

**Article 1. TOWN REPORTS**

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2006, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 2. BUDGET**

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled “Fiscal 2008 Recommended Available Funds” of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

<b>1</b>	<b>Accountant</b>	
	1.1 Salary	24351
	1.2 Clerical	0
	1.3 Expenses (audit)	<u>12000</u>
	<b>Total Accountant</b>	<b>36351</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	
	2.1 Clerical	4175
	2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Advisory</b>	<b>4375</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Appeals, Board of</b>	
	3.1 Clerical	2993
	3.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>3193</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Assessors, Board of</b>	
	4.1 Salaries	13209
	4.2 Clerical	14763
	4.3 Expenses	2500
	4.4 Data Processing	0
	4.5 Revaluation Update	4300
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2000
	4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
	4.8 Field Review	<u>3000</u>
	<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>39772</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Building Department Expenses</b>	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u>0</u>
	<b>Total Building Dept.</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>County Retirement</b>	<b>160538</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	
	7.1 Property and Liability	80000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	178000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2000
	7.4 Longevity	<u>4400</u>
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>264400</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Law and Claims</b>	
	8.1 General	<u>22000</u>
	<b>Total Law</b>	<b>22000</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	
	9.1 Salary	0
	9.2 Expenses	<u>100</u>
	<b>Total Moderator</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>	
	10.2 Clerical	9073

	10.3 Expenses	550
	<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>9623</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Registrars, Board of (Voters)</b>	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	2500
	11.3 Street Lists	1900
	<b>Total Registrars</b>	<b>5200</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Selectman</b>	
	12.1 Salaries	9600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	32991
	12.3 Secretarial	0
	12.4 Expenses	1600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	400
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	0
	12.7 Temporary Help	2500
	<b>Total Selectman</b>	<b>47091</b>
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2	
<b>13</b>	<b>Tax Collector</b>	
	13.1 Salary	26784
	13.2 Clerical	11028
	13.3 Expenses	2000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	5792
	13.5 Tax Title Work	250
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
	<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>45854</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
	14.1 Salary	26784
	14.2 Clerical	6048
	14.3 Expenses	1000
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>33932</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Town Report</b>	<b>3500</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	
	16.1 Salary	30438
	16.2 Clerical	7476
	16.3 Expenses	900
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	2500
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	1000
	16.7 Payroll Service	6000
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>48514</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Veterans' Benefits</b>	<b>9500</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Greater Springfield Senior Services</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>734830</b>
<b>GENERAL TOWN SERVICES</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Academy Hall Maintenance</b>	<b>2500</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
	21.1 Clerical	674
	21.2 Expenses	80
	21.3 Maintenance	500
	<b>Total Cemetery Commission</b>	<b>1254</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	
	22.1 Clerical	6372
	22.2 Expenses	400
	<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>6772</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Transfer Station</b>	

	23.1 Operation	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19900
	<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>19900</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>School Buildings Repairs</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>25</b>		
<b>26</b>	<b>Library</b>	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>76875</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Town Events</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Office Equipment</b>	
	29.1 Acquisition	2500
	29.2 Maintenance	7000
	29.3 Supplies	3000
	29.4 Postage	10000
	<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>22500</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
	30.1 Salaries	5125
	30.2 Operating Expenses	4100
	30.3 Capital Improvements	2600
	30.4 Baseball	0
	30.5 Softball	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0
	30.7 Boys Soccer	0
	30.8 Basketball	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	0
	<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>11825</b>
<b>31</b>		
<b>32</b>	<b>Town House Maintenance</b>	
	32.1 Custodial	16000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	6800
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	40000
	<b>Total Town House Maintenance</b>	<b>62800</b>
	*1STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$7,000	
<b>33</b>		
<b>34</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>13000</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>35000</b>
	*2 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$5,000	
<b>36</b>	<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>19100</b>
	*3 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,500	
<b>37</b>	<b>Council on Aging</b>	
	37.1 Director's Salary	28952
	37.2 Clerk	7722
	37.3 Expenses	1000
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	2500
	<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>40174</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Senior Center</b>	
	38.1 Custodial	7185
	38.2 Utilities	11000
	38.3 Building Maintenance	6000
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0
	<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>24185</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>200</b>

<b>Total General Town Services</b>		<b>341885</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>40</b>	<b>Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>65454</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
	41.1 Expenses	5125
	41.2 Tree Planting	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
<b>42</b>	<b>Public Grounds</b>	<b>32882</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>80748</b>
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	
<b>44</b>	<b>General Highway Expense</b>	<b>86515</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>Snow and Ice Removal</b>	<b>38950</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	
<b>47</b>	<b>Other Highway Accounts</b>	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10000
	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition	
<b>48</b>	<b>Building Expenses</b>	
	48.1 Utilities	7650
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>362936</b>

