	\$	16,307,316	\$	16,345,105	\$	37,789	
Interest and lien fees	Ψ	50,000	Ψ	50,000	•	82,073	•	32,073	
Total property taxes		16,357,316		16,357,316		16,427,178		69,862	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL									
Veterans tax relief		3,240		3,240		3,970		730	
School construction grant		124,727		124,727		113,113		(11,614)	
Education cost sharing grant		275,152		275,152		275,368		216	
Small town economic assistance program		-		499,910		500,582		672	
Town aid road grant		96,993		96,993		109,233		12,240	
LOCIP		41,748		41,748		41,938		190	
PILOT grant		29,905		29,905		22,030		(7,875)	
Homeowners tax relief		27,000		27,000		42,462		15,462	
Boating registration		25,331		25,331		25,331		-	
Transit district		1,501		1,501		858		(643)	
Manufacturing equipment		62,500		62,500		86,404		23,904	
Pequot grant		22,249		22,249		28,437		6,188	
Pump out boat reimbursement		-		-		36,122		36,122	
Miscellaneous State and Federal		10,000		10,000		53,711		43,711	
Total intergovernmental		720,346		1,220,256	_	1,339,559		119,303	
LOCAL REVENUES									
Miscellaneous permits		500		500		2,455		1,955	
Phone "access line" tax share		49,472		49,472		47.757		(1,715)	
Sanitary permits		60,000		60,000		73,329		13,329	
Building permit fees		150,000		150,000		199,773		49,773	
Circuit court fines		500		500		4,420		3,920	
Gas tax refunds		450		450		805		355	
Zoning permits		2,500		2,500		6,637		4,137	
Zoning board of appeals		1,000		1,000		2,730		1,730	
Planning commission receipts		500		500		5,055		4,555	
Conveyance tax		200,000		200,000		192,935		(7,065)	
Park and recreation		35,000		35,000		21,264		(13,736)	
Miscellaneous receipts		12,000		12,000		35,119		23,119	
Town clerk fees		145,000		145,000		123,914		(21,086)	
Inland wetlands permits		1,000		1,000		1,296		296	
Regional recycling fees		30,000		30,000		30,000		-	
Health department fees		4,750		4,750		7,482		2,732	
Total local revenues	<del></del>	692,672	_	692,672		754,971		62,299	
INTEREST INCOME		120,000		120,000		288,641		168,641	
Total revenues		17,890,334	\$	18,390,244	\$	18,810,349	\$	420,105	

# TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Budgeted .	Amoui	nts			Variance With Final Budget	
		Original		Final		Actual	Ove	r (Under)
BOARD OF SELECTMEN								
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Selectmen	\$	149.810	\$	149,810	\$	156,181	\$	6,371
Assessor	Ψ	96,489	Φ	96,489	φ	87,827	4	(8,662)
Central services		187,157		198,891		198,891		(0,002)
Elections		32,738		32,738		30,475		(2,263)
Probate court		2,450		2,450		2,422		(2,203)
Tax collector		85,914		86,455		86,455		(20)
Town clerk		153,465		153,465		172,978		19,513
Treasurer		81,674		81,674		82,404		730
Zoning enforcement agent		65,434		65,434		65,100		(334)
Fringe benefits		540,320		540,320		539,559		(761)
General insurance		136,900		136,900		144,348		
Legal services		61,900		84,491		84,491		7,448
Public restroom facilities		21,950		21,950		21,212		(738)
Technology		100,900		100,900		113,921		13,021
Board of assessment appeals		1,670		1,670		1,493		
Board of finance		91,700		50,086		46,006		(177)
Conservation commission		7,825		7,825				(4,080)
						5,152		(2,673)
Economic development commission IWWC commission		3,550		3,550		915		(2,635)
Parks and recreation		7,420		7,420		12,613		5,193
		169,586		227,144		215,994		(11,150)
Planning commission		25,752		25,752		22,697		(3,055)
Tree committee		1,200		1,200		1,205		5
Zoning board of appeals		6,600		6,600		9,207		2,607
Zoning commission		33,477		36,716		36,716		•
Clean energy task force						250		250
Total general government		2,065,881		2,119,930		2,138,512		18,582
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Ambulance Association		19,151		19,151		19,151		•
Animal control		16,125		16,125		16,557		432
Building department		83,732		83,732		87,370		3,638
Emergency management		4,250		4,250		3,848		(402)
Emergency 911		80,578		80,578		80,578		-
Fire department		227,650		227,650		218,281		(9,369)
Fire marshal		45,562		45,562		46,293		731
Harbor patrol		21,802		21,802		14,868		(6,934)
Police services		273,339		273,339		284,475		11,136
Resident state trooper		68,000		68,000		71,409		3,409
Water		128,620		128,620		121,967		(6,653)
Total public safety		968,809		968,809		964,797		(4,012)
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### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS -

#### GENERAL FUND (Concluded)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Budgetec	l Amounts		Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
Director of health	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,920	\$ 420
Estuary transit	6,555	6,555	6,555	·
Sanitarian	191,300	191,300	204,346	13,046
Sanitary waste commission	185,207	185,207	178,889	(6,318)
Social services	70,868	70,868	71,136	268
Visiting nurses	59,603	59,603	59,603	•
Pump out boat	•	32,631	32,631	•
Water pollution control	11,900	11,900	6,701	(5,199)
Total health and welfare	529,933	562,564	564,781	2,217
LIBRARIES	269,000	269,000	269,000	<u> </u>
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION				
Highways	730,903	1,236,813	1,168,259	(68,554)
Town garage	32,862	32,862	30,204	(2,658)
Total highways and transportation	763,765	1,269,675	1,198,463	(71,212)
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal payments	457,182	457,182	456,588	(594)
Interest and fiscal charges	110,612	110,612	99,365	(11,247)
Total debt service	567,794	567,794	555,953	(11,841)
CAPITAL AND SINKING FUNDS	509,000	516,100 <sup>SI</sup>	υ <sup>D</sup> 527,256	11,156
Total board of selectmen	5,674,182	6,273,872	6,218,762	(55,110)
EDUCATION	12,101,152	12,101,152	11,997,025	(104,127)
Total expenditures	\$ 17,775,334	\$ 18,375,024	\$ 18,215,787	\$ (159,237)
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### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED, COLLECTED AND OUTSTANDING FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Balance
	Uncollected
Total	June 30, 2007
2 \$ 16,167,390	\$ 195,835
4 111,090	66,414
0 31,485	37,143
8 9,969	18.822
1,462	18,604
1,477	13,023
673	11,280
138	7,538
301	8,527
238	25,059
4 \$ 16,324,223	\$ 402,245
!!	2 \$ 16,167,390 4 111,090 0 31,485 8 9,969 1,462 1,477 673 138 301 238

#### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT SCHEDULE OF DEBT LIMITATION CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, SECTION 7-374(b) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Total	cash	collections	for	the	year	ended
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 Taxes
 \$ 16,240,955

 Interest and lien fees
 83,268

 16,324,223

#### Reimbursement for revenue loss:

Tax relief for elderly (CGS 12-129d)

34,951 16,359,174

Base

		General Purposes	 Schools		Sewers	_	Urban Renewal		Pension Deficit
Debt limitation:									
2-1/4 times base	\$	36,808,142	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
4-1/2 times base		•	73,616,283		•		•		•
3-3/4 times base		-	-		61,346,903		-		-
3-1/4 times base		-	•		-		53,167,316		-
3 times base		<u> </u>	 			_	<u> </u>		49,077,522
Total debt limitation		36,808,142	 73,616,283		61,346,903	_	53,167,316		49,077,522
Indebtedness:									
Bonds payable		195,000	710,000		-		-		-
Shared debt - Regional School District No. 4		•	10,539,828		-		-		-
Note payable		-	•		34,752		_		-
Bond anticipation note payable		570,000	1,250,000		•		_		•
Authorized, unissued bonds		4,679,625	13,300,000		-		-		-
Less: school building grants to be provided by State	_	<u> </u>	 295,702			_	•		<u> </u>
Total indebtedness		5,444,625	 25,504,126		34,752		<del>-</del>		•
Debt limitation in excess of outstanding and authorized debt	<u>_\$</u>	31,363,517	\$ 48,112,157	<u>\$</u>	61,312,151	<u>\$</u>	53,167,316	<u>\$</u>	49,077,522
Total capacity of borrowing (7 times base)	\$	114,514,218							
Total present indebtedness		30,983,503							
Margin for additional borrowing		83,530,715							

### Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures Fund

### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BY PROJECT CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

