

# Town of Oxford

## Accomplishments as of June, 2007



# [ Public Works ]

- Repaved 26 of Town roadways in last four years.
- Added 3 new plow trucks and 2 new employees
- Established 3 new plow routes bringing the total to 13
- Rebuilt the salt barn at no cost to Town
- Hired a Tuesday-Saturday employee to open recycling for more hours at reduced overtime cost
- Replaced the Public Works Garage roof utilizing grant money

# [ Oxford Ambulance ]

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- Upgrading the Ambulance Bay
- Purchasing a new ambulance this year

# [ Police ]

- Hired a new Sergeant to manage the Oxford Police Department
- Added 6 new officers since 2004
- Completed police station renovations including a new roof
- Replaced 3 police cruisers
- Improved speed limit enforcement by adding a speed display trailer
- Beginning in November, 2007 Oxford will have 24/7 police protection for the first time in the history of the Town

# [ Fire Department ]

- New emergency truck for Riverside Fire Station
- New mini-pumper truck for Quaker Farms Station
- Purchased a High Band Radio System
- Completed repairs to Center Fire Station
- Completed repairs to Riverside Fire Station funded with grant money
- New aerial ladder truck to be paid by developer

# Conservation Department

- Purchased the 97 acre Tetlak Property with the help of \$218,000 in State grant money
- Presently purchasing 31 acres to add to Southford Falls State Park
- Over 60 acres of Tetlak will be allocated for passive recreation
- Presently purchasing 31 acres to be added to the Southford Falls State Park. The State will provide \$400,000 in funding.
- Negotiated with the State to add 3 parking areas in Oxford to the Three Pond State Park
- Drafting contracts to secure 8.8 acres of Cubberly Property that will increase Tetlak Park to 124 acres
- Allocated \$50,000 for new trails in the Rockhouse Sanctuary

# [ Parks and Recreation ]

- Paved Posypanko Park parking lot and basketball court
- Added Tot Lot at Posypanko Park
- Added Tot Lot at Jackson Cove
- Allocated grant money to begin the Tetlak Park Master Plan
- Allocated \$158,000 in grant money to make improvements to Jackson Cove

# [ Education ]

- Funded a 40% increase in the education budget to fund a 10% increase in enrollment
- Center School Improvements
  - Added 3 new classrooms
  - Repaired sewer and water problems
  - Funded mold remediation for \$900,000
  - Built ADA compliant lavatories
- Built the first Oxford High School adding 4 extra classrooms with state grant funding
- Remediate the oil spill at Quaker Farms School

# [ Airport Loop ]

- Reclaimed lower Christian Street with State grant funding
- Commerce Drive completed to within 800 feet of the Jacks Hill/North Larkey intersection utilizing developer funding
- Built Woodruff Hill Road Spectra Energy funding
- Wycoff Drive to be built with General Electric funding
- Upper Riggs Street to be reclaimed with developer funding

# [ Seniors ]

- New Senior Center built with \$750,000 State grant
- Purchased new senior van and added second community car
- Increased number of senior drivers to meet demand
- Senior Tax Abatement completed
- Working on Veterans Tax Abatement
- Initiated bundle billing program to eliminate extra cost for ambulance calls



# Summary - Grant Funding

- \$750,000 Senior Center Grant
- \$212,000 Tetlak/Schiavi Open Space Purchase
- \$144,000 Oxford Business Incubator
- \$423,000 Christian Street Phase I
- \$500,000 Christian Street Phase II (CEPA Study)
- \$300,000 E-Commerce Drive
- \$ 30,000 CAMA software for Assessor's Office
- \$1,357,500 Received
- \$1,603,000 Pending receipt of proceeds
- \$2,500,000 Written pending approval

# Economic Development

- Built Woodruff Hill Road with Spectra Energy funding
- Opened Phase I of Woodruff Hill Industrial Park
- Sold Jacks Hill Lot 4 which opened the 9 lot Fox Hollow Industrial Park
- Extended Riggs Street waterline and added 1.9 miles of new three phased industrial power
- Over 30 new businesses, opened 3 new industrial parks and added over 400,000 square foot of new building space
- High Value Projects brought to fruition
  - CL&P Substation in Commerce Park
  - Spectra Energy Compression Station in Woodruff Hill
  - GE combined cycle energy plant in Woodruff Hill under contract

# Economic Development - Scorecard

Oxford Economic Development Scorecard							
Summary of New Industrial & Commercial Floorspace January 2004 - July 31, 2007							
New Buildings	Number Buildings Lots	Square Feet Built	Square Feet Approved	Square Feet Planned	Total Square Feet	Assessed Value	Revenue @ .01937
Industrial Buildings Built by Owners		98,205		98,000	196,205	8,297,213	160,717
Industrial Flex Space Buildings (Spec)		106,400	81,100	24,000	211,500	9,849,498	190,785
Commercial Buildings		9,200	15,000		24,200	1,644,860	31,861
<b>Total Industrial Development</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>213,805</b>	<b>96,100</b>	<b>122,000</b>	<b>431,905</b>	<b>19,791,572</b>	<b>383,363</b>
Fox Hollow Industrial Park (9 Lots) *	9		210,000		210,000	9,694,942	187,791
Woodruff Hill Industrial Park (17 Lots)	17		500,000		500,000	23,083,194	447,121
Technology Park (10 Buildings)	10		720,000		720,000	58,610,351	1,135,283
<b>Total Industrial Park Potential</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>1,430,000</b>		<b>1,430,000</b>	<b>91,388,487</b>	<b>1,770,195</b>
* Total potential sf reduced by planned buildings on lots 2 & 7							
<b>Total New Floorspace/Revenue</b>		<b>213,805</b>	<b>1,526,100</b>	<b>122,000</b>	<b>1,861,905</b>	<b>111,180,059</b>	<b>2,153,558</b>
<b>Revenue Forecasts - High Value Projects</b>				<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Spectra Energy - Oxford Compressor Station					500,000	500,000	500,000
CL&P Distribution Substation					284,000	284,000	284,000
Towantic Energy Tax Revenue				800,000	1,175,000	4,350,000	2,350,000
Towantic Water Lift Station				400,000			
Towantic Community Development - Ladder Truck				900,000			
Towantic Energy - Build Wycoff Drive				4,500,000			
<b>Total Tax Revenues by Fiscal Year - High Value Projects</b>				<b>6,600,000</b>	<b>1,959,000</b>	<b>5,134,000</b>	<b>3,134,000</b>
<b>Total New Tax Revenues Generated by Oxford Economic Development - 2009-2010 Ongoing</b>							<b>5,287,558</b>
<b>Historical Comparison</b>							
<b>Installed Floorspace as of January, 2004</b>					<b>1,261,770</b>		
<b>Potential Floorspace - July 31, 2007</b>			<b>Percentage Increase over 2004</b>		<b>248%</b>	<b>3,123,675</b>	
<b>Building Floorspace - July 31 2007</b>			<b>Percentage Increase since 2004</b>		<b>34%</b>	<b>431,905</b>	

# [ Cultural Arts ]

- Increased Commission to 7 members and 3 alternates
- Expanded the number of concerts from 4 to eight
- Encouraged adult art education program
- Created “Four Seasons of Art Program”

# Miscellaneous

- New Plan of Conservation & Development funded by State grant
- Minimum zoning increased to 2 acres to control development
- Promoted age restricted housing on Route 34
- Initiated Long Range Planning Process also funded with State funding
- Route 67 Sewer & Water extensions to West Street (developer funding)
- Sewer and water extension up Moose Hill Road and Perkins Road to support High School buildout