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

<b>50</b>	<b>Animal Inspection</b>	
	50.1 Salary	1948
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	<b>Total Animal Inspection</b>	<b>2188</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>Dog Officer</b>	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	14500
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300
	<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>14800</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	966
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1261
	53.3 Operation	25783
	<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>28010</b>
	*4 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,000	
<b>54</b>	<b>Forest Fires</b>	<b>1454</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>621</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>Health, Board of</b>	
	56.1 Salary	3960
	56.2 Clerk Salary	18367
	56.3 Expenses	1000
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>23327</b>
<b>565.5</b>	<b>Water District</b>	
	565.1 Operations	6889
	565.2 Testing	2900
	<b>Total Water District</b>	<b>9789</b>
<b>57</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	66835
	57.2 General Salaries	702326
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7985

57.4 General Expenses	45707
57.5 New Cruisers	29000
57.6 Training	31685
57.7 Equipment	6829
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	61736
57.9 Additional Officer	0
<b>58 Other Police Accounts</b>	
58.1 Election and Town Meetings	951
58.2 Towing Clerk	200
58.3 WMLEC	250
<b>59 Parking Clerk</b>	
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>953504</b>
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>1034693</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	
<b>69 Regional School District</b>	
69.1 Assessment	5998162
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7616
<b>Total Regional School District</b>	<b>6005778</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>8480122</b>
<b>70 Local Government Debt</b>	
70.1 Principal	200850
70.2 Interest	
70.3 School Debt	49000
70.4 Green Meadow BAN	293775
70.5 Highway Truck	16500
70.6 Fire Truck	40000
70.7 Audit Green Meadows	
<b>Total Local Government Debt</b>	<b>600125</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9080247</b>

A motion to take Article 25 out of order passed by a declared majority.  
A motion to move the debate on Article 25 passed by a declared majority

**Article 25. ZONING BYLAW – RIDGELINE/HILLSIDE**

The Town defeated a motion to amend the Zoning Bylaws, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit B..

The motion failed by lack of a declared 2/3 Vote

**Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$8972** for the payment of bills incurred in FY 06.

A unanimous Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from fees collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , for the purpose of receiving and expending fees paid for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said fund not to exceed \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , for the purpose of receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray

salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants, said fund not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

the Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fines paid for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library Trustees to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from classes, programs and other fees, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Council on Aging to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 9. REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR**

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from charges collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Tax Collector to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 10. ENTERPRISE FUND – TRANSFER STATION**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 for purposes of establishing an enterprise fund, to be effective for Fiscal Year 2008, to receive payments from Transfer Station operations and payments of other funds approved by the Town, with expenditures from this fund (except any surplus) to be made without further appropriation by the Board of Health for purposes of operating, maintaining, and improving the Hampden Transfer Station, including recycling facilities, in the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 11. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION**

The Town vote to transfer \$20,000 from the Transfer Station revolving account to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Town voted to hear the report of the Community Preservation Committee.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$2500 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund trail building on Minnechaug Mountain.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$100000 from the Community Preservation Fund, \$50,000 payable in FY08 and an additional \$50,000 payable in FY09 to be paid to the Minnechaug Land Trust for the purpose of acquiring a conservation restriction running in favor of the Town on property located at 249 South Rd, said conservation restriction to be mutually acceptable to the Town of Hampden and the Minnechaug Land Trust

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$20000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund repairs to the Town House.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 13. HIGHWAY STATE AID**

The Town voted to accept \$197,284 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 14. HIGHWAY**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$30,000** for the purchase of a replacement Highway truck.  
A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 15. HIGHWAY**

The Town voted to appropriate **\$1,500,000**, to fund road, intersection and drainage improvements and reconstruction, consisting of the resurfacing thereof with bituminous concrete or other road material, including leveling, structural overlays, utility adjustments, minor drainage improvements and curbing, the replacement of culverts and for design, permitting, appraisals, permanent and temporary easements, construction and services during construction and project contingency, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,500,000 under G.L. c.44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to acquire, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain permanent and/or temporary easements for such drainage system improvements; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 16. TOWN HOUSE**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$60,000** to fund the replacement of the generator in the Town House. A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 17. TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to fund repairs at the Town House.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 18. STORMWATER**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$23,500** for the second 5-year plan of the Stormwater Phase II runoff compliance plan with any associated costs for the Town of Hampden, as required by the EPA and DEP.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 19. GENERAL BYLAW - STORMWATER**

The Town voted to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following section to Chapter XIV, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit A, " Chapter XIV (A): Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management".

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 20. CONSERVATION FUND**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$1000** for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 21. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2007, if State aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 22. ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 23. ASSESSORS**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for the mandated full list and measure of all real estate and personal property in the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 24. DARE PROGRAM**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$6000** to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 25. ZONING BYLAW – RIDGELINE/HILLSIDE**

\* a motion passed following article 2 to take discussion and vote on this article out of order

**Article 26. GENERAL BYLAW - RIGHT TO FARM**

The Town voted to amend the Town General Bylaws, by adding the following, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit C, Chapter XV - Right to Farm.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 27. ZONING BYLAW**

The Town voted to amend the existing Hampden Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.15 Flexible Residential Open Space Development (FROSD) Bylaw, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit D.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 28. RESERVE FUND**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 29. STABILIZATION FUND**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$189737** for the Stabilization Fund.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

**Article 30. REDUCING TAX RATE**

The Town vote to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM