

## **Annual Report of the Foothills Health Agent**

2006 was another busy and interesting year for me as your health agent, with higher fuel costs and interest rates slowing the building season and the warm winter extending it. Altogether in Williamsburg, I witnessed 9 perc tests, 11 Title V inspections, and performed 17 food inspections. I investigated 6 complaints requiring 10 inspections. I issued 11 food permits, 1 massage therapy permit, 10 well permits, 9 septic system permits, and 1 beaver removal permit. A total of \$3,710 was collected in fees.

Some headway was made in the planning of the town's Emergency Dispensing Site Plan – which requires that we have the Anne T. Dunphy School up and running as the location where everybody in Williamsburg and Goshen can be immunized in the event of a significant public health event. I had to relinquish future planning to the board of Health and the Emergency Management Director owing to my other responsibilities.

In June, town officials received training in the National Incident Management System and Incident Command Structure, which is mandated by Homeland Security, and was sponsored by the Foothills Health District.

I expect 2007 to be another busy year, but not too busy to help you. If you need me, call me at 268-8404. Be patient, as I receive several thousand phone calls each year. In person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039. I look forward to another year as your Health Agent. My thanks to all who have made this past year an interesting work experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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Foothills Health District