							Capital and Nonrece	urring Expenditures	Fund					
REVENUES	Flre Truck	Truck and Equipment	Constable Care	Assessor's Revaluation	Harbor Patrol	Wastewater Study	Parks and Recreation	Tree Committee	Veterans Memorial	Open Space	Esses Elementary	Grove Street Playground Project	Un- Appropriated	Total
Interest income Total revenues	\$ 4,776 4,776	\$ 40 40	\$ 372 372	\$ 2,799 2,799	\$ 170 170	\$ 135 135	\$ 1 1	\$ 29 29	<u>.</u>	<u> </u>	\$ 2,565 2,565	\$ 48 48	\$ 1,464 1,464	\$ 12,399 12,399
EXPENDITURES Capital outlays Total expenditures	•		1,499	<u>.</u>	<u></u>	<u>:</u>	<u>:</u>	<u> </u>	<del></del> :	<del>===</del>	<u>:</u>	<u></u>	<u> </u>	1,499
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	4,776	40	(1,127)	2,799	170	135	1	29			2,565	48	1,464	10,900
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from bond anticipation notes Transfers in Transfers out Total other financing sources (uses)	100,000	:	15,000	20,000	3,000	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	: :	(870) (870)	:	535,000 5,000 540,000	20,000	<u>:</u>	65,000	535,000 228,000 (870) 762,130
Net change in fund tolances	104,776	40	13,873	22,799	3,170	135	1	(841)	-	\$40,000	22,565	48	66,464	773,030
Fund balances (deficit) - beginning	221,553	2.688	11,514	168,470	8,432	9,119	69	2.802	19	(490,522) (1	152,685	3,259	33,544	123,632
Fund balances - ending	\$ 326,329	\$ 2,728	\$ 25,387	\$ 191,269	\$ 11,602	s 9.254	\$ 70	\$ 1,961	\$ 19	\$ 49,478	s 175,250	\$ 3,307	\$ 100,008	\$ 896,662

<sup>(</sup>I) Deficit fund balance arose due to hyrrowing under a band anticipation note payable for acquisition of property. The Town has funded the deficit through the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

#### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET -NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds										a.			
A CODETTO		Dog Fund		School afeteria	-	farbor mmission		onstable vate Duty	H	Senior Iousing novation		listoric cuments		Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	60,274	\$	9,921	\$	121,917	\$	36,826	\$	4,999	\$	12,612	s	246,549
Grants and contracts receivable	Ф	00,274	Þ	2,934	Þ	121,917	A.	30,020	T)	4,777	4	12,012	Ψ	2,934
Other receivables		-		2,9,94		-		6,160		<u>-</u>		_		6,160
Inventories				6,871		-		0,100				-		6,871
Total assets	\$	60,274	\$	19,726	\$	121,917	\$	42,986	\$	4,999	\$	12,612	\$	262,514
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:														
Accounts payable	\$	229	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,277	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,506
Due to State of Connecticut		4,278		-		•		-		-		•		4,278
Due to other funds		13,094		-		4,534		16,412		-		-		34,040
Deferred revenue		-		-		<u>-</u>				4,999				4,999
Total liabilities		17,601		-		4,534		17,689		4,999		<u> </u>		44,823
Fund Balances:														
Reserved for inventories		•		6,871		-		-		-		-		6,871
Unreserved and undesignated:														
Special revenue funds		42,673		12,855		117,383		25,297		-		12,612		210,820
Total fund balances		42,673		19,726		117,383		25,297		•		12,612		217,691

121,917

19,726

Total liabilities and fund balances

60,274

42,986

4,999

12,612

262,514

# TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds												
	Dog Fund	School Cafeteria	Harbor Commission	Constable Private Duty	Senior Housing Renovation	Historic Documents	Total						
REVENUES													
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 22,063	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,231	\$ 7,000	\$ 41,294						
Local revenue	6,661	108,266	19,700	22,321	-	16,274	173,222						
Interest income	-	-	4,548	-	•	-	4,548						
Other revenue	6,600		9,816				16,416						
Total revenues	13,261	130,329	34,064	22,321	12,231	23,274	235,480						
EXPENDITURES													
General government	24,310	-	10,076	13,046	-	10,662	58,094						
Subrecipient expenditures	•	-	•	-	12,231	· -	12,231						
Education	-	115,431	-	-	-	-	115,431						
Total expenditures	24,310	115,431	10,076	13,046	12,231	10,662	185,756						
Excess (deficiency) of revenues													
over expenditures	(11,049)	14,898	23,988	9,275	-	12,612	49,724						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES													
Transfers in	16,125	-	10,000	-	_	-	26,125						
Total other financing sources	16,125	-	10,000	-	-	-	26,125						
Net change in fund balances	5,076	14,898	33,988	9,275	-	12,612	75,849						
Fund balances - beginning	37,597	4,828	83,395	16,022	<u> </u>		141,842						
Fund balances - ending	\$ 42,673	\$ 19,726	\$ 117,383	\$ 25,297	\$ -	\$ 12,612	\$ 217,691						

Fiduciary Funds

## TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS PENSION TRUST FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

		mployees' etirement Plan	;	Merit Service Plan	Police etirement Plan	Total
ASSETS						 
Cash equivalents	\$	46,298	\$	10,917	\$ 15,710	\$ 72,925
Investments		1,908,712		495,587	298,987	2,703,286
Interest and other receivables		2,747		714	471	3,932
Total assets	-	1,957,757		507,218	315,168	2,780,143
NET ASSETS						
Held in trust for pension benefits		1,957,757	\$	507,218	\$ 315,168	\$ 2,780,143

### TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS PENSION TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Employees' Retirement Plan		;	Merit Service Plan		Police etirement Plan	Total	
ADDITIONS								
Contributions:								
Employer	\$	74,225	\$	63,087	\$	37,677	\$	174,989
Plan members		-		-		7,298		7,298
Total contributions		74,225		63,087		44,975		182,287
Investment earnings:								
Net appreciation in the fair value of								
investments		251,877		63,668		35,926		351,471
Interest		3,122		1,190		1,273		5,585
Total investment earnings	-	254,999		64,858		37,199		357,056
Total additions		329,224		127,945		82,174		539,343
DEDUCTIONS								
Benefit payments		87,598		47,193		_		134,791
Administrative expenses		3,244		3,189		1,695		8,128
Total deductions		90,842		50,382		1,695		142,919
Change in net assets		238,382		77,563		80,479		396,424
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR								
PENSION BENEFITS								
Beginning of year		1,719,375		429,655		234,689		2,383,719
Ending of year	\$ 1	1,957,757	\$	507,218	\$	315,168	\$	2,780,143

# TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS	1	ementary School ctivities		formance Bonds	·	al Project Escrow Funds	Ā	Total Agency Funds
Cash	\$	12,948	\$	56,900	\$	17,138	\$	86,986
Investments	Ψ	12,540	Ф	7,000	Ф	17,136	Φ	7,000
Total assets	\$	12,948	\$	63,900	\$	17,138	\$	93,986
LIABILITIES								
Due to others	\$	-	\$	63,900	\$	17,138	\$	81,038
Due to student groups		12,948				-		12,948
Total liabilities	\$	12,948	\$	63,900	\$	17,138	\$	93,986

# TOWN OF ESSEX, CONNECTICUT COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Balance, July 1, 2006		Additions		Deletions		Balance, June 30, 2007	
Elementary School Activities					******				
Assets									
Cash	\$	16,597	\$	11,823	\$	15,472	\$	12,948	
Investments		•	·	-	,	-	•	-	
Total assets	\$	16,597	\$	11,823	\$	15,472	\$	12,948	
Liabilities									
Due to others	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Due to student groups		16,597		11,823		15,472		12,948	
Total liabilities	\$	16,597	\$	11,823	\$	15,472	\$	12,948	
Performance Bonds									
Assets									
Cash	\$	89,040	\$	13,500	\$	45,640	\$	56,900	
Investments				7,000		-		7,000	
Total assets	\$	89,040	\$	20,500	\$	45,640	\$	63,900	
Liabilities									
Due to others	\$	89,040	\$	20,500	\$	45,640	\$	63,900	
Due to student groups		•		-		-		-	
Total liabilities	\$	89,040	\$	20,500	\$	45,640	\$	63,900	
Special Project Escrow Funds									
Assets									
Cash	\$	11,077	\$	6,722	\$	661	\$	17,138	
Investments		•		-	•	-	•	-	
Total assets	\$	11,077	\$	6,722	\$	661	\$	17,138	
Liabilities									
Due to others	\$	11,077	\$	6,722	\$	661	<b>c</b>	17 120	
Due to student groups	φ	-	Þ	0,722	Þ	661	\$	17,138	
Total liabilities	\$	11,077	\$	6,722	\$	661	\$	17,138	
Total All Agency Funds		<del></del>				<del></del>			
Assets									
Cash	\$	116,714	\$	22.045	ø	(1.772	•	01.001	
Investments	Þ	110,714	Ф	32,045 7,000	\$	61,773	\$	86,986	
Total assets	\$	116,714	\$	39,045	\$	61,773	\$	7,000 93,986	
Liabilities				<u> </u>			<u> </u>	,-00	
Due to others	\$	100,117	\$	27,222	\$	46,301	\$	01 A20	
Due to student groups	*	16,597	Ψ	11,823	Ψ	15,472	Φ	81,038 12,948	
Total liabilities	\$	116,714	\$	39,045	\$	61,773	\$	93,986	